

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2006
Alumnae

NEWS

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
AND THE NOTRE DAME SISTERS

ASSISTANCE FROM TWO OF OUR NOTRE DAME ACADEMY LINDAS!

*Pictured (left to right) are Linda Doyle
Anania '68 and Linda Finken Shanahan
'62 who helped set up the Silent Auction
for the 2006 Notre Dame Sisters'
Development Dinner. The theme of this
year's dinner was: Notre
Dame Sisters —
Ambassadors
of Hope.*



2006 ALUMNAE REUNION ... DETAILS PAGES 2 AND 3

Alumnae Raffle a Convenient Opportunity to Support Notre Dame Sisters' Annual Dinner

Every year, many Notre Dame Academy alumnae volunteer to help make the annual Development Dinner a great success. This year 291 people came to the Sunday afternoon dinner, which raises money to fund the Sisters' ministries. They heard Sr. Elaine Herold, ND '56 and Sr. Mary Hlas, ND '55 speak about serving people who are critically ill and people who are struggling with addictions. The dinner guests also purchased donated items from the Silent Auction, and bought raffle tickets.

Again this year, in conjunction with the Development Dinner, Notre Dame alumnae, family and friends were give the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket through telephone calls and emails. The 2006 alumnae raffle was won by Connie Behounek Dvorak '62, Margaret Stehno Kreifels '47 and Mary Ellen Boyle Kerwin '45.

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*Registration for the
Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Reunion
Saturday, June 24, 2006*

***USE THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED TO RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT.**

PLEASE PRINT

Alum Name _____ Class of _____

Alum Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Guest Name _____

Alum Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____ email _____

I (we) will be attending the **Day Celebration**
at Notre Dame • 3501 State Street, Omaha, Nebraska

\$10 PER PERSON Number Attending _____

Total amount for **Day Celebration** \$ _____

Make checks
payable to the
**NOTRE DAME
SISTERS**

I (we) will be attending the **Evening Celebration**
at Notre Dame • 3501 State Street, Omaha, Nebraska

\$20 PER PERSON Number Attending _____

Total amount for **Evening Celebration** \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN JUNE 19, 2005

Total amount enclosed for both Day and Evening Celebrations \$ _____

Send this form along with your check in the envelope provided.

Mail to: Notre Dame Sisters • 3501 State St. • Omaha, NE 68112 • (402) 455-2994

* You may also register online at
www.notredamesisters.org

Alumnae Reunion 2006

This is your Invitation to the
*Notre Dame Academy
Alumnae Reunion*
Saturday, June 24, 2006

All who attended Notre Dame Academy
and their family and friends are welcome!

HONORED CLASSES

1931 – 75 years	1956 – 50 years
1936 – 70 years	1961 – 45 years
1941 – 65 years	1966 – 40 years
1946 – 60 years	1971 – 35 years
1951 – 55 years	

DAY CELEBRATION

Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Hall

- 9:30 AM** — Gather for coffee (no food will be served).
10:00 AM — Enjoy a fun hour of games and visiting
with your classmates.
11:00 AM — Optional tours of Notre Dame, and the
social hour continues.
NOON — A buffet lunch prepared by the Notre
Dame Kitchen, including Cinnamon Rolls.

Following lunch the gift shop will be open.

EVENING CELEBRATION

at Notre Dame

- 4:30 PM** — Registration in the Alumnae Hall.
5:00 PM — Liturgy in memory of alumnae who have
died during the past year.
6:00 PM — Social gathering in the Alumnae Hall.
Cash bar will be open.
Group photos of honored classes taken.
6:30 PM — Catered buffet will open.
7:30 PM — Announcements.
The Class of 1956 will be recognized.

Register by June 19, 2006.

**Use the form to the left or at
www.notredamesisters.org**

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Judy Hill Kreps '61 shows off quilted gift cards, an original creation of Alumna and Notre Dame Sister Consolata Sonka, ND '38.

Reflections
By Reflections

**HELPING
RATHER THAN
HINDERING:**
Kathy Miklas '69
Shares Her
Experiences

ALUMNAE ADD TO RETIREMENT FUND WITH PROCEEDS FROM FALL BOUTIQUE

FALL BOUTIQUE ADDS \$3,000 TO NOTRE DAME SISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

The 2005 FALL ALUMNAE BOUTIQUE raised \$3,000 for the Notre Dame Sisters' Retirement Fund. When asked for a comment, we heard a lot of: "It was great fun!"

Alumnae, family and friends shopped and enjoyed a cup of coffee and home-made goodies. The SISTERS' GIFT SHOP was also open, and many alumnae stopped in to visit with Sr. Dolores Pavlik, ND '28.

At the end of the morning, two alums won raffle prizes; Deb Lynch LeMay '72 took home a hand-crocheted ivory afghan, and Mary Markey Mangus '51 won a lap robe. A Mary Kay beauty basket, donated by Julie Barna Lee '69, and two dozen kolaches baked in the Notre Dame kitchen, were won by friends of alumnae.

FUTURE BOUTIQUES REPLACED WITH NEW EVENT

No Boutique is planned for 2006. Instead, another event is in the works. The First Annual Junior-Senior Skip Day will be great fun for all alumnae! Visit with other alums while you shop at displays from many home-based businesses. When you make a purchase, a percentage will be donated to the Sisters' Retirement Fund. If you or someone you know would like to have their business as part of this new event, contact Mary Wood, (402) 455-2994 or alumnae@notredamesisters.org. There is a limited number of tables and preference will be given to NDA alums. See details to the right.

JUNIOR —

**Saturday
October 7, 2006**

**Notre Dame
3501 State Street**

9 AM to 1 PM

**NO ADMISSION
CHARGE**

Like a table? Contact Mary Wood

I am NOT a speaker FOR persons with disabilities. People with disabilities can speak for themselves. I am only relating my experiences and what I have learned. — Kathy Miklas '69

I want you to focus on the individual and not the category. It is not a disabled person (category) but a person with a disability (focus on the person). The words we use can help, or they can prohibit a person from using God-given talents.

After graduating from Notre Dame Academy, I attended Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska. I wanted to double major in elementary education and in speech/language pathology. My interest in speech/language pathology may have stemmed from a surgery when I was thirteen. Following that surgery, I was not supposed to talk for a week and had to write notes to communicate. It was frustrating and led me to an appreciation of the frustrations faced by persons who have difficulty communicating. Although I was ready to pursue the education/speech pathology double major, my college advisors recommended a focus on one field of study, because of the significant differences in course requirements. At that time, I was more familiar with the education field, so chose to major in Elementary Education, and completed my bachelor's degree program from Wayne State. Because I treasured the opportunity to share my faith with my students, I taught in Catholic elementary schools in Omaha for the next nine years.

Although I was still enjoying classroom teaching, the desire to work

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Kathy Miklas '69

Learning how to help rather than hinder has been a life-changing, life-affirming lesson for Kathy.

SENIOR SKIP DAY: **A New Alumnae Tradition Replaces the Fall Boutique**



featuring

- Bake Sale
- Raffle
- Sisters Gift Shop will be open
- Door prizes every 15 minutes!
(must be present to win)

Visit with other alums while you shop at displays from many home-based businesses. When you make a purchase, a percentage is donated to the Notre Dame Sisters' Retirement Fund.

Tastefully Simple

USBORNE books

Creative Memories Scrapbooking

Tea from Paulette Mitzlaff Smith's Tea Smith

Artist Mary Sommer '70

Pampered Chef

Mary Kay Cosmetics

... and many more!

(402) 455-2994 or alumnae@notredamesisters.org. A limited number of tables are available. Preference is given to NDA alumnae.

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in the speech/language field just wouldn't leave me. I often recalled the speech/language pathologist who was part of the "Crippled Children's Clinic", which I visited each year for many years for treatment of a cleft lip and other anomalies related to a genetic syndrome. She was the only person who didn't need to "fix" anything about me. I went back to school and earned my Master's in Speech/Language Pathology from UNO. Now my background in elementary education blended into my speech/language pathology work as I served in a school system in the Omaha area for the next five years.

The founding focus of Quality Living was to provide young adults ... with a purposeful, dignified place to develop to their potential.

Soon I was called in still another related direction. Quality Living, a residential center for young adults with different types of disabilities, was being developed by a colleague. The founding focus of Quality Living was to provide young adults who had experienced traumatic brain injuries, as well as those with chronic disabilities such as cerebral palsy or spina bifida, with a purposeful, dignified place to develop to their potential. Quality Living is a place where young adults with disabilities are given the opportunity to live as young adults. For ten years I worked at Quality Living, learning about disabilities, adaptive equipment, and functional rehabilitation. The most important thing I learned was how to help a person become more independent rather than getting in the way of that person using her or his God-given talents.

One of my favorite and most cherished experiences of learning how to help rather than hinder is the Eucharistic Liturgy service for which I still serve as planning facilitator at Quality Living. At first I attempted to "be in charge", assuming that I could judge a person's physical limitations and know which function that person could or could not perform during the liturgy. The residents and I learned together to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as to what gifts each of us was called to share during the liturgy. It was not long before I realized that by trying to be the judge of what a person could do, I was denying that person the opportunity to overcome the barriers that I perceived. I began to question my attitudes. I realized that if I thought of people as being "confined to a wheelchair" or "suffering from cerebral palsy" it was harder to see them as individuals. I was thinking of them as people who needed other people to decide what they could or couldn't do. Yet, my experience was telling me that this was not only incorrect but limiting for all of us.

I realized that in order for people to use their God-given talents, I had to get out of the way.

I turned liturgy planning over to the people who would attend the liturgy together. I soon discovered that people in wheelchairs could figure out how to help distribute Holy Communion, and that some people had a natural gift for proclaiming the Scripture, if the written lines were divided into smaller segments to compensate for visual limitations. People were actively participating in ways that I had not thought possible. This is when I realized that in order for people to use their God-given talents, I had to get out of the way.

What can you do when you encounter a person with a disability? Our first instinct is to "help." The important question becomes, "How do I help without getting in the way?" Remember that you do not want to interfere with a person feeling good about what they can do for themselves, or with their ability to make decisions for themselves. Remember that you are facing an individual, not a wheelchair or a cane. And then, smile, and ask the words that help a person use God-given talents: "Would you like some assistance?"

Important notice!

**The Notre Dame Academy
ALUMNAE NEWS
will now be published once yearly.**

**This is being implemented
in order to reduce the overall
cost of this newsletter to the
Notre Dame Sisters,
who are the underwriters
of this publication.**

**We hope you like the new look
and that you will continue to
share your news with us
for future issues.**

**The next issue will be mailed
in April 2007.**

**Make sure we have your
current address and email
so we can keep in touch.**

**Visit us anytime at
www.notredamesisters.org**

the Class of 1946

KATHY WELCHERT O'KEEFE

Kathy still lives right where she's lived for most of her life. When she and her husband built their house, it was in the country. Kathy's dad was a truck farmer, so Kathy and all her children worked in the fields. Now the city has sprung up around Kathy, but the area still has a country feel, and Kathy enjoys her flower garden. Her eight children (two attended Notre Dame Academy) are living across the United States; she has fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

MARY AGNES BARRY

In the early 50's Mary moved to Wyoming to work as a radiologic technologist, first at a hospital and then at a private office. She became the office manager before she left to teach at the community college. After that she worked for the Medicare Administration of Wyoming until retirement.

For years Mary went downhill skiing in the winter. Now she plays golf frequently. She explains why she plays golf instead of tennis: "Why should you run after a ball when you can walk?" Mary is also a charter member of the Cheyenne Hot Air Balloon Club. Formed in the early 1980's, for a time it was the only club in the country that did not actually have a balloon. Members traveled to Fort Collins, Colorado to work on balloon crews and have a chance for a balloon ride. Now there are five club members who own balloons.

For fifty years Mary has belonged to a social sorority. The sorority includes a wide variety of people, some working and some stay-at-home, each with something to contribute. The sorority sponsors cultural programs and "keeps the intellect active!"

MARCELLA KAPLER SMITH

After attending Creighton, Marcella left Omaha in 1948. She went to San Francisco, California, where she worked as a lab technician. She married and had three children. In 1987 her husband died. Some time later she remarried E. J. Smith, and they retired to Tucson, Arizona. All of their children live in California, so they travel all the time between the bay area and Tucson. Marcella and her husband go to the gym every day to keep fit. They enjoy gardening.

EVELYN DYNEK POKORNY

Evelyn says "Hello!" She and her husband Jerry live in Omaha.

GEORGIA VAK

Georgia sends a "Hello!" She remembers her classmates and the good times they had at Notre Dame. Georgia is living in Kearney, Nebraska.

ROSE HARMS NEMEC

The best thing Rose and her husband ever did was adopt two children. The children have grown into wonderful adults. Rose and Julius are blessed with three grandchildren. They are living on the farm, but hope to move into town perhaps next year.

60 years

The
Class of 1946
is celebrating
60 years
since
graduation.

Here are
personal
messages and
stories from the
Class of '46.

Mark your
calendars!

JUNE 24, 2006
Alumnae Reunion

OCTOBER 7, 2006
Junior-Senior Skip Day

NOVEMBER 5, 2006
Memorial Mass

DECEMBER 8, 2006
Sodality Mass and Brunch

APRIL 1, 2007
Development Dinner and
Silent Auction

Celebrating Jubilees: NOTRE DAME SISTERS SPAN 20



SISTER DOLORES PAVLIK, ND '28
Celebrating 75 Anniversary

Sister Dolores Pavlik, ND, was born in 1910, the same year the Notre Dame Sisters came to the United States. She met the Notre Dame Sisters when she was a young child at Assumption Grade School, Omaha. In 1928, she was a member of the first graduating class of Notre Dame Academy. Attracted to the Sisters and their way of life, she became a member of their congregation in 1929 and pronounced her first vows on August 13, 1931.

At age 96 and in the 75th year of her religious life, Sister Dolores is a pillar of the Notre Dame Community, modeling for them fidelity, perseverance, dedication, compassion, excellence, and humor.

For 49 of her 75 years of religious life, Sister Dolores was a teacher and administrator at various places where the Notre Dame Sisters served. In the Dubuque Archdiocese, including St. Ludmila's Grade School and LaSalle High School in Cedar Rapids, and St. Wenceslaus in Spillville. In the Lincoln Diocese she ministered at Holy Trinity in Brainard, Dwight Assumption, and St. Wenceslaus and Neumann High Schools in Wahoo. In the Omaha Archdiocese she taught at St. Wenceslaus in Dodge, St. Adalbert in Omaha, and Notre Dame Academy, Rummel High, and Roncalli Catholic. Many years she was teacher as well as principal.

She pursued prepared her for her excellent teaching record by pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in English from Duchesne College and a Masters in Theology and Education from Creighton University. She earned a Reading Specialist Certificate from Omaha University. She then became Chair of the Special Education Department at Roncalli High School where she earned the reputation of being an exacting teacher whose students return to thank her to this day for the skills she provided for them. Sister Dolores "retired" in 1981.

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SISTER DOROTHY PLUHACEK, ND '32
Celebrating 70th Anniversary

1915 saw the Notre Dame Sisters well established in Omaha, and Mary Teresa Pluhacek born to Ann and Joseph Pluhacek. A member of the fourth graduating class of the Academy, she attended St. Adalbert's Grade School, also staffed by the Notre Dame Sisters. Mary was called by God to be a member of the Notre Dame Congregation, entering the novitiate in 1934 as Sr. Dorothy. She later earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Theology from Creighton University.

Education was the first focus for Sister Dorothy's years of ministry. In the Omaha Archdiocese, she served from 1935 to 1961 at St. Wenceslaus in Dodge, St. Therese in Omaha, and at Notre Dame Academy, approximately 26 years in the classroom. Her strengths in teaching were religion and business classes.

With her many gifts and abilities, Sister Dorothy soon began new ministries in the province. She served as formation directress, community treasurer and administrator, member of the leadership team, and secretary to the administration. She held the position of treasurer for more than 20 years. Along with her other duties, Sister Dorothy headed the Notre Dame Alumnae Association, sometimes in partnership with Sister Eleanor Kramolisch.

Because of her Czech heritage and expertise with the Czech language, Sister Dorothy served as translator for the international gathering of the Notre Dame Sisters in Europe seven times. She has been the major translator of letters and documents, assuring quality communication among the international provinces of the Notre Dame Sisters. Her dedication to this has provided the Sisters with invaluable information, particularly concerning the years of Communist control of the Czech provinces.

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SISTER ALMA JANOUSEK, ND '54 *Celebrating 50th Anniversary*

At a special liturgy on June 11 at the Notre Dame Motherhouse in Omaha, Sister Alma Janousek will celebrate the 50th anniversary of her religious profession. Sister Alma professed her first vows on August 13, 1956.

Sister Alma is the daughter of the late John and Anna Janousek of Brainard, Nebraska. She was educated as a child in Brainard and received her secondary education at Brainard High School and Notre Dame Academy in Omaha. She then attended Duchesne College from earning her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Education.

Over the years, Sister Alma's teaching ministry took her to Assumption Grade School and St. Adalbert's in Omaha, Bishop Neumann in Clarkson, all in the Omaha Archdiocese. She then spent five years at Our Lady of Lourdes Mission in Porcupine, South Dakota serving the Native American students. Returning to Nebraska in 1969 Sister Alma served in the Lincoln diocese at Dwight Assumption, St. John Nepomucene in Weston, and St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo. In her career she also spent four years at St. Ludmila's grade school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During 14 of these 24 years of teaching, Sister Alma also served as principal.

In 1981 Sister Alma left the classroom to be a student herself and entered the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Omaha Methodist Hospital and later the Topeka State Hospital and Bethany Medical Center training programs in Kansas and Missouri respectively. Her specialty became working with persons with addictions.

For the past 21 years Sister Alma has been serving as a Chaplain at Valley Hope Treatment Center in O'Neill, Nebraska. There she works with patients on an individual basis working through the 12 Steps of Recovery. This

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SISTER DOLORES PAVLIK, ND '28, CONTINUED

Sr. Dolores is still going strong, very much involved in the daily life of the community. In the early years of her retirement, Sister Dolores spent time visiting the elderly, sometimes giving hands-on care to a family or a community member. She has utilized her skills for speaking and writing Czech to translate various letters and documents and to serve as translator at the international meetings of the Notre Dame Sisters. Proud of her craft work, she often sold her wares at popular craft shows in the city. Drop in at Notre Dame any hour of the day and Sr. Dolores will open the Gift Shoppe for you. Even now she spends countless hours at the switchboard, praying in the chapel, writing letters to former students, and visiting with guests at Notre Dame and Seven Oaks residents. You might also find her enjoying an occasional glass of wine or beer! What could it hurt? She is happy when she can keep away from her doctors!

Sister Dolores Pavlik is living a full and rewarding life. Her secret? According to sister: "A lot of prayer and hard work" without any hesitation.

SISTER DOROTHY PLUHACEK, ND '32, CONTINUED

For more than 23 years, Sister Dorothy and her sister, Helen, have visited the sick and elderly at Mercy Care Center, St. Joseph Villa, the Douglas County Center, and the Nebraska Rehab Center. Her special compassion for the infirm and elderly is evident in this practice as she rarely misses a week. At the motherhouse she is solicitous for the physical and spiritual needs of a small group of senior Sisters. Often she has been the main care-giver for individuals outside of community who had no family.

Sister Dorothy continues to bring enjoyment to others through birthday parties or "just-because" parties. Once a month she organizes Bingo for both the Sisters and Seven Oaks residents, finding prizes, setting up the dining room and scheduling in advance so many will come.

At 91, Sister Dorothy shows some signs of slowing down, but her activities continue, driven by her love for others and her responsibility for those around her. Never slowing down, however, is her love for prayer and her commitment to hours of prayer for our church and our world. Many call on her to remember them in prayer.

In this the 70th year of her religious profession, we celebrate Sister Dorothy Pluhacek's fidelity to the church, to religious life, and to those in need. In doing so, we celebrate God's fidelity to her.

SISTER ALMA JANOUSEK, ND '54, CONTINUED

includes conducting chapel services, giving lectures and conducting some group therapy. Sr. Alma was a member of the Association of Professional Chaplains for 19 years and presented workshops at several of the annual conferences.

Looking back at her 50 years of religious profession and her ministries of teaching and chaplaincy, Sister Alma says: "I am very grateful to God, my Notre Dame community, the Valley Hope staff and many friends for their love and support during these years of service, and I wish you could all be present to help me celebrate God's love and faithfulness."

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ALUMNAE AND THEIR RELATIVES WHO HAVE DIED.

Please notify the alumnae office (402) 455-2994 or alumnae@notredamesisters.org
or by using the envelope included in this mailing
whenever there is a death in your family or that of another alumna.
We are only able to share those names that have been shared
with the Notre Dame Sisters.

GRADUATES

Frances Kudrna Howes '42
sister of Agnes Kudrna France '38

Elizabeth Ann McGinnis Tamez '47

Marcia Sweigard Hardman '52
sister of Helen Sweigard Buglewicz '62

Janice M Bogatz Stockdale '65

Judith Burgos Meiners '65
sister of Lydia Burgos '62, Yolanda Burgos '63,
Olga Burgos Kordash class of 1968 and
Martha Burgos class of 1969

Joanne B McLaughlin '66
sister of Mary Lou Barna '63 and
Suzanne Barna Buxton '64

Virginia A Milner '66
daughter of Margaret Van Wynsberghe Hunt '39,
sister of Mary Ann Hunt Wingert '64 and
Beverly Hunt Martinez '68,
niece of Mary Van Wynsberghe Rybacki '38

Donna Smith Foltz '67
sister of Mary Smith Hunt '60 and
Marlene Smith O'Connor '64

Mary E "Beth" Andrews Smithberg class of 1975
sister of Therese Andrews Smith '74

NDA FACULTY

Virginia C "Ginnie" O'Neill Greve, former teacher at NDA

RELATIVES OF ALUMNAE

William Tesnohlidek Sr
husband of Ann Kocarnik Tesnohlidek '30 (dec),
father of Jo Ann Tesnohlidek Pfeffer '58 and
Marge Tesnohlidek Kittridge '57,
brother of Henrietta Tesnohlidek Parys '37

Dr. Peter David, DDS
husband of Helen Pavlik David '31

Frank J Pluhacek
brother of Sr Dorothy Pluhacek, ND '32,
Sr Mary Lillian Pluhacek, OLP '35 (dec) and
Helen A Pluhacek '37

RELATIVES OF ALUMNAE

Margaret R Pulte
sister of Rachel Kelly Jensen '37

Gertrude Perkins
sister of Sr Germaine Drapal, ND '38

John J Gunia Jr
son of Irene Kotera Gunia '38 (dec)

Ellsworth J "Gus" Wilkens
husband of Regina Horinek Wilkens '43 (dec)

Jean Elizabeth McDonald
sister of Shirleen Feichtnger Fitzpatrick '44

John M Mahoney, Jr
brother of Irene Mahoney '47 and
Marilyn Mahoney Nealon '58

Stephen A Drzaic
brother of Sophia Drzaic '49

Jack E Goodrich
husband of Geraldine Murphy Goodrich '49

Dr James A Mailliard
husband of Rosemarie Morbach Mailliard '49

Joanna Hess
mother of Ruth Ann Hess '51 (dec) and
Margaret Hess Allison '54

Irene J Baldwin
sister of Maxine Rech Incontro '51

Louis J Marcuzzo
husband of Janice Wheelock Marcuzzo '51

Sharon D Lemkau
daughter of Mary Ann Cloudt Taylor '52

Mary A Janda
mother of Mary Ann Janda Kleffner '54 and
Barbara Janda Schafer '63

George E Pecor
husband of Lora Kenworthy Pecor class of '55

Ernest E Hlas
brother of Sr Mary Hlas, ND '55

Avis L Moles
mother of Dolores Moles Johns '55

Raymond Lowry
brother of Patricia Lowry Blumberg '57

Helen M Sypal
mother of Helen C Sypal Koterba '59

Anne F Remar
mother of Judith Remar Wichert '59

RELATIVES OF ALUMNAE

Frances A Stobbe
mother of **Eileen Stobbe Bush '60**

Lucille F Skupa
mother of **Janet Skupa Dippell '60** and
Joan Skupa Militti '65

Ralph A Sorrick
father of **Mary Faith Sorrick Hiller '60**

Margaret Nagle
mother of **Lois Nagle Brutsche '61**

William Cubrich
father of **Georgia Cubrich Gregg '61**

Edward S Kalina
father of **Shirley Kalina Leahy '61**

Mary "Toots" Olson
mother of **Marian Olson Angelo '62** and
Christine Olson Curran '69

Devona I Saner
mother of **Ann Saner '64**

Antoinette M "Lena" Filipcic
mother of **Patricia Filipcic Schicker '64**

Lettie F Mosby
sister of **Maribeth Mosby Wallace '64**

Roger D Werking
husband of **Mary Margaret Reh Werking '64**

Helen M Matherly
mother of **Helen Matherly Whiteing '64**

Daisy Oma Steenson
mother of **Judith Steenson Alff '66**,
Melissa Steenson Gilbert '71 and
Andrea Steenson Straley '72

Marie W Teal
mother of **Theresa Kielisek Coronado '66**

Stella I Fucinaro
mother of **Christine Fucinaro '66**

Jack S Peirce,
father of **Peggy Peirce Mandel '66**

Joseph F Jankowski
brother of **Katherine Jankowski Meckna '66**

Patricia Hiltgen
mother of **Kathleen Hiltgen Braun '67**

James Conrad Goracke
brother of **Lynne Goracke Houtz '67**

Vincent R Ehrhart
father of **Mary Sheila Ehrhart '68** and
Rita Ehrhart Hower '70

Christopher J Buechler
son of **Kathleen Fairfield Kidder '69**

George C Barna
father of **Kathleen Barna Wilson '69 (dec)** and
Marguerite Barna Zart class of 1975

RELATIVES OF ALUMNAE

Robert H Lucas
father of **Mary Lucas Larsen '70**,
Beth Lucas Cullison '71,
Joan Lucas Edmundson '73,
Ann Lucas Illgner class of 1974
and **Patti Lucas Swoboda class of 1976**

Darwin L Dyson
husband of **Mary Jo Wagner Dyson '71**

Henry G Vidlak
father of **Christiana Vidlak Hansz '71**

Edward J Trainor
father of **Debbie Trainor '71** and
Cynthia Trainor class of '75

Nada Mae Trainor
mother of **Debbie Trainor '71** and
Cynthia Trainor class of '75

John F Talcott, brother of
Mary Lou Talcott Wachtler '71

Barbara A Powell
sister of **Mary Tarascio Wright '71**

Virginia T Polley
mother of **Theresa Polley Bagley '73**

Carol M Keenan
mother of **Anne Keenan '73**

Charles W Krebs, Jr
father of **Christine Krebs Imig class of 1973** and
Mary Claire Krebs Bolen class of 1974

Darald D Mitzlaff
father of **Paulette Mitzlaff Smith '71**
Deborah Mitzlaff Koenen '73 and
Susan Mitzlaff Glatz class of 1976

Rosanne J Croshaw
mother of **Roxanne Croshaw Roach '73**

Gerda M Mason
mother of **Mateel Mason Smith '73**

John Phillip Lomax
father of **Pauline Lomax Soucy '73** and
Anne Lomax Baumgartner '74

We apologize for any errors or omissions.
Please let us know.

Names entered into the Memorial Association
are remembered in the Sisters' prayers and
good works, and at the Sisters' liturgies.
A special Memorial Mass in November
is also an annual event that remembers
and celebrates the lives of those who
have entered into Eternal Life.

LETTERS & emails, etc.



NDA Alums Keep In Touch!



Margaret Malone Faciszewski '54,

Margaret Malone Faciszewski '54, assisted by Sr. Josita Hanus ND '53, signed copies of her book at the Fall Alumnae Boutique.

In May of 2005 Margaret, who lives in Denver with her husband, Pete, published her book, *Well, Hi There!* The book is available in the Notre Dame Sisters Gift Shop, at the Alumnae Reunion, and by visiting the Web site: www.tatteredcover.com. Whenever a book is purchased by an alumna, Margaret donates proceeds to the Notre Dame Sisters.

BE SURE TO JOIN US AT THE REUNION!

Well, Hi There!

will be available at the Alumnae Reunion on June 24. A portion of the proceeds go to the Notre Dame Sisters (See page 2 and 3 of this issue for Reunion details.)

Marie Novak Maixner '35

2005 was an eventful year for me. A fall this spring resulted in a stay in a rehabilitation center in Omaha. In May I moved to an assisted living center in Amarillo Texas. I enjoy spending more time with Martha and her family, who live just a few minutes away from me here in Amarillo.

Mary Van Wynsberghe Rybacki '38

I have moved in with my daughter and family as of August 14, 2005 and have my own suite attached to their lovely large home situated on the perimeter of a golf course and I love it here. It is so convenient and better for my health now. I enjoy every issue of the NDA news.

Frances Frana O'Brien '44

The last part of May we flew to Florida for 10 days to attend Jesse's, our grandson, high school graduation. Later in the summer I spent a couple of fun days with my sister, Rita, in northeast Iowa. We visited relatives and stopped at the old homestead.

Jean Delehanty Olson '48

During the year we spent 4 weeks in Sunriver in our condo, one week in Maui with Pat & Gerry and one week in Newport, California. We made a trip to Laughlin, Nevada with the St. Therese Seniors, one trip to Reno and a few days in Depoe Bay. We enjoyed the Rose Parade in California with special seats.

Mary Roberts Dahlberg '56

Ted, myself and our family continue to be in good health for which we are most grateful. And we love going to our cabin. We do now have a pontoon boat and have had the best time seeing the beauty of the Missouri River, especially in the mornings when it's smooth, the birds are singing, and the speedsters haven't arrived yet!

Pat Lowry Blumberg '57

In September we arrived safely in Prescott, Arizona. I am working part time as an RN. In December I had a visit from Judy Nothorn Evans '55. I spend a lot of time with my family. Including the grandchild born in November 2005, we have 21 grandchildren.

Sharon Morrissey Emmons '60

My family has grown over the years. I have five children, thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren with one more born in March 2006. I feel blessed. My oldest grandchild who is 23, is in the Air Force serving in Japan. I have been a widow for 15 years now.

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Elizabeth Bruning Harvey '56

Elizabeth Harvey worked as a teacher in elementary schools in Nebraska and northeast Iowa, and as a director of religious education. She spent her last years of teaching in Omaha, with her career in education spanning 23 years.

Elizabeth then left Omaha and the Notre Dame community and went to Connecticut. She worked at the Norwich State Mental Hospital in direct patient care for the next 25 years, retiring in 2003.

In 2004 Elizabeth bought a house in a senior citizen complex. A member of St. Andrews Parish, Elizabeth belongs to the Altar Society and also has been a member of a charismatic prayer group for five years. She is also active in the Connecticut State Employees Association, Chapter 406 in Middletown Connecticut, and has been nominated for president in 2006-2007. This group helps educate retirees about issues such as medication problems for seniors, and encourages members to take an active part in the political process.

Over the past Christmas Elizabeth and her brother visited another brother in Florida. She keeps physically active and looks forward to traveling more in the future.

Maria Williams Jones '61

David and I are doing well and we are very grateful for all our blessings. Two of the most recent blessings are our grandchildren Annabelle, 2 years old, and Robert, 1 year. We feel very blessed to be able to take care of them every Tuesday. It is so great watching them change and grow and to really be a part of their little lives on a regular basis. Our other blessing is our townhouse that we moved into last May. It is in a wonderful neighborhood which has little shops which we can walk to and we are just two blocks from our favorite walking lake, Lake Harriett.

Helen Snoza Holl '61

I'm still working at school. I am also teaching crochet classes after school on Wednesdays, and have six women in the class.

Jan Driml DeCabooter '62

Jan semi-retired on August 31, 2005. This means that she now works just half time. It's like having a mini-vacation every week! In November 2006 she will retire fully. Jan and Bill took their first trip to Hawaii in 2005.

Donna Jean Hennes '62

Working at Porcupine (South Dakota) Day School is wonderful. Most of the staff I either taught or worked with at Our Lady of Lourdes. I'm even teaching some of my former students' children. I'm officially the 1st grade teacher now. I have 22 very lively energetic children. I love teaching and being around children.

Lydia '62, Yolanda '63, Olga, Class of 1968, Martha, Class of 1969

The Burgos family get together in July 2005 was a lot of fun even though our sister, Judy (1965), was not doing well in her battle with cancer. In her usual style she put on a great front and smiled for the camera and for us. It was so good of all our family and friends to rally round us during her illness and her send-off into heaven. She is in God's arms now but she is still very much in our hearts.

Kaleen Petsche Baker '63

Paul and I continue to travel whenever possible. April found us in China touring Beijing, the Great Wall, Xian, cruised the Yangtze River where we saw the huge Three River Gorges Dam and ended up in Shanghai. Fantastic trip!

Shirley Gredys Riedmann '63

In January 2005, I began a program to complete a Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Business. It is a two year program that I received permission to complete in one year. I'm also running for re-election to the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors in April 2006. Assuming all goes well with my dissertation, I will have it published and move on to my next project - writing a fiction novel. Something I always wanted to try. I am still involved in the local Rotary Club and a trustee at the church. I am organizing a new foundation for our area to bring in cultural programs; our first is the Duluth Symphony.

Mary Ann Pouzar Harding '64

I have kept busy this year with my job at Wheeler and volunteering with the Visiting Nurses Association. I've recently started two new volunteering projects - ushering at the Omaha Community Playhouse and working at the Bellevue Ministerial Association Food Pantry.

Ann Homolka Dvorak '65

I had a wonderful Christmas 2005 with my family. Andrew and Katie came home from Xavier University in Cincinnati to spend time with Tim and me before they head back to school. Katie is a sophomore in the business department and is really enjoying her classes. Andrew will be studying in the Czech Republic from January through the first of May 2006.

Lynette Sanwick Snyder '65

As of June or July 2006, Lynette will be professed in a secular order of Franciscans. She is the third woman to join this new order, which has so far been approved by the Bishop. Lynette is currently house-mom to a Maternity of Mary home for unwed mothers in Colorado Springs, joining two other such homes in Colorado. She has also started a Cenacle in her parish.

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ALUMNAE *in the News*

Kathy Phillips Stepanek '55

Kathy Phillips Stepanek '55 was featured in The Village Messenger, a publication of Uta Halee Girls Village, in September 2005. Kathy has worked as a youth care worker at Uta Halee for 36 years. In the interview Kathy said, "It's a unique job to be able to work with adolescents. It's rewarding. There is a great deal of satisfaction when you watch these kids grow and change and know they are going to make it."

Roberta Spengler Snow '58

Osceola County's 2005 Relay For Life raised \$53,359.00 to benefit the programs and services of the American Cancer Society, both locally, as well as nationally. Area residents raised \$7.15 per capita to claim top honors in the 0-9,999 population division. This total represents the third highest in the state, regardless of population. Relay For Life co-chair, **Bobbie Snow**, accepted the award on behalf of county residents. This award marks the second time in Osceola County's five years of participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life that the county has earned top fund raising honors.

Bobbie says: "After being diagnosed with breast cancer in early 1996, I turned to the American Cancer Society for information and support. In turn, I have now taken on their mission as mine—in addition to early detection, we must get the message out that 60 percent of all cancers can be eliminated by changed in lifestyle—30 percent alone by the cessation of tobacco use. Did you know that 1,200 people die every day from tobacco use? I would encourage every one of you to spend a little time at your local American Cancer Society's Relay For Life."

In addition to her work with the Relay for Life, Bobbie was also presented with the Alumnus of the Year Award by Northwest Iowa Community College as an outstanding graduate. In addition to working as an accountant at the Rural Electrical Cooperative, Bobbie served as President of the Accountants section of the Iowa Association of Electrical Cooperatives, served on the NCC General College Advisory Board and the Administrative Secretary Advisory Board.



Bobbie Snow
Alumnus of the Year
Northwest Iowa Community College

Alice Pleskac Meduna '63

Alice Pleskac Meduna '63 and her husband Rich received the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce Farm Excellence Award. The award is given based on farm management, stewardship, community service, and service to the industry. Alice owns AT Lunches, a lunch wagon and is also Scale Master at Sales Barn in Wahoo. She has served as president and as vice-president of St. Ann's Sodality and is past-president of the Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Alice also has served as the president and historian of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Cathie Chase Redick '64

Cathie Chase Redick '64 was featured in Her Magazine in December 2005. Cathie has a boutique, Cathie Fife's House, in Blair Nebraska that specializes in womens' clothing, jewelry and accessories. Cathie also gives wardrobe talks to women's groups and twice a year has a fashion show in Omaha.

Judy Steenson Alff '66

Judy Steenson Alff '66 and her husband Marvin received the 2005 Pioneer Volunteer Award from Blessed Sacrament Home and School in Omaha. Over the years, they have served with the Board of Education, Finance Committee, Development Committees, Church choirs, CCD program, parish Fish Fries, and most recently the Dinner/Auction Miracle on North 30th Street.

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Jolene Swoboda Dalton '67

Mickey and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in May 2005. We are building a house in Plattsmouth, Nebraska and hope to be moving in at the end of summer 2006.

Bernadette (Cookie) Spencer Hervert '67

In 2005 we celebrated the birth of our first grandchild, Louis Victor Papera. "Luigi" was born to Emily and Lou in January. All the stories we have heard about being a Grandparent are very true.

Pat Holewinski Sexton '67

I work at Lutheran Family Services. Our program has moved into a new building, and the offices are wonderful. The Intensive Outpatient program is growing and we recently added an additional component which takes clients with more severe mental health issues.

Shelly Kalkowski '69

This September I was privileged to be selected for a unique Colorado training opportunity, the Leadership Program of the Rockies. Its stated purpose is to train Colorado leaders in free market principles, founding father doctrine and conservative values. My class is 65 members strong, represents every corner of the state and ranges in age from 19 to 60. We meet once a month for nine months, benefiting from excellent nationally prominent speakers and stimulating debate. A highlight will be the annual retreat at the famed Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Patti Mangus Grimes '72

After Cristin's graduation in May, we took a week long family holiday in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. We stayed in a lovely villa overlooking Mislamoya Bay. What a wonderful way to celebrate the changing of time following our final high school graduation.

Jane Feldman '69

Jane Feldman '69 successfully raised public awareness of the environmental importance of the Upper Las Vegas Wash, one of the few sites of the Las Vegas bear poppy. The desert washes are important to many species because when there is water, it is in the washes. The 13,000 acre site, which was being evaluated for development, will now be the subject of an environmental impact study supervised by the Bureau of Land Management and conducted by Utah State University. The Utah State study will include an analysis of all the alternatives for the area.

Frances Hauptman '73

Frances Hauptman '73 was featured in "Today's Omaha Woman." She was the keynote speaker at the September 29, 2005 domestic violence candlelight vigil sponsored by Catholic Charities, Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and YWCA Omaha. Frances is director of domestic violence services at Catholic Charities.



**JUDY SCHAFFART GUBBELS '59
NEW NOTRE DAME ASSOCIATE**

Judy Schaffart Gubbels '59 became a Notre Dame Associate in July of 2005. She is pictured with her family at the celebration following the Associate Commitment Ceremony. Back row: John, Tray, Paul and Jim Gubbels Front: Dick Gutchewsky, Judy and Jane Schaffart Gutchewsky '63.



Above:
Sister Dolores Pavlik, ND '28
Right:
Sister Dorothy Pluhacek, ND '32

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This was always a special day for Sodality. **Kathy Welchert O'Keefe '46** and **Margaret Welchert Manson '55** will be making it a special day again in 2006. There will be Mass and a brunch following at Notre Dame. Local alumnae will receive an invitation in November. If you plan to be in Omaha on December 8th and would like to be invited, please let the Alumnae Office know. **More important dates can be found on page 7**

STAYING IN TOUCH

We are expanding our email newsletter, Web site, and email contacts with alumnae. Please make sure we have your current phone number, street address and your current email address so you can receive important news about your classmates. **If you are interested in receiving an email newsletter from Notre Dame, please check it out on the Web site (address below).**

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