

CLASS NOTES

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1956

The Class of 1956 had a great time at the Fabulous 50's and Sensational 60's Luncheon. Among the Class of 1956 in attendance was **Janet Neff Newsome '56, Peggi Conway '56, Carol Hart Keck '56, Janet Woll Brunnett '56, Lois Egensperger Kovatch '56, Lynn Wolfram '56, Dolores McDonnell Ritt '56, Rosa Schembri '56, & Pat McIntyre Westropp '56** who enjoyed a delicious lunch from Chef Bo.

Rosa Schembri '56 went to a wedding for her niece at Marble Room.

Janet Neff Newsome '56 is retired and loves it.

Dolores McDonnell Ritt '56 is living at Gates Mills Club.

Pat McIntyre Westropp '56 says the Grand Reunion was very special this year as Beaumont celebrates its 175-year anniversary. Pat and Dolores were the only two from the class of '56 in attendance. Next year will be the class of 1956's 70th Reunion and Pat hopes more can come!

1957

The Class of '57 filled a table at Beaumont's 50's & 60's Luncheon and enjoyed the conversation, food, and vowed to gather for lunch again soon.

Sister Praxedis (Janet Wakefield) '57 shared news of the wonderful 175th celebration that the Cleveland Ursuline sisters and friends enjoyed.

Mary Lou Deucher Fuerst '57 has a new great granddaughter.

Barbara Shubert's '57 great grandson

arrived to much texting from California over two stressful days, but all are doing well. Barbara is also heading to London for nine days with her son, two granddaughters and her brother and sister-in-law, joining the Great Lakes Theater Group.

Carole Margaret Marciano '57 described the happy faces her singing group, the Saint Fun Singers, enjoy seeing at the assisted living and nursing homes they visit.

1958

In October, we were happy to see some of our classmates at the Beaumont Luncheon, for the 50's and 60's classes. **Peggy Opaskar '58, Maria Shrembri Turk '58, Sarah Gill Cutting '58, Sr. Martha Mooney, OSU '58, and Mary Abraham Antoon '58,** enjoyed the luncheon and shared their news.

Peggy Opaskar '58 is busy volunteering for the Food Bank at the Heights Emergency Food Center.

Maria Schembri Turk '58 is a member of the Tau Chapter of the Delta Kappa Society of Women Educators. She is a past teacher and educator.

Sara Gill Cutting '58 has fun making great meals for her family and friends, who visit often, and really enjoy her efforts. As a long-time educator, she is currently tutoring.

Sister Martha Mooney, OSU '58 is always ready to advise our classmates about all things Beaumont. We enjoy hearing from her about events at school. Sister Martha's affiliation with Beaumont dates to 1944, when her oldest sister was a freshman. Fast forward, many in her family have had the gift of a Beaumont education. Thus, all of them

are celebrating Beaumont's 175th Anniversary. Her Ursuline community is also celebrating its 175th anniversary. She has been an "Ursuline Girl" since kindergarten at St. Ann's, to Beaumont, then to Ursuline College and is certainly celebrating "175 years of joyful service". One of the Ursuline Community's causes for joy this jubilee year is the opening of Creative Living for Life at Ursuline Sisters, a twenty-three-unit home for adults with disabilities, which has been built on the Ursuline Sisters' property next to the Motherhouse.

Sister Martha says she is most grateful for her Ursuline experience, especially her years at Beaumont as a student and co-worker to many.

Kay Rooney Kusnerek '58 has been enjoying when her daughters and family visit her.

Carol Dowling Gallucci '58 and her family meet every Sunday for dinner and have a great time together. She is proud to have 16 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Rene Peterson Mooney '58 is in Florida with her husband, Larry (Sister Martha's brother), and they love it there.

Mary Abraham Antoon '58 has a great time with her family whether they are going to one of her five grandchildren's sporting events or school activities, or having a great dinner together, she enjoys it all.

1963

Sister Ritamary Welsh, OSU '63 was thrilled to be the recipient of the Distinguished Alumna Award this past September at the 175th Grand Reunion Celebration. Sister Ritamary says she owes a great deal to Beaumont and all the wonderful Ursuline



Sisters – Suzanne Hughes Rydel '63, Connie Hughes Brady '64, Mary Alice Jones '68, Nancy Hughes Wallace '71 and their sister-in-law, Mary Bourke Hughes '73

sisters who taught her and influenced her life choices. Sister Ritamary says she turned 80 in October. Her family came in from Florida and had a wonderful birthday brunch at her brother's house with family and friends. A few days later, Sister Ritamary and her sisters Donna and Terry drove to Lancaster, PA to see the play "Noah" at the Sight and Sound Theater. She says it was magnificent! They spent a few days there in Amish Country and went to another theater to see "A Chorus Line". She says it was a great three-day birthday adventure!

Suzanne Hughes Rydel '63 is from a family of nine children. Four sisters graduated from Beaumont and the brother attending Chanel and St. Ignatius. This past summer the family took a Rhine River Viking Cruise with their spouses and some extended family (pictured above).

Caroline Greuloch Graham '63 lost her husband of 53 years 2 years ago and lost her oldest daughter to colon cancer last February. Caroline's youngest daughter took her on a trip to 6 of the National Parks in Utah. Caroline and her husband had planned to go on this trip so her daughter took her to check off another bucket list item. Caroline cannot believe her, and her classmates are turning 80 this year and says,

"What a milestone for those of us still around. I feel sad for those who have passed away already. Don't put off doing those things on your bucket list because you never know what tomorrow will bring. Wishing you all good health and fun travels."

Gerry Jarzembowski Hadley Richard '63 turns 81 in November in will celebrate on another cruise. Gerry teaches bridge while cruising and her upcoming cruise for 2 weeks will take her from the Canary Islands through Puerto Rico and Barbados before returning to Miami. She enjoys seeing the world and appreciates her Catholic upbringing while visiting the most beautiful Cathedrals around the world. It is a testament to her heritage and Gerry feels truly blessed!

1965

Kathy Broad Purcelli '65 reports her husband passed away in February 2025. She has since moved to Nashville. Kathy has 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandson, 2 of which are in Nashville as well.

1966

Sally Begley '66 and her sister Kate ('71) traveled home to visit with friends and family. We met our friends at legendary Geraci's.

Dear friend, Marti – the champion restaurateur and booster of Beaumont, reminded us that Beaumont gave us lifelong friendships. Among those at the table: **Judith Neracher ('66) and Laura Holpit ('71)**. **Sue Trippi ('66)** dropped by and the adjacent table was filled with more Beaumont grads.

Sally just retired from higher education having spent the last 10 years in admissions at LaGuardia Community College in Queens, NY. She feels lucky to have lived and worked through the "boomer times." But now she says we are faced with the unraveling of so many important and hard-fought advances. She recalls her favorite class taught by "FT," Sister Frances Therese, and the study of Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities." "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness ...". She has joined Indivisible and on Sundays you'll find Kate and Sally demonstrating in downtown Montclair, NJ. Sally is sending good wishes to all of her classmates and hopes you're enjoying retirement and finding ways to fight for essential healthcare, the rule of law, and so much more.

Kathy Gulla Gerome '66 writes that she has been hanging out with her 8 grandchildren. She recently moved to the beautiful Auburn Lakes just past Chagrin Falls. She is enjoying all the good neighbors, club at the pool, golf carts, and the lake.

Paula Guzzo Mason '66 lives there as well, and **Terry Rini Patton '66** left a few years ago to go to Florida. Kathy is still doing accounting for a law firm in Pepper Pike. Her son lives near Beaumont, so she is always nearby.

1970

Loretta Randle O'Brien-Parham '70 extends a thank you to her fellow Beaumontsters for showing up to represent the class of 1970 and support her as she received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Beaumont. "Still the most fun group of all! Happy Holidays to everyone".

Rosemary Amato '70 is still living in Malta and the UK, and her door is always open for those with travel plans.

1971

Mary Beth Doyle Radigan '71 is excited to be head golf coach for Team Florida USA games in Minneapolis, Minnesota next June. She will be traveling with 15 Special Olympic golfers chosen throughout the state. Cleveland has been awarded the 2030 Special Olympics. Maybe we'll be cheering on Mary Beth and her team of athletes here in her hometown.

Members of the **Class of '71** joined the Grand Reunion Celebration, on September 19th, celebrating 175 years of sisterhood. Meeting at Beaumont were **Bette Anne Santoriella '71, Janice Gude Bowen '71, Gayle Gyuricza Klements '71, Mary Kay Hutchinson Malone '71, Rita Murphy Carfagna '71, Maureen Hawkins Christy '71 and Joan Pistone '71.**

Susan Gorris '71 earned her Master's degree from Syracuse University in art education and studio arts and a Master's in painting and drawing at Arizona State University and taught Visual art for over 40 years. Susan sent the following... In addition to exhibiting my own oil paintings, ceramic sculpture and drawings, I have been organizing Art in the Country with local artists and professional models for weekly sessions of figurative and portrait study. My studio is surrounded by a family of furry and feathered friends who entertain all of us and keep me busy, I love living in Canada and am a proud dual citizen of 40 years. On Facebook, a glimpse of Art in the Country in Aldergrove can be found with images of the diverse artists and dynamic artwork created in the sessions. Contact with Beaumont Classmates is always welcome! uu3sgorris@shaw.ca

Donna Marie Fioritto Tamburo '71 and her 2 daughters, Christine Yankovic '00 and Mariana, have all been very active in Supporting House of Champions. The girls have chaired and co-chaired the event for several years. The mission of House of Champions, started by Sister Mary Kay

Conkey, OSU, is to provide a nurturing and safe setting in a family-like environment for grade school age children. Check it out on Facebook.

Sending sympathy to **Barb Nieser Luskin '71** on the loss of her sister Laura (Laurie) Nieser Onyshko '72.

1972

Maryellen Amato Stratmann '72 and her husband took a Northwest Parks Tour in late August. They enjoyed seeing the Rockies, the Grand Tetons, the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse, and what seemed like every park between her home in Missouri and Colorado. One more item crossed off her bucket list!

Mary Beth Walton Guzzo '72 traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina, at the end of September. She enjoyed family time with her niece, great nephew Chance and great niece Calista. On her way back to Cleveland, Mary Beth and **Adrienne Senft Kohn '72** enjoyed a delicious dinner at Adrienne's favorite restaurant. They shared laughs and memories and even a few drinks for some much needed catch up time. Mary Beth was the perfect overnight house guest as usual! Time to plot their next adventure!

Mary Beth Walton Guzzo '72 is preparing for a two-week trip to Egypt beginning the day after Thanksgiving. She will spend a day or two in Cairo, then head down to Aswan for a five-day cruise on Lake Nasser. She'll then head over to the Nile at Edfu for another three-day cruise ending in Luxor, then return to Cairo for several days and depart for home on December 12th. Some expected highlights include the Egyptian Museum, the Pyramids, the Valley of the Dead and Abu Simbel, and a ride on a felucca, a replica of an ancient Nile sailboat. Mary Beth is traveling solo but on a tour with her college, Fordham University, and looking forward to meeting many new friends!

Kathy Simoson O'Brien '72 is celebrating her tenth grandchild. Welcome to the world, Grace Mary O'Brien!

Mary Roncagli Johnson '72 reported that she was at a casino in London watching a

Browns game. Joining in the fun were her two sisters, **Sharon Roncagli '78 and Monica Roncagli Bechhold '80.** They were excited to meet a fellow Beaumont alum, **Andrea Herrera '13,** even though the Browns lost!

Karen Bartko Reming '72 is planning a Christmas get-together. Lunch will be held at Heck's Beachwood on December 16th at 12:00 noon. No need to make a reservation in advance, just show up to celebrate the Holidays!

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Laura Nieser Onyshko '72** in September. Contributions can be made in Laurie's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, Beachwood. Also, we mourn the loss of **Tracy Arnold Champion '72** in October 2024. And our deepest condolences go out to **Fay Conway Algeo '72** on the sudden passing of her husband Howard. May they rest in peace.

Please continue to pray for our classmates and their families, especially those facing difficult health challenges.

Have a happy and holy Holiday season!

1975

Donna Schuele '75 has been elected to the Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians and continues to serve as a Distinguished Lecturer for the OAH.

1978

Maidie Volpe McGarry '78 and Rosemary Leone Nemeth '78 wish many of their classmates a Happy Retirement! "We are proud of your career success and now excited about your new beginnings. Enjoy the open road to adventure! According to Dick Van Dyke, 'Retirement means doing what you have fun doing'".

Also, sending a Congratulations to **Mary Stevenson '78** for all her social justice work at COAR. She is being presented with the Ursuline Alleluia Award on November 23rd.

1981

Peggy Monastra '81 is currently working as

the VP of music publisher G. Schirmer/Wise Music in NYC. She has worked here for 31 years. Peggy is living with her husband Steven Osgood in Ossining, NY. They just celebrated their 27th Anniversary and have two sons in college. One is at Wesleyan University, and the other is at Marist University. Peggy has also worked as a freelance consultant to composers and opera companies. She continues to do art projects and paint in her spare time. Peggy loves that every day she can visit her parents and friends in Cleveland and keep in touch with Beaumont friends. Peggy also taught music at Beaumont in the 80's and loved all the memories!

1985

Rachel Schuele Verderber '85 says we had our 40th Reunion in September. Classmates who live out of state came back for the Reunion to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the opening of the school. We had a good turnout at school on Friday. We went to AJ Rocco's for dinner on Saturday. It was nice for all of us to see one another again, especially for those who live out of town and have busy schedules.

1996

Covesa McPherson Gragg '96 is growing an event planning business as well as starting the process of looking for a dog.

2001

Gina Mazzone Mason '01 is currently employed at Los Angeles Unified School District, teaching 1st grade. Most recently she

was voted in as the president of her school's Governance council which she enjoys. She is married to Laurence and has 3 children – Rocco, Reggie, & Raja. Rocco plays football and runs track; Reggie runs cross country and track. Also, she holds the 400m record in her conference. Lastly, Raja is learning the ABC's (she's 3). Lord willing, she'll run like her older siblings.

2016

Rebecca Lachman '16 started a new job with MetroHealth where she is a Mental Health Counselor at the Cuyahoga County Jail. She loves it and is very excited about her new opportunity.

2020

Karyn Sanders '20 graduated from Hiram College in 2024 with a degree in Middle Childhood Education, specializing in Math and Science. Following graduation, Karyn began her teaching career at a charter school in Collinwood. She completed her first year of teaching students in grades 5 through 8.

Madison Bitikofer '20 graduated from Baldwin Wallace University with a bachelors in Middle Childhood Education. Madison is currently teaching in Orlando, Florida and attending University of Central Florida to obtain her Masters in Education in December 2025 as well as her Doctorate in Education by December 2026. She says Beaumont will always have a special place in her heart and wishes everyone the best in their future endeavors.

Ellie Teknos '20 is a nurse in the neonatal

intensive care unit at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. She is also working towards becoming a neonatal nurse practitioner in their graduate-entry nursing program.

Helen Hoover '20 is currently living in St. Louis and has been working at St. Louis Children's Hospital for about nine months as an RN on the Hematology/Oncology floor. She is getting trained on the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit and has absolutely loved her experience so far! The children and their families have shown her the true meaning of strength.

Lily Clemente '20 just finished her degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Akron in May 2025. She is working at PCC Airfoils located in Wickliffe, OH as a process engineer in their wax department and started in this role in June of 2025.

Katie Bagley '20 graduated in December of 2024 from Ohio State with a BS in Industrial Engineering. Katie coached Beaumont lacrosse for the Spring 2025 season while waiting for her full-time job as a process engineer with Sherwin Willimas to start in Dallas, Texas in July 2025.

Ava Fornara '20 recently moved to Idaho for grad school. The University of Idaho has a field campus called the McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS), where Ava is working towards a master's in environmental education and science communication. For the past months, Ava has lived in the middle of Ponderosa State Park, alternating between taking classes and teaching school groups. She says Idaho is beautiful and she is learning a lot!

IN MEMORIAM

As of 11/3/2025

Beaumont Alumnae:

Sister M. Valentine Delfino, O.S.S.T '41

Mary Day Reinmann '51

Carol Murphy '58

Patty Keeffe Smith '60

Fran Yeip Daley '65

Susan Lang '67

Sharon Mulligan Mendelsohn '68

M. Ellen Rainone Kickel '69

Laura Nieser Onyshko '72

Debbie Schaut Payne '75