Celebrating the Spirit of Oldenburg Academy!
“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you’re doing the impossible.”

St. Francis of Assisi

This statement has served as the mantra for the OA Alumni Association this past year as we moved forward into chartered and some unchartered areas.

One of our main areas of focus was in addressing the financial position of the Association to insure that funds continued to be made to the Endowment Fund for future scholarship awards. In looking at our financials, it was evident that the Association needed to increase its revenue flow from other sources than Homecoming revenues. It was decided the Association would look at fundraising events to address this situation.

On September 29th the Alumni Association presented the very entertaining Antsy McClain & the Trailerpark Troubadours in concert. While the turnout was disappointing, we were greatly appreciative of the concertgoers who attended our first fundraising event.

Homecoming weekend kicked off on Friday, October 12th with the Annual Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner held at Hillcrest Country Club. Guests gathered at 6:30 pm to honor Dr. Maureen A. Murphy ’72, former aspirant, who currently resides in Baraboo, Wisconsin where she is the Director of Medical Affairs for St. Clare Hospital. We were pleased to have some of her family members, classmates, Oldenburg Academy staff, Sisters, and friends from the community present when she was presented with the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Early Saturday morning, October 13th over 150 former students of OA/ICA descended upon the Village of the Spires for Homecoming 2012. We had representatives from most anniversary classes and many others from non-anniversary classes. Homecoming is a time for former students to return and reminisce about their time at OA/ICA. My sincere thanks to Carmie Gindling Meyer ’63 and Veronica Staros ’62 for preparing the early morning breakfast in the dining hall. This was followed with mass in the chapel, with a special thanks going to Marsha Parcell ’87 for arranging such a memorable celebration. At the conclusion of the mass, the presentation of the 2012 Virtue Honor Education Award was awarded to Sister Constance Smith, OFM. Linda Nobbe Seifert ’62, Trustee and former student of Sr. Constance presented the award with Sr. Margie Jean Niemer accepting the award on behalf of Sr. Constance. Following the presentation lunch was served in the festively decorated gym compliments of Diane Enneking Dierkman and Deb Enneking who graciously helped Jane Bedel Walke and Liz Hartman Stenger. The festive ambiance set the tone for the celebration of the 160th Anniversary of Oldenburg Academy and the 114th Anniversary of the Alumni Association. My sincere thanks to everyone for their hard work. In lieu of the usual business meeting, I (Pam Vonderhaar) presented an update of the changes and events the Board and Trustees has made since January 2012. Following the announcements we were treated to a flare of sparklers atop a beautifully decorated cake wheeled in by Bertie Hartman Schmidt ’64. At the conclusion of the Homecoming Celebration, current OA students conducted tours of the campus. At 2:00 PM former aspirants (these were students who were anticipating entering the Sisters of St. Francis) gathered in the dining hall for a presentation from Carolyn Meyer and Jane Schaefer, Co-Directors of the Associate Program offered by the Sisters of St. Francis.

As we concluded a very busy weekend, I would like to thank all the alumni who attended the 2102 Homecoming and a special thanks to our current board, Liz Hartman Stenger ’71, Jane Bedel Walke’76, Bertie Hartman Schmidt ’64 and Trustees, Barb Hirt ’5, Ruth Leurck Mayo ’67, and Linda Nobbe Siefert ’61 and to Sarah Lamping, Director of Alumni Relations for their hard work and dedication to OA and the Alumni Association.

Pam Decker Vonderhaar ’64
President OA Alumni Association
Dear Fellow Alumni,

As I write this year, it is with gratitude to each of you for your outstanding support throughout my twelve years of serving as President of Oldenburg Academy. One of the benefits of serving in this position has been my connection with ICA/OA alums and witnessing the deep passion you have for spreading the OA spirit where you work, live and within your communities. It is awe inspiring hearing the stories of how ICA/OA had a significant impact on your life.

I am especially gratified by the growing involvement of our graduates in furthering the OA mission. Did you know that 21% of OA employees are ICA/OA alums! Our young alums sponsored a holiday basketball event. It is always great to welcome our college students back home!

A special thanks to the OA Alumni Board of Trustees who through your dedication and service have provided leadership for an organization with over 3,000 members. Together you are making great things happen in the lives of our students as they prepare to be future alumni leaders.

Just this week alums were busy assisting with mailings, helping to prepare for the OA Reverse Raffle, serving on the OA Board of Trustees, and much more! Your gift of time and talent other fundraisers helps give back to our school so that it is viable for future generations! Thank you for generously sharing your treasure with us!

As I go forward, preparing for a new chapter in my life, know that I carry the OA Spirit with me, and thank our loving God for blessing me with lasting memories of my time here as President of the Academy.

Forever the “OA Spirit” is a part of who I am and I thank you for being a part of that spirit. Truly, each of you is gift and blessing!

Blessings,
Sr. Therese Gillman, OSF
President

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Happy 160th, Oldenburg Academy!

Oldenburg Academy’s 160th Celebration!

On December 10th OA celebrated its anniversary in style. A special celebratory mass led by the Most Reverend Arch-bishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R was held in the Sisters’ Chapel in the afternoon and followed up by a reception in the Sisters’ dining room. Party goers were treated to cake and refreshments, great company, and much merriment as we commemorated 160 years of virtue, honor, and education!

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Above: Sr. Therese Gillman engages in conversation with students during a Marathon Monday session.
To read more, visit the Criterion’s website at www.archindy.org/criterion/local/2013/01-25/s-living.
Class of 1939
73rd Anniversary
Dolores Hoeper Baker; Sr. Irvin Marie, OSF

Class of 1942
70th Anniversary
Elizabeth Meltzer Boilek

Class of 1952 - 60th Anniversary
ROW 1: Irene Hartman McCann; Dorthy Kuemer White; Martha Pictor Heazeltine; Mary Bernice Effing Moorman; ROW 2: Ruth Dietz Henrikson; Ann Forthofer Deierstock; Mary Rose Schmidt Doyle; Pat Neyer Kammer; Marilyn Crowe McDonald

Class of 1957 - 55th Anniversary
ROW 1: Clara Ann deBecze Szucs; Doris Jean Reer Laker; Ruth Marie Kluemper; Paula Jamison Guinn; ROW 2: Patricia Merkel Moster; Kay Derker Koffel; Evelyn Laker Volk; ROW 3: Joyce Flodder Carpenter; Jan Caron Riley; Marilyn Jansing Smith; Mary Alice Moran Devor

Alumni Challenge
Raffle
Our thanks to those who purchased tickets! We raised $6,015, which will be used to support the Easter Egg Hunt and Senior Reception. It also helps pay for the publication and mailing of the Alumni News and Alumni Association sponsorships of Oldenburg Academy events.

$500 Winner
Bertie Hartman Schmidt ‘64

$100 Winners
Carla Schroeder Strong ’72
Jane Wessel Scheidler ’76
Linda Struewing Keller ’76
Charlotte Bergman ’12

Thank you Darlene Hauck ’77, our Homecoming photographer, and her assistant, Kimberly Hill.
Homecoming 2012 OA’s Lucky Buck Raffle

A BIG thanks to all the alumni who participated in Oldenburg Academy’s 2012-2013 Lucky Buck Raffle. Your support helps to fund opportunities for OA students.

This Year’s Lucky $100 Homecoming Winner

Kathy Frede
Ticket sold by Rachel Fairfield ’15

Class of 1962 - 50th Anniversary
ROW 1: Ruth Ann Blank Scheele; Mary Ann Kellerman Meyer; Anita Schoentrup Westerfeld; Pat Wernke Sagester; Jean Scheidler Darding; Joan Scheidler Howard; Ellen Brunner Lutterloh; Janet Federle Sturwold; Bernadette Hartman Widolff; Jennifer Childress Sharlit; ROW 2: Mary Jo Wenning Siedling; Diane Osier Hunteman; Betty Seufert; Rosemary deBecze Brooke; Helen Enneking Kramer; Irene Clarkin Armbruster; Joan Cappel Vogelpohl; Frances Pattyn Bopp; Marcia Thalheimer Eckstein; ROW 3: Alice Laker Robb; Jennifer Childress Sharlit; Darlene Graf Taylor; Brenda Fancher Dorsey; Dorothy Whalen; Darlene Wirnem Drew; Darlene Hirt; Bernice Pfurn Martin; Mary Anne Dierckman Schrank; ROW 4: Sr. Mirian Kaeser, OSF; Maureen Chrisman Justice; Judy Krekeler Kinker; Donna Scheper Meyer; Catherine Forthofer Niese; Mary Ann Fullenkamp Moeller; Irene Lamping Meyer; Patricia Holzer Durlacher

Class of 1967 - 45th Anniversary
ROW 1: Ruth Hartman Fasbinder; Mary Koehne Delay; Karen Gramman Pflum; Ruth Leurck Mayo; Linda Fledderman Rieselman; ROW 2: Anita Schrank Brelage; Darlene Pulskamp Obermeyer; Ann Biltz Obermeyer; Janice Laker Meyer; Suzette Werner Lowe

Class of 1972 - 40th Anniversary
ROW 1: Zita Gillman Hartman; Rebecca Meyer Sanders; ROW 2: Marilyn Merkel; Maureen Murphy; Donna Hirt
Class of 1982 - 30th Anniversary
ROW 1: Margaret Brockman Arceneaux; Julie Daly Neyer; Nita Mauer; ROW 2: Marie Werner Clark; Mary Lynn Roell Horn; Louise Sand Shields; Mary Siefert Wallpe; ROW 3: Lisa Hortemiller Wallpe; Tess Bruns Boldrey; Karen Dietz Bruns

Class of 1987 - 25th Anniversary
ROW 1: Angel Voegele Teeters; Josie Billman Hornberger; ROW 2: Marcia Hartman Parcell; Melissa Hartman Richter

Class of 1992 - 20th Anniversary
Carrie Terkinhoff DeFossett; Catherine Fussner

Class of 1977 - 35th Anniversary
ROW 1: Trish Malone Love, Nancy Enneking Huey, Darlene Hauck; ROW 2: Teresa Bogenschutz Hall, Karen Nobbe Munchel, Tami Fullenkamp Lamping, Sharon Holtel Berger, Ellen Dickman Paul

Aspirant Gathering
We had our Second Aspirant Gathering at Homecoming on Saturday, October 13, 2012 in the ICA Hall Dining Room. We had twenty former aspirants gathered and we went around the room and shared our stories of how the aspirancy program influenced our lives in a very spiritual way. A presentation was given by the Associate Co-Directors of the Sisters of Saint Francis on “How to become an Associate” and the presentation was open to all alumni, not just past aspirants. Men and women are invited to join this Franciscan journey. For more information check out their website at associate@oldenburgosf.com or call 812.933.6457 or 81.933.6439. At this time we are looking for a brown uniform that the aspirants wore. You can contact Ruth Mayo at ruthmayo@fuse.net or 513.607.7506 or Sarah Lamping slamping@oldenburgacademy.org or 812.933.4440 ext. 240.

Ruth Leurck Mayo ’67, OAAA Trustee/ Former Aspirant

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Homecoming Weekend 2012

Special Class Gathering

“21 members of the class of 1960 celebrated our 70th birthdays on the B&B riverboat out of Newport Kentucky on October 7th. We had a delicious dinner, enjoyed Dixieland music while aboard and some wonderful friendship!” - Carolyn Forthofer Billman

Class of 1960

Join us for

Homecoming 2013
Saturday, October 12

It’s an Election Year! OAAA Trustees now accepting nominations

If you are interested in running for a position or have questions about the roles and responsibilities of the OAAA Board please contact Ruth Luerck Mayo, Linda Nobbe Siefert or Barb Hirt!

Anniversary Class Contacts
If your graduation year ends in a 3 or 8...
Names are being collected and the planning has already begun for classes celebrating an anniversary in 2013. We are looking for alums who are willing to help coordinate events for their classes at Homecoming 2013. Give Sarah Lamping a call at 812-934-4440 ext. 240 to get a list of your classmates and let the celebration planning begin!!!

The Oldenburg Academy Alumni Association Constitution and By Laws

The Oldenburg Academy Alumni Association Constitution and By Laws were amended by the OA Alumni Board and Trustees and approved by you in October of 2012. Go to www.oldenburgacademy/alumni.org to review. If you are not able to access the website or if you would like a copy, please contact Sarah Lamping and a copy will be mailed to you.
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Distinguished Alumni Event

Seeking 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award

Nominations are being accepted for Oldenburg Academy’s Fifth Annual Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nomination deadline: July 5, 2013.

For more information, award criteria, and nomination form, go to www.oldenburgacademy.org and click on Alumni or contact Sarah Lamping at 812.934.4440 ext. 240 or slamping@oldenburgacademy.org.

2012 Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Maureen Murphy ’72

The Oldenburg Academy Alumni Association hosted its fourth annual Distinguished Alumni Award event on Friday, October 12, 2012 at Hillcrest Country Club in Batesville. Dr. Maureen Murphy, class of 1972, was selected as the recipient for the 2012 Oldenburg Academy Distinguished Alumni Award. Her husband, Larry Whitney, mother, Mrs. Eileen Murphy, and mother in law, Mrs. Edie Whitney were in attendance including friends, alumni, OA administrators, and Sisters of the Order of St. Francis. Maureen has spent her life committed to serving, leading, and most importantly for her, healing others. Currently, Dr. Murphy is the Director of Medical Affairs for St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo, and a physician at The Lake Delton Integrative Medicine Clinic. She is Board Certified in family medicine and obstetrics. In addition, she is one of 73 people appointed to be an Innovation Advisor for the Centers of Medicare/Medicaid Services. Dr. Murphy shares her dedication to and passion for healing others by sitting on and chairing numerous committees at the hospital, as well as serving as a volunteer faculty member at the University of Wisconsin Department of Family Medicine. Outside her community, Dr. Murphy truly puts her love for God and the Christian value of serving others into practice with her missionary work having founded the Haiti Medical Mission of Wisconsin, which built a clinic and surgery center in Thiotte and sends more than 50 teams of medical volunteers to serve that community. In living the life she was called to live, Dr. Murphy has set a beautiful example of sharing the Christian values she learned at OA.

Save the Date

2013 Distinguished Alumni Award Event

Friday, October 11, 2013

VHE Tribute

Sr. Constance Smith, OSF ‘40

Oldenburg Academy Alumni Association Trustee, Linda Nobbe Siefert ’61 proudly presented this year’s Virtue Honor Education award to Sr. Constance Smith ’40 at the conclusion of Homecoming mass held in the Sisters’ Chapel. Her students remember her toughness in making sure their work was done well but also appreciated her sense of humor and patience. Students enjoyed Sister’s devotion, quick wit, encouragement and scientific mind that made her classes interesting. Sr. Constance took pride in all of her work, always wanting to be useful and serve the Lord in any way she could. Accepting on her behalf was Sr. Marjorie Neimier ’69, a member of the General Council. A total of $2,140 was donated to the OAAA Scholarship Fund in honor of Sr. Constance.

Above (L-R): Mrs. Edie Whitney, husband, Mr. Larry Whitney, Dr. Maureen Murphy, and Mrs. Eileen Murphy
The 24th Annual Reverse Raffle, Traditions...Leading OA into the Future, was held on Saturday, February 23, 2013. The committee was excited to welcome our guests to campus this year as we celebrated 160 years of an extraordinary school we call Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception. Education is a gift that builds a foundation for life. Oldenburg Academy builds this foundation not only through academics, but through long established customs and beliefs that have been handed down from generation to generation. Investing in OA is investing in the future of our children as well as the future of our community. Thanks to all who have who supported this event by attending, being a sponsor, donating a gift, purchasing raffle tickets or working at the event. The committee thanks you as well as the 202 young men and women currently at OA!

Judy Cutter Behlmer ’88
Barb Bohman
Janet Borst
Marbie Hortemiller Dickman ‘78
Kathy Kuntz Dietz ’76
Kathy Fangman
Jackie Wenning Fitzgerald  ’80
Sr. Ruth Mary Forthofer, OSF ’51
Mary Pat Kuntz Frey ’79
Ruth Geis

Susan Strange Glaser ’80
Mary Harrah
Debbie Holtel Lamping ’73
Keith Moenter
Leslie Puttmann
Carol Reed
Dan Slaven
Jane Smith
Katie Welsh ’06
Mary Beth Simmermeyer Welsh ‘75

The 2013 Reverse Raffle Committee

Doug Behlmer

The 2013 Outstanding Volunteers Service Award was presented to Mr. Doug Behlmer in February by OA’s Athletic Director, Ryan Brammer during half time of the girls/boys basketball game. Doug is a longtime member of the Oldenburg Academy Students in Sports (OASIS). His giving of time to this group is monumental with particular detail to new ideas for fundraising, coordination of events, and tireless assistance at all OASIS functions. Doug has been a longtime and reliable help at OA sporting events, assisting where ever there is a need in terms of game operations. He helped institute and create the inception of Oldenburg Academy Baseball, winning several sectionals in its short existence. Congratulations to Doug, he truly embodies the spirit of “Outstanding Service”!
The Immaculate Conception Legacy

The Immaculate Conception Legacy was created to recognize alumni and friends who have included a gift to Oldenburg Academy in their estate plans. Leaving a lasting legacy gift is beneficial to ensuring the future of the Academy and our students.

Understanding Gift Planning

With maturity and wisdom often comes an interest in ensuring that the people we care about, as well as the values that have played important roles in our own lives, are protected both now and in the future.

With strategic planning you may find a planned-giving vehicle that lets you address your own financial concerns and challenges while also allowing you to create a legacy that will extend the benefits of your generosity far into the future and on a much broader scale.

So Where Do You Begin?

With all the options available, which is the best one for you? Since the various gift plans offer tremendous benefits for you, the donor, you should base your strategy on your individual situation, just as you have done with all of your financial planning. Your first step should be to request a confidential conversation with a financial advisor. Your financial advisor should be able to guide you through options that will maximize your wealth while meeting your wishes. If you are interested in sharing your estate plans with us, please let us know. If you wish, we will list your name, along with other members, of our Immaculate Conception Legacy in the Annual Report, as well as other planned giving publications.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Dan Slaven at 812.934.4440 ext. 297 or dslaven@oldenburgacademy.org.

Join us for Holly Bruns 5K Memorial Walk/Run

April 27, 2013

Excitement is in the air as we plan for the 3rd Annual Holly Bruns Memorial 5K Walk/Run, aka, “holly’s rOAd to education”, to be held on Saturday April 27, 2013. The past 2 years we’ve had over 145 participants, a crew of indispensable volunteers and have raised thousands of dollars for the scholarship fund in Holly’s name! As we look to build on our past success, we hope that we can count on your support in 2013.

If you can’t make it the day of the event, you may register as a “Virtual Walker” and we’ll mail you a t-shirt to commemorate this year’s event. You can celebrate the day by going to youtube to view the slideshows of past years’ events, take a stroll through your neighborhood, run your favorite route or simply say a prayer for the participants and volunteers.

For all event information, including registration, visit the Alumni section of OA’s website. There is also an event page and community page for conversation on FaceBook. Should you have any questions concerning the event or inquiries regarding donations, participation, volunteer opportunities, etc., feel free to contact Nita Mauer at 513-382-1922 or email the planning committee at mailto:hbwalk2011@yahoo.com jhbwalk2011@yahoo.com.
Alumni Basketball Game/Fundraiser

At least three to four times throughout the year the alumni men basketball players get together to scrimmage. The scrimmages generally consist of 15-20 guys who come play a “fun” game to prove which class is the best. This year I wanted to take it to the next level. I talked to my good friend and past teammate, Jim Moorman ’11, and we agreed that we should turn this unorganized scrimmage into something more.

After meeting with the new OA Athletic Director, Ryan Brammer, we picked a date, December 28, 2012, and decided to turn the scrimmage into a fundraiser event for the Oldenburg Academy Students in Sports (OASIS) athletic boosters committee. In two short two weeks, we were able to get 25 alumni to commit to playing in the event. We were able to have four teams and played two games. Teams consisted of players from the class of 2004 all the way to class of 2012. As a result of “free will donations” and t-shirt sales we were able to raise over $400.

Our plan is to make this an annual event and to include the alumni women. We will continue to find ways to make the event grow and are looking forward to seeing all of you next year!

Mark Zinser ’11

Saturday, August 4th, was our 2nd annual Oldenburg Academy Alumni Baseball game held at Liberty Park in Batesville. It was a very hot day unlike 2011, when we were cut short due to rain! The guys, and loyal fans, had a great time catching up and it was fun to see recent and past members of OA’s baseball teams all together on the field.

We had 16 alumni play this year and hope for a larger turn out this year. There was participation from almost every year baseball has existed at Oldenburg Academy. The teams were once again coached by Doug Behlmer. Proceeds from last year’s event were used for OA baseball equipment needs.

A special thanks to Jean Stacy, Trevor’s mom, for organizing such a fun event. We are looking forward to the 3rd annual game which will be held later this spring or summer. Letters will be sent so be on the look out!

Alumni Basketball Game/Fundraising

ROW 1: R.J. Raab ’07, Chris Drew ’09, Andrew Kretchman ’07, Trevor Stacy ’10, Thom White ’06, Charlie Ruberg ’07, Jim Moorman ’11; ROW 2: Coach Doug Behlmer, Justin Ahaus ’12, Bobby Rauch ’04, Steven Brown ’06, Karl Kolks ’07, Josh Werner ’04, Mark Zinser ’11, Spencer Gommel ’11, Matthew Bohman ’10, John Kuntz ’09

ROW 1: Andy Eckstein ’06, Jason Eckstein ’08, James Bruns ’09, Michael Kristoff ’09, Chris Drew ’09, R.J. Raab ’07, T.J. Berry ’08; ROW 2: Nathan Eckstein ’04, Jason Strasmeier ’10, Andrew Newton ’11, Benjamin Newton ’09, Jim Moorman ’11, Mark Zinser ’11; ROW 3: Christopher Kolks ’12, Mark Hetzer ’12, Lucas Nare ’11, Alex Kirschner ’12, Eric Galante ’08, Brian Stenger ’08; ROW 4: Michael Maple ’12, Matthew Bohman ’11, Dan Rohrig ’11, Woody Perkins ’11, Patrick Kolks ’10
Alumni Updates

1930s

Dolores Hoeper Baker ’39 shared her 73rd year for Homecoming with Sr. Irvin Marie, OSF ’39. She and her husband, Joe, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in April 2012.

1940s

Helen Hellmich Klosterkemper ’40 is honored to be a classmate of Virtue, Honor, Education Tribute winner, Sr. Constance Smith ’40. The five-year reunion to attend was an accomplishment missed very seldom.

Doris Smith Adams ’45 couldn’t make it to Homecoming this year because she and her husband of 64 years were heading to Florida for the winter.

Rita Simmermeyer Enneck ’46 now has five married children, 22 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Dorothy Fischesser Rasfeld ’48 says her family is growing. Her grandchildren are getting married and she now has six great grandchildren, whom she really enjoys spending time with. She stays busy, being involved in church activities, the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra and spending time with her friends.

Rita Hartman Eckstein ’49 enjoys living in town after spending 25 years in the country.

Marie Fledermann Connolly ’49 and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in October.

1950s

Irma Klett Sand ’51 reports that her 15th grandchild was born on August 28, 2012; Luke Gerald is doing well.

As Ex Director of Outreach Education Formation at Marian, Sr. Norma Bocklage ’51 has been privileged to help Latino students enter college and to strengthen Marian’s focus on Interfaith Collaboration helping the poor.

Joan Ottke Bodney ’52 and her husband have six children and nine grandchildren. Her daughter Karen is a teacher and her other daughter Janet is a stay-at-home mother. Her sons Christopher, Phillip and Paul are all carpenters while her other son, Stephan is a surgeon.

Carolyn Sheridan Bumberra ’52 and her husband Gene have been married for 55 years as of January 26, 2012; they are both 78, retired, and enjoy spending time in San Diego. Carolyn has had two knee replacements. She and Gene have three children- Geno, Beth and Sharon- and one grandchild, Allison Noel, who is ten.

Ann Forthofer Duerstock ’52 keeps busy volunteering at Major Hospital in Shelbyville. She will soon be a great grandmother of five (four boys and one girl).

Mary Effing Moorman ’52 and her husband Ralph have moved to St. Andrews assisted living in Batesville.

Barb Sheets ’52 regrets that she had to miss homecoming this year due to being in a recuperation stage from a fall. This year, she sold the family home after living there for 71 years; she now has a lovely duplex in Martinsville, Indiana.

Mary Ritza Schlichte Robinson ’56 is a 1.5-year survivor of metastatic uterine cancer.

Joyce Flodder Carpenter ’57 and her husband, Jack recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Clarion in Columbus with friends and family.

Doris Jean Reer Laker ’57 says, “My granddaughter, Morgan Werner ’13, spent this summer in Spain with the IU Language Honors program. Her mother, Nancy Werner ’83, spent the summer of 1982, in the same way except she spent her time in Germany when she was going to be a senior. What an experience for both!”

Patricia Merkel Moster ’57 now had two new grandchildren born in June and July 4th; Lucy Marie to Gloria Moster Brelage ’99. She now has 28 grandchildren and is busy helping with the little ones and attending the children’s sporting events and so forth.

Alma Holtel Personett ’57 and her husband are now Florida residents in the winter; they spend their summers in Knightstown.

Mary Jansing Smith ’57 has been married for 53 years; her grandson was recently married in July.

Clara Ann DeBeeze Szucs ’57 is happy to announce that her younger son, Andrew, got married in L.A. in August 2011 to Lulit Assefa of Ethiopia. Her older son, Gene, married this August in New York City to Olivia Chitet of Zimbabwe. She feels very blessed to have these dear young women in their family and is now waiting for some little ones to add.

Rose Simmermeyer Weisenbach ’58 and her husband Raymond celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 17, 2012. They are the parents of eight children, 18 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

1960s

Sr. Ruth Eggering, OSF ’60 currently ministers as a nurse manager for St. Elizabeth Adult Day Care Center. She provides day care for adults 21-97 years young, allowing family members to respite or have the ability to work regularly.
Bridget Espy Frymier ’60 currently lives in Sarasota, Florida. She is, “so happy to see Sr. Constance receive the Virtue, Honor, Education Tribute; she was an awesome teacher.”

Sharon Vess Irwin ’60 says, “Sr. Constance made a tremendous impact on my life- on my Catholicism”

Beth Slattery Krkoska ’60 traveled to Ireland with 16 family members last July. She says it was very memorable and fun!

Sr. Olga (Jean) Wittek ’60 enjoys meeting the many women who come to the Oldenburg Franciscan Center, where she is the director. She would love to invite all of you to come to our programs. Visit www.oldenburgfranciscans.org for more information.

Judy Mollaun Blacketer ’61 had a remarkable year: “My husband was adopted as an infant and found his birth family (three sisters, one brother, and his mother) in November of 2011. We have had an exciting year getting acquainted with his immediate family and “dozens of cousins”, nieces, & nephews.”

Helga Schwarz Fehlinger ’61 and her husband Bill will celebrate their 50th anniversary on August 24, 2013. They have six children and 11 grandchildren.

Joann Reer Fledderman ’61 is still substituting at St. Louis School in Batesville. She and her husband spend January, February, and March in Gulf Shores and take trips to Anchorage, Alaska to spend time with their twin granddaughters and their parents. They do a lot of week trips.

Geraldine Hartman Nobbe ’61 reports that on August 10, 2012 their daughter (the youngest of seven children) presented her with their 14th grandchild Jonah Virgil Ertel. Additionally, on August 23, 2012 Geraldine’s son-in-law passed away.

Stephanie Tschida Paquette ’61 celebrated the birth of their 12th grandchild in January; she enjoys spending time with them all!

Bernadette Edrich Taxlarlo ’61 is working part-time in nursing. She currently enjoys taking oil painting lessons in her spare time.

Sandra Bessler Werner ’61 is still traveling. She spent August in Alaska, a week in Wisconsin, several weeks in Kentucky with her granddaughter, and most of November and December in Florida. She and her husband Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November. She spent late January to mid February cruising through the Panama Canal. Life is good!

Jean Scheidler Darding ’62 enjoyed her 50th class reunion. She currently works in her husband’s chiropractic office and enjoys spending time with her five children and their families (including four grandchildren and three step grandchildren).

Patricia Holzer Durlacher ’62 retired from Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida after 30 years in critical care. She is still working at Mayo Hospital in Jacksonville in the surgical intensive care unit; this year commemorates her 40th year there.

Mary Anne Dierckman Schrank ’62 has been married 46 years to her husband Thomas. They have five boys between the ages of 44 and 35. 11 grand kids. She and Thomas built a new house three years ago and recently sold part of the farm they lived on to their sons. Mary Anne loves to sew, do pie baking (for ones who ask) and travel.

Marcia Thalheimer Eckstein ’62 and her husband celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in 2012. They recently returned from a three week trip to China which was fabulous!


Maureen Chrisman Justice ’62 enjoyed seeing everyone at Homecoming! She is still working full time from home and enjoys the challenge. When she has some spare time, she enjoys having fun with her grandchildren, especially tailgating for grandson #2’s college football games!

Judy Krekelker Kinker ’62 and her husband Tom recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 17, 2012. They have five children, all of whom are married except one who is currently a senior at Franklin College and will be getting hitched August 10, 2013. She has 12 grandchildren (six boys, and six girls) between the ages of 19 and three. Judy and Tom are currently retired, but recently she went back to work at Wal-Mart.

Helen Enneking Kramer ’62 celebrated her 47th year of marriage with her husband Norm in 2012. They have seven children and 16 grandchildren, whom she enjoys spending time with in her free hours. Helen has been a Pharmacy Technician at Wal-Mart in Greensburg for almost 20 years and is still enjoying it!

Mary Ann Kellerman Meyer ’62 has been married to her husband Al for the past 45 years; the couple have three grown children and one 16-year-old grandson. Mary Ann says, “Retirement has treated us well. We have entered another phase of our lives…spending winters in Palm Harbor, Florida and playing lots of golf. I was so excited about returning for Homecoming for our 50th Reunion, Class of 1962. Hope God has been good to you and yours.”

Alice Laker Robb ’62 wishes to thank all of her classmates for submitting their entries for their 50th Reunion memory book. She appreciates your participation.

Mary Jo Wenning Siedling ’62 has been enjoying the past three years in retirement. Unfortunately, she lost her beloved daughter-in-law to cancer a year ago. In August they welcomed a step great granddaughter.

Darlene Graf Taylor ’62 retired in July 2012 after 31 years at Catholic Charities of Chicago as a clinical counselor.

Joan Cappel Vogelpohl ’62 retired from nursing after 45 years of full-time employment. She has two daughters and three stepdaughters. Joan also has four grandchildren and is expecting number five in March. In her spare time, she volunteers for Pregnancy Care and Right to Life– Cincinnati.

Darlene Feller Bohman ’63 hopes to see a lot of her classmates this fall at Homecoming for their 50th Class Reunion!

Theresa Kinker Eckstein ’63 is still enjoying golf, grand kids, and traveling.

Carmie Gidling Meyer ’63 hopes to see as many ’63 graduates as possible this fall at their 50th Reunion! She would like to request that if anyone has suggestions for a special celebration, etc. you email her at ginger@etzone.com

Veronica Starost ’63 says her family is growing by leaps and bounds. Within ten months, she had five new additions!

Rose Korte Guarrine ’67 reports that her son, Michael Guarrine married Sayaka Machizawa in July 2011 on the island of Kauai, Hawaii! This past year, her husband Greg retired after 38 years in education. Rose is also retired, but currently has a teaching assistant position in CCSD 21 in Wheeling, Illinois.
Susie Spindler Hopkins ’67 continues to volunteer her time doing mentorship and tutoring for high schoolers. She enjoys her nieces and nephews and has moved to Seattle. When she’s not volunteering, she enjoys hiking and kayaking with her husband and friends.

Joyce Schwegman Gesell ’68 has been enjoying retirement by spending lots of time with her five grandkids. In the fall she returned from a two-week trip to Alaska.

Carol Geiser Weidner ’68 currently lives and works in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Her son, his wife and Carol’s granddaughter are all living in Dubai as well. Her oldest son is a pilot for Emirates Airlines; “It’s a very interesting experience and probably the most difficult job ever due to the difference in cultural expectations.”

Irene Mienaber Marcotte ’69 says that both of her sons are in the seminary for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Decon Doug will be ordained a priest on May 18, 2013; David will be ordained a transitional deacon on April 6, 2013. Irene’s husband is retired, but she still works in the field of education.

Cyndi Voegele ’70 says three generations of her family enjoyed Homecoming mass in 2012! Her mother, Mary Rose Schmidt Doyle ’52, and daughter Angelique “Angel” Voegele Teeters ’87 were in attendance. Angel received her PhD doctorate from Xavier University last summer.

Kathy Ernstes Henry ’71 had her first grandchild, Eva DeLeon, born on September 17, 2011.

Elizabeth Hartman Stenger ’71 and her husband Mike celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Germany. They have six grandchildren with #7 on its way in February. She would love to hear from all of you at listengen@wrbiradio.com. “It was nice to see everyone at our 40th Reunion!”

Donna Hirt ’72 retired from public education after 36 years in the same school corporation. She taught Biology for eight years and served as a high school guidance counselor for 28 years. She says she “totally enjoyed every minute but new challenges await in this next phase of life.”

 Pam Weigel Koehne ’73 would like to say hello to the Class of 1973! In August she took a cruise to Alaska with her husband Bill and daughter Kim Koehne ’05. They had a great time!

Martha Woods Nuhn ’73 and her husband Bob are enjoying their four grandchildren who are eight, six, two and-a-half, and one and-a-half.

Rahe Ann Moritz Bergman ’75 retired after teaching special education at Summan Elementary for 32 years. She now substitutes at OA and announces volleyball and basketball games in her free time.

Helen Retzner Flanagan ’75 is having fun being a grandmother; Eliana Noelle was born early in January and thinks her grandmother is funny.

Jo Ann Frey ’75 won the 2011 Founders Award from the Respiratory Nursing Society at their annual convention which was held in Savannah, GA.

1980s

Tess Brus Boldrey ’82 graduated from St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame with a BS in Mathematics and Science with a minor in Criminal Justice.

Nancy Harmeyer Young ’90 currently lives in Los Angeles where she is the Western Bureau Chief for Fox News Channel; she is responsible for covering all 50 states!

Carrie Ferkinhoff DeFossett ’92 married Kevin DeFossett of Brookville, Indiana in June of 2012. She graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelors in English and completed her MA in English from Xavier University.

Theresa Dramann Fullenkamp ’95 graduated from the University of Cincinnati with her Masters of Science in Nursing. She is currently working as a Family Nurse Practitioner at Margaret Mary Community Hospital and Osgood Primary Care.

Michelle Renneke House ’96 married Leo House on September 22, 2012. She has three stepchildren: Dylan, Corbyn and Kierstien. Michelle has been doing hair for 15 years and is currently at Sharper Image Salon in Batesville.

Sarah Kindt Spite ’97 and her husband Craig welcomed their second son, Jackson Anthony, in February 2012. He was welcomed home by his big brother Landon.

2000s

Anna Brunsman Cons ’04 married on September 1, 2012.

Brian Kneuem ’05 recently traveled to Germany to visit family. He lives in Beech Grove, Indiana and is the director of music at Holy Name Catholic Church and School.

Lucy Brunsman Weigel ’07 married on June 9, 2012.

Kristen Bettice ’08 is currently teaching Mathematics at Greensburg High School.

Amanda Dickman ’08 is working as a Special Education instructor at Franklin High School; she currently lives in Frankfort, Indiana.
Honorary Alum, Sr. Yvonne Conrad, OSF passed away
Honorary Alum, Sr. Mary Ammann, OSF passed away
Esther Kleine Macke '39 passed away
Joseph Baker, husband of Dolores Hooper Baker '39 and father of Honorary Alum, Joan Baker Andersen passed away
Mary Moorman Schroeder '40 passed away
Jeanne Wendt Pugh '41 passed away
Sarah Arthur Meier, sister of Ethel Meier Rosenberger '46 and Sr. Dolores Wright '48 passed away
Pauline Schene Long '50 passed away
Paul Ripberger, husband of Patricia Bunsman Ripberger '50 passed away
Althea Nicholson Swim '51 passed away
Betty Ritzi Spaeth '52 passed away
Amelia Niccoli Yelinek '53, sister of Colette Niccoli Topphinke '51 passed away
Rita Jo Marsh '55, passed away
Dorothy Doll mother of Mary Ellen Doll Grossman '57, Cathy Doll Schene '70, Julie Doll Eckstein '81, and Donna Doll passed away
Alyce Sauntry Pascoe '58, sister of Sr. Jean Marie Sauntry '49 and Patti Sauntry Clark '55 passed away
Robert Dietz, brother of Janie Dietz Fullenkamp '57 passed away
Viola Wahman, mother of Kathleen Wahman Jones '59 passed away
Virgil “Butch” C. Nobbe, husband of Geraldine Hartman Nobbe '61 passed away
Aspirant from the Class of '62, Judith (Fichtner) Schutte passed away
John Schumacher, father of Victoria Schumacher Creeger '63, Sherry Schumacher Ertel '65, Kris Schumacher Lindemann '70, Kim Schumacher Oblinger '78, Mary Jon Schumacher McCain '82 and Amy Schumacher Gallo '85 passed away
Virginia Crockett, mother of Cynthia Crockett Mazelin '64 passed away
James Buckler, father of Agnes Buckler Baczek '65 passed away
Mildred Losekamp, mother of Linda Losekamp-Schaiper '65 passed away
Mary Poinsette, mother of Sr. Noelle Poinsette '65 passed away
Martin Brackman, brother of Edna Brackman Thompson '66 and Helen Brackman Gillman '71 passed away
Sarah Margaret Hooten, mother of Carolyn Hooten Griffin '66, Peggy Hooten Engelke '70, Patty Hooten Wuestefeld '68 and Debbie Hooten Kramer '74 passed away
Betty Elsner, mother of Rosie Ersler Stier '67 passed away
Florence Brelage mother of Anita Brelage '68, Barb Brelage Schneider '70 and Mary Jo Brelage Bland '74 passed away
Raymond Roell, father of Marilyn Roell Todd '68 passed away
Howard Walsman, father of Bev Walsman Poske '68 and Dianne Walsman Jessop '69 passed away
Millie Hoff, mother of Carol Ann Hoff Niese '70 and Nancy Hoff Fischmer '77 passed away
Suzanne Czech Hoffman '71 passed away
Ruth Hoff, mother of Patty Hoff Krecker '72 passed away
Loretta Bolte, mother of Margery Bolte Rust '73 passed away
Lois Wanstrath, mother of Nancy Wanstrath Flannery '73, Cindy Wanstrath Whitaker '75, and Rita Wanstrath Jerden '74 passed away
Richard Goodwin, father of Lynn Marie Goodwin Robinson '75 and Elizabeth Goodwin Lattire '82 passed away
Margie Weigel, mother of Joan Weigel Tuggle '75, Sue Weigel Williams '77, Mary Beth Weigel Callahan '80 passed away
David Galle, brother of Cindy Galle Wanstrath '80 passed away
George Sheehan, father of Maureen Sheehan '81, Eileen Sheehan '83, and Terry Sheehan Strouse '84 passed away
Robert Wettering, father of Nicole Wettering Dickman '83 passed away
Gloria Koors, mother of Tress Koors Zielinski '84 passed away
Carol Sheehan Pogoni '88 passed away
Tom Habig, husband of Tracy Blitz Habig '90 passed away
Don Brebberman, father of Karla Brebberman Dilk '91 passed away
Shirley O'Connell, mother of Jennie O'Connell '91 passed away
Tom Steinkamp, father of Beth Steinkamp Moorman '95, Kate Steinkamp Tekulve '03 passed away
David Lee Verby from the class of '07 passed away
Don and Barb Horan, parents of Rebecca Horan '11 passed away
Are you a grandparent? Do your grandchildren go to Oldenburg Academy? Do your grandchildren live out of town? If you answered “yes” to any of the following questions, you are invited to join us for Grandparents Day!

Join us for our Spring Concert dress rehearsal on Friday, April 26 at 1:00 pm in the OA Auditorium. A cookie and punch reception will follow. Friends of our grandparents are welcome to join us as well!

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 am
Sponsored By The Oldenburg Academy Alumni Associations

Come and celebrate the season! The hunt begins at 10:00 am on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis. Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny and visit with old and new friends! After the hunt, refreshments will be served in the Twister Café in ICA Hall. Everyone is welcome.