



THE CHALLENGE

St. Cyril Academy Alumnae Association, Danville, PA 17821-1699

Homecoming 2022

SPECIAL EDITION

HOMECOMING 2022

A message from our Moderator, Sr. Donna Marie, and the Association officers appears in a separate document included in this mailing. Be sure to read the message carefully so that you will know the details and schedule for the 2022 HOMECOMING. It is **imperative** that you **complete your reservation form and send it back to our Treasurer, Joanne Stahura, as early as possible**. You will not be receiving a printed invitation to the event this time.

The decision whether or not to hold HOMECOMING 2022 was delayed in order to monitor the progress of COVID-19 and its variants, and determine how that might affect attendance. The safety of the attendees and the Sisters was the foremost consideration. This year's program has been devised to be more compact without missing any of the items usually scheduled.

Planned activities will end earlier in the day, giving those who wish to have it more time to visit with individual schoolmates afterward. Some may choose to travel in and out of Danville on the same day.

Of special note: Some of you have booked sleeping rooms at the Academy in the past. While such arrangements may be possible, a lot can change before October including availability at the Academy. You need either to book a room at a local hotel in Danville or Buckhorn, or have some other backup plan in the event rooms at the Academy become unavailable.

Your attendance at HOMECOMING 2022 will be a treat for one and all after such a long hiatus. Mark your calendar (**Saturday, October 15**), plan carefully, and travel safely!

May They Rest In Peace:

Please remember in your prayers the deceased and their families.

Sisters:

Sr. Elizabeth Ann Matonak, SSCM—6 March 2022

Alumnae:

- Rita Clare (Nolen) Halterman ('58)—29 November 2021
- Angela (Slamen) Sanders ('73)—30 November 2021
- Helen Ann (Mayan) Hanner ('52)—10 January 2022, sister of Sr. Ritamary Mayan, IHM, ('53)
- JoAnn (Zavada) Valenti ('62)—16 January 2022, sister of Bernice (Zavada) Kenderes ('58) (dec.) and Adelle (Zavada) Pennartz ('69)
- Patrice Ann (Crawford) Leonard ('82)—27 January 2022
- Anselma (Ambrosini Guzzi) Thielen ('58)—27 January 2022, sister of S. M. Dominic (Dolores) Ambrosini, SSCM ('55) (dec.), Nadia (Ambrosini) Tavella ('63) (dec.), and Ruth (Ambrosini) Majoros ('66)
- Carole Ann (Musil) Sliva ('59)—27 May 2022, sister of Gloria Jean (Musil) Vadovic ('64)
- Teresa (Bermudez) DeMorles ('58)—24 June 2022

Family:

- Robert Kahler—November 2020, husband of Carolyn (Burkland) Kahler ('62)
- Edward Hanner—21 December 2021, husband of Helen Ann (Mayan) Hanner ('52)
- Agnes Queiroz—3 January 2022, mother of Gloria (Queiroz) Samartine ('60) and Lorraine (Queiroz) Thompson ('65)
- Ralph DiGiovanni—15 February 2022, husband of Elizabeth (O'Neill) DiGiovanni ('62)
- James John Serenshock—18 July 2022, husband of Geraldine (Balko) Serenshock ('64)

Passages: Mary Ann (Janchska) Perelli ('37) celebrated her 103rd Birthday on 19 April. Mary Ann's son, Charles, made contact earlier this year on her behalf. She was wondering whether any of her classmates were still alive. Charles says his Mother remains active, enjoys reading books on her Kindle and checks her mail. Mary Ann remembers the Academy fondly and reports that her years there were among the best of her life. If you would like to drop a note to Mary Ann Perelli, please contact me at the Newsletter and I will send her address along to you as it cannot be published here.

THE WEBSITE:

Our website is a vast resource of good information about our schoolmates and ourselves. If you haven't yet joined, please do. If you have joined but have not been on the site for a while, please check it to make sure it has your current contact information. If, like some, you've decided to forego the convenience of the website, please remove yourself as nobody can do that but you and dead e-mail addresses cause a very big administrative headache. Your diligence is appreciated.

DUES:

Please remember to pay your dues. Your dues are needed to fund services that benefit all alumnae. Annual dues are only \$10. If you've fallen behind due to inattention, etc., you are not liable for those dues in arrears. Recall that alumnae in religious orders do not pay dues. Please make your check out to the: *SCA Alumnae Association*. Your check should go **directly to Treasurer Joanne Stahura** (address below).

NOMINATIONS WANTED:

An important item on the agenda of the business meeting at Homecoming is the election of new officers. If you have an interest in serving the Alumnae Association in this way, or wish to nominate someone else, please contact one of the current officers listed at the end of this newsletter. I am sure they will be happy to answer your questions about the requirements of service and their own reflections on the positions of President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

I'M STILL HERE...

Before a heavy edit, my message read like an Andy Rooney broadcast on *60 Minutes*. Remember Andy? Cranky old guy with lots of hair, especially eyebrows. Grouched about everything and anything. My main gripe has been the weather. I, who am always cold, haven't asked for a blanket or otherwise issued a chill alert since June. I have suffered, with all of you, the effects of this season: watching the birds leave for cooler climes; policing wasps trying to get into the house for air conditioning; tripping over splooting squirrels; having palpitations from leaping tree frogs hiding under the porch furniture for shade. More seriously, though, some of you have experienced fires and floods. So many families have lost all. Makes me take stock and realize my good fortune—but it doesn't necessarily calm the grouse meter.

Of course, it may be a reflection of my advancing years, but it seems as though everything is lying in wait to frustrate my best efforts. I manage to call my doctor's office for an appointment only when everyone is at lunch or the office is closed. I go to the market but my list is on the kitchen table so I come home without the most important stuff. I go from one room to the next, can't remember what I went there for, and have to start all over. I'll put something in the oven and then not turn it on.

I'm learning a lot as our new COVID-induced lifestyle progresses. I'm learning that everyone makes mistakes. I'm learning that I can't understand a word of any of the currently popular songs while I can still remember every word of every popular song from the '60s through the '80s. I'm learning that almost nobody gives dinner parties with china, crystal, and the family silver; paper plates and plastic tableware are *de rigeur*. Few people know how to make a bed. Nobody born in the past 20 years, it seems, knows how to read or write cursive. Even the most sensitive messages are delivered over e-mail. The new mantra of service providers is, "Sorry 'bout that." Wow, I feel an Andy Rooney moment coming on. Time to sign out. See you at HOMECOMING 2022!

Mercy Kowalczyk ('64)

SUBMITTING NEWS:

When submitting your news, answer the questions: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY. If you are announcing something that includes your family members, please let us know their names. We'd like to congratulate both partners to a marriage by listing both names; if you are announcing a birth, tell us the name of the child, whether it is a boy or girl (as names may not, themselves, be sufficiently informative), and the names of both parents, along with their connection to you. When reporting the passing of a loved one, please include the person's full name and the date deceased. If you are reporting the death of an alumna, please also provide the year of graduation and family connection(s) to any other alumna/ae. I need to know who you are and how to reach you so include your full name, class, mailing address, phone, text, and e-mail (to help me contact you with any questions/clarifications). Rapid response to requests for clarifying details assists timely publication. Submit all items to Mercy Kowalczyk until a new editor is identified.

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