



The Michaelight (August 2011)

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

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



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REUNION 2011



Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association
cordially invites
ALL SMA ALUMNAE
to
REUNION 2011
Saturday, October 8, 2011
1:00 - 5:00 PM
Cathedral High School
350 East 56th St.
New York, NY

Please join us for a hot buffet luncheon complete with open bar serving wine, beer and soda

***Reservations: \$65 per person**
(Members of the Classes of
2011, 2012 and 2013 only: \$35 per person)
Guests of all alumnae are \$65 per person
All tickets purchased at the door will be \$75

Seating is limited, RSVP by September 15, 2011

Please make your check payable to "SMAAA" and send (together with your contact information and class year) to:
Sharon Duritzo-Spocinski

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](#))

3451 Colony Drive
Baldwin Harbor, NY 11510

For more information, email SMAAANYC@aol.com

*Physical tickets will not be issued. Your name will be held at the door.

SMAAA Board of Directors

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Be An Angel



In order to make it more affordable to attend the October reunion for those alumnae who will not get the opportunity to graduate from Saint Michael Academy (namely, the Classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013), the SMAAA has discounted their tickets by \$30. In order to cover our costs, we are putting out a call for SMA "Angels" to subsidize one (or more) of these girls.

Won't you "Be An Angel" and send an additional check for \$30, \$60, \$90 or more to:

Sharon Duritzo-Spocinski
3451 Colony Drive
Baldwin Harbor, NY 11510

Make your check payable to "SMAAA" with "Angel" in the memo line. It will do your heart good!

Update Your Contact Info



Our outreach efforts can only be as good as our contact information, which is outdated. In order to be a successful entity, our alumnae association needs to have the correct contact information for all of us. Please send your full name (maiden and married), address, phone number, email address and year of graduation (or, in the case of the displaced Michaelites, the year they *would have* graduated from SMA) to SMAAANYC@aol.com. We will not share your information with, or sell your information to, anyone.

(Please know that our definition of an SMA alum is anyone who ever attended, or was on staff at, Saint Michael Academy. Sisters, brothers, teachers, administrative staff...we invite you all to join our mailing list by clicking on the "Join Our Mailing List" link to the left.)

Photographer Wanted

Join Our Mailing List

Tax Information

Contributions made (including any dues paid) to the Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association, Inc. are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.



Are you a "shutterbug" who is planning on attending the reunion on October 8th?

The SMAAA is looking for a photographer alum who is ready, willing and able to take class pictures at the reunion and offer them up for sale to those interested in purchasing them.

If you are interested, please contact us at SMAAANYC@aol.com and we will be in touch.

Now say "CHEEEEESE"...

News from the Class of 1961

Barbara Helmick writes to us that she is semi-retired, working part time at the Virginia Museum of Natural History, Martinsville, VA as a grant writer. She has two grown children, Dawn and Dan, and three grandchildren, Britney (13), Dylan (8) and Patrick (5).

News from the Class of 1963

I was so surprised to read about Mary McCloskey living in Vegas and my own classmate, Roberta Martin Hennessey visiting Vegas, that I had to write. I've been living in Las Vegas since 2005 when my husband and I retired. Our three grandchildren live there and we wanted to be near them. In 2006, my dearest friend and classmate, Catherine Scunziano Collins, also moved to Vegas.

My husband and I also have a condo in Lauderdale by the Sea, FL and spend time there. Looking forward to our 50th reunion.

Marie Maggio Connelly '63

News from the Class of 1977

Donna Prentice wants us to know that Grace Mora, Lily Chow & Adrienne Coyat, all class of '77 attended her wedding in 2008.

News from the Class of 1981

Our own Jane Miskell Burns, who has lived in Ireland for the last 21 years, was the winner of a short story competition recently. Here is how the article in the Irish Times opens...

SHORT STORY COMPETITION: The winner of the Powers Gold Label Short Story Competition is Jane Burns from Dunboyne, Co Meath. This is her story...([read story](#))



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

Columbus Day Parade Update

Unfortunately, we have hit an insurance "glitch" with regard to the Columbus Day Parade, and we will not be able to march this year. We are hoping to resolve this issue so that we may be able to march in 2012 behind an SMAAA banner. Sorry, gang. We'll keep you posted!



Get the Word Out!

Forward, facebook, twitter, do whatever it takes to get the word out about the SMAAA! Please forward this to your class email groups. Use the icons at the top of this newsletter to post onto your facebook page and *encourage your friends to join our mailing list*. And don't forget to add SMAAANYC@aol.com to your address book. Get on your marks, get set... *TWEET, TWEET!*



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

Whassup???

OK, we've said our piece, for the moment. Now it's *your* turn to tell us what's going on in *your* life...with *your* family...with *your* classmates. Or just send us some of your pictures (.jpg format, please) from when you went to SMA, so that we can all have some fun with that!

Email the news (and any pix that go with it) to SMAAANYC@aol.com. Include your name and year of your graduation. Look for it in our next issue.

SMA Alumnae Association
SMAAANYC@aol.com

Annual Dues

If you have already paid your 2011 annual dues to the SMAAA, Thank You! We appreciate your support! We have set this year's dues at a reasonable \$25, just to cover our start-up costs (which are mounting quickly!!!) At the moment, we are emailing this publication to just over 1,000 people. We have an "open rate" of approximately 40%, which means that only 400 of the 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!*)