Mary Manse Alumni News

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The 2022 MMC Alumni Mass & Luncheon

Sunday, October 9, 2022 Ursuline Center, 4035 Indian Road, Toledo 43606

Mass at 11 a.m. in the Chapel, Rev. Craig Irwin, OSFS, Presider

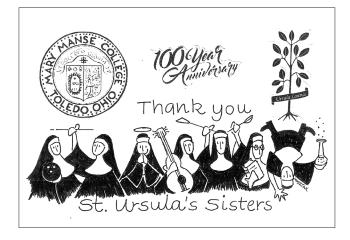
Luncheon at Noon in the Dining Room

Honor Classes ~ Classes which end in '2 and '7

Please register by September 19, 2022. *No late registrations will be accepted.*



"Remembering Mary Manse College," A PBS production, will be shown.



One Hundred Years

One hundred years - a century of living models, most sincere.
Ten decades of women giving their all since nineteen twenty-two to me, to you.

First, a home, then a path to walk – they created space to study, to learn, to talk of truth, of beauty, of values and goals made to reach, and hoped to save our sorry souls.

They had gifts of discovering talents and aptitudes and coped with all the mishaps that that often includes. They've helped to make us what we are and more during our years with them, though only four.

"Down through the ages sound loud her name... Mary Manse, we'll never, no never forget" your Sisters who primed us for life's game, encouraged our purposes, and the plans we set.

We grew into scientists, artists, writers, musicians, teachers, social workers, nurses, wives, mothers, leaders, activists, resisters, entrepreneurs, and all of us – litterateurs,

loving to read and write all these past years.

"Where with the hand we deemed the best, We found true strength to match life's test." St. Ursula's Sisters, your hands were best. Because of you, we've been abundantly blessed.

- Susan Masztak '63

Greetings!

As I write this, June is coming to a quick close. The Fourth of July is coming on Monday. Wow. Summer is surely here. The temp tomorrow in Toledo is to be 93!

Well, I have already planted my mini garden and it produced four cherry tomatoes and one banana pepper. The outlook seems good. The Bibb lettuce is growing. By our luncheon in October, there will be several wonderful salads.

So celebrate summer and be sure to look forward to our 100th anniversary. Hopefully you will be able to join us. The trees will be beautiful then and your drive will feel so positive.

As you read through this issue you will find our beloved Sr. Mary Jo has passed on to be with God. Surely we will miss her at the banquet luncheon this year. Be sure to say a prayer. She was such a positive lady and helped all of us to maintain the spirit and love of our cherished Mary Manse College.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 9th. Father Craig Irwin will celebrate the mass. He was ordained in June and is a close friend of Judy Miller and her family. Let's warmly welcome him!

Stay well, avoid bug bites, poison ivy, and all that summer stuff. Oh, and be sure to join us on October 9th.



Wishing you all sunshine and smiles!

- Mary Jim Sheets Stahl '67

MMC Honor Class Reps 2022

1942 - 80 Years

1947 - 75 Years

1952 - 70 Years

Nancy Fabier Miller 4347 Pacquin Ln. Toledo, OH 43614

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1977 - 45 Years

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

Madelyn Peters Trible '51 writes that she is still teaching piano "with ever ongoing gratitude to piano professor, Emma Endres Kountz." Madelyn wrote that she especially enjoyed the article on Gertrude Miller Schwab '31 in the Spring 2022 issue of our newsletter. We are sorry to hear that Madelyn lost her beloved husband of 68 years on January 22, 2022.

In retirement, Mary Carolyn May Sisler '71 enjoys embroidery, quilting and reading "lots of books." She has two grown daughters and three grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Carolyn on the passing of her husband on November 19, 2021. He had retired after 35 years of teaching in Ohio, Alaska and West Virginia.

Jeanie Gerhart Roth '64, is proud of her 14 grandchildren! She wrote to say that her husband of 57 years passed on January 25, 2022. We send our sympathies to Jeanie.

Teresa Kerul Richardson '70 wrote: "As the country began to shut down as a result of Covid-19, our hearts and homes in my family opened up to welcome our first grandchild. After pursuing adoption for three-and-a-half years, our son, Seth, and daughter-in-law, Beth, were blessed to adopt Charlie who was born with Down Syndrome and Hirschsprung's Disease. Charlie stole their hearts the moment they laid eyes on him. He and his parents spent 36 days in a California hospital NICU before returning home in March, 2020. They were thankful to board a flight home just as the Pandemic closed schools, churches, businesses, and drastically changed the way we lived life.

In the midst of managing numerous medical appointments and securing resources for Charlie, Beth and Seth once again began the adoption process for Charlie's biological brother. Paul was born in January, 2021, and after three weeks in the California NICU, he made the cross country flight

home with his parents and big brother. The boys, who are eleven months apart in age, are happy and thriving. They have the most beautiful smiles, the sweetest personalities, give the best hugs, and bring joy to everyone they meet. Hope does not disappoint.

Janet Weislak Struble '73 has moved to be closer to her grandkids. Her new address is listed under Address Changes.

Colette Kalisz Egner '72, whose son is a Chief Warrant Officer, Grade 3, in his 22nd year in the Marine Corps, is currently deployed on the USS Kearsarge, for six months above the Arctic Circle, stopping in the countries of Sweden, Estonia, Norway, and other countries.

In early June, **Judy Biehler Miller '69** and her husband, Jim, spent a week in Washington, DC to celebrate the wedding of their son, Jason.

Francis Kyle writes, "My mother, Joan Marie Klap Kyle '57 is doing well though traveling and driving less. On July 12, 2022, she downsized and moved from her Granby, CT condo to a brand-new senior living apartment just seven miles away, in Simsbury, CT. She and her husband and their six children originally moved



from Toledo to West Hartford, CT in 1976. She has remained in The Constitution State ever since. Since the 2010's, Joan has occasionally attended MMC reunions. Her most recent visit to Toledo was in June 2022 with one of her daughters. She no longer uses her land line; her cell phone number remains the same: 860-305-4428."

Chinese Students Welcomed to Mary Manse

In June, 2021, sisters **Julia Tsien-Shiang** and **Elaine Shiang** started a cross country journey from Boston to San Francisco. It was during the middle of the COVID Pandemic but they had many travel goals. An important stop on the itinerary was Toledo, Ohio, home of the former Mary Manse College. They had heard stories about the college their mother **Flora Wang** and aunt **Jessie Wang** attended from 1937 to 1941. A trip to see their former college was of historic and family importance.

It was 1937. Japan had invaded Manchuria in northern China. It was the first major battle of the Sino-Japanese war. Our maternal grandparents, Wang Xuan Chen and Meng Bingxian, had a momentous decision to make. Shall they allow their only daughters, Flora and Jessie, then age 17 and 19, to leave home and travel to the United States for college studies? Sending children to study abroad was unusual and almost unheard of for young daughters. Might they have foreseen that the Sino-Japanese war was to continue its brutality and invasion of China indefinitely, eventually coalescing into World War II?



Fortunately, their high school in Qingdao (Tsingtao) was one of the top public schools in the city. Founded by a German nun, the teachers were both Chinese and international edu-

cators. Their music and English teachers were nuns from St. Francis in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The sisters were scholastically prepared, spoke fluent English, and apparently had leading roles in

the music department. However, they had never traveled outside of China. My grandparents could only hope that their daughters would be well educated and safe in America.

The top student in her high school graduating class, Flora received a full scholarship to attend Mary Manse College in America. As for the question of "who will be Flora's chaperone?" my grandfather selected Flora's older sister Jessie Wang.

He paid for Jessie's expenses and they both sailed for America in 1937.

Once they arrived in Ohio, in addition to becoming boarding students, they were also hosted by the Lindeckers from Toledo who became their "American family." Grace, Connie and Janet became their lifelong friends and Grace attended Elaine's wedding in 1972 in Boston as a guest of the familly.

With the help of the Lindeckers and Mary Manse College, Flora and Jessie were educated, introduced to the American way of life and prepared for the world.

Flora and Jessie both majored in music and graduated in 1941. Although we don't have a lot of information of their school years between 1937 and 1941, we can imagine that their life was full of study, music, and friends. Mother often accompanied Janet (who was blind) to music classes and practice, sometimes resting under a beautiful



Music class with Flora at the piano, ca 1937.



Flora's high school graduating class 1937; she is fourth from the right in the middle row.



Flora and Jessie, second and third from the left, 1937.



Grace Lindecker, Flora Wang Shiang and Elaine Shiang, June, 1972.

shade tree in the middle of campus. We also learned that transferring funds and letters from war-torn China became problematic and the sisters took babysitting jobs to supplement their income. Learning English from the children rapidly boosted their language skills. And the idyllic campus life shielded them from the atrocities of Japan's takeover of major cities in China, including Shanghai and Nanjing.

Finally, graduation in the spring of 1941 arrived.
An engraved invitation and newspaper clipping documents their graduate recital concert in St. Ursula Auditorium on May 12, 1941, with Janet Lindecker accompanying them on the violin.

After returning to China, Jessie became one of China's foremost piano teachers of western music. She also studied piano abroad in Korea.

She had four children and despite severe persecution (loss of

housing, jobs and educational opportunities) during the Cultural Revolution of 1966–1976, inspired a family of violinists and pianists now living and performing throughout Asia and the Americas.

Flora performed as a solo soprano in China, often singing for Christian organization benefit concerts in Beijing and Shanghai. She taught music and English in several universities, then returned to Chicago in the late 1940's for graduate studies in music at DePaul University.



While in Chicago, she met and married our father, James Si Ta Shiang, who was doing research for the Chinese Petroleum Company. They eventually relocated to Boston in 1949 when my father was offered a scholarship to study Chemical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). That year, China became a communist country and our parents decided against returning home. As a result, they were unable to visit their families in China for over 30 years. In response, our mother declared, "we will make a new family here and America will become our new home."

She obtained her master's degree in voice at the New England Conservatory of Music in the 1960's.

On June 18, 2021, Julia and I viewed the buildings in Toledo which were once a thriving college for women. We imagined the hundreds of women who had received their education there. We hope that the campus can be developed for the future. No dream is too big.

We thank the teachers and students of Mary Manse College and our friends in Toledo for educating and caring for Flora and Jessie during their time in America. Their generosity and hospitality paved the way for our families to become Americans.

With gratitude, Elaine Shiang and Julia Tsien-Shiang

Elaine, Julia, and their three brothers, David, Michael and Edward, were born and live in America. Elaine, a graduate of Harvard Medical School, was a practicing physician and teacher at MIT in Cambridge, MA for 35 years and now grows mushrooms. Julia, a graduate of the Harvard School of Education, is a Professor of Psychology and practicing clinician at New York University.

Flora has 14 grandchildren in the United States and Jessie has 5 grandchildren in Asia.

The Mary Manse Alumni Association graciously thanks the Shiang sisters for their generous donation.

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Pam Young Phillips '67

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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. Maybe you would like to share something for the next issue? Please send in your news and updates to Val Myers at vmyers@ursulinecenter.org.

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From the New Editors:

Please accept our apologies for the mistakes in our first (Spring 2022) Mary Manse Alumni News. We'll try to do better.



Rest in Peace, Sr. Mary Jo

On March 19, 1935, a beautiful little girl was born to Francis and Mary Anne Koudelka in Tiffin, Ohio. She had an infectious smile. Her early life saw her mature into a young lady while studying at St. Joseph School in Tiffin. In 1952, she entered the Ursuline Convent. While there she studied at Mary Manse College.

Her final profession occurred on August 17, 1958. She was known as Sr. Joseph Anne, OSU. Her teaching career found her at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Teresa, Nazareth Hall, and at St. Angela Hall. She served as principal at St. Angela Hall. She also taught at St. Anthony Villa. This was followed by several years as coordinator, doing fundraising at Cardinal Stritch High School.

In addition to serving educational needs, she served her community for 15 years as part of their pastoral team. Not one to take time off, she worked as Caretaker at Oblate Residences Senior Housing. By now she was known as Sr. Mary Jo, OSU. She engaged in part-time work at Swan Creek Retirement Village and at Hafner's Florist. While

doing all of these jobs, she also served as a guiding light for the Mary Manse Alumni College Board.

Sister also served as a tutor at Women Blessing Women, served the visually impaired as a Reader/Recorder for the Catholic Chronicle Equal Access

Ministry and volunteered at Mercy Health
St. Anne's Hospital as well as the Ursuline
Center. In addition she did volunteer
work at Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

A teacher to the end, she had donated her body to The University of Toledo, College of Medicine.

Sr. Mary Jo died May 23, 2022. On June 18, 2022, many of us gathered at the Ursuline Center to celebrate her memorial mass and to remember this fantastic lady, whose life was so fulfilled by her service to others. We remembered her smiles, her jokes, and her gifts

of butter toffee and scrubbies at Christmas. Most of all we remembered she was always there for us, smiled even if in pain, and always... yes always, loved us.

- Mary Jim Sheets Stahl '67

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Dear Classmates of the Class of '72:

On behalf of your class officers: myself, Mary Beth Dibling Rumer, Jane Traser Hunter, and Colette Kalisz Egner, we heartily extend our sincere invitation to all to attend this year's MMC Banquet that not only celebrates our 50th Anniversary but also our college's 100th Anniversary. What a perfect time to come together to celebrate a momentous occasion! Please consider making a donation that day with us to the Ursuline Sisters. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 937-767-7188 or email me at caffertyscorner@gmail.com. Hope to see you on October 9, 2022.

- Patty Geis Cafferty '72

I am hoping to see the Mary Manse College Class of 1967 at the Alumni Banquet on October 9, 2022. We will be celebrating the opening of the college 100 years ago and our graduation 55 years ago. If you would like to send a class gift to the Ursuline Sisters please send to me or bring the day of the banquet. Be sure the check has the year you graduated from MMC for record-keeping purposes. I would like to invite you to my house after the luncheon to continue our celebration and reminisce. Call a classmate and invite them to attend as well.

Mary Ann (Wernimont) Dudderar '67 2920 Isha Laye Way Toledo, Ohio 43606 419-481-0884 Treasurer's Report
Statement of Income and Expenses
for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

Income

Member Dues	\$2,910.00
Gift	\$200.00
Interest	\$1.08
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,266.08
Expenses	
Newsletters/Mailings	\$1,687.03
Luncheon	\$2,274.00
Charitable gifts	\$950.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,911.03
Beginning Balance	\$11,351.00
Income	+ <u>\$5,266.08</u>
	\$16,617.08
Expenses	\$ <u>4,911.03</u>
Ending Balance	\$11,706.05

LOST ALUMNI:

Rita Brown Winand '51 Jane Thebes Cannon '55 Margaret Reiter Hazelett '60 Catherine Roberts Sutfield '69 Jeanne Ann Junkins Horne '75 Beatrice Collar, MM Associate

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A Reflection as Newsletter Editor by Sheila (Griffin Asendorf) Falkenberg '69

I have enjoyed my time as editor of the Mary Manse Alumni News. As I looked through *A Benediction to Mankind*, the book about the early years of the Mary Manse Alumni Association, written by Barbara Carter Daley '58, I see I served as editor about every other year from 1971 to 1976. After that, I served whenever there was a need.

Barb wrote of a time when I was editing in the early 1970's, when I would pack up my son John and bring him to the original MMC library. Sr. Vincent was on the first floor, while the Alumnae office was on the second floor. I would set up his playpen next to her desk and she would entertain him (he turned 50 last August). This was in the day when the text was sent in



columns from the printer, and it had to be pasted down. This kind of publishing went on until the computer became a household appliance. Sr. Vincent and I were friends from our St. Ursula days. She was my math teacher and I would hand letter "Words of Encouragement" to hang in her classroom.

There is another story about John and Sr. Vincent. When he was about 6, I had invited Sister to dinner. I was busy in the kitchen and from the living room, John shouted, "Mom, I guess they are right." I replied, "Who? About what?" He responded "It's true! You can't teach an old dog new tricks!" His grandmother had been teaching him how to play chess. He was trying to teach Sr. Vincent! She and I burst into laughter!! I have no idea where he had heard that sentence!!

There have been so many wonderful women who have done this job, and I am pleased to turn it over to the Ursuline Sisters' staff to be the next generation of editors. Please welcome Val and Michelle with open arms!

It gave me great pleasure to get notes from our alumni about what was going on in their lives. This final time of editing began in 2007. Our Board consists of about 15 stalwart alumnae. We looked forward to all of the events we had among ourselves, but most of all getting ready for our next Alumni Banquet.

With much appreciation to all who contribute and my two wonderful buddies, Judy Biehler Miller '69 and Susan Maztak '63.

Lovingly,
Sheila (Griffin Asendorf) Falkenberg '69



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Mary Manse Trivia by Sr. Mary Rose Krupp

How did the name of the college come to be?

The title, "Mary Manse," meaning House of Mary, was suggested by Bishop Samuel A. Stritch, because in medieval times houses of learning under her patronage were to be found all over Europe.

The Class of 1926 organized the Green Quill Club, providing time for the six English majors to give their reports on the twenty novels required for outside reading. They also brought into existence the "Ramblers," a drama club that staged one act plays in Brescia for an audience of parents, students, and Ursuline Sisters.

The "Ramblers" helped in the writing, staging and production of Sister Mary Joseph's "Mansions," their first three-act play. The financial success of the production permitted the seniors to publish their first college annual, THE BLUE CANDLE. These seniors also starred in the first joint dramatic production with the St. John's players. The play, "The White-headed Boy," was well received by all in attendance and formally launched a tradition of fine theater at Mary Manse.

MARY MANSE ALUMNI MASS & LUNCHEON

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