

The ALUMNATOR



Prioress' Message

Dear St. Scholastica Alumnae,

I cannot believe I am writing my first message to you as the 13th Prioress of St. Scholastica Monastery. I still find myself surprised to say or hear the word prioress, one year after my election that took place on January 20, 2020. What a year we have faced! Covid has been such a focal point for me as a new leader. The concern for the sisters' health and well-being is my highest priority.



We wonder what life will be like in the months to come as we hear of the virus mutations entering the United States. Some of the events that we usually host by invitation (such as retreats, oblate meetings, jubilees, investitures, installations, funerals, and our bake sale) were different or not at all. We were looking to have the bake sale online until our outbreak occurred on December 12, 2020. Because of the pandemic, we are in the process of building an online bakery page so we can still make and sell treats and crafts safely. I invite you to visit our monastery website for the page when it becomes active.

Despite all that is happening globally, we found ways to connect with others creatively. We kept up with others through social media. We had the gift of a car parade of local friends and loved ones with posters, flowers, messages of all kinds given to us. We knew we missed everyone, but we felt humbled to be missed in return. Since my last note to you, we had to let go of five of our sisters. Sister Macrina Wiederkehr succumbed to cancer on April 24, 2020. Sister Ethel Marie Sonnier slept away suddenly on June 14, 2020. Sister Audrey lost her battle with life on August 13, 2020, followed by Sister Alice O'Brien on October 17, 2020, and most recently, Sister Barbara Schroeder on December 27, 2020. We have yet to have four funerals, as family and others want to take part in it with us when it is safe to celebrate their memories. Since Sister Alice preferred a traditional funeral service and burial rather than cremation. We honored that request and her family attended the funeral virtually.

We experienced much love and generosity when we were in strict isolation in December. Five employees and thirteen sisters contracted Covid. Mercy Hospital has blessed us with getting the vaccine for our sisters. Those who took the infusion as a treatment for Covid must wait a few more weeks to get the vaccine.

We were able to celebrate Christmas on January 6, 2021. It was a good day. We were together and feeling the blessing of Christ's presence being born anew for us.

The year 2020 has felt almost like a year-long Lenten season stuck in high gear.

Now, as we look toward Lent's sacred time and what it means to walk the way of Christ, we realize what is essential in life and what a blessing it is to be women of faith.

We cannot express how deeply touched we are by you, our SSA, for your love and concern for us. We do miss seeing you in person! I feel that once the pandemic ends, the monastery will know one chronic 'hug'! We remember you daily in our prayers here at the monastery. We look forward to seeing you in the future and at the reunion, and what a time that will be!

Affectionately,

Sister Kimberly Rose Prohaska, OSB
St. Scholastica Monastery, Prioress



Left:

St. Scholastica
Alumnae Officers,
1965-1968. Left
to right, Sister
Loretta Dunn,
Secretary/Treasurer;
Kitty Schwartz
Hug (1956), Vice
President; Marian
Heinrichs Lindquist
(1942), President.

Right:

Undated document
that refers to
"Graders"
regulations, most
likely for 1944 and
before.

REGULATIONS

1. Only diligent students are wanted here at our Academy.
2. Day pupils contract to use only the parts of the building devoted to school purposes, they may use the Recreation Room for Glee Club singing only, hence are not permitted in private rooms nor any other private parts of the building.
3. All taxis come to the East entrance instead of the front.
4. Students must use the North and not the front door.
5. Students must be respectful to all Sisters at all times.
6. Students are forbidden to borrow or lend clothes, money or any other articles.
7. Dirty and smutty stories are not tolerated. Such culprits will be dismissed.
8. Damaging and breaking things must be paid for.
9. Running anywhere in the building is strictly prohibited.
10. No phoning in General Office.
11. (Sneaking letters) The school will not tolerate sneaks and sneaky and under hand things. Students caught in such acts are subject to being expelled, namely, sneaking and slipping letters, going places without permission, scheming to meet people in town or elsewhere.
12. No one goes to town during the week. If necessary, students may go to town Saturday afternoon in groups, but they must return to the Academy no later than 5:30. Graders and Freshmen are chaperoned.
13. Graders and Freshmen are not allowed to keep their own spending money.
14. Students may answer the house phones but may not use them for calling parties.
15. Students will stay away from parlors unless called there.
16. All out going letters must be written neatly with ink.
17. Elbows are not allowed on table when eating; chewing must be done with mouth closed.

President's Message

Dear Scho Girls,

It has been a year since we learned about this strange threat to our way of living and, for many, a threat to life itself. As I write this, the COVID 'positive' numbers are decreasing and there seems to be more information about access to the vaccine injections. Like many situations, there is a 'good news, bad news' aspect. As the vaccinations take place and there is hope, the news of variant strains of the coronavirus is surfacing.

Congratulations to Sr. Kimberly! Her election as Prioress took place in January, 2020. After a couple of delays, she was installed as Prioress on October 30. The usual public celebration had to be a private ceremony for the Sisters. You can read about the Sisters and their COVID experience in Sr. Kimberly's message on page 1.

Last June it was necessary to postpone Reunion 2020 (originally scheduled for September). A tentative new date was set for September 18-19, 2021. At this time there is no way to know if it will be possible to gather then. We will make a decision in late March. Reservation forms or postponement notices will be posted on Facebook, sent by email and 'snail' mail.

Staying home during the lockdown gave me a chance to dig further into the papers from the vault in the Academy building. Some of these are shared in this issue. I hope you enjoy reading them. Scho girls have always been generous and donations to the Sisters will be used when the Monastery is again able to host celebrations and resume activities involving people from outside the Community.

There is someone in the Monastery gift shop on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30-12:00. You can call and ask about items and touchless sales can be conducted. (479-242-2501)

The Sisters hope to have their online bakery up and running in the near future. Watch Facebook for details.

I offer condolences to those of you who have lost loved ones during the pandemic. And I wish a complete recovery to those who have suffered from the virus. There are many questions and few real answers. This is when our faith in the Almighty makes a difference. All of you are in my prayers.

Barbara Hug Anhalt, '59
President

Financial Report

Bank Balance – January 17, 2020 \$23,859.27

Income:

Dues, Donations and Reunion Reservations
January 28, 2020 – January 14, 2021 \$4247.25

Expenses:

ALUMNATOR printing and postage (labels and envelopes were donated)	\$2140.55
Monastery for Web Transfer Fee	\$9.36
Mailing - postponing Reunion 2020 (printing, postage and labels)	\$439.88
Post Office Box Rental Fee for 2021	\$106.00
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Bank Balance – January 18, 2021 \$25,410.73

Alumnae Web Page

In February, 2020, at the suggestion of Sister Elise Forst of the Monastery, we met with Joseph Cahill, I.T. for St. Scholastica Monastery. We discussed redesigning the Alumnae web page to include additional information, add photos & connect with the Monastery's page. Julie Robben Lineberry had for many years graciously maintained this for the Alumnae.

This project came to a standstill when COVID interrupted our lives. Joseph resigned from his job with the Monastery.

Needless to say, this effort is on hold.

Currently we rely on the St. Scholastica Alumnae FSA Facebook site to share information. If you have information you would like to contribute please send to me & I will post. Either send to my email: dorothysull@att.net or Text to: 479-414-1952. Any way we can all stay connected is important.

Dorothy Worner Sullivan '60
Past President

Jubilarians for 2020

Sister Pierre Vorster, '42; 80 Years

Sister Regina Schroeder, '59; 60 Years

Jubilarians for 2021

Sister Marcella Schmalz; 75 Years



Above: Where are these 'Scho Girls' going???

Alumnae Association Dues Renewal



First

Maiden

Last

Year/Graduated/Attended

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

☐ This is a change of address, telephone number or email

ANNUAL DUES \$10.00

Donation

Total Amount

Thank you for your continuing support of the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery.

Please enclose this form with your dues/donation and send to:

ST. SCHOLASTICA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
P. O. BOX 493
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS 72902

St. Scholastica Alumnae Association

Dues and Donations 2020

Rosemary Thomas Wingfield, '61
Betty Udouj Pryor, '64
Linda Eckart Starling, '68
Sharon Henderson Wilkin, '68
Dorothy Huber Barton, '53
Carmelita Gilyard Adams, '58
Mary Bauer Schluterman, '67
Jo Ann Zimmer Wardein, '63
Bernice Bergup, '52
Pat Casey Wanslow, '65
Genevieve Ehemann Lemley, '50
Barbara Pirker Greco, '58
Wilma Wewers Ahlert, '54
Dolores Raible Stemper, '53
Joanita Vonder Heide Roper, '62
Barbara Jo Musholt Lightfoot, '66
Patricia Hensen Lucy, '62
Faye Ann Kershen, '55
Linda Simmons Peters, '66
Mary Hensen Ahlert, '60
Betty Lisko Masingale, '64
Marilyn Gangluff Ganter, '62
Helen Duerr Hays, '56
Charlotte Eckart Tencleve, '64
Theresa Geels Klein, '57
Mary Jane Miller Patterson, '55
Rosemary Greuel Plunkett-Stith, '61
Lona Geels Seiter, '53
Mary Longley, '64
Mary J. Chandler Ferraro, '49
Emily Geels Soller, '64
Rosetta Kern Lensing, '57
Kathleen Keller, '62
Leona Neihouse Little, '53
Carmelita Vonder Heide Kremers, '59
Mary Koenigseder Zimmer, '63
Peggy (Margaret) Konert, '68
Anne Marie Horning Ellison, '59

Mary Zeiler Gronwald, '51
Martha Siebenmorgen Vorster, '45
Joyce Hoelting Ratcliff, '68
Leona Hoelting, '64
Constance Bartsch Eckelhoff, '46
Jeanne Rowlett Nolte, '48
Angela Montalvo Kelly, '49
Lois Kershen, '68
Lucy Vogelpohl Tausinger, '60
Geraldine White McFarland, '43
Mona Zang Wooten, '66
Theresa Bock Carle, '62
Phyllis Wewers Dalmut, '57
Joanie Glenn Stavig, '64
Maria Geels, '67
Roselyn Eckart Layes, '61
Betty Wewer Mayne, '60-61
Ramona Willems Keizer-Hornsey, '64
Barbara Ware McConnell, '60
Rosella Zeiler Lasater, '60
Leona Neihouse Little, '53
Carolyn Eckart Lensing, '60
Mary Anne Elsen Burford, '57
Carol Blaufuss Oberle, '67
Mary Risse Devaney, '63
Margaret Deuster, '63
Janette Hilton Dahlem, '64
Debbie Wewers Bentley, '64
Rosemary Wewers Reith, '53
Cathy Corrotto Lorenz, '61
Susan Baltz Schmitz, '65
Susie Cooper Koenigseder, '61
Theresa Wewers Boekholder, '56
Millie Martin Wewers, '60

Alumnae Deaths for 2020 ALUMNATOR

Mary Alice Markey Harter, '50 (November 15, 2015)
Clara Jones Jones, '44 (September 26, 2016)
Kay McElhannon Milhoan, '54 (July 9, 2019)
Barbara Gantner Miller, '62 (September 12, 2019)
Louise Schneider Eckart, '43 (March 10, 2020)
Catherine Simmons Hartman, '51 (April 11, 2020)
Mary Ahne Griesemer, '62 (April 22, 2020)
Sister Macrina Wiederkehr, '57 (April 24, 2020)
Mary Kathryn Klaeger Sharum, '59 (May 24, 2020)
Sister Ethel Marie Sonnier (June 14, 2020)
Agnes Minden Carson, '56 (June 27, 2020)

Mary Allen Koncsics, '57 (July 31, 2020)
Sister Audrey Becker, '49 (August 13, 2020)
Sister Lucille Borengasser, OSB, '45 (August 25, 2020)
Valera Poirot Churchman, '49 (September 2, 2020)
Nancy Cardwell Gibson, '63 (September 14, 2020)
Claudia Robbins Scherrey, '58 (October 12, 2020)
Sister Alice O'Brien (October 17, 2020)
Dorothy Ruesewald Hutchison, '50 (December 9, 2020)
Laverne Elsken, '43 (December 26, 2020)
Sister Barbara Schroeder, '47 (December 27, 2020)

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Elected in 2013 for three-year term. Re-elected in 2016 for three-year term

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