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Join us for Homecoming 2003 - Oct. 4 & 5

It is that time of year again when the Marycrest Alumni Board is busying making plans for Homecoming as we hope you all are.

This will be our second Homecoming since Marycrest closed its doors a little more than a year ago, but the all-volunteer alumni board is committed to keeping the tradition alive and hopes this will be the best celebration ever. Please share the news with fellow grads, faculty, staff and other friends of Marycrest.

Homecoming will be Oct. 4 and 5 with the annual awards banquet, Oct. 4, at The Mark of the Quad-Cities, the area's beautiful civic center built 10 years ago in Moline on the banks of the Mississippi. A block of rooms is being held until September 4th at the Moline Radisson, located right next door to The Mark for guests needing overnight accommodations.

This year's celebration will honor those graduating classes who graduated in years ending in a 3 and an 8. The board is seeking help in planning Homecoming from anyone willing to be a class representative for their honor classes. To help, call Gabby Rafferty at 309-786-8372 or e-mail board@marycrestalumni.org. At the banquet, the board will give special recognition to all the Sisters of Humility in attendance, as well as to classes with the largest number of attendees, and others. As individual groups and classes make plans to attend, please let the board know so we can help spread the word for you on the Marycrest Alumni Web site.

Then on Oct. 5, Marycrest alumni and friends are invited to the 9 a.m. Mass with Monsignor Marv Mottet at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, with a "dutch treat" brunch at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, John Deere Commons, Moline. The Commons also is across the street from The Mark and worth a tour if your visit allows. To register, complete the registration form on the insert or Web site and send it to Bob Merchie, 2410 40th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201. For updates, check out the Marycrest Alumni Web site at www.marycrestalumni.com.

"This homecoming is very special because the alumni have proven they still care and want to be connected. I would like to get more alumni involved with their alma mater not only as a member of the Alumni Association but as a board member. Please show you care and come see what we can offer you!" Janet Rossmiller-Miller

Homecoming Schedule Oct. 4 - Annual awards banquet in Conference Rooms ABC at The Mark of the Quad-Cities, 1201 River Drive, Moline, IL; 6 p.m. cocktails; 7 p.m. dinner; Cost is \$35 per person - additional gifts welcome Oct. 5 - 9 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 10th and Iowa streets, Davenport, IA; 10:30 a.m. Brunch (dutch-treat) at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse on the John Deere Commons, Moline, IL

Thanks to our supporters

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

Without the support and the staff that the college once provided, keeping the association going is falling on the shoulders of the board. But our accomplishments have been many. Since Marycrest closed, the board has established a Web site, published a semi-annual newsletter, held a Homecoming with another in the works, and hosted a Pig Roast. We hope to grow our list of activities as well as our membership, but we need volunteers and the financial resources.

Membership in the association now is open to all alums, former students, faculty, staff and other friends of the college. We ask each member consider paying a minimum donation of \$15 annually to cover dues. Proceeds are used to fund the association's operation. We consider each Homecoming to be the start of our new fiscal year.

Again, thanks to all of those of you who already are supporting us. Here's a list of donors since our last newsletter:

The Crest Gift: Mary Charlotte (Steckel) Foster '59.

Marycrest Spirit: Jim Lessner (Faculty), Mary Lou (Olk) Stotz '59, Brenda Francis, Michael (Koenig) Clauson '69, Mary Gwin McDonald Fusselman '43, Kathryn Mikel '65, Kayla Eckert.

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To donate, please send your check to Bob Merchie, Treasurer, 2410 40th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201.

Please send us your comments or questions and especially your e-mail address. And remember: Marycrest Alumni Association is only a click away!

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Class Notes - Look for updated Class notes

Engagements:

Carol Wolffe, Davenport, is engaged to Jeffrey Gerard, Rock Island. She is employed by the center for Alcohol and Drug Services, Davenport. An Oct. 19 wedding is planned.

Marriages:

David Kintigh and Stacie Brandle, both of Moline, were to be married July 19. He is employed at Davenport West High School.

Jamie Dawn Houchin, c 2001, and William Walter McGowan both from Gravity, IA, were to be married July 11, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Scott Anthony Solis and Christine Ann Walther, of Davenport, were married Sept. 14, 2002.

Teresa Hurt and Gregory Hutcheson, of Davenport, were married May 4, in Long Grove, IA.

Deaths:

Mary Elizabeth Reistroffer, c'47, of Davenport, died Sept. 30, 2002 in Milwaukee, WI. She was 78. Mariam Bertram, of Scottsdale, AZ, died Oct. 15, 2002. She worked for the Democratic National Committee in Washington, DC for 25 years, retiring five years ago.

Marvin L. Husby Jr., 59, husband of Camille (Conti) Husby, c'64, died Jan. 2, 2003, of cancer.

Shirley Ann (Fiedler) Harris, 73, of Davenport, died Jan.28, 2003.

Sandra J. Ploog, 44, of Davenport, died Feb. 25, 2003.

Helen Zettel, 72, mother of Sue Zettel, c'87, died March 24, 2003, in Davenport.

Kathryn Eggleston Brabant, CHM, c'46, died April 2, 2003.

Dorothy (Dillon) Olsen, 90, c'62, died May 3, 2003, in Davenport, IA.

Della Halgrave, c'57, died in May 2003. Bonnie Bell, 86, grandmother of Jennifer

Waddell DeWitt, c'87, died May 29 in Galesburg, Ill.

Bill, 85, the husband of Elizabeth (McCarthy) Meegan, c'53, of Moline, IL, died in June, 2003.

Lidija Terezija Valainis Zarins, 66, c'59, died June 5, 2003, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Joan Troman, c'85, of Bettendorf, IA, died at the age of 44 on June 6, 2003.

Marycrest staffer Vera L. (Petersen) Holm, 82, of Davenport, died June 9, 2003.

Bernice (Koolman) Wiebener, c'71, of Davenport, IA, died June 24, 2003. She was 81.

Mary Gertrude McGinn Weise, 80, c'48, died in Orlando, FL on June 20, 2003.

Awards:

Rita Callahan, of Davenport, won first place in November for her photo, "Northern Ireland," taken from a bus window.

Caroline England, a Davenport artist who attended MIU, has gained world-wide recognition for her watercolors. Her paintings are in private collections in the US, England, France, Australia, Thailand, Holland, Japan and Belgium. Her work is also on display locally at Augustana College Library, Modern Woodmen of America, Davenport Wells Fargo bank, Trinity Hospital East Campus, Hughes Aircraft in Rock Island to name a few.

Bonnie Jansen, of Davenport, a former secretary in the business department, achieved Certified Construction Contract Administrator status in June. She serves as president of the Quad-Cities Chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association.

Genevieve Kennedy Rafferty, c'42, was one of five Quad-Citians to receive a 2003 Jefferson Award from the American Institute of Public Service and KLJB-TV18, Davenport. The 31-year-old institute, established by former First Lady

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and others, recognizes volunteer workers. Rafferty, 81, received a medallion for Outstanding Public Services Benefiting Local Communities on May 8 from the local Fox station. She then was selected to be the Quad-City representative at National Ceremonies on June 16 in Washington, D.C. She was a social worker for more than 30 years. She also is a former school teacher.

Where They Are Now/New Jobs:

Jennifer Sergeant, c'92, of the Quad Cities, launched her latest CD titled "I Live For You" in February. She is a locally recognized Christian music leader.

Ann (Fotiadis) Kandis, c'86, of East Moline, IL, is an ER Physician at Genesis East, Davenport, IA.

Virginia Barchman is Assistant Iowa Attorney General. Michael McCarty, of Rock Island, has a new book, Giants of the Genre. The book is a collection of 20 interviews with noted science fiction, horror, and fantasy writers.

Kevin O'Neill became head coach for the NBA Toronto Raptors in June. He coached basketball at Marycrest for 1982-83 season.

Lori Gonner Byerly, MIU business advisor in 1989, joined a Quad-City group on a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic in June.

Pat De Luca, former MIU President, became superintendent of the 7,600-student Harlem School District near Rockford, IL, in July.

More Class Notes

Find out what everyone has been up to.

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Pieces of Marycrest at the Prairie

By Sister Marie Ven Horst, CHM

Come to the farmlands of southeast Iowa and you may be surprised to see some pieces of Marycrest College.

Located in a wooded area a few miles southeast of Wheatland, Iowa, you will find the statue of Mary, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, which stood for more than 55 years on the Marycrest campus. It was originally a gift to Marycrest College by the Class of 1948. In June, 2002, the statue was removed from the campus, refurbished, and mounted on a pedestal along the banks of a wildlife pond at Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, a 200-acre farm that the Sisters purchased and restored to carry out their ministry to provide hospitality and service in a sacred space of peace and beauty that promotes respect for all creation in the tradition of the Humility of Mary Community.

Not far from the pond and near the edge of a wooded area are the fourteen hand-painted Stations of the Cross formerly mounted in Our Lady's Chapel on the Marycrest Campus. Are they outside? Yes, after a skilled craftsman from Sugar Creek, Iowa, applied his talents of woodworking to enclose the stations. The frames are made to resemble miniature "sheds" to protect the original art works from the elements.

The Sisters of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary welcome you to come to the "Prairie" for a visit, for prayer, spiritual renewal, solitude, or even for one of your meetings. We can accommodate 30 during the day and a maximum of 10 for overnight lodging.

Information for Group Use

- Victorian House - chapel, 2 meeting rooms, dining room, kitchen, library, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths
- Prairie Heights - Great Room with conference area, fireplace and breakfast nook; kitchen, rest rooms, office space, eight guest rooms, 4 baths each shared by 2 guest rooms, laundry room.
- Both buildings have central air conditioning

Capacity

- 30 for a day program
- 10 overnight

Amenities

- Labyrinth, gazebo, outdoor Way of the Cross, contemplative area by the pond, walking paths through prairie grass

Types of Groups

- Churches, staff meetings or training, board planning retreats, prayer or retreat groups, study groups, others

Equipment Available

- Overhead projector, screen, newsprint paper and stand
- Contact staff regarding computer and online accessibility

Meal Options

- Food brought by members of the group or
- Food provided by a catering service or
- Meals provided by OLPR staff

Fees

- Fees vary depending on meal options, number in the group and type of organization.
- For individuals a free-will offering is welcome but not required

Visits to OLPR

- To see facilities and/or plan for events, contact Sister Cathleen

Registration

- To reserve Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, please contact:

For more information, contact Sr. Joann Kuebrich, CHM, 563-336-8415 or Sr. Cathleen Real, CHM, 319-363-0199. Humility of Mary Center 820 West Central Park Ave.

Let's keep our community alive by contributing and visiting the site often. If you have any ideas to enhance the site, feel free to email us at board@marycrestalumni.com or board@marycrestalumni.org.

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Alumni Board Seeking Award Nominations

With Homecoming 2003 around the corner, the Marycrest Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its "Spirit of Marycrest" award.

The award was initiated in 2002 with Janet Luton as the first-ever recipient. Jan served Marycrest for 25 years as a faculty member as well as an academic adviser, learning assistance center coordinator and member of the athletics board. She also was a long-time adviser for Coffee House and the campus English club.

Over the years, she and her husband, Tom, a former Marycrest soccer coach, opened their home to hundreds of students. And in the final days of Marycrest, she worked tirelessly co-chairing the Save Marycrest committee.

The "Spirit of Marycrest" award will be presented to alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the college, who like Jan, represent the values of the Sisters of Humility.

To make a nomination, send the person's name, graduation year, relationship to Marycrest, the reason why they are deserving of the award, as well as a way to contact them. We also need to contact the person sending in the nomination; so please include your contact information.

Now is the Time to Make Homecoming 2003 Alumni Reunion Reservations

Saturday, October 4 - Conference Rooms ABC,
The Mark of the Quad-Cities,
1201 River Drive, Moline
6 p.m. Cocktails (cash bar) / Music 7 p.m.
Alumni Association Awards Banquet

Sunday, October 5
9 a.m. Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral,
422 E. 10th St., Davenport., IA
10:30 a.m. Brunch "dutch treat"
Johnny's Italian Steakhouse
John Deere Commons, Moline, IL

Alumni Board Nominations

The following alums have been nominated to serve as officers of the Marycrest Alumni Board. Cast your vote for the nominees. You are encouraged to use the space provided to submit names of other Marycrest alumni who would be willing to serve on the alumni board.

- Jennifer DeWitt, c'87, Archivist
- Carla Meeke c'98, Board member
- Benita Moore, c'52, Board member
- Cozie Shultz Dias c'44, Board member
- Write-in candidates?

Genevieve "Gabby" Rafferty c'42, Immediate Past President, is stepping down to give others a chance to bring ideas to the association.

CHMs Celebrate Jubilees

Seventeen sisters of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary celebrated their jubilees during a special Mass on June 29 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Bettendorf.

The event honored the 75th year of Sister Eileen Rosenberry; the 70th year of Sisters Miriam Therese Foley and Mae Murphy, (Sr. Eucharista); the 60th year of Sisters Marita Bartholome, Lucia Kadolph, Annunciata Lamotta, Leona Mary Manning, Thomasine Muller, Charlene Olear, and Suzanne Wickenkamp; and the 50th year of Sisters Marcia Costello, Miriam Ehrhardt, Jeanette Kopel, Joann Kuebrich, Cathleen Real, and Mary Rocca; and the 25th year of Sister Marcia Eckerman. Collectively, the sisters have given 960 years of service to God's people.

Those sisters with Marycrest ties include:

- Sister Eileen Roseberry earned a bachelor of arts in education from Marycrest College.
- Sister Miriam Therese Foley earned a bachelor of arts from Marycrest College.
- Sister Mae Murphy, (Sr. Eucharista), earned a bachelor of arts from Marycrest College.
- Sister Marita Bartholome earned a bachelor of science from Marycrest College.
- Sister Leona Mary Manning earned a bachelor of arts from Marycrest College. She was a librarian at Marycrest College.
- Sister Charlene Olear earned a bachelor of arts from St. Ambrose/Marycrest College.
- Sister Suzanne Wickenkamp earned a bachelor of science in nursing from St. Ambrose/Mary- crest College.
- Sister Marcia Costello earned a bachelor of arts in sociology and social science with a minor in journalism from Marycrest College. She taught at Marycrest, served on the Marycrest College Board, and was director of gifts management at Teikyo-Marycrest University.
- Sister Jeanette Kopel earned a bachelor of arts in home economics from Marycrest College.
- Sister Joann Kuebrich studied business education, earning a bachelor of science from Marycrest. She served on the Marycrest International University board.
- Sister Cathleen Real studied math and chemistry, earning a bachelor of arts from Marycrest College. She joined the faculty of Marycrest College for 11 years and became president of Marycrest College from 1972-1975.
- Sister Mary Rocca studied elementary education, earning a bachelor of arts

from Marycrest College and later, an LPN from Marycrest College.

- Sister Marcia Eckerman earned a bachelor of arts from Marycrest College. The Alumni Association salutes all the sisters on their celebrations and thanks each for her service to Marycrest.

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Fund Raiser 2003

The custom designed stone can be purchased for only \$39.99 plus shipping and handling for orders that need to be shipped. To order yours, stop by Cut 'N Stone, a division of Xylem, Ltd., 155 23rd Street, Bettendorf, IA, or call 563-359-1356 - ask for Nathan.



A variety of additional merchandise (sweatshirts, T-shirts, bags, mugs, baby items, cards, and more) is available from the Marycrest Alumni Online Gift Store at www.cafeshops.com/marycrest. You also can find a link to the Gift Store from the Marycrest Web site, www.marycrestalumni.org.

A portion of the cost of all items purchased through Cut 'N Stone and the Marycrest Alumni Online Gift Store is donated to the Marycrest Alumni