



# The Michaelight (July 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,

## Reunion 2012

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association

*cordially invites you to*

**REUNION 2012**

*celebrating the graduating classes ending in "2" and "7"*

*and honoring the graduating classes of*

*1962 and 1987*

Saturday, September 29, 2012

1:00 - 5:00 PM

**Harbour Lights**

Pier 17

3rd Floor

South Street Seaport

New York, NY 10038



capable of defying expectations with breathtaking regularity...([read more](#))

Please join us for a luncheon complete with wine, beer and soda

**\*Reservations: \$75 per person**

**SMAAA Board of Directors**

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

Invitations have been mailed to the anniversary classes, but if you have not received one, you can still make your reservation by sending your check (made payable to "SMAAA"), contact information and class year to:

**Blanca Camacho '74**  
*(VP - Association)*

Jeanne Billings  
SMAAA  
6 Greenacres Avenue  
Scarsdale, NY 10583

**Jessica Libroia '87**  
*(VP - Charitable Foundation)*

Our reunions are open to all alumnae, regardless of graduation year. If you are able to gather your friends, please join us for lunch on Saturday, September 29th. The more the merrier!

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

South Street Seaport is currently served by the M15 New York City Bus route. The Fulton Street station complex (2 3 4 5 ACJZ trains) is the closest New York City Subway station. [Click here for more directions.](#)

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

For more information, email [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com)

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

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

**Sharon Duritzo '72**

**Annual Meeting  
Annual Meeting**

**Mary Krulis '49**

**Genevieve O'Hare '47**

**Patti Wu '70**

# Join Our Mailing List



## **Tax Information**

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On June 14, 2012 the first Annual Meeting of the Members of the Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association was held at the offices of Troutman Sanders LLP, located at 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY. During that meeting a financial report was given to those present as well as a President's Report on our first year's activity. The President's Report can be accessed by clicking on [this link](#). The elections of Directors took place and all members of the current Board of Directors were reelected.

## **Annual Dues**

### **Support the efforts of the SMAAA by becoming a member!**

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 newsletter costs money (approximately \$400/year), mailings cost money (the recent reunion mailing cost us close to \$1,000), just being in existence costs money (filing fees, etc.)

To remain a 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 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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## Class Notes

*This is what we hear from Lucille (Altieri) Ryan (Class of 1949)...*

Married with 5 children and 8 grandchildren. Traveled and lived abroad with State Dept. husband in following countries: Japan, Brazil, Thailand, Poland, Australia. Licensed realtor since 1978 - now working with one of my daughters who has been licensed since 1996. Active in a Garden Club, a Book Club, volunteer at local hospital and enjoy playing bridge.

Jennifer Maxon Kennelly (Faculty/Staff from 1990 - closing) is now teaching at Greenwich High School in Connecticut, and was recently elected to the Fairfield Board of Education.

The mother of Ann McCourt, class of 1972, passed away on June 18, 2012. While caring for her mother Ann suffered the loss of her best friend, Genevieve M O'Hare, also class of 1972. They met the first day of school at SMA and remained friends until Genny passed away on March 4th of this year. While learning about each other it was discovered that Genny's mom, Genevieve A O'Hare, class of 1947, and Ann's mom were classmates at St. Sebastians School in Woodside NY and were close friends for 8 years of elementary school. Marriage and moving to new areas often mean losing touch but the circle of life brings us back to the beginning.



**POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Cherokee Station | P O Box 20493 | New York, NY 10021-0068

At 8 PM, on Friday, July 6, 2012, Louis Panacciulli (brother of Lisa ((Panacciulli)) Van der Veer of the SMA class of 1964), Power class of 1968 and a member of the Power Band will conduct the at Memorial Park in Mineola, New York. The park is located one block south of Jericho Turnpike on Marcellus Avenue. These are the landmarks on the south side of Jericho Turnpike to help you get to Marcellus Avenue. On the east is Jericho Terrace Catering Hall at 249 Jericho Turnpike and on the west is Chaminade High School Athletic Field.

If you need more information, go to the web site: <http://www.npsa.org/schedule.cfm>  
We are encouraging Power alumni to meet at the park, to enjoy this free evening of entertainment. There will be fireworks after the concert. Norm Jardine will be reserving a spot behind and to the north of the Mineola Library. He will be wearing a Power Gold T Shirt and a gold Power baseball cap. If he can hang some type of banner, he will. Since a large crowd is expected, he is getting there at 6:30 PM to reserve a spot. His cell phone is 917-613-9622. There is street parking and you may have to walk. This concert is free of charge, so enjoy the evening and your fellow Power graduates.

John Torres, PMA 1970  
PMAAA Secretary  
[pmaalumniassoc@aol.com](mailto:pmaalumniassoc@aol.com)

*The rest of the summer schedule for the Nassau Pops can be found on their website at: [www.nassaupops.com](http://www.nassaupops.com). It really is a great evening of music we all know and love!*

SMA's own [Elisa \(Fantaci\) Collins](#) (Class of '74) received the coveted Lighthouse Award in Cape Coral, FL on April 20, 2012...

By ANDREA GALABINSKI, Cape Coral Daily Breeze

Four Cape Coral teachers were surprised in their classrooms this week with the announcement that they were chosen as Lighthouse Award recipients.

The Lighthouse Award is presented to one teacher in each of the four charter schools operated by the city of Cape Coral.

"The Lighthouse Awards have been designed to be a 'beacon for excellence in education,'" said Cape Coral Municipal Charter School Foundation Executive Director Kevin J. Colpoys. "It's very important to the Foundation and the Governing Board to provide recognition to our educators."



The honorees are Christa McAuliffe Elementary School's Theresa Beuerle, Oasis Charter Elementary School's Alicia Wallace, Oasis Middle School's [Elisa Collins](#) and Stephen Jamison of Oasis Charter High School.

*Some members of the Class of '75 got together recently at  
Twins Irish Pub to celebrate each other...*





## Let Us Help YOU!

Planning a gathering with your classmates? Email us the details at [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto: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!

## Passings



We received word from her daughter, Patti Decker, that Elizabeth (McVittie) MacDougall (SMA Class of '52) passed away on April 17, 2012.

## SMA ...The Lost

Please help us find physical and email addresses for the following SMA alums who are in the "2" and "7" anniversary year classes ...

1947 Mary McGovern Fitzgerald  
1947 Sr. Anne Fleming, RSM  
1952 Patricia Kennedy Byrne  
1962 Margaret Dean Corcoran  
1967 Karen Kroeger Baldwin  
1967 Catherine Ciaccio  
1972 Luisa Jorge Breton  
1972 Regina Quattrone Gilmartin  
1972 Sandra Rivera Molina  
1977 Iveliz Colon  
1977 Theresa Galvin  
1977 Gregoria Diaz Gonzalez  
1987 Doreen Carbone  
1992 Margarita Correa  
1992 Renita Frazier  
1997 Xue Xia Chong  
1997 Elke Gonzalez  
2002 Jan Marie Arteca

If you are able to help us, simply reply to this email, or send contact info to [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com).

## 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 thing! Write to us at [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com).

## SaintMichaelAcademy.com



Visit us at [www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com](http://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](http://www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com).

## 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](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com) to your address book!)



## Nazareth to remain open

Nazareth High School to Remain Open ([read the article](#) in the New York Times)



## 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](http://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!

### *Annual Dues*

We appreciate your support! We are keeping this year's dues at a reasonable \$25. Please make 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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