

# CLASS LETTER 2018



Dear Class of 1951,



Phyllis and Pat at the 2017 Milwaukee Christmas Luncheon.

Here we are again, Pat Sheridan Spoerl and Phyllis Makowski Scharner, your class delegates, trying to keep in touch with you. Luckily for me, Pat came to the Alumnae Christmas luncheon last Dec. 5th, and we had a great time meeting our new University President, Dr. Christine Pharr and a lot of other alumnae. The Class Delegate Chair, Kathleen Bloechl, happened to sit across from us, took the attached picture and developed it immediately with her new tiny printer. More amazing technology!

Pat told me she had a chance to talk with Annie Laurie Bansley Gallagher last fall when she and her family came to Milwaukee from their Michigan home for a wedding. Annie brought them to Mount Mary and led them on a sentimental journey through the halls, classes, and chapel. Annie Laurie also reported Jean Oliver Lawler fell last November and broke her shoulder. Such bad news resulted in a phone call to Jean. While her arm is still in a sling, Jean feels she is a Bionic Woman with a new shoulder and on the road to recovery. (Our prayers will help, Jean.)

Pat and I would like to hear more of what's going on in your life since retirement. So does the university. The Alumnae Office will handle any information you have (see Class Notes and In Memoriam below). But if you'd like to just chat about the lunch you had with your old roommate, a chance meeting with a classmate, or suggestions for us class delegates, give either of us a call so we can share it in the next letter (Pat, 414-476-5023; Phyllis, 414-962-8589).

## CLASS NOTES

In each of our communications, we would like to share news from our classmates. We will highlight personal accomplishments, weddings, birth announcements and more. Please submit any class notes at [mtmary.edu/alumnae](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae) or by mail to the Alumnae Office.

- **Sister Mary Lucy Edelbeck** celebrated her 75th jubilee as a Racine Dominican Sister. She has taught high school and college courses at schools in Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois, including St. Catherine's High School and Dominican College in Racine. She has served in parish and neighborhood ministry in Milwaukee and also designed greeting cards to highlight the role of women in the church.

## IN MEMORIAM

Here, we will celebrate the lives of our classmates and remember them. These classmates will be listed in each **Mount Mary Magazine** and on the **In Memoriam tab on the website: [magazine.mtmary.edu](http://magazine.mtmary.edu)**.

## STAYING IN TOUCH

We would like you to continue to receive invitations, e-communications, magazines and more from the university. The best way to do this is to make sure that your contact information is up to date. You can update your info with a quick call to the Alumnae Office at (414) 930-3034 or by emailing [mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu).

## GETTING TOGETHER

The Office of Alumnae Relations and the Alumnae Association have collaborated to create a fun and festive time for us to reunite each fall, going beyond reunions every 5 years. Each class is invited to participate with special recognition to the milestone anniversary years. In 2017, the university hosted a shopping night in Wauwatosa, brought in a Beatles cover band for a dance party and made us laugh with local celebrity John McGivern. These are the kinds of events we can all look forward to every year. **All we need is YOU!**

Save the date for Alumnae Weekend and Reunion: Oct. 5-7, 2018.



## MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNAE EVENTS FOR 2018

- Mount Mary Week Celebration | Feb. 19-23 | Including "Show the Love" Giving Day on Feb. 21
- Association Breakfast, Class Delegate Gathering & Networking | Saturday, Feb. 24 • 9-11 a.m.
- CREO Art & Design Show Opening | Friday, April 27
- CREO Fashion Show | Friday, May 11
- Mount Mary Awards Night | Thursday, June 7
- Association Breakfast & Volunteer Appreciation | Saturday, June 16
- Starving Artists' Show (Alumnae Association Scholarship Fundraiser) | Sunday, Sept. 9 • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Alumnae Weekend and Reunion | Friday-Sunday Oct. 5-7
- Alumnae Christmas Luncheon | MILWAUKEE: Tuesday, Dec. 4 | CHICAGO: Tuesday, Dec. 11

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL SUMMER AND HOLIDAY EVENTS IN 2018!

For full event descriptions and registration, visit [mtmary.edu/alumnae](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae).



### Personal Message from Mount Mary President, Dr. Christine Pharr

I'm happy to be a part of your class communication this year. As I was introduced to the various activities hosted by the University and the Alumnae Association, I realized the tremendous impact that our alums make, collectively through their generous support and volunteerism. This year, I was able to roll up my sleeves and help set up the 2017 Starving Artists' Show, danced the night away at Alumnae Reunion Weekend and celebrated the holidays with many of you at alumnae Christmas events. If you haven't been active with Mount Mary in a while, I encourage you to consider coming back to

campus for a gathering or sharing your stories with us. Our alumnae keep our traditions alive and thriving, paving the way for future Mount Mary alums (our current students) to uphold what you hold dear.

*I look forward to seeing you soon!*

Christine

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & ANNUAL CLASS GIVING

As you know, Mount Mary is a life-changing opportunity for a student, as well as a wonderful education, an exciting experience and a place to build lifelong friendships. Wouldn't you want to share your good fortune with a young woman just beginning her journey?

Scholarships are an important component to the viability of an education today. Today's tuition is \$28,370 and without a scholarship, many young women could not afford an education. Her opportunities to learn, grow and experience a lifelong career would be but a dream. Your support can make all the difference to one or more students. Give what you are able. *Together, we have a great impact!*

If you have any questions about setting up your giving plan, contact [mmu-dev@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-dev@mtmary.edu).

Hope you enjoyed hearing about updates at Mount Mary. Wishing everyone a healthy and blessed New Year. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming association breakfast in February. Don't forget to register!

*Sincerely,*

Phyllis Makowski Scharner and Pat Sheridan Spoerl '51  
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.

