

CLASS NOTES

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1956

Peggy Conway '56 recently performed in a one-act play at The Hamlet at Chagrin Falls. The play was called "Moonshine in the Church" and was written and directed by members of the Hamlet community. The play gathered a 150-person audience and took weekly rehearsals to practice lines and new techniques. The group is hoping to spread the word and continue to grow within their community!

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Sheila Parks Dunn** and **Kathleen O'Neill Frantz**. May they rest in peace.

Connie Strong and **Peggy Conway** attended **Kathleen O'Neill's** funeral in Johnstown, Ohio. It was a beautiful service and remembrance.

Several classmates from the class of 1956 attended the 50s/60s Luncheon including **Peggy Conway, Lynn Harvanian Boyd, Carol Hart Heck, Lois Egensperger Kovatch, Dee McDonnell Ritt, Rosa Schembri, Connie O'Connell Strong, Janet Neff Newsome, and Patricia McIntyre Westropp**. It was very fun catching up with everyone!

Lois Kovatch is still playing golf and enjoying life with her husband, Ken, of 66 years.

Janet Newsome enjoyed a wonderful visit back in June with her sister, Karen Thurber, Class of 1963.

Mary Anne Rotatori is expecting her 4th great grandson! Her and Bob are enjoying living at South Franklin Circle in Chagrin Falls half of the year and Naples during the winter. They are expecting 30 people for Thanksgiving

in Naples this year, should be wonderful!

Rosa Schembri belongs to Delta Kappa, which is a Teaching Society. They offer grants to members and students for teaching and traveling.

Lynn Harvanian Boyd is a retired medical technician. She has 4 grandchildren of whom are a nurse, a retired law enforcement officer, a biology researcher, and a schoolteacher. Lynn herself worked at St. Anselm's Young at Heart Group.

Delores Ritt is enjoying independent living at the Gates Mills Club.

Connie Strong has 3 great grandchildren. Carson, who is undergoing his terrible 2's, and Sebastian and Kendall are both 1. All of them live less than 5 minutes away from her! Connie prays that God will allow them to grow up in a happy, peaceful, innocent world as she did.

Patricia McIntyre Westropp is blessed to have 2 beautiful great grandchildren names McKinley and James.

1957

Despite a couple of last-minute cancellations, we had a good turnout for the Beaumont "Fabulous 50's" Luncheon on October 16. Carole Marciano, Joanne Ryan, Judy Nieser, Marianne Walton, Sister Praxedes and Barbara Schubert attended.

Sister Praxedes reported that her health is generally good despite being diagnosed with Parkinson's and a lung problem. She drove, with her sister (**Sister Carole**) from Nebraska, where Sister Carole has been living and working for fifty-five years, to Youngstown where she will be reunited

with her motherhouse. Can you imagine that there were few if any quiet moments on the cross-country drive!

Betty Artino Reid and her husband still live in Maine, where they have lovely lake views. They also have beautiful places to visit their grown sons and granddaughter, in Florida and California.

Carole Marciano also mentioned that she is still working and living in the same place where she and her husband raised their children.

Anne and Jack Dini, married for 65 years, have lived in and enjoyed Livermore, CA for 60 years. They have another Road Scholar trip planned, and can sometimes be found in Chautauqua, NY taking classes.

Monica Bolek reports that to upgrade her computer skills, she is taking a course, and generally trying to "do too much."

Mary Lewis and her husband, Tom, were in Cleveland this summer when we were able to share concerns over the coming election.

Mary Kay Maxon was unable to attend the luncheon because of the death of her brother. She said that her life centers around her grandchildren, as well as enjoying singing in St. Dominic's choir, playing tennis and working with her garden club and study group. Her grandchildren are successful in business, professional athletics, the law, entertainment and education, as well as working toward degrees at Dartmouth and Columbia.

Barbara Schubert is heading to London with two sons, their wives and my younger brother's wife. I will let you know when we gather for lunch if I come close to keeping up with them. Please keep in touch; Judy and I love hearing from you.

1963

Caroline Greuloch Graham '63 lost her husband of 53 years last year due to COVID.

Sr. Ritamary Welsh, OSU '63 completed her term as President of the Ursuline Sisters in June of 2024. She celebrated by going to spend 3 months in Florida with her family in The Villages (**Donna '62** and **Terry '65**). They had a wonderful summer with trips to all kinds of events and excursions! "It was hot, but no tornados!"

On September 15th of this year, Sr. Ritamary and **Sr. Sheila Tobbe** celebrated their 60th Jubilee as Ursuline Sisters. They both entered right after high school.

On October 14th of this year, **Judy Buling Carran '63** lost her husband of 56 years, Andrew "Sandy" Carran.

Shirley Miller Schilling '63 and her husband celebrated their 23rd annual vacation to Negril, Jamaica in February 2024. The highlight of their trip has been bringing shoes, socks, and school supplies as well as offering new roofs or refrigerators to an impoverished country school named Broughton Primary. The principal and superintendent of the school presented Shirley and all those who contributed with an engraved plaque of appreciation.

In July, Shirley celebrated her Slovak heritage by going on an intense 2-week Treasured Tours escapade throughout Slovakia. With a group of 25 participants, she crossed the country hiking, rafting, eating, sight-seeing, participating in cultural weddings, country fairs, and dances.

Shirley and her husband, Robert, became first time Great-Grandparents in October!

Shirley is excited to be celebrating Thanksgiving at her daughter's home who lives just next door to her!

1970

Rosemary Amato '70: Rosemary Amato sold her apartment in Amsterdam after 25 years of being in Europe. She is now living between the UK and Malta. Her latest volunteer project is working at the

Carmelite Library in Valletta helping with the inventorying of their books.

And a reminder to the entire class of 1970, our 55th reunion will be in September 2025!! And Beaumont is also celebrating 175 years in 2025. So it will be a great time to be back at Beaumont.

1974

MaryAnne Howland '74 currently lives in Nashville, Tennessee. She is the founder of Ibis Communications, a multiple award-winning marketing solutions firm, and the Global Diversity Leadership Exchange, a forum for business leaders on the front lines of driving diversity, equity, inclusion, and sustainability in global markets. She is also co-founder of J.E.D.I. Collaborative, an initiative serving the natural products industry created to address inequities in the wealth, health and well-being of historically marginalized people. She is currently co-chair of the Committee for Effective Services for Emerging and Underserved Communities for the Global Mental Health Task Force instituted by Deepak Chopra and United Nations Global Impact.

She has served as board chair of the American Sustainable Business Council where she founded the organization's Race and Equity Working Group and represented the organization at White House Summits, including Women Leaders in Climate Finance and Investment, Women and the Environment, White House Business Council, and the Green Business Summit. She is former chair of Social Venture Network and has served on several boards including Nashville Chamber of Commerce, Nashville Chapter of National Urban League, Nashville Public Television, and founder of the Mosaic Awards for the Nashville Chapter of the American Advertising Federation, to name a few in a long history of public service with national and local community and professional organizations. She is a sought-after speaker on the topic of social, economic and reparative justice, and has been a guest lecturer/speaker at conferences and

universities including NYU Stern School of Business, Vanderbilt University Law School, Belmont University International Business School, and Presidio Graduate School.

MaryAnne holds a BS in Communications from Boston University and has completed a Diversity Fellowship at Harvard Business School's Executive Management Program.

MaryAnne is the author of her first book, *Warrior Rising: How Four Men Helped a Boy on His Journey to Manhood*, published by Penguin Random House/Tarcher Perigee. It is available wherever you buy your books.

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1975

Maggie Patterson Domski '75 retired in September 2023 after a long career in dietetics and public health. She is loving retirement and enjoying being able to read more, travel more and spend time with her family, including her third grandchild born in September!

1982 & 1999

Tracy Washington Enger '82 and **Kristina Lechner Esposito '99** not only both live in Alexandria, Virginia, they live across the street from one another! Beaumont brought the two of them together and they both explain they are now "friends for life!". They thank Beaumont for the qualities of community and service it instilled in them throughout their lives and careers.



Kristina Esposito '99 and Tracy Washington Enger '82

1986

Lisa Popelka '86 is currently working at University Hospitals as a Nurse Manager.

1987

Laurel Popelka Monnig '87 is working as a Professor at Dayton University

Treva Offutt '87 and **Pamela Morton '81** had the pleasure of working together and reminiscing about Beaumont while on set of 'Purlie Victorious' at Karamu House. Offutt directed the show and Morton was one of the actors. Offutt says, "We have had great conversations about the school, growing up in the same neighborhood, and how proud we are to be 'Women of Moral Conviction!'. 'Purlie Victorious' runs through October 20th, 2025!

1994

Beth Popelka Crossno '94 serves as a role model mother to her remarkable five-year old son.

Amy Baughman Lloyd '94 joined the Cleveland Office of Freeman, Mathis & Gary, LLP as a Senior Counsel in August. She specializes in tort and catastrophic loss- medical malpractice defense of doctors, hospitals and long-term care facilities. She and her husband, Kevin, have three sons who are 18, 15, and 12.

Katie DeGioia Entsminger '94 is married with two teenage children. She is currently working as an elementary teacher in Las Vegas, NV.

2001

Donna Morris Norris '01 is transitioning for the 2024-2025 school year from being an intervention specialist to an administrator. She has assumed the role of Assistant Principal at Kenneth Clement Boys Leadership Academy, which is a school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. This role also makes her the first female to hold the position of Assistant Principal at the Kenneth Clement Boys Leadership Academy!



Amy Schwabauer '07 promoting her solo show 'I Wear My Dead Sister's Clothes'

2007

Just learned that **Amy Schwabauer '07** was recognized by Cleveland Public Theatre for her original work. Here's the link: https://www.cptonline.org/uncategorized/cpt-of-fers-cuyahoga-artists-two-developmental-awards/?fbclid=IwY2xjawEzA8hleHRuA-2FibQixMAABHSY3nbOimutYveakkYRly-4QYn3Mdn_Ir9qOf_VTqI9AIDZS5KIP-fuPIRw_aem_nWOI_Gq_PNySUawluPSTzw

In July of 2024, Amy performed her new solo show "I Wear My Dead Sister's Clothes" at the BorderLight Theatre Festival. She was awarded with the "Char and Chuck Fowler Audience Choice Award" as she performed for sold out audiences!

Amy was also awarded with an "Individual Artist Premiere Grant" in August of 2024 through the Cleveland Public Theatre. This award is given to individual artists "who demonstrate artistic excellence and innovation."



Donna Morris Norris '01 as Assistant Principal of Kenneth Clement Boys Leadership Academy

2013

Kailyn Brooks '13 purchased her first home in Atlanta, GA!



Kailyn Brooks '13 and her mother, **Yolanda Robinson '81**

2018

Adriana Gildone '18 and **Sydney Smith '18** Owners of Sogno (Italian for "dream") Sweets. Delicious ice cream treats. "Dream come true". Hi! We're Adriana & Syd, graduates of the Class of 2018, and new co-founders of Sogno Sweets. We are a unique dessert catering business featuring a vintage 1978 Italian apé that specializes in mini customizable ice cream sandwiches. We launched in the summer of 2024 and have since celebrated with various private events including weddings, birthdays, graduation parties, and showers! Sogno Sweets was created with the intention of celebrating life's special moments, big or small, with our favorite dessert—ice cream! We decided to bring the vision of Sogno Sweets to life one year following our college graduations, after realizing the importance of filling our lives



Sydney Smith '18 and Adriana Gildone '18

with a passion project that brought us so much joy. Making the decision to pursue this business was definitely a risk, considering we were and are still working our full time

careers, however, with the all-girls education and values instilled in us through our time at Beaumont, we knew that, together, we would be able to create a business that we are super

proud of! We are very excited to continue to grow Sogno (meaning “dream”) Sweets and would love to connect with any Beaumont sisters looking for an ice cream truck to elevate your next special event! We’d be happy to answer any questions you might have; you can reach us at sognosweets@gmail.com, through our inquiry form at www.sognosweets.com, or via our Instagram [@sognosweets](https://www.instagram.com/sognosweets). We hope to scoop for you soon!

2020

Bridget Popelka '20 is a recent graduate of Ohio State University.

2022

Catie Popelka '22 is enrolled at Baldwin Wallace University and is a talented actress in their drama department.

IN MEMORIAM

As of 10/21/24

Beaumont Alumnae:

Sister M. Valentine Delfino, O.Ss.T '41
Terry Gesualdo Vance '47
Jacqueline Rouquier Murphy '48
Sister Mary Benedict Badzik, O.S.U. '50
Marilyn McKay Horning '51
Lenore Curran Richards '51

Mary Jo Vince Rourke '54
Kathleen O'Neill Dunn '56
Karen Bauer O'Hara '56
Barbara Post '56
Helen Bordonaro Parisi '58
Judith Grace Hayes '59
Patricia Bambrick '60
Johanna Ciricillo Hart '60

Tara Coughlin Joyce '64
Elizabeth DeFino Wilson '65
Rosemary Pae '65
Faith Anderson Reed '72
Ann Schneider Lee '74
Jasmin Davis-Maddox '97