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Remembering Marian Heights

Women share how Marian Heights Academy gave them the opportunity of a lifetime

By Greg Eckerle

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Connie Egloff, a 1973 graduate of the academy, thumbs through her thick scrapbook of her academy years, shakes her head, and beams.

"Just look, they are all smiling," as she points to pictures of long-ago classmates. "And they are still smiling today."

Egloff, an employee of Memorial Hospital's Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center in Jasper, talks fondly of the "unspoken sisterhood" the alumnae share. "When I meet another woman who attended the academy, a smile crosses both our faces, and we instantly connect to that sisterhood," she says. "We KNOW. We instantly KNOW what each other has experienced. We are eternally connected by that."

There were plenty of good times, plenty of serious times, and plenty of life lessons taught by the sisters. Those sisters still operate their wide-ranging ministries, which serve thousands of people, out of the inspiring monastery building which is often referred to as the "castle on the hill."

Tina Dalton, a 1982 graduate, still loves visiting the



Connie Egloff '73



Tina Dalton '82

monastery, talking to the sisters, and re-connecting with alumnae and sisters frequently on Facebook.

"I love being there," she says. "Other than my family, it's the most influential thing in my life."

An employee of Fringe Hair & Nail Studio in Jasper, Dalton compared the academy to having a second family.

"Everybody was from somewhere else," she says. "So you could reinvent yourself. I was always shy, but going there completely changed me. The sisters taught us to have confidence in ourselves. You had to learn to speak up for yourself, and to be an independent teenager."

The best memories?

For Dalton, it was meeting all her friends. All the activities. Walking the sprawling campus on Sundays. Horseback riding. Playing in the mud when it was raining. Buying 35-cent ice cream cones "about as big as your head" from Sister

Anna's ice cream machine. Taking classmates from the Philippines, South America, and Iran to her house on weekends and having her mom take them to the Skate

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Palace in Jasper, then drive around the town square so they could yell at boys.

Egloff remembers the sisters “pushing us to do our absolute best no matter what” and instilling critical thinking. The kind music teachers. The weekend she and her mom loved when five international classmates stayed at their home, all from Central and South America. Being open to other cultures. And learning about social justice from the sisters, and believing strongly in helping those less fortunate.

Egloff’s sister, 1975 graduate Barbara (Holmes) Vining, still practices today the Benedictine value of hospitality so fervently taught by the sisters, and the simple “need to be kind to people.”

“So many people are ‘me first,’” says Vining. “I see so much road rage. When I drive, I don’t demand the right of way. If someone cuts me off, I let them go, I give them grace.”

As she reflects back on her academy days, Vining often finds herself thinking “oh, this is what the sisters were trying to get across. They’ve made a very profound influence on my life.”

One of the most valuable life lessons she learned at the school was that “you can’t love other people unless you love yourself,” and then she laments the many people she sees today with self-esteem issues.

“The sisters influenced all of us to believe in ourselves, to seek peace in the world, and to be charitable and kind with others who are less fortunate. It didn’t matter that some of us were farm kids, or daughters of inner city policemen, or from foreign countries. That gave us a rich understanding of the world and its diversity. And it doesn’t matter today that some of us are doctors, business owners, musicians, artists, or stay-at-home moms. The common thread that we all share is the influence of the Benedictine way of life and how it shaped who we are today.”

The other thing academy alumnae love to share are all those stories from their school days. The accidental drop-

ping of an orange from a second story window onto a sister’s head. Short-sheeting beds. Riding in laundry carts. Squirt gun fights. Sledding down the hill. Watching the joy and wonder of the Central American students experiencing snow for the first time. Learning to negotiate with a complete stranger as a roommate at 14 years old. Reading under the covers with a flashlight after the “lights out” time. Sneaking to the freshman floor at midnight to present a birthday cake to a homesick student. Study halls. Singing together. Praying together.

And memories of the sisters?

“They actually value listening to what you’re saying,” says Dalton. “They were incredible. I think we would have jumped off a cliff for them, even as a 14-year-old. They taught us to respect everybody. They dealt with us more like moms would. My class had 32 girls; I can’t imagine being a mom to 32 girls.

“You just did not want to disappoint them, at all. You knew you were going to be disciplined, but you knew it was with love.

“Today, the sisters are still amazing. I just love them. They rock!”

The sisters motivated Vining to go to Purdue to learn how to help “feed the hungry of the world.” She worked for years as a chemical specialist for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, helping to devise better ways to grow crops.

Egloff also recalled the sisters “really listening to us, and respecting us.”

A Ferdinand resident, Egloff regularly attends Sunday Mass at the monastery. She says there was a voice inside her urging her to go back. She feels the Benedictine spirit is alive there, and it beckons.

Plus, Egloff is a huge fan of the sisters’ cookies that are sold at their For Heaven’s Sake gift shop on the monastery grounds. She encourages people to try them all, and suggests visiting the sisters’ web site at www.thedome.org.

Regarding going to the academy, Egloff says, “Would I do it again? Yes, I would do it again.”



The 50th anniversary class pauses for a photo to preserve memories of their “golden” celebration.

See more photos of Alumnae Day on the sisters’ web site:
thedome.org.

(Look under “Recent Media” in the lower right-hand corner of the web page.)

Alumnae Day Report

Alumnae Day 2011 brought approximately 130 alumnae to “the hill” to reminisce, reconnect, and share the stories of their lives since their Academy years.

At the meeting on Sunday, members of the celebrating classes were recognized. The 50th anniversary class, like previous golden anniversary classes, had the largest representation. “Truly we, the class of 1961, are deeply indebted to our teachers and to one another for giving us the foundation on which to build productive and successful lives.” The class gave a memorial gift of \$595 to the sisters in memory of classmates Nancy Kessans, Claudette Renner, Irene Alvey, and Elaine Mundy. “Our memory of them and of our wonderful years together at the Academy will continue to be a source of joy and inspiration to us.”

During the meeting, prizes were given to Sister Theresita Schenk '38, oldest alum present (91 years); Barbara (Figiel) Violetta '81, travelled the farthest (Vienna, Austria); Susie (Wheatley) Hulen '46, the most grandchildren (17); and Katie Johanning-Gray '01, youngest alum present (27 years).

Why is Alumnae Day special?

“Recapturing, if even for a little while, those carefree times, with people that you have a powerful and indescribable bond. How the years melt away and we are transported back in time to the most special place on earth...a place you knew you were loved, accepted, and protected (unless we wiggled out of that protection).”

Pam Anderson Stamps '82

“No matter how long it's been since we've all seen each other or talked to each other, it's like it was yesterday!”

Beth Fleshood King '81

“I'm sorry I didn't make it to the reunion. Will definitely make it back to MHA. So many memories of singing to the stars on the colonnade.” **Nanette Bulebosh (staff)**

“It is always so good to come and see everyone. My visits reinforce the hope I have for Ian to experience growth, learning, and love at Subiaco as I experienced at Marian Heights. [Liz's son was accepted at Subiaco Academy in Arkansas as a freshman this fall.] My life would be incredibly deficient without the loving sisters of ‘Castle on the Hill.’” **Liz Hagman '79**

“The friendships grow stronger as the years go by! We appreciate the beauty of the school, the sisters, and each other more every year. Coming back to the Academy reminds us of peace and relationships that cannot be explained to those who have never experienced life here.” **Class of '81**

“I always enjoy going back. It's such a beautiful, peaceful place. I occasionally go back just to walk the grounds and reflect. What a bonus it is on Alumnae Weekend. Laughter is good for the soul, and you will find plenty at the reunion.” **Maria Miles '80**

“I have a 7-year-old girl and 6-year-old boy. We live in Japan, so it's too far to join the reunion; wish I could be there and have fun with my old teachers (sisters) and friends. I miss MHA so much!” **Kazuko (Kitamura) Kobayashi '93**



Board member Jill Ebert-Lasher '93 presents a gift certificate to Susie (Wheatley) Hulen '46 for having the most grandchildren (17) of all alums present.

Memories shared by anniversary **class of '51**: “Walking up and down the hill every morning and afternoon to catch the school bus in town [Girls living in St. Meinrad area got a ride to and from Ferdinand on a school bus and then walked the hill.].” “Sister Jerome coming by at night to bark ‘turn out the lights.’” “Sister Claudia used to ring a bell to wake us in the morning. However, it was always clanging as she climbed the stairs so we were awake before she rang it to wake us.” “Living in ‘the trips’ [trip hall, later became math hall] my senior year — great friendships.”

After the reunion one alum wrote, “We left the reunion with a new appreciation for our Academy experience and the deep friendships formed. Those bonds, forged when we were teens, still nourish and strengthen us and provide joy in our lives.”

Kay (Kavanaugh) Andres '61 peruses one of the old yearbooks classmates passed around while celebrating their golden anniversary.



Some members of the 1981 class had not seen each other since their graduation 30 years ago. In June, they had the largest turnout they have ever had at an alumnae reunion.



Facebook entries: 'memories of Academy days'

Lara Oppenheimer '87

"MELODETTES! Totally remember those red, white, and blue POLYESTER uniforms."

Jackie (Perry) Daniels '96

"The best thing my parents ever did was send me to Marian Heights Academy. Not a hoity-toity boarding school, but a safe place. I made the best friends from all over the world. Fifteen years this year! Sadly, MHA closed in 2000, but the spirit still roams on campus."

Emily Catherine Hayden '96

"So true, not a hoity-toity boarding school — that's what made you all so easy to fall in love with as my family!"

“It was definitely a safe place to learn and grow and become the strong women we are today! And, yes, some of the best friends and great crazy memories.”

— Beth Lake '96

Juana Gomez '86

"Greetings to former faculty members. I miss you all — always my best memories are with MHA."

Jo-Claire (Ray) Corcoran '78

"I went into the hamburger-making business when the cooks served Spanish rice. We took up a petition, even Sister Mary Dominic signed it, to get them to stop serving Spanish rice."

Marilyn Becker '59

"Attended the Academy freshman year only — the most wonderful year I had in all my high school years."

Sharon "Batty" (Holland) Hedinger '60

"I told my parents that the best money they ever spent was sending my sister and me to the academy. I enjoy reading the *Jottings*."

Diana Nasrallah '91

"Attended MHA from 1989-1991. Wonderful memories of the friends I made, sisters, teachers, trips, adventures. What a lovely time we shared. The alumnae Facebook page makes it easier for us to keep in touch even though we are so far away (Poza Rica, Veracruz, Mexico). Please pray for our country and the families of alums who have been affected by the terrible violence of the drug wars."

Diane Winston-Allen '80

"I cherish my memories at the academy, and I am so thankful to my parents for sending Sheila and me, and I thank the nuns for putting up with me! LOL."

Maria Miles '82

"I get such a peaceful feeling as soon as I get in sight of the place. So sorry I didn't fully appreciate the Academy while I was there. But that is life. You don't know what you have until it's gone."

Holly (Stamper) Norton '81

"That place is soooo very peaceful and what great friends we all have remained for so many years!"

Barbara (Figiel) Violetta '81

"Totally unbelievable that it was 30 years ago that I graduated. The Academy will have an influence on my life forever; without it, I doubt I would be the person I am today! The friends I made and the people I met at the Academy will be special forever; we shared so much, but unfortunately, I really appreciate it only now! There is a time to be grateful and I sure am now. I thank all the people that have influenced my life forever!"

Carmina Altuve '83

"Wonderful memories...the best. Ferdy Flyer...my favorite place for French fries."

Janet (Osiecki) Rizzuto '75

"I remember running up the hill to make curfew on a rainy night, stepping on one of the sister's graves (accidentally of course) and slipping in about six inches or so! That was NO FUN! The things we did to make sure we made it in on time! The few years I spent there ended up being so meaningful. I would never trade them for anything. Heartfelt memories — imbedded in our minds, hearts, and souls."

“The memories and learning experiences are priceless! Love my MHA family. If the school was still open, I would send my girls there in a heartbeat!”

—Jackie Timberlake Jordan '91



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"

'Thank you, Sister Joanna, for saving me.'

Homeless women in Evansville never forget what Sister Joanna Trainer did for them, even though it's been nearly eight years since she retired.

Sister Joanna [Academy class of 1950] founded the first women's home in Evansville, the House of Bread and Peace, in 1984.

The home's current director, Sarah Wolf, said, "People still say to me, 'Please tell sister I'm doing OK, she saved my life.' She easily helped more than a thousand people. Just recently I saw on one's Facebook page, 'Thank you, sister, for saving my life.'"

That kind of impact is why Sister Joanna was saluted May 26 by the YWCA of Evansville as a "100 Years, 100 Women" honoree.

In a letter to her, Evansville YWCA Chief Executive Officer Erika Taylor wrote, "In conjunction with our [100th] anniversary, we are honoring 100 women who have made significant contributions to Evansville. Your contributions to our community make you distinct among your peers, and we salute your foresight and commitment to improving lives in our area."

Sister Joanna was helping prepare Christmas dinners for the poor in 1980 when she noticed how high food was being stacked on plates, and how many leftovers were being taken out. She saw an unmet need.

"God wanted me to do something else," she said. "I was passionate about helping those people. We started a Saturday soup kitchen. There was nothing then in Evansville for homeless women and children."

By the end of 1984, thanks to Sister Joanna's efforts, there was a home that could accommodate 13 people. In 2002 the organization moved into a larger facility that could house 26.

In a tribute to its founder, the home was later named "Sister Joanna's House of Bread and Peace."

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She lived in the home for 21 years before retiring in 2004, providing a place for homeless women and their children to stay.

Wolf said it was all volunteer work on Sister Joanna's part. She received no salary. "She gave her life to volunteering. She made a huge impact for Evansville women. We wouldn't be here without her."

Wolf noted a quote from Sister Joanna in a 1990 Evansville *Courier* article, "I don't want just anything for the poor, I want the best for them, I want them to know they are loved."

Said Sister Joanna, "I always wanted to work with the poorest of the poor. It was my love. The reward for me was the safety of the women, when they could be on their own, when they could get a job and hold it."

She also received the 2009 Heroes Award from the Evansville Red Cross and the 2009 Mother Teresa Service Award.

Ever humble, Sister Joanna said, "I didn't do this work for honors, I did it for the Benedictine Sisters of Ferdinand and for the House of Bread and Peace. I just want to get my reward in heaven."

No doubt that will happen.



May they rest in peace

Alumnae: Sister Mary Anne Kruer '36, Sister Catherine Gardner '37, Anna (Kiesler) Cecil '38, Velcia (Lutz) Emmert '40, Emma Jane (Parkinson) Scott '41, Mary Ann (Hartman) Hoffman '48, Rita M. (Begle) Hoffman '51, Rita (Dehon) Fortner '52, Carol (Folz) Mercker '55, Elaine (Mundy) De Fur '61, Barbara (Schenk) Lush '63, Millie (Schmitt) Baker '64, Barbara (Adler) Oberst '64, Anna Luz Diaz '81, Janice (Jefferson) Williams '82

Husband of: Dolores Lola (Fernandez) Kummerfeld '48, Alberta (Schaeffer) Oeding '53, Mary Rose (Kessens) Bounds '55, Joan (Eckstein) Wolfe '60

Sister of: Mildred (Lutz) Roethemeier '44, Maralee (Lutz) Mossberger '47, Martha (Folz) Scheller '49, Doris (Mundy) Chism '54, Pat (Mundy) Rudd '55

Brother of: Imelda (Meny) Balbach '49, Sister Phyllis Backer '49, Mary Jo (Backer) Uebelhor '51, and Margie Backer '53, Virlee "Perk" (Verkamp) Kreilein '54, Sister Mary Ann Verkamp '61

Mother of: Joan (Emmert) Conyers '64, Florence (Schmitt) Ward '65, Patty (Emmert) Jenkins '69, Pam (Albert) Blessinger '71, Susan (Emmert) Barnes '72, Clarissa Dancel Warren '78, Barbara (Figiel) Violetta '81, Michelle Dancel '82, Susan Coleman '84, Joy (Coleman) Stiver '87, Christa Coleman '91

Father of: Pat (Stone) Scott '58, Elizabeth (Seger) Neukam '65, Sheila (Seger) Collett '66, Connie (Seger) Leslie '69, Margaret (Mehring) Rutledge '70, Marilyn (Mehring) Hayman '72, Laura (Mehring) Appleby '73, Marlene (Mehring) Bowen '75, Barbara (Mehring) Moore '77, Tina Dalton '82, Carmen Altuve '83, Cheryl Dalton '84

News from the hill

Alumnae celebrate special anniversaries of monastic profession

Sisters Charlene Ann Wheelless, Paulette (Paula) Seng, Doris Marie Knebel, and Mary Jane Kiesel, all class of '59, and Sister Dolores Folz (former faculty) observed the 50th anniversary of their monastic profession at the monastery in May.



Sister Charlene Ann currently manages the monastery gift shop. Before that she was a teacher, principal, manager of printing and purchasing at the monastery, and in formation and retreat ministry.

Sister Paulette taught and proctored in the Academy from 1972 to 1999 and at other schools prior to that. She worked in communications for the monastery and is currently director of the Alumnae Association, coordinator of special events at the monastery, and Communications liaison.

Sister Doris Marie has been teaching at Resurrection School in Evansville since 1996. She also taught and served as principal at schools in Evansville and Tucson, Arizona.

Sister Mary Jane has been a minister to the sick and coordinator of Stephen Ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Jasper since 1992. Prior to that she was a teacher and pastoral associate and worked with the Visiting Nurse Association.

Sister Dolores worked in the Academy between 1967–71 and 1973–83. She also was a teacher in Evansville. At the monastery, she was director of formation, administrator of the infirmary, director of housekeeping and volunteers. Currently she is coordinator of central purchasing.

On October 30, Sister Mary Charlotte Kavanaugh '34 will celebrate her 75th anniversary, and Sisters Joanna Trainer '50 and Mary Dominic Frederick (Academy principal) will celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Sister Mary Charlotte ministered in areas of education and administration for 63 years, including 23 years in religious education at the U.S. Army base in Fort Rucker, Alabama. She was assistant superintendent of Evansville diocesan schools. Currently she serves in the ministry of prayer.

Sister Joanna was a teacher for more than 30 years. She helped establish and served as director of the House of Bread and Peace in Evansville. (See article on page 5.) She currently provides supportive services at the monastery.

Sister Mary Dominic taught and served as principal at the Academy from 1967 to 1993. Prior to that, she taught at other Indiana schools. She has been monastery archivist since 1995.

Sisters welcome new postulant

The sisters received a new member into their monastic community on August 21. Beth Fritsch was officially accepted into the postulancy, the first stage of incorporation into the religious community.

Postulant Beth, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, has degrees in theology, education, and business administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati. Before entering the monastery, she was director of Moye Spiritual Life Center in Melbourne, Kentucky. She also held various corporate positions, including administrative and managerial posts.



Two sisters to profess final vows

Sister Jill Marie Reuber and Sister Kathleen Marie Cash will make their perpetual monastic profession during a solemn ceremony at the monastery on October 1.

Sister Jill, a native of Celestine, Indiana, entered the monastery in 2003. She currently teaches at St. Patrick School in Louisville. Prior to that she was a teacher in Evansville diocesan schools.

Sister Kathleen Marie, from Eddyville, Kentucky, entered the monastery in 2004. She is currently in her fourth year of teaching math at Trinity High School in Louisville. Prior to that she taught at St. Francis DeSales High School, Louisville.



Former Academy principal becomes Oblate

Jane Ann Breen, former principal, teacher, and proctor at the Academy, became an Oblate of St. Benedict at the Ferdinand monastery in May.

Oblates of St. Benedict are lay men and women from all walks of life who associate themselves with a specific Benedictine community in order to enrich their spiritual lives. They share in the prayer and work of the community and commit themselves to put into practice the principles and ideals of the Rule of St. Benedict, as they are able, in their lives.

Persons interested in learning more about the Benedictine Oblate program are invited to visit the Sisters of St. Benedict web site at thedome.org/oblates or contact the Oblate team at oblates@thedome.org.

Update on future facility plans

For the past three years, a Facilities and Property Master Planning Committee has been working on a master plan to address short-term and long-term facility needs for the sisters and their ministries on the hill.

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A major long-term project approved by the community involves the future use of the quadrangle area, the east annex, and the north and south towers. The quadrangle — a four-sided structure surrounding the enclosed courtyard — is the original building constructed in 1886 for housing for the sisters and their ministries, including the Academy. The annex was added to the Academy wing of the quadrangle in 1906, and the towers were constructed in the 1920s in conjunction with the building of the church.

In their strategic planning, the sisters expressed their intentions to “rightsize” their facilities. They hope to vacate outlying buildings, such as Benet Hall and Kordes Hall, allowing the possibility of leasing those structures. Their vision is to move the ministries currently located in Benet and Kordes into the quadrangle, towers, and annex, making maximum use of those structures and preserving their historic value.

The buildings will need major work, such as replacing the antiquated operating systems — electrical, plumbing, and heating — and adding central air-conditioning. The interior space will need to be reconfigured in order to accommodate its intended uses — as gift shop, hospitality and tourism ministries, retreat and spirituality ministry, music and liturgy space, and more. These ministries will need conference rooms, offices, guest bedrooms with private baths, visiting rooms, lobby and heritage room, etc.

The sisters will continue planning and praying for guidance as they look toward their future.

IRA Distributions — reduce your taxes by helping the sisters

—Sister Barbara Lynn Schmitz
Director of Mission Advancement



Mary is one of our alumnae who has grown in wisdom and in grace. She is now over 70½ years old. This year she decided to make a gift to the Sisters of St. Benedict through a direct distribution from her IRA. In doing so she is helping us in our ministries and in supporting the community.

If you are age 70½ and own an IRA account, you might consider making a gift to us directly from your account. The IRA charitable rollover is in effect until December 31, 2011. This bill was established to acknowledge the generosity of contributors to 501.c.3 organizations by giving them a tax break for their giving. It is an excellent way that you can remember the sisters and also reduce your taxes on your IRA distributions. It is generally thought that this may be the last year for this benefit.

Please call me at 888-649-1121 if you would like additional information. Remember, you have only until December 31, 2011, to take advantage of this opportunity.

Letter from the Monastery/Alumnae Liaison

Alumnae Day 2011 brought many alums back to “the hill” the last weekend in June. We had a great time reminiscing on our years at the Academy and sharing stories of our lives since those years.

Kudos to all the alumnae who attended the reunion. Thanks to the anniversary class representatives who graciously accepted the responsibility for contacting classmates and encouraging them to attend.

In addition to the “official” reunion on the hill, “virtual” reunions are happening through Facebook and other social networking. “Lost” classmates are found, former roommates are reunited, teachers and students reconnected — all in cyberspace.

We encourage you to reconnect with the Academy family around the world. If you’re not yet on Facebook, I hope you give it a try. On page 4 we have a sampling of the entries on the Academy Facebook page. Become a part of the Academy conversation.

I’ve noticed that we have had various Facebook entries requesting prayers for deceased family members and friends, for alumnae who are affected by natural disasters such as the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, alums who have suffered loss of homes in fires, who are battling serious illness, and many more needs. These special requests, followed by responses with promises of prayers, help establish a deeper spiritual bond among alums.

When we sisters pass the prayer board as we go to church for prayer three times a day, we remember your prayer requests. It is one way we can show our thanks to you for the support you give to us.

“Your prayers mean so much to all of us and we realize there is power in your prayer! God bless you and all the sisters that touched our lives at such a young age. There are miracles in the work you do — some of us may not realize it at the time, but we all believe we are who we are because of you and the other sisters who had such an influence on our lives.” (Holly Stamper Norton ’81, who recently sent a request for prayers for someone.)

I wish you good health, peace, and joy!

Sister Paulette Seng ’59
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P.S. Please give us your contact information: new addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses so we can stay in touch.





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SAVE THE DATE for the Sisters' Summer Social — July 7, 2012

Next year, 2012, the sisters will observe the 145th anniversary of their founding in Ferdinand. One-hundred forty-five years old! That calls for a celebration! And you're invited... to the Sisters' Summer Social on Saturday, July 7.

The sisters will need lots of volunteers to staff the more than 35 booths and to help set up and clean up. If you're interested in helping, send an e-mail to social@thedome.org.

Another way to help is to make or obtain items for the country store, for theme baskets, for the quilt booth, etc. Recently Charlene (Eckerle) Knies '64 contributed a beautiful queen-size quilt.

Sister Dolorita Libs '41 coordinates the quilters who are creating their handmade masterpieces for the social. Her goal is "45-plus." Some quilters from the Ferdinand area, including Shirley Remke '53, come to the monastery regularly to do quilting. A number of sisters are also working on the quilts. If you'd like to quilt, either at the monastery or at home, contact Sister Dolorita at dolorita@thedome.org or 812-367-1411, ext. 3413.

July 7, 2012 • Sisters' Summer Social
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

