

Homecoming 2011

The Marycrest Alumni Association will celebrate Homecoming 2011 on Oct. 7-9.

All alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Marycrest are invited for a weekend of reminiscing and reuniting with old friends.

We will kick off Homecoming with our annual open house on the Marycrest Senior Housing campus. For the first time since Marycrest closed its doors as a college, we will be back in the newly refurbished Cone Library.

Completed last year, the building now serves as a gathering place for the senior citizens who make Marycrest home. Open house will be from 1-4 p.m. in the library, where refreshments will be served. All guests will also be welcome to tour the campus throughout the afternoon to see the changes made to the buildings and grounds.

On Sunday, Marycrest alums and friends are invited to join the Congregation of Humility of Mary for Mass at 10:00 a.m. at the Magnificat Chapel at the Humility of Mary Center, 820 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport. The sisters would like to have an estimate of how many to expect, so please sign up during open house, if possible.

Mass will be followed by a Dutch-treat brunch at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at The Outing Club, 2109 Brady St., Davenport. Cost is \$22.00 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Please make your reservation with Kathy Medhus at 309-796-3910. Checks can be made out to her and mailed to 3646 71st. Street Court, Moline, IL 61265. Please send your check by Friday, September 30th as reservations must be made in advance.

During brunch, the alumni association will present its Spirit of Marycrest Award. The association also will hold its annual meeting and an election of officers.

Some of you may have noticed that our Homecoming is a week later than usual. We moved it back to be on the same weekend as St. Ambrose University's Homecoming at the request of some of our alums who would like to attend both events. St. Ambrose has invited any interested Marycrest grads to join them at the Circle Tap on Friday evening, October 7th. We will have a raffle for any Marycrest Alum that attend and register.

For more information about Homecoming, email board@marycrestalumni.com or call Lynne Schiffke at 563 650-8108 or Jennifer (Waddell) DeWitt at 309 737-3235.

Betty and Maurice Albrecht and Gary Monard



Sisters of Humility



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Alumni board involvement: Annual Newsletter editor and keeper of the alumni address list

Professional experience: Contract and technical writer for the US Army for 30 years.

Family: Wife, Rene Robinson, St. Ambrose Masters in Information Technology Management 2010

I stay involved with the Alumni Board because: Of all the things I have done in my life, none have affected me as strongly and as positively as my years at Marycrest.

Favorite Marycrest memory: Parties in the Student Union when it was in the basement of the library.

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Name: Nancy (Gove) Kelly

Marycrest connection: 1960 graduate

Alumni board involvement: Former President, 3 years, under Wanda Bingham administration

Professional experience: Teacher at Walcott Jr. High, Williams Jr. High, West High School, Bettendorf High School, Pleasant Valley High School, and Holy Family School

Family: Married to Jerry Kelly for 34 years; widow since 1999, 6 children, Leo (1966), Dan (1970), Kate (1972), Bob (1973), David (1976), Jerry (1978)

I stay involved with the Alumni Board because: Marycrest had a profound influence on my intellectual and spiritual life. I loved and respect the nuns for all of their work to develop Marycrest as an outstanding college.

Favorite Marycrest memory: I had the lead role in "Kismet", a Marycrest/St. Ambrose production. Growth of my spiritual life. The development of true and enduring friendships.

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Homecoming 2010 Huge Success

Classmates from Marycrest College's graduating class of 1960 gathered last fall at the former Davenport campus as the Alumni Association hosted Homecoming 2010. More than 150 Marycrest Alums, staff, faculty and friends of the college participated in the two-day celebration. Alums toured the campus on the crest of the hill (now Marycrest Senior Housing), enjoyed Mass at the Sisters of Humility' center, and relished the brunch at The Outing Club.

The large contingent of women celebrating their 50th anniversary helped make the annual event a huge success. "It was a lovely day as we watched all the Marycrest family reminisce and recall their own personal memories of our days at Marycrest," said Lynne Schiffke, C' 81 and the alumni association president.

It marked the ninth homecoming celebration hosted by the all-volunteer alumni board since the college closed in 2002. "We feel very proud to have kept this tradition going without missing a year and plan to continue," said alumni board secretary, Tara Moffit C' 99

As part of the festivities, the alumni association presented its Spirit of Marycrest Award to the entire Congregation of the Humility of Mary (CHM) for all they did in creating Marycrest and all the other wonderful work they do around the world. Accepting the award on behalf of the sisters was Sr. Mary Rehmann, C' 61, president of the CHMs.

Schiffke said, "Since 1938, thousands of women and men have graduated from Marycrest and spread not only the knowledge that they gained from Marycrest, but also the goodness, the truth and the beauty that the Sisters of Humility had valued and promoted from the moment that Marycrest College was just a vision."

The award was presented during the brunch at which other classes ending in 0 and 5 were honored. The alumni board would like to share its deepest appreciation and thanks to Kathy (Curry) Medhus, C' 53, and her husband Glenn for organizing the brunch for the past several years.

Be sure to check our web site at MarycrestAlumni.com for more details about Homecoming 2011. Please notify the board at board@marycrestalumni.com with any suggestions for potential Spirit of Marycrest Award candidates for the future.

Cozie Diaz '44 and Sr. Leona Manning CHM '43



Mimi Rommel '60 & Nancy Kelly '60



Sr. Margaret Carroll and Jane Meneghini '60



Class notes **Bolded names are Marycrest alums**

Milestones

Benita Moore, '52, traveled to New York City in May, 2011, to perform in Carnegie Hall with the Augustana College Choir, Handel Oratorio Society and the Quad-City Choral Arts groups.

Cliff Wilkerson, who worked 38 years on Marycrest's physical plant staff, celebrated his 100th birthday May 28, 2011. He retired from Marycrest in 2002 at the age of 91 when the college closed. Cliff also is a former recipient of the Alumni Association's Spirit of Marycrest Award.

Janet (Miller) Dolan, '99, joined the Congregation of the Humility of Mary's Associate program in 2010. Janet recently stepped down after many years on the Marycrest Alumni Association, having served as a past president and recently as its Vice President.

Betty Albrecht celebrated her 80th birthday Aug. 18, 2010. She retired from Marycrest in 1993 from the Financial Aid office.

Weddings:

Janet Rossmiller-Miller, '99, of LeClaire, and Michael Dolan, of Pleasant Valley, were married Dec. 24, 2010, at Our Lady of the River Catholic Church, LeClaire, IA.

Marcelina Vasquez, C '96 and Beau Bixler were married July 23, 2011.

Anniversaries:

Pat Michaelsen, '81, and Lane Michaelsen celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2010 with a trip to Paris that included a vow renewal ceremony at the Eiffel Tower.

Deaths

Mary Ann (Morris) Schloemer, '45, died May 26, 2011, in Davenport.

Ellen (Kelting) Horstmann, 91, of Wheatland, Iowa, died May 16, 2011. She was a teacher her entire career, retiring in 1981 from Clarence-Lowden Schools.

Ralph VenHorst, 89, brother of **Sr. Marie VenHorst, CHM**, died May 15, 2011.

Helen (Wohler) Tourney, 84, of Houston, Texas, died May 12, 2011. She was a longtime homemaker.

Mildred Duda, 62, of Bettendorf, died May 8, 2011. She taught for 38 years in the North Scott School District, retiring in 2007.

Marilyn (Lawson) DeSchepper, 78, of Milan, Ill., died May 1, 2011. Her teaching career spanned from 1957 to 1994 when she retired from Rock Island/Milan Public Schools.

Patricia (Reed) Coss, 59, of Muscatine, Iowa, died April 21, 2011. She was a teacher with Muscatine Community Schools.

Sr. Veronica McAndrews, CHM, 99, died April 7, 2011, at Bishop Drumm Center. She was a professor of home economics at Marycrest for nearly 40 years.

Sr. Hildegard Peiffer, CHM, 93, died March 27, 2011, at Bishop Drumm Center. She taught in Catholic elementary schools across Iowa for 30 years. She later provided housekeeping services to the retired priests at St. Vincent Center.

Brigitte Dietz-Linville, 65, C'87, of Davenport, died March 16, 2011. She was employed by Genesis Medical Center.

Dr. David Rash, father of former Marycrest admission counselor Julie Rash Ulven, died March 10, 2011.

Lisa (James) Herman, 48, of Moline, died March 2, 2011.

Mary Jane (Sandbo) Gianulis, 91, of Andalusia, Ill., died Feb. 27. She was a teacher and administrator for many years in the Rockridge School District.

JoAnn (Trevor) Holmes, 81, of Moline, died Feb. 25, 2011.

Melvin Mel Monson, 65, of Davenport, husband of **Susan Monson, C'02**, died Feb. 1, 2011.

Joan Carlson, 71, C'89, of Davenport, died Jan. 24, 2011. She was an administrative assistant at Marycrest for more than 20 years, earning her degree during her tenure.

Florence Bloomquist, 80, of Fulton, Ill., died Jan. 24, 2011.

Keith Kleppe, 65, of Davenport, died Jan. 21, 2011. He was the former director of security and maintenance at Marycrest.

Geneva Klump, 96, of Davenport, the mother of **Margo (Klump) Orth, '86**, died Jan. 21, 2011.

Sr. Rita Ann Lenaghan, 84, C' 59, died Jan. 20, 2011, at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center. She taught 30 years at elementary schools in Iowa.

Winifred (Cummins) Murphy, 85, C'60, of Bettendorf, died Oct. 26, 2010. She taught 30 years in Iowa, Illinois, Montana and Minnesota.

Anita Beck, 73, C'64, of Davenport, died Oct. 1, 2010. She spent her career in education, including teaching psychology at the college level for 25 years.

Mary Ann (Warren) Roth, 74, of Davenport, died July 28, 2010. She retired in 1992 from the Rock Island Arsenal.

Sr. Mary Brigid Condon, 93, RSM, (Sisters of Mercy) died July 21, 2010, in Aurora, Ill. She was the head of the nursing department from 1954 to 1973.

Darlene (Brus) Koberg, 63, of Davenport, died June 3, 2010. She worked in the former nursing department at Marycrest. She currently was a secretary and office manager at the University of Iowa Hospitals.

Orlean Schroeder, 99, of Davenport, died May 31, 2010. She was the former printing department manager at Marycrest.

Diane (Dunker) Mueller, 65, C'66, of Davenport, died May 10, 2010. She worked 20 years as an office manager and insurance underwriter for State Farm.

Catherine (O'Neill) Berta, 70, C'66, of Davenport died April 28, 2010. She taught 35 years in Davenport and had become a CHM associate.

Nellie Weisshaar, 87, of Creston, Iowa, died April 22, 2010. She retired as deputy auditor in Union County.

Inge Metcalf, 86, C' 68, of Arden Hills, Minn., formerly of Davenport, died April 8, 2010. She taught English, retiring from Davenport West High in 1994.

Patricia O'Malley, 83, C'48, of Davenport, died March 17, 2010. She taught 38 years, retiring from Davenport Schools in 1990.

Patricia (Heffron) Powers, 88, C' 69, of Delmar, Iowa, died April 26, 2010. She had taught in Delmar, Delwood and DeWitt Central schools.

Daniel F. Hunter, son of **Ann Kinley Hunter**, C' 69, died Feb. 8, 2011.

Sr. Marie Finnegan, CHM, 86, C' 64, died June 8, 2011, at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center, Johnston, Iowa. She received a BA in elementary education from Marycrest College.

Sally (Dowdal) Hostetier, 79, of Bettendorf, died July 15, 2011, at Sunrise Assisted Living, Hermosa Beach, Calif. She majored in journalism at Marycrest.

Sr. Amata Yackshaw, CHM, 89, C '57, died April 16, 2011 at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center.

Sr. Margaret Maureen Carroll, CHM, 90 died July 28, 2011 at Bishop Drumm Retirement Center. Known as "Maggie Mo", she taught at Marycrest College from 1951-1969 and from 1973-1978, serving there as chair of the Department of Physical Education.

Gretchen "Nonnie" (Farrell) Haines, 85, of Normal, IL. died July 22, 2011. Nonnie attended Marycrest and enjoyed playing the piano, participating in competitions when she was young.

Mary (Rogers) Herr, 77, C '55, of Davenport, died Feb.12. 2011. Mary began her career at the Davenport Public Library on June 13, 1955, retiring in June of 1999 after 44 years of service.

Phyllis Lioen, 87, C '45, of Davenport died June 25, 2011. She started her career in 1945 at First National Bank, Moline, where she retired as an Auditor.

Jane Mumey-Land, 66, C '66 of Kremmling, CO. died Dec 8, 2010. Jane graduated with a degree in teaching.

Ronnie (Vera Rohlmann) McGinn, 84, C '49, died August 11, 2011. She received a degree in music. Ronnie was a music teacher in Davenport for many years and was very active in the Quad-City Music Guild, Playcrafters, and the Bettendorf Children's Museum.

Mary Ann Schmidt, 87, C '45, of Davenport, d. Feb. 8, 2011. Mary Ann had earned her pilot's license and was a competitive swimmer and diver.

Caroline Schiffke, LeClaire, IA., mother of **Lynne Schiffke**, C '81, died June 10, 2011.

Letter from the President

The past several years have been challenging for many of our alums and their families with a poor national and world economy. Joblessness has been at a high and gas and food prices continue to rise.

Throughout all of this, I have drawn upon the education that I obtained from Marycrest to help get me through the difficult times. The lessons that I learned were more than just about photosynthesis and mathematics. We also were taught to treat others with respect, to expect the best of ourselves and others, to be truthful always, and to care about what happens to those who may be less fortunate than ourselves.

I have really appreciated the many Marycrest alums that I have had the opportunity to meet as the president of this great organization. Homecoming 2010 brought the biggest 50th class reunion celebration we have ever had, and I had the honor to talk with many in this group. Those from the class of 1960 who came to homecoming picked right up from where they left off as if 50 years had not passed. It was really a wonderful gathering.

While we had some technical challenges in 2010 with our web site and email going down, I am happy to report that both are back up and running so we are looking forward to hearing from you all again. I want to thank the other members of the board for their service, especially Sr. Joanne Dilulio CHM and Janet Miller Dolan C'99 who resigned this year. We appreciate their service to Marycrest and to the Alumni Association. Thanks to all of you who provided financial support and for passing the word so that we can continue to grow our mail and email list.

I hope that as the economic outlook for our nation continues to improve, so that each of your personal and family situations improve as well. I look forward to another successful year of helping Marycrest alums reunite and keep in contact with each other, with your help and blessings.

Sincerely,
Lynne Schiffke C'81
Marycrest Alumni Association President

CLASS of '60 - GOLDEN REUNION

As Ann (Tamburrino) Livorsi said, "When this class gets together, we just pick up where we left off."

Fifty members from Marycrest's Class of '60 traveled from 15 states to attend the 2010 Homecoming Event last October and celebrate our 50th anniversary. What an event it was!

Ann Livorsi and Carol (Czervionke) Roberts were the co-chairman for the weekend event. Their most difficult task was finding addresses. Carol spent hours preparing a data base and publishing a class directory which may be purchased at any time for \$8.

Ann and Carol started working toward Homecoming Weekend in February to encourage a good attendance. They attempted to call everyone to personally invite them.

E-mail notices went out in February, April, July and September to keep this information on everyone's calendar. Those without e-mails were mailed letters. A notice was posted in the Quad-City Times' Events section. All those affiliated in any way with the class of '60' were invited -- all spouses, guests, or significant others.

The major events included a "Meet and Greet" at Kelly's Irish Pub and Eatery in Davenport on Friday night. Saturday was the reception at Peterson Mansion on campus, where tours of the Marycrest Senior Campus were available. Saturday night, the class held its own dinner and reception at the Holiday Inn in Bettendorf, where most of the out-of-town guests stayed. Mim (Richardson) Rommel was fantastic as our emcee. Rosie (Barron) Schmitt led us in prayer. Nancy (Gove) Kelly led us in singing the Marycrest song. For the grand finale, we were entertained by the Marycrest Chorus Line.

On Sunday, Mass was held at the Humility of Mary Center with our beloved nuns. They were the best part of our lives at Marycrest. Everyone talked of their favorites but knew that all of them created the whole. After Mass, brunch was held at the Outing Club where a yearly alumni meeting was held. As is always true of our reunions, we hated to part and return to our daily lives. Tears were shed.

All Marycrest students agree that we all received a very good education. The nuns need to be thanked for their work in educating students to go forward in life in this world. Their deep faith and belief in the power of prayer helped all of us become stronger in our faith. For this, we thank them.

Carol and Ann talked of combining reunions with St. Ambrose in the future since they have facilities for all of us on their campus. No matter the location, we will value our time together again.

Submitted by Nancy Kay (Gove) Kelly '60

Keep the Marycrest Spirit Alive!

Thanks To Our Supporters!

The Marycrest Alumni Association would like to thank all the alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have offered us financial gifts through memberships, other donations and by supporting our events and efforts.

Membership in the association is open to all alums, former students, faculty, staff and Marycrest friends. We ask that each member consider paying a minimum donation of \$15 annually as dues. Proceeds are used to fund the association's operation, including its Web site.

Gifts include: Sustaining Member, \$25-\$49; Marycrest Spirit, \$50-\$99; Patron, \$100-\$249; The Crest Gift, \$250 and up.

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