

Letter from the President

I never cease to be amazed at how small this world turns out to be. I run into people with ties to Marycrest everywhere I go.

You can recognize those of us who are board members for the Marycrest Alumni Association. We are relentless in our attempts to try to re-establish a mailing list with as many people from the Marycrest community as we can. We are the people who see you wearing a Marycrest shirt and chase you down in the grocery store or a parking lot. We meet you at weddings, sports events and in the elevator and are quick to jot down your contact information so that we can send you the newsletter and try to maintain contact. We would like to reconnect all people with ties to Marycrest-staff, faculty, graduates and people who may have just attended for a year or two.

I encourage all of you to access our Web site which was newly designed at the end of 2008. The board would like to thank Jennell Bergwall '89 for her talents in the re-design. When you visit, please leave your contact information so that we can keep in contact with you. I often see requests from people trying to locate their classmates and the more people who provide their information, the more assistance we can provide.

Being involved with the alumni board for the last four years has been a rewarding experience for me as I have been honored to meet so many of you who have gone on to lead and mentor others in your communities and the world. If you know some one you would like to nominate for the Spirit of Marycrest award please contact the board with your nomination by calling me at 563-391-2657.

It has definitely been a challenge to maintain an Alumni Association for a school that no longer exists but it is a challenge that must be met. We appreciate the comments from all of you that keep us going. You will find that we utilize e-mail as much as possible to save costs since we get no financial support other than your donations. If you are able to furnish an e-mail address rather than a postal address that will help the cause. I encourage all of you to participate in the Marycrest community in any way you can. Donate to the Association, come to Homecoming (held the first weekend in October), access the Web site, send us information about yourself that we can share with your classmates, join the Marycrest group on Facebook or MySpace. Anyway that you help maintain contact with the Marycrest community is what will help keep it strong. We often receive thanks for keeping Marycrest alive but it is your involvement and interest that keeps Marycrest alive. If none of you care, believe me, this little group would not have any ability to keep the spirit. It is through your involvement that Marycrest Spirit lives!

Lynne Schiffke

CLASS of '59 GOLDEN REUNION

As part of the 2009 Homecoming festivities the class of 1959 will celebrate its 50th anniversary reunion during the Marycrest Homecoming Weekend. They would like to invite the entire class of 1959 to attend the following tentative events:

Friday, October 2 - 6:00 pm Get Together at the Outing Club, Davenport, IA

Saturday, October 3 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm Join the other Marycrest Alums at the Open House, Marycrest Senior Campus, Petersen Mansion

Sunday, October 4 – 10:00 am Join the other Marycrest Alums at Mass at the Sisters of Humility Center, 820 West Central Park, Davenport.

Sunday, October 4 – 11:00 am Join the other Marycrest Alums for Buffet Brunch at the Outing Club.

For questions or suggestions contact Jane (Dyer) Schiltz jane.schiltz@mchsi.com or 239-642-3279.



All photos are from the 2008 Homecoming.

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2008 SPIRIT of MARYCREST AWARD WINNER

The 2008 Spirit of Marycrest award was presented last fall, at Homecoming, to alum Beth Wehrman, who sadly died just two weeks later after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 56.

The award, presented by the Marycrest Alumni Association, was accepted on her behalf by one of her daughters, Leah White, during a ceremony at The Outing Club, Davenport.

Beth, who received her BSN in nursing from Marycrest College in 1986, had been a trailblazer in her field. A wife, mother and grandmother, she had led MEDIC in its early days and went on to be executive director of the AIDS Project Quad-Cities. She and her husband also had their own insurance business.

Beth most recently had founded LifeGuard working as a 'street nurse.' She also had been the first female volunteer firefighter for the LeClaire Fire Department in LeClaire, Iowa.

Before her death, she had been one of the earliest supporters and one of the tireless Quad-City volunteers who worked to nominate and elect Barack Obama to the White House. Her family, including husband Randy, was thrust into the national spotlight when they were chosen among "41 regular people" who President Obama invited to join him on the Historical Whistle Stop train ride, presidential inauguration and the Neighborhood Ball on inauguration night.

Randy, who was a converted Republican, had introduced Obama at a rally of undecided voters held in Davenport last August.

In addition to Randy, Beth is survived by four daughters and eight grandchildren.

Throughout her life, Beth exemplified the spirit of Marycrest and truly was an example of the good, the true and the beautiful.



Frequently Asked Questions

by Tara (Bartosh) Moffit '99

I have been on the Board of the Marycrest Alumni Association for going on three years now. The Board gets asked many of the same questions over and over again. We have compiled a list of questions and answers below.

1. **As an alumni of Marycrest, how can I get a copy of my transcript?**

Answer: The transcripts for those who attended Marycrest are housed at the University of Iowa. Requests may be made by calling the Office of the Registrar at the University of Iowa at (319) 335-0230. You may also send a written request to Office of the Registrar, Attn.: Transcripts, 1 Jessup Hall, Iowa City, IA 52242. You may also submit a request in person at 17 Calvin Hall at the University of Iowa during service hours. The University of Iowa has warned that because the records may not be digitized, it may take up to four weeks before your request will be fulfilled.

2. **How do I locate my classmates?**

Answer: We on the Board are attempting to create a database of as many alums as possible. If you provide to the Board your name and contact information and indicate you are willing to share this information, we may be able to locate your classmates in our database and share your information with your classmates. *We will never sell or give your email or contact information to others without your permission.* You may also contact the Board by visiting our Web site at www.MarycrestAlumni.com or by writing to any of the officers at their addresses as shown in this newsletter. Other useful sites include the social networking web sites of Facebook and Myspace. You may be able to find your classmates by a simple search on those sites. Furthermore, Facebook includes a Marycrest group that you may join. The Board would welcome any contact information you may have for any Marycrest alumni. You may submit that information to any Board member. In addition, we are contemplating adding requests for classmate information to our web site. Please check often at our web site for classmate requests.

3. **Where can I purchase Marycrest memorabilia?**

Answer: Our web site includes a place where you can purchase Marycrest memorabilia, including but not limited to clothing, calendars, mouse pads, and mugs. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Marycrest Alumni Association. To purchase your Marycrest memorabilia, visit www.MarycrestAlumni.com and select the Marycrest Gear link on the left hand side of the screen. If you do not have access to the internet, you may contact one of the Board members and we will assist you.

4. **What does the Marycrest Alumni Association do?**

Answer: The Marycrest Alumni Association seeks to keep the spirit of the college alive. We continue to have a homecoming every year, usually the first weekend of October. We also continue to socialize with the Sisters of the Humility of Mary for several events.

5. **How do I become a member of the Marycrest Alumni Association Board?**

Answer: We are always welcoming new members. Please contact us and we will let you know when the next meeting is scheduled.

If you have questions that were not answered here, please submit your questions to a Board member or at our Web site.

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Keep the Marycrest Spirit Alive!

Thanks to our supporters. 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.

To donate, please send your check to Jennifer DeWitt, Treasurer, 2212 11th Ave., Moline, IL 61265.

Gifts include: Sustaining Member, \$25-\$49; Marycrest Spirit, \$50-\$99; Patron, \$100-\$249; The Crest Gift, \$250 and up.

Homecoming 2009

Activities

The Marycrest Alumni Board invites all alumni and friends of Marycrest to join in the Homecoming 2009 festivities. As always, Homecoming will be the first weekend in October, with events planned for Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd and 4th.

Saturday, Oct 3

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 4

We will celebrate 10 a.m. Mass at the Sisters of Humility Center at 820 West Central Park, Davenport. At 11:00 , there will be a "Dutch treat" buffet brunch at the Outing Club, Davenport, IA. We then close the weekend with the Alumni Association's annual meeting, at the same location. Call Kathy Medhus, '53 at 309-796-3910 to RSVP.



Beth Wehrman's daughter Leah White with baby Erika, friend Angie Shelton, Sr. Johanna Ricki and Sr. Mary Rehmman, CHM Pres. At the Outing Club, Homecoming 2008.



Cozie Diaz '47 & Jen DeWitt '87