



CLASS LETTER 2019

Dear Class of 1951,

We're still here, your class delegates, Pat Sheridan Spoerl and Phyllis Makowski Scharner, hoping all is well with each of you. Pat is lucky to be driving her own car while I'm lucky to have friends who still drive or Uber--but I'm still in my own home and enjoying the garden. We wish we could report news about YOU, but maybe no news is good news. So Pat and I catch up on our current lives and talk about some of the old times at MMC before it became MMU.

As we shared some of our MMC history, Pat said, "I value now the enormous sacrifices of the Notre Dame nuns. We stand on their shoulders for the lives we live today and the impact on our families." Pat followed it up with this personal story.

"In the 1980's and 1990's, S. Maynard Rhodes was head of the Chemistry Department and also in charge of the new pre-med program (which I think she started). My daughter Margie graduated from another college but decided to change her career to that of a doctor. I suggested Margie get information from S. Maynard. This brilliant nun advised and guided her for the year Margie completed her necessary courses at Mount Mary and took the M-Cat test to get into medical school."

Today, Dr. Margaret Spoerl of Aurora Advanced Health care has often been listed as one of the "top internists" in Milwaukee Magazine.

As you might guess, we could add similar stories. I realized I was a first generation college student, thanks to the Notre Dame mission. I feel it's "give back time" at this stage of my life as I contribute to the annual fund. We hope you do too. Although we might not see each other, we still share the same Mount Mary values that brought us together and erases time. But please keep in touch by sending Pat (414-476-5023) or me (414-962-8589 or scharner4312@gmail.com) your news.

STAYING CONNECTED

Do you know what exciting things are happening at Mount Mary? When the next alum event is? If you would like to continue to receive news, invitations, e-communications, and more from Mount Mary, please update your contact info with the Office of Alumnae Relation by calling [\(414\) 930-3025](tel:414-930-3025) or emailing mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu.

By keeping your contact info current, you stay informed about our classmates through class letters and the Mount Mary Magazine. In each magazine, we celebrate and remember the lives of our classmates and their families in the [In Memoriam](#) listing, and we learn about their professional and personal accomplishments, weddings, births and more in [Class Notes](#). Please submit any class notes or in-memoriam notices at mtmary.edu/alumnae/update.

Another great way to stay connected is by liking the Alumnae Association Facebook page. Here, you will find the most up-to-date information, event reminders and news from your fellow alums.

GETTING TOGETHER

Alumnae Weekend and Reunion is a fun, festive time for us to reconnect with old friends and come back to Mount Mary. Each class is invited to participate with special recognition to the milestone anniversary years. In the past few years, there have been class programs, lunches, entertainment, presentations and so much more. What would you like to see at this year's Alumnae Weekend and Reunion? Let's talk with our classmates and brainstorm some ideas to send to the Office of Alumnae Relations.

More information about Alumnae Weekend and Reunion will be available in summer.

MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNAE EVENTS FOR 2019

- [Mount Mary Week Celebration](#) | Feb.18-22 | Including "Show the Love" Giving Day on Feb. 20
- [Women's Leadership Institute: Voices of Leadership](#) featuring Jessica Shortall | Mar. 21
- [CREO Fashion Show](#) | Friday, May 10
- [50th Starving Artists' Show \(Alumnae Association Scholarship Fundraiser\)](#) | Sunday, Sept. 8
- [Alumnae Weekend and Reunion](#) | The Weekend of October 5
- [Alumnae Christmas Luncheon](#) | MILWAUKEE: Tuesday, Dec. 3 | CHICAGO: Tuesday, Dec. 10

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN 2019!

For full event descriptions and registration, visit mtmary.edu/alumnae/events.

Personal Message from Mount Mary President, Dr. Christine Pharr

These days when I think of generosity, I often think of our alums. Whether you graduated 5 years ago or 50 years ago, I'm continuously inspired by your ongoing gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Some of you have volunteered tirelessly for decades. I see you at the Starving Artists' Show or making popcorn for students. I know some classes have set up endowments for student scholarships, and individuals make donations to all sorts of things including the unrestricted fund, which allows Mount Mary to use the funds where they're needed most. You might be interested to know that during the last fiscal year, alums donated nearly \$1.7 million, largely for student scholarships. And I know you pray for us because I can feel it and see it in the transformation of lives happening on campus.

What I want to tell you is that whether you give \$50 a year or an estate gift, whether you have volunteered for years or only once, whether you share your expertise with us, recruit for us or pray for us....whatever you give... we are extremely grateful. You are paying it forward to the next generation of women who are now attending Mount Mary as they seek to find their way, their calling, and their vocation in life.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Christine

ANNUAL CLASS GIVING & MOUNT MARY GIVING DAY

Mount Mary shaped us into the people we are today. It was the place where we built lifelong friendships and gained knowledge and learned lessons that have sustained throughout our lives. I want to ensure that the future remains bright and full of potential for today's students. Will you join me in making a gift to Mount Mary this year?

The best time to give is during Mount Mary's 2nd annual **Giving Day on February 20** from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. You don't want to miss this opportunity. **All gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar through the federal Title III Grant** that Mount Mary received in fall 2018. It doesn't matter whether you give \$10 or \$1,000 because every gift makes a difference in continuing the Mount Mary tradition.

Throughout the day, there will be special challenges that unlock additional money including the opportunity to make a gift in honor of your favorite program and a virtual scavenger of Mount Mary. Let's show the love and ensure that all students have opportunities to discover their passions and become world changers. Visit app.mobilecause.com/vf/MMULove to learn more.

If you have any questions about giving to Mount Mary, please call 414-930-3034 or email mmu-dev@mtmary.edu.

We hope you enjoyed reading about news and updates from our class and Mount Mary. Wishing you and your family a blessed, joyous, and healthy new year.

Sincerely,
Pat Sheridan Spoerl and Phyllis Makowski Scharner
Class Delegates



Mount Mary, Here's to You!

Mount Mary, here's to you. We are your daughters loyal and true.
We pledge you our song and devotion life long.
We cheer and revere just you, Mount Mary.
Years may pass away, with you our hearts will always stay.
Our Mount Mary name will ever be the same,
We'll love you as we do today.

