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WEST CATHOLIC GIRLS' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON AND FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Spring is the time to get out and enjoy the change of season and reconnect with friends and former classmates. And the perfect place to do that is our annual Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser. This year our chairladies, Peggy Ford Rhoades, '71 and Sr. Denise Ware, SFCC, '70 have chosen Anthony's of Springfield for the event. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025 from Noon to 4 PM. Anthony's of Springfield is located at 865 W. Springfield Road, Springfield, PA.

The cost is \$40. The menu choices are Chicken Francaise or Blackened Salmon served with potatoes and vegetable. There is also a vegetarian, pasta selection of Pasta Primavera. All meals include Ceasar Salad, rolls, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and ice cream for dessert. A cash bar will be available.

Chances for the Scholarship Fund are included with this newspaper. Chances are \$5.00 each or 8 for \$35.00. The drawing will be held at the luncheon. We will also be selling chances for gift baskets donated by our board members along with a 50/50 raffle. And, as always, our gift/sales items will be available at the luncheon.

We hope to see you there. **Mail your check, made payable to West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association (WGCAA), along with the reservation form to Mrs. Peggy Rhoades, 140 S. Easton Rd, Apt 205, Glenside, PA 19038. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 2, 2025.**

If you are unable to attend but would like to support the Scholarship Fund, mail your check and chance stubs to our Post Office Box, **PO Box 805, Broomall, PA 19008**. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Burrs at the Beach June 29, 2025

This year's all class reunion will again be held at Keenan's in North Wildwood on Sunday, June 29, 2025, starting at 1 PM. Additional details will be posted on the Alumni website, westcatholicalumni.org. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. They can be purchased in advance from any committee member or at the door. Questions may be referred to Bette McGrath Diedrich, '65, boopscor@aol.com.

RESERVATION FORM SPRING LUNCHEON/FUNDRAISER Sunday, April 13, 2025

Name _____
(First) (Maiden) (Married)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Class _____

Email _____

- Chicken Francaise Blackened Salmon
 Pasta Primavera

Please seat me with: _____

Mail Form, list of those with whom you wish to be seated,
and \$40 Check payable to WCGAA to:

Mrs. Peggy Rhoades
140 S. Easton Road, Apt 205
Glenside, PA 19038

Deadline is April 2, 2025

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- 1967 Roe Cipollone Mitchell**, 4001 Andiron Terrace, Downingtown, PA 19335, (610) 259-4486, roern98@hotmail.com
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CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1955 70th Reunion—Plans are underway for the reunion. Details will be provided by the committee when available. Contact is Patricia Roche Mescanti. Patricia can be reached at 610-793-7931 or thedish1@comcast.net.

Class of 1960 65th Reunion—The reunion will be held at our Communion Breakfast on October 26, 2025. Contact is Mary Maguin Small, maryjls@aol.com.

Class of 1965 60th Reunion—The reunion will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 1 to 4 PM at the Springfield Country Club. Additional details to follow when available. Contact Bette McGrath Diedrich, 610-733-3949 or Peggy Sheffield Panicelli, 610-420-0987

Class of 1975 50th Reunion—Plans are in the early stages for a combined 50th reunion. Details to follow. Contact is Joe Smith.

Recent Reunions

These classes recently celebrated reunions and wanted to share some feedback from their events.

Class of 1964

For those of you who could not attend our reunion in October, I just want to say we missed you. Even though the number in attendance was not what I had hoped, it was good to see and share memories. One thing I did hear was some did not get my emails. If you were one of those, I am sorry. If you want to receive any information, send me your updated information and maybe we could get together at the luncheon in April. Email me at annorg@comcast.net.

Submitted by Anne Henry Organ

Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 celebrated their 55th high school reunion on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at Anthony's in Springfield. The Reunion Committee greeted everyone with a gift bag of memories. It was an amazing afternoon catching up with former classmates and bringing back so many memories for everyone. We reminisced on our 4 years at West Catholic that formed so many friendships that still exist today. It was a wonderful afternoon with old friends. May God continue to bless the Class of 1969.

Submitted by Pat Bugey Nachbar and the Reunion Committee

Class of 1974

In November, the Girls Class of '74 celebrated their 50th Weekend Reunion in beautiful Cape May, at The Grand Hotel. Food, music, dancing, door prizes & even a PJ Party! It was our 3rd weekend getaway & everyone had a blast. Next up, our 70th birthday bash! West is Best!

Submitted by Carol Caratura Cavallo

Among us girls

1943—Paul Mullen, son of **Anna Marie McKeown Mullen**, wrote to share his mother's story. After graduating from West Catholic, Anna Marie, who passed away in 1986 was eligible for the Cadet Nurse Corps program offered by St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing. She used her nursing degree to support her family of 10 in Poughkeepsie, NY

1947—Condolences to **Dolores Lombardi McCabe** on the passing of her daughter, Noreen.

1948—**Dolores Procopio-Hazel** sent a note with her chances that was written on a note card that was drawn and colored by her. On the back was written "Water color by Dolores Procopio-Hazel" Dolores, your work is beautiful.

1950—**Sr. Marianna Walsh, RSM** wrote to let us know that **Sr. Alice Meehan** did a great job selling her chances to her fellow Sisters. She also wanted to thank **Mary Flynn** for her work for the Alumnae and West.

1953—Jim Beck, West Boys, Class of 1964 wrote to let us know that his sister **Miriam Beck Zimmer** passed away in April 2023 and noted how she cherished her memories of West and maintained her friendship with her high school sorority sisters.

1954—**Sr. Regina Bernarda, IHM (Catherine Hackett)** sent us a check for chances bought by the Sisters at Camilla Hall Nursing Home. Sister also wrote "May God bless the Alumnae for all your work for West Catholic." Thank you, Sister.

1954—Thank You to **Emily Williamson** who wrote to tell us she and her friend purchased the chances for her sister, who was a member of the Class of 1957 and now resides in Spring Hill, FL. She also wished us a successful chance drive.

1965—Condolences to **Eleanor Faust Dezzi** on the passing of her husband Al, West Boys Class of 1965.

1965—Congratulations to **Fran Visco** for being awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal on January 2, 2025 for her pioneering work toward ending breast cancer.

1968—Congratulations to **Lucille Madalion**, former board member on the success of her initial book, **Eco and Frendlee Visit the Bog**, available on Amazon. Lucille is currently working on her second book.

1969—**Vicky Duffy McLaughlin** expressed her thanks for West Catholic. Vicky wrote that she feels so fortunate to have so many sweet memories of her time at West and is thankful for the friends she made that are still friends today. She also congratulated **Helen Concannon** on receiving the Margaret Porter Blue and Gold Award.

1972—**Evelyn Brannan Tarpey** wrote to express thanks to the Alumnae for the planning of the Annual Communion Breakfast.

1973—Congratulations to **Christine Czarnecki Sadry** on being named a finalist for the 2024 American Writing Awards, Non-Fiction Narrative Category for her book **13 Years Lost: An Unbelievable story of Fleeing Communist Poland to Traveling the World Serving the United Nations**. The book is available on Amazon.

1993—**Stephanie Gambone**, President of Junior Achievement of Southeastern, PA has been selected as a finalist for the Karl Flemke Pioneer Achievement Award for 2024. This prestigious accolade is presented to first-time JA presidents who have demonstrated exceptional contributions and accomplishments within the organization. Congratulations, Stephanie.

We extend our sympathy to families of our classmates who have passed away

Gloria Tate Obeirne, '37
 Elizabeth Bunting Dickerman, '40
 Claire Dennell Devlin, '41
 Anna Marie McKeown Mullen, '43
 Margaret Davis Dougherty, '45
 Theresa Lumpkin Kampmeyer, '45
 Mary Catherine Dougherty McGarrity, '45
 Clare Gosnell Byrnes, '47
 Anne Witt Haviland, '48
 Elizabeth Iorio Lemmer, '48
 Theresa Fitzpatrick Cornwell, '50
 Janet Agatha Lederer, '50
 Joan Sloat Sain, '50
 Joan Mollenhauer Santangelo, '50
 Elizabeth McGinn Theil, '50
 Elizabeth McDevitt Coyle, '51
 Charlotte McKinney Rodney, '51
 Kathleen Kearney Ryan, '51
 Eleanor Rafferty Conroy, '52
 Anne O'Malley George, '52
 Margret Carroll Jones, '52
 Elizabeth Spratt Parsons, '52
 Helen Rost, '52
 Sr. Marita Immaculate, IHM,
 (Mary Jane Buckley) '53
 Mary Jo Carlin Hennessy, '53
 Mary Andiaro Teodoro, '53
 Miriam Beck Zimmer, '53

Margaret Strogon Barbera, '54
 Sr. Mariam Leo Morris, IHM,
 (Margareet Morris) '54
 Bernadine Breen Murphy, '54
 Rosemarie Ferreri Rinaldi, '54
 Jeanne Gillon Thompson, '54
 Marilyn A. Bell, '55
 Catherine Smith Canfield, '55
 Ellen Anne Scott Dickinson, '55
 Helen Gillin Fucetola, '55
 Roseann McGoldrick Webb, '55
 Dorothy Mautz Anderson, '56
 Elizabeth Daly Gaul, '56
 Maria Civera Janco, '57
 Margaret McAdams McKeever, '57
 Geraldine Corcoran Bowles, '58
 Marie Diem, '58
 Kathleen Kavanaugh Manning, '58
 Barbara Hines Christopher, '59
 Margory (Ann) McHale Fay, '59
 Mary Ann Moran Gormely, '59
 Dolores McWilliams Hahn, '59
 Patricia (Trish) Carr McElhiney, '59
 Elizabeth (Betty) McManus, '59
 Alice Cullen McNicholas, '59
 Clare Duffin Gerber, '60
 Joan McKinney Havens, '60
 Arlene Favacchia Lyons, '60

Janice Kilbride Mosher, '60
 Marian Catania Alessandrine, '62
 Anne Doherty Culkin, '62
 Geneieve Juliano Weeks, '62
 Helene Kelly Divito, '63
 Mary Beth Walsh, '63
 Marian (M. Donna) Greeley Carlin, '65
 Donna Ware Snyder, '66
 Sharon Nelson Donohue '67
 Patricia Iacobucci Gonzales, '67
 Janet Mullen Krimm, '68
 Adrienne Coleman, '69
 Donna Daven, '69
 Annette Clark Fralinger, '69
 Maureen McHugh, '69
 Paulette Seczech, '69
 Michelina Campanile Spinelli, '69
 Barbara Lee, '70
 Deborah Petrarca, '70
 Judith Algeo, '71
 Margaret (Peggy) Eganey Kauffman, '71
 Barbara Stanzione Sheehan, '71
 Louise Russo, '71
 Kathleen Shallow, '73
 Michelle Padlo Zajack, '95
 Geraldine Paradise Caccese,
 Year Unknown
 Patricia Carlin Langdon, Year Unknown

2024 West Catholic Communion Breakfast

95th Annual Communion Breakfast: The Communion Breakfast was held on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at Anthony's in Springfield, PA. The 11 AM Mass was celebrated by Father John Hand and Anne Datte again provided the music for the mass. The chairwomen for the event were Rita Gaudet deVecchis, Class of 1956 and Peggy Ford Rhoades, Class of 1971. Congratulations to both ladies for a successful and pleasant event. We had over 140 Alumnae in attendance. The Class of 1964 celebrated their 60th reunion at the event. Rose McNeff, former Merchandise Officer had a full display of our gift/sales items and reported a successful sales day. Our chance drawing was held after the luncheon. The winners are listed below.

- 1st Prize of \$1000
Judy Davis Williams, Class of 1966
- 2nd Prize of \$500-
Mariam Mingioni DiFiore, Class of 1962
- 3rd Prize of \$300
Mary Byrne Tobin, Margaret Bilo Troili and
Mary Hunter Zamulinsky, Class of 1966

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supported the Alumnae Association by attending the Mass and Luncheon and/or purchasing the chances.

2025 DUES STATEMENT

Name _____
(if married, please include maiden name)

Address _____
(# and Street)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Zip _____ Class _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail your check for \$20.00 payable to WCGAA along with this form to:

West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association
PO Box 805 Broomall, PA 19008
To receive a Dues Card, you must include
a stamped, self-addressed envelope

2025 Dues

Included is the renewal form for payment of your 2025 dues. Unfortunately, we find it necessary to increase the cost of our dues from \$15.00 to \$20.00. This is our first increase in 5 years. We sincerely hope that the increase will not deter you from renewing your membership in the association. Please fill out the form and return it with your check to our Post Office box. If you prepaid your dues for 2025, you are paid in full and please do not send the additional \$5.00. Thank you for supporting the alumnae, which in turn supports the school.

Alumnae Gift Items



In addition to our current sale items, we added 2 new products, a key ring and a lanyard. Both are light blue in color. The key ring has WCGAA on it and the lanyard has West Catholic Girls' Alumnae Association printed on it. Each item is \$2.00.

They will be for sale at our Spring Luncheon on April 13, 2025 along with our other items: Note Pad and Pen Set, \$5.00; Flashlight, \$3.00; Combination Pen and Stylus, \$3.00; Pack of 5 Note Cards with a drawing of the school on the front, \$6.00; Magnets with all 4 emblems, \$3.00; Blankets/ Throws, \$25.00; and 2 styles of Sweatshirts, Crewnecks, \$20.00 and Hoodies, \$30.00. If you are unfamiliar with any of these items, you can find a description and picture on the NEWS page of our website www.westcatholicgirlsalumnae.com. Pat Bugey Nachbar, '69 is our Merchandise Officer and she can be reached on 215-479-6719 or patnachbar@gmail.com. Contact Pat if you are interested in any of the items but unable to attend the Spring Luncheon. Pat will advise you of the postage for the items and where to mail the check. Thank you for your support.