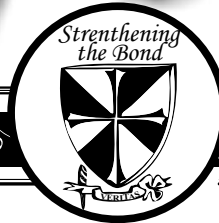


Heritage Renewed



Fall 2010

President's Message

Dear Alumnae,
Welcome to a new year of events planned by your board of directors.



We hope that *Kathleen Laun Pons* you attend and enjoy them with us.

After 17 years of producing your alumnae association's *Heritage Renewed* newsletter, I will now also assume the role of alumnae president.

We recognize the continuing effect that Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ida had on our alumnae and hope that all will soon be healed. We have lost touch with so many alumnae but hope in the near future to find them again. If you can help us in any way, please contact the alumnae office, 504-865-7761.

A few announcements:

1. In our efforts to encourage Catholic higher education, this year our scholarship program will award \$4,000 to a deserving student. The deadline for applying is March 16, 2011.

2. Requests for transcripts should now be made to Dominican High School, 504-865-8488.

3. I encourage you to check out the alumnae association's Web site (www.dominicancollegealumnae.org), sign the guest book and add any personal news. Our treasurer, Mary Clo Carey, maintains the Web site, in addition to handling association finances, for which we are eternally grateful!

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Homecoming 2010 celebrates century since SMDC established

As we commemorate 100 years since St. Mary's Dominican College was established in 1910, we hope that you will continue to support the alumnae association and stay in touch with us and your fellow graduates by attending Homecoming 2010 on November 6.

Appropriately, the theme is "Celebrating a Century of Dominican Spirit." It will be held at the Southern Yacht Club, 105 North Roadway, in New Orleans. "I hope that many of you will come to Homecoming," said Kathleen Laun Pons, alumnae association president. "It's a good chance to see those you knew in college. We look forward to hosting Homecoming at the brand new yacht club."

Homecoming Chairs Sandra Smith and Hattie Fraser and their committee members have planned to start registration at 10:00, Mass at 10:30 a.m., and a social hour to follow. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Honored for 2010 are the classes of 1945 (65 years), 1950 (60 years), 1955 (55 years), 1960 (50 years), 1970 (40 years), 1980 (30 years) and 1985 (25 years). If one of these dates is an anniversary of your graduation, you and your classmates have received a special invitation from your class liaison.

The cost of lunch is \$25 per person. The menu features turtle soup, followed by your choice of entrée, either: Herb-encrusted Chicken Breast, or Cat-

fish Meuniere or Amandine.

Dessert is Praline Parfait. Entrees include rolls, iced tea, and coffee. A cash bar will be available.

The popular parade of prizes, spearheaded by Ruth Moise Varisco, returns this year with an array of special gifts.

To attend Homecoming 2010, please complete the reservation form on page 2, indicating your choice of entrée, and return it with your check payable to the Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Dominican College, 7300 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118 by October 29.

Because the club's restaurant prepares food only for those who have pre-registered, the staff cannot accommodate last-minute diners who do not have a reservation. Please do not show up at the luncheon and expect to be served.

Parking is free on site at the Southern Yacht Club.

If you would like to help with Homecoming preparations, please call the alumnae office, 865-7761.

Awards Presented

At Homecoming, the Sr. Mary Beatrice Daviet, O.P. Award is presented to an alumna who has performed outstanding service to the alumnae association. Submit nominees to the alumnae office.

Torchbearer Awards, also presented at Homecoming, honor those who fulfilled their duties. *HOME COMING* continued on page 6...

Past Presidents' Luncheon



Susan Burkenstock, Carolyn Hess



Joan Yager, Virginia Rooney, Marylynn Rooney



Carmela Landry, Alice Labat, Julianna Boudreaux



Kathee Pons, Mary Clo Carey, Dot Andrews



Georgie Hebert, Anne Phillips



Margot Roper, Hattie Fraser



Mary (Mimi) Cerise, Ruth Varisco, Lee Pittman



Rosemary Achee, Jeanette Mauney



Sr. Dorothy Dawes, O.P., Anna May Kingsmill

Registration for Homecoming 2010 Activities

Name _____

Class of _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

I plan to attend the following Homecoming 2010 activities at Southern Yacht Club:

_____ Registration, Saturday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.

_____ Mass, 10:30 p.m.

_____ Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

Cost of Luncheon is \$25.00, including tax and gratuity.

Please return this form with your payment to Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Dominican College,
7300 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118 by October 29, 2010. Be sure to note choice of entree.

_____ Herb-encrusted Chicken Breast _____ Catfish Meuniere or Amandine

Cocktails by Candlelight Spring 2010



Sister Judene, O.P., Sister Denise, O.P.



Ed and Elizabeth Riehl Peters



Anne Phillips, Mary Clo Carey



Alicia Mckay, Julianna Boudreaux



Carolyn Hess, Julianna Boudreaux, Sarah Ann Hess, Anne Phillips



Mary Ellen Grace Wischer



Sandra Smith, Hattie Fraser



Rosemary Achee, Sister Dorothy, O.P.



David and Mary Anne Monts Gutierrez

Torch and Shamrock

Ann Gleason Stevens, a 1972 graduate of Dominican College, received the 2009 Regina Matrum Award given by the Archdiocese of New Orleans to women who are outstanding examples of motherhood. She joins the ranks of the following other SMDC women who received the award: Marie Alciatore Guste (deceased), 1963; Rosemary Baudier Favaloro, 1975; Janice Collins Romig, 1977; Royann Price Avegno, 1985; and, Carolyn McCann Haar, 1995.

Congratulations to Alice Cosse Labat, '48 whose calligraphy recently appeared in an art exhibit at the Denham Springs Library.

Sr. Helen Prejean, C.S.J. '62, author of "Dead Man Walking," is writ-

ing another book regarding her experience with Patrick Sonnier before his execution, according to an article in the Arkansas Catholic newspaper of the diocese of Little Rock.

Deepest sympathy to Carolyn Bergeron Chaisson '62 and family on the loss of her 20-year-old grandson, Grant Hebert, to leukemia last November.

The husband of Helen Tilley Hanns '55, was practicing OB/GYN but now is teaching resident medical students in hospitals.

Congratulations to Janis Mayeau Harrington '55 and daughter Stella Harrington '85 who are both celebrating as honor graduates this year.

Enjoying her first great-granddaughter in 16 years is Joyce Rache-

au Kilshaw '55.

The seven children of Clare Keating Richter '55 are now residing on the east coast, in Tucson, Ariz., and in St. Louis, Mo.

Volunteering at the Bulgarian-Macedonian Center in Pittsburgh selling soup, helping with tours, etc., is Yvonne Ragas Schexnayder '63. This fall she will be involved with the Great Adventure Timeline Bible Study Program at her church. She is also involved in the folk dance community of Pittsburgh.

Shirley Scurto Walsh '52 sang Ellingboe's Requiem in the Masterworks Festival Chorus on stage at Carnegie Hall in June. She was ac-

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Scholarship awarded to River Ridge student



Sarah Ann Hess

Eligible high school seniors can apply now for 2011 alumnae scholarship

Sarah Ann Hess of River Ridge, La. received the 2010 tuition grant for \$2,000 from the Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Dominican College, Inc. She is the granddaughter of Carolyn Drumm Hess, who attended Dominican College from 1952 to 1956 and who, some years later, helped secure Greenville Hall a position on the National Register of Historic Places.

Freshman through junior years, Sarah attended Bishop Kinnley High School in Jacksonville, Fla., where she was on the cheerleading varsity and participated in field sports. She was on the Principal's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll and received the Scholar Athletic Award. She was also a member of the St. Joseph CYO and the Holy Family CYO and a volunteer at the St. Joseph Rectory and the church bazaar.

Her senior year Sarah attended

St. Mary's Dominican High School in New Orleans, where she had a 4.0 grade point average and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was selected Neat and Sweet Queen for 2010. Her hobbies included athletics, crafts, and social and service clubs.

Sarah is enrolled at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala., where she plans to major in psychology.

In applying for the scholarship, Sarah wrote, "My Catholic education began on my very first day of kindergarten. Religion has always been an important part of my education and has also provided opportunities for service and leadership. I look forward to continuing my Catholic education at Spring Hill College."

We congratulate her and wish her continued success with her Catholic education.

--Julianna L. Boudreaux

The board of directors of SMDC Alumnae Association has voted to raise the amount of the scholarship awarded annually to \$4,000.

If your daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson is a 2011 graduating senior, she or he could be the winner of the scholarship, which is awarded through the Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Dominican College, Inc. In addition to being a graduating senior and the daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson of a Dominican College alumna or alumnus, she or he should meet the following criteria:

- *Be in good academic standing;
- *Have a record of participation in extracurricular activities;
- *Intend to enroll in a Catholic college or university.

The candidate should fill out the application printed in this newsletter and send it to the Alumnae Association office, 7300 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118. The scholarship committee will review the applications for eligibility. They are then presented at a meeting of the Alumnae Association board of directors. The candidates' names are placed in a box from which the presiding officer draws the winning name, lottery fashion.

If you have a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson who meets the criteria, urge her or him to complete the application and send it to the Alumnae Association by March 16, 2011.

The winner will be announced at Cocktails by Candlelight, April 16, 2011.

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4. The alumnae office has received a number of requests for copies of diplomas that were destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. If you have a diploma that is in good shape and could allow us to copy it for those who have lost theirs, please let the office know.

On a personal note, I am grateful to my education and training at St. Mary's Dominican College for preparing me for a career as a print journalist at The Times-Picayune in New Orleans and other newspapers. Now that I am retired, I find that I don't cram near as much into my days as when I worked, but I am enjoying the gift of time!

We are still recovering from Hurricane Katrina flood waters that ruined our home but every day we are a little more sane. And I will continue to bring you association news in *Heritage Renewed*.

With fondest regards,
Kathleen Laun Pons

We want to hear from you

Heritage Renewed is your opportunity to share what is going on in your life and to keep in touch with your classmates with news of a new job, another grandbaby, a move to another city, or just doing great! Just drop us a line, call the office, or sign on to the Web site's guestbook.

Visit us at www.dominicancollegealumnae.org

APPLICATION YEAR 2011 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT (\$4,000)

The Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Dominican College, Inc. and the St. Mary's Dominican College Alumnae Scholarship Fund

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE () _____ Date of Graduation _____

Name of mother/father and/or grandmother/grandfather who is an alumna/us of St. Mary's Dominican College:

First _____ Middle/Maiden _____ Last _____

My grade point average is _____ Class rank is _____ of _____

I have participated in the following extracurricular activities during high school:
(Use separate sheet if necessary)

I will enroll in a Catholic college or university: Yes/No

Name and address of college or university: _____

Write a 100 word paragraph stating why you want to enroll in a Catholic college or university. (Use separate sheet)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

To be completed by principal or counselor of high school applicant is currently attending.
(Type or print)

The above information is correct.

Name: _____ **Circle one**
Principal/Counselor

Name of high School: _____

Address: _____

Tel.No. _____

PRINCIPAL/COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Mail to: Alumnae Assn., 7300 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118
(Deadline: March 16, 2011)

Thanks For Your Contributions - Fall 2010

'30s

Gertrude Lorio Beauford '29/31, Marcia LaGarde O'Toole '38, Ursula Wattigny Villere '38.

'40s

Grace McNamara '40, Rosemary McCoy Favalaro '44, Merlyn Reisch Weilbaecher '44, Beverly McCoy Boos '45, Angela D'Gerolamo '45, Elaine Ford '45, Margot Roper McGinn '45, Nathalie Winter Willig '45, Gwen Bagneris Janssen '46/'73, Nigel Schnauder Parker '46, Mary Lou O'Brien Kennedy '47, Carmela Liles Landry '47, Enid Songy Neilsen '47, Sherps Wiemers '47, Mary Collins Wilson '47, Dorothy Locke Andrews '48, Ann Warner Choppin '48, Audrey Shearman Colley '48, Mary Esther Warren Mrozek '48, Thelma Discon Shearman '48, Sr. Mary Edmund Gibson, O.P.'49.

'50s

Margaret Giorlando Failla '50, Marie Caserta Giorlando '50, Patricia Lynn Harold '50, Ardis Maclean Keller '50, Helen Belou Noto '50, Irene Atchley Adolph '51, Carmen Breaux Humphrey '51, Patricia Smith Cook '52, Rose Wingrave Hemstreet '52, Patricia Keiffer McAuliffe '52, Faye Fischer Bruhn '53, Marcelle Ward Ducote '53, Myra Terrio Thibodeaux '53, June Reppel Chandler '54, Mary Jane Christman '54, Maureen O'Connor '54, Catherine "Katsy" Maggio Scobel '54, Mary Jane Day Short '54, Marilyn Scariano Downs '55, Carolyn Drumm Hess '56, Jennifer Walter Sonnier '56, Violet Morovich Ebert '57, Ann St. Amant Hansen '57, Patricia Discon Kehoe '57, Joy Cuoco Alcus '58,

\$100+ Contributions

Elaine Ford '45

Mary Collins Wilson '47

Ann Warner Choppin '47

Audrey Shearman Colley '48

Carmen Reaux Humphrey '51

Patricia Smith Cook '52

Rose Wingrave Hemstreet '52

Jennifer Walter Sonnier '56

Ruth Moise Varisco '59

Maria Mavar '60

Patricia Kuluz Caillavet '62

Karyl Bernard Kraft '63

Rosemary Randazzo Achee '78

Harriet Minveille LaSalle '58, Dona Harmon Livaudais '58, Janet Bagnetto Shea '58, Ruth Moise Varisco '59.

'60s

Jewell R. Lorio '60, Maria Mavar '60, Carolyn Wattigny Starita '60, Cathey Brady Daly '61, Evelyn Campbell Gilbert '61, Carolyn St. Amant Hebert '61, Sr. Waldia Warden, O.P. '61, Patricia Kuluz Caillavet '62, Carolyn Bergeron Chaisson '62, Jacquelyn Maenza Criscione '62, Angie D'Gerolamo Perrone '62, Charlene Mary Sinclair '62, Amilynn Clesi '63, Rosemary Cambre Connolly '63, Mary Lowe Evans '63, Karyl Bernard Kraft '63, Sharon Sweeney Lally '63, Yvonne Ragas Schexnayder '63, Barbara Breaux Winn '63, Connie Eble '64, Marguerite Fry '64, Mary Grossmith Macpherson '64, Sharon Ryan Rodi '64, Michelle Henson Chiara '65, Helen Franks Eckert '65, Mary Agnes Zanone Harris '65,

Lydia Trejo Kelley '65, Sandra Olivier LeBlanc '65, Judith Legett '65, Lynne Heckmann Neitzschman '65, Maryann Lambert deLaneuville '66, Dottie Klingman LeCompte '66, Janet Dupont Petersen '66, Terry Wheelahan Ridgeway '66, Patricia Lovan Cucchiara '67, Nancy Uter Giordano-Echegoyen '67, Marie Alice Rousselle '67, Norma Lemoine Sherman '67, Myra Michel Weathington '67, Jacqueline Berry Caire '68, Marg Harang Dufrene '68, Angie Contri Perry '68, Deborah Tribou Buchler '69, Jane Crews '69, Cynthia Prentice Palmer '69, Judith Sedtal '69.

'70s

Marlene Benandi '70, Patricia Kemp Favalaro '70, Tina Russo Rowe '70, Lillian Ditta Uhl '70, Marilyn Thoele Gundy '71, Alison Chase Picheloup '71, Sheila Nolan Flick '73, Denise DiRosa Frederick '74, Silvia Jimenez Hernandez-Serra '64, Sandra Smith '74, Mary Real Chapin '75, Camille Moreau Dooley '75, Alice Durio Hughes '75, Loretta Dunne James '75, Daragh Mays Janssen '75, Mary Lee Sullivan Keberly '76, Josie Migliore Weimer Tregre '75, Robert Time Walker '75, Donna Menge Pace '76, Rosemary Randazzo Achee '78, Thomas R. Lowe '78, Theresa Braiwick Scalco '78, Mary Luria Cerise '79, Julie Haro Grenier '79, MaryAnn Bragg Yann '79.

'80s

Frances Strayham '80, Leisha Ponson Casey '81, Wayne Rumor '81, Donna Lindemann Sweeney '81, Susan Veters Broadwater '82, Lisa Osment Gehegan '82, Patricia Daunis '83.

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fill the requirements of outstanding study, prayer, ministry, and the celebration of life. Any alum who is eligible can be nominated (see page 7 for eligibility criteria). Deadline for nominations for both awards is October 12.

New Board Members

We welcome three new board members: Dottee Klingman LeCompte of Houma, Eulice Matherne Sparks of Houma, and Carolyn Bergeron Chaisson of Morgan City. We greatly appreciate their volunteering to help with alumnae association business and activities. Bless them for being willing to travel to New Orleans for board meetings!

Spring Calendar

Mark your calendars now for the Spring 2011 schedule of alumnae events.

The Past Presidents' Luncheon is January 29, 2011.

The tentative date for Dominican's Day at the Races at the Fairgrounds Racetrack is Saturday, March 12.

Cocktails by Candlelight is Saturday, April 16, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We are attempting to secure more convenient parking for this event.

Details for these events will be announced in the spring edition of *Heritage Renewed*.

Dominican Sisters of Peace news updated

The Dominican Sisters Congregation of St. Mary became part of a new congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, on April 12, 2009. This new congregation was formed by the union of seven Dominican Congregations.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace includes more than 600 sisters and 500 associates (women and men who partner in mission with the Sisters) living and serving in 35 states and in Honduras, Peru, and Nigeria. Central administration offices are located in Columbus, Ohio, with motherhouses located in Akron, Ohio, Great Bend, Kan, New Orleans, La., Oxford, Mich., and St. Catharine, Ky.

In April 2009, the Dominican Sisters of Peace completed their first General Chapter and elected the following sisters to the new leadership team: Sister Margaret Ormond,

O.P., (Prioress) and Sisters Joan Scanlon, O.P., Gene Poore, O.P., Therese Leckert, O.P., and Gemma Doll, O.P. (Councilors).

Sister Therese is a 1966 graduate of St. Mary's Dominican College and a former Prioress of the St. Mary's Dominican Sisters. She and the other four congregational leaders now live in Columbus, Ohio, although she often visits New Orleans for meetings and celebrations.

Although most of the St. Mary's Dominican Sisters continue to live and minister in New Orleans, several have relocated to Columbus. Sister Robin Richard now teaches English as a Second Language at the Dominican Learning Center in Columbus. Sisters Waldia Warden and M. Edmund Gibson now reside at the Columbus Motherhouse and Sisters M. Sheila Burson, M. Damian Cazale, Isabel Geldrich, and

M. Teresa Mittelbronn reside at the Dominican Sisters Health Care Center in Columbus. All have adjusted gracefully to their new home.

Locally, the Dominican Sisters of Peace continue to sponsor St. Mary's Dominican High School and Rosaryville Spirit Life Center in Ponchatoula. As part of the worldwide Dominican Order, the Dominican Sisters of Peace commit themselves to preaching the Gospel through a variety of ministries, promoting education, spiritual formation, pastoral care, peace and justice, sanctity of life, care of creation, and solidarity with the poor and oppressed, among others.

If you want to read more about the Dominican Sisters of Peace, you are invited to visit their Web site at www.oppeace.org.

--Sister Therese Leckert, O.P.

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accompanied by the New York City Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Bradley Ellingboe.

The following alums are interested in hosting SMDC alumnae group meetings: Christine Sauter '55 of Diamond Head, Miss, 228-255-7944; and Eulice Matherne Sparks '64, of Houma, La., 985-876-4972. Please call them if you are interested in getting together.

Rosemary Cambre Connolly '63 writes that she is completing her 20th year as principal at St. Anastasia Elementary School in Los Angeles and her 36th year in Catholic education in the diocese of Los Angeles.

The Dominican Conference Center, formerly known as Alumnae Hall, has been purchased by Loyola University to house the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice. The clinic will allow third-year law students to represent indigent clients under the supervision of experienced attorneys.

Vital Statistics

IN MEMORIAM

Alumnae:

Myrtis Girouard Broussard '37
Jacqueline Falcon Brown '59
Sr. Helen Chaplain, O. Carm '60
Lois Scully Fraiche '37
Louise Marie Jeanfrau Kuhn '74
Doris Mary Scheuermann Mancuso '40
Carolyn Carlos Pellegin '55
Patti Canala Pille '70
Mary Ann Artigues Stich '59
Gail Riviere Tucker '70

Husband of:

Carolyn Bergeron Chaisson '62
Barbara Richter DeReuil '55
Jean Riecke Deckert '57
Marilyn Hughes Hebert '48
Elizabeth Long Montgomery '45
Kathy Peters Smith '85

Mother of:

Ann Broussard Langlinais '66
Patricia Fraiche Marinello '64

Sister of:

Alice Gene St. Romain '44
Ursula Lester St. Romain '48

Brother of:

Francis M Walsh '79

Daughter of:

Edna Mae Naccari '44

Torchbearer Criteria

The criteria for selection of Dominican Torchbearers includes the following:

1. Scholarship.

Formal and/or informal study, scholarly projects, activities. An inquiring mind. Searching for enlightenment and truth. Helping others to acquire knowledge through teaching, writing, communicating, sharing.

2. Prayer.

Demonstration of faith by making prayer a part of life. Relying on prayer through daily living. Reflecting Christian principles in daily relationships. Respecting individual uniqueness in others.

3. Ministry.

Commitment to excellence by ministering to needs of others. Living by a code of moral ethics. Exhibiting selflessness in service to others.

4. Celebration of Life.

Having a sense of well being that transmits to others in a joy of living. Ability to cope. An inner peace and security.

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Calendar of Events 2010-2011

2010

October 12:

Deadline for awards nominations

October 29:

Deadline to make reservation for Homecoming

November 6:

Homecoming, Southern Yacht Club, 10:00 a.m.

2011

January 29:

Past Presidents' Luncheon

March 8:

Mardi Gras

March 12:

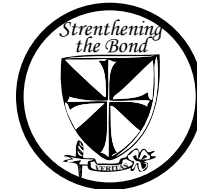
Dominican's Day at the Races, (tentative)
Fairgrounds Racetrack, 11:00 a.m.

March 16:

Deadline for scholarship application

April 16:

Cocktails by Candlelight, Veritas Hall, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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