

'67 Alumna Among Katrina Re-builders



Mary Rosenberger Lynch '67, seated, left, with fellow volunteers in Mississippi

Cleanup and rebuilding continues on the nation's ravaged Gulf Coast almost two years after Hurricane Katrina. Some of the first responders to the disaster were members of church groups who flocked to the area to lend assistance—and who are still involved today.

In August 2006, **Mary Rosenberger Lynch '67** joined four other members of St. William's Parish in St. Simon's Island, GA, and traveled to Pass Christian in Mississippi's Diocese of Biloxi to help with rebuilding.

Mary and a team of six others worked in three homes in Pass Christian, including Bay St. Louis cottage of Linda Seal, which lost part of its roof and suffered extensive water and mold damage. The volunteers also worked on a school building connected with Our Mother of Mary Parish in Bay St. Louis.

During restoration of her cottage, Linda, who is disabled, was assisted by eight different groups of volunteers sent through the diocese. Mary and the group from Georgia were able to put the finishing touches on Linda's home.

In a letter thanking the volunteers from Georgia, Linda said that although hired

help was hard to find in the months after the hurricane, "It is the church volunteers who have been continually at it, even eager to help us recover what we are able to, rebuild what we can, and salvage what we will.

"I have known of volunteers sleeping on the ground in tents and/or paying room and board to the churches," Linda wrote, "taking vacation time from their jobs and departing from their families in order to be able to come here to sweat and to work while sacrificing the comforts of home to extend a loving hand. The road is long and the pain has been tough but thanks to the churches we stand strong through it all."

Efforts to restore the Gulf Coast are progressing, and the Amish, Mennonites, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Catholics and members of evangelical churches from far and wide are helping to make a difference. We're proud that one of our own from SJC (at least one whom we know about) was part of that effort. ■

DC Metro Club Hosts Fall Luncheon

On Oct. 21, 2006, Pat Grant Chamberlain '73 arranged/hosted a luncheon at Timpano's in Rockville, MD for SJC Alumnae who reside in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Attendees included: Joan Billerbeck '53, Eileen Keefe Bonhag '61, Betty Schwilk Corazzini '61, Suzanne Kiser Crock '53, Betty Neely Czarapata '65, Kathy Flannery Deerkoski '68, Mary VanOver Gilligan '61, Ann Leahigh Grau '61, Elizabeth Strezeski LaFrance '61, Jane Milne McDonough '73, Dorothy Bollinger McFarlane '37, Alanna Higgins McHugh '63, Mary McNeill Mohr '53, Mary Jo Roos '64, Sally Callahan Sullivan '65, Diane

Asselin Thompson '69, Jacquie Nemetz VanMeter '68, and Linda Dumbroski Mahar-Wivel '69. Although Helen Bursley-Fournier '69, Ann Coleman Neel '68, and Alice Syeles O'Donnell '64 had planned to attend, they were unable to do so.

Pat Grant Chamberlain is planning the club's spring luncheon at the Cedar Knoll Inn in Alexandria, VA, Saturday, March 24, 2007. Watch your mailbox for further information. All are welcome. ■



Memorial Brick Orders Top 200

'Leave A Footprint' on Campus

Orders for our Alumnae Association Brick Program topped 200 as of mid-February 2007. Thanks to all who have participated thus far. The bricks are a tangible way for those associated with SJC to "Leave A Footprint" for posterity in a plaza outside the Campus Chapel. The Brick Program is open to all who share in the history of St. Joseph College, St. Joseph College High School or St. Joseph Academy.

The former St. Joseph College Chapel, now called the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Restored to circa 1908 by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, in cooperation with the Daughters of Charity, the chapel was re-dedicated in August, but the Foundation is still raising funds to defray costs of the renovation. That's where your "Footprint" can make a difference.

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