

Executive Administrator Betty McFann Retires

After she and her husband Joe moved to Fairfield, PA in 1999, Betty Daly McFann, a member of the SJC Class of 1960, was driving past the former SJC campus. She decided to stop in at the provincial house and pay her Alumnae Association dues.

Marie Long, our veteran employee, took Betty to the Alumnae office. Since Betty had just finished ten years as chief financial officer and guest columnist for a Connecticut newspaper, had worked with computers for about 20 years, and launched, then run a parish magazine for

almost eight years, she was curious about how the office functioned.



Marie was putting together a Quarterly, and Betty asked if she needed volunteer help. Marie pulled out a piece of paper from her typewriter--an ad for a part-time assistant. "It involved an 18-hour flexible schedule," Betty recalls. "I thought it over, did up a resume/letter, met with Marie and Sr. Mary Patricia Winters, and started the next week, in mid-March."

Six months later, as Betty was finishing up implementing new accounting procedures and

Enjoying The Valley Echo?

Judging from your verbal and written comments, our redesigned *Valley Echo* is a big hit with SJC Alumnae. Complimentary copies of our inaugural edition were sent to all Alumnae for whom we have current addresses, and we're pleased to also provide this issue.

As much as we'd like to continue sending the magazine to everyone, budgetary restraints prevent that. So, we're limiting circulation of future issues to only dues-paying members of our Alumnae Association.

Not sure if you're up-to-date on dues? Check your address label on the back cover. If it reads 06/30/08 or a later date, you're current. If not, please submit your dues to help continue our philanthropic work, sponsor Reunions and the 2009 bicentennial, and keep *The Valley Echo* and other mailings coming. Any amount of dues will keep you active, and dues and donations are tax-deductible. There's a remittance envelope inside.

Enjoy this issue!

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Judy Dwyer Brennan '64 Steps Up

As we bid farewell to and thank Betty Daly McFann '60 for all that she accomplished for our Alumnae Association during the past eight years, we welcome Judith Dwyer Brennan '64 as our new Executive Administrator. Prior to coming on board in mid-January, Judy spent much time studying operational manuals and financial records of the Association. "Hands-on training" with Betty followed, and then the baton was passed into Judy's capable hands.

Originally from Baltimore, Judy grew up in Bel Air, MD, and attended Maria Goretti High School, Hagerstown, MD, before coming to St. Joseph's, where she majored in biology. She and her husband Jack, a Mount St. Mary's alumnus, currently live in Mount Airy, MD. They have five children, eight grandchildren and three grand dogs. The Brennans lived at Camp LeJeune, NC, and Pittsburgh while Jack was in the Marines, and later in New Jersey, before returning to MD in 1990.

Judy was a full-time substitute teacher at Hillsborough High School, Hillsborough, NJ, and a permanent substitute teacher and part of the

guidance department at Linganore High School, Frederick, MD. Most recently, she worked at Mount Saint Mary's University, initially as staff support in the science department during the academic year, and during the summer, rotating through all departments of the school. From 1997 to 2000 Judy served as administrative assistant to the university president and provost.

Her professional background and athletic ability make her well suited for handling the day-to-day business of our Alumnae Association. A "runner" who has competed in many 10k's, a few marathons, and a triathlon, Judy will no doubt be in constant motion during her first few months on the job!

While living in Hillsborough, NJ, Judy wrote a column for the Hillsborough Beacon newspaper. Upon her departure from the staff, the editor noted that: "Judy was one of those blessings that lighten up a life. She was tough, but she never said no. She had opinions, but she was always fair." We're glad Judy said "yes" to the SJCAA position, and we're please to have her steady hand on the tiller.



Emmitsburg Club Mass, Luncheon

Our SJC Alumnae Emmitsburg Club held its annual Mass at the Glass Chapel at the MSM Grotto of Lourdes on Oct. 28, 2006, with Fr. David W. Shaum as celebrant. Luncheon followed at the Carriage House in Emmitsburg.

Unfortunately, the St. Joseph's Provincial House special jubilee Mass/luncheon was held on the same day, so none

of the Daughters of Charity were able to join our Alumnae. The SJC group, organized by **Jane Irwin Hollabaugh '75**, hopes to hold another "Links at Lunch" sometime around St. Joseph's Feast Day, March 19. ■



At the Emmitsburg Club gathering are, left, Betty Fitzgerald Garner '47 and Ivanka Antolin '75; at right: Fr. David Shaum and Peggy Fitzgerald Arcidiacono '45.



Emmitsburg Club Mass and luncheon attendees, standing, from left: Kay Gorman Beaver '57, Jane Irwin Hollabaugh '75 and Marian McLoughlin Williams '57; seated are, from left: Betty McCaffrey '40 and Mary Agnes Bucker Walters '57

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computerizing data on 3,500 alumnae, Marie Long saw an opportunity to retire and leave the office in Betty's capable hands. Betty's accomplishments on our behalf during the past eight years could probably fill many pages of this publication.

Working in consultation with Board members, but more often than not, relying on her numerous professional skills, creativity, vision--and the power of prayer, Betty McFann resurrected the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association. Now, seven years into a new century, we stand strong and vibrant, ready to assist those in need, and reconnected to classmates and friends with whom first bonds were formed in Emmitsburg.

After giving us her all, Betty retired as SJC Alumnae executive administrator in January. She and Joe recently moved close to the Delaware beaches, so she's planning to fish, walk the beach, read, and begin to tackle all those projects that went on hold back in 1999. She and Joe also hope to spend more time with their four daughters, their son and 17 grandchildren, and look forward to welcoming their first great-grandchild later this year.

Thanks to Betty, alumnae data is computerized, acceptable accounting procedures, including general ledger and financial

statements, are established, the office is organized, the constitution and bylaws are updated, our status as a 501(c) 3 charitable organization is a reality, numerous activities are available at annual Reunions, the "Brick Program" is in place, and we support worthy causes and scholarships through a philanthropy fund.

Betty also revamped the Quarterly and envisioned the new Valley Echo, which features sections that she initiated. She established closer relationships with class secretaries, began gathering materials for our 2009 bicentennial, and documented all office procedures to ensure a smooth transition.

She most enjoyed "the challenge of getting the Alumnae Association on level footing. I liken it to turning an 18-wheeler around on a single-lane covered bridge," Betty says.

What will she miss the most about the past eight years? Betty is quick to answer: "I will most miss being involved with all the wonderful women I have grown to know and love. We have shared many joys and heartaches. So many people came into my life/day frequently, and I loved hearing from them."

We'll miss her too. ■