



CLASS LETTER 2019

Dear Class of 1965,

Your first letter from the indomitable duo. Let's hope it's twice as good as my solo attempts of the past.

Reunion luncheon was held on October 6. You may remember that the Madonna Medals are now awarded at another event usually in the spring.) We were fortunate to have Dr. Pharr, our new President, sit at our table. Dr. Pharr shared with the group that the University is financially in the black. Since there was time after lunch and before Mass, we went to visit our classmate, Sandy Kolloge, who was in the hospital having a few health issues checked. The induction of the class of '68 into the Marian Club took place after Mass. Once again, Marlene assisted Dr. Pharr in presenting the pins. The class of '68 followed our example and had their post reunion gathering at Jimmy's in the Radisson Hotel.

On November 28, we did our usual biannual stint at Popcorn Day when the Alumnae Association's intent is to help relieve the stress of exams for the students. For whatever reason, we had opposite time slots so we waved to each other in passing. (We're sure it was not because the scheduler was worried that putting us together would cause trouble.) Popcorn Day never really needs much promotion. We all know what the smell of freshly popped popcorn does to our salivary glands!

December 4 was another Mount Mary event, the annual Christmas luncheon, this year held at the Woman's Club of Wisconsin. The venue was new to us. We couldn't help but recall the first luncheon years back which drew about 30 alums. This year there were over 70 of us who enjoyed a delicious meal in a beautiful old gorgeously decorated building in downtown Milwaukee.

A couple of class notes. Joni Dilges Johnson emailed that since she and husband Bob sold their boat they decided to take some trips on terra firma. Their travels included bus tours to Panama and Costa Rica. They also attended motor home rallies in Wyoming and did some sightseeing in South Dakota. Our Maryknoll classmate, Sister Sue Glass, continues to teach in Macau. In addition, she is mentoring a young woman at Maryknoll Convent School in Hong Kong. This summer Sue was also able to come to the States to visit her religious sisters in New York and her own sisters in Florida and Wisconsin.

It would be great to hear from more of you. You should have our addresses or news can be mailed to the Alumnae Office. Email mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu or maryeliz.h@att.net if you prefer.

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:4149303025) 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,
Mary Haberman and Marlene Morouse Aune
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.

