

Mary Manse Alumni News

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The 2023 MMC Alumni Mass & Luncheon

Sunday, October 8, 2023

URSULINE CENTER, 4035 Indian Road, Toledo 43606

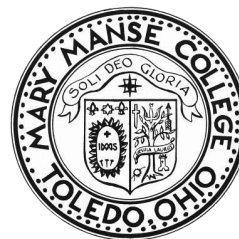
Mass at 11 a.m. in the Chapel, Rev. Dan Ring, Presider

Luncheon at Noon in the Dining Room

Honor Classes ~ Classes which end in '3 and '8

Please register by September 18, 2023.

No late registrations will be accepted.



*Please note the location
is the
URSULINE CENTER,
not St. Ursula Academy
as in previous years.*



PBS Toledo Stories: Remembering Mary Manse College

You may now view "Remembering Mary Manse College" by going **online** on your computer, iPad or smartphone to www.wgte.org and search the title. **DVD's are no longer available.** For more information, contact Cathy Kamenca at: cathy_kamenca@wgte.org or call 419-380-4613.

Class of 1973!

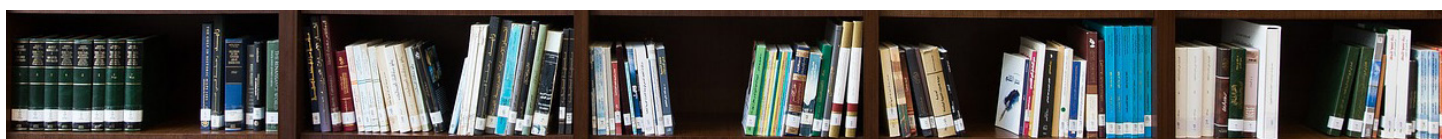
This is the 50th year since we walked the halls of MMC. It would be great if you could attend the Banquet on October 8th.

There will be Mass at 11 a.m. celebrated by Fr. Dan Ring. The Luncheon will follow at noon. Please complete the registration form in this newsletter. Hope to see you!!



We will be getting together Saturday night, October 7th, at 6 p.m. at Tony Packo's Downtown. Come join us for fun, and for sure, laughs.

Linda Jones Jastrzemski '73



Wow! What a tribute to Sister Jane Catherine and Sister Georgianna. On October 26 and 27, 2022, the Ursuline Center held an art sale featuring many works from these two artists and art educators (plus several others from the Ursuline Community). The amount of people that came for this was amazing. You could tell that the artists were well known in the Toledo area and beyond. The event was organized and the Ursuline Center staff was very hospitable - yes, refreshments, too!!

Marie Rellinger Miller '70

** There are still pieces of art for sale. Please check out the Ursuline website at www.ursulinecenter.org for a catalog of items for sale.*

Thank You

On behalf of the Class of 1972, my sincere thanks and joy to all who work so tirelessly to keep our Alumni Association alive and well, and for publishing a wonderful MMC newsletter! I enjoy sipping on an early morning hot chocolate, tea or coffee and reading a copy of our newsletter to reminisce about my 50th anniversary and the college's 100th anniversary! It was so much fun and I was delighted to be a part of it!

My special thanks to **Judy Biehler Miller '69** and all the board members, especially **Jane Traser Hunter '72**, **Mary Beth Dibling Rumer '72**, **Colette Kalisz Egner '72**, **Mary Jim Sheets Stahl '67**, Val Myers, Michelle Scazzero, **Pat O'Hearn Shaw '70**, our treasurer, and **Susan Masztak '63** who wrote a great article in the last newsletter.

Keep up the good work! Remember – Over Hill... Over Dale – your love and hard work will never fail!

Patty Geis Cafferty
President, Class of 72



2023 MMC Honor Class Reps

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*** If this is your honor year, please contact your honor class rep and share the best way to stay in touch with you.**

Dear 'mates,

This is a reminder regarding our 70th class reunion. What a milestone! Please send me your response to my letter, and enclosures, of April. Jot down a few favorite memories of your college years. Use the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope and return to me. I have heard from several of you already. These memories will be shared at the reunion, and also in the newsletter following the reunion. We are hoping some of you will attend the gala event in October. Admittedly, distance and our venerable age, are extenuating factors.

We hold you in our hearts and prayers. Blessings,

Mary C. (Guyton) Phillips '53
Class 'Scribe



Hello to the "Spring Chickens" of 1968,

We're not considered "Spring Chickens" anymore, but we still remember the great times we had at Mary Manse! It has been 55 years, on May 18th, since we've been together as a group - finally graduating.

It would be nice to be a group again, with as many of us as possible, getting together for our reunion on October 8, 2023. Mass begins at 11 a.m. at Ursuline Center. Lunch and a short meeting will follow.

We would like to give a donation to the Ursuline Sisters for putting up with us "Spring Chickens" and giving us an education we have been able to use throughout our lives.

We hope to see you at our reunion and if you'd like to donate anything, please make your check payable to the Ursuline Sisters, with 1968 in the memo area. You can mail it in with your reservation envelope. If you can't make the reunion, and still wish to give, please mail your check to **Patty Dudley Pastorek '68** at 6151 Bayshore Rd., Oregon, OH 43616 or **Nanci Talpos Murdock '68** at 105 Lones Dr., Perrysburg, OH 43551.

Thank you and we hope to see you wonderful friends soon!

Former "Spring Chickens"
Patty Dudley Pastorek '68
and **Nanci Talpos Murdock '68**



Class of '63!!

Hard to believe it's been 60 years since we left the halls of MMC. Our heads can't wrap around the fact that it's been so long! We hope that you'll be able to join us for the reunion on October 8 so we can see how well we've survived and enjoyed it! As the date gets closer, let me know if you're able to come so we can plan something...

Mary Lou Snyder '63



That '70s Class!

Hope you can join us at the Mass and Luncheon October 8. Plan on staying afterwards for a "social time" to reconnect our friendships and recall those MMC years!!

Marie Rellinger Miller '70
419-235-2897 tandm2008@live.com

OVER HILL... OVER DALE... HERE IS WHAT WAS IN THE MAIL

Sheila Downey Sarkisian '63 reports that she is an associate of Sisters of Charity and practices chair yoga. Sheila enjoys her ongoing friendship with **Peg Palmer O'Hearn '61**, **Jeanie Gerhart Roth '64** and **Sister Nelda Chafitelli '64**.

Celia Huang Lee '66 shares that she is retired and plays competitive bridge. She and her husband, who reside in San Diego, have two grandchildren.

Barbara Galvin Dardy '66 has been hosting a gathering of her SUA classmates for many years. Her friend, **Joan Lehner Connors '67**, sent in Barbara's new address and says she was so proud to be invited to the gathering. All had a great time!

Barbara Soo Chu '68 retired as librarian from University of Toronto where she worked for 38 years. She loves to learn more history, worldwide. Barbara also enjoys working with people, traveling, and staying active with NORC Innovation Centre at University Health Network (UHN) in their Aging-in-Place program and with other community programs for seniors in her condo. Barbara and her husband celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2022 and are blessed with three daughters and seven grandchildren who all live nearby in the Toronto area. Barbara stayed with the Coyle Family for her four years at Mary Manse as a foreign exchange student and has always been in touch.

Nancy J. Welch Williams '68 and her husband, Art, have moved several times since they retired. Five years ago they left the snow and cold of northern New York to enjoy the lifestyle and weather of northern South Carolina. Nancy volunteers with activities at St. Mary Magdalene in Simpsonville that has more than 5,000 members. She is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (as she has been for the past 35 years) and a former Lector. Nancy belongs to a

local book club, continues to make jewelry, does container gardening, and enjoys coffee with many friends in her community. She and Art celebrated 55 years of marriage this past June. They have three daughters and two granddaughters. Nancy writes, "Although **Mary Ann Kelley Healy '68** and I have kept in touch for a number of years, we moved in 2018 and we didn't see each other for the next four years. However, we went to Florida to visit our eldest daughter and learned Mary Ann lives 3.7 miles from their daughter Heather! We got together again. And **Patty Dudley Pastorek '68** and I persist in our efforts to write letters to each other. We enjoy keeping in touch!"

Pat Hirons Lora '69 shares that biking, reading and writing are a few of her hobbies!

Teresa Kerul Richardson '70 and her husband, Paul, have moved to Kent, Ohio after living 56 years in the Toledo area. Their son and his family live just south of Akron, and the move will enable Teresa and Paul to enjoy their grandchildren more often.

Patty Geis Cafferty '72 of Yellow Springs, Ohio, has done much volunteer work at St. Vincent de Paul for the past six years and has been an active Vincentian for nine years. She also is vice president for Springfield District Council.

Verla (Gail) Hammond Lash '72 stays active gardening and doing lawn work with her riding tractor, traveling to Israel and the Caribbean, taking a yearly two-week condo vacation at Brigantine, NJ, riding on old country roads in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, bargain hunting, healthy eating and moderate exercise, snorkeling in the Caribbean, taking care of her cats, and assisting with community church activities. Her interests also include taking continuing education classes for PA license renewal. Verla is married and lives in Abington, Pennsylvania.

ALUMNI

May They Rest in Peace



ALUMNI:

Rita Karchner Cross '45
 Kathleen O'Connell Schlachter '47
 Geneva Dennis Roller '54
 Patricia Leuck Wilson '59
 Jean Gregg Burnett '60
 Sr. Stephanie Helfrich, OSU '63
 Alice L. Hoile Naito '65
 Masako Koizumi Lesquendieu '66
 Diane Marciniak Hannon '68
 Sr. Rebecca LaPoint, OSF/S '68
 Mary Leto Paumier '70
 Charlotte Sauer Turin '74
 Maureen Golden Bovee '75
 Sr. Mary Jamesetta Krafty, SND
 Sr. Elizabeth "Betty" Foos, RSM
 Patricia Kirwan Crowley, MM Associate
 Mary Ann Wetli Joldrichsen, MM Associate
 Rose Marie Rosinski Kennelly, MM Associate
 Carol Stevens Leonard, MM Associate
 Ruth Hart Zakrzewski, MM Associate

HUSBAND of:

Carol Neary Falke '67

SON of:

Joan Dougherty Bradner '53 (deceased)
 Mary Ann Wernimont Dudderar '67

SISTER of:

Kathleen O'Brien Seitz '63
 Marna O'Brien Adamian '67
 Sr. Regina Smith, OSU '68
 Martha Golden Lause '72

FACULTY:

Frederick Kellermeier

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

Income

Member Dues..... \$3,590.00
 Luncheon Income..... \$2,010.00
 Interest..... \$1.09
TOTAL INCOME.....\$5,601.09

Expenses

Newsletters/Mailings..... \$2,513.62
 Luncheon..... \$2,907.57
 Charitable gifts..... \$500.00
 Miscellaneous..... \$50.34
TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$5,971.53

Beginning Balance.....\$11,706.05

Income.....+\$5,601.09

\$17,307.14

Expenses.....-\$5,971.53

Ending Balance.....\$11,335.61



Please remember to
 send in your
 \$10 yearly dues
 in the enclosed
 envelope to:

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ON BANNING BOOKS IN AMERICA

by Susan Masztak '63

During the current wave of suppression in America, 37 states are banning books from school curricula and removing them from library shelves. Even though the First Amendment protects Americans from the government banning books, many books continue to be challenged and taken to court by self-appointed censors to prevent access to them. The censors often cite their old-fashioned values and their personal protective intentions.

"All these people talk so eloquently about getting old-fashioned values. Well, as an old poop I can remember back to when we had those old-fashioned values and I say let's get back to the good old-fashioned First Amendment of the good old-fashioned Constitution of the United States - and to hell with the censors! Give me knowledge or give me death!" - Kurt Vonnegut His books won 13 literary awards, even though several of his books are banned.

"Old-fashioned" elected government leaders had voiced similar views: "Don't join the book burners. Don't think you're going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book." - Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. President (1953-61) "Books and ideas are the most effective weapons against intolerance and ignorance." - Lyndon B. Johnson, U.S. President (1963-69). In 1966, even the Vatican discontinued its once forbidden list of books, Index Liborum Prohibitorum. This year TIME 100: The World's Most Influential People selected Tracie D. Hall of the American Library Association for her effort to keep books on the shelves and the motto, "Free People Read Freely".

Some pressure groups claim that public funding of schools and libraries make censorship of their holdings legitimate. Often passages are stricken from or rewritten in selected novels and textbooks, disregarding social-emotional learning that help students manage their emotions and develop

empathy. The most often cited offenses are in themes of race and history, while sex, gender, language, and sometimes truth are designated objectionable or indecent. The latest is whatever causes discomfort to readers.

The most prominent pressure group of book censors is PABBS, Parents Against Bad Books in Schools, in existence since 2001, created by a mother in Fairfax County, VA, who objected to a book, Daughters of Eve by Lois Duncan, on her daughter's summer reading list. To date there are 1350 titles on the PABBS list of banned books. Many of these banned books are considered classics. There's no shortage of great literature there.

Unknowingly, I selected one of the books on the PABBS list, The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen, (approved by Toledo Public Schools) to teach not only the novel genre to junior high students, but to offer a look into an important and relevant part of history, the Holocaust, which gave students an opportunity to think about their own responses, beliefs... and biases. Yes, it did cause them some discomfort, but it also caused them to think. Let us commend TPS and its selection of good books!

Last spring, two former English teachers in Pinellas County, FL challenged the decision to remove The Bluest Eye, a novel by Toni Morrison, (who had been awarded both a Nobel Peace Prize and a Pulitzer Prize) because of a passage containing sex and violence. The men pointed out to that school board that the same topics are unchallenged and acceptable in the Bible. The novel is back on the shelves. Ta da! A standing ovation for those English teachers! and for Randi Weingarten, President of the American Federation of Teachers, a staunch supporter against banning books. She insists that because public education is for everyone, a minority must not be allowed to dictate what all students can or cannot read.

ON BANNING BOOKS IN AMERICA, CONTINUED

Other local teacher organizations are campaigning against the banning of books along with The National Education Association that created Read Across America, a list of books intended to connect students with diverse characters, languages, and cultures, that others want to take away. The National Council of Teachers of English stands firm with its Freedom to Teach Statement declaring that the education of our students cannot become collateral damage in partisan political machinations.

Opponents of bans ardently profess that by restricting information and discouraging freedom of thought, censors undermine one of the primary functions of education - teaching students how to think for themselves. Tolerance is endangered, as well as free expression and democracy. Just ask any English teacher how literal that statement is.

An avid advocate for freedom to read is 100 years young Grace Linn, who single-handedly took a Florida school board to task, insisting that the freedom to read is essential to our democracy. She addressed the school board in person from her wheel chair waving the quilt she had sewed to salute banned books.

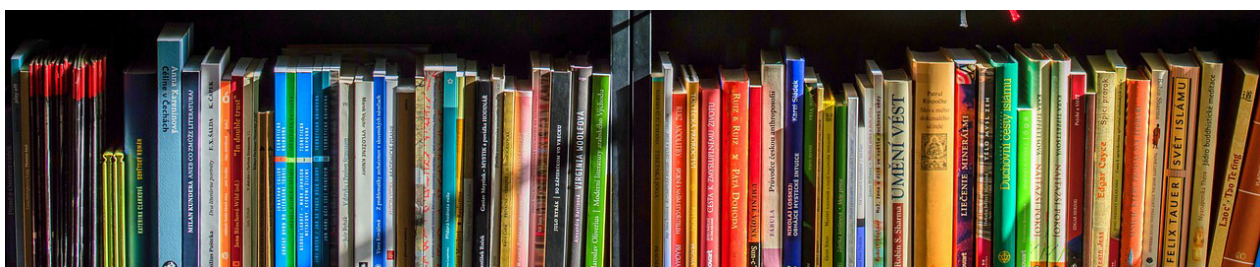


Even though a book is banned from school libraries, today's teenagers have the skills to access any book if they so desire, and they may desire, especially if the book is forbidden to them. A popular writer among teens for decades and a longtime advocate for freedom to read, Judy Blume has said, "A book cannot harm a child." Hollywood has made a hit movie of one of her banned books, a best seller at 85 million copies, Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret. Rotten Tomatoes scores the movie at 99%. Take that, book banners!

A summation, simply stated from Joseph Brodsky, U.S Poet Laureate 1991 and Nobel Peace Prize for Literature 1987, offers this undeniable truth - "There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them."

What to do? Accept and allow censorship? Be silent? Speak out? Read to resist? You decide. That's what freedom is.

Postscript - Since 1982 librarians, booksellers, writers, publishers, teachers, and readers gather together each fall to defend freedom to read by celebrating BANNED BOOK WEEK. This year the grand event is set for October 1-7.



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Foreward from the 1973 Brescian Yearbook:

"It was a year of moods: the excitement of a men's basketball team, the disbelief and happiness of the girls' final success with basketball, the solitude of a small chapel, the frustration of fewer but more entailed courses, the sadness of the Supreme Court ruling on abortion and the overwhelming relief of the release of the prisoners of war..."

Foreward from the 1968 Brescian Yearbook:

"As the graduating senior reflects upon the four years she has spent at Mary Manse College she treasures the fleeting hours of serenity and fruitful activity. Remembering friends, teachers, stimulating classes and conversations she relinquishes her place to an eager freshman, who will one day experience the same reminiscent mood as she in turn leaves. The graduate, taking the place in the world for which Mary Manse has prepared her, feels secure in the knowledge of her strong foundation in the liberal arts."

Dedication from the 1963 Brescian Yearbook:

"Through the years the spiritual life of Mary Manse students has been gently guided by a quiet, congenial, devoted man. In his office of Spiritual Director, Father James Sullivan has given of himself unselfishly to the spiritual needs of those placed in his charge.

"The counsel and comfort given by Father Sullivan have become an integral part of each and every Mary Manse student. The devotion to our faith instilled in us by this dedicated man gives to us the strength and confidence necessary to face the unknown fortunes of the future."



LOST

Beverly Blanchard Testwuide
'71

MARY MANSE ALUMNI MASS & LUNCHEON

Reservation Form

No Late Reservations Will Be Accepted

Name			
First	Maiden	Last	Class (or class with which you'd like to sit)

Address _____
 Street City State/Zip Phone

Name of Guest

PLEASE! Reservations due by September 18, 2023! PLEASE!

Make checks payable to: **Mary Manse Alumni**

Number of persons attending _____ @ \$25 each

☒ Send this reservation form and check to:

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We'd love to hear
from our Alumni!

Many have told us that “Over Hill... Over Dale” is the first part of the newsletter they read when it arrives in their mailbox. Would you like to share something for the next issue? Please send in your updates to Val Myers at vmyers@ursulinecenter.org or Ursuline Convent Offices, 4045 Indian Road, Toledo, OH 43606, attn: Val.

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Please always include your maiden name and your year of graduation. Thank you!