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## 2009 SPIRIT of MARYCREST AWARD WINNER

The Marycrest housekeeping staff was honored with the Spirit of Marycrest Award in October at the Homecoming open house held on the former campus.

The 2009 recipients were: (l to r) the late Joyce Clark (award received by her sister, Eva McDowell); Lucina Jimenez; Doris McQuay; Betty Wilson, the head of housekeeping; and Ana Huizar.



The alumni board now is accepting nominations for the 2010 Spirit of Marycrest award. It is presented each year to a member(s) of the Marycrest family who exhibits the qualities that represent Marycrest's heritage -- from its history of volunteerism to career leadership and service to community. If you know a Marycrest alum, faculty or staff member who is keeping the Marycrest spirit alive, please contact the alumni board at marycrestalumni.com or on the association's Facebook page to make a nomination.

The next award will be presented during Homecoming, Oct. 2-3, 2010.

Past Spirit of Marycrest winners

2002 – Jan Luton

2003 – Betty Dalton

2004 – Gary Monnard

2006 – Linda VanHese

2007 -- Cliff Wilkerson

2008 – Beth Wehrmann

2009 – Marycrest Housekeeping Staff

## Sr. Annette Gallagher, CHM

Nov. 10, 1924 – Jan. 24, 2010



The Marycrest Alumni Association sadly lost one of its best supporters earlier this year. Sr. Annette Gallagher was an honorary lifetime member of the alumni board, devoting nearly 60 years to the alumni board. She was a driving force on the board up until 2006 when she decided to step down.

She died Jan. 24 – 67 years to the day after she entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary. She was 86. Sr. Annette was known by generations of Marycrest students – giving 42 years to the college, including 19 as a social studies professor and 23 as a reference librarian and Marycrest archivist. She also had served as an academic advisor and the alumni secretary.

Sr. Annette was a graduate of Marycrest, earning her BA degree in education in 1948. She received her MA in history from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1950, and a PhD from the University of Arizona in Tucson in 1970.

During her teaching career at Marycrest, she was a history and current affairs teacher – well known for her Contemporary Affairs class. Students and fellow sisters, who gathered at her memorial in Davenport, recalled fondly how she taught them all the importance of being aware of the world around them, assigning them to read Time Magazine weekly.

The alumni board has long missed her attention to detail as well as her handwritten notes – usually on small bits of paper -- about alumni and news about their lives. She was an irreplaceable source of knowledge about alumni and Marycrest history.

May she rest in peace.

Memorials may be made to the Sisters of the Humility of Mary.

## Homecoming 2010

The Marycrest Alumni Board invites all alumni and friends of Marycrest to join in the Homecoming 2010 festivities. As always, Homecoming will be the first weekend in October, with events planned for Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd and 3rd.

Saturday, Oct 2 - Our main Homecoming event, an open house on the Marycrest Senior Housing campus, will be Saturday from 1- 4 p.m. in the Petersen Mansion. At 1:30 the Spirit of Marycrest Award will be given. All the friends of Marycrest are invited for an afternoon of strolling down memory lane. We hope you'll join us for refreshments, tours of the Senior Housing facilities and plenty of good conversation.

Sunday, Oct 3 - We will celebrate 10 a.m. Mass at the Sisters of Humility Center at 820 West Central Park, Davenport. At 11:30 a.m. there will be a "Dutch treat" buffet brunch at the Outing Club, Davenport, IA. \$20 will include tax and gratuity. We then close the weekend with the Alumni Association annual meeting, at the same location. Call Kathy Medhus, '53 at 309-796-3910 to RSVP.

## Keep the Marycrest Spirit Alive!

The Marycrest Alumni Association would like to thank all the alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have offered us financial gifts through memberships, other donations and by supporting our events and efforts. Membership in the association is open to all alums, former students, faculty, staff and Marycrest friends. We ask that each member consider paying a minimum donation of \$15 annually as dues. Proceeds are used to fund the association's operation.

- Memorial, In memory of \_\_\_\_\_. \$
- Sustaining Member, \$25-\$49
- Marycrest Spirit, \$50-\$99
- Patron, \$100-\$249
- The Crest Gift, \$250 and up

Gifts of any level will be appreciated. To donate to the Alumni Association, make checks payable to the Marycrest Alumni Association and send to Jennifer DeWitt, Treasurer, 2212 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Moline, IL 61265. Thanks in advance for helping us keep the Marycrest family together

A special thank you to these recent donors: **Marycrest Spirit:** Jane (Dyer) Schlitz, '59; Susan Albrecht-Felt, '76. **Sustaining Members:** Virginia Breaker; Nancy England Stipp '60; Renee Cooley; Rebecca Giltner Selgelid; Carol Smucker; Mary Riley Pence.

Remember to find us on Facebook!



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www.marycrestalumni.com



## Letter from the President

As we begin a new decade, it is natural to look to the past and reminisce about the good times. It is a blessing that the bad may fade a bit in our memories and the good be embellished a bit. The positive part of being a member of the Alumni Board is that you get more of a chance than you otherwise might have had to be involved in the good times that all of our brothers and sisters at Marycrest experienced. As more and more people share their contact information with the board, we are able to help people make connections with old roommates, professors, teammates, and co-workers.

In the past couple of years we have helped people to connect through the updating of our Web site at [www.MarycrestAlumni.com](http://www.MarycrestAlumni.com), establishing an official Marycrest Alumni Association Facebook page, and in helping to facilitate the connection of people who write us asking how to locate their former friends and associates. We appreciate all of you who call, write, or e-mail us with your contact information. We need those of you who receive this newsletter to share it with those Marycrest people that do not receive it in order to continue to build our list of contacts. As we have shared before, when Marycrest closed, we lost most of the names and address information for Marycrest alums. We have worked hard at reconstructing that information and today have about 1000 good contacts, but this is a drop in the bucket compared to the total number of people connected with Marycrest. Spread the word. We love hearing from those who did not even know that an Alumni Association still exists.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the rest of the members of the Marycrest Alumni Board. They have volunteered their time and donated materials for many years, to keep this association afloat. I certainly appreciate the effort that all of the former and current board members have put into making this association so great. It is always sad to say goodbye to one of these valued members, but we had to do so with Sr. Annette Gallagher who passed away earlier this year.

I would also like to thank the alums who pay their \$15 annual dues and those who may donate a little more. This allows us to continue to put together a Homecoming celebration each year and a newsletter as well as award the Spirit of Marycrest Award annually. Without those donations, as well as the interest of the Marycrest community, we would be unable to exist.

So as we reminisce about the past let us also eagerly embrace the future. Make the Marycrest connection one that will continue for decades to come. Keep in touch with us, share our information, keep Marycrest alive.

*Lynne Schiffke, '81*

## CLASS of '60 GOLDEN REUNION

Hello Classmates--We are looking for all graduates and associates from the Marycrest Class Of 1960 to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion in Davenport, Iowa, the weekend of October 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2010. Marycrest is celebrating the same weekend as St. Ambrose this year, so could be interesting. On Friday night we will gather at Kelly's Irish Pub & Eatery (Nancy Kay's son's place) for a meet, greet, eat, etc. To be announced are Saturday's events, ending with a Sunday Mass at the Humility of Mary Center, and a brunch at the Outing Club to follow. We are in the planning stages but first need to complete our data base of updated names, addresses, phone no's and e-mail info for our class alumni directory This notice is to give you a "heads-up" to save the date for homecoming and for you to verify that our contact info is correct. Any suggestions for activities, talent, memorabilia and such would be greatly appreciated. This should be sent to Annie Tamburrino Livorsi, our contact person for the Homecoming Reunion. She also would like to know if you would be coming with a spouse or significant other. I would like to know if you have any classmates' names (with contact info) to add to our growing list. Please help spread the word. We hope that you will come. Thanks to all...Carol

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## CHM Corner

Join the Congregation of Humility of Mary this spring for a variety of programs at the Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. For more information or to register, contact Barbara Gross at: (563) 336-8414 or email: [olpretreat@gmail.com](mailto:olpretreat@gmail.com)

**April 13 – Knit One, Pray Too!** A Day of Knitting, Fellowship & Prayer. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee: \$15.00 – includes lunch. Bring 11 or 12 knitting needles, 3 six-ounce of yarn or a project in progress and join us as we create a prayer shawl, scarf or special gift. **Presenters: Ann Green, a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral; Anne Johnson, a fiber artist who has been knitting, spinning and sewing since childhood; and Karen Brooke, a lay minister at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and development director for the Sisters of Humility. Call 533-336-8401 for more details.**

**April 16 – Desert Pilgrim Spiritual Memoir Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Fee: Free-will offering. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bettendorf Public Library and Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat. Presenter: Mary Swander, author and professor. Program includes readings from her memoir “The Desert Pilgrim: En Route to Mysticism and Miracles” and a discussion of the role of women healers through western civilization. Participants will be encouraged to meditate and write a short narrative. Swander, the Poet Laureate of the State of Iowa, is an award-winning author of 10 books of poetry and non-fiction at a professor of English and of liberal arts and sciences at Iowa State University.

**April 16 – Private Retreat** following the Desert Pilgrim Workshop, noon-3 p.m. Fee: \$15 for lunch and afternoon. Spend a quiet afternoon reflecting, writing, walking the prairie trails or the labyrinth.

**April 20 – Out On A Limb**, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Presenter: Helen Schiltz, M.A.P.S., Spiritual Director. Fee: \$15 includes lunch. It's spring and all the trees are on the verge of leafing out. While they are still bare we will explore "going out on a limb" for God. With stories both personal and from Scripture, with a mix of quiet and conversation, we'll consider all the daily, large and small ways we find ourselves "out on a limb for God." Schiltz, a retreat leader, is a Catholic laywoman, married with three grown children. She is a graduate of Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO.

**April 28 – Walk for Spirit**, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Presenters: Lisa Martin Bellomy and Sr. Joan Sheil, CHM. Fee: \$15 - includes lunch. Discover how walking can lead to inner peace, mental focus, and spiritual awareness. After a short warm-up we'll walk and explore The Prairie trails as a group. Following a healthy lunch break, enjoy a personal journey walking the labyrinth, hiking alone or continuing to explore the trails with new friends. Bring a water bottle and walking shoes. Bellomy, a nature hiker, is the communications director for the Sisters of Humility. Sr. Joan Sheil is the CHM's archivist and the retired Marycrest library director. She also is an avid bird watcher and seasoned Rocky Mountain hiker.

If your schedule does not permit you to attend a scheduled retreat, consider reserving a day or several days for a private retreat. Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat is a ministry of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary and New Horizons of Faith.

## Homecoming 2009.



Homecoming was well attended and there was standing room only in Petersen Mansion for quite a while.