



The Michaelight (August 2015)

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

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



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Reunion 2015

The SMAAA Charitable Foundation

cordially invites

ALL SMA ALUMNAE

to

REUNION 2015

Celebrating the "0" and "5" Anniversary Classes

and

Honoring the Classes of 1965 and 1990

Sisters of the PBVM

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

**SMAAA Board of
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The Fillmore Room

(formerly Moran's Restaurant)
146 Tenth Avenue (@ 19th Steet)
New York, NY 10011
Saturday, September 26th
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please [click on this link](#), print out the response form, complete and return it to us with your check made payable to **SMAAA Charitable Foundation**. See you there!

Please know that, although this reunion will celebrate in particular those SMA high school graduates from years ending in "0" and "5", our reunions are ALWAYS open to ALL SMA alumnae (grammar school, high school, faculty,

Sharon Duritzo '72
Genevieve O'Hare '47
Eileen Roether '63
Noreen White Rogan,
'60
Patti Wu '70

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Tax Information

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

Questions? Comments?

Write to us at...

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staff.) *If you are able to round up your friends and want to join us, PLEASE DO!*

See You in September!

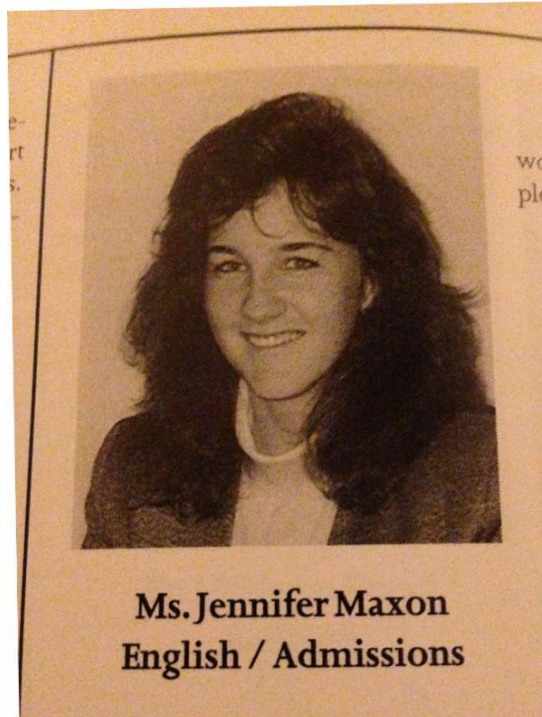


Rich Opresso had such a good time at Reunion 2014 that he's already told us that he's coming to Reunion 2015. In an email to us he said, "I am very happy to join you in Sept. I have very strong feelings for all my students. I enjoyed being part of there lives.

See you in September!"

P.S.

We just heard that Jennifer Maxon is coming too!



Angel Donation



We know you want to see your teachers at the reunion in September. We do too. Won't you consider making an "angel donation" to help us cover their plate? They've done so much for us. Won't you help us give back to them in this small way?

Please make checks payable to **SMAAA Charitable Foundation***, with "**Angel Donation**" in the memo line (please do not specify a particular teacher), and send to:

Jeanne Billings
6 Greenacres Avenue
Scarsdale, NY 10583

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purposes.

Class of '72 Get Together



SMA

Class of 1972

An Invitation To Everyone from the Class of '72!

We are planning a get together on August 21, 2015 on Long Island at a restaurant in New Hyde Park at 7:00 pm. We would love to have as many from our year as possible join us. The contacts for information and reservations are me (Sharon A. Duritzo at spocin@aol.com / cell # 516-524-4052) or Rosemarie (Battaglia) Scarola (BayColonyRose@aol.com /

home # 516-623-7757). The restaurant we choose in New Hyde Park will depend upon the size of the group.

An RSVP by August 16, 2015 is requested. Hope to see everyone there!

Thanks,
Sharon

Message to/from Our Teachers

Attention SMA Teachers...

If you are not able to attend the reunion on September 26th, might you like to send a message to your former students?

Throughout the reunion luncheon, we will be running a PowerPoint presentation loop. We would love to add to the presentation any message that you would like to convey to the alumnae.

Messages may be sent to SMAAANYC@gmail.com.

If you change your mind and decide that you would like to attend the reunion, please let us know (at SMAAANYC@gmail.com) and we will take care of that.

Many thanks!

The SMAAA Board of Directors



2014 Reunion

Teacher Appreciation

Annual Meeting



The SMAAA Annual Board Meeting took place on Monday, June 29th. Thank you to all of the SMAAA voting members who sent in their proxies, allowing us to achieve a quorum. All four of the Board members who were up for reelection (A. Jeanne Billings, Sharon Duritzo, Maria Pani and Lorraine Shef) were reelected. If you would like to read the President's Report from the meeting, you may do so by [clicking on this link](#).

All St. Michael Academy alumnae, teachers and staff belong to the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association. If you would like to become a VOTING member, please [click on this link](#), complete the form, and send it (along with a check for \$25 made out to "SMAAA") to:

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Can you help us find these anniversary year alums? Their reunion invitations were "returned to sender, address unknown"...

John	Connor	1940
Virginia	Kennedy	1940
Natalie	Seeke	1945
Regina	Smith	1945
Robert	Walsh	1945
Mary	Doody	1950
Rose	Harrington	1950
Florence	Smith	1950
Ann	Boyle	1955
Patricia	Colgan	1955
Geraldine	Ballas	1960
Lois Ann	Balletto	1960
Eileen	Candella	1960
Marie	Hallahan	1960
Barbara	Humer	1960
Mary	Norton	1960

Irene	O'Sullivan	1960
Eileen	Parrelli	1960
Rosemary	Espinosa	1965
Marie	Giovanielli	1965
Susan	Messler	1965
Carol	Napolitano	1965
Rosemarie	Picinich	1965
Christine	Block	1970
Kathleen	Harmon	1970
Patricia	Maguire	1970
Zoa	Matos	1970
Maryann	Sacks	1970
Joan	Wan	1970
Patricia	Arnholdt	1975
Noreen	Campbell	1975
Sharon	Davidson	1975
Linda	Garland	1975
Joan	Hall	1975
Noelia	Hamczyk	1975
Jane	Mahon	1975
Diane	Manzione	1975
Mary Ellen	Muller	1975
Patricia	Murtha	1975
Carol	Palame	1975
Arlene	Quane	1975
Susan	Routhier	1975
Sema	Choudri	1980
Anna	Garcia	1980
Nancy	Goo	1980
Lisa	Hudson	1980
Lisa	Kielczewski	1980
Donna	Magrino	1980
Veronica	Treston	1980
Gloria	Baez	1985
Jamie	Chapman	1985
Yenick	Fernandez	1985
Alexandra	Guerra	1985

Mary	Jackson	1985
Jody	Kuzaczewski	1985
Ann	Marinacio	1985
Diana	Navarro	1985
Kathryn	Negron	1985
Tracey	Plaskett	1985
Elizabeth	Santos	1985
Azuray	Benjamin	1990
LeShawn	Cox	1990
Valerie	Fernandez	1990
Sharon	Frias	1990
Delia	Rubio	1990
Reina	Velasquez	1990
Claudette	Adu-Peasah	1995
Christina	Blanco	1995
Barbara	Coogan	1995
Jasmine	Cortez	1995
Ariette	Escobar	1995
Glendalyn	Franco	1995
Glyn	Gamab	1995
Lissette	Lopez	1995
Priscilla	Quao	1995
Carla	Ramas	1995
Amy	Rodriguez-Estevez	1995
Bintha	Soumahoro	1995
Tamura	Awyie	2000
Julie	Chong	2000
Tania	Dance	2000
Katherine	Henk	2000
Katherine	Mendez	2000
Tamika	Meyers	2000
Rose	Perez	2000

Please send updated contact information to us
at [**SMAAANYC@gmail.com**](mailto:SMAAANYC@gmail.com)

Dues are Due!



But it's not so easy to keep the SMAAA up and running, so please send in your 2015 SMAAA dues!

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

To remain a voting member of the SMAAA you must renew your membership annually. **Please become a voting member of the SMAAA, or renew your existing membership, by [clicking on this link](#) to fill out a "dues payment" form, and sending it along with your check for \$25 to:**

Jeanne Billings
6 Greenacres Avenue
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Please make your check payable to "SMAAA." (Please note that teachers and administrators can also be voting members by paying dues.)

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!")

Dues paid to the Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA). are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

If you would like to make a **tax-deductible** contribution to the *Saint Michael Academy Charitable Foundation*, please make a separate check payable to **SMA Charitable Foundation**, and mail to Jeanne Billings, 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583

The **SMA Charitable Foundation's** mission is to provide scholarships to low income girls to attend Catholic high schools in the New York metropolitan area.

AmazonSmile

The logo for AmazonSmile, featuring the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath "amazon" pointing to the right.

You shop. Amazon gives.

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to St Michael Academy Alumnae Association Charitable Foundation. Bookmark the [link](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2065298) <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2065298> and support us every time you shop.

The Lost

Also among the missing...

From the Class of '65

Rita Abbott
Camille Aromando
Patricia Bove
Deborah Boyd
Margaret Brennan
Mary Jane Carroll
Johanna Catena
Marie Chevalier Lyriotakis
Rosemary Collins
Jeanne Connolly
Lois Coyne



Madeline Dobson
Carole Donohue
Mary Draskovic
Barbara Evers
Maria Filewicz
Kathleen Foran
Mary Ann Fox
Marlene Frankalon
Noreen Gannon
Joan Ganzi
Elizabeth Gifford
Catherine Giordano
Joanne Giovanniello
Susan Gregorek
Margaret Harrington
Eileen Hegedus
Kathleen Henderson
Maureen Heneberry
Frances Higgins
Helene Hom
Jane Howell Gallo
Paula Iandoli
Kathleen Johnson
Linda Kelly
Eleanor King
Louise Lamula
Eugenia Libowicz
Mary Ellen Long
Gilberte Lozach
Ann Lyden
Lana Maher
Margaret Mandzuk
Marie Matera
Linda Mathevy
Marianne Mathews Malley
Mary Beth Mazzei
Catherine McGuire
Geraldine McKenna
Noreen Molony
Lorraine Morano
Maryanne Murray
Dorothy Nash
Mary Anne Nege
Linda Nemeth
Margaret O'Keefe
Darlene Onorato



Mary Lou Pasini
Anna Pelle Pearson
Lydia Perez
Laura Pfau
Elaine Reid
Virginia Rockett
Clara Roque
Catherine Royden
Diane Sarti
Alexandra Schultz
Maureen Sheehy
Elaine Spensley
Rochelle Staiano
Regina Sullivan
Cheryl Turney
Diane Villani
Jo-Ann Viola
Beverly Waison
Cynthia Walpole
Patricia Webster

From the Class of '75

Eileen Barrett
Lydia Cardoso
Rita Cawley
Sandy Connelly
April D'Elia
Mary Lou DeLigio
Barbara Donlon
Donna Dowd
Lisa Ferguson
Nancy Finnegan Scatena
Michele Gill Focarazzo
Ann Marie Getchell
Dominique Giardina
Debbie Gornay
Barbara Hayes
Mary Hesse
Diane Kasprzak Ward
Arlee Leccese
Kathleen Lenaghan
Debra Luvín
Katrina Mahoney
Linda Martorana Arnette

Cathy Martin
Maureen McCaffrey
Doris McQuillan Cawley
Dawn Milius
Cheryl Moseley
Ann Marie Oasan
Loretta Pitonzo Moran
Linda Renuncio Martinez
Suzanne Rice
Susan Salgado
Myriam Sanchez Gold
Diane Sassi Costello
Mary Ann Sawka
Doreen Srsich
Liz Tomazic
Maryann Vitacco
Liz Wynn

If you are in touch with any of these women, please send us their contact information (name, address, phone, email address, graduation year) so that we can update our files and send them invitations to the reunion. Send to [**SMAAANYC@gmail.com**](mailto:SMAAANYC@gmail.com).

Reunion 2014

Here are just a few of the teachers who joined us at Reunion 2014. Come and see who shows up this year!



Sr. Kathleen Harrington, Noreen White Rogan, Sr. Kathleen Cusack



Lou Santos and Tom Witko



Martha (Muth) Pritchard



Maryanne Raynor

Facebook



See that little blue facebook icon at the top of this newsletter? (It's waaaay up there, on the left, above the header.) Please click on it and "send" us to your facebook page, so that your SMA friends can know we exist. Odds are that they will want to join the SMAAA, read all the news about their classmates, and plan for an upcoming reunion. One little click is all it takes. Thanks!



Website



Visit us at

www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com

or

www.SaintMichaelAcademy.nyc

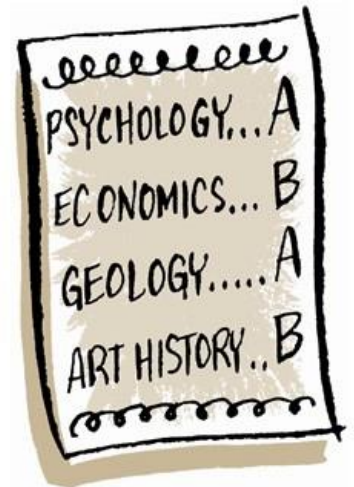
and let the good times roll!

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.

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!

Need your school transcript?
Please call Kenya in the
St. Michael Parish Office
(212-563-2547)
and she will help you!



Sisters of the PBVM

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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New Windsor, NY 12553-4949*