



The Michaelight (June 2015)

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

Annual Meeting



Board of Directors

The Annual Meeting of the members of The St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association will be held on **Monday, June 29 at 6:00 PM** at Troutman Sanders, 875 Third Avenue (between 52nd and 53rd Streets), New York City. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect 4 directors for a 3 year term. In order to vote at the meeting you had to have paid your dues by May 18. A Notice Of Annual Meeting and a Proxy Statement has been sent to all dues paying members. **Please be sure to fill out your proxy and send it in ASAP, please.**

The Fillmore Room

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 Directors

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

Blanca Camacho '74
(VP - Association)

Kathy Seyfried '74
(VP - Charitable Foundation)

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

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

Sharon Duritzo '72

Genevieve O'Hare '47

Eileen Roether '63

Everything Old is New Again...



Not long after the *wildly* successful SMA Reunion at Moran's Restaurant last September, we got notice of the restaurant's closure. We went back to the drawing board (again) and started the arduous task of reinventing the reunion "wheel" (again). Well, wonder of wonders, miracle of miracles, Moran's has reopened as **The Fillmore Room**. Here is a short article on the subject: <https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20150428/chelsea/morans-restaurant-reopens-as-fillmore-room>

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

Noreen White Rogan,
'60
Patti Wu '70

Join Our Mailing List

 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.

Questions? Comments?

Write to us at...

SMAAANYC@gmail.com



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, staff.) If you are able to round up your friends and want to join in the fun, PLEASE DO SO!

See You in September!



Rich Opesso 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!"

Angel Donation



be an angel

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**, 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

Dues are Due!



**So, bust a move and 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 (last 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 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.

Class of '83 Fundraiser



Alice Daddi, Class of '83, is trying to help a classmate in her fight with cancer. She is in the process of planning a fundraiser get-together. She has also created a Facebook page to help in this endeavor. Alice writes...

*"I started this page as a place for Michaelites to unite. A place to just post something St Michael's related. Some good news, some not so good news. Maybe just a place to vent with your sisters. Currently, I'd like to see some sisterly action on Donna Marie Cusack crowd funding page. Donna is a trooper, and she's kicking cancers a**, but cancer not only beats up your body, it beats up your wallet too! We're planning a get together on June 26th in Hells Kitchen! Mainly as a gathering for people to drop by, make a donation, and pass along Donna's site to those that can not attend. Let me know what you think! Alice Daddi, '83"*

The name of the Facebook page, for those of you who would like to join it, is "**Not so Sainly Michael's Daughters.**" Contributions can be made by going to <http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/please-help-donna-fight-chronic-lymphocytic-leukemia/259492#.VNycPPo8IEP.facebook>

AmazonSmile

The Amazon Smile logo features the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath "amazon" pointing to the right.

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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.

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.

In Memoriam

A letter that we had sent to Mary Marshall, Class of '47, was returned to us with a message on the envelope saying that she was deceased.

We received word of the passing of Maryanne Schaefer Crowder '63 in May of this year.

María Alonso '75 wrote to us, "...we lost a classmate on May 31, 2015, Joanne Ferguson, to brain cancer...very sad news..."

Maryanne (Carroll) Brino '69 lost her husband (Bill) to brain cancer on May 28, 2015.

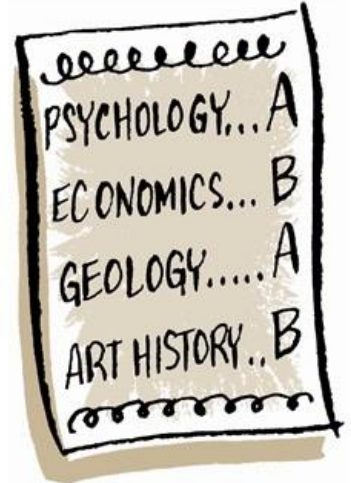


Archived Newsletters

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:



*Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Administration Office
84 Presentation Way*



New Windsor, NY 12553-4949