



The Michaelight (April 2012)

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

"Round his flag we'll rally ever. Nothing can our union sever."



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Saint Michael Academy Mission Statement

Rooted in the Catholic tradition and Spirit of the Presentation Sisters, the mission of Saint Michael Academy was to educate young women in a loving and caring community, assisting each to develop her unique gifts and talents to live a fully Christian life.

New York Times Article

After more than a century on the West Side of Manhattan, St. Michael Academy had assumed the traits of some of its best students: cash poor, underestimated by peers, capable of defying expectations with breathtaking

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting of Dues-Paying Members

SMAAA will hold its first annual meeting to elect directors and to transact any other business that is properly presented to the meeting. The date has not been finalized, but probably will be some time in June. You will receive notice at least thirty (30) days before the meeting with detailed instructions on how to vote if you choose not to attend. Each of the current directors has agreed to be a nominee for re-election. Four will be elected for 3 year terms and three each will be elected for 2 and 1 year terms. Please note that only members who paid their dues in 2011 or 2012 are entitled to vote.

REUNION 2012

SAVE THE DATE FOR REUNION 2012

If you graduated from SMA in a year ending in a "2" or a "7", this is your reunion year!

Reunion 2012 will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012. A more formal invitation will appear in this newsletter when the venue has been set. It is safe to say, however, that the

regularity...(read more)

SMAAA Board of Directors

Lorraine Pogan Shef '64
(President - Association & Charitable Foundation)

Blanca Camacho '74
(VP - Association)

Jessica Libroia '87
(VP - Charitable Foundation)

Mary O'Hara '62
(VP - Charitable Foundation)

Jeanne Boyd Billings '74
(Secretary - Association & Charitable Foundation)

Maria Pani '74
(Treasurer - Association & Charitable Foundation)

Sharon Duritzo '72

Mary Krulis '49

Genevieve O'Hare '47

Patti Wu '70

location will be somewhere in Manhattan.

So, put **SMA REUNION** in big, bold, red letters on your calendar now. And stay tuned for updates!

(Please know that, although this reunion will honor in particular those SMA high school graduates from years ending in a "2" or a "7", our reunions are ALWAYS open to ALL SMA alums (grammar school, high school, faculty, staff). If you are able to round up your classmates and want to join in the fun, PLEASE DO!)



What Are You Up To???

What are you up to these days? We'd love to know. Send us pictures, write a blurb or (if you are too modest) tell us of a website that we can link to that fills us in on where you work and/or what you're doing. Are you on YouTube???. Let us know that too. C'mon! Let's have some fun with this! Write to us at SMAANYC@aol.com.

Barbara Kolenovsky DeMaio ('79) works at Most Precious Blood School in Long Island City! (www.mpbschool.org)

Andrea (Calamaras) Sicignano (Class of '69) recently got her real estate license. Anyone interested in buying or selling on Long Island???. Get in touch with Andrea at andrea@century21aa.com.

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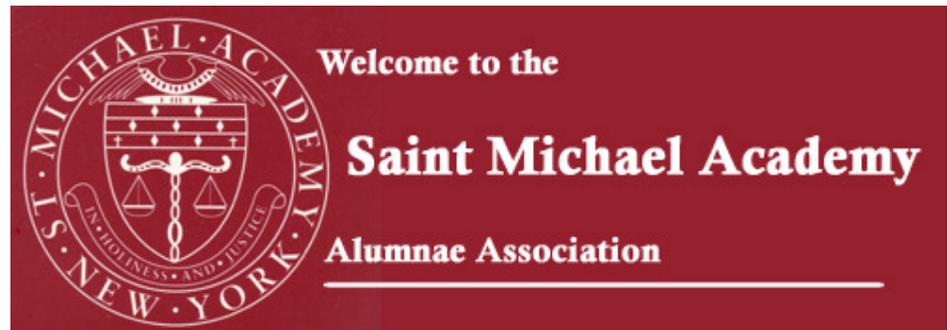
Newsday reports that... "Patricia Pryor-Bonica (SMA Class of '60) has joined the board of Mommas House, a Wantagh-based residential program for homeless young mothers and children. The Bayville resident is president of Pryor Personnel Agency in Hicksville and has been involved with both Family and Children's Association and the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence." Pat was a member of the SMA Principal's Advisory Board. You may recall that we ran this blurb at her request in an edition of "The Michaelight" a few months ago...

Patricia Pryor Bonica cpc
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Please feel free to have any of the graduates call me for assistance in any way I can help.

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SaintMichaelAcademy.com



Visit us at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com and let the good times roll!
Make sure to register, so that you can begin to connect with your classmates.
Read past newsletters and keep current with all of the SMAAA news.

We find ourselves when we find each other.
Come find yourself at www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com.

Let Us Help YOU!



Planning a gathering with your classmates? Email us the details at SMAAANYC@aol.com and we will help you get the word out. We are here to help you with your efforts to connect, but we can't do that if you don't keep us in the loop!

Get the Word Out!

Use the icons at the top of this newsletter to post to your facebook page, and please *encourage your friends to join our mailing list*. (Don't forget to add SMAAANYC@aol.com to your address book!)



Letters, Letters, We Get Letters

So many of you have included such lovely and encouraging notes to us along with your dues payments that, from time to time, we would like to share some of them with the alumnae...

Thank you and all the others who are working so hard to keep the association up and running. (*Genevieve Whalen Kilfoyle, '51, who lives in Arizona with her husband of 56 years, Thomas*)



It's time to renew my membership in the SMAAA once again. In fact, today is the day when a few members of my class (1960) are meeting to celebrate our long-standing friendships, and to catch up on the past days of our lives since our last reunion. Time certainly does pass quickly. When we see each other, we are reminded of yesterday and all of the memories created in those "hallowed halls" of SMA. Thanking you and the present Board for making/keeping the Michaelite spirit alive. (*Diana T. Di Prima, '60*)

Small World!



It really is a small world after all...

"I was at JFK waiting for my flight to be announced when I encountered a woman with a puppy which I couldn't resist petting. She was with her teenaged daughter and heading out to visit family for Christmas. I was with my teenaged daughter doing the same. We got to chatting - she was lovely to talk to - and it turned out that she graduated from SMA (at least 20 years after my 1958 graduation) and that her graduation class still meets regularly. Needless to say, we both have wonderful memories of life at St. Michael's and the amazing sisters who were our teachers."
Elisa Lederer, Class of 1958

Support the Presentation Sisters

Might We Suggest...

that those of you who would like to ensure the legacy of Saint Michael Academy do so by giving a donation to the Presentation Sisters. Please send your contribution directly to the Sisters' motherhouse, and note in the memo line that it is an SMA Donation:



Sisters of the Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Administration Office
84 Presentation Way
New Windsor, NY 12553-4949

Archived Newsletters

Are you new to "The Michaelight"? If you are interested in reading past editions, please visit our website (www.saintmichaelacademy.com), click on "Newsletters" and catch up on what you've missed! While you're there, please register. By doing that, you can start to connect with your classmates. "See" you there!

2012 Annual Dues

We appreciate your support! We are keeping this year's dues at a reasonable \$25. Because snail mailings are so expensive, we are communicating with the alumnae almost exclusively through this emailed newsletter. At the moment, we are sending this publication to approximately 1,160 people. We have an average "open rate" of 45%, which means that only 522 of the SMA alumnae are aware of our existence! We need your help to do better than that.

Please make out your check for \$25 (or more?) payable to "SMAAA", and mail it to Jeanne Billings (SMAAA), 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY10583. **Be sure to include your updated contact information - name, maiden name, address, email address, phone number, year of graduation - and please encourage your classmates to do the same.** (*Hand in hand we'll work together!*)

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