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“One of the reasons for our success ... has been our strategic plan with **three key goals:** cultivate character, build and strengthen the community, and bolster fiscal engagement.”

It's hard to believe that I have already been president of this dynamic university for five years, and now we are soaring ahead with big plans for my second term. One of the reasons for our success over the last five years has been our strategic plan with three key goals: cultivate character, build and strengthen the community, and bolster fiscal engagement. Those same goals will guide our new eight-point plan that will ensure our students' continued success as well as build a solid foundation for Regis to expand and thrive for decades to come. (Visit alumni.regiscollege.edu/strategicplan to learn more.) Our relationships with alumni, donors, parents, and friends will always be a crucial component of the plan because you are our greatest ambassadors. Please continue to spread the word about the success you and others have found here in the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs.

The energy at Regis is at an all-time high after celebrating our first annual Let It Shine Gala in October to support student scholarships. Forty percent of our students are the first in their family to earn a college degree and many of them rely on the generous scholarships we offer. So many of you came out to show your support for Regis and I was on cloud nine thinking about all the students who will walk across our commencement stage because of your generosity. (See page 28 to read more and see how much we raised.) I look forward to our second annual Let It Shine Gala in October 2017 at the Park Plaza—a much larger venue where we can welcome even more Regis supporters! (See back cover.)

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around here. I hope to see you on campus soon and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Antoinette M. Hays, PhD, RN
PRESIDENT

• tower views



Trustee Chair John Tegan (back center) was joined by his family in June 2016 for the dedication of the Lorraine Tegan Learning Commons in the Library, a space unveiled as part of the first phase of the campus Master Plan in memory of his wife, Lorraine DeStefano Tegan '63.



Regis Honors Founders with Day of Service

“Go continue the legacy,” Mary L. Murphy, CSJ, said to the crowd of hundreds of Regis students, staff, and faculty who gathered at the newly refurbished grotto to celebrate Founder’s Day on September 29. “Go and be the best of Regis, not only today, but every day. And be who you know you are.”

And that’s just what they did. Regis’ dear neighbors were the focus of this year’s Founder’s Day, with several groups going off campus to serve in different capacities within the community. The Regis Glee Singers visited Bethany Health Care Center, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph, to perform at their daily Mass. Two groups traveled to the Norumbega Trail in Newton and the Charles River Bike Path in Waltham to help with clean-up. Others volunteered at St. Francis House, a Boston shelter. On-campus activities included a blood drive run by the men’s lacrosse team and the assembly of care packages for soldiers serving

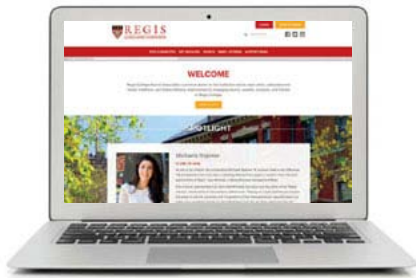
overseas, including the son of a Regis faculty member and the brother of a Regis student.

The Regis “Care for the Dear Neighbor” day was the perfect way to honor Regis’ founders, marking the anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Boston on October 2, 1873.

“It was so wonderful to see our mission in action and so many students and employees getting involved,” says President Antoinette M. Hays, PhD, RN. “I heard from many students how thankful they are to have this opportunity to take a break from academics and give back to our community.”

That sentiment resonated with psychology major Jonathan Fuentes ’17, who says he was thrilled with the turnout of participants. He described the experience as “heartwarming.”

“Pay attention to the service that you bring to others, but pay attention also to the gift that you receive,” said Sister Mary. “You have heard it said: The more I give, the more is given back to me.”



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Joe-Ann Fergus, PhD, RN, is director of the Division of Member Services at the Massachusetts Nurses Association, the largest union and professional association of registered nurses and health professionals in the state, representing more than 23,000 members working in 85 healthcare facilities. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Stetson University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Simmons College, a master's in dispute resolution, and a Doctorate in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Fergus is a member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau, and serves as a member of the Massachusetts Action Coalition's Subcommittee, which focuses on faculty recruitment and development. She holds appointed seats on the Massachusetts Health Workforce Advisory Panel and the Industrial Accident Nominating Panel. She lives in Dorchester.



John Libertino, MD, graduated from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1965, where he also completed a fellowship in cardiovascular research. From 1965-1967, he trained in general surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He received his Urology Residency training at the Yale University School of Medicine, where he was also named the Harvey Cushing Fellow for Surgery in 1969. After completing his Urology Residency at Yale in 1970, he joined the faculty of the Lahey Clinic's Department of Urology as director of kidney transplantation. He served as chief of surgery at Lahey Clinic Medical Center from 1984-1995 and as Chairman of the Institute of Urology at Lahey Clinic from 1991 to 2015.



Eileen Ng, MBA, is a higher education professional with over 20 years of experience. She is currently assistant dean for finance and administration in the School of Engineering at MIT. Prior to that, she served as assistant director for administration at MIT's Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems. Ng earned her bachelor's degree in finance from Boston College and an MBA from Northeastern University. Born and raised in Boston, she currently lives in Newton.



REGISFEST

Held October 14 to 15, 2016,
 RegisFest Family Weekend—

formerly known as PrideFest and Homecoming—proved to be a fall spectacular. The annual tradition for the Regis community and their families included a parents' reception with the president, tailgating, beer and wine tastings, a family picnic and Mass, activities and games for children, and lots of athletic events.



REGIS ATHLETICS JOINS

GNAC

Regis accepted an invitation from the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) to join the league as a full-time member beginning with the 2017–2018 academic year. GNAC Commissioner Joe Walsh noted that Regis has “a track record of commitment to the GNAC’s core values” and is “like-minded academically, athletically, and geographically with our current member institutions.”

Over the past five years, Regis Athletics has experienced tremendous growth, according to Associate Director of Athletics Mark Clemente. “Roster sizes have continued to increase as have the competitive levels of our teams, evidenced by our 22 NECC Conference Championships. Excellent coaching and recruiting, combined with many outstanding athletic performances, have enabled us to be in the position to transition to the GNAC.”

Regis has competed in the NECC since 2011, claiming six conference championships during the 2015–2016 academic year. The Pride women have captured the NECC Champions’ Cup five straight years, while the men won it in 2015 and finished second in 2016. Regis competes outdoors at its state-of-the-art athletic complex, which was constructed in 2009 and includes a turf playing field, eight-lane track, six tennis courts, and a softball facility with lights.

“When students wear our Regis uniform we are committed to ensuring they have the most well-rounded, formative, and gratifying collegiate experience,” says Kara Kolomitz, EdD, vice president, Student Affairs and Enrollment. “This is why the move to the GNAC is so timely and exciting, as our programs become more and more successful, our team GPAs continue to excel, and campus pride in our athletic programs is palpable. We’re very proud of our athletes and their strong performances that garnered this conference affiliation.”



WHAT OUR COACHES ARE SAYING...

We’ve really grown up in the NECC and are looking forward to moving to the GNAC. The GNAC has historically been a tough a conference, which should help us attract higher-level recruits.”

—John Ciarleglio (Men’s and Women’s Tennis)

We look forward to joining a conference that has a lot of quality and high-ranking programs. It has been great to be part of the NECC family but we look forward to being new members of the GNAC.”

—Courtney Duggan (Women’s Lacrosse)

The transition to the GNAC will not only challenge us, but expose the established level of play our program has reached up to this point. We are enthusiastic about the opportunity and eager to participate in a highly competitive conference that propelled two teams to the NCAA tournament this past season. As the bar is raised, we will trust the instilled values that have produced our winning culture to be the core of our evolution.”

—Angela Santa Fe (Women’s Basketball)



Children's Center

A NEW KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

A kindergarten program will once again be offered as part of the Children's Center at Regis. "Parents love our flexible offerings, including the new kindergarten program," says Director Rebecca Putnam. "But mostly they love that we are so integrated with Regis' dynamic campus."

Children enjoy STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) programming, play on the athletic fields, and take part in unique global connections. The center is fully staffed by early childhood education professionals who believe in educating the whole child with an emphasis on each area of child development: social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and aesthetic.

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In just two years, Putnam has led the center's overall program—for children ages 15 months to six years—from an enrollment of 10 students to 55 this fall. She credits an active parent advisory council and Regis leadership for the program's continued success.

Regis Establishes a Third School

This spring Regis announced the creation of a third school: the School of Health Sciences, which complements the School of Nursing and the School of Arts and Sciences.

"The decision to establish a third school was made in response to the growth in academic programs and enrollment to justify each having their own school," says Malcolm Asadoorian III, PhD, vice president of Academic Affairs, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and professor of economics. "It means greater support for faculty, students, and staff given a focused school on each of the two main areas of nursing and health sciences, respectively."

The faculty in health sciences took the idea to their colleagues, the administration, and trustees, who spent seven months discussing the change. It became clear to all that the timing was right and the establishment of a School of Health Sciences would be consistent with the university's strategic plan.

Diane Welsh, DNP, associate dean of nursing, was appointed interim dean of the School of Nursing upon the June 2016 retirement of Dean Penelope Glynn, PhD. Associate Dean of Health Sciences Laura Burke, ScD, assumed the role of interim dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Asadoorian says, "Regis will be creating additional schools in the future, including one focused on business and communication."

New Majors

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING + NEUROSCIENCE



Regis launched two new science majors: a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

The biomedical engineering degree will train students in the practice of design, fabrication, and analysis of biomedical systems, devices, diagnostics, and therapeutics. The major centers on a quantitative approach to understanding biology across length and time scales, with a focus on issues related to human health—particularly as it relates to patient diagnosis, treatment, and care.

“The biomedical engineering program will fit within the sciences and within medical imaging courses already on campus, and we will be building in over a dozen new courses,” says Brian Plouffe, assistant professor of biomedical engineering.

The curriculum will require either an on-campus research internship or an off-campus internship at a local company. Students will also build critical leadership, interpersonal, and professional skills to thrive within diverse team environments and communicate effectively.

The neuroscience major engages students in the rapidly progressing interdisciplinary field of neuroscience. Students learn about the brain, behavior,

and mental processes through multiple lenses in coursework within science, technology, engineering, mathematics, psychology, and neuroscience.

“The interdisciplinary approach allows students to explore the nervous system from the level of molecules up to memory and emotions,” says Helen Consiglio, PhD, assistant professor and department chair of psychology and assistant dean of health sciences.

Students hone critical thinking, writing, and communication skills through analysis of the newest breakthroughs and trends in neuroscience. A required independent study provides a platform to gain in-depth knowledge of a specific topic within neuroscience through one-on-one mentorship with a faculty member.

“Given the rapid expansion of neuroscience-related industry, increased federal investment in neuroscience research, and the rapid rate of discovery, it is an exceptional time for Regis to offer a neuroscience major,” says Steven Threlkeld, PhD, associate professor and director of the neuroscience program. “Students will be prepared for flexible career paths in the medical, pharmaceutical, and biomedical industries, and gain a multidisciplinary perspective of one of humanity’s great frontiers.”

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PRIDE Scholars Excel

Unlimited opportunity—it's at the core of a Regis education. A new initiative, the PRIDE (Potential, Resilience, Initiative, Drive, and Engagement) Scholars Program, is helping Regis deliver on that promise for more undergraduates. The initiative provides an extra layer of personalized support to each participating undergraduate

through academic coaching, additional advising, shared coursework, mentoring, and leadership opportunities that target the cognitive and non-cognitive factors students need to succeed.

The PRIDE Scholars Program launched in fall 2015 with the support of a \$260,000, four-year grant award from the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee. This new initiative is exhib-



Photo: Len Rubenstein

iting significant potential for supporting student success. Already, PRIDE Scholars—who will participate in the program throughout their time at Regis—are demonstrating stronger attendance and grade-point averages than their peers, while also reporting a greater sense of belonging, happiness, and self-confidence. The PRIDE Scholars Program welcomed its second cohort of freshmen this fall. A cross-campus team is committed to strengthening students' ability to work to their fullest potential, and will support their success through graduation—a source of pride for the entire Regis community.

Regis Awarded Life Sciences Grant, Renovates Science Lab

At an April 25 ribbon cutting, Regis unveiled a newly renovated 826-square-foot science laboratory that will strengthen science learning on campus with a focus on accelerating STEM learning to help prepare students to compete in an innovative economy.

This renovated space is the result of a \$355,000 Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) capital grant awarded to Regis in 2015. Through the award, Regis has also invested in state-of-the-art scientific equipment including a Vertical Laminar Flow hood, a minus-86 degree freezer, inverted phase contrast microscope, a glass still for purified water, centrifuges, and a Countess II cell counter—all of which will advance student tissue culture training and research using tissue culture cells. Other equipment includes a High Pressure Liquid Chromatography system (HPLC), gas chromatograph, scales, pH meters, physiology equipment, and gel scanner, as well as UV/Vis spectrophotometers.

Regis will leverage an increase in the number of life sciences students and foster new industry partnerships by raising the experience and profile of its science graduates.

Phys. Ed and Other Occasions of Sin

BY VIRGINIA MCNEIL SLEP '64

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Virginia McNeil Slep '64 is a member of the LLARC (Lifelong Learning at Regis College) program and wrote *Phys. Ed and Other Occasions of Sin* as part of her creative writing course—a class she has been teaching for LLARC since 2010. After earning two English degrees (a bachelor's degree from Regis and a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island), Slep taught high school English for 35 years and now owns a private hypnosis practice in Wayland, Massachusetts.

My letter of acceptance to Regis arrived in April 1960, followed by a letter requesting my measurements for my Regis gym suit, described as a “maroon tennis dress with matching bloomers.” Mom took my measurements and kept saying, “Well, you’re going to be running around in this, honey. Let’s allow a little extra so you’ll have room to move.” We were also notified that we would need a trench coat for outdoor gym classes. That certainly sounded curious!

During our first week at Regis, we had our gym class in the old gym on the lowest level of College Hall. Miss Nolan and Miss Hughes took attendance and presented us with packages containing our new gym outfits; then we were sent into the locker rooms to put them on. (“Hustle, ladies!”)

I’ll never forget opening that package. The dress was a deep maroon with a little round collar. It buttoned all the way down the front and had little puff sleeves and a sash to tie in front. It was just awful—but the worst was yet to come. The “matching bloomers” were big, baggy maroon underpants that came halfway to our knees and were to be worn under the dress. As we got dressed, we realized that everybody’s mother had allowed “a little extra so you can move,

honey,” but so had the manufacturer. Our dresses were huge. I felt as though if somebody were to hold the dress by the shoulders, I could slide down inside and never be seen again.

Miss Nolan informed us that until Thanksgiving, we would be playing field hockey on the field where the Cardinal Spellman Stamp Museum is now. Twice a week we were to go to the locker room, get dressed, and hurry across the campus to the field ready to play. (“Hustle, ladies!”) The only hitch: we had to wear our beige trench coats over our dresses until we got to the field. Nobody seemed to know why, but we obeyed.

Then one day while we were in Theology 101, Sister Reginald asked how things were going and whether we had any problems getting used to college life. One girl asked why we had to wear trench coats to the field hockey field. Sister Reginald patiently and quietly explained that if we wore just our gym dresses, it could be an “occasion of sin” for any man driving by on Wellesley Street. I remember thinking that any man who would think improper thoughts at the sight of a girl in those gym outfits ought to have his head examined. In addition, we didn’t walk



Lifelong Learning at Regis College

LLARC, established in 2005, is a community of adult students involved in daytime courses and lectures designed and taught by their peers. Offerings are in history, literature, the arts, and creative writing. No tests, term papers, credits, or previous college experience is needed—it's about learning for fun and meeting new people in a relaxed and sociable atmosphere.

Spring 2017: Registration opens January 9; classes begin February 27. **Cost:** \$75 membership fee plus \$175 for the semester if taking courses.

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along the street; we cut across the campus behind Morrison House and walked down that road. But it didn't matter—trench coats were required.

In November it started to get cold. Never mind, ladies, said Miss Nolan, you're still going to play. You can wear winter coats and gloves if you want to, and you can even wear a hat. Could we wear pants?




"Our dresses were **huge**. I felt as though if somebody were to hold the dress by the shoulders, I could slide down inside and never be seen again."

Absolutely not! Could we wear pants under our gym dresses? No! (Pants were another occasion of sin. Pants in those days were not allowed even in the dorm.) If we got cold, we could just run a little faster and we'd be fine. ("Hustle, ladies!")

So we played field hockey until Thanksgiving in spite of snow flurries, running laps in our gym dresses and winter coats until our legs were blue with the cold. Finally Thanksgiving came and we moved inside to play basketball. What a relief!

Last week, I received a phone call from a very pleasant Regis student, asking me to support the Regis Fund. She started by asking about my years at Regis. Had I participated in any sports? I couldn't imagine what she would think if I told her about the maroon tennis dresses and the bloomers, about the trench coats, about playing in the snow without pants on, about being an occasion of sin to anybody driving by.

No, I said. I was in the Drama Club where it was warm. 

Leading Roles

Students take on dramatic roles to put theory into practice

BY KRISTEN WALSH

A nurse conducts a risk assessment on a patient suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to determine the threat for self-harm or harm to others on a psychiatric hospital unit. Another patient has a bipolar, manic episode. These simulated scenarios mimic a day in the life of nurses and psychiatric patients; only this time the patients are played by Regis acting students, and Regis baccalaureate nursing students work diligently to provide care.

The interdisciplinary production is the masterpiece of Associate Professor of Nursing Denise Soccio, DNP, who developed three mental health simulation labs as part of her doctoral thesis (successfully defended on August 11, 2016, to complete her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree). Soccio collaborated with Associate Professor of Theatre Frans Rijnbout, PhD, to bring 50 nursing students and four acting students together for the project.

"I originally considered using virtual patients, but in addition to obstacles like high cost and computer glitches, I knew that it would take away from the reality," Soccio says. "And if a simulation doesn't feel real, nursing students won't take it seriously and it won't be educational."

With that in mind, she reached out to Rijnbout to recruit Regis acting students experienced in improvisation.

"Although the actors would have case studies and scripts, they needed to have solid improvisational skills to react to a nurse during the scenario in order to drive particular themes," Rijnbout explains.

Soccio put on her director's hat to prepare student actors to take on the emotional turmoil and angst of mental health patients. One suffered from depression

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Nursing student Peter Blain '17 and student actor Emily Murgo '16 play nurse and patient in a mental health simulation lab as fellow students observe.





Nursing students put themselves in the shoes of a psychotic patient by “hearing voices” on pre-recorded audio.

“Nurses have certain medical protocols to follow, but a patient’s actions—**physical and emotional**—don’t come straight from a textbook.”

and had hidden a blade in the hospital bed to use for wrist-cutting. Another who was diagnosed with psychosis heard voices (student nurses heard pre-recorded audio with headphones) and threatened safety on the unit.

“One of the great things about incorporating live actors into the simulation labs is that we can show the nursing students that there’s more to a patient than just a diagnosis,” says student actor Emily Murgo ’16. “The patient could present with anything from a self-inflicted laceration of the wrist to a grandiose delusion that she’s a Broadway star, or even be triggered into a post-traumatic stress disorder flashback. For me, it was important for the students to see these behaviors, but also for them to realize

that the patient is vulnerable and relies on them for care and support.”

Nursing students were provided patient demographics and background, reason for admission, and three learning objectives before taking on roles as primary nurse, charge nurse, and medication nurse. During the lab, they conducted patient interviews and risk assessments and determined therapeutic responses to agitated patients while being observed by peers on communication, safety, and delegation. A debriefing session followed.

“In addition to faculty feedback, actors presented the patient perspective during debriefing,” Soccio says. “This is where a lot of learning took place.”

Nursing major Peter Blain ’17 found it interesting to collaborate with students to learn about diverse cultural beliefs on mental conditions. “We all have different beliefs about what causes someone to become psychotic, but we’re educated to know and appreciate nursing interventions to help patients and others remain safe. The ability to hear about cultural similarities and differences was a very enriching part of the lab.”

Finding Common Ground

Though acting and nursing are very distinct disciplines, they do share certain commonalities—including improvisation.

“An important part of acting is being able to jump into unexpected situations,” Rijnbout says. “You or a fellow actor may forget lines or change something, and it’s critical to stay on your toes in order to react and keep the show moving.”

The same, Soccio says, happens in the field of nursing. “Nurses have certain medical protocols to follow, but a patient’s actions—physical and emotional—don’t come straight from a textbook. People have individual characteristics and you have to be ready for the unexpected.”

Empathy is another attribute shared by both actors and nurses.

“Acting is strongly based on empathy with the character, as you have to put yourself in their shoes,” Rijnbout explains. “Student actors researched the background of the patients: where they come from, what they fear, and what it’s like to live with a mental illness.”

The British Journal of General Practice reported that empathy is linked to lowering patients' anxiety and distress, and delivering significantly better clinical outcomes (Stewart W. Mercer and William J. Reynolds, 2002). Not surprisingly, patient-centered care is on the rise in the field of healthcare. According to the Institute of Medicine, it is defined as "providing care that is respectful of and responsive to individual patient preferences, needs, and values and ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions." Empathy plays a key role.

"Although simulation is a concept that was initially developed for hands-on nursing care, studies show that students can also learn effective communication skills," Soccio notes. "This ties in to learning how to be empathetic toward patients."

Preparing for Life's Role

Market demand for nurses is on the rise, with a projected need for 1.05 million nurses by 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. But a 2014 study by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing reported that U.S. nursing schools turned away 78,089 qualified students from baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in 2013 due to an insufficient number of faculty, clinical sites, classrooms, clinical preceptors, and budget constraints.

"There's difficulty to secure appropriate mental health inpatient clinical placements for pre-licensure students because there are multiple schools competing for limited sites," Soccio notes. "If students don't have appropriate clinical opportunities to learn effective communication, assessment, intervention, and critical thinking skills, patients with mental health disorders won't receive high quality, competent care."

Inspiration for Soccio's project came from The National Council of State Boards of Nursing National Simulation Study, which provides evidence that simulation can effectively replace traditional clinical hours up to 50 percent (Hayden et al., 2014). She revised three existing case scenarios and scripts from the University of Maryland and developed two additional ones based on research. The setting: simulated labs—with hospital beds, computers on wheels, and medical equipment—in Regis' Clinical Resource and Simulation Center in College Hall.

Nursing students report that the simulation helped them prepare for clinicals.

"The scenarios made it a lot easier to learn how to intervene and react depending on the disorder," Blain says. "My top takeaways included patient safety as a number one priority, and the impact that a nurse's actions can have on helping or hindering a patient's success."

The spring program was so successful that Regis has used the model as a best practice for other core nursing classes at Regis—including for 16 part-time nursing students during the summer and for the pediatric/maternity program.

"Life is a continuous improvisation, and the simulations mimicked real-life situations," Rijnbout says. "We all play roles: the role of patient, nurse, teacher, wife, and father, for example. We're always experiencing new situations."

Soccio agrees. "As much as you prepare for nursing, it's the experience that provides the confidence to succeed. Using a non-threatening environment helped to boost students' knowledge of mental health, self-confidence, critical thinking, and decision-making skills. This can all be taken to the bedside." ■

SIMULATION HUB

The Clinical Resource and Simulation Center at Regis is a hub of activity for all pre-licensure nursing students. The center, run by lab faculty trained as certified simulation healthcare educators, houses four simulation labs and multiple debriefing rooms.

Among the programming: a "clinical boot camp" simulation for beginning nursing students and a multi-patient simulation and focus on prioritization and delegation for graduating students. Simulation scenarios in maternity include a postpartum hemorrhage and a newborn assessment utilizing low-fidelity newborn manikins.

"These areas are often lacking in novice nurses as they transition into professional practice," says center Director and Associate Professor of Nursing Patricia McCauley, DNP. "Regis is preparing future nurses with evidence-based best practices in simulation."

Crowning Achievements

Renee Banks '19 on pageants, nursing, and the fight against melanoma

BY ALLYSON MANCHESTER

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As a finalist in the 2015 Miss Massachusetts competition, Renee Banks '19 embodies beauty that is more than skin deep. And after losing her grandfather to melanoma in 2008, she knows that skincare is not something to be overlooked.

"From a young age, I've made it my mission to raise awareness about melanoma," she says, "especially since learning that this type of cancer is almost 100 percent preventable."

Banks was a freshman at West Bridgewater High School in Massachusetts when she began to search for a platform for melanoma outreach. She soon discovered the perfect support system in the Miss America Organization. In addition to providing her with the tools she needed to promote melanoma awareness, Miss America would also help Banks hone her public speaking skills and pursue other passions, such as tap dancing.

"As a fifth grader, I had the opportunity to meet Miss Massachusetts 2008 and, looking back, I see that she was really my greatest inspiration to start competing," Banks recalls.

She began her Miss America career through the Miss Massachusetts Outstanding Teen program. She competed three times during high school, twice finishing in the top five. The organization encouraged her to continue her work in melanoma awareness.

Since then, she has become a full-fledged activist for healthy skin. In 2012, Banks formally entitled her platform "Melanoma Awareness: Educate. Demonstrate. Terminate." Her early work involved creating a sun safety program for elementary school students. She also fundraised for educational materials and introduced the Melanoma Education Foundation's "Melanoma Lesson" to her high school. Thanks to her efforts, students at West Bridgewater High School still learn about melanoma in health class.

The Beauty of Nursing

Her passion for skincare and children's health was so strong that, in her later years of high school, Banks began looking for ways to turn it into a career. "I decided that I wanted to go to nursing school to become a neonatal nurse. I love working with babies and want to help save lives."

Again, she turned to the Miss America Organization for the tools to make her dreams a reality, this time by winning a scholarship to enroll in the nursing program at Regis.

"I knew that I wanted to go to Regis because it's close to all of the top-notch hospitals in Boston. The scholarships I received through my Miss America experience have been immensely beneficial in helping me attend Regis."

In addition to scholarships, Miss America has provided Banks with meaningful field experiences that complement her coursework at Regis. One of her favorites was a meet-and-greet with patients and families at Baystate Children's Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts, and a visit to the neonatal intensive care unit. The hospital is part of the Children's Miracle Network of Hospitals (CMNH), the national platform of the Miss America Organization. Miss America titleholders like Banks serve as ambassadors to CMNH and raise funds each year for the cause.

Staying Poised

Banks balances a rigorous courseload with her Miss America Organization activities. (Her favorite course thus far is Anatomy & Physiology II.) She says that a general psychology class has already helped her improve the way that she teaches melanoma awareness classes.

"In the past, I had some trouble teaching sun safety to teenage audiences, particularly because



I could never understand why they would make the decision to use tanning beds when they know that it causes deadly cancer. My psychology class at Regis has given me a helpful picture of how the adolescent brain works, and now I'm better at reaching my audience."

Banks was named Miss Blackstone Valley and now holds the title of Miss Plymouth County. Earlier this year, she went on to finish in the top 11 contestants for Miss Massachusetts.

Even though Banks competes in a Miss America pageant only once each year, her melanoma activism


"The inspiration to make a difference and the ideas to spread my message came from inside me, but Miss America gave me a platform to a **broader audience.**"

is a year-round labor of love. As the student ambassador for the Melanoma Education Foundation, she visits many groups of children around the state and teaches them how to protect their skin. She loves doing hands-on activities and teaching the three "S's" of effective sun protection: sunscreen, sunglasses, and shade. She also stresses the importance of regular skin examinations.

Looking back, Banks credits Miss America for helping her skincare programs gain popularity so quickly.

"The inspiration to make a difference and the ideas to spread my message came from inside me, but Miss America gave me a platform to a broader audience," she says. "Even now, when I speak to a group of children about skin safety, the kids are much more engaged in the conversation when I'm wearing my crown."

In order to continue to participate in Miss America events, Banks must maintain a high level of academic achievement.

"Something many people don't know is that one of the four points of the Miss America crown stands for scholarship," she says. "I sometimes have to sacrifice sleep and social time to make sure I fulfill all of my commitments, but it's definitely worth it. My dream of becoming a nurse is my biggest motivator." 

To learn more about melanoma prevention, visit Banks' Facebook page: [facebook.com / MelanomaAwarenessEducateDemonstrateTerminate](https://facebook.com/MelanomaAwarenessEducateDemonstrateTerminate)

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BUILDS
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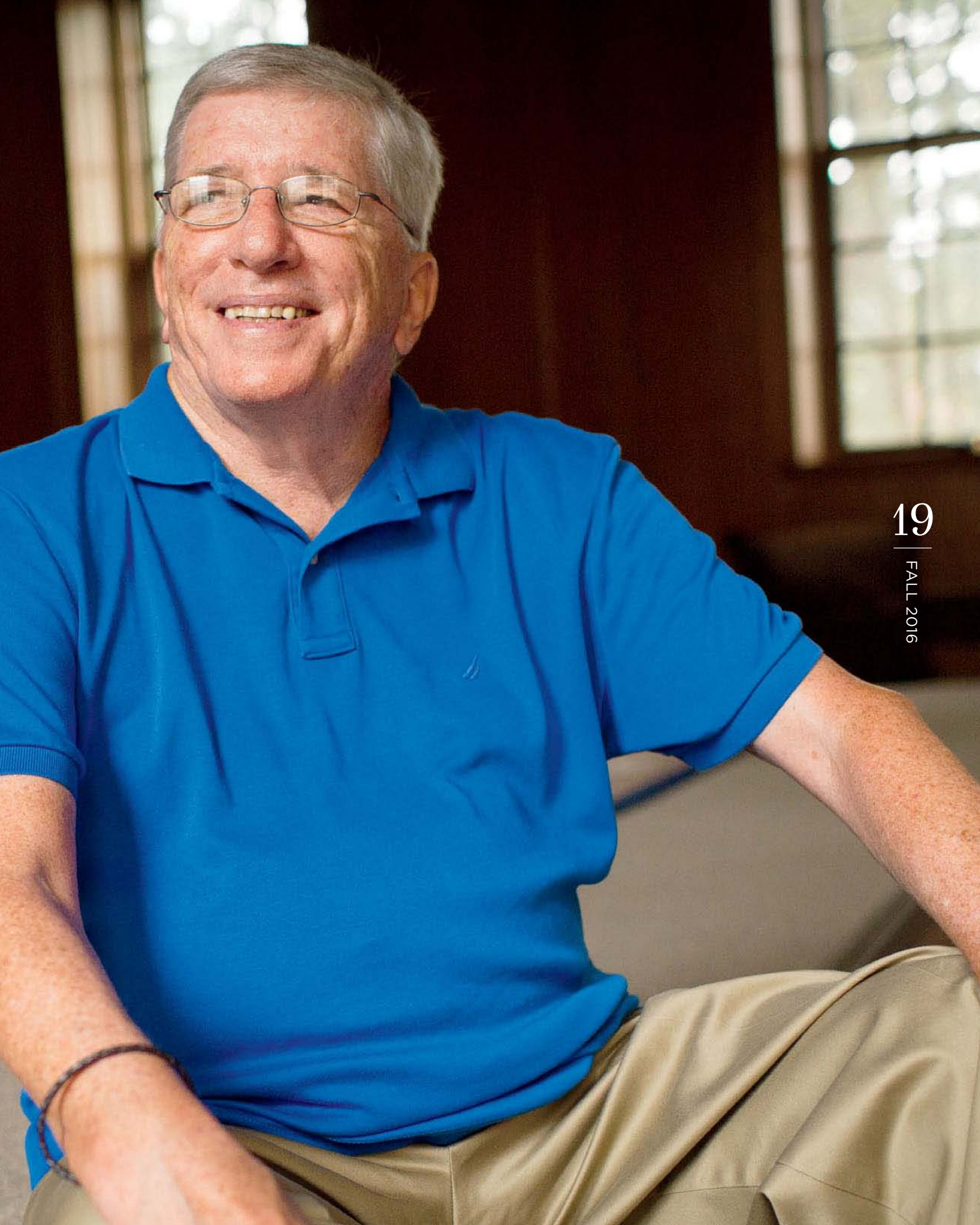
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**KATHLEEN
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On a humid summer's day, Father Paul Kilroy meanders through the Regis campus. The school chaplain wears khakis, a blue golf shirt, and Birkenstocks—a decision on his part not to wear a clerical collar to school.

He eats lunch in the cafeteria (“I can get more done in the cafeteria.”) and sits on the wall outside Maria Hall, enlisting students passing by: “Excuse me,” he says to them, “I think I need you.”

Kilroy needs students for many things. He needs them to do outreach, to come on retreats, to participate in the Center for Ministry and Service’s high school mentoring program—to take part in building the Regis community.

“It’s the only way to get this done,” Kilroy says. “This” meaning his ministry. He calls it “eyeballing”—meeting students face-to-face.



is style of ministry has paid off in more ways than one.

When Matt Norton '17 had doubts during freshman year, the Weymouth, Massachusetts, native talked with Kilroy, who encouraged him to stick it out—get involved.

At Kilroy's urging, he joined the Student Government Association. As a junior and now senior, Norton has served as SGA president. He became a Pride Guide, giving campus tours to prospec-

tive students, which he still does. A runner, he was already on the cross-country and track teams.

"Now I can't imagine not being here at all," Norton says.

When Marcos Aguirre '18 from Los Angeles felt like he was in a "rough place in my life" his sophomore year, he turned to Kilroy.

"Father Paul let me know that I have a family here at Regis that cares for me and for everything that I do," Aguirre recalls. "He helped me become more motivated."

Affectionately known as "Father Paul," Kilroy has been a rock, confidant, cheerleader, spiritual leader, and, well, a father figure to many a Regis student. Since becoming chaplain in 2007, in part to ease the transition from an all-women to a coed campus, Kilroy has helped countless Regis students find their way as budding young adults.

"Father Paul is 'fatherly' in the sense that he looks after and genuinely cares about the students at Regis," Norton explains. "He is very easy to talk to and if you ever need anything he is always willing to lend a helping hand."

For nearly 10 years Kilroy has led convocations in prayer, greeted freshmen at orientations, and lit up students' faces with an enthusiastic, "Better for seeing you!" after they ask how he is.

The Center for Ministry and Service (formerly Campus Ministry)—grounded in the values of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Regis' founders—is central to his work. Located in St. Joseph Hall, its mission is to foster and develop the spiritual life of students, faculty, and staff. While preserving a rich Catholic heritage, the purpose is to provide opportunities for persons of all faiths to grow spiritually.

The center is a physical space with couches, a popcorn maker, mini fridge, and encouraging sayings such as "Do what makes you happy"—comforts of a home away from home. Kilroy's office is here, though he's more likely than not roaming the campus connecting with students. The center also provides opportunities for fellowship, such as Sunday evening Mass in the chapel, retreats and programs, and service, such as mission trips in the U.S. and abroad. (See sidebar.)

Kilroy has a number of projects in the works: Making the center more visible and establishing a Peace Room and a community around the Peace Pole



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are a few items recently on the agenda. But his main work is with students, helping them build a bridge from adolescent faith to young adult faith. "I won't get to adult—not quite there yet," he says. "But I want to get them on that bridge."

"One of the beauties is to watch freshmen become seniors," says Kilroy. "You see such a different person—to see them grow and change."

MORE PARADOX THAN ORTHODOX

"We use the term vocation," says Daniel Leahy, director of the Center for Ministry and Service. "[Father Paul] helps people fully be the person God has created them to be. When people bump into someone like Paul Kilroy, he helps them become fully themselves."

As a freshman, Stanley Onyeneko '14 remembers Kilroy as always smiling as he passed him in the hall. "He is a kind, charismatic person," says Onyeneko, now a graduate intern in the Office of Student Programming and Leadership.

Kilroy takes his work seriously, but not too seriously. He's the one donning a hard hat at Baccalaureate to connect the students' enduring loud construction on campus with the ongoing construction of their lives post-graduation. He's the one handing out "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Catholicism" to students as confirmation gifts.

"They all get one," he chuckles. "It's super, it's direct, it's not a book to be read—it's a book to be indexed."

Laughter punctuates his exchanges not only with students, but with faculty and staff.

His laid back yet energetic demeanor coupled with his down-to-earth straight shooting makes him a perfect personality to heed the needs of college students in the throes of constant change, self-exploration, and growth of an inward and outward kind.

"[Students tell me] he seems to break a real stereotype about a Catholic priest—that he's going to be stiff and aloof," says Leahy. "The students find him just the opposite."

A DEEPER WAY TO LIVE

Kilroy grew up in the Boston neighborhood of Dorchester, thick in the Irish Catholic ways of the time. Ordained a Catholic priest in 1970 on the heels of Vatican II, a revolutionary time in the Catholic church, Kilroy knows a thing or two about growth and change. His college experience came at a time when young seminary students were reflecting on their own identities as men and as spiritual leaders, and questioning beliefs in the Catholic tradition that hadn't been examined for centuries.

Kilroy's decision to become a priest grew on him. He wanted to "help people find meaning in their lives—and find a deeper way to live."

Today, he is doing that through campus projects.

Over the summer, in an answer to escalating gun violence and the police officers killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Kilroy spearheaded the installation of a Peace Pole. Surrounded by a circle of rocks under a canopy of leafy branches at the far end of the quadrangle near the Student Center (formerly known as Alumnae Hall) stands a white pole with black lettering in different languages that reads, "May peace prevail on Earth." Every Thursday from 12:05 to 12:15 p.m. Kilroy offers a quiet prayer for anyone who wants to come.

"The point of praying is in terms of peace in your life, the world, and the Regis campus—what we need to pray for that day," he says.

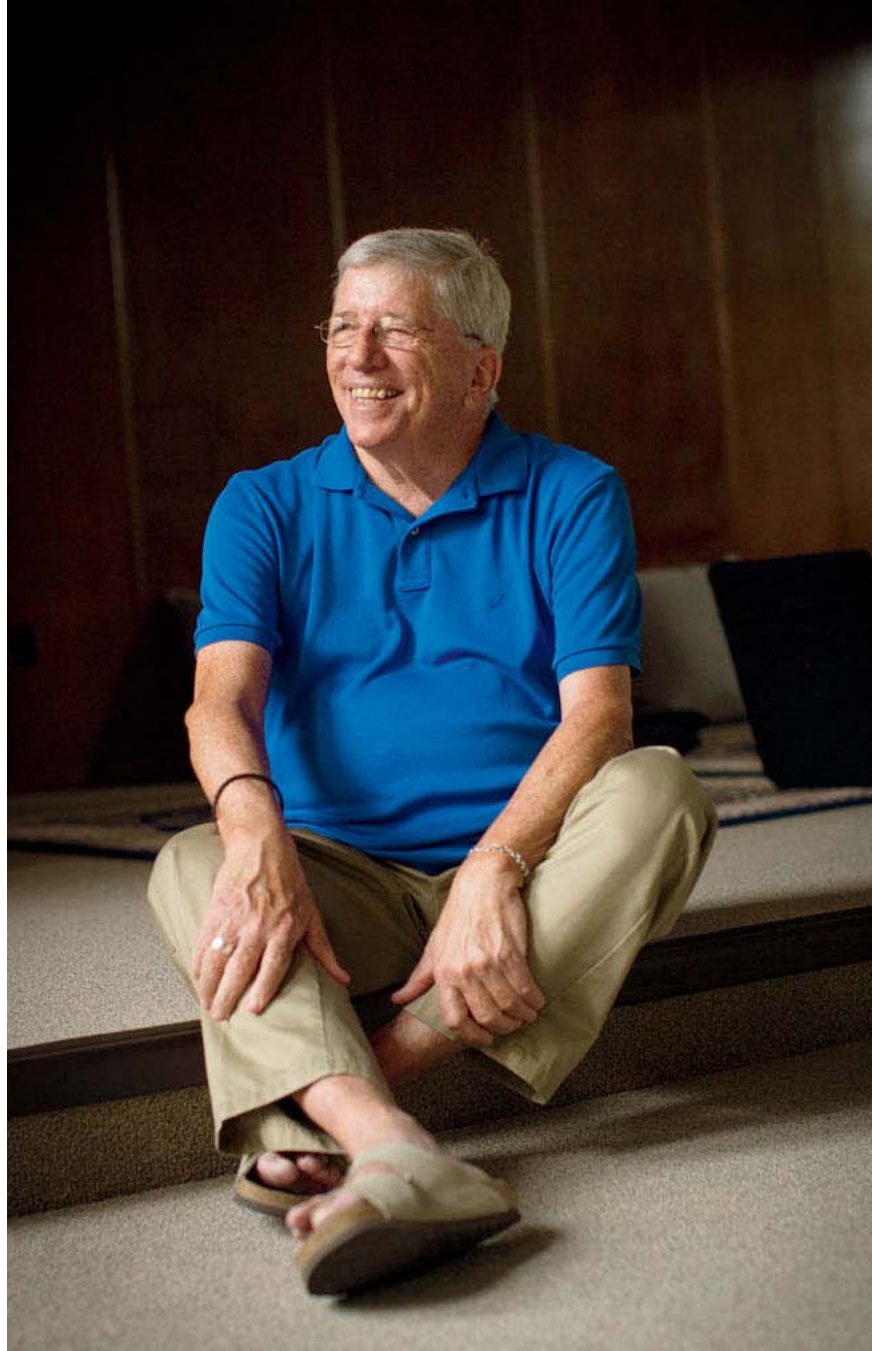
To serve the multi-faith community that Regis is—many students who attend Regis are not Catholic—the Peace Room, a large room adjacent to the center, is a quiet safe haven to sit, reflect, and find solace.

Then there is the grotto, an outdoor refuge hidden between the Regis Tower near Walters Hall. Stone steps lead to it from the left of the Tower, revealing a statue of the Virgin Mary set in a stone arch. A manicured lawn and plantings show care for the natural setting once used by the Sisters. Kilroy held the fall semester's opening Mass there on September 11, as well as the introduction to Founder's Day on September 29 (see page 4).

Among Kilroy's collaborators is Jeffrie Parrish '14, a graduate intern in the Center for Ministry and Service, who created "Guys Night" as a way to engage Regis males in open and supportive conversations about life issues and spiritual health. Once a semester, the center sponsors an evening of food, drink, and a featured speaker.

All of these projects are designed to build community, one of three core components of the Regis strategic plan.

"Working with Father Paul is good because he adds balance to the team and is a very go-with-the-flow type person," says Karen Márquez '16, a graduate intern in the Center for Ministry and Service. "At the same time [he] is on top of everything that he does and that his team is in charge of."




SERVICE, NEAR AND FAR

If you've chatted with students who have participated in the Center for Ministry and Service mission trips in the states and abroad, you'll hear a common phrase: The experience is life-changing. And Regis students learn that service is a way of life. Throughout the year, including summers, the center sends students to areas of the globe to offer "love and service of the Dear Neighbor without distinction," a core value of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Students participate in everything from home building to community building. This year alone, upwards of 149 students applied to go to New Orleans, Peru, and Jamaica; forty-six students were chosen for those destinations. For 12 years, Regis has been sending upwards of 20 students to Peru each year to the coastal town of Villa El Salvador to tend to infants in a local orphanage and to help the elderly in nursing homes and the community. For more information on service trips and other opportunities for service, contact the Center for Ministry and Service at ministry@regiscollege.edu or 781.768.7027.

Kilroy lives at St. Anthony Church in Allston and loves to travel, ski (in Austria), cook, and cycle. He has helped lead alumni trips to Ireland and, this past summer, to Italy, where he said Mass in various towns, including Assisi, along the way. Next July he'll join alumni and friends in the European Alps for the annual trip.

Kilroy presided over President Antoinette M. Hays' daughter Alexis Przybylski Lawton's wedding and baptized Hays' granddaughters, Olivia and Nora. His relationship with President Hays goes back to her youth, when she was a member of one of his parish's youth groups.

When you do make it down to Father Paul's office, notice the print by painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir above his desk. It's familiar to anyone who has seen it: "Luncheon of the Boating Party." The 19th-century Impressionist painter captured friends gathered in joie de vivre around a white-cloth table, drinking wine, relaxed in conversation in the afternoon light.

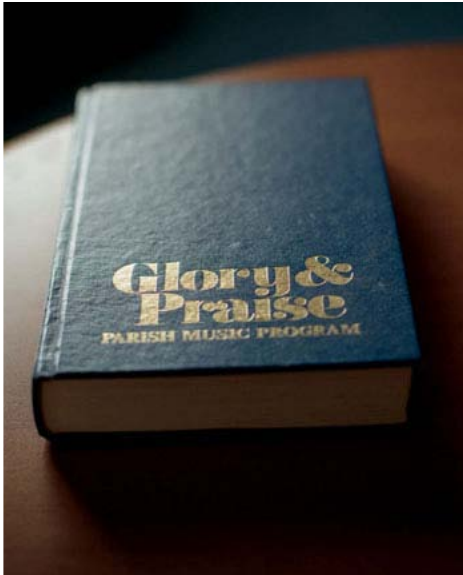
It's Father Paul's vision of what the Eucharist—the sacrament of Holy Communion—should be about: "Just people being with each other and ever-changing each other's lives. Being the better for it." 

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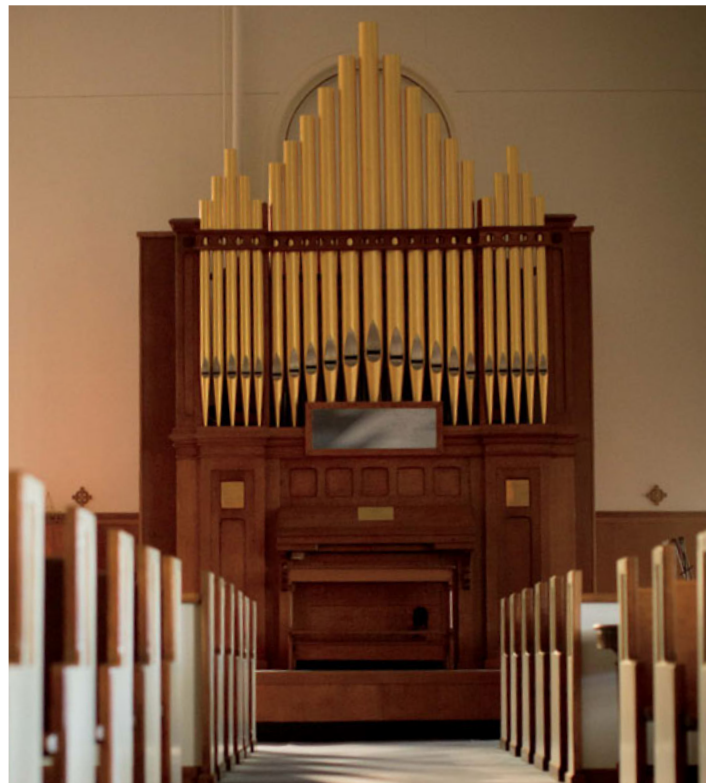
SACRED SPACES

There are spaces all over the Regis campus for prayer, peaceful reflection, and community-building for students of all faiths. The grotto (top left), located behind the Tower, was recently refurbished thanks to the generous support of two trustees, and the Regis community gathered there for a Mass and Founder's Day. Father Paul celebrates regular Masses in the College Hall Chapel, and the annual Memorial Liturgy is held there to remember alumni who have passed away. Students of all faiths gather in solidarity around the Peace Pole, and the Peace Room is a quiet space for reflection.



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As long as there have been languages,
there have been interpreters.
Learn how **MARIA VERTKIN '11** is
harnessing this ancient profession
to create better futures for
immigrant women in Greater Boston.

Finding Their voice

BY THERESE SISON / PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN DOOHER

HIGH POVERTY RATES, homelessness, low wages, loss of cultural identity—these are just some of the challenges women immigrating to the United States may experience. It's a dynamic that Maria Vertkin '11 understands innately and is working to change.

A native of Russia, Vertkin immigrated with her family to Israel at age six, followed by another move to the United States when she was 11 years old.

"My family made these moves with a desire to achieve better economic opportunities, but we continued to face challenges," she recalls. "During high school, I experienced even more struggles on my own. I was homeless for a brief period."



With finances tight, Vertkin launched her first venture, a business directory for home contractors. Nine months in and after many sleepless nights, she received her first check from a paying customer. Despite the achievement, she felt something was missing.

"I should have felt euphoric, and yet I didn't," says Vertkin. "It made me reevaluate what I wanted to be doing. I realized that my heart beats for a different cause."

That question led her to human services classes at Massachusetts Bay Community College. After completing two years of her education there, she knew she wanted to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work, and she knew she wanted to do it at Regis.

"Regis is the only school I applied to," says Vertkin, who received the Regis Presidential and Class of 1961 scholarships, which made the move to Regis financially feasible for her.

Vertkin was still a student at Regis in 2011 when she created Found in Translation, a nonprofit providing medical interpreter certificate training and job placement services to low-income, bilingual women. She was inspired in part by her life experiences, and developed the concept while working at Rediscovery, an organization helping at-risk and troubled adolescent boys transition from treatment facilities into the community. The project was initially funded by a \$40,000 Kip Tiernan Social Justice Fellowship, named for the founder of the nation's first women's shelter, Rosie's Place, in Boston.

"The healthcare field has high demand for bilingual workers, but many qualified, low-income women don't have the money or resources to get access to training," she says. "We offer a merit-based program that places talented and driven women directly into jobs."

The centerpiece of Found in Translation is the tuition-free Language Access Fellowship, featuring a rigorous, 120-hour curriculum that well exceeds the minimum of 40 hours required by the National Council on Interpreting in Health Care for medical interpreter training programs. This comprehensive education ensures that Found in Translation alumni do not only excel in their job placements, but are at the top of many employers' lists to fill medical interpreting positions.

During the program, students cover the fundamentals of medical interpreting, learning medical terminology in multiple languages, anatomy, and physiology taught by practicing clinicians; receiving language coaching; and exploring medical interpreting ethics. Found in Translation's most popular languages include Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Arabic; others represented among the students include everything from Swahili to Turkish to Thai.

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A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

A unique piece of Found in Translation's approach to education is its full complement of supportive services for students, including on-site playgroups for students' children, transportation assistance, mentorship programs, job skills training, and financial literacy education.

"For many women, there are a lot of barriers in the way of their education that have nothing to do with how good an interpreter they might be," Vertkin says. "We provide support so that their success can be based solely on how hard they work."

It's a need Vertkin understands firsthand. "I've faced similar challenges to what our students face," she explains. "Our approach is not based simply on textbook knowledge of the societal problems we are addressing, but a real-world understanding."

One of the most significant ways that Found in Translation stands out from other medical interpreter training programs is what happens after a student's education is complete, according to Vertkin. The organization provides graduates with job-seeking assistance and resources. Students also have opportunities



to be placed directly into competitive, well-paying positions offered directly by Found in Translation—a pipeline that not only creates an employment path for graduates, but also provides a unique method for Found in Translation to generate revenue.

“The increase in income that our students experience can transform their lives,” says Vertkin. “Within months, they can go from an hourly wage of \$14 to more than \$20. Today, the graduates of classes 2012 to 2014 earn approximately \$10,000 more annually than when they first enrolled in our program. Combined, that is \$1.2 million extra income above baseline.”

In addition to its job opportunities and resources, Found in Translation offers multi-year alumni services, including access to professional development resources and workshops, help with covering the costs of national certification, and set pay raises when specific milestones are achieved.

Vertkin says it’s a critical piece of the program. “If you provide services and then suddenly stop, you’re in danger of losing all of the success you’ve achieved. We are committed to giving our students long-term

help and adjusting it as needed. We don’t want students simply to achieve success; we want them to stay connected and help other graduates.”

This multi-pronged approach has proven to be extremely competitive. In its first year, Found in Translation received 164 applications for 21 class spots; for its most recent class of 35 students, 485 women applied. Application rates like these have made Found in Translation one of the most selective medical interpreter training programs in the country—and the only one boasting an Ivy League admission rate, according to Vertkin.

“Our selection process is similar to the college admission process. Having such a strong applicant pool has helped us build a solid brand and position our graduates well in the eyes of employers.”

The results have earned accolades for Vertkin: She was named to the 2016 *Chronicle of Philanthropy* 40 Under 40 list, and a 2016 *Forbes* 30 Under 30 Social Entrepreneur, among many other awards and honors.

And yet, despite the praise, Vertkin finds her greatest fulfillment in another source.

“Immigration is a disorienting, diminishing experience,” she says. “It leaves people feeling helpless, out of place, and excluded. It’s amazing to give women an opportunity to turn their most stigmatized characteristics—their linguistic and cultural backgrounds—into their greatest assets in the workforce. What was once a barrier becomes something that permanently and positively changes the trajectories of their careers and lives.”

Importantly, Found in Translation students aren’t the only ones benefitting from the program. Providing patients with access to trained interpreters is more than a crucial way of addressing healthcare disparities—it is a federally protected civil right. According to Vertkin, for some patients, the interpreter is the single person in the entire hospital who can understand them. And with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reporting that the number of medical interpreter positions is growing at a rate of more than 45 percent per decade, Found in Translation students are well-positioned to help fill that critical gap.

“The talent to fill that need is in places where no one looks: poor communities,” says Vertkin. “If we can recognize the strengths and gifts of immigrant women, we can fix so many problems in our health-care system.”

For Vertkin, underpinning such successes is her Regis education. “The social work program at Regis gave me the theoretical foundation that addressed social problems on an individual, family, and societal level,” she says. “I don’t think I could have done this without that education.” ■

Learn more about Found in Translation at found-in-translation.org.



Boston-area leaders and members of the Regis community gathered for the first annual Let It Shine Gala to support student scholarships.



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Inspirational. Brilliant. Heartwarming. Marvelous. Extraordinary. Thrilling. Grand. Incredible. These are just some of the words that guests have used to describe the inaugural Let It Shine Gala at the State Room.

Regis illuminated the city of Boston with a remarkable lineup of leaders and supporters and Regis family who came together to honor an institution that, for nine decades, has been changing lives and creating unlimited opportunities for students from all backgrounds.

"Let It Shine is about letting the good inside of every person shine through, regardless of race, gender, or economic circumstance," said communications major and Glee Singer Blessing Ajaero '17. "And that is what Regis is helping me and thousands of other students find—our own inner light."

Ajaero opened the Let It Shine program with an impressive performance of *This Little Light of Mine*, and then later returned to the stage to dedicate *You Raise Me Up* to gala honoree Virginia Pyne Kaneb '57. (See sidebar on page 31.) As Ajaero made her way through the crowd, the centerpieces on the tables illuminated from the inside to showcase the elements that make Regis unique and exceptional.

Ajaero's performance was just the beginning of what would prove to be a spectacular evening. After inspirational speeches from Let It Shine co-chair John Fish, CEO and chairman of Suffolk Construction Company, and Regis President Antoinette M. Hays, as well as a special video message from co-chair Anne Finucane, vice chairman of Bank of America, Emcee Kelley Tuthill, vice president of marketing and communications, welcomed Jack Connors to the stage to conduct a fund-our-mission "auction" to raise funds for scholarship.

But first, a surprise for the audience: Jim Rice, member of the Baseball Hall of Fame and former Red Sox outfielder, joined Connors on stage and told the crowd he had something "big" for them. As he began to unravel something white, guests cheered and applauded when they saw the Red Sox jersey with

number 34—David Ortiz—in Rice's hand. Connors kicked off the fund-our-mission by auctioning the autographed Ortiz jersey for \$10,000.

He didn't stop there. The fund-our-mission turned into a rapid fire bidding war despite the fact that there were no actual auction items. As the bid cards flew up and Connors shouted bid number after bid number from the stage, the joy and amazement in the room was palpable. In just 10 minutes, Connors raised \$350,000—a figure that, when added to sponsorships and contributions, catapulted the total funding raised for Let It Shine to nearly \$1 million.


"The generosity of so many guests during the fund-our-mission overwhelmed me," says Hays. "Thanks to Jack and our co-chairs and to all of our amazing sponsors and donors, we surpassed our goal and

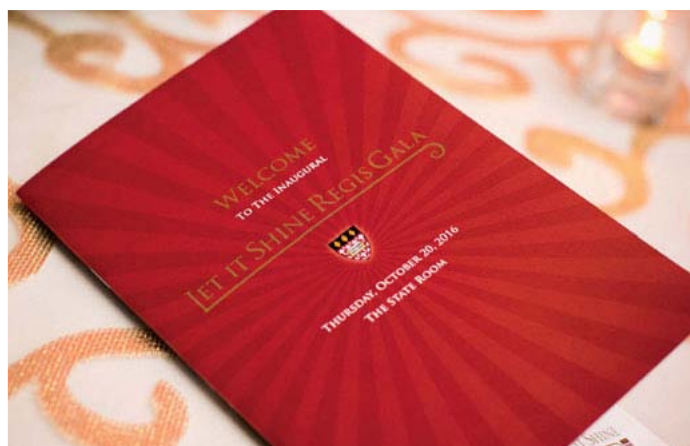
Let It Shine



exceeded everyone's expectations. And the best part is that I will see the incredible impact every single day on campus."

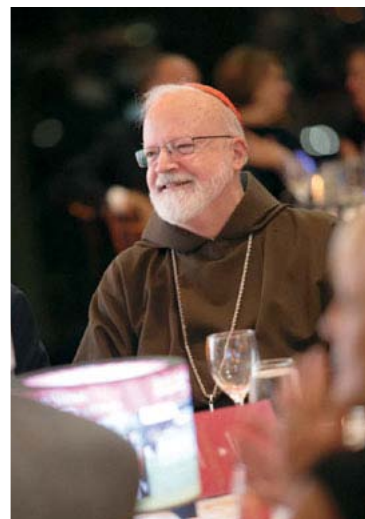
And just when everyone thought the night was wrapping up, another surprise guest arrived to offer congratulations to Regis and to honoree Ginny Kaneb: Governor Charlie Baker. Cardinal Seán O'Malley closed out the evening with a blessing.

Co-chair John Fish said it best in his speech: "Regis is in the midst of a transformation and is clearly on a path to greatness and a very, very bright future. Anne Finucane and I accepted the role of co-chair because we knew we wanted to be part of something very special. We believe these achievements were not by accident, but because of the strong leadership of President Toni Hays. We believe in Regis' mission and Regis' core values. We believe in the Catholic faith and its values. But more importantly, we believe in the Regis roadmap to the future. Because in the end, it is all about the future." 



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Virginia Pyne Kaneb '57 Shining Example Award Recipient

World-renowned sculptor Nancy Schön (right), best known for her "Make Way for Ducklings" sculpture in the Boston Public Garden, created the one-of-a-kind Shining Example Award for Let It Shine honoree Virginia Pyne Kaneb '57. The bronze piece is a replica of the Regis Tower atop a passion flower with Regis words and themes—such as service, peace, educate, respect, and love—inscribed on each petal.

Kaneb represents all of these Regis ideals and more. She established the Virginia Pyne Kaneb '57 Scholars Program, which funds both student scholarships and faculty research and development. The Kaneb Technology Fund in 2012 helped to launch the iPad initiative, a groundbreaking technological advancement that has earned Regis worldwide recognition as an Apple Distinguished School.

"I've gotten to know the Kaneb family because of the many philanthropic and charitable pursuits that they have been involved in as a family," said Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker during his surprise visit to the Let It Shine Gala. "I think it's spectacularly terrific that Regis chose to honor Ginny tonight ... and to speak to the fact that these people truly are a civic treasure for us all."

Kaneb is a true Regis champion—she has changed the lives of countless students and faculty and Regis will forever shine a light on her accomplishments and generosity.



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1 Alumni and their families enjoyed a beautiful night at Fenway Park for Regis Night at the Red Sox in July.

2 Classmates from 1949 gathered at the Cape Cod Luncheon at Willowbend Country Club. Clockwise from top left: Dorothy Waldron Fitzgerald, Betty Ann Hynes Elliott, Nancy Natoli Fay, Marion Comerford Cowie, and Eileen Dewire Locke.

3 Alumnae of the '60s enjoyed each other's company on Cape Cod in August. Left to right: Ann McManus Joyce '62, Joan Darney Dwyer '62, Sue Donnelly Riley '63, Helene Swiatek Savicki '62, Carole Fiorine Barrett '63.

4 Alumni danced at the party under the tent at the All-Alumni Reunion. Clockwise from top left: Edgar Ayala '11,

Nate Fagundo '11, Steven Joseph '11, James Guaragna '11, '13, Melissa Mieses '11, and Katherine Irizarry '12.

5 Clockwise from top left: Kay Rosicky Devlin, Mary Jo Kilmain, Anne Smith Tobin, Joan Meleski Kenney, Patricia Graham Kelley, Tish Albiani Carney, Margaret Cahill Scanlon, Lu Berube Williams, and Dotty Madden Cannon from the Class of 1958 sat together at the Cape Cod Luncheon.

6 1974 classmates (from left to right) Joanne Crowley, Mary Ann Walsh Lewis, trustee, and Marie Driscoll Hanlon caught up at the Sister Simone Campbell welcome reception in May.

7 Class of 2006 alumnae showed their Regis spirit outside Morrison House at their 10th Reunion in May.





8 Class of 1991 alumnae were fans of musician Jim Plunkett (center) at the All-Alumni Reunion under the tent at the Tower in May.

9 Women from the Class of 1981 posed for a quick photo with Zita Fleming, CSJ, '59 (center) following the Alumni Luncheon at Reunion Weekend in May.

10 A group of 30-plus alumni and friends traveled through Italy together in July, stopping for a photo at Basilica di San Francesco in Assisi after a Mass celebrated by Regis Chaplain Father Paul Kilroy.



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Regis in California

February 9
San Francisco

February 11
Los Angeles

February 12
San Diego

Regis in Florida

March 11
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Naples

March 12
Mass and Brunch
Naples

Regis in DC

Spring 2017 (Date TBD)
Cosmos Club
Washington, DC

Reunion Weekend

May 12-14
Regis campus

All-Alumni Reunion

May 13
Regis campus

Golf Tournament

June 5
Marlborough Country Club
Marlborough, Mass.

Alumni and Friends Trip to the European Alps

July 21-29, 2017

SAVE THE DATE REUNION WEEKEND MAY 12 TO 14, 2017

Classes ending in "2" or "7" will celebrate a Reunion in 2017. All classes are welcome for dinner and dancing under the tent for the All-Alumni Reunion on Saturday evening, May 13.

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class notes

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REGIS TODAY

1945

❖ **Annette Pendergast, 101 Weatherbee Drive, Westwood, MA 02090, 781-326-1230** ¶ I have very little news to tell you about our class. The last item that involved our class was our 70th Reunion Weekend where only three of us were able to attend. Since then I have talked to **Philomene Winchester Murphy** who has moved from Concord to Framingham to St. Patrick's Manor assisted living. She is very happy there and keeps busy. I have plans to go there and visit as soon as I come home from Cape Cod, which will be in late September. Another classmate that I heard from in a letter this spring and summer was **Doris Lynch** who was staying at her summer home in Gloucester on the North Shore. Her niece and family live nearby so she will have family handy during summer and fall. ¶ I received a Christmas card from **Mary Sullivan O'Brien** of Milton. She has usually kept in touch with me and I appreciate hearing from her each Christmas. Class Notes will only be published in fall issues of *Regis Today* now. ¶ Girls, stay happy and healthy and if you can drop me a line of news that would be great.

1947 70th Reunion

❖ **Phyllis Brosnahan Richardson, 3 Wingate Road, Lexington, MA 02420, 781-862-6262** ¶ It is with great sadness that I report the passing of our dear friend and classmate **S. Dorothy McKenzie**, who died in the spring after a relatively brief illness. Always upbeat, compassionate, and giving to all, Dot was our class cheerleader, beloved aunt to her family, a woman devoted to the community of St. Joseph and a dear friend to hundreds of Regis alumnae, including me. Dot found joy in each and every day—whether her day was spent as companion/chauffeur for the Bethany community, advocate for Regis, lifelong volunteer, educator, champion for the next generation of the McKenzie clan, or convener of a magnificent prayer circle to support those in need. Her funeral mass reflected the depth of her faith, the spirit of the St. Joseph community, and the love of her family. It was truly inspirational. We will sorely miss her

boundless optimism and genuinely good heart. We also mourn the passing of our classmates **Claire Gallant Morin, Eileen Prebensen, and Patricia Harrigan Sullivan**. Please remember their families in your prayers. ¶ As I call around to classmates for updates, I discover that we share a similar challenge of late—steadiness on our feet. **Rita Dailey Brosnahan**, who still gets out for a walk each day, has recovered nicely after a slip that injured her wrist. Our new class president, **Alice Dunbar O'Halloran**, had an unfortunate fall in her home and fractured her neck. Alice is back home after a long stay in rehab and with family. Even though the injury has cut down on Alice's social activities, she's upbeat about things. I know she'd appreciate hearing from you as she continues to get stronger. **Marguerite "Peg" Donovan** and I both experienced the pains of fractured ribs after having fallen in the home. Thankfully we have both recovered well. Indeed Peg continues to have an active social calendar—houseguests at Cape Cod, travels to a myriad of family weddings, and Norwegian Cruise line adventures to Bermuda and Canada. Al and I were fortunate to return to Florida this past winter accompanied by our daughter Elaine M. Richardson '76. In March, Elaine and I along with **Gertrude Breen Alfredson** attended the annual Regis Mass and Brunch in Naples, FL where over 100 friends and alumnae gathered to hear President Toni Hays share information about successful programs (Regis North—a new partnership with Northern Essex Community College) and an exciting vision for Regis as showcased by the personal stories of Regis students. Gert Breen continues an active travel schedule—in July she was one of 32 Regis travelers to Tuscany and Florence, Italy. Most remarkable according to Gert? "The Hills of Assisi are like no other—they go straight up!" Gert and **Phyllis Campbell Gallinelli** continue to participate in LLARC—Lifelong Learning at Regis College. Both highly recommend the program. We hear that **Dottie Gibbons Sullivan** has moved from Florida to Columbia, MO to be with her daughter. **Jean MacDonough Cronin** enjoyed her annual summer vacation with her daughter on Cape Cod, and

Catherine Pattavina is still active in her South Shore community. **Eleanor Consentino Feuer** and **Frances Signorelli Peeler** like to keep in touch with friends via email. Finally, let's not forget two very important milestones—the collective celebrations of our 90th birthdays and a look ahead to May 2017 for our 70th Reunion. To celebrate the occasion, our class will publish a book of memories about our times at Regis College. We hope you will share some of your good (or not so good) memories—whether it's how you were a little afraid of S. Mildred, you discovered friends that would last a lifetime while smoking down the lane, or anything else that comes to mind. Share—good, bad, or funny! Please be on the lookout for a letter from our president, Alice Dunbar O'Halloran, which will tell you where to send your story for inclusion in the class book of memories. ¶ We have much to be thankful for as we wrap up 2016 and look ahead to our reunion. Not unlike 1947, our lives have similar themes: keeping active when we can, staying healthy, enjoying family times, and getting past the occasional not-so-good times. And, if there are times when you need a little extra spiritual support, please remember the Class of 1947 Prayer Circle set in motion by our dear friend Dot McKenzie and carried forward by Rita Dailey Brosnahan. It's a wonderful way to support each other's special intentions as well as to find comfort ourselves. Until we meet for reunion in May 2017, keep happy and healthy. ¶ On behalf of the class of 1947 we would like to remember Albert Richardson, late husband of Phyllis who died peacefully at the age of 92.

1948

❖ **Joan Doherty Mahoney, 32 Surrey Lane, Fairfield, CT 06824, 203-259-7361, joanmahoney@att.net** ¶ Well, here we are, most of us 90, or soon to be and one year closer to our 70th Reunion! ¶ There was so much news to report last year that I wasn't able to share that **Mary Lou Cooney Manning** had just had her fifth great-grandchild born! After totaling up her family members, she thought it would be fun if we all added up how many members we each had

in our families to see who would have the most. She is betting that **Nancie Turner Donelan** would win that competition! ¶ Although I have left a few phone messages that haven't yet been returned, it was delightful to receive a letter from **Mary Casey Walter**. She and her husband now live in Ossining, NY. She received a master's degree in 1988 and retired from teaching in 1993. She wrote a self-published book about the treks she took with her kindergarten classes all throughout the Bronx. ¶ Besides selling real estate for many years, **Jeanne Blackwell Morgan** was the Athletic Director of Notre Dame Academy in Hingham, MA. She taught many children, some from very famous families, how to swim. This year, Jeanne's family planned to meet in Falmouth for their 19th annual family reunion. Some family members came from as far away as Hawaii. ¶ Although we were all saddened to learn of the death of **Mary McGoldrick Malloy** on Christmas Day, **Mary Geary Mullen** described how beautiful and moving it was to see the women of St. Pius X in South Yarmouth line the aisle of the church in her honor. ¶ After traveling extensively, **Barbara Earley Mason** is now retired and living in Westwood. She often visits her former home in Cape Cod. ¶ It was surprising to discover that at least two of our classmates became Carmelite nuns. **Patricia Veale** presently lives in a hermitage in Maine. **Elaine Gillson** is now Mother Mary of Jesus and St. Joseph. After receiving permission from the Pope, she founded a Carmelite Hermit Community, The Hermits of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The hermitage is located on land donated by the bishop of Patterson, NJ and is in the peaceful hills overlooking the Delaware Water Gap. Elaine has survived numerous bouts with cancer and is lovingly described by members of her order as "a little hidden saint." ¶ Right after learning about Elaine Gillson's life I talked with **Marie Fisher Lee** who hasn't changed a bit! Our country's political climate was the main topic of conversation but she is definitely looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. ¶ The Rotary Club of Northport, NY honored **Jean McDonald Snyder** for her many years of service to the community at their annual Winter Soirée. All proceeds from this delightful evening of Irish cheer and entertainment went to the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Suffolk in her honor. ¶ On one last note before another of **Jane McGrath's** touching poems, it was delightful to hear from **Gloria Matera Musto** and **Ann O'Hare Smith**, as always.

Elegy

*I was trying to write a sonnet
In the meter and rhyme of a poem
About waves of sadness*

*On a summer day
And a mighty wind
Roaring in from the sea
A fierce bereavement hymn
Destroying giant trees
But the ragged edge of grief
Disrupts the meter
When it ruptures the heart*

1949

♣ **Betty Ann Hynes Elliott, 38 Oxford Road, Wellesley, MA 02481, 781-235-4697, baelliott2@verizon.net** ¶ Recently when my daughter Carolyn was visiting from Atlanta she helped me sort out and discard some treasures lurking in our basement: books galore, all kinds of toys, stuffed animals, dolls and doll houses, as well as furniture, lamps, dishes, silver, golf clubs, and shoes—where did all that stuff come from? One real treasure we resurrected was a box of pictures, programs, letters (remember those?), and the like from our Regis days. In particular I enjoyed the program from our commencement on June 14, 1949. Nowadays graduations take place in early May! There were 172 of us graduating with two magna cum laude (**Elizabeth Edmundson Herrick** and **Louise Kelley Collins**) and six cum laude (**Ida Catignani Andreani**, **Rosemary Cole Costin**, **Ruth McElaney Fowler**, **Nancy Natoli Fay**, **Patricia O'Donoghue Zelles**, and **Elizabeth Shatos Thompson**). In addition, prizes were awarded to **Ruth McElaney** for Sociology, **Tehrie Holden** for Public Reading, **Eleanore Arseneault Meinhardt** in English, **Patricia Keating** in Latin, and **Louise Kelley Collins** in Mathematics. How could one not enjoy reliving that! ¶ On a not so happy note, we lost four more classmates this year: **Barbara Bailey Pfau** in December, **Claire Horan Brady** in February, **Elizabeth McGrath Bowler** and **Elizabeth Stone Ross** in April. The only one I received any information on is **Claire** who was predeceased by her husband and leaves four sons and seven grandchildren. Please keep these classmates and their families in your thoughts and prayers. ¶ When I talked with **Betty Perrault Joyce** she was recuperating from a broken hip. She was keeping up with her therapy and recovering nicely. Her great-granddaughter **Madeline Elizabeth** was doing just great in New York. **Dot Waldron Fitzgerald** and **Lois McWeeney Moulton** are both living at Heatherwood in Yarmouthport on Cape Cod where **Lois** still has her little dog. Dot's husband was recuperating well from surgery. Dot talks with **Claire Eremian Scully** at least once a week. Two of Dot's children have already retired—where has the time gone? ¶ **Marie Monafa Forcucci** has moved to Burlington, Mass. to be nearer her daughter and is very happy with her new accommodations. **Pat Foley Granahan** recently sent me a recipe

(much used from the looks of it) for Company Casserole which evidently I gave to her many years ago. She said she kept a fresh copy for herself in case she ever felt like cooking again. I imagine some of you can relate to that sentiment. Pat is thoroughly enjoying her youngest grandchild Scout who had just done her first Easter egg hunt in a picture Pat enclosed. ¶ **Eileen Dewire Locke**, Dot Fitzgerald, **Marion Comerford Cowie**, **Nancy Natoli Fay** and I were the only '49ers at the Cape Cod Luncheon in August. We had a lovely time but only wished more of you could have joined us. Several of us also gathered at **Mary Breslin's** in Hull in August for a class meeting and again wished for greater numbers. There was no need, however, to wish for better food or a better time. We send all good wishes to our classmates whom we don't get to see. ¶ Please don't forget to be in touch with **Kay Healy Hassey** regarding the prayer line: 781-749-2648. If you have a request, she will see that it reaches those who have volunteered to pray for your intention.

1950

♣ **Alfreda Swiston O'Hara, 55 Lexington Avenue, Magnolia, MA 01930, 978-525-3227, alfreda1928@gmail.com** ♣ **Jacqueline Choquette Picard, 2970 Mendon Road, Unit 189, Cumberland, RI 02864, 401-658-0625, littlecho7@gmail.com** ¶ **Cay Nolan Sokol** is blessed to have family within visiting distance. Her son and his family as well as her sister live in Rye, NH, and her daughter lives in Orleans on the Cape. She loves to read and highly recommends "The Boys in the Boat." ¶ **Barbara Shea Vines** is settled in at Heatherwood in Yarmouth Port, MA and she is still involved in her profession in a small way. She has three grandchildren. Two grandsons have master's degrees, one in special education while the other is a winner of the International Music Competition and hopes to play in a symphony orchestra. Her granddaughter has a degree in accounting and works for the Mass Environmental Police. ¶ **Terry LeBlanc Gray** lives in Danvers, MA. She taught school in Salem and raised two accomplished daughters. Now she enjoys working in her flower garden and having lunch with friends. ¶ **Alfreda Swiston O'Hara** and her son John attended his daughter **Jelisa's** graduation from Santa Clara University. She graduated cum laude with a degree in Communications. Presently, she is employed by Tesla Motors. While in the San Francisco area, they visited another granddaughter **Katie O'Hara Koren** in Corte Madera, CA. She has a 1.5-year-old child who is brilliant. Aren't all our grandchildren brilliant? ¶ Our thoughts and prayers are with

the family of **Martha Cronin Connelly**, who died June 28. We rejoice with her, though, as she basks in eternal bliss with God, the very goal of our lives! ¶ Class notes means telephone time.*

Helen Harty Keough was brand new to the wheelchair last year at this time, but it's now pretty much a permanent fixture. She has two gals who provide different services and whatever transportation she needs, so she's still out to lunch a couple of times a week! The lilt in her voice and the upbeat of her disposition were paramount in our conversation. It made us both realize that, in the final analysis, attitude really is the bottom line in any given situation ... and that choice is always up to us! A good speculation to ponder (and chew, even!). Thank you, Helen, for having conveyed that so strongly through your spirit! ¶ Aren't you all blown away by how incredibly fast time goes by these days? It's difficult for me to process that I get almost nothing done, every morning, when I used to get a whole day's job list checked off by 11:30 AM! Guess I'm ready to re-read *The Gift of Years*. Isn't that a great book for this sometimes-bewildering stage of life? (Joan Chittister, and definitely worth a read!) ¶ Nice to be in touch with **Dreda Kallahaer George**, too. She's well, but keeping busy—as are many of us—with medical appointments and rendezvous. Oh, well, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, right? ¶ Another Rhode Islander says hello to all of you: **Phyllis Moran Burke** keeps happy and fulfilled with family and grandkids, and loves every minute of it! ¶ Speaking of families, I, **Jackie Choquette Picard**, just booked a reunion lodge in the Colorado Rockies for a week in August 2017 (sleeps 38, exactly the number of my immediate family! Seven kids, 18 grands, 10 spouses, two greats, and me). We'll have a blast! It's really a treat to see how the cousins love one another! ¶ *Say, how about you calling me next year? (Just a thought.) ¶ Please keep in touch with your news. Enjoy your time, all of you, every day of it!

1952 65th Reunion

♦ **Marie Rizzo, 136 Warren Street, Medford, MA 02155, 781-396-9835** ¶ Surprise! I can now humbly boast that I have held almost every position in our Class of '52, namely, president, vice president, fund agent, and now class reporter. I get it by popular vote? No, I get this awesome position as an appointment by **Sally Finnerty Tully**, our dedicated and conscientious president. Recently, Sally was indisposed with a back, leg, and sciatica problem. However, due to her determination, courage, and faith, she is recovering slowly. Physical therapy is helping

her to regain mobility. She is still the main source of news. Thank you, Sally, and we all send our gratitude and best wishes for full recovery. ¶ We all can attest to having one of the warmest months of July ever causing us to envy our classmates who live by the ocean, such as **Kay Deveney Kaladin** who enjoys these hot, humid days in her home in Falmouth Heights. Perhaps our classmate **Pat Hogan** holds the unique distinction of being recognized as the longest resident of the same beach house at Hampton Beach. Can you believe 71 years in the same beautiful beach house? Oops, I have a bright idea! I might run a mini bus tour there. Is it okay with you, Pat? Seriously, no better friend is Pat, who faithfully visits her friend **Mary Foley Noon** at a nursing home. ¶ Another long-time Cape Cod lover is **Dorothy Holley Connors** who calls S. Yarmouth her summer home and has for 50 years! ¶ I should title this newsletter "On the Move" as we have several classmates doing just that, starting a new adventure in their journey of life. **Patricia Arroll Petrilli** and hubby Hank have moved to North Hill in Needham, a retirement community. I'm sure Pat will bring her vitality, humor, and kindness to the residents. Also, our sincere thanks to Pat for her exemplary job as Class Treasurer for over 60 years through her move and during the recuperation of a broken hip shortly after the move. Our class financial records are so up-to-date and balanced. I think Washington, DC, could use you, Pat! ¶ **Nancy Boland Johnson** is enjoying her new luxury apartment in Hanover as well as a new Toyota Corolla automobile. Many happy days ahead for her! ¶ **Mal Burke O'Rourke** and her husband Charlie love living in Massachusetts once again after returning from life in Connecticut to reside at Goddard House Assisted Living in Brookline. Having four out of five sons relocated to the Boston area as well as some grandchildren motivated their move. ¶ **Catherine Malloy Rowe** and her husband Paul have said adieu to their longtime home in Mashpee as they bought a condo in the Andover area near their daughter in Bedford. Catherine has had some health issues this spring but seems to be improving now. We will continue to keep you in our prayers, Catherine. ¶ **Marie Fleming Sisk** has downsized her summer residence from her large beachfront house to a condo in Falmouth. No more worry about hurricanes, Marie. **Joan Hartley Meagher** has also downsized and moved to a condo in Folsom, CA. ¶ **Ann Purcell MacDonald** and husband Bill and family recently attended an award ceremony when their oldest daughter, Mary Ann, received a special merit for her work. Understand she was the star

of the evening and stole the show! We, your Regis family, congratulate you and Bill for your many long years and faithful work and devotion to Mary Ann and all Special Needs people. ¶ Kudos to **Jill McKearin Paredes**, the ultimate chauffeur of the South Shore, who also earns a certificate of appreciation for faithfully driving **Nancy Quinn O'Keefe**, Ann Purcell MacDonald, and Marie Fleming Sisk to almost every class luncheon at the Newton Marriott. Once cannot mention all the countless acts of kindness Jill has shown to her Regis friends. ¶ Our condolences are sent to **Mary Donovan Coleman**, **Pat McNerney Kelleher** and Marie Fleming Sisk upon the death of their husbands. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Joan Hartley Meagher who lost her daughter by a scuba diving accident this year. **Pauline Healy Moran's** husband Chuck also died recently. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time of grief, loss, and sadness. ¶ Regarding prayers, our class is in the process of forming a prayer group whereby you will call a member of the group to pray for your special intentions. Some volunteers for this activity are **Carlotta Krauth O'Brien**, **Lois Brigham Saltalamachia**, **Dorothy Holley Connors**, and **Nancy Boland Johnson**. Once we finalize this, you will be notified and it will be explained. ¶ Yours truly spends her free time driving church friends after daily Mass to doctor appointments and senior activities. I also am a volunteer Eucharistic minister at the local hospital two mornings a week. I confess I still do not admit being a senior and no, I have not yet applied for a taxi permit! ¶ Lastly, in my travels, I met a survivor of one of the first graduating classes of Regis, Ms. **Roberta Macdonald '35**, PhD, a renowned English teacher. She currently resides at Youville, Cambridge. She is mentally alert, lovely at 102 years young and such an inspiration. She is an outstanding example of true Regis Catholic values. Can we, class of '52, live up to the same challenge?

1953

♦ **Kathryn Cauley Driscoll, 5 Quisset Brook Road, Milton, MA 02186, 617-698-5626, kdriscoll@verizon.net** ¶ **Joan Clark Christie's** granddaughter Anna Christie was married and moved to Florida. **Jeane O'Neil Bowers** is in an added apartment with her extended family near. Father Bob Bowers, who was at St. Agatha's, is now the national director of the Red Cross. Her other sons are at Xavarian and Raytheon. She has eight grandsons and no granddaughters. ¶ **Barbara Dunbury Gillespie** attended the summer luncheon at Willowbend and said the location and menu were very good! She

is still golfing here and in Florida! ☺ **Barbara Keenan McLarney** was planning a surprise 60th anniversary and her husband's big birthday! It all stayed a surprise. We are all in that 58 to 60 years wedding anniversary bracket, except for **Claire Russell Megan**, our first bride! We have all been pals since before we knew our husbands. It has been a great run! ☺ **Corinne Mollomo LaRoche** must be doing a good job for the women's club in Acton, as she is taking it on for another two years! **Connie Torrisi Miragliotta** will be visiting Corinne again in Juno, FL. These two can really kick it up. They have meetings on July 4th and Labor Day every year. ☺ **Kathy Cauley Driscoll** had three granddaughters married this year. It's such fun as a grandmother—just "Show up and Dance!"

1954

◆ **Cornelia Murphy Davidson**, 207 **Prairie Street, Concord, MA, 01742, 978 369-4489, ccadavids@aol.com** ◆ **Patricia Cronin Huie**, 2550 **Presidential Way #107, West Palm Beach, FL, 781 834-7134, pchue@comcast.net** ☺ Greetings and salutations. The class of '54 is still making news. ☺ **Regina Seales Caines** has been appointed to the Advisory Council for the Golden Tower Society. ☺ **Alice O'Donoghue Harrington** was in a bad automobile accident from which she is still recovering. Alice has one great-grandchild, a girl named Charlotte and is expecting another great-grandchild shortly. ☺ **Marianne Sanderson Shay** has 13 grandchildren: 8 boys and 5 girls. ☺ Condolences to **Mary McGowan Walsh** on the death of her husband. Mary's address is 36 Barkley Circle #11, Fort Myers, FL 33907. ☺ **Rita Fichera Fragala** and her husband John have joined a new section of the Y for older active adults. They also take ballroom dancing lessons. Rita and John had five children and have four grandchildren. ☺ **Marcia Gaughan Mahoney** has moved from Cape Cod to Walpole. ☺ **Kay Tobin** went to Barbados last winter for 3 weeks. She and her friends stayed at a condo on the beach. Kay will go to Williamstown and Tanglewood again in August. ☺ **Mary Roche Sullivan** went to Ithaca for a granddaughter's graduation, then flew to Pittsburgh, then to DC where her son-in-law gave an award to Vice President Joe Biden and Senator John McCain. The VP came into the stands to talk to Mary and take pictures. Mary ended her trip at a grandson's graduation from high school. He will enroll at Gettysburg College next September. ☺ **Mary Alvord Biette** called to say that **Joanie O'Connor** died. ☺ **Pat Cronin Huie** went to Hawaii with her family to play golf and enjoy the sights. ☺ **Rosemary Denmark Murphy** writes that she is

doing well, swimming every day. Also doing well are **Norma McNamara Quinn** in Saratoga and **Betty Morrissey Neal** and her family.

1956

◆ **Geraldine Dowd Driscoll**, 7 **Conant Road #50, Winchester, MA 01890, gerrydriscoll@comcast.net** ☺ Our 60th Reunion in May was the highlight of this year's activities. Twenty-two classmates were in attendance for Friday dinner and/or Saturday luncheon: **Ann Marshall Borah, Mary Rose Campbell, Carol Bonner Connell, Gerry Dowd Driscoll, Jane Muckian Harrington, Betty Keane Hayes, Carol Hughes Hickey, Mary Keenan, Pat Turner Kelley, Mary Anne Kent, Ginny Clark Kristo, Nancy Foley LaDue, Frannie Heron March, Candy Dillon Mattaliano, Margie Casey Mulcahy, Mary Lou Rawson, Mary Neilan Regan, Carole Settana Scollins, Bea Pattavina Sloan, Marie Vasaturo White, Dolores Gargaro Wilson, and Dorothy Harrington Winrow.** ☺ I would like to thank all who worked so hard contacting classmates and planning with the Alumnae Office. (I know it is "Alumni" Office now, but old habits die hard.) Thanks to Mary Lou Rawson, Mary Keenan, Pat Kelley, Carol Connell, and Mary Rose Campbell. ☺ A very special "shout out" goes to Margie Mulcahy, who volunteered her daughter Susan to help us with details and logistics. As you may remember, a pre-luncheon Parade of Classes is a tradition on Saturday of Reunion Weekend. Each reunion class chooses a theme. Class of '56 chose to remember our deceased classmates by carrying white balloons bearing the Regis seal, each balloon tagged with the name of a deceased classmate. Sadly we have lost 44 classmates, so you might imagine the logistics of creating this tribute turned out to be a challenge. That's where Susan Mulcahy stepped in to offer her expertise: ordering the balloons, inflating them, and attaching nametags. Thank you, Sue! Following the luncheon, the balloons were released into the atmosphere with a prayer. They battled a fierce wind as they soared out of sight. ☺ Hopefully you have had an opportunity to view some photos from the reunion either from my emails or the many posts from the college on email and Facebook ([facebook.com/RegisCollegeAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/RegisCollegeAlumni)). ☺ Over the course of 60 years and especially in recent years, the campus has changed dramatically: expanded athletic fields; Learning Commons (Library) complete with a Dunkin' Donuts; grassy quad in front of College Hall; Great Walkway up to Morrison House. You would be amazed at the suites in the newest residence hall, Maria Hall, where Pat Kelley, our own Perle Mesta, kept

us supplied with a delightful array of snacks and beverages. ☺ At the luncheon on Saturday our class was recognized for its response to the Regis Fund. Class of '56 was second in the amount donated: \$74,298. This amount includes a very generous donation from **Pat Limerick Skelly**. Thank you, Pat! Our class was recognized for class participation as well: 57.5%. ☺ In the spring some of us had an opportunity to have lunch on campus with the 2015–16 recipient of the Sister John Scholarship, Yasmin Aguilar. Yasmin was completing her junior year with a major in Psychology, a concentration in Neuroscience and a minor in Biology—very impressive! She expressed a desire to help others and has participated in various service projects, both on and off campus. Her dream is that one day she will be able to help a student as she has been helped by the Sister John Scholarship. In light of her impressive credentials, the Scholarship Committee has awarded Yasmin the Sister John Scholarship for the 2016–17 academic year. Please consider designating your donation to the Regis Fund for the Sister John Scholarship to continue to offer aid to these very deserving students. ☺ In August the Regis Cape Cod Luncheon took place at Willowbend Country Club in Mashpee, MA. Five of us were in attendance: Candy Mattaliano, Pat Kelley, Mary Lou Rawson, Mary Keenan and your class reporter. Once again accounts of the expansion of offerings at Regis continues to impress, with a focus on the Honors Program offered to a select group of applicants. ☺ It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of our dear classmate **Rosemary Burns** in Reston, VA on June 8. Rosemary had a distinguished career as a Clinical Psychologist. After graduating from Regis, she received a master's degree from Connecticut College and a PhD in Clinical Psychology from Catholic University. Please remember Rosemary in your prayers. ☺ From a personal standpoint, I found the occasion of our 60th Reunion sobering as well as celebratory. Reconnecting with those who attended reunion reminds me that we share a bond that cannot be broken. But I have been thinking about those of you who were unable to join us: wondering if you are okay or if we can reach out to you in any way. We would love to hear from you. ☺ Please continue to remember each other in prayer and to keep us aware of your particular intentions.

1957 60th Reunion

◆ **Judy A. Sughrue**, 47 **Rosewood Drive, Stoughton, MA 02072, 781-344-3357, Inettiedog@verizon.net** ☺ Our class president **Nancy Swendeman Loud**

drove to Philadelphia to visit her daughter. She also went to New York City to see Hamilton about which she raved. Last heard from she was reading a 600-odd page bio of Hamilton. **Suzy Treacy McGovern** makes trips from New York to her daughter in Richmond. She has moved to a better location because of those harsh New York winters. **Judy Lawson Selsor** has moved due to a hip replacement. She noted she has been very fortunate in having kind neighbors. **Renelle L'Hullier McLaughlin** also has very kind neighbors where she has a townhouse in Asheville, NC. Her sons are spread from Atlanta, DC, and Providence. **Mary Roberta Frates** has been very happy living in the same place for thirty years. With the Fens as her backyard she has enjoyed many happy walks. **Marion Feeney** volunteers in her parish one afternoon a week as well as does yoga and medical exercises. She sometimes meets **Peggy Larner Rago** and **Peg Griffin Dion** for lunch. Also meeting for lunch are **Millie Iantosca Costa**, **Isabel Long Chesak**, and **Rosemary Weidner Mahoney**. Isabel is still writing those wonderful travel/cuisine articles, the latest being her trip to Italy. Rosemary and Kevin are still attending the Red Sox and Boston Symphony Orchestra. By the time that you read this Regis will have remembered in a lovely Memorial Mass as we do our classmates **Sue Butkiewicz Prusaczyk**, **Alice Scanlon Cogliano**, **Eileen Kelly Moynihan**, **Ginny McGagh**, and **Ellen Finnegan Lehan**.

1958

♦ **Carol Finnell Kenney, 23 Katy Hatch Road, Falmouth, MA 02540, cakenney23@verizon.net** ♦ **Joan Meleski Kenney, P.O. Box 33, Hyannis Port, MA 02647, joan_kenney@post.harvard.edu** ¶ In our usual style, the Class of '58 was well-represented at the Cape Cod Luncheon at Willowbend in August. Those attending were **Dotty Madden Cannon**, **Tish Albani Carney**, **Kay Rosicky Devlin**, **Pat Graham Kelley**, **Joan Meleski Kenney**, **Mary Jo Kilmain**, **Margaret Cahill Scanlon**, **Anne Smith Tobin**, and **Lu Berube Williams**. One of the main topics of conversation was grandchildren who are now in college, and Margaret suggested that we start a contact list so that the students can make a "Regis Connection." Margaret has three grandchildren at Villanova, one at Auburn, one at University of Miami, one at South Carolina, and one at Georgetown Prep (whew!). Pat has one at Temple and one at Bridgewater, Tish has one at BC High and two at Notre Dame Academy, Joan has one at University of Wisconsin, Dotty has one at James Madison University, and Kay has one at Hamilton College, and one at Cinematography school in New

York. (For further information contact the appropriate parent, and please send more names for our next Class Notes.) ¶ **Dotty Madden Cannon** says "I am so lucky to be living on Cape Cod in retirement. I am realizing one of my goals (after full time work for many years) by volunteering with two organizations in Falmouth—the Falmouth Service Center Fresh Market on Joint Base Cape Cod and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Anthony's Church." ¶ **Carol Finnell Kenney** reports that, in March, she and **Janet Duggan Hall** and **Marilyn Dozois Rohrer** and spouses got together for their annual dinner in Naples, FL. A luncheon in Hingham in June included **Carol**, **Tish Carney**, **Pat Kelley**, **Janet Hall**, **Doris Good Marr**, **Ina Catalanotti Roehr**, and **Sheila Dugan Block**. A surprise in May occurred when **Carol** walked into the Woods Hole Golf Club to see **Sheila Block** lunching with a friend from Hilton Head she was visiting in Falmouth. It made for a wonderful afternoon of catching up, and telling Regis tales about each other to her friend. ¶ **Margaret Scanlon** and **Nancy Burke Norbedo** intersect often, as they both live in North Andover. ¶ **Joan Kenney** hosted an 80th birthday celebration for **Pat Salmon Hillmer** and **Pat Kelly McNulty**. Also attending were **Mary Jo Kilmain**, who has already reached the magic number, and **Kay Devlin**, who, with **Joan**, get a year's reprise! ¶ **Paula Kirby Macione**, **Elaine O'Connell Fitzpatrick**, and **Anne Smith Tobin**, with spouses, met at Kimball's in Westford for lunch and laughs. ¶ **Lea Toto Dmytryck** is continuing to act and direct plays at the Warner Theatre in Torrington, CT. She is also looking forward to coming to Cape Cod to hug her new great-grandson. She says "I cannot wait to hold him... pictures are wonderful but they don't quite fill the space in your heart that holding him will do." ¶ Due to the change that Class Notes will be published just once a year, some news from last fall is just getting into print. Attending the Tower Luncheon last September were **Paula Buckley Buckley**, **Lora LoConte Stosez**, **Lu Berube**, **Kay Devlin**, **Elaine Fitzpatrick**, **Pat McNulty**, and **Anne Tobin**. This luncheon is always such a treat; hopefully we will have an even bigger turnout this year. ¶ This has been a sad year for the families of three of our beloved classmates: **Jeanne Denning Collier**, who died last August 2015, **Elizabeth (Betty) Jarmulowicz Britt**, who died this June 2016, and **Frances (Frankie) Boyle Nugent**, who died this July 2016. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all their family and friends—they will be sorely missed. We also extend sympathy to **Ginny Kenney Kennedy** on the passing of her brother.

1959

♦ **Maureen O'Connell Palmer, 525 Washington Street, Apt. 206, Hanover, MA 02339, 781-826-6525, maureenpalmer59@hotmail.com** ¶ **Edna English** and **Sturt**, the seasoned travelers, visited the Canadian Rockies and Alaska. **Edna** and **Fran Kopka Parsons** took a trip to Poland. ¶ Present at the July luncheon in Essex were: **Mary Philbin Gorman**, **Pat Collins Smith**, **Pat Maguire**, **Margaret O'Connell**, and **Carol Donovan** (our coordinator-in-chief). Speaking of our **Carol**, there was an inspiring article (and picture) of her in the *Boston Herald*, describing her experience as a delegate to the Democratic Convention. ¶ One of my grandsons will be attending Emmanuel College in the fall. I suggested that we take a picture of us in our respective Emmanuel and Regis shirts. I'm not sure that he understood the great rivalry that used to exist between the two schools back in the day, but I got a cool photo. ¶ Our thoughts and prayers are extended to our classmates who lost their husbands during the year: **John Lynch**, husband of **Ruth Holland**; **Gene Beauchemin**, husband of **Jane Darney**; **Edward McDonough**, husband of **Brenda Fultz**; **Malcolm MacLeod**, husband of **Joan Connell**, **Paul Branon**, husband of **Mary Dunphy**. God bless you all! ¶ Dear friends, stay healthy and stay in touch!

1960

♦ **Mary Lou DeMaria Schwinn, 909 Old Post Road, Cotuit, MA 02635, 508-420-8998, mlschwinn@comcast.net** ¶ **Huda Gamoh Naffaa** from Amman and roommate of **Laura Allen Rushton** passed in June. Her son got in touch with **Laura** with the news. ¶ **Laura** spent a delightful week in Wellfleet with many family members. ¶ **Brenda McCrann** continues her travels but this time to visit her sisters in Iowa and Ohio. ¶ Rumor has it that **Peggy Carroll Bowles** went to China with her granddaughter. And **Winnie Murphy** went to the 60th Reunion of the Lay Apostolate in Alaska and on the way back met up with **Carole Riordan Ressler**. ¶ In May, **Mary Jane Doherty Curran** brought her husband **Donald Cameron** (born in Scotland) to IRELAND to convince him that Ireland was as beautiful as Scotland. And indeed, he agreed! They traveled from Kerry/Dingle to Doolin, Galway, the Burren, to Inishmore, and Connemara then back to Trim to view the ancient (3000BC) burial mound at Fourknocks. ¶ They also enjoyed four days on the magical Mosel River sampling the local wine and fine German food, then rendezvoused with **Donald's** brother and wife in Cambridge, their Alma Mater, sharing fine memories and a daring punt down the Cam with

DC at the helm. ¶ From now on, *Regis Today* will publish Class Notes only in the fall issue, so please send info on to me anytime during the year.

1961

↔ **Kate Martin Hawke, 4 Rockland Road, Marblehead, MA 01945, 781-639-3492, kfhawke@comcast.net** ¶ Fifty-five years after we graduated from Regis, 20 classmates returned on a spectacular spring weekend to celebrate, reminisce, and marvel at all the changes and improvements to the campus. We mourned the loss of 3 women this year: **Carol Young, Mary (Polly) O'Flanagan Brady and Colleen Flanagan Love**. Many members of our class had wanted to come to Weston this year but health concerns prevented **Anne Twohy Stubbs, Mimi Fleming O'Brien, Lianne Cronin, and Nicole Baril Sica** and others from traveling. Others had more glamorous reasons like **Diane Doherty Anastasia** who was in Hungary on a barge and bike excursion, **Christine Roessel Kelliher** in Paris, and **Sheila Butterfield Thompson** who traveled to North Carolina for the birth of a grandchild. Bridging both worlds was **Carol Page Martin** who attended the Friday dinner and then flew with Roger to Copenhagen on Saturday. **Judy Condon Goetz** chose to attend Charlie's 55th reunion at Providence College. ¶ **Barbara Hoyle Healy and Virginia Bishop Carroll** planned and executed a wonderful 3-day celebration, the high point of which was our entry in the Parade of Classes. We wore mantillas and white gloves as we were required to wear for many chapel occasions back in the day. I am sure that members of younger classes had no idea what point we were making with a lace doily on our heads. In addition to those already mentioned **Lolita DeLeon McKenna** and Steven came from North Carolina, **Agnes O'Hara Barrett** and Richard came for lunch, as did **Mary Flaherty Beevers** and her husband and **Carroll Beegan Follas** and John. ¶ Who else was there? **Lillian Leverone Peracchia, Ann Crosby Towle, Maureen Bosteel Fleming, Sr. Lee Hogan**, now the treasurer of the CSJ congregation, **Cathy Ross Bettencourt, Brenda Kulisch Gomez, Mary Doane Cassidy, Judith King Weber, Ellen Donahue Foley, Judith Powers, and Joan Murray** who is still teaching at Regis. ¶ High points were tours of the addition to Maria Hall and renovation of the Library, as well as the quad and new walkway. College Hall and the lovely spring trees and flowers look just as they did 55 years ago when we waved goodbye to the campus. The book of memoirs compiled from submissions from you is something to treasure. It is interesting

A Reminder

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to note how many of us remembered hearing Joan Baez back before she was famous. The book made me aware of the fact that we were at Regis during four historically important years but were unaware of it at the time. Many thanks to all who contributed to this keepsake. ¶ Those who attended the reunion are grateful for good health and geographical proximity to Regis and are looking forward to our 60th. Yikes!

1962 55th Reunion

↔ **Joanne Fitzgerald McCrea, 386 Essex Street, #2R, Salem, MA 01970, 978-745-8448, jfritzmc429@gmail.com** ¶ Thanks to President **Mary McCauley Higgins** for her report from the recent Cape Cod Luncheon. **Sue Donnelly Riley, Joan Darney Dwyer, Ann McManus Joyce, Helene Swiatek Savicki, and Mary** attended the Luncheon. Afterward some joined Sue and her husband Jim at their home in Mashpee for a nice afternoon tea. Mary spent last winter in Louisiana where her daughter now lives. In the spring she headed to Maryland to join family to celebrate her grandson Peter's graduation from Gonzaga College High School in Washington D.C. He will study at the University of Maryland and plans to become an anesthesiologist. Mary divides her time visiting family in Massachusetts, Louisiana, and Maryland. In September Mary and her daughter Karen will take a 10-day tour of Italy. ¶ Recently Mary sent a message to the class reminding us of our upcoming 55th Reunion next May. Helene is our Reunion Chair and everyone at the Cape Luncheon got all excited discussing the Reunion. Helene hopes everyone still has their

Holly Go Lightly pill box and white gloves from the 50th noting there will be accessories to add! Chuckle! Sorry Helene, I did not keep it. ¶ Helene is still busy with several bridge clubs, two book clubs, and 6 granddaughters ranging in age from nearly 4 to nearly 11. She and Bill celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a wonderful party at their daughter's home in East Providence. Connecting with guests from 1965 was amazing! This included a visit from **Faryl Finn Henderson!** Went kayaking and reminisced about the challenges we faced in Weston in 1958! To give back to the community on the Cape, Helene was appointed to serve on the Beach Committee as they live across the street from MAYFLOWER BEACH! Gearing up to watch their son compete in the Falmouth Road Race. He is the only man to have run the Boston marathon on his legs (twice) and then compete 16 times in his wheel chair. Determination is his forte! ¶ **Dottie DeNave Rossi** reports her passion is with a Family Services program that works primarily with court-ordered families on family education. For 10 years she has volunteered as a facilitator for adolescents in foster care. Parents and their children are in separate classes and eat dinner together which for some is the only time during the week that they see each other. They finish with a joint presentation on subjects like anger management, values, possessive relationships, personal power, etc. Dottie said this is one way this aging (?) gal can stay involved. Her family is fine but spread all over the country—South Carolina, Oregon, California. Like so many of us, Dottie is shocked at the current political discourse. ¶ Sue Donnelly Riley writes that life continues to be wonderful on Cape Cod and gets busier each year as she is involved in Women's Club, Book Club, and Knitting Club. And being Sue, all this becomes double time as she likes to run the show being a board member. For fun, there is golf. She visits her 104-year-old father daily at his assisted living facility. ¶ The Dedham carpool reunited again this summer. **Martha Valente Greene** hosted the gang in Dartmouth. **Mary Lord Mahoney** and George, **Patti Csusack Morrison** and Bill, and Sue and Jim enjoyed lunch at the New Bedford Harbor. Loves seeing her grandkids at the "Riley Hotel." Sue's oldest grandson will graduate from Regis the week before our Reunion. ¶ That super thoughtful classmate, Ann McManus Joyce, says she just returned from the Regis in Tuscany Trip 2016. A wonderful time of food, drink, travel, and company! ¶ **Jane Guerke Gallagher** still lives in Hartford, CT, working part time at the Mark Twain House,

and had a two week vacation with the whole family of 21 this summer. ¶ **Ann Bailey Reilly** tells that she has been very involved in building three new dedicated Pickleball Courts in Abington. Via businesses, organizations, families, and individuals they raised \$40,000. The courts were built to encourage over-55 adults to get some exercise. They now have over 95 members. Turns out that Ann and I have both worked on passing and working on projects for the Community Preservation Act. ¶ **Rosemary Schmitt Vietor** reports that she has two grandchildren. She and husband Richard live in NYC, but will soon move to Bronxville where their daughter has moved from Atlanta. A son Sam still lives in Atlanta. Rosemary still serves on the board of the Browne House (1661) in Queens, a national landmark associated with religious freedom. Anne also serves on the Board of NY State Archives and other historical and charitable organizations. ¶ To close I want to share that Massachusetts has finally passed the Equal Pay Act, one of the strongest in the country. I am honored to be appointed by the Senate President to be one of the 19 Commissioners to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW). We have worked on this legislation since I was appointed in 2009. This year we finally got it passed unanimously in both the Senate and House! I had the privilege of watching Governor Baker sign the Bill from the Grand Staircase in the State House on August 1. Massachusetts leads the way! ¶ The majority of the emails were returned. So please send your current email address to alumni@regiscollege.edu. Thank you to all who shared news. Blessings to all. See you at Reunion!

1963

♦ **JoAnne Dufort, 24 Notre Dame Avenue, Allenstown, NH 03275, 603-485-5014, joduf@juno.com** ¶ Thanks again for the responses you sent me. On a sad note, I received news of the death of **Claire Boivin Flynn** from Dartmouth, MA. My deepest sympathy to her family. Also my deepest sympathy to **Mary Crosby**, on the death of her wife, Nadia Ramos. ¶ I received a very newsy letter from **Joan Kozon**. She sold her house in Rio Rancho and moved into a small apartment. As a result she can now spend the summer in Brewster, MA, on the Cape and hopes to be involved with any Regis happenings. Also she had done quite a bit of traveling, including Greece and Turkey. As a result of her previous profession as an attorney representing abused children, she is volunteering at the NM Children's Grief Center as a bereavement facilitator

for children who have lost parents, relatives, or caregivers. ¶ **Janet Lydon O'Sullivan** and husband Joe are spending the summer at Hills Beach, ME. Joining her for a few days will be **Doris McKeon Basel Franz** and **Lynn Barry Scheff**. The Thirty Toes have been getting together since graduation every year. They take turns at each others' houses. Lynn has a home upstate in NY, near Glen Falls and Dottie has a home at Stratton Mountain, VT. ¶ Other good friends who see each other yearly are **Amy Huestis Donovan** and **Mary Folan Farry**, who attend the BSO for the season. They have been doing this for over 20 years. ¶ Finally retiring on June 30, 2016 was **Ellen Powers**. She was Director of St. John Paul II Catholic Academy. Originally it was supposed to be for three months but it extended to three years. Enjoy that retirement. ¶ **Mary Crosby**, a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist, was working in Cape Cod, when her wife, Nadia Ramos, became ill with cancer and they moved back to California to be near daughters. Nadia died in May. Mary is in Hyannis but will be returning to California after Labor Day. She is quite busy with her "grands" ranging from graduating from college to beginning kindergarten. She celebrated her birthday on August 4, by doing her annual birthday dive into Penobscot Bay. Way to go Mary. ¶ **Barbara McNamara** spent a week in Sun Valley, ID, attending the 22nd Annual Sun Valley Writer's Conference. The theme sounded interesting. "Crossing to Safety" intended to capture the idea of traveling across a border from danger to refuge, from impunity to justice, from mistrust to acceptance, and from ignorance to understanding. With so many of us traveling today, it was very timely. ¶ Good news from **Regina Moran Holland**. She and **Connie Crean Carven** are cancer-free after two rough years. Congratulations! ¶ **Elizabeth Tosi Sullivan** had a banner year. Husband Joe turned 80, Liz turned 75, they were married 50 years. Celebrated in Rome and Antibes, France. ¶ As for me, **JoAnne Dufort**, I am traveling as much as I can. I went to eastern Europe last fall, visiting Romania, Bulgaria, and Serbia. It was fantastic and filled with lots of history. Of course I saw Dracula's Castle. In June I went to Iceland which was also fantastic. It is such a beautiful country. In September/October I will have visited Greece and Greek Islands, including Crete, Santorini, and Mykonos. I visited Athens in 1962 with **Mary Jayne Higgins Johnson**. Joan K we can compare notes. Other than spending the summer in New York Beach, ME and winters in New Hampshire, I spend most of my time with my Puggle, Zoe, hiking and just relaxing. ¶ Now that

most of us have turned 75 or are about to, where has the time gone?

1964

♦ **Virginia McNeil Slep, 40 Jeffrey Road, Wayland, MA 01778, 508-358-2478, virginiaslep@comcast.net** ♦ **Sheila Dineen Queenan, 47 Cottonwood Drive, Hudson, NH, 03051, 603-881-8528, saqueenan@comcast.net** ¶ Several classmates gathered with the Luben-O'Hearn family at Regis on December 6, 2015, for the dedication of Luben Plaza—a lovely green space with a garden and patio with a sitting area in front of St. Joseph Hall that Class President **Pat Luben O'Hearn** donated in honor of her parents. President Antoinette Hays and Father Paul Kilroy led the ceremony, and Pat spoke movingly of her parents and their love and support of her. After the dedication, we were served a delicious luncheon at Morrison House. The next time you go to Regis, be sure to visit this lovely plaza. ¶ **Maureen Burns Gropman** enjoyed a two-week cruise to the Baltic countries, and visited Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Russia, and Finland. She especially enjoyed the walled city of Tallin in Estonia, as well as The Russian Ballet in St. Petersburg, the Hermitage, and the Peterhoff Palace. ¶ **Sheila Dineen Queenan** and her husband Jim, along with their children and their spouses, enjoyed a European river cruise on the Danube from Budapest to Nuremberg with stops in Austria, then spent a few days in Prague in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Sheila described it as the trip of a lifetime! ¶ **Sister Mary Rita Grady, CSJ**, traveled to Orlando in July for the quinquennial conference of the US Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The conference was attended by over 700 CSJs, and she had a wonderful time making new friends and meeting old ones. She quoted from a prayer written for the conference: "We desire to plant the seeds of peace, share words of compassion, and reach out hands of friendship in a touch of healing." Sister is our classmate as well as the archivist at Regis. ¶ **Karen Johnson Celi** does rehab volunteering at a clinic in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico each time she vacations there. Karen is an Occupational Therapist with a specialization in hand therapy; and she goes to the clinic one day a week to teach the therapists basic splinting. She says it's amazing how little they have to work with, and she looks forward to exploring other clinics this winter. ¶ **Judy Higgins Donohue** is still doing mediation and teaching two classes at University of Florida's College of Journalism. Her real passion is her volunteer work as Guardian ad Litem: visiting kids who

have been removed from their homes because of abuse—or more commonly, neglect—at least once a month, then reporting to the court quarterly about their well-being. Judy spends the summer at Newfound Lake, NH, and winters at The Villages in Florida, where she and her husband enjoy dragon boating. ¶ **Ann Haggerty Cook** and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August, one week after **Maureen Shea Dolan** and her husband celebrated theirs. Both couples honeymooned at the same resort and didn't realize it until years later. Ann spends the winter at St. Helena's Island, SC, and summers in Manchester, MA. ¶ **Joan Fricker Burritt's** son Steven is the director for Mothers Against Drunk Driving in South Carolina, and because of his passion and commitment to the organization, Joan and her husband Vic have become involved as well. They both have completed training to be magistrate court monitors in DUI cases. Joan said, "I volunteer at my church's preschool, which is a major highlight for me. I also attend a weekly Women's Bible Study that has deepened my faith a great deal. The commitment to the Catholic faith of the young women who attend blows my mind. In this secular, technology-oriented world, it's a joy to see them handing their principles and love of God to their children." ¶ The Class of 1964 has had wonderful success in establishing our Prayer Chain. **Judy Machaj Susanin** does a wonderful job as our contact person and classmates join the group regularly. If you would like to be one of our prayers, or if you know someone who needs prayers for any reason, you can contact Judy at jsusanin@cox.net. Requests can remain anonymous, or you can allow Judy to identify you by name, whichever you prefer.

1965

◆ **Anne Marie Healey**, annemariehealey@comcast.net ¶ **Sharon Drolet** is self-employed as a psychotherapist with a thriving practice in Tysons Corner, VA. She says the love of her life is her first grandchild, Aiden. **Joanne Massey Howes's** amazing involvement in the election of women in US government over decades is chronicled in Ellen Malcolm's book, *When Women Win*. It's a great read. ¶ **Louise Marcotte** sold the family homestead in Maine and moved to the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia. She is close to son and family including twin granddaughter and grandson. She is very happy reconnecting with old friends in Pennsylvania where she had lived for 25 years. She sends her good wishes to all. It is so inspiring and fun to hear of all the ways in which people

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Thanks for keeping in touch; we look forward to hearing your news!

are contributing and we are sure it is only a start as to what our classmates are doing. **Melanie Varol Cashio** is at the Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte which provides free services including tests, parenting classes, and referrals to agencies for medical help and adoption resources. ¶ Since retiring **Valerie Valenti Cloutier** volunteered as a docent at University of Delaware explaining research exhibits in oceanography and environment. She also served on the Lewes, Delaware Historical Society as a docent and in the gift shop and with the Rehoboth Independent Film Festival. Since coming to Massachusetts, she has been tutoring in the Somerville schools. Valerie and Bob have recently moved to Boston's South End where she is pursuing volunteer opportunities. ¶ **Anne Marie Bresnahan Duncan** says her most interesting job was 19 years spent as the personal assistant to the Senior Rabbi at the largest Jewish Reform Congregation in Virginia. She was hired by a wonderful man who was a Holocaust survivor and after he retired a woman was appointed Senior Rabbi. She stuck around because she just loved when glass

ceilings are smashed! She enjoyed finding out where and how Catholic liturgies evolved. Anne Marie is a reader at Mass and is a member of the Lazarus group, helping families during the mourning period. ¶ **Maureen McGlynn Franz** is volunteer librarian doing story time at her Staten Island parish school. She also has fun playing Bingo with the residents at a local nursing home. Since 2008 **Mary Margaret Wolohan Griffin** has been leading tours in Boston's neighborhoods with Boston by Foot. She is also with the Boston Public Library McKim Building at the Copley Square branch. **Anne Marie Fontaine Healey** serves on the Hospitality Committee of St. Bernadette Parish in Randolph, providing coffee hours and social and cultural events. This provides opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds to get acquainted as it is a multicultural community with 44 different languages spoken in the town including 26 in the parish alone. She also helps with the library book sales. **Anne Herron Healy** helps at church drives collecting clothing and toys for needy children. Cradles to Crayons is also one of her worthy activities. **Kathleen Henighan** was involved with Rivers School in Weston in the Sages and Seeker Project sharing her life story with a sophomore student doing his English essay. She also volunteers with Neighbors who care in Waltham, visiting elderly and helping to run their Thrift store on Main Street in Waltham. Stop by and she'll take the clothes off your back. ¶ **Joanne Massey Howes** continues to work tirelessly for Emily's List. **Carol Jewell Hunt** spends months painting a cigar box which raises a substantial sum at the artist Hospice auction. She also works on paintings to benefit local charities like the local radio station. She cheers Jay on with his work at the Good Shephard Farm. **Pat McCarthy Jacquart** has continued to lead high school and adult exchanges with France. She is now President of the Sister City Project that promotes cultural connections between towns on the South shore of Boston and towns outside the US. At the moment they are actively seeking a sister city in Ireland and encourage connections with Spain and China. Regis classmates and Kathi Ford are members of the project. Because of her youngest sister, Pat is very involved with the ARC of RI. ¶ **Lisa Brown Kane** travels from Providence to Watertown to remain on the Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice and Environment which she says by the name you can surmise is very challenging. We all know Lisa is ready for it. ¶ **Pat Gaumond Kasierski** works with the Cape Cod Council of Churches in the food pantry, the

Christmas toy distribution and in fund-raising. ♪ **Mel Lavenberg**, like most of us, has found volunteering as a way to get connected to the community. FISH, Friends in Service Helping, is a group which drives people to appointments and she says on a ride you learn a lot about the person. She took her childhood experience of reading aloud with her mother to her neighborhood Weston school. Mel and her golden retriever Therapy dog, Votsy, worked in the elementary school reading program and during exam times at Regis, Wellesley, and BC Law to help students de-stress. She saw how the first graders improved in their reading skills and how it helped her become a part of the community in a short period of time. ♪ **Barbara Long Smith** serves on an impressive list of committees in Wareham. She is on the Onset Bay Board of Directors, Wareham Historical Society, Wareham, Garden Club, and the Wareham Historical Commission. As you can imagine these include maintaining museums, cultural vibrancy, beautifying the area, and protecting the environment. ♪ **Carole Groncki McCarthy** is Eucharistic Minister for her local parish and a retirement home. She is also working with the regional office of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, *PHUSA.org*, which helps raise parentless children in Central American countries. Give it a look. ♪ **Janet Comeau Moriarty** is involved in the baby cuddling program at the Mass General in Boston and Lakes Regional in Laconia, NH. She also reports she shelves books in Gilford, NH, library but she said the bottom shelves are getting farther away than before! Can't we all relate? **Judy Fallon Niner** has a dedicated plot for a local community food bank which last year donated over 300 pounds of food. She is also on the steering committee to develop her neighborhood. After 35 years of active participation in the Sagamore Community Beach Colony Club, **Barbara Doran Sullivan** is

the Community Rep for Town Affairs. She also provides pro bono legal work and free Notary Service to all those in need.

1966

♣ **Betsy Burns Griffin, 38 Pine Lane, Framingham, MA 01701, 508-877-8826, betsygriffin@verizon.net** ♣ **Connie Alexander Giorgio, 658 Main Street, Harwich, MA 02645, 508-432-4645, connie@thegiorgios.com** ♪ What a wonderful 50th Reunion last May! Eighty-three class members attended some or all events, and we set a hard-to-match precedent with our astounding class gift of over a million dollars. Thanks to all who donated, and if you haven't yet, you can support Regis at any time. Just check the website. Attendees were impressed by changes on campus: to quote **Lida McMahon Harkins**, "...really enjoyed the new Regis, Maria Hall Extension, Library and Dunkin' Donuts!" **Joanne Heron** said, "Loved the new areas on campus and the wonderful school spirit." Many classmates commented on how delightful it was to reconnect, catch up, and realize how "fabulous" we are, to quote **Jane Cronin Tedder**. **Eileen Gaquin Kelley** called us "an interesting, accomplished and intelligent group ... listening to what people have done was inspiring." Those who didn't attend were missed; we hope to see you soon. It was hard to talk to everyone, but **Connie Alexander Giorgio** gathered some news. **Pat Carney McCarthy** is involved in local politics in Plymouth, MA. **Lida Harkins** worked hard for Hillary's campaign. **Nancy Greene Barry's** son John is Sports Information Director at Regis (sports at Regis? Another change). **Nancy** headed back to Hawaii in September after a "transformative" sail up the east coast this spring in a reproduction of the historic Polynesian boat the HoKula'a. **Anne Boyle Tatum**, an Arizonan, spends summers in Flagstaff to avoid the Phoenix heat. **Ann Bernson** wasn't at the reunion but wore her Regis t-shirt in Honolulu all weekend in solidarity. **Janet Banas Higgins** and **Ann** found themselves on the same cruise last spring. **Molly Lahnston Ford** could only attend the reunion luncheon before dashing off to see her daughter Stephanie (a Regis grad '95) in London and then on to Ireland. **Elsie Brennan** and her partner are general contractors for their rental house in "the beauty spot of Vermont," Lake Elmore. Contact **Elsie** for details. **Jane Cronin Tedder** hiked Glacier National Park with her sister-in-law in early September. More news picked up at the Cape Cod party held in early August at **Nanci Leverone Ortwein's** summer place in Brewster: **Mary McAuliffe**, **Mary Brooks Adams**, and **Clare Donaher** toured the Utah

national parks this year; in 2017 Mary is headed to Israel in April and cruising from Fiji to Bali in June with **Ann Bernson**, **Susan Hennessey Kobayashi** and **Nancy Greene Barry**. **Franni Murphy's** working on her next documentary, "...hoping to feature the Civil Rights Memorial in Birmingham, AL." **Joan Dorgan Jordan's** visiting grandchildren in New York City and Virginia plus helping plan her daughter's wedding in Kennebunkport, ME in August. **Nanci** reported grandchild number 9 born in July, making 2 girls and 7 boys. **Mary Ann Scannell Kenny** spoke for all in thanking Nanci for her great hospitality. Heard that day: **Sherrin O'Brien Langelier** and **Molly Lahnston Ford** both had broken legs and couldn't attend. Get well soon! As this column arrives, it's the holidays. We wish you health, peace, and love.

1967 50th Reunion

♣ **Carolyn Sammartino Moran, 105 Kittredge Street #1, Roslindale, MA 02131, 617-921-5759, cmoran6@comcast.net** ♪ Condolences are offered to **Sally Anne Mahoney Wagner** whose husband Jerry died in fall 2015. Sally has two sons in their 40s and keeps in touch with **Cheryl Adkins Boss** and **Anna Cavanaugh Prentiss**. Sally and Anna taught together in Schenectady, NY. Anna and her husband Bob also visited **Paula Dempsey Beauregard** and **Jim, Rosemarie Melloni Dittmer** and **Myron**, and **Rachel Gustina Shea** at the home of **Patti McCurry Morley** and **Don**. Congratulations on the births of granddaughter Vivienne Helen to Rosemarie, and grandson Matthew Joseph to Patti. Vivienne joins sister Colette Rose, daughter of Joanna and Phil, and Matthew is younger brother to Christopher, son of Meredith and Marlin. Patti was joined by her family for a 70th birthday trip to Ireland. Rosemarie was featured in an article in *The Boston Pilot* about spiritual caregiving in hospitals and nursing homes, and her work involves all aspects of these programs and Adult Faith Formation. Paula visited Napa Valley, Nashville, and Florida. She helps with four grandchildren and was planning to have the son of our late classmate **Mary Holland Anderson Norris**, Seth Anderson, visit her in Harwich Port with his family. Rachel visited Great Barrington with seven friends, an annual event, with some friendships going back to grammar school. ♪ **Frances Waht Lewis** visited daughter Amanda and her family in Brittany, France, and they traveled to ski in the Pyrenees, a treat for the grandchildren who never see snow where they live. Amanda and family came to Eastham for their summer visit. **Susan Lang Abbott** traveled to

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Rome with daughter Amy and her family, to England with daughter Sarah and her family, and to Hollywood to attend the First Communion of son John's son, Michael. **Anne Hosinski Madden** and husband Andy moved from their Portland, OR home of 38 years to a smaller one only two houses away. Ann is happy with water aerobics, yoga, and hula, and danced for her grandson's vacation bible school. She continues to head up her church's adult education program and co-facilitates an Episcopal Education for Ministry seminar weekly. Her mother, Martha Mitten Hosinski '40, is now a hale and hearty 96, and Ann and Andy spent the 4th of July with her in South Bend, and share lots of joy with four grandchildren. She hopes to see us at our 50th, May 12, 13, and 14, 2017. Our best wishes to **Mary Jane Doherty** on her retirement after serving as special assistant to Antoinette M. Hays, PhD, RN, President of Regis College, and to Dr. Mary Jane England, our previous president. Mary Jane Doherty continues as a religious hermit and we wish her peace. NEW ENGLAND HOME, January–February, 2016 featured an article about **Joyce Tenneson's** photographs titled "The Insider." Author Caroline Cunningham says that Joyce's photographs, whether of people or the natural world, are an intimate, searing, inward-looking search for meaning. Thank you to **Peggy Jones Gigante** for forwarding it to me. Peggy and Mike enjoy grandson Oscar. A few of our classmates including: **Charlene Demayo Niles**, **Carolyn Conway Stack**, Rachel Shea, Patti Morley, Paula Beauregard, and myself visited **Suzanne Maxwell Smith** before the holidays at her new residence at Life Care Center, 546 South Street East, Raynham, MA 02767. Suzanne has MS and is grateful for the care she is receiving and the activities she can enjoy, and she would like to hear from you. On September 10 of last year, the following classmates attended a reunion planning meeting to gather information: **Ellen Kearns**, **Mim Riley Flecca**, Carolyn Conway Stack, **Marlene Gibbons Wilkey**, Peggy Gigante, Patti Morley, Rosemarie Dittmer, **Pat Driscoll Egan**, Paula Beauregard, and myself. **Pat Sullivan Smith** sent suggestions. Pat moved to Centennial, CO in 1975 and she and Peter have two daughters, Ellen who lives in Victoria British Columbia in Vancouver, and a younger daughter in Denver. Travels include France for their 40th anniversary, and a road trip through the UK with her sister Sally. Marlene, Paula, **Jane Ryan Wessen**, and I attended the Regis summer luncheon. Marlene's son works for Michael Bloomberg in DC, and she enjoys living in Sandwich



Q&A with Carole Groncki McCarthy '65

ALUMNA GIVES BACK TO HER REGIS FAMILY

When you first visited Regis, how did you know it was the right place for you? The campus was so beautiful, "high on a hilltop" with the rolling lawns. I especially liked that Regis maintained the historic Morrison House and I was in awe with all the artwork and furnishings in the Foyer. I felt the Grotto was a special place with the Norman Tower standing guard. Also, my sister, Barbara Groncki Audino, was in the Class of 1963 and she loved it!

How has Regis changed since you graduated in 1965? It is bigger and "better" and of course there are male students in the classrooms. But the current students are missing out on those great mixers we used to have at Boston College and Holy Cross!

How do you think Regis stands out from its competitors? The Regis tagline says it all: Regis is Big Enough to Lead, Small Enough to Care.

Why have you always felt it's important to volunteer, in particular as a member of the Regis Fund Executive Committee? I have always felt that Regis is part of my family: my classmates, past and present faculty, administrators, and the Regis spirit. As one helps family members, I naturally reach out to Regis. It is a privilege to be on the committee. It keeps me connected, and in this small way, I can offer my assistance.

You give generously to the Regis Fund each and every year. What's your philosophy when it comes to giving back? I am grateful for my Regis education that allowed me to obtain my master's degree at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and then a career at Polaroid. It was more than just learning the formulas and the reactions; it was the education of the total person: supporting growth in my faith, intellectual curiosity, and leadership skills.

When did you become a member of the Catherine Burke Society by making a planned gift to Regis? About five years ago. Regis is listed as a beneficiary of my IRA.

Why is it important to you to include the school in your legacy? No one goes through this life alone; we are helped along the way by many, and in my case Regis was an important contributor. Now it is my turn to give back to Regis.

If you had to choose one word to describe Regis, what would it be? Vision.

and substituting at Sandwich High. Jane lives in Hingham, has 4 children, travels to Denver to visit her daughter, and to Mount Pleasant, SC to see a son and grandchildren. Jane sees **Mary-Ellen Driscoll Deasy** from County Dublin, Ireland when Mary comes to Medford to visit her daughter and granddaughter. **Kathy Lynch O'Donoghue** from Hernando, FL also joins them. Kathy's mom is a '40 classmate of Ann Madden's mom. Contact Pat Egan cpegan@verizon.net about our class Facebook, and co-presidents Ellen Kearns ekearns@constangy.com and Mim Flecca mflecca@yahoo.com about our reunion. May good health be with each of us as we look forward to our 50th.

1968

❖ **Patricia Nelson Cross, 161 Oak Common Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32095, 904-823-1394, tricia.cross915@gmail.com** ¶ Happy birthday everyone—this year (or there about) is the BIG ONE!! Cheers to all of us! ¶ **Marybeth Govoni Cormier** reported that the Regis Cape Cod luncheon at Willowbend was attended by **Nancy Brine Fredrickson, Marcia Carey Walsh, Anne Marie Tucker Brooks**, and Marybeth. A small turnout for our class, as many of us were traveling in early August. The group enjoyed meeting Kelley Tuthill, an award-winning reporter at WCVB since 1998, who recently accepted the newly-created position Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Regis. They were also delighted to hear about the wonderful plans Regis has for moving the college forward. No one keeps busier and more active than Marybeth. She is never home, always off on excursions of one type or another. So many friends and places to go! MB recently spent time with **Barbara Murphy**. "Barbara has a wonderful waterfront summer home that was built by her grandfather and we had a couple of hours chatting, enjoying the view on a nice sunny day. Tricia, Barbara is going to be in St. Augustine in December, staying with friends who moved down there." Thanks MB maybe we can get together! ¶ **Jeanne Gianturco Jaroszewski** keeps in touch with **Maria Cole**, who lives in Revere and Jeannie is in Melrose. They actually managed to spend the day together in Ft. Myers, FL in February. Jeannie reports "Maria looks wonderful, young, and full of energy. She has had her share of medical problems, several heart surgeries, many rehabs, and is going strong—a real Revere girl," according to Jeannie! ¶ Jeannie is still consulting at Massachusetts RMV three days a week. "Hours are pretty flexible and I actually enjoy solving other people's

problems. My Catherine and her husband Dan (Keenan, a nice Irish boy) bought a home in South Lake Tahoe, CA. I think that means that the Sierra mountains are more to their liking than Mt. Washington. Also, California is a nice place to visit in all seasons. Matthew is overseas quite a bit but will be home soon for a family gathering, and Adam is working toward a graduate degree in psychology and living closer to home in Somerville." ¶ As I write this, **Judy Murphy Lauch** and husband Bill are currently celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Scandinavia on a sailing cruise ship. Although Judy's terms as a Regis trustee have come to an end, she is still an avid Regis supporter, President of '68 and currently chairs the overall fundraising effort for our 50th class Reunion in 2018 along with **Marcia Carey Walsh**. Judy and Marcia attended a preliminary planning meeting for the 50th Reunion at Walters Hall recently. Marcia started taking golf lessons two years ago and this year she began playing on different courses around the South Shore. ¶ Got a great note from **Linda Gaioni Dranchak**. Her amazing daughter Kate is the medical director for the California Department of State Hospitals. She travels and speaks all over the country, and recently co-edited a psychiatry textbook. Linda says she received a lovely inscribed copy, but did not understand most of the contents! "Kate married a terrific guy and we acquired two bonus grandkids in the deal. Son Mike took a job in Massachusetts two years ago and moved from Ft. Myers to Shrewsbury. We get to see him and his kids on a much more regular basis. The downside is no longer being able to go to Red Sox spring training games. Youngest child Sarah is now the mother of three little boys under the age of five. We care for them while she works. It is only part-time, but at our age, it sure feels more like full-time." Linda has cut way back on her successful quilting enterprise, although technically she is still open for business. John is officially retired. ¶ Burt and I missed connecting with **Maryanne Skeiber Burtman** and husband Tim this year as we try to rendezvous in St. Augustine during their drive south to Stuart, FL for a winter break. Maryanne and Tim went on a great trip to Spain and Portugal last year and spent a month or so in Florida last winter. "We both celebrated our 70th birthdays with a weekend in Boston and a nice get-together in the North End with Judy and Bill Lauch. We are planning a trip to Costa Rica at Christmas with our girls, Amie and Nicole, and their families (11 of us)! Traveling fools! I haven't gotten any gold or silver medals but continue to play Pickleball regularly." ¶ **Sandy**

Kowalski Diaferio's news: "I have a buyer for my New Jersey house, my closing is very soon, and I will be moving to Vermont. Because everything came so fast, I plan on working from Vermont for a while before actually retiring—which might be early next year. The entire process has been extremely tough. Fred and I were in this house since 1979, so lots of memories and lots of projects to complete. Thankfully I have my family who has helped out tremendously." Congrats Sandy! I know you will make many more wonderful memories living near all the Kowalskis! ¶ **Kathy Lilly** writes that she continues to work full-time for NYC Children's Services which "I hope it is keeping my mind somewhat alert. These days we need all the help we can get! I visited both coasts of Florida in April—my sister on the Atlantic and my brother on the Gulf. Lots of fun but too short! My family surprised me with a weekend of events for my 70th birthday including a performance of the American Ballet Theatre." ¶ **Midge Sullivan Durgin** writes that she is still working full-time selling real estate for Coldwell Banker in Hingham and as the Membership Director at Black Rock Country Club. "I just returned from the 'Elite Retreat' at the Breakers in West Palm Beach for the top producers/brokers in the company from the Northeast region—a great networking and educational event. I also keep busy with my six grandchildren, who are the light of my life and somehow manage to put a smile on my face every day!" Congratulations Midge! ¶ **Mary Reilly Potter** and husband David continue to enjoy retirement. This September they were off to Ireland for a three-week trip. "We will hug the western coast from Galway, Clifden, Westport, Sligo, and then on to Northern Ireland to see the Giant's Causeway, Bushmills, and then just general sightseeing as we make our way back to Shannon. In October, we will return to Venice, FL for six months. We don't 'do' cold anymore." Mary is looking forward to our 50th Reunion. ¶ I am still working for a Florida Anesthesia Society, managing conferences and keeping the group organized. Looking to retire after the first of the year, possibly on my birthday, New Year's Eve! My husband Burt and I recently purchased a condo in our same St. Augustine neighborhood and are thrilled with the idea of "downsizing!" Our plan is to spend more time in New England in the summer, though we do love St. Augustine the rest of the year! With Maryanne as a role model, I have taken up Pickleball in place of tennis and I think I will enjoy it once I get the hang of it. Still go to Mattapoisett, MA every year for our family vacation, i.e. Camp Chaos, that includes our six children, their

spouses, and 14 grandchildren plus assorted family and friends that join in at their peril. The children range in age from Carly, heading to Wake Forest as a freshman, to Fiona age 2. Clearly 14 bedrooms are not enough but we always manage to have a great time.

¶ Hard to believe the milestone we are all experiencing this year as we turn 70 years young! And another milestone will soon be upon us—our 50th Class Reunion. Let's not forget to count our blessings and enjoy this decade with family and friends and look forward to all getting together in 2018!

1969

♦ **Linda Daigneault, 300 Forker Boulevard, Sharon, PA 16146, 724-342-5306, tj.dano@verizon.net** ¶ Hope you all had a good year. Time is flying by. I assume most of you are either retired or approaching retirement. My husband and I spend a lot of time filling our "bucket list" and making plans to check off some of the items. We have been fortunate to have good health and reasonable finances to be able to travel to many of the places we have wanted to visit and to stay in touch with friends and family. Cruising seems to be our latest choice of travel and we are planning a trip through the Panama Canal in January from Ft. Lauderdale and ending in San Diego. We hope to meet up with **Sharon Curtis Spaulding Smith** and Dave in Las Vegas in March and then continue out to Zion/Bryce, the Grand Canyon, Sedona and Phoenix. Updates I have received from classmates include the following: **Ruthann Iovanni Bates** sent a photo and some news to the Class Notes. **Sheila Canavan** and her husband, Michael Chandler, co-directed and co-produced the documentary film, "Compared to What: the Improbable Journey of Barney Frank." It was Sheila's directorial debut. The film was shown as part of the Washington Jewish Film Festival in Washington, D.C. Ruthann and Sheila had a chance to catch up over dinner. Ruthann also mentioned that **Jean Bellingham** deserves the credit for setting things up for the three to meet but had to bow out at the last minute due to illness. I am going to try and reach out to each one of you in the next year hoping to get some updates on the things you are doing, have done or planning to do. Let's keep in touch!

1970

♦ **Nora Quinlan Waystack, 126 Merrimac Street #50, Newburyport, MA 01950, 978-462-0777, nqwaystack@gmail.com** ¶ Hello classmates. I sincerely hope this past year has been a good one for all. I know many of you are in, or

will soon be in, retirement mode, so I would love to hear how that's going. Recently I heard from **Christine Hansen McGill**, who also lives in Newburyport, MA, about what she refers to her greatest adventure ever. Last year she and husband Kevin took a horseback riding safari in South Africa with a side trip to Victoria Falls in Zambia. They were totally amazed riding among the wild life and would choose to take that trip again in a heartbeat. Chris is still active in her CPA business. ¶ **Nancy McCallum Brennerman** had a late summer visit from **Carol Giacomo**. Nancy mentioned that daughter Molly would be spending the fall semester of her senior year at University of Southern Maine in Rome studying the classics. Nancy spends much of her retirement time volunteering at the Maine Irish Heritage Center in Portland. The project she is currently dedicated to is developing a small digital archive of the 50 years of public service of former Maine Governor Joseph Brennan. Nancy's husband David is retired from his lobbying firm after 30 years, but has recently returned to the Portland City Council. **Patty Hanifey** and Nancy met and spent a day in Arizona last winter. After which Patty continued onto the Grand Canyon with daughter Meghan Seigel and family. Nancy spends three months every winter in Arizona with friends and family visiting. ¶ Last spring Regis hosted an alumni brunch at the Gaslight Restaurant in Boston. There were approximately 30 alumni attending. **Nancy MacKenzie Connelly**, **Dede Dalton-Martell**, and I attended from our class. Last summer **Jane McCusker Taylor**, **Patty Hanifey**, and **Dede Dalton-Martell** joined me in Newburyport for dinner at the Black Cow. It was a balmy evening at this lovely spot and the laughter and storytelling flowed easily. Patty, grandmother of five, recently downsized her living quarters and greatly recommended we all read Marie Kondo's "The Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up." Everyone agreed we should compare decluttering notes at our next meeting. Later that evening **Dede** and husband **Bob** joined **Margaret Cohan Craven** and **Peter McClosky** for Regis Night at the Red Sox. The event sold out with 100 Regis alumni, friends, and families in attendance sporting Regis sunglasses. It was a glorious night at Fenway, and the home team won 13-2. ¶ After 46 years in education, **Kathy Dobbryn Bouchard** has decided to finally retire. There were four failed attempts at retirement as the Portland, ME Public Schools kept calling her back for "just one more year" for interim administrative positions. Most recently she served as Interim Principal at the King Middle

School. She recently finished coordinating the Multilingual Students Middle and High School summer programs for the fifth year. Previously she had accepted administrative positions at the high school, elementary and middle levels. Now her focus will be on taking time with husband Mike, who is also retired, and family. Son Kevin and his wife AnnMarie live in Melrose, MA with two daughters, Kathryn and Clara. Amy and her husband Arick live with daughter Campbell in Cumberland, ME. Kathy's happy to still enjoy their summer lake cottage in Milton, NH where sisters Karen and Eileen (Regis '74) often spend weekends. Kathy hopes to see other Regis classmates now that she'll have more time. ¶ I would love to hear from more of you with news to share. Please be in touch!

1971

♦ **Marcia Charlton Reynolds, 408 Lebanon Street #8, Melrose, MA 02176, 260-750-4711, mmoosh@aol.com** ♦ **Sandy Moore Bohn, 14 Soundway Drive, Rocky Point, NY 11778, 631-744-4694, amb1227@aol.com** ¶ If you missed the reunion last May you missed out on a great time to reconnect with old friends. Several of us gathered on the weekend of May 14-15 but a lot of familiar faces were missing. We'd like to see more of you at our 50th! Several people have volunteered to be our new officers for the next five years. **Sheila J. Murphy** will once again be our President with **Kathy Galiher Ott** as Vice President. **Fran Frydryk Fanning** will be our new Fund Agent. **Marcia Charlton Reynolds** and **Sandy Moore Bohn** volunteered to be our new class reporters. They'll be expecting to hear from you and possibly contacting you if they don't. Please be proactive and contact them with news about your achievements, retirements, trips, children, grandchildren, etc. We'd all like to keep in touch with whatever is going on with the members of our class. ¶ This past year we lost **Sallyanne McColgan** on October 20. Sallyanne went on after her Regis years to receive a master's in psychology from Tufts University and a master's and doctorate in psychology from Boston College. She had a stellar career as a pediatric clinical psychologist at Mass General Hospital and then moved to Tufts New England Medical Center as the senior pediatric neuropsychologist. She never forgot her Regis roots teaching courses in psychology and human development as well as serving on the Alumni Board of Directors. She was awarded the Alumnae Achievement Award in 1997 which she richly deserved. She will be missed by many. ¶ **Linda Faldetta** retired a year ago and is enjoying her

free time. She and her husband Tom love being world travelers. They took a great trip to Peru last summer and spent three wonderful weeks in China last November. Where to next, Linda?

¶ Another classmate who joined the ranks of the retired last year is Sheila J. Murphy. After 44 years of teaching, 42 of them at Matignon High School in Cambridge, it was time to take a break, get some rest, and catch up with all those unread books that have been piling up. ¶ Sandy Moore Bohn and husband Ray had a wonderful time at the reunion in May. Says Sandy: It was great to see classmates and to see the fantastic changes to the campus. On a personal note, we're finally going to be grandparents! Our daughter Amanda is expecting in January. We're thrilled! ¶ Once again, please get some news to Marcia or Sandy. They will be waiting to hear from you. Let's see something written in this column for our class on a regular basis.

1972 45th Reunion

♦ Mary Lou Wenthe, 8485 Berkley Street, Honeoye, NY 14471, 585-229-7061, cornhillcards@frontier.com ♦ Susan Schissel Fogerty, 113 Central Street, Byfield, MA 01922, 978-462-8647, fogerty@comcast.net ¶ Janet Wilhelm sent a note that she had a nice visit with Marguerite Cook Campbell recently. Marguerite lives in California. As you may recall, Marguerite entered the military after graduation. Thank you for your service, Marguerite. Janet also wrote that she gets together with a few of our classmates every few months. They include Ann McGrath, Ann Gargulinski Desmarais, Gail Ahlquist Rajala, and Elaine Weglarz. Janet said Elaine recently retired from being a Montessori teacher and she is now living in California also. Janet herself is living in Stratham, NH and is an Independent Consultant at Scentsy. ¶ This spring, AJ Volckmann Leonard welcomed her first grandchildren. They were two boys, born within a week of each other to her son and her daughter. Congratulations. I'm sure there have been other births as well among our class. My husband Bill and I, Susan Schissel Fogerty, had our third granddaughter, Violet, arrive March 11, 2016. As I retired in January, I'm hoping I can spend more time in Tucson, AZ, with her and her sister, Evangeline. Sadly, Kathleen Duggan Kattany, posted on Facebook, that our dear classmate, Marjorie Sullivan O'Brien, passed away on December 12, 2015. She had battled a blood disease for three years, which turned into leukemia. She left behind her husband Mike and son Matt and his wife and son. Life is indeed too short. If you are on Facebook please join the Regis College Class of 72

group. Occasionally there is a new post and maybe we can keep more information flowing. Remember to set aside the Reunion Weekend in May 2017. 45 years! How can it be.

1974

♦ Grace Murphy, 6 Colony Road, Lexington, MA 02420, 781-861-3914, gracemurphy52@gmail.com ¶ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Kate Murray in early January. Kate was diagnosed with colon cancer 6.5 years prior and put up a very brave fight. It would be easy to forget that Kate did not graduate from Regis, having transferred to Boston College after two years at Regis. She was always very loyal to Regis, however, and attended many alumnae events, including our last reunion. She had a long career in radio and television after graduation from BC and grad school in California. Many of you may recall seeing her on the Channel 2 auction. We miss her already. She was remembered at the Memorial Mass in November. ¶ I managed to dig up some news on Kathy Donovan McDonough. (As an aside, Google really is an amazing thing.) She retired in 2010 from her teaching position in the Georgetown public school system, where she worked for 32 years, but has continued to do volunteer work with homeless children. She married Keith McDonough shortly after graduating from Regis and he is Lawrence District Court Clerk-Magistrate. Her son Patrick is an attorney and her daughter Katherine is a speech pathologist. ¶ Lisa Driscoll Tuite is basking in the afterglow of the Oscar for Best Picture, which went to the movie *Spotlight*. Lisa's role as Boston Globe Head Librarian was played by Michele Proude in the movie but Lisa also has a cameo role. Liz Kurkjian-Henry's brother Steve Kurkjian, a former Globe Spotlight team member, was also portrayed in the movie. ¶ Kathi O'Looney Adams' family continues to expand as her daughter Maura married a Navy helicopter pilot in September 2015. Maura was also in the Navy and is now working on a Doctorate in Nursing Practice. Kathi's husband Bill is retired from the Navy but still working in the DoD, son William is a Naval Intel Officer, son John (West Point graduate) is in Special Forces training, and daughter Margaret is just starting her job as a Computer Scientist for the DoD. We thank all of the Adams family for their service! Kathi continues to teach near their Maryland home. She and Bill have three grandchildren and recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. ¶ Denise Travers, Kate Conway, Irene Dent, and Mary Byram spent some time on the Cape this summer, touching base with Nancy Lennon

Boyd and Joanne Crowley. Denise is still teaching nursing in Connecticut, Mary has retired from the post office and continues with her photography in Maine, Kate is continuing her professorial duties at Wheaton College and Irene has recently retired from Marriott Corporation after a long and successful career. ¶ Mary Beth Graham Conry spent her usual two weeks on Cape Cod this summer, still teaching preschool near her home in Virginia. ¶ Kathy Mason Podolski, Diane Salvatore Comforti, Joanne Crowley and her brother Kevin enjoyed a warm round of golf in June at Marlborough Country Club, participating in the annual Regis Golf Tournament to benefit Regis Athletics. It was so great to see Diane, who traveled from Connecticut to participate. ¶ Nancy Boyd Lennon has retired from the *Cape Cod Times* and is enjoying her newest assignment working for the Hyline Ferry company, helping the masses make their way to Nantucket and the Vineyard. ¶ Finally, congratulations to Joanne Crowley for earning her USCG Captain's license, qualifying her to operate various sizes of commercial vessels and pleasure craft. The licensing process was a rigorous one requiring attendance and completion of Coast Guard approved training and testing over the period of several months.

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♦ Cathy Grealy Cohen, 6028 Copley Lane, McLean, VA 22101, grealcohen@gmail.com ♦ Janet Arigo Dygert, 28 Oakcrest Drive, Framingham, MA 01701, jayseadee@yahoo.com ¶ Betsy Owens Cronin and her husband are still living in Connecticut, both working with no plans for retirement yet. Her three sons live in Simsbury, CT, Orlando, FL, and Washington, DC. They love traveling to visit them whenever possible. ¶ Patti Regele Nore lives in Raleigh, NC and works as a teacher assistant in a public school. She has three grown children. Her sons are married (one in Florida recently married with two children from his wife's first marriage, and the other in the AF stationed in northern California with his wife, her daughter and granddaughter). Her daughter lives in Raleigh and is in a serious relationship. She keeps active with walking/jogging and is thinking about retiring next year. She also makes frequent trips to her favorite spot—the beach, enjoying great, motivated young inspirational women and reading. ¶ Lela Niemer Aukes has been living at Ban Amphur Beach in Thailand for the last 14 years since her retirement from KLM airlines. She ended up in Thailand because of the sisters of the Good Shepherd that I sponsored for many

years by supporting "The Fatima Self Help Centre" in Bangkok. She splits her time between managing rental properties and some acting work in TV commercials, series and films. It's a lot to juggle at times and she's looking forward to retiring from these endeavors at 65. ¶ Her daughter is 27 and finishing her master's degree in New Media and Digital Culture at Utrecht University. It's an emerging field that is only offered at two universities in the Netherlands. Her degree will hopefully give her the flexibility to live anywhere in the world. ¶ As we still have our house in Belgium, her husband prefers to spend his time there as he is a keen hunter and prefers the cooler, seasonal weather in Europe. Luckily her retirement from KLM airlines still allows them to travel "non-revenue," giving them the freedom to make the trip Bangkok-Amsterdam regularly. ¶ Lela would love our classmates to connect with her on Facebook and invites you all to come to Thailand. She would love for you to check out our holiday rentals as well, Lela's rooms by the beach ([facebook.com/Thailand-Lelas-rooms-by-the-beach-147467178608/](https://www.facebook.com/Thailand-Lelas-rooms-by-the-beach-147467178608/)) or check out their website: www.Somphong.info. She also reminded me that we have a page on Facebook (Regis Class of '75: [facebook.com/groups/288659571625/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/288659571625/)); please join and share your stories. ¶ **Mary Ann Dellea Cronin** retired after 37 years with the Commonwealth. At the time of her retirement she was managing day to day operations in a local office of the Department of Children and Families, the child protective service agency in Massachusetts. She says: I have had nearly six months off which has been very nice. We had a couple of vacations; I have been playing more golf, getting to the gym with regularity, visiting family and planning a golf vacation in October. I start working again part time next week. I will let you know how that works out for next year's update. We are in good health and our daughter had a job she loves and is healthy and happy. Overall, we are blessed. ¶ Mary Ann got her first hole-in-one during the summer. One of her very best rounds. ¶ **Nancy McDonald Infascelli** is happily retired from Plymouth South high school. After a 35-year career as a librarian, she is a grandmother. Her son John and his wife Sara had a baby girl, Elizabeth, in May 2015. Her husband Dave is also retired and they plan on traveling and just enjoying life and family. ¶ **Cathy Brown Bennett** and her husband Larry are still happily living in Maryland. Cathy retired from the Department of Defense three years ago after a diverse 37-year career. She now works for them a few days a week, which is just enough! Their son,

Jon, now lives in Los Angeles with his girlfriend and their "Granddog" Brody; so they are back and forth often. ¶ **Cathy Greeley Cohen** reports that she is finally an empty nester. Her son, the youngest, moved to Boulder, CO to start his own business. He is a glass flaming artist. Her daughters live in New York City (advertising) and Nashville/Vanderbilt (internal medicine resident) so she spends much of her time when not traveling for business, traveling to see her children. They still enjoy family vacations together; this year in Malaga, Spain. Regis classmates are invited to visit us when they are in the Washington, DC area! ¶ **Denise Erwin Webber** seems to think that it is time for our classmates to become new mothers-in-law. **Mary Billings Sherman's** family enjoyed two weddings and another one may be coming soon. Denise also shared that **Theresa LaBelle Tomlinson's** youngest son, Shane, was married in June. ¶ Denise's daughter, Megan, is entering her sophomore year at Connecticut College. Her son, Michael, joined the married ranks! He and his fiancé Cindy were married this past summer. They are all thrilled. She and her husband Chris celebrated their 38th anniversary on the same day as her son's wedding. Chris is back to running 5Ks since recovering from a heart attack (he's doing well). ¶ Denise is still tutoring and was very busy during the summer. Her regular exercise group took the summer off, so she got back to swimming and is pleased that she is swimming a mile most times. You go girl! ¶ **Mary Mulvey Jacobson** recently returned from Ireland on the Inaugural flight of Aer Lingus leaving Boston and landing at Ireland West Knock Airport in County Mayo. It was the first time Aer Lingus flew into the airport from Boston which is the closest airport to Our Lady of Knock Shrine, where the Blessed Mother appeared with St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist and a lamb. Some of us took the inaugural flight when we returned to Boston! She traveled with Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, and former Mayor of Boston, and Ambassador to the Vatican Ray Flynn and his wife, Cathy. They were the Boston Delegation who traveled to attend the 40th Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Knock Basilica. Of all the priests in Ireland, Cardinal O'Malley was the celebrant of the special Mass. What an experience! Mary stays busy with the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association, the Irish Social Club of Boston, Ethos (an aging service assess point caring for the elderly and disabled, keeping them in their homes for as long and possible). She began serving as the Chair of the Board of

Advisers of the Parkway Community YMCA in September. She is also doing some part-time consulting, but finds herself busier than when she was working full-time. ¶ My husband Don and I (**Janet Arigo Dygert**) live in Framingham, MA. Both still working in no hurry to retire, but when we do, we have a house in South Dennis, MA waiting for us. We enjoyed a wonderful trip to China last fall to visit friends working outside of Shanghai. It was a great way to celebrate our 25th anniversary. I also continue staying active with Crossfit (as anyone who follows me on Facebook knows) and recently placed third in a local competition. ¶ When you have a minute, drop us a line, follow us on Facebook or join the class group and tell us what you're up to. Wish you all a blessed and healthy year.

1977 40th Reunion

♦ **Karen Driscoll Montague, 9 Erwin Road, Wayland, MA 01778, 508-358-5130, kdm55@verizon.net** ¶ I apologize for not including this first submission to last fall's *Regis Today*. Unable to attend the BBQ at **Julie O'Connor McGinn's** home last summer were **Mary Edwina Colpoys, Joy Toomey, Jill Alexander Belastock, Dianne Novak Andresano, and Donna Cellucci Sumner** who met in June for lunch at the Dolphin Yacht Club in Marblehead. Conversation ranged from the upcoming wedding of Jill's daughter, Emily, to Joy's retirement as a tax attorney from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue after 33 years of service. Jill, who has two daughters, lives in Kingston, MA. Joy is busy planning life after retirement. Mary Edwina, the proud owner of a new home on Martha's Vineyard, is still living in Watertown, MA and stays very busy with her thriving pediatric medical practice, Alewife Brook Community Pediatrics, in Arlington. Dianne remains active with her family in Millbury, MA and is looking forward to a summer of gardening. Dianne's daughter just completed her sophomore year at WPI. Donna, who left Matignon High School in Cambridge after 29 years of teaching math, is completing her ninth year at Wayland Middle School where she is the Math Curriculum Leader. As Dianne phrased it, "Even though a year or two goes by between get-togethers, it is as though we had just been together last week. We fall right into our conversations. It certainly doesn't feel like 39 years since we were all together at Regis. We remain grateful for the lasting friendships and bonds we made at Regis." ¶ **Betty Mazeiko Abdulla** is proud to report that she is grandmother to Zoe Abdulla, born to son Anthony and his

wife Samantha. They live in Topsfield not far from Betty who lives in Salem, NH. Betty has been with Fidelity for 18 years and in January will celebrate her 40th wedding anniversary. **Anne Marie Hurley** also reports the arrival of a new grandson, Julian Matthew.

Joanne Ferraro Davies and husband Ron have moved to Bluffton, SC to be close to two grandsons who live in Rolesville, VA. She still visits Boston every few months to visit her other daughter and her father. **Pam Witt Wadzita** out in Washington state is now in private practice as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor after years of teaching and administration in the Archdiocesan of Seattle school system. Pam recently celebrated her 32nd wedding anniversary and has three children who live nearby and doing well. Her oldest son is at Microsoft, her daughter is the Social Media Director at Amazon and her youngest son is in grad school studying to be a LMHC like his Mom. She is still waiting for grandchildren. Pam is a huge Harry Potter fan and frequently escapes reality with trips to WDW, Disneyland and Harry Potter World at Universal Studios. She loves keeping up with Regis classmates on social media. "The posts about the gatherings at the Holly Tea (now called the Merry Mingle), or a luncheon at the Cape tug at my heart. Although I miss the east coast, and the family and friends I grew up with, I live a blessed life in the great northwest. We live only five hours south of the Canadian border, so if the presidential election doesn't go well we can make a quick get-a-way!" **Nicki Girouard** retired from Raytheon last December. She is finishing her master's in Colonial American history and "living the dream" in Newburyport. **Julie O'Connor McGinn** is looking forward to a fall trip to Ireland with husband John who recently became Town Administrator for Marblehead. Daughter Bridget has finished her master's degree and is teaching 8th grade science in Austin, TX. Youngest daughter Nora has joined the John Hopkins Urban Teachers program. While earning her masters she will be teaching 4th grade in DC. Son Mike continues with City Year. **Kathy Cove Curley** is looking forward to her son Stephan's wedding next year. **Carol Manning Chicarello's** son Paul is recently married and her daughter will be attending UVM this fall. **Jan Gleason Rogers** has retired. She and husband Rob still live in Winchester, VA but plan to put their house on the market next spring and move to Cape Cod to be closer to her daughter Abby who lives on the Vineyard. My daughter AiLi just turned 11 and is starting middle school. I spend most of my time shuttling her around to swim practices, meets, soccer, scouts and viola lessons. I'm sure

you all remember those days fondly. Please email me news. Thanks.

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✦ **Sheila Walsh, 13B Beal's Cove Road, Hingham, MA 02043, 617-319-0823, sheila.walsh@comcast.net** Hello to the class of 1978! If you are reading this and did not receive any messages from me, please let me know what your email address is or give me a call. We are trying to update our list as best we can and we want to hear from everyone! I hope you have all been well since last time. **Paula Bellorado Wolfert** writes that her daughter, Bethany, started graduate school at Regis in September in the Nurse Practitioner Master's Program. "We are excited for her," says Paula. **Lucy Demarco Grasso, Mary Roche, and Mary K. Ames** all attended a surprise 60th birthday party for Paula at Tosca in Hingham, MA. **Maria Espinola Cunha** is still employed at Middlesex Community College, and she and her husband Paul are enjoying weekends at their retreat in Maine. **Marijane Cunningham Blunk** just finished a remodel on her townhouse in Walnut Creek, CA. She is the Director of Clinical Affairs for Grifols Diagnostic Solutions in Emeryville, CA. Her mother passed away in December 2015 at the age of 92: "She had dementia and my brother Gerard, a priest, took care of her for eight years." **Raquel Matas** is living in Miami, where she is the Associate Dean for Administration and Counsel to the Dean at the University of Miami School of Law. After moving back into Boston, Mary Roche bought a summer house in Hull across from the Hull Yacht Club. She can see her sailboat, the "Queen Mary," from the porch! She also got her knee replaced in July and is back full steam after only one month. In March, she and Mary K. Ames traveled to Italy to visit Mary's cousin Paula who was in cooking school in Calabria. In addition to Sicily, they visited southern Italy and Rome. Mary K. Ames's brother Jon and sister-in-law Kathy also surprised her with a 60th birthday party at Scampo in Boston. "I was stunned," says Mary. "They completely got me!" Mary tells us that Lucy Demarco Grasso's family also surprised her with a birthday trip to New York. **Kate Honan Bird's** newly constructed house on Block Island is done and lovely. She and her husband Sam and their family enjoyed it this summer. Kate and her artist daughter, Sarah, also had amazing shows of their painting at the Spring Street Gallery on Block Island in August. **Deirdre Keough Ball** updated us with news from Singapore: "Whilst most of our friends and classmates are starting to enjoy retirement I joined the circle of life...you might remember

the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History on campus. Little did I know that stamps and now also coins would feature in my next career. Last year I joined Stanley Gibbons Investment here in Singapore, and work with clients who want to invest in rare stamps, coins, rare books. It is amazing, and I am learning more about history than I ever have." Deirdre and her husband Dorim are also delighted that two of their four children, Devona and Domina, have returned to Singapore to work. Their youngest, Daniella, is currently working in San Francisco and awaiting her next posting, potentially Hong Kong or Sydney. Deirdre feels fortunate that her company's London headquarters makes it easy for her to visit her oldest, Darren, who works there. **Ellen Harrison Finn** reports that her grandson, Harrison Francis Murphy, arrived on May 5th, 2016. Harrison's parents are Ellen's daughter, Dr. Kiirsten Murphy, and husband Tom. "He is a sweetie," says Ellen. **Nancy Salvetti Naimey** just completed her third "Tri for a Cure" up in Maine, and is sharing her latest paintings on Facebook! When she is not swimming, running, or biking, she is enjoying visits with her grandchildren. **Lynne Davis Haddock** just bought a townhouse in Portland, and has been spending time at the Cape with family and friends. **Pat DiPasqua Woodward** traveled to Spain this summer with a group of her students, including her daughter Harley, from Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton. **Eileen McCormick Langenus** writes that she and husband Peter attended the All-Alumni Reunion this past May and had an incredible time. She strongly encourages all of us to try and attend next year's reunion: "They will have a blast. The band this year was the best ever. Everyone was on the dance floor, even Peter, who does not dance!" She and Peter also traveled to Vietnam this past April for two weeks. They stayed in both Saigon and Dalat, revisiting the places Peter served during the war, "which was amazing," says Eileen. As for me, **(Sheila Walsh)**, I just returned from my annual jaunt to North Carolina, where I was visiting with my mother and my sister, Eileen Walsh Dowd, '86, and her husband, Paul. That's it for this time! Please write, email, or call anytime so we can share your news!

1979

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ago from the Solanco School District in Lancaster County, PA, after 34.5 years as a learning support teacher. In retirement, she is working part-time for a small landscaping business. Mimi was married last June to Daniel S. Hutchinson, who is also a teacher. She has two grown sons, one in Lancaster and the other in Philadelphia. ¶ In April several classmates attended the Alumni Brunch at the Gaslight in Boston's South End, including **Liz LaFountain Carder**, **Chris Crowley Delosh**, **Jean Jianos Gray**, and **Margo Steen Melville**. ¶ Liz LaFountain Carder and Jean Jianos Gray went on the Regis Alumni 9-day tour of Tuscany this past July. Joining them was Liz's sister, Kathryn LaFountain Replogle, class of '82. ¶ Chris Crowley Delosh and her husband, Steve, traveled throughout France in August, including visits to Paris, Normandy, Giverny, and Provence. ¶ **Kathy Dawley Smokowski** lives in Weston now after 20 years in Sudbury. A principal at Hardwick Day, Kathy helps educational institutions to realize their enrollment and financial goals. She is a past member of the Regis Board of Trustees. In her spare time, she spends time with her grandchild, hikes with her golden retriever, and avidly follows women's college basketball. ¶ A group of classmates that included **Roberta Fox**, **Jeanne McGillicuddy**, Margo Steen Melville, **Janet Mills-Knudsen** and **Rosemary Noon** met for a fun day at the Lowell Folk Festival in late July. ¶ Roberta Fox is in training for the 2-day, 140-mile Dempsey Challenge bike ride in Lewiston, ME in October. It is the sixth year that Roberta will join actor Patrick Dempsey on this fundraising ride. ¶ Jean Jianos Gray reports that she and **Claudia Pelosi Cuddy** attended Regis Night at the Red Sox in July. ¶ **Deb Flaherty Kizer** says that she's getting back to her old self after heart surgery last year, and even walked two 5Ks in the spring. Deb and her husband Keith plan to visit their daughter, Abby, in October in Orlando. Son Colin got married in May. Deb has written a book and is hoping for publication in the fall. It's called "A Journey of the Heart: Learning to Thrive, Not Just Survive, with Congenital Heart Disease." ¶ **Kathy Mulvihill Brutzman** and her husband, Bill, are celebrating the marriage of their older son, Brian, in April. Brian and his wife, Jenna, are graduates of Loyola University in Maryland. They live in New Jersey and work in New York City. Regis friends who attended the wedding in Ambler, PA, were Jean Jianos Gray and her husband John, **Louise Clark** and her husband Lewis Peterman, and Mary and Susan McManus '82. Two weeks after the wedding, Kathy and Bill were in Boston to celebrate

the graduation of their younger son, PJ, from the Berklee College of Music. ¶ In June, Rosemary Noon was honored as a cultural leader in the Lowell community by the Brush Art Gallery and Studios. Rosemary was also this year's graduation speaker at Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro.

¶ **Dottie Raeke Shea** lives in Canton. She works in finance and her husband, Vin, works as a fundraiser for a non-profit. Their sons are both in college: Conor is a senior at Boston University and Jonathan is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina. Dottie is a cantor at her parish, St. John's, and performs in Canton Community Theatre productions. ¶ Our deepest condolences to Jean Jianos Gray on the loss of her mother in April.

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¶ **Judith A. Allonby**, 7 Rockland Park, Apt. 2, Malden, MA 02148, 781-324-7735, judithallonby@aol.com ¶ Some very

sad news: **Cindy Dubois** passed away in May after a battle with cancer. Cindy had also received a master's degree from Regis and had worked at the Marshall Simonds Middle School in Burlington for many years. You can read Cindy's full obituary at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?page=life_story&pid=180130202 ¶ In happier news: **Denise Arsenault Carthas** recently retired from teaching after 25 years and is now looking forward to a new job starting in September when she will be caring for her beautiful new granddaughter. Denise is very excited about this new chapter in her life and feeling blessed. Also blessed with a new grandchild is **Michelle Velilla**. Congratulations to Denise and Michelle. ¶ Congratulations also to **Jo-Ann Bafaro** on her engagement to Jack Carney and her move to Watertown. Jo-Ann was planning a November wedding. Jo-Ann also reports that she recently had lunch with **Janice Franklin Lomp** and Janice is doing well too. ¶ **Donna Blakely Howard** has settled in Delray Beach, FL and loves it. No more cold winters for her. **Caralyn Ahern Good** is happy to report that Regis has awarded another alumni scholarship to a student from the high school where she teaches English—Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School in Franklin. She is appreciative of the support from Regis for her students. Caralyn's daughter, Megan, is a speech and language pathologist working in Randolph Public Schools; she lives in Dorchester and raised over \$5,000 for the Liver Foundation by running in the 2016 Boston Marathon and is planning to run again this year, and her son will be graduating this June with

a degree in Environmental Science. Caralyn's family has been in Norfolk for 25 years and she swims and skis when not teaching full-time and she works part-time as an academic coach at Dean College, aiding college students with learning disabilities. ¶ **Mary Blesso Byrne** and her husband Jack have retired to Cape May, NJ. She is still doing pottery and selling it locally. Both of their daughters live in Denver and they try to go out a couple times a year.

1981

¶ **Susan Clancy Kennedy**, 40 Bowditch Road, Sudbury, MA 01776, 978-460-4601, sclancykennedy@comcast.net ¶

Hello class of 1981! It was great seeing so many of you at the reunion. We had 36 members of our class register for at least one event. We always did have a great and active class, as evidenced by our class members who now work at Regis: **Joan Desmond Sullivan**, **Marianne McMahon Kenney**, and me. ¶ We started the weekend on Friday night with a private tasting provided by Ryan and Wood Distilleries in Gloucester. Thank you **Kathy Willwerth Ryan** for a great learning opportunity as well as some tasty drinks. From the tasting, the students drove us back to the LSU in the Regis golf carts for the party. I mention the golf carts because I think the students were getting a real kick out of our classmates. ¶ On Saturday, several classmates joined in the all-alumni Parade of Classes and luncheon. After lunch, the class of 1981 tree was rededicated outside of Walters Hall. ¶ Saturday night brought Jim Plunkett. What can I say? He was terrific. Alumni of all ages were dancing, singing, and having a blast. We even had a guest appearance of Susan and Mary McManus '82. A special thanks to **Susan Schumacher Fiaschetti** for making the Jim Plunkett connection happen! ¶ In other news, **Joanne Lynch Schamberg** has assumed the position of President of the Regis Alumni Board. **Donna Ribaldo Schow** is the Treasurer. They have both been very active on campus and their support is greatly appreciated. Joanne joined **Janice Mogavero France** and **Sue Flynn Charochak** for a speed networking event with our undergraduate students in March. ¶ Finally, if you haven't been on campus lately, you may want to make the trek. The first phase of the master plan renovation has been completed. The campus really looks terrific. Happy to give anyone a tour. I know a few classmates—**Ann Dowd Goodhue**, Joanne Lynch Schamberg, and **Sue Cronin Robinson**—stayed in the new Maria suites. ¶ Please send me your news...

1983

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It is with sadness that I report the deaths of two classmates: **Sarah "Sally" Hays** (6/16/2015) and **Dianne Manley DeMarco** (9/13/2014). On behalf of the class of 1983, I send condolences to both families. ¶ Although I have heard from a good number of alumnae, I welcome news from others who may have lost touch. If you are in contact with Regis classmates, please encourage them to send me an update. ¶ I received news that **Renita Esguerra Rodriguez**, BS in Biology/Chemistry, was promoted to Director of Food Safety and Quality, International Region, at Rich Products. She will work collaboratively with Asia, Latin America, EME, and South Africa to develop and implement the company's global food safety and quality policies and programs. Congratulations Renita! [Author's note: If my memory serves me right, Renita and I worked together in the Regis cafeteria all those years ago.] ¶ Also, I am in touch with **Carmen Molinaris** who, for the past 30 years, has worked with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in different capacities—as school counselor, psychologist, and staffing specialist. Recently, she changed jobs and works for the Florida Diagnostic Learning Resources System. ¶ Also in Florida, **Paula Golombek** and her husband Michael are starting their seventh year teaching at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Paula is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Linguistics department where she also supervises a teaching English as a second language certificate. She spends time in Mexico and Colombia working with teachers, which she really loves to do. Her co-authored book "Mindful Teacher Education: A Sociocultural Perspective on Cultivating Teachers' Professional Development" came out in March. Paula's daughter Anya found her way back north and will be a junior at Haverford College in Philadelphia. Her son Alex is finishing up sophomore year in Florida and hopes to transfer back north in the spring. Paula longs to be back north as well; she misses the four seasons, friends/family, and Boston! ¶ **Jeanne Kloczkowski Desmarais** has had much to celebrate. Her youngest daughter, Dr. Stephanie Desmarais-Nazemi, was married in October 2015 at Glen Manor House in Portsmouth, RI. Stephanie and her husband live in Palm Desert, CA. In 2016, her older daughter Jennifer will be married on the summit of Loon Mountain, NH. ¶ **Sheila McDermott-Sutton** lives in West Hartford, CT with husband Trevor and daughter Avery. Avery, 16, took sophomore year off

from high school to train as an equestrian; she has qualified for numerous USEF events and won the Connecticut state championship in 2013. Avery was training for the New England Horseman Championship; the deadline for this article predates the competition. The family owns a Holsteiner gelding that they brought home from Germany in December 2015. Sheila reports that she and dad just follow behind. ¶ In late 2015, **Diane Santos** left her Harvard University position which she held for nine years. While networking for the "right" job, she volunteered for the Humane Society of the US (HSUS) and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA), two organizations that are dear to her. Leaving Harvard made her realize that she enjoyed being surrounded by students with their energy, vitality, and enthusiasm. Diane is open to any connections that Regis colleagues may have in the private secondary schools in her area. After a 30-year corporate business career, **Nancy Capalucci** is still loving her second career as a Senior Real Estate specialist (SRES) who helps seniors downsize, sell their homes, and transition to suitable living accommodations. With so many people retiring, Nancy stays very busy. ¶ Being a travel agent has definitely had its perks for **Maureen Dalton** who, earlier this year, traveled to Cancun with a visit to Chichen Itza and on an Alaskan cruise to include a dog sled ride. Maureen is available at the AAA in Framingham to help plan your next trip. She would love to meet Regis alumni. ¶ In April 2016, I represented our class at the Regis Washington, DC alumni reception; President Toni Hays, Christina Duggan, and other Regis staff and alumnae attended this festive gathering. Warm "saludos" to the class of 1983!

1987 30th Reunion

❖ **Annamaria Cobuccio Paone, 26 Marshall Street, North Reading, MA 01864, 978-664-4181, apaone@arqle.com** ¶ Greetings class of 1987! I have signed on for another year as our class reporter. You must think I'm crazy, however I do enjoy hearing from you and would like to keep the momentum. It is very disappointing when emails return rejected. My list continues to get shorter. If you read this and have not received my email request for class notes, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you: news of your careers, families, travel adventures would be most welcome. I am happy to report that in 2011, **Tara Bradley** stepped out of her career as a communications professional and into a new career as a horticulturist. In the same

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year, she moved from the Boston area to Little Compton, RI, where she provides fine gardening services to homeowners in this very beautiful part of the world. She writes that she has been energized by this work and life change and feels more balanced than ever. She is living the dream! I can always count on **Angela Iatrou Simon** to share her latest news. She writes that she entered the International Natural Bodybuilding and Fitness (INBF) Novice Northeast Classic Competition on May 21, 2016, and won third place in the "50 years of age and over" category. She also won third place in the Fitness Asylum Bikini 4 (45 years of age and over) category. This was her first time wearing a bikini in 25 years, and she did it in front of a large audience in Worcester. Preparation for this event involved 12 grueling weeks of eating clean (6 times per day!) and participating in 45-minute boot camp classes about 4 times per week. This regimen, as difficult as it was, was well worth the results. Her husband of 20 years, Erik, and her kids (Korinna 16.5, Xander 15, and Nathan, 12) are very proud—and shocked! She is looking forward to competing again in the fall now that she earned her pro card! In other news, Angela has been a senior project manager for commercial security system installations at Tyco Integrated Security for the past 3.5 years. Her territory includes the New England region. She spent a day this summer with **Annamaria Cobuccio Paone** and **Paula Webster Sennett** at Paula's house in Peterborough, NH. Always fun to catch up with almost lifelong friends! **Theresa Montani** was promoted to Lieutenant in June, 2015, and assigned to Tower 1 at the Highlands Station in South Braintree, MA. She has 26-plus years on the job, with less than 6 to go before she can retire with full benefits. The thought of what to do after the fire service led her to pursue getting a Master of Science in Emergency Management from the

Mass Maritime Academy, completing it in 2010. Her Cohort network from that experience has led her to a part-time position in the Fire Safety Office at Tufts University! She's a Fire Safety Specialist helping to teach, inspect, and protect three campuses—it too, is a great opportunity, allowing her to utilize her skills, experience, and education. She writes, "These are two jobs where no two days are the same—just the way I like it!" She shared a great picture from her promotion, with her Dad standing with her to witness it. As for me, my oldest son Cristian (22) graduated from UMass Amherst in May with honors and traveled to Europe for an amazing 8-week trip. My son Julian (20) is a junior at Bentley University and my daughter Sofia (almost 17) is a junior in high school. She is a newly-licensed driver and enjoying her independence. I am still working at ArQule, a small biotech company in Burlington. I am a passionate gardener and spend whatever free time I have working in my garden or sharing plants. The all class reunion is scheduled for May 12–14, 2017. Let me know if there is any interest in the dinner on Saturday. It would be nice to try to coordinate a night together with classmates. Wishing you all a happy and healthy year ahead!

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✦ **Kym Johnson Miele, 31 Randall Street, Greenville, RI 02828, 401-949-2828, kymbori@aol.com** ✦ **Elizabeth Higgins Fitzgerald, 69 Cleveland Road, Brookline, NH 03033, 603-673-8754, slfzgerald@charter.net** ¶ The past year has brought many celebrations of our 50th birthdays. Classmates celebrated in all different ways. ¶ **Mary Ellen Kelley** let me know that the following people went out to Joe's to celebrate some special 50th birthdays. **Rosalind Powers Kessel, Sarah Walcott Abramson, Marty Mahoney McCabe, Anne Maneikis, and Mary Ellen Kelley.** Also Mary Ellen Kelley, Anne Maneikis, **Courtney Feeney Deschenes,** and **Debi Brooks Puchovsky** celebrated their 50th birthdays in St. Thomas. The most recent trip was for their annual girls weekend, in attendance was **Marianne Ritchie McMorow, Anne Maneikis, Debi Brooks Puchovsky, Heidi Michitsch, Courtney Feeney Deschenes, and Mary Ellen Kelley.** ¶ In August 2015, **Ann Kasle Sellers** and her family went to Disney World in Florida for a vacation. ¶ In September 2015, **Roz Powers Kessel** started working for the Plymouth Public School System. ¶ In February 2016, **Michelle Gray Bird** ran the Gasparilla 15K in Tampa, FL. After completing the race she ran the 5K race with some of the kids in the run club she sponsors at the

elementary school she teaches at. It was a good warm-up for the Sarasota Half Marathon she will be running in March. ¶ In July 2016, **Liz Higgins Fitzgerald,** her husband Steve and Ben and Abbie took a 5-week trip traveling all over Cambodia. Ben and Abbie are from Cambodia and this was their first trip back. ¶ In August 2016, **Kathleen Forrest Regan** wrote Michael just turned 12 and is headed into 7th grade (still at Derby Academy where he has been since Kindergarten). I have been a Baseball and Rugby Mom driving all over Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We went to England in March with his Rugby team and had a wonderful time! There were 32 boys, 12 parents and two coaches. What a trip! I was "formally" promoted to Manager at our Agency in January. I say that because I have been doing the job but didn't have the title. I am responsible for training all new brokers and motivating my current team. We are very busy with health and life insurance as well as annuities. I am also in the process of training and certifying 28 new brokers and seven renewing brokers for Medicare plans. ¶ That's all the news we have for now. Please feel free to reach out to Liz or myself to have more class notes information for next year.

1989

✦ **Maria Alpers Henehan, 33 Baker Road, Arlington, MA 02474, 781-643-4499, paulhenehan@verizon.net** ¶ Hello! As a point of reference, I am writing this on a 97-degree August day feeling a little bit panicked about the end of summer and the return to school routines and schedules. Many of us are in some stage of college-related activities with our children. Two of my four are off to college—Patrick will be entering his second year at Lesley University in Cambridge, and Casey leaves for the University of Vermont with plans to study neuroscience and government in 12 days ... but, who's counting? ¶ **Michelle Kupjian's Antonevich** daughter will attend The Art Institute of Chicago. **Mary Regan Thakur's** son Noah will attend UMass Amherst as a member of the UMass Minuteman Marching Band drum line. **Kathy Nawn Conrad's** daughter Christina will attend Worcester State as a Public Health major. **Katie O'Leary Masterson** has two heading to college. Patrick is a junior at Westfield State, majoring in Computer Information Systems. Christine will attend Framingham State to study Early Childhood Education. Katie just celebrated 25 years with Princess House, and her husband Sean just opened his own law practice. **Cathy Verderber Stanton's** oldest daughter, Meg, is a senior at Regis majoring in Public Health with minors in business

and sociology. She will be a second-year RA and plays lacrosse. Allie is heading to Framingham State this year, and Sarah begins her senior year at Walpole High. Cathy and Brian have been married for 23 years, and Cathy has been selling real estate for 22 years. ¶ **Susan Smith Porter's** daughter Kaitlin plans to study chemistry at Yale University where she will also be a member of the Air Force ROTC program. Billy will be a junior at Walpole High, and Brett is entering middle school. Susan is a member of the strategic planning committee for the Walpole school system and a school committee member. ¶ **Deidre Johnson Ferrara** will have an empty nest this fall. After graduating from Ursuline Academy, her daughters are heading off in different directions. Katherine is off to Merrimack College where she will run varsity cross country and track while Kristina heads to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Dee's son, Dominic, is entering his senior year at Bryant University. Dee teaches first grade at the H. Olive Day School in Norfolk, MA. **Kerry Pisani Connolly** is beginning her 11th year as a special education teacher for students with visual impairments and as a special education teacher for students with reading challenges in the Mendon-Upton Regional School District. Yes, she wears two work hats! Her husband Paul was ordained in 2014 as a Roman Catholic Deacon. They have a nine-year-old son. **Bev Starble Ekstrom** and her husband Earl have been married for 19 years and live in Wilmington with their two children, Justin (17) and Nicole (14). Bev works for a financial advisor in Lexington, MA. **Stephanie Chung Gouveia** and her family moved to Roswell, GA in December of 2014 when her husband transferred with his company. Her twins are three-and-a-half and getting ready to start preschool. After dealing with a knee problem for too much of her life, **Nancy Antonellis D'Amato** had knee replacement surgery. Although the recovery has been tremendously challenging, Nancy remains diligent and positive! ¶ **Maria Iannuccillo** was reelected for a second term as provincial councilor for her province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND). In April, she attended the SSND Leadership Meeting in Rome, Italy. In May she led a heritage trip to Bavaria, Vienna, and Rome. Over the summer Maria was part of the National Religious Vocation Conference team who sponsored the Vocations Café in the English-speaking arena at World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. Maria serves on the national board. Maria reports, "This was an amazing experience as thousands of pilgrims were welcomed during WYD to witness faith in God, peace among

nations, and hope.” While at WYD she visited her congregation in Opole, Poland, the site of Oskar Schindler’s factory, and Auschwitz-Birkenau—“a rich, and deeply moving experience.” ¶ **Shauna Burke** recently joined Monroe Staffing managing the southeastern Massachusetts territory. **Karol Maybury** was recently appointed to the President’s Council at University of Maine Farmington where she is a professor. In June she gave a presentation for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues on her work for the American Psychological Association producing podcasts on adolescent girls and well-being. I had the pleasure of hearing two of these podcasts myself—kudos to Karol for her work empowering young girls. ¶ The year 2017 will bring big changes for many of us as we turn 50!—how could this be true?! Please take a moment to share news of celebrations you may have with classmates—this column is only as interesting as the information you provide!

1996

◆ **Jody Michalski, 49 Brentwood Drive, Westfield, MA 01085, 413-562-1108, teacherjmm@aol.com** ¶ Congratulations to **LauraLee Staples** who finalized the adoption in April of her three children: a sibling set ages 3, 2, and 1 years old (a girl and two boys, respectively)! **Jennifer Hilton Abate** is proud to announce the arrival of her son Michael. She and her husband, after 12 years of marriage bliss, took the plunge into parenthood. Michel Robert Abate was born on April 23, 2016 at 9:02 am. They had a great summer bonding before she headed back work in early August. We wish both families well on their new journeys! **Laura Edwards Lassner** says: It was great to see everyone from the Class of 1996 who came to one (or all) of the events over the Reunion Weekend. We had a lot of fun catching up and reliving some of the highlights of our four years at Regis. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in five years, if not many of us sooner. Happy Fall! A note from **Jody Michalski**: Reunion Weekend was wonderful. It was great to be back on campus, to see all the updates, and to catch up with classmates. If you haven’t “liked” the Regis College Class of 1996 Facebook page yet, please do to see all of the latest pictures and news. All the best!

1997 20th Reunion

◆ **Valerie Williams Sumner, 105 Plain Street, Millis, MA 02054, 508-596-6598, valerie_sumner@yahoo.com** ¶ Please submit class notes via email or on the Regis College Class of 1997 Facebook Page. ¶ **Laura Dempsey** married Jared

Watson on May 7 of this year in Norwalk, CT. **Lucy Colombo Jacobus** was one of her “Women of Honor.” They live in Boston with their 6-year-old rescue mutt, Brittany. Congratulations Laura and Jared! ¶ **Julie St. Sauveur Jutras** recently finished successful treatment for rectal cancer and now is cancer-free! We are so happy for you Julie! ¶ **Ann Borek Paulukonis** and husband Michael are expecting baby #4 on December 1! He or she will be joining big brother Michael (age 6), Anna Sophia (age 4) and Anthony Xavier (age 2). They are very excited (and a little bit nervous) about such a full house! Best of luck to your family! ¶ **Kriste Kleiner** says: Beverly is currently in medical school. She will be graduating in November as a certified medical assistant and medical office assistant. She is also a nationally certified Phlebotomist and certified EKG specialist. Her son just turned 10, going into 5th grade and earned his green belt in Taekwondo. Congrats Kriste on so many accomplishments! ¶ **Elyce Grimes Forbes** and husband Timothy welcome their son Lincoln Grimes Forbes to the world on August 3, 2016 at 6:34pm. He tips the scale at 6lbs 7oz and is 19.3 inches long. Congratulations to the new parents! ¶ **Stephanie Marcouillier Robinson** opened up her home in New Hampshire to **Lisa McPhail, Stacie Tremonte Allen, Andrea Bolton List**, and myself. We had our husbands and kiddos join us for a fun day. We are currently trying to plan another Regis getaway that will also include **Annie Grady Marro** and **Leigh Devereaux Young**. Lisa just purchased her first home in Wilmington, MA. Andrea recently moved her family from Oxford to Charlton, MA. Both are happy and adjusting to their new homes.

1998

◆ **Jessica Flaherty, 26 West Street, Weymouth, MA 02190, 781-340-0567, jesflaherty@gmail.com** ¶ Biggest congratulations to the now **Dr. Rebecca Kitchell**. Rebecca received her Doctorate of Education at Regis this May! Way to go Rebecca! ¶ **TC Rogers** reports: “After nine years, I have left the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology and have begun a new journey as English faculty for Johnson and Wales University’s College of Online Education. Without question, online education can help decrease the devastating equity gaps in American education. In this work I will have the opportunity to create standards for online learning by designing and teaching curriculum, which is dynamic, rigorous, innovative, and problem based. Additionally, I will also move into the K-12 arena of education and serve

as an Executive Function Coach for Beyond Booksmart—a company that understands that ‘when there is a way there can be will’ for learning.” ¶ **Lisa Villemure Spitz** reports that she has a new position as Assistant Professor of Design at Lesley University’s College of Art and Design. She has been working with them since January to launch a new online Bachelor of Science in Design for User Experience. This new position means she will continue that work and be teaching both online and in-person courses. ¶ **Demitria Nelson Comforti** reports “BNY Mellon and I parted ways in December. I’m now with Keane Unclaimed Property as a Senior Relationship Manager.” ¶ **Julie Zarra Ames** and her husband Patrick had a baby boy, Patrick James Thomas Fahy, on January 29; **Elizabeth Adkins McKinnon** is his Godmother! ¶ **Jessica Nowosielski Flaherty** has been busy training her dog! ¶ **Mariah Donovan** hit President’s Club at Sophos three years in a row! And this year was a free trip to South Africa! Her 11-year-old Border Collie, Lunabelle, survived cancer treatments and is now in remission until the fall. ¶ **Elizabeth Barton Fongemie** recently left the corporate world for nonprofit and landed at the American Red Cross, Connecticut and Rhode Island Region as Director of Resource Development, Corporate Partnerships and Engagement. It has always been a dream of hers to work there as there is a family rumor that she is distant relatives to the American Red Cross founder, Clara Barton. **Bethany Flaherty Dunakin** states, “this past January, I joined former Regis Theatre Professor Wendy Lement in Kansas City, MO to attend the premiere of a play we co-wrote, “And Justice for Some: The Freedom Trial of Anthony Burns.” The play was seen by hundreds of Kansas City public school students as part of the Coterie Theatre’s spring season. The script was originally developed for Theatre Espresso, Wendy’s Boston-based educational theatre company where I serve as the Educational Director.”

1999

◆ **Janine Lapan-Yawson, 171 Derby Dingle Street, Springfield, MA 01107, 413-746-8151, j9L0414@comcast.net** ¶ Hello ’99ers! ¶ **Janet Raymond O’Connor** is celebrating her year anniversary working as Senior Enrollment Specialist at Little Sprouts Early Education Learning Centers where her son, London, attends. She and her family moved a year ago to Salem, NH and are enjoying their tax-free state. **Nora Connolly Eyle** moved to Idaho and has started her own business, Nora’s Natural Northern Store LLC, making handmade natural products. She

has also started her own blog, General Momma Bear, which pokes fun at the adventures of living with three little boys. **Stephanie Schmidt Orchard** welcomed a new addition to her family on March 25—Julianna. Anthony, 3, is enjoying being big brother. **Katie DeAngelis Kubera** also welcomed a new addition, Emma Teresa, who was born on July 27. Big sister Cynthia, 3, is enjoying helping mom. **Melissa Escobar Tammara** married in 2011 and has two children: Giovanni, 4, and Dante, 2. She resides in Boston and has been working for DCF for the past 17 years. Thanks to all who have shared some updates! Looking forward to hearing from more of you!

2002 15th Reunion

♦ **Karyn Lessard, 774-284-4457, karyn_lessard@yahoo.com** ¶ Let's jump right in! **Jessica Albrent** is working in Erbil, Iraq as a 5th grade teacher with her cat, Marco. She is midway through her master's degree in Education Leadership with George Mason University. She also came back state side and got married to Vagif Babayev on July 9, 2016! Congrats Jess and Vagif! ¶ **Andrea DePaoli** has been a very busy gal! She and her fiancé, Brian, have spent the last year planning their wedding, which took place October 16. Her family surprised her with a bridal shower in June and Regis girls in attendance were: **Becky Hamm Heins, Briana Madden Vachon, Colleen O'Connell Sterianos, Karyn Lessard, Kate Lucek, and Megan Eldridge Wroldson**. Not only is Andrea tying the knot, she's also moving on up in the world! She earned a promotion in May and is now the Administrative Coordinator within the Faculty Arts and Sciences at Harvard, where she has worked for nine years! ¶ **Kathleen Kearns** packed up the moving van, headed to Jacksonville, FL, and also got engaged! They have set a date for 10/7/17. Can't wait to see those pictures! ¶ **Karyn Lessard** got married in October 2015 (on her parent's 40th anniversary!), celebrated her work-iversary as a nanny/personal assistant (10 years!), and went to Nashville in July with fellow Regis grads **Stephanie Stenmon Rodriguez '03** and **Nadia Torres '03** for a Beachbody event! They also met up in Dallas, TX at the end of September for another Beachbody event! ¶ And, in baby news... **Kelly Linehan** and her husband **Noah Solomon** welcomed a daughter, **Annabel Elizabeth** in November 2015. Gus (the dog) is adjusting nicely to being a big brother. ¶ **Tara Mattson Schmehr** continues to work at Behavioral Concepts, Inc. as a BCBA for children with autism and lives in Millbury, MA. She is happy to announce the Schmehr family is

adjusting to being a family of five with Carson being the newest addition. He was born on April 12, 2016 and joins big siblings Devin and Evelyn. ¶ **Leigh Ann Zarkauskas** Biggins welcomed a baby girl, **Charlotte**, on 5/2/2016 with husband **Cliff** and brought her home to their new home in Weymouth, MA, which they bought in November 2015. ¶ **Brianne McCarthy Ryan** and her husband, **James**, welcomed their first child, **Paul**, on 06/25/2016 and couldn't be more in love with their little guy! ¶ **Colleen O'Connell Sterianos** and her husband, **Peter**, are thrilled to welcome a baby girl at the beginning of September. Colleen's sister-in-law hosted a wonderful baby shower in July, which was attended by the usual suspects. ¶ Baby girl **Marabella** is due in December and will be the first baby for **Christina Hurton Paul** and **Tony**! ¶ Another December baby will be arriving for new parents **Briana Madden Vachon** and her husband, **Jamie**, who recently moved to their new home in Andover, which coincidentally, is a few streets over from their old house in Andover. ¶ In other news... **Tricia Schelling Wanish** and her husband **Mark** opened their first of five women-focused boot camps in Frisco, TX in September. **Burn Boot Camp** is a franchise out of North Carolina, and they are bringing the first of the franchise to Texas with all of their locations being in the north Dallas area. You can check them out at www.burnbootcamp.com/Frisco-tx ¶ **Vandana Machado Menezes** lives in Toronto with her husband **Richard** and two beautiful daughters: **Claudia** (11) and **Caroline** (5). **Vandana** volunteers in the local Catholic schools and would love to connect with Regis alumni who reside in Toronto and other Canadian provinces. ¶ **Linda Bowden Almeida** and her husband **Rob** celebrated 7 years of marriage in August. They have two boys, **Max** (5), who is starting Kindergarten in the fall, and **Leo** (3). They moved to Maryland last year after living in Australia for 3 and half years for Rob's job. **Linda** started a new position in May as a Confidential Assistant to one of the six Commissioners at the US International Trade Commission. Congrats! ¶ **Kim Phillips** moved to Arlington this past spring and started law school at New England Law in August. Her daughter graduated high school and started her freshman year at Quinnipiac in Connecticut! So, it's a very exciting time for them with all their new adventures! Good luck! ¶ AND, might I add, we are approaching our 15 year Reunion ... say whhhat!?!? It is SO MUCH FUN! Hope to see YOU there!

2003

♦ **Katie Blais, 978-790-8554, katie.blais@gmail.com** ¶ It was great to hear from a few of you and get an update on how things are going. I enjoy seeing a lot of your updates via Facebook and it seems that our class is excelling in so many ways whether it be career, motherhood, marriage, and more! **Maria Ferri Allen** is still enjoying being the editor of South Shore Living magazine and this year she also became the editor of a new magazine called Plymouth Magazine. They are currently working on story ideas for the second annual edition. When Maria is not working she is usually busy chasing her two-year-old son **Dominic**. **Erin Tressler Shilo** and her husband **Andrew** welcomed a girl, **Harper Marie Shilo** on December 12, 2015. **Kim Curtis Henderson** and her husband live in Franklin, MA and are keeping busy with their three children. Kim's stepson will be heading to Salem State this year, her six-year-old will be heading to Kindergarten and her youngest, at 4, will be headed to pre-k. Kim has been working at T-Mobile for over 13 years as a senior analyst for quality assurance. She basically hunts down customers and reps that are bad for business, so pay your phone bill so you do not get a call from Kim! **Rabecca Brann Moisan** along with her husband **Derek** and two children **Emma** and **Jack** recently moved into a new house in Sterling, MA. **Rabecca** continues to teach math as well as serve as Student Council Advisor at Shrewsbury High School. On August 11, 2016 **Shannon Callahan** and her husband **Gregory** welcomed a second son, **Theodore William**. **Theodore** joins brother **Harrison** who turned two in January. **Shannon** and her family live in Winchester and **Shannon** works at BNY Mellon where she received a promotion back in March. As for myself, my husband **Marc** and I welcomed a baby boy on July 19, 2016. **Henry William** was born at 1:54 AM and weighed 7.2 lbs. We are in love and are adjusting to life as parents. I am continuing to work as Executive Director for Friends of Zanmi Beni, a organization that helps to raise money and awareness to a home for 64 children in Haiti. I hope to hear from even more of you for the next issue please email regis2003@gmail.com with any updates you would like to share.

2006

♦ **Nicole Collette, 603-801-1847, nmcollette@gmail.com** ¶ **Amy Carbone** is got married on October 15, 2016 to **James Mavris** in Meredith, NH. There were a number of Regis alumnae in attendance. Congratulations **Amy**! The Matron of Honor, **Laura Pelletier**, has plenty on her to do list. **Laura** and her

husband Brian are looking forward to the arrival of their first baby (a boy!) in mid-August. Laura works as Assistant Director at a non-profit childcare center in Meredith and is looking forward to maternity leave to care for her own little one! ♪ There are many educators in the class of 2006 who also have exciting news to share. **Colleen Colarusso** continues to work at Blackstone Valley Prep, a public charter school in Rhode Island. She has recently been promoted to a new position, Chief Schools Officer! Way to go, Colleen! **Heidi Gomez** has decided to return to her hometown after 10 years in education. She has recently started working at UP Academy Oliver in Lawrence, MA as the IEP Chairperson. She is excited to give back to her community. **April Prucnal Carter** has been teaching high school mathematics for 10 years. She will be taking some time off from teaching because she was just hired as the new Teacher Licensure Test Development Manager in mathematics at Pearson. Congratulations April! ♪ **Flor Leal Leandre** is currently living in Lowell, MA with her husband Sedrick. They have been happily married since 12-12-12. Flor is working in a biotech company in Cambridge. Another alumna who is working in the medical world is **Nicole Collette**. She is currently employed at Mount Auburn Hospital as a Physical Therapist and has just accepted a per diem position with Professional Center for Child Development in Andover, MA. **Nora Gross** also just started a new position as a Behavioral Health Provider at DFD Russel Medical Center. She is excited to be working in collaboration with other health care providers, some of whom are also Regis alumni! The Class of 2006 has so many hard-working women! This includes **Erin Campbell** who is in her ninth year at Boston Color Graphics. She recently completed her first marathon in April in Nashville, TN, where she was joined by a cheering squad that included fellow alumna **Keri Bertorelli Mulcahy**. Post-marathon life has led her to explore charity running as a member of the Massachusetts chapter of My Team Triumph. She will be participating in their ride along program to provide a race experience to those that normally wouldn't be able to participate in endurance events. ♪ Please keep sending your Class Reporters all of your exciting news. Our class email address is: RegisClassof2006@gmail.com.

2007 10th Reunion

♣ **Leah Boniface Solomon**, LBoniface16@yahoo.com, **Sarah Boniface Sauder**, SBoniface17@yahoo.com ♪ It has been a very busy year for the class of 2007 with weddings, engagements,

and new jobs! **Aislynn Quinn** married Craig Assad in a beautiful beach ceremony on June 4, 2016 in Falmouth, MA. Their children, Brendan and Kalley, participated in the ceremony. **Leah Boniface Solomon** and **Sarah Boniface Sauder** were bridesmaids in the wedding and several Regis friends, **Megan and Melissa O'Donnell**, **Kaitlyn Jenkins**, **Nicole Lantry '08**, and **Alexandra Kluchnick Whynock '09**, attended and danced the night away at The Flying Bridge Restaurant. Two months later, on August 6, 2016, much of the same group reconvened for Leah Boniface Solomon's marriage to Philip Solomon. The wedding took place at the Union Bluff Meeting House overlooking York, ME's Short Sands Beach. Sarah Boniface Sauder was Matron of Honor, and Aislynn Quinn and Nicole Lantry were bridesmaids. The former Regis field hockey teammates managed to sneak some field hockey sticks into the pictures. In between these weddings for '07 brides, the same group plus Erin Campbell and Kimberly Luciani '06, attended former teammate Alexandra Kluchnick Whynock's July 4th wedding in Fryeburg, ME. Leading up to these Regis weddings there was a spring and summer full of bridal showers and bachelorette parties. ♪ There will soon be another Regis bride. **Kelly Crawford** got engaged and is planning an October 2017 wedding. Her Regis roommate, **Jessica McClanahan '08**, will be her bridesmaid. ♪ In baby news, **Sara Wallace Beams** and her husband welcomed their first son on July 26, 2016 at University of Vermont hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches tall. Mother and son are home doing well. ♪ On the job front, **Marrissa Gondola Brunetti** recently joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Page Realty as a Real Estate agent with offices in Medfield, Wrentham, and Medway. She and her husband Michael relocated back to this area from Cape Cod and are excited about the move and their future. In order to build a successful real estate business, she needs your help. If you hear of anyone looking to buy or sell real estate, she hopes you will consider calling her directly at 617-797-7854. **Erin Gilmore** and her husband are moving to Connecticut where she will be working full-time as a general dentist. Matt was lucky enough to be offered a wonderful tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor as a Developmental Psychologist at a small private school outside of New York City. They are very excited for what the future holds! Sarah Boniface Sauder started a new job leading the global compensation function at Progress in Bedford, MA. We can't wait to celebrate with the class of 2007 at our 10-year Reunion in May! ♪

Dinaisha Bullock Person was accepted to Simmons College advanced standing program where she obtained her master's degree in 2008. Shortly after she went on to begin mastering motherhood after giving birth to her son Jadin that same year. In 2009, she began to work for the Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA) in her native New York City; one of the largest leading non-profit child welfare agencies in the state of New York. Dinaisha began as a Case Planner, soon earning her LMSW and working her way up through several administrative roles including Case Planner Supervisor and Associate Program Director. Most recently she was promoted to Assistant Director of Performance, Evaluation and Policy Development at JCCA's residential campus in Westchester, NY. Similar to her days as a Resident Assistant at Regis, Dinaisha provides campus support. However, the focus now includes building a team to assess and implement strategic quality improvement measures to support some of New York City's most traumatized and developmentally delayed youth in the safest and most therapeutically sound environment possible. ♪ **Caroline Frazier**, after graduating from Regis in 2007, relocated to Baltimore, MD where she worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital as a nurse clinician and Pre-Kidney Transplant Coordinator for more than eight years. In the fall of 2014 she was the recipient of the Douglas Sheppard Memorial Scholarship from the Maryland Association of Healthcare Executives and graduated from the University of Baltimore with a master's in Health Systems Management. She currently resides in Washington, DC and works in Transplant Quality improvement. ♪ **Isabelle Joseph**, since graduating in 2007 with her bachelor of science in nursing, returned back to Regis in 2012 to complete her master's in nursing. After graduating and successfully passing her FNP boards in 2013, she has worked as a nurse practitioner in various clinical settings. She currently works as an inpatient hospitalist nurse practitioner for the Department of Medicine in a local hospital in Massachusetts. She describes her career as a nurse practitioner as one that has enhanced her clinical expertise and has fostered growth. ♪ **Aja Williams**, since graduating in 2007 with her bachelors of science in nursing, relocated to Baltimore, MD where she worked at John Hopkins Hospital as a nurse clinician. She later worked in many different patient populations only to discover that her passion was health promotion and disease prevention. She eventually went on to pursue a master of science in community and public health nursing with a certificate in environmental health from the

University of Maryland Baltimore. During this time she and her husband gave birth to their first child, a beautiful baby girl. Aja now devotes her time raising her 3-month-old daughter and pursuing a career within the public health sector. She believes everyone deserves an environment that optimizes health, with access to affordable and high-quality health-care, and to help improve the health of communities.

2008

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¶ Lots of exciting news to share from the class of 2008 this year: **Jenny Wong** is working as a family nurse practitioner at Compass Medical. She got engaged at the beginning of the year and is planning a wedding for next summer. Also planning a wedding is **Jenna Ciaramella** who recently got engaged—her boyfriend of six years, Ben Mercier, proposed at the Mount Washington Hotel. Jenna has been working at Raytheon for seven years as an HR Generalist and lives in Tewksbury. She and Ben have a 3.5 year old puppy named Molly who they adopted from a shelter when she was just 11 weeks old! **Stacie Corliss Bowkett** works for the Department of Defense at Fort Stewart in Georgia as a perioperative nurse and has an active 10-year-old son. She recently got married during a beautiful ceremony on July 16 on a beach in Maine! **Michelle Samedi DeLucia** has a romantic love story to share. She has known her husband, Michael, since they were in high school! They reconnected and started dating in July 2011, got engaged on Valentine's Day in 2014, and got married last September 26, 2015 in Malden, MA. Michelle and Michael enjoyed a honeymoon at Disney World. Congratulations to **Casey Blair Hunt** and her husband, Dave, who welcomed a baby boy, Cody, on August 20, 2015! Over the past year, she has been working per diem as a pediatric occupational therapist at an outpatient clinic. Casey, Dave, and Cody reside in Londonderry, NH. **Amanda Mauro Curtis** also welcomed a new member to her family when she gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Addison Grace Curtis on September 5, 2015 at BWH. She continues to work for John Hancock as a Senior Care Manager in their Long Term Care Insurance division as a clinical social worker. **Sandy Lopes Coffin** recently had a baby boy on April 7, 2016, named Jeremiah James Coffin. Sandy and her family are so in love with their new addition! **Maria Jiménez**

Davis has been busy! She got married in August 2013 in Newport, RI to Isaiah Davis, graduate of Babson College. Maria graduated with a master's of Education in Education Administration from Endicott College in May 2015 and currently works as the Department Chair of World Languages in Framingham High School. Last year Maria and Isaiah purchased a home in Framingham, MA. **Megan Reilly** is also a homeowner. She bought a house in Millis, MA, got married in September 2014 and is a nurse at Dana Farber. Another classmate working in healthcare is **Tanya Cotnoir Brouillard**, who is a Staff Development Coordinator at a non-profit nursing home. She is married and has a 3-year-old daughter, Abbey. **Tiffany Blessing Gagnon** welcomed her second son, Max, last October. She's living in southern New Hampshire and working as a Senior Interactive Designer for I-Ready, an award-winning educational technology product. Tiffany successfully completed a third project for her non-profit organization, Corner Kingdom Project. In June, she designed a "Safe Space" for young siblings with autism and hopes to complete another project this fall. **Beth Beaulieu** lives in Waltham and is working at the ACI medium security prison in RI as a re-entry specialist for sex offenders in a start-up therapeutic program. It was great to hear from my roommate from sophomore year, **Tiffany Martelli**, who has had an exciting few months. Tiffany started working at Contractlogix and got her first car! She is living in East Boston. Speaking of roommates, I moved to Newton, MA in November 2015 and am sharing an apartment with **Kristine Zarifian**. In August we welcomed **Gillian Conklin** to the neighborhood when she moved to Watertown. I (**Jennifer Thomas**) am also happy to announce that I am working as Advancement Services Assistant in the Office of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations at Regis, so if you're on campus, stop by to visit! Our class President, **Lauren Cavalier**, earned a master's degree in Social Work from Salem State in May. She enjoyed her summer and started a new job in September. ¶ In the year that many of us are turning 30 and entering a new decade, it's great to hear from so many classmates, so thank you to everyone who shared updates. It's hard to believe that in just 2 years, we'll be celebrating our 10th Reunion! A fast, easy way to get the latest campus news is on [facebook.com/RegisCollegeAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/RegisCollegeAlumni) or search for the "Regis College Class of 2008" page.

2009

✦ **Monique Colarossi, mac_777@msn.com** ✦ **Jocelyn Yabut, Jocelyn-yabut@gmail.com** ¶ **Kim Moriotti Robare** was recently married in May 2016 to Michael Robare in Cleveland, OH. In attendance was bridesmaid **Casey Leon** and **Susan Walley '05**.

2010

✦ **Stephanie Voltaire, 617-304-7982, svoltaire89@gmail.com** ✦ **Medgyne Lubin, 617-381-0470, medgyne115@yahoo.com** ¶ **Stephanie Voltaire** is still working at the Boston Public Health Commission as a Program Coordinator for Let's Get Healthy, Boston! A CDC funded grant. She is also continuing to work on her business V-Lure Designs, a line of handmade clutches for women. Stephanie is also enjoying traveling the world this year she will be going to Panama, Haiti, Portugal, and Jamaica. ¶ **Erika Pereyra** graduated from Physician's Assistant school and will start working at Faulkner Hospital in the fall as a pain management Physician's Assistant. ¶ **Maria Pino** has received her master's degree in Special Education from Bay Path University in May. She is excited to be working as a special education teacher at Lynn English High School in Lynn, MA this coming school year. ¶ After many years in the Greater Boston Area, **Anna Correa** and her longtime boyfriend Joe Polimino made the leap on April 4 of this year and started the drive to Los Angeles, CA (if you remember there was 4 inches of snow that day). While on the ride with their two cats they saw the country together and stayed in quite a few Motel 6s on the way. Anna and Joe now live in Inglewood, CA with Blue and April, the aforementioned cats. While Joe started working at the gaming company Riot games, Anna is looking for more permanent employment. She spent this summer as the Lead Counselor at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy's High School Conservatory, which was a blast! Anna is looking forward to her first visit to Boston since the move to attend the fall wedding of friend and Regis Alumni Choir Member Nicole Del Giudice '13. While in town Anna hopes to visit with friends, museums, and even Regis. Anna is the President of the class of 2010; please feel free to reach out for information about class events and other details.

To all classes who did not submit notes, please contact your reporter so we can keep you connected through *Regis Today*!

1940

❖ Mary Kerr Lynch, 275 Mirick Road, Princeton, MA 01541, 978-464-5611

1941

No reporter listed.

1942 75th Reunion

No reporter listed.

1943

No reporter listed.

1944

❖ Margaret Young, 384 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453, 978-537-3541

1946

No reporter listed.

1951

❖ Anne Downey Tierney, 303 Brooksby Village Drive #524, Peabody, MA 01960, 978-717-5929, jftaft@aol.com
❖ Janice Power, 27 Redwood Drive, Norwood, MA 02062, 781-762-3548, janicepower15@comcast.net

1955

❖ Margaret Vincent Kelley, P.O. Box 1346, Edgartown, MA 02539, 508-627-8596, pevky@aol.com

1973

❖ Patricia D'Amore, 50 Jane Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459, 617-969-1996, pattidamore@gmail.com

1976

No reporter listed.

1982 35th Reunion

❖ Elizabeth Carey Stygles, 24 Macarthur Road, Natick, MA 01760, 508-655-1722, stygles3@aol.com

1984

❖ Nancy Maloney Donahue, 211 Park Street, Stoneham, MA 02180, 781-978-2121, nbbedonahue@yahoo.com

1985

❖ Holly Kendrick Babin, 241 Sandown Road, Chester, NH 03036, 603-235-3596, hollybabin@gmail.com
❖ Dianne Gaudet Baxter, 2 East Street, Sudbury, MA 01776, 978-443-6034, sudburysinger@yahoo.com

1986

❖ Jocelyn Greene, 122 Jacquelyn Drive, Savannah, GA 31406, 508-650-7410
❖ Sara Mulrooney, 2701 8th Street So. #302c, Arlington, VA 22204, 703-920-3129, smulrooney@usa.net
❖ Kimberly Sinclair, 10 Fountain Grass Way, Plymouth, MA 02360, 617-786-3000, blklab81@yahoo.com

1990

❖ Robin Doyle, 5 Rose Lane, Atkinson, NH 03811, 781-749-2925, rdoyle@captive.com
❖ Christina Kennedy, 80 Perkins Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, 617-482-5440, cdlgkennedy@verizon.net
❖ Bethlee O'Connor McLaughlin, 3601 Justin Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34685, 727-872-4872, bethleemcl@aol.com
❖ Lt. Col. Elaine Posanka, 180 Winding Way, Normandy, TN 37360, 931-454-3000, elaine.posanka@gmail.com

1991

❖ Pattyanne Lyons, 91 Halcyon Road #1, Newton, MA 02459, 617-817-6017, pattyanne.lyons@verizon.net

1992 25th Reunion

❖ Audrey M. Griffin-Goode, 90 Leslie Road, Waltham, MA 02451, 781-890-7811, audreygriffin04@yahoo.com

1993

❖ Jean Lorizio, 125 Warren Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136, 617-725-8160, jmlorizio@gmail.com
❖ Angela Valerio, 15 West Union Street, Ashland, MA 01721, 781-895-6828, angmv11@comcast.net

1994

❖ Andrea Fegan-Bohn, 1 Bruce Circle, Randolph, MA 02368, 781-963-1288, ambohn11@yahoo.com

1995

❖ Erika LaBella, 92 Sean Circle, Coventry, CT 06238, 860-742-3164, rbella1@aol.com
❖ Amy Smith, 40 Meetinghouse Lane, Marshfield, MA 02050, 781-837-2264, amylarsonsmith@gmail.com

2000

❖ Grace Milner Howard-Donlin, 774-402-0462, gracemilner@gmail.com
❖ Allyson L. DiGregory, 781-632-3344, nosylla6@hotmail.com

2001

❖ Jessica Schumaker Grondin, 617-435-3450, jshu20@yahoo.com
❖ Lisa Owen, 801-231-5487, lowen423@gmail.com

2004

❖ Paula Power Spadea, 781-413-5593, paulak.power@gmail.com

2005

❖ Christina Aprea Young, 401-835-1296, aprea.christina@gmail.com
❖ Kathryn H. Bloomquist, 508-429-2735, khbloomq@aol.com

2011

No reporter listed.

2012 5th Reunion

❖ Alyson Goncalves, 508-287-0909, alycat0321@verizon.net

2013

❖ Jacqueline Williams, 781-571-9679, jwilliams@horizonhouse.com

2014

❖ Markenson Telfort, 781-629-2652, maskensont@gmail.com

2015

No reporter listed.

2016

❖ Giselle Rodriguez, 617-319-8776, evelynrodriguez123456@hotmail.com

In Memory

Regis has been notified of the following alumni and friends who passed away. Those listed are notifications received between April 28, 2016, to November 1, 2016. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

1938

Mary White O'Brien
September 26, 2014

Bernadette Grenier
Ortynsky
March 10, 2016

1939

Virginia Fisher Burkard
September 29, 2016

Harriet Carson
November 23, 2011

1942

Patricia Jefferson Rosen
November 28, 2015

Carmen Meehan Sanders
October 11, 2012

Rita Carroll Sullivan
February 4, 2004

Shirley McCrystal Walsh
December 7, 1999

1943

Anne O'Brien Gibbons
March 15, 2016

Eileen Ryan Judge
September 7, 2016

Christine Connors
Lenihan
March 3, 2016

Ann Horrigan Sykes
April 12, 2016

1944

M. Virginia Murray Bates
April 30, 2016

Jeanne Mathieu Bliss
August 6, 2016

Elizabeth Farragher
May 17, 2014

1945

Kathleen O'Connell Mielt
December 3, 2014

Dorothy McLoughlin
Mulkern
August 16, 2016

1946

Dorothy Gaquin
Borkowski
September 25, 2016

Eileen O'Leary Scribner
June 16, 2016

1947

Dorothea Flynn Hurley
September 26, 2016

Dorothy McKenzie
May 20, 2016

M. Claire Gallant Morin
March 16, 2016

1948

Elizabeth O'Rourke
Craggy
January 22, 2016

Frances Madigan
May 28, 2016

Ann Louney Pratt
March 26, 2015

Marie Kane Vachon
June 7, 2016

Eleanor Shiel Zito
December 26, 2012

1949

Claire Horan Brady
February 26, 2016

Jane Dawson McKearin
September 25, 2016

Elizabeth Stone Ross
April 5, 2016

Frances Macchia
Crecco Wheeler
October 19, 2016

1950

Lucille Benjamin Caron
June 10, 2016

Martha Cronin Connelly
June 28, 2016

Joan Fitzpatrick Fox
June 5, 2012

1951

Elizabeth Hogan Kirby
September 28, 2016

Mary Landers Plunkett
April 26, 2016

Suzanne Gill Schwartz
January 30, 2016

1952

Eileen Mirabello Blake
March 12, 2015

1953

Mary Lou Ahearn
March 6, 2016

Catherine McNamara
March 29, 2016

1954

Nancy Cummings Collins
August 24, 2016

Juliette Brassard Marcoux
October 6, 2016

Lillian Dyer Murray
September 25, 2016

Catherine D. Tobin
November 1, 2016

1955

Carole Clayton Foran
December 27, 2015

Janice Balfe Schuerch
August 30, 2016

1956

Rosemary Burns
June 8, 2016

1957

Helen Moynihan Mahoney
July 29, 2016

Virginia McGagh
February 25, 2016

Susan Butkiewicz
Prusaczyk
January 28, 2016

Desiree Reynolds White
March 3, 2016

1958

Elizabeth Jarmulowicz
Britt
June 3, 2016

Frances Boyle Nugent
June 6, 2016

1960

Grace Healy
September 6, 2016

Eleanor Reichheld Lewis
August 31, 2016

1961

Trudy Foley Manney
March 21, 2016

Huda Gamoh Naffaa
June 20, 2016

1962

Maureen Bellew
January 27, 2016

1963

Claire Boivin Flynn
July 25, 2016

Verna Pollak
July 8, 2015

1965

Deirdre Casey
August 1, 2016

Sharon Callnan Rush
October 1, 2016

1972

Roberta Dedoming
June 2, 2012

1975

Maria Timperio McTernan
May 3, 2014

1980

Joan Bognacki Cote
July 15, 2013

Cindy Dubois
May 25, 2016

M. Siobhan Keough
Rogers
September 26, 2016

1983

Dianne Manley DeMarco
September 13, 2014

1985

Patrice Carman
June 23, 2016

1989

Patricia Harrington
Migueluez
September 10, 2016

1992

Elaine Cook
December 31, 2015

1996

Jane Bonvini
September 23, 2014

Nicole Dutra
October 26, 2016

Masters

Alice McGrath Keefe
April 23, 2015



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Threads of Accomplishment

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Developed by the Asante people of Ghana, the Kente cloth's yellow, red, green, and black threads are tightly woven into a basket-weave pattern—a centuries-old tradition originally associated with class, royal status, regional origin, or patriotism. Today, it holds a very personalized meaning for its wearers, including Regis students from all races and ethnicities who participated in the inaugural Kente Stole Ceremony during the week-long Commencement 2016 celebration.

“For Regis, the black stole symbolizing maturity also represents unity and inclusion,” says Michelle Cromwell, associate professor of politics and social justice and director of the Honors Program. “It signifies the growth of educational opportunity and students’ access to education despite obstacles inherited from past centuries that still plague educational access.”

While the Kente Stole’s colors and connection to its African identity still remain strong, the Kente cloth holds a power and ability to transform its meaning in different contexts. For most users it is considered a symbol of pride that authenticates the wearer’s experiences and its meaning is embedded in its use. Cromwell says, “Whether it is given as a traditional gift, worn by a Ewe chief, or donned at a graduation, the Kente communicates identity, community, and pride. It is seen as a symbol of unity as opposed to one of appropriation.”

Most traditional academic Kente ceremonies celebrate the accomplishments of black students and serve as an expression of African-American pride. At Regis, the Kente is worn as a symbol of inclusion and a celebration of common and shared struggles and academic accomplishments. Opening the ceremony to all students—regardless of race—created a new kind of diversity platform that demonstrates Regis’ commitment to inclusive excellence.

“Diversity comes in many forms beyond race and culture, including learning differences and socioeconomic status,” says Cromwell. “Inviting everyone to participate helps to open up dialogue and provide a deeper perspective of one another; because even

though we’ve all had different experiences, we’ve all overcome something.”

Members of the Black Student Organization helped plan the event with Cromwell and Regis leaders. Tears, smiles, hugs, and personal stories shared by family and friends during the ceremony marked the breadth of its meaning to each individual.

“I am the first member of my family to attend college and the first one of my friends in my city to finish college,” says Jordan Monts ’16, who is now the assistant men’s basketball coach at Bethany College. “Graduating college is a huge blessing for me, especially being a biracial male. Graduating means that I am pointing myself in the right direction.”

“I was born in Portugal, and coming to Regis I thought I was going to be alone; but I had a totally different experience and gained new perspective,” says Soraia Pinto ’16, who works at Privatus Care Solutions. “My graduation represents not only my accomplishment, but my family’s accomplishment. They’ve been with me every step of the way so *I’m* not only graduating; *we* are graduating.”

“A lot of my family has never attended college, so for me the ceremony shows that despite your ethnicity—Hispanic, African-American, Irish—you can go out and make a difference for yourself and for others,” says Melinda Mara ’16, who has Irish, Swedish, English, and Scottish roots and is now a registered nurse. “This stole and ceremony is a sign of hope for the future.”

The Kente Stole design, collectively chosen by graduating students, represents the university’s ideas about identity and community. The golden stool represents the people, the soul, and the good fortune of the nation. The key symbolizes unlocking everyone’s inherent intelligence; education is the key to success.

“We all work hard for our degrees,” says Alexander Nuby ’16, a registered nurse. “It’s a good feeling for all ethnicities, races, and heritages to come together on one campus and be coherent with one another—and all succeed for a greater good.”



Historically, each color holds special meaning: **Yellow** represents things that are holy and precious. **Red** represents strong political and spiritual feelings. **Green** represents growth and good health. **Black** represents strong spiritual energy and the spirit of one's ancestors.



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