

The Michaelight (March, 2013)

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

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



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May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear, and may Christ, Our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

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 regularity...[\(read more\)](#)

BOD Nominations

Nominations for the SMAAA Board of Directors

In June we will hold elections for membership on the Board of Directors. We have been advised by 2 current directors that they do not intend to stand for re-election. If you would like to be considered for election, please contact SMAAANYC@aol.com no later than April 15, 2013. The Corporation generally holds monthly Board meetings in mid-town Manhattan which begin at 6:30 p.m. Directors are expected to attend in person although they can attend by telephone if needed. If you have any



SMAAA Board of Directors

questions, please contact SMAAANYC@aol.com and someone will get back to you.



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

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Annual Meeting



SMAAA will hold its 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 will be some time in June. You will receive notice at least twenty (20) days before the meeting with detailed instructions on how to vote if you choose not to attend. Three directors will be elected for a 3 year term. Please note that only members who paid their dues in 2012 or 2013 are entitled to vote.

Save the Date

REUNION 2013

Celebrating the graduating classes
ending in "3" and "8"
and honoring the graduating classes of
1963 and 1988

Reunion 2013 will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013. A more formal invitation will appear in this newsletter when the venue has been set. It is safe to say, however, that the location will be somewhere in Manhattan.

So, put **SMA REUNION** in big, bold, red letters on your calendar

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now. And stay tuned for updates!

(Please know that, although this reunion will celebrate in particular those SMA high school graduates from years ending in "3" and "8", 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 SO!)



Class Notes

Eleanor Beggins (nee Mallon), Class of '47 writes...

"Heard the reunion was a great success!" Eleanor retired in 2001, was widowed in 1995, has 5 children and 13 grandchildren.

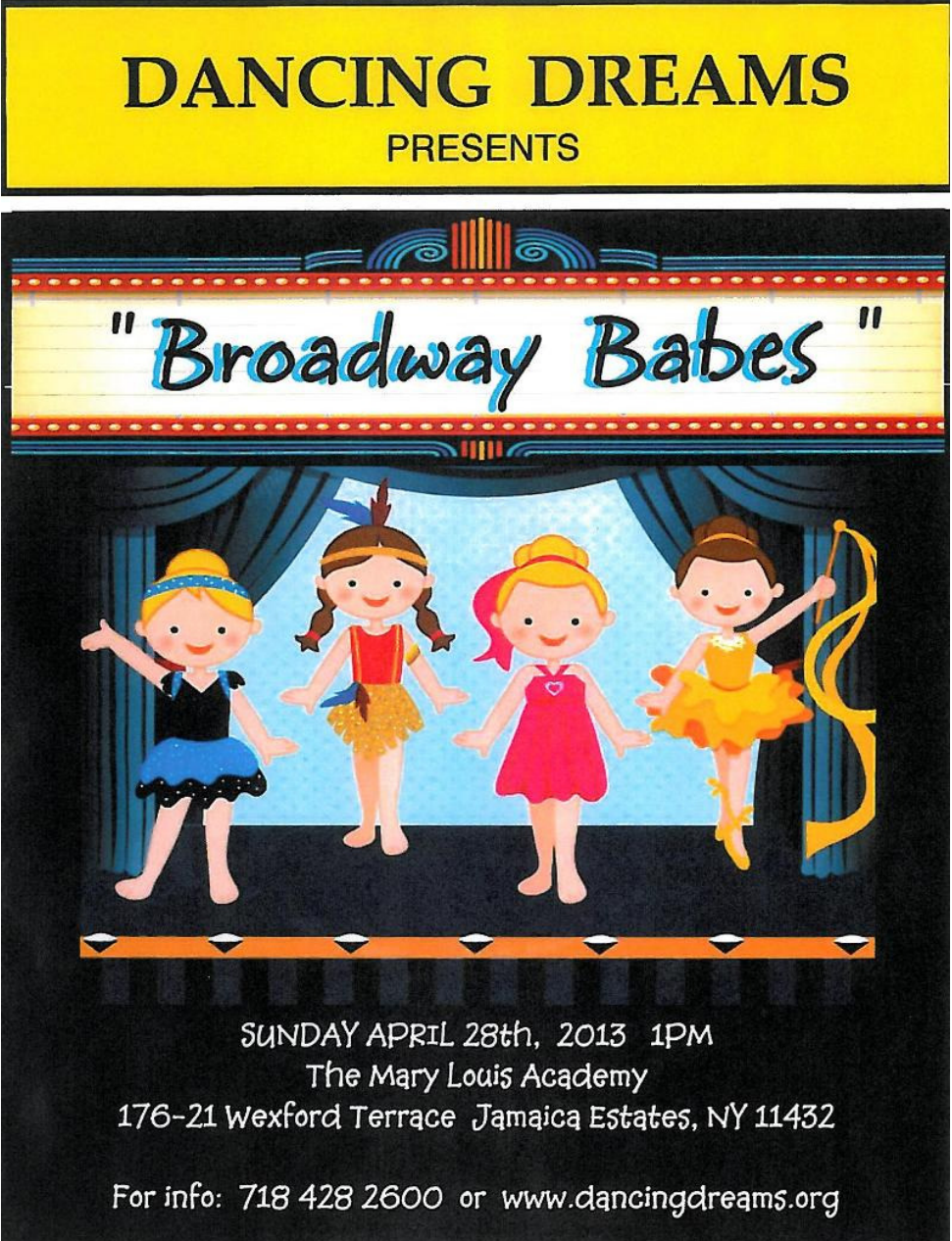
Samantha Perez, Class of '12 writes...

"...college life has me very busy. The transition into Baruch has been a smooth one because I've met so many great people that have guided me through the demanding college life.

Since last year, I have been volunteering for [Dancing Dreams](#), a therapeutic dance program for mentally and physically disabled girls in Bayside, Queens. At the end of the year, the founder of the program organizes a spring recital for the girls and their families, and it is truly awe inspiring. The theme of this year's recital is "Broadway Babes", in which our girls will dance to classics such as "One Singular Sensation" and "Happiness". For the past couple of months, we have been trying to reach out to current or previous Broadway actors and actresses to make a special appearance as a surprise to our ballerinas.

Our show is on April 28th (which also happens to be my

birthday!). I have attached a poster for the show just in case anyone would be interested in attending."



DANCING DREAMS
PRESENTS

"Broadway Babes"

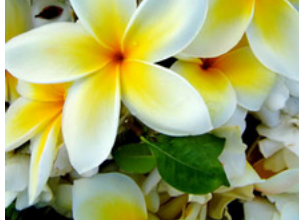
SUNDAY APRIL 28th, 2013 1PM
The Mary Louis Academy
176-21 Wexford Terrace Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

For info: 718 428 2600 or www.dancingdreams.org

Passings



Sr. Catherine Lillis (Sr. Mary Agatha), faithful member of the congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation, entered into eternal rest on Friday, January 11 at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence in Newburgh, NY. Daughter of Joseph and



Mary (O'Connor) Lillis, she was born February 18, 1923 in the Bronx. Sister Catherine entered Religious Life on January 23, 1943 at Mount St. Joseph in New Windsor, NY. She made her First Vows on August 16, 1945 and Final Vows on August 16, 1948.

Upon learning of Sr. Agatha's passing, Anita (Cox) Gettings ('54) wrote...

"I received an email from Peggy (O'Neill) O'Keefe that Sr. Agatha, as we all knew her, was called home by her Heavenly Father on Friday, January 11, 2013. We were blessed to have her as our freshman teacher at St. Michael's High School in 1950. She was a wonderful, kind teacher and gathered us all under her 'young' wing. We were not aware that she received her final vows in 1948. To us all nuns were old. I noticed in the obituary that I received, St. Michael's was never mentioned as one of her assignments. We were glad that it was. She helped to cement a relationship with others that has lasted for many years."

2013 Dues

2013 Dues are Due!

Your annual dues enable us to keep the spirit of SMA alive through our newsletter, our website, our reunions and (soon) our charitable outreach. Your dues go toward covering our operating expenses. This emailed newsletter costs money (approximately \$400/year), mailings cost money (last year's reunion mailing cost us close to \$1,000), just being in existence costs money (filing fees, etc.)

To remain a voting member of the SMAAA you must renew your membership annually. Please become a member of the SMAAA, or renew your existing membership, by sending this year's \$25 dues to:

Jeanne Billings
SMAAA
6 Greenacres Avenue
Scarsdale, NY 10582

Please make your check payable to "SMAAA" and don't forget to include your updated contact information in with your payment.

We would appreciate it if you would forward this email to all of your SMA classmates and/or post it to your Facebook page. ("Nothing can our union sever!")

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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.

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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:



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