



The Michaelite July 2019

Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

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



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Reunion 2019

You are Cordially Invited to... Reunion 2019

Reunion 2019 will celebrate the jubilee classes ending in "4" and "9" and honor the silver and golden anniversary classes of 1994 and 1969, respectively. Please know that our reunions are always open to ALL SMA alumnae. Just gather a group of your friends and come!



[Connolly's Pub & Restaurant](#)

Saturday, September 28, 2019

12:00 - 4:00 PM

121 West 45th Street (between 6th & 7th Avenues)

New York, NY 10036

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 Directors

Lorraine Pogan '64
(President)

Blanca Camacho '74
(VP - Charitable
Foundation)

Sharon Duritzo '72
(VP - Association)

Kathy Seyfried '74
(Treasurer)

Jeanne Boyd Billings '74
(Secretary)

Anna Garcia '80

[Click here to access the reservation form.](#) Please complete the form and send it in with your check (payable to *SMAAA Charitable Foundation*).

"Early Bird" rate is \$75pp (cash bar/soft drinks included in price). Please note that the price increases by \$10 after August 31st. ALL reservations must be in by Friday, September 20. So make yours today!



Rather pay with PayPal? Go to the "Events" tab on our website to do so. [Just follow this link.](#) Or click on the PayPal image above. And make sure you fill in the requested fields (meal requirements, class year, maiden name) BEFORE you click on the "Buy Now" button.

Update Your Contact Information

We've mailed out physical invitations to the members of graduation classes ending in a '4' or '9'. If you have not kept us updated with your latest address, phone and/or email, please send that information to us at: smaaanyc@gmail.com. Please also include your class year, because we do have many classmates with the same name.



Also, ANYONE who thinks we may have outdated contact information for them should send us an update at smaaanyc@gmail.com. Thanks!

Dues are Due

Genevieve O'Hare '47

(Director Emeritus)

Maria Pani '74

Eileen Roether '63

Patti Wu '70

Join Our Mailing List

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Tax Information

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

Questions? Comments?

Write to us at...

SMAAANYC@gmail.com

What's Up With That???

Did you know that last year we had only 125 people pay dues to the SMAAA? We send this emailed newsletter out to 1530 SMA alums. That's just an 8% participation rate. Won't you please help us do better than that?

Your annual dues enable us to keep the spirit of SMA alive through our newsletter, our website, our reunions and our special events. 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 SMAAA you must renew your membership annually. Please become a member of 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!")

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Website Connections



Welcome to the

Saint Michael Academy

Alumnae Association

Visit our website!

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.

SMAAA Totes and Umbrellas



*We are St. Michael's,
and no one could be prouder,
and if you cannot hear us...*

You can now just open your umbrella to show the world you are a Michaelite!
Or you can give them as gifts - especially to your SMA Family and Friends! The
SMA Umbrella opens to a full 42" and folds down to a compact 11". Just the
right size to pop into your SMAAA Tote Bag (18"W x 13"H with a 5" base and
29" straps, made of 100% cotton canvas).



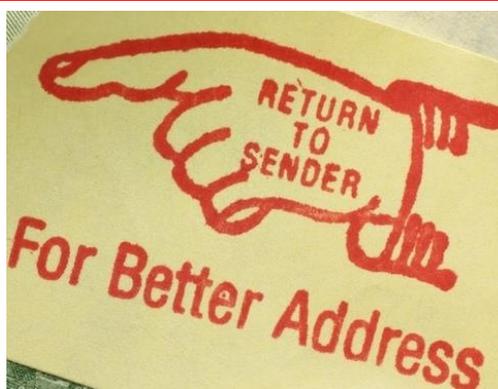
You can order these beautiful items online by [going to our website](#) and using the
PayPal button, or by mailing a check for **\$30 for a tote OR an umbrella, or \$55
for a tote AND an umbrella** (made payable to *SMAAA Charitable
Foundation*) to Jeanne Billings, 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale,
NY 10583. **Please don't forget to include your name and address, and
indicate clearly the items/quantity you are purchasing.**

Proceeds go to the SMAAA Charitable Foundation
Scholarship Fund



The tote and the umbrella can also be purchased (and/or ordered) at the Reunion on September 28!

In Search Of...



[Please click here](#) to help us find more missing SMA alums who are having an anniversary reunion year in 2019!
(Are YOU on the list???)

We've sent out reunion invitations to the graduation classes ending in "4" and "9". Some of those are coming back to us as undeliverable. Can you help us find a physical address for...

1934

Mary Combader

1944

Roseann Flanzbaum

John Innes

Raymond Larkin

1949

Michaelina Cornell

Kathleen McLaughlin

Patricia Nicholas

Dorothy Nolan

Elizabeth Ruhlman

Bernadette Wood

1954

Elizabeth Heffernan

Phyllis Jaegerhuber

Mary Kelly

Loretta McKeown

Patricia Silvestre

1959

Helen Bowers

Rita Coyne

Mary Mason

Awilda Mune

Sr. Gloria Perez, PBVM

Patricia Tenzycki

1964

Suzanne Doherty

Cynthia Strano

1969

[Click here to help us find more missing 1969 alums!](#)

Marie Baldi
Donna-Marie Chrzan
Joann Groves
Patrice Lewthwaite
Helen Lopez
Sheila McGinty
Judith Mogilski

1974

[Click here to help us find more missing 1974 alums!](#)

Gina Antino
Donna Folks
Elizabeth Knoop
Kathleen Trionfo
Eleanor Straniero

1979

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Ana Pat Castro
Hilda DeLucia
Donna DiGruccio
Roseann Doherty
Robin Ehret
Kelly Ann Junior
Nancy McDonough
Bernadette Vasquez

1984

Tanya Daouphars
Lisa Ragusa
Rosemarie Rodriguez
Dawn Talt

1989

Dolores Antino
Marilyn Bernardino-Redondo
Maria Desjardin
Maureen Greenough

Carolyn Haynes
Sharon Otero
Olga Quezada
Ana Rodriguez

1994

[Click here to help us find more missing 1994 alums!](#)

Alison Cheung
Julie Mosquea
Jesenia Roman
Sydney Savino

1999

Samantha Burrowes
Stephanie Garcia
Latoya Ramfeur
Yasmine Seleme-Sanchez
Rhea Verzo

2004

Chantall Lowe

Write to us at smaanyc@gmail.com if you have a physical and/or email address for these folks, and we will get an invitation out to them ASAP. Thanks!

SMAAA Charitable Foundation

The SMAAA Charitable Foundation provides renewable four-year scholarships to local, promising 8th grade girls who will attend a Catholic high school in the fall. This year's scholarship has been awarded to Melissa P., who will be attending Saint Vincent Ferrer High School.



SMAAAA Charitable Foundation V.P., Blanca Camacho, with this year's scholarship recipient and her 8th grade teacher, Mr. Soto.

The SMAAAA Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, relies on direct contributions, and proceeds from the sale of SMA promotional products, to make these scholarships possible.

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Bookmark the [link http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2065298](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2065298) and support us every time you shop.

Facebook



Just click on this Facebook button (above) to be taken to the official Facebook page of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association. And please "like" us!

We've Got Mail!

Sometimes, in with their dues payments, someone will write us a lovely note. We always love getting these correspondences. We wanted to share a couple of them with you, their SMA sisters...



From Joan Cestaro Zinser (Class of 1948)

Hi, Jeanne,

I admire and thank you for all your hard work to keep the memory of St. Michael's alive through SMAAA.

I wish I could attend the reunion - I will be thinking of all of you. I loved St. Michael's and was so sad when it closed.

I started in Feb. 1945 (WWII ended that year) and graduated in May 1948 - we did the first year in six months.

So happy to be part of SMAAA at 88 years old. I retired in Sept. 2018 from CHSLI after 42 years. I worked in the Melville office in Patient Accounts.

I think back on St. Michael's and some of the reunions I attended. I have lost touch with classmates except for Joan Riha Marks 1948. I wonder how many of us are left.

A shout out to all - have a wonderful reunion.

Keep up the good work!

*Joan Cestaro Zinser
Class of 1948*

An this one, from Sonia Curbelo-Gonzalez (Class of 1969)

Dear Ladies,

My name is Sonia Curbelo-Gonzalez - class of 1969. At the moment, we are living most of the time in Florida, caring for our wonderful, and only, grandson. I'm sorry I won't be able to join you for our 50th reunion - 50 years have passed??? Unbelievable!!!

My years at SMA had an enormous influence in my life. I remember with love and appreciation all the teachers who treated me with affection as they pushed me to fulfill my academic potential.

Please forward to my classmates my love and good wishes as we celebrate.

And to you, ladies, thank you for all you do to keep the Michaelite spirit alive!

*With love,
Sonia*



Archived Newsletters

Are you new to "The Michaelite"? 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!



Welcome Anna!

Please welcome the newest Director of the SMAAA Board...also the "baby" of the group (class of '80)...Anna Garcia!

I am a graduate of the SMA class of 1980. During my years at SMA, I was a member of the pep squad and a Cheerleader (forever the loud mouth advocate for my beloved HS.) After 4 glorious years of green plaid skirts, earth shoes, Friday night dances and retreats to the Mount, I headed to Queens College where I received a degree in Sociology. I spent many years with the Department of Social Services as a caseworker for the Child

Protective unit and then the Adult Protective unit. After what seemed like 1000 years of working, I retired from that industry and I'm now a Nanny in Manhattan. My only son Michael was born in 1988 and we lived in Fresh Meadows, Queens. He is now a CPhT and works for NYU Langone. He lives with his partner Joyce Wu and her daughter, Miss Taylor Wu. I served many years as a Cub Scout leader and a Merit badge counselor with the Boy Scouts. I also served many years as the Commissioner of the Roundtable for the Boy Scout's Founders District in Queens and ran a monthly training for other leaders. I shared many Cub Scout and Boy Scout events with a fellow Michaelite, the late LuAnn Campbell Atchinson from the class of '72. Never having had biological sisters, my SMA girlfriends are the sisters I chose for myself. I am forever grateful for each and every one of them. We are a group of about 70 girls strong. We even include some girls that moved onto other high schools from SMA...once a Michaelite, always a Michaelite. I have been instrumental in tracking down and reaching out to my former classmates and creating a Facebook group that keeps us all linked. I plan several brunches/dinners a year, a getaway trip once a year and of course our yearly pajama party. It is my love for these women, my educators and St. Michael's that I feel compelled to help continue to keep us united even though our school doors have been shuttered. My hope is that we can still share old memories and make new ones, so that we may never forget that no matter where in the world you are, you are a daughter of Saint Michael's...yesterday, today, tomorrow...forever.



Need your school transcript?
[Contact the Church of St. Michael.](#)

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Monday-Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Giving Back

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

