

Teresans Today

WINTER 2011

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

DATES TO REMEMBER!

December 3, 2011

Twin Cities

Champagne Brunch

Town and Country Club

St Paul, MN

Host: Dorothy Pecholt Geis '55

Umbrian Christmas

at Assisi Heights

7 pm—11 pm

December 4, 2011

1001 Donuts

2 pm—4 pm

CSTea House, Winona, MN

February 11, 2012

Joint CST/SMU Event

Naples, FL

Phoenix, AZ Event (TBA)

Host: Pat McGrath

Reichenbacher '60

March 10, 2012

Washington, DC Event

Host: Elaine Klein '73

July 10, 2012

Twin Cities Picnic

Host: Addy Radechel

Murtaugh '51

September 16, 2012

Fall Retreat

Assisi Heights

Host: CST Alumnae

Association

Plan to attend an event or host a simple get-together to keep acquainted with old friends. A way to meet alums who have moved to your area.

Keep the Teresan Spirit alive!

Congratulations to our Citation and Award Recipients Reunion 2011

Citation Award - Sr Lorraine Ryan MMS '61

Laurinda Ryan, born in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in Illinois. She attended the College of Saint Teresa for one year, majoring in Pre-Med. She then joined the Medical Mission Sisters, because of her intense love of Jesus and desire to heal the poor and suffering.

She received a B.S. in Medical Record Science from St. Louis University, a B.S. in Nursing at Catholic University, and a Masters in Public Health from John Hopkins University.

Sister Lorraine ministered to unwed mothers, had an intercultural experience in India for 15 years which included teaching nursing, social work, patient and student counseling, and management. She lived in tribal villages in their simple style where she organized the Village Health Promoters Program.

She has been in Boyton Beach, Florida since 1999 where she put all of her experiences together to help poor women in the area. In 2000, she began the Women's Circle to help poor women get jobs.

CST Faculty Award - Sr Marlene Pinzka OSF'67

Sr. Marlene is a native of Sleepy Eye, MN and is currently serving as the Rochester Franciscan Congregational Treasurer.

Sr. Marlene received her Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from the College of Saint Teresa in 1967. After teaching junior and senior high math for several years, she before entered the Rochester Franciscans. Upon the completion of her Franciscan studies, she continued to teach in two Franciscan Schools: Queen of Angels in Austin, MN, and Lourdes High School in Rochester, MN. She received her Masters from the University of New Hampshire and in 1978. She joined the CST faculty in 1980 where she taught for nine years. With the closing of CST, Sr. Marlene spent the next 17 years at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. She received her doctorate in Mathematics Education from the University of Minnesota in 1999.

CST Staff Award - Sylvia Odegaard

Sylvia began her ministry in service on campus in the mid 1950s and was a faithful CST family member for 31 years. During that time she served in the Tea House, Book Store, Library, Roger Bacon and as the Executive House-keeping Supervisor for all nine major buildings on campus. One of the former housekeepers gave her this ultimate compliment, "Sylvia never asked us to do anything she wasn't willing to do herself." Sylvia is no stranger to suffering in her life yet always has a positive attitude and is a wonderful model of hospitality and acceptance to everyone. She was 89 on November 12th and still is a consummate gardener. Her English gardens are always beautiful.

Alumnae Association President's Message

Mary Forestell Doucette '69

Well, the reunion weekend found us all together for a perfect October weekend. Autumn colors on the bluff, a fresh breeze, and a wonderful and lively group of women gathered to celebrate. One thing that always occurs and still amazes me is how people can connect after several years and just pick up where they left off. It happens for me as well, but it is still amazing.

We all need to celebrate continuation of our Alumnae Association. At our Mass, which we shared with Cotter alumni, who were celebrating their Centennial year, the Cotter President, Jennifer Elfering, indicated that her college had also closed, but that they had no alumnae association and she was very impressed with what she saw in our Reunion. I was stunned into thinking about the beautiful liturgy, the fun during the day, the celebration at the banquet, the late night talks, the life sharing, the tears, the acceptance and love that we share through this association. It will have an ending point, but until then it is truly a great blessing in our lives and it takes all of us to keep this blessing going forward.

The Alumnae board voted in September to allow a member to attend "by technological means," that can include conference calls or "skypeing" in to attend. So.... if you have wanted to serve on the board, but distance was a factor, please consider applying now and we will work out the technology. This could really expand out membership representation from around the country and we really do want to increase connections.

We continue to look at ways to expand our spirituality and the presentation on "St. Francis and the Sultan" by Sister Kathy Warren was well received at the reunion. There is much about St. Francis that we know, but much that we need to learn. What she presented is so appropriate to creating peace in our world today. As Teresans we have all been influenced by the Sisters of St. Francis and that value system in direct and in subtle ways. We may have "caught" that Franciscan spirit. We plan to continue with these presentations and we hope to promote similar activities at the chapter level so that we can expand on that spirit.

I wish you blessings in your upcoming Christmas Season.

Mary

From the Executive Director's Desk

When we connect the human spirit, we ignite the flame to engage ourselves in one another's lives. Our connection with one another is evident in our home life, our parish life, our community life, and yes, our Teresan life. What a gift to be able to share that spirit with each another at reunion, at our area chapter events, and at Teresan retreats! We continue to share our passion for the excellent education we received at the College of Saint Teresa, and our love for the Sisters of Saint Francis. We are fortunate indeed to have so many blessings in our lives!

As we continue serving the needs of the alumnae, we constantly look for ways to reduce our staff time, our use of supplies, and in essence, our budget. Times are tight everywhere, especially in the non-profit sector. However, we are grateful for you, our paid members, and your generous gift of support throughout the years. Since the closing of the college in 1989, we have been amazed that we have been able to provide a great service while supporting our mission to stay connected to all Teresans. In my 20th year of serving you, my gratitude for the many gifts you have shared with me through your time, your gifts, and your treasure has been uplifting. Thank you for your confidence in what we do here, and we look forward to providing programming that's worthy of your participation in the coming year. Watch our calendar of events on-line at: www.cstalums.org

May you and your family have a blessed Holiday Season!

Peace and all good

Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87



Our Franciscan Heritage

Sisters of Saint Francis

In the News

On October 9, 2011, Sister Marlene Pinzka received the College of St. Teresa Faculty Citation Award at the annual CST Homecoming Banquet. She was honored as a “phenomenal and highly accomplished woman.”



Above: Sister Marlene at the awards banquet with former student, JoAnn Chevalier (left) and Sister Briana McCarthy (right).

Sister Ralph Jahner

(1921-2011) - Born Anna Jahner, her baking career started in the 1930's under the guidance of S. Clotilda. Shortly thereafter, she began working in the kitchen at the College of St. Teresa in Winona, where she was encouraged to bake and decorate cakes. She soon became known for her works of art on cake projects, earning numerous trophies and ribbons. Moving to Assisi Heights in 1987, she started Sister Ralph's Cake Shoppe, becoming an expert at creating large displays from cake decorating materials, including Saint Marys Hospital, St. Mary's College, and St. Anne Hospice. Her prayer life and her relationship with her God nourished and grounded her.

In Memory of Sister Ralph Jahner, OSF



Yes to life:
May 14, 1921

Yes to religious life:
August 15, 1939

Yes to eternal life:
October 29, 2011

Sister of Saint Francis
Rochester, NY

Join Us!



Umbrian Christmas

Live and Silent Auction

Saturday, December 3, 2011 7 - 11 PM

U. Member Appreciation • Free Admission
Lunch • Refreshments • Raffle

Website: www.umbrianchristmas.com

Sisters of Saint Francis



Celebrating a Family Christmas

Sunday, December 4, 2011 1 - 4 PM

Admission • Lunch • Refreshments • Raffle

Website: www.familychristmas.com

Sisters of Saint Francis

For more information on our Umbrian Christmas events, visit us online by going to www.rochesterfranciscan.org or on Facebook - search "Rochester Franciscans."

Sisters of Saint Francis 2012 CALENDARS



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Reunion 2011 was a HUGE Success

Reunion weekend was a beautiful fall weekend in Winona. Nearly two hundred alumnae returned to campus for the festivities.



The Banquet at Lourdes Hall



The General Meeting in Alverna Center



Mass in the Beautiful Chapel



The Money Counters



**Citation Award
Sister Lorraine Ryan MMS '61**



**Staff Service Award
Sylvia Odegaard**



**Faculty Staff Award
Sr Marlene Pinzka OSF '67**



**Saint Teresa Leadership & Service Institute for Women
STLI Director's Report – Peg Winters**



STLI for Women is moving forward on several initiatives this year with you in mind!

Connecting

Foremost is our initiative to connect to you better, and for you to learn more about us. A uniqueness of Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women (STLI) is that its graduates are welcomed into the folds of the Alumnae Association of the College of Saint Teresa. STLI graduates are the continuing legacy of the College of Saint Teresa, strong women who will move forward to take their place in family, corporation and community who demonstrate confidence in themselves and commitment to bettering the world in which we live. If you have an upcoming alumnae gathering and would like a short program on the STLI-CST Connection, we'd love come and present it! You can coordinate this with Colleen or call Peg directly. Peg can be reached at **507-457-6651** or pwinters@smumn.edu.

Twenty-four at the Door

Our goal is for 24 entering freshman or transferring students to commit to STLI by May 1, 2012. If we can make this happen, we can guarantee a living and learning community at SMU for next fall's incoming class.

STLI needs your assistance in getting the word out to young women in your community who are looking for the "right" college, one that has a specially designed program focused on their leadership development. If you would be interested in hosting an STLI Reception at your local high school or community center, Saint Mary's staff will make all the arrangements, provide a reception program, and be in attendance to support you and assist with the program. If so, you would identify young women you have connection with who are currently in the college search for next fall to attend an STLI Reception. They could be your nieces, granddaughters, friends of the family, relatives of your friends and even members of your parish. You can extend a personal invitation for them to attend the STLI reception or send their names and contact information to us and we will contact them. Your next role would be to host the event and share a memory or two of your time at the College of Saint Teresa. We will make the bridge to Saint Mary's and STLI. **Interested?** Call Peg (contact information above) or Karen **507-457-6682** to talk about becoming an STLI Ambassador and hosting an STLI reception in your community.

You can also contact us by email at pwinters@smumn.edu or ksulliva@smumn.edu.

Job and Volunteer Shadowing

Second, if you live in the greater Winona community, would you be interested in having a college student job shadow or volunteer shadow you for a short period of time during Winter Semester (January 16 – May 4, 2012)? Students will call to arrange for a meeting to learn about your job or volunteering. They will then shadow you for 8-10 hours as you carry out your responsibilities to learn in more detail what skills and relationships are necessary for success. **Interested?** Call Peg or email her about this program.

Advancing into the Future

Finally, we will be holding our Annual Giving Campaign during the first quarter of 2012. Student members of STLI are most appreciative that they can participate in the program at no cost. They can do so because of the generosity of Saint Teresa Institute supporters. We hope that when our invitation to participate comes to you that you will consider including STLI in your 2012 planned giving.

Notice

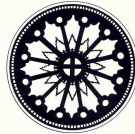
The *Teresan News* will **not** be sent out until **JUNE** as we are combining it with the dues mailing. This will save the organization over \$1,500. The deadline for the *Teresan News* will be 4/30/12
Another *Teresans Today* will be sent in early March.

Rest In Peace

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of our CST alumnae.

- Sr Mary Gregory McLean '31 died 12/26/07
- Helen Manning Lorch, RSCJ '32 died 11/28/10
- Evelyn Hinsenbrock Reinecke '36 died 5/26/05
- Venette Janousek McLeod '36 died 3/25/11
- Mercedes Beyer Wilhelm '36 died 8/23/00
- Helen Betthausen Bishop Witte '36 died 4/14/10
- Mary Barden Cleary '38 died 7/9/11
sister of Peggy Barden Ward '48 and Martha Barden Myszka '42
- Esther Ascani Belardi '40 died 6/6/11
- Betty McElwain Burns '41 died 7/2/11
sister of Barbara McElwain Centrone '50
- Georgia Walz Downey '41 died 1/24/00
- M Helen Boucher Egan '41 died 11/4/10
- Rita Kelly Finchem '41 died 2/12/08
- Elizabeth Schneider Lowe '41 died 10/27/09
- Meredith Pyle Roe '41 died 3/23/11
- Loretta Worzalla Ropella '41 died 6/12/02
- Jeanne Bernier Simonetti '41 died 1/31/02
- Mary Jane Jankowski Barrett '42 died 2/1/11
- Virginia Kallal Darr died 1/9/10
sister of Ramona Kallal Boehler '51
- Helen Farrell Joswick '43 died 8/4/11
- Helen Efinger Helgren '45 died 1/8/11
- Margaret Koenig McGinnis '45 died 7/1/09
- Mary Pat McKenzie Coyle '46 died 5/13/11
- Helen Gertrude Curran Jackson '46 died 6/8/11
- Sarah Sheehan Freese '47 died 6/17/11
- Rita McGaughey '47 died 7/25/11
sister of Ruth McGaughey Becker '50
- Audrey Plowman Brown '48 died 12/3/07
- Janet Watry Burke '49 died 9/23/11
- Martha Bambenek Wilson '48 died 5/16/11
- Marian Stehly Beck '49 died 5/31/09
- Lois Kriesel Hagman '49 died 7/3/09
- Mary Vynalek Wendell '49 died 3/13/11
- Colleen Murphy Derpinghaus '50 died 5/28/09
- Sr Rita Menke OSF '50 died 3/12/10
- Maryellen Tighe Moore '50 died 6/6/11
- Doris Copp Trenkle '51 died 12/5/00
- Jeanne Minogue Costello '52 died 5/25/11
- Carol McDermott Kane '52 died 8/21/02
- Mary Jo Stokes Rearden '52 died 6/10/11
- Helene Wallace Scheid '52 died 4/21/11
mother of Constance Scheid Caine '82
- Rosemary Castro Dohring '53 died 5/27/11
mother of Christine Dohring Sabados '74
- Bonita Barry Martin '53 died 9/29/08
- Colleen Walsh Nelson '53 died 8/12/11
- Marilyn Halloran Marnon '54 died 3/26/10
- Betty Malecki Weiss '54 died 4/12/11
- Elizabeth Reding Webster '55 died 6/29/11
sister of Virginia (Sally) Reding Masterson '52
- Jocelyn Fields Jones '56 died 10/23/00
- Carole Payton Kingdon '56 died 7/15/10
- Roberta Roman Urbas '57 died 3/17/11
- Joan Seykora Welch '57 died 10/26/11
- Mary Williams Fangman '59 died 5/10/11
- Mary Nervig Burrough '61 died 10/27/10
sister of Peggy Nervig Carroll '53
- Joanne Fischer Jereczek '61 died 5/31/08
- Patricia Hogan King '62 died 1/29/11
sister of Susan Hogan Doty '63
- Barbara Zender Nemitz '62 died 3/11/10
- Sr Eileen Haugh OSF '63 died 5/23/11
- Jeanne Karlow Stenerson '63 died 8/14/10
- Bonita Lou Fitzsimmons Lanns '65 died 7/1/08
- Roberta (Bobbi) McCrea '81 died 7/2/11
- Cheryl Gaskin Danubio '84 died 3/14/11

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May Thy perpetual light shine upon them.



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TERESAN MEMORIAL/MEMENTO PROGRAM

The Teresan Memorial/Memento program was created in the 1950's as a way to honor our loved ones at their passing, or during times of need or stress.

This program is still offered by the Alumnae Association and we process anywhere from 15 to 30 requests a month.

A packet of forms can be requested from our office. A form is also included in your membership mailing and can be found on-line.

A monetary donation is made in the name of the prayer recipient. We then record the request and send out a Memorial or a Memento card and at the same time acknowledge your donation and concern.

If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to call our office at 507-454-2930.