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Earlier this year, I described to our faculty and staff some of the external political, educational, and economic forces that challenge colleges like ours at this time in our of these challenges is

country's history. One of these challenges is the political pressure to reduce publicly-funded support for low-income students. These students are precisely the ones who need to join the ranks of the college-educated if we are to progress as a society, and Marygrove views our service to these students as living our commitment to the Gospel values of love, compassion, and justice. As such, we have been proudly dedicated to serving this population for decades.

The Obama Administration has been a strong advocate for low-income students; policies enacted during the President's first term in office have been supportive of their needs. Unfortunately, there remains considerable political opposition in Washington D.C. to such policies, recently resulting in some farreaching changes to Pell Grant eligibility. Many low-income students at Marygrove- and at colleges across the country- are discovering only in the last few months the impact of the application of this new mandate. Like many colleges across the nation, we are working hard to measure the magnitude of the impact and to counsel students on how to respond. The new Pell Grant changes will narrow eligibility requirements-reducing awards for some students while eliminating them for others. In short, the changes reduce the

Message from President David J. Fike

maximum number of semesters students can receive Pell Grant help (reduced to 12 straight semesters from 18); cut out students who were previously eligible for the minimum Pell Grant award; withdraw Pell Grant aid for students who do not have a high school diploma or GED; and lower the maximum income allowable for students receiving maximum assistance from the program (the income level has been changed from thirty thousand to twenty-three thousand).

Our mission and leadership vision call us to support these students. I want to assure you that administration, faculty and staff are finding ways to help our students reach their dreams of graduating with a Marygrove College degree. Our goal is to assist as many of these effected students as possible and I am pleased with our progress to date.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, our loyal alumni. Your financial support continues to make a significant difference in the lives of our students and subsequently, our communities. Thank you for remaining true to our mission of serving those who truly deserve to know the transformative power of a college education—the exceptional Catholic liberal arts education we have been facilitating for over one hundred proud years.



News from Alumni Association President

Sherrie Konkus '06

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as President of the Marygrove College Alumni Association. After a fulfilling career

providing systems integration solutions to businesses in many industries, I left a VP position with global responsibilities about 13 years ago to nurture my three children to adulthood and start a new chapter in my life. Marygrove has figured prominently in my next chapter; I graduated in 2006 with the first cohort of Master of Social Justice graduates. Today I use those consulting skills to craft solutions to an entirely different set of problems, and am grateful for all that Marygrove has taught me about justice, advocacy, and how to pursue meaningful change in a world that often resists it.

The days ahead are both challenging and exciting for our Alma Mater. The current business and economic climate presents financial challenges for our students and for Marygrove. We are called to find ways to be more efficient and to be aware of and respond nimbly to fundamental changes emerging in the educational marketplace, while holding fast to our core mission and values.

While that sounds like a daunting environment to operate in, it is our core strengths that equip us to meet these challenges. Our compassion and commitment to serving those that otherwise might not have access to a college education can and must continue even as we tap our deep and wide competencies to re-envision ourselves for a changing world. Our passion to help the next generation of urban leaders rise up and fulfill their dreams both energizes and renews us during demanding times.

As I begin serving in this new role, I'm thinking deeply about the difference Marygrove has made in my life, and I encourage each of you to do the same. Be assured that those of us serving on the Alumni Board will look carefully at the changes Marygrove and our students find themselves facing and seek ways to help us adapt; it is likely that we ourselves will change (e.g., new committees and/or new areas of focus within existing committees) to better serve our alumni, students and Marygrove. We who love her can help her bend with the wind and keep her strong and steady. Your gracious tending has done so for years!

Free Technology Training Workshops Offered for Alums

The Educational Technology Services Department at Marygrove offers free technology training workshops (registration required) to alumni on a variety of topics including Windows and Microsoft Office 2010 -Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Training sessions are offered in the Student Technology Instruction & Collaboration Center (STICC) classroom located in L011 of the Library's lower level. For more information or to register for a workshop, contact the STICC at (313) 927-1582 and/or view the calendar at



www.marygrove.edu/ets and click on STICC Workshops on the right side panel.

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Commissioned Statue Bears the Many Gifts of Sisterhood



A New statue graces the top of a gentle, bubbling fountain in the Keenan Courtyard at Marygrove. A loving gift from Rosemary Quinlan Kelly '46, it is a fitting tribute to her sister, Ann Marie (Clotilda) Quinlan, IHM, '35, a former Marygrove Dean of Art and Professor of French and Religion, remembered fondly by many as a spirited activist who shared her pursuit of peace with the world.

Ann Marie Quinlan,'35

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"Our Foundation" cast in bronze, was commissioned by the college to renowned sculptor, Mircea Orza. It portrays six women lifting up an image of the Holy Mother, signifying the IHMs' building of Marygrove College. It illustrates the toil and resolve of the IHMs, and also represents a sister's personal love and respect of her sibling who passed away in 1996—leaving a humanly void that could never be filled.

A friend remembers the story of the tears Sister Ann Marie's family shed when she left for St. Mary's Academy in 1937. The tears were both of pride and joy, but ultimate sadness to "give her up." She was known as the postulant who seemed to "move on tiptoe"... and "...though her head may have been 'in the clouds,' her feet were firmly planted on the ground." Not unlike the statue crafted in her image, and the image of hard-working IHMs like her which rests solidly on its foundation, yet reaches to the sky.

A cultured artist, teacher of French and Religion and librarian with 20 years of service at Marygrove, Sister Ann Marie spent her later years in warmer climates. Blessed with added vigor, she was able to devote her last 11 years to parish ministry in Florida. She worked with young and old; was a dedicated activist in her Florida diocesan Respect Life Commission on opposition to capital punishment, and volunteered untold hours educating migrant children.

We pay homage to the sister who truly loved prayer, and shared the Gospel of peace to all those who were fortunate enough to be in her tutelage. We deeply thank Rosemary Quinlan Kelly for honoring us with a beautiful piece of enduring art. It is a masterful reminder of Sister Ann Marie's devotion, and that of her loving sisterhood—both familial and religious—which will inspire the Marygrove Community for generations to come.

Please join us for a formal dedication on Saturday, September 15 at 2:30 p.m. during Alumni Reunion Weekend. Ann Marie Quinlan, IHM 55th Reunion in 1990



The rose looks fair, but fairer we it deem For that sweet odour which doth in it live. —Shakespeare, Sonnet 54

Last fall the Department of English and Modern Languages formally dedicated the Maureen DesRoches Shakespeare Garden with a brief ceremony followed by refreshments. Maureen herself was present, as were several of her colleagues and her classmates. Laurie Kopack '05, '11, one of Maureen's former students, was one of those who spoke, saying, "As I look back fondly on my studies here at Marygrove, Maureen will always stand out as an instructor who infused the joy of learning into everything she taught."

Maureen DesRoches Shakespeare Garden Formally Dedicated

The garden honors the commitment of Professor Emerita Maureen DesRoches '55, who worked tirelessly at Marygrove full-time from 1969 through her retirement in 2007, and now as an adjunct professor in the department.

Like all Shakespeare gardens, this one contains only plants and trees that are mentioned in the works of William Shakespeare, as well as a bust of the author. Plantings in the garden include holly, yew, hydrangea, day lily, rose, boxwood, thyme, lavender, columbine, primrose, cornflower, monkshood, fern, foxglove, mallow, daisy, hibiscus, iris, yarrow, lamb's ear, veronica, delphinium, and poppy.

Set in the courtyard behind the Liberal Arts Building between the Theatre and the Sacred Heart Chapel, the garden was designed by Dr. Michael Martin '97, one of Maureen's former students and currently assistant professor of English and Co-Director of the Nancy A. McDonough Geschke Writing Center at Marygrove.

Since countless numbers of Marygrove students owe their appreciation of Shakespeare to Maureen's enthusiastic love of the Bard, the Department of English and Modern Languages felt a Shakespeare garden was the perfect way to recognize this extraordinary colleague and thank her for all she has done for the College. The garden was funded by contributions from alums and friends of Maureen.

The Maureen DesRoches Shakespeare Garden is a gorgeous spot. The next time you are on campus during spring, summer, or fall, please stop by the garden and take a few moments to relax and think of our good friend Maureen.





Attention Behavioral Health Care Providers

Marygrove College's Department of Social Work and the Division of Continuing Education and Career Enhancement present:

Applied Professional Education Seminars for Addiction Specialists

These dynamic, highly interactive seminars will address the specific needs of helping professionals working with addiction issues in short, half-day forums that will earn 3 CEU hours toward the Michigan Certification Board of Addiction Professionals (MCBAP) and the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative (MSWCEC) continuing education requirements.

For more information related to topics and registration call (313) 927-1219. The seminars are scheduled to be held on:

> Friday, September 28 Friday, October 26 Friday, November 30

All seminars are from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Denk Chapman Hall on the Marygrove College campus and affordably priced at \$49 each. Save more by registering for all three, only \$125. Participants with a student ID card pay only \$10 per seminar. Please register in advance.



DECEASED ALUMS

Catherine Pelletier Kuebler '37 Jacqueline Erbacher Horn '38 Kathleen Richter Smalley '46 Kathleen Barry '47 Anne Youngblood Zink '47 Mary Lou Behen Fogarty '48 Shirley Mirus O'Halloran '50 Darlyne Clark '50 Evangeline Nestor, IHM '50 Ann Cieglo Futvoye '51 Margaret Murphy Adams '53 Connie Olivia Hoffman, IHM '55 Lucille Smalley, IHM '55 Mary VanGilder, IHM '56 Electa Herringer, IHM '56 Roberta Schwartz '60 Joan Conway Dessinger '61 Catherine Senia, IHM '61 Carol Oddo Machiorlatti '63 Mary Lou Raytis Murray '80 Timothy Loszewski '92 Tzveta Tocheva '09

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Dorothy Martin Crowley '44 Margaret Fallon Qualmann '42 Ila Sarchet Lancendorfer '57 Ann Hagerty DeMare '67

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Elizabeth Kolinski Walter '64 Marguerite Kolinski Wescott '67 Mary Ann Jennings Allen '77 Robert Calhoun, Jr '81 Martin Jennings '97

Sister of:

Mary Ellen Murphy Masterson '53 Theresa Koernke, IHM '66

Brother of: Susan Steinman Kull '49

Son of: Patricia Malott Chelsky '60

Participatory Action Research

As a part of the College's Urban Leadership Initiative, the **Participatory Action Research (PAR)** team is looking for Marygrove alumni who have experience planning or working on PAR projects in any community, either in the Detroit area or elsewhere.

PAR is a specific approach to communitybased research and action that involves community members as equal partners in every stage of research from identifying the focus to evaluation. PAR projects plan and execute specific actions in the community that address community-identified concerns/ issues, often related to questions of social justice, such as environmental justice, unjust incarceration, or unequal access to health care or educational opportunities. We would appreciate hearing from you and consulting with you on our projects. Please contact Dr. Brenda Bryant at (313) 927-1502 or bbryant@marygrove.edu, or Elena Herrada, Coordinator, Master of Social Justice Program at (313) 927-1418 or eherrada@marygrove.edu.



New Social Work Alumni Facebook Page!

This alumni Facebook page will offer many exciting features that inform you about: classmates, with pictures, past and present; networking opportunities for jobs, resources, friendship, and community news; service projects/social actions (Be Prepared to Get

Involved!); opportunities to mentor or tutor a current Social Work student; and information on how to become a field supervisor for a Social Work intern. It will also remind you of important dates such as: Continuing Education Workshops, the Distinguished Alumni Award event (this year celebrating Dorothy Seebaldt '66!), Domestic Violence Awareness Month, special speakers, Social Work Month Luncheon, Take Back the Night, Senior Seminar, Social Work Alumni Picnic, as well as the SW Alumni Reunion, currently planned for September of 2013. Soon there will be a guest blog feature.



Join us on the Marygrove Social Work Alumni Facebook page by simply sending a friend request. If you have questions, need more information or want to get involved immediately, please contact **Diana Clark '03**, Social Work Advisor/Recruiter and Adjunct Professor at (313) 927-1556 or dclark7948@marygrove.edu.

2012 ALUMNI REUNION

Alumni Reunion 2012 celebrates the graduating classes of 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952,

1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007, however, everyone, regardless of graduation year, is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.



Thursday, September 13 11th Annual Sr. Jan Soleau Memorial Swing and a Prayer Golf Scramble

11:00 a.m. • Beacon Hill Golf Club • Commerce Township This event includes 18 holes with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, two drink tickets on the course, open bar at dinner and contest prizes. All skill levels are welcome. You may register individually, with a partner or with an entire foursome. The format will be best ball/scramble. Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$50 for dinner only. Registration deadline is Friday, September 7. If you have questions or need more information contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or <u>dpuhl@marygrove.edu</u>.

Friday, September 14 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception

7:00 - 10:30 p.m. • Marygrove College Theatre and Denk Chapman Hall The Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni Awards were established to recognize and honor alumni of distinction. These awards celebrate Marygrove's ideals of competence, commitment and compassion. All alumni are invited to attend the award ceremony in the Theatre and then enjoy refreshments, conversation and live music at the reception that follows in Denk Chapman Hall.



2012 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Award Recipients:



Juliana Casey, IHM '62



Miriam Mohrhoff Poirier '62



Dorothy Seebaldt '66



Sharon Rodgers Simone '67



Francie Kennedy '73





Jarell Williams '12

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 15 Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. • Madame Cadillac Hall

Mass

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. • Sacred Heart Chapel An alumni choir, under the direction of alumnus Tom Zerafa '91, will sing at this mass and you are invited to join them.

Class/Group Pictures

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. • Liberal Arts Building Pictures will be taken of classes whose graduation year ends in 2 or 7 (1957, 1962, etc.) and of groups from the 80s through present.

Lunch and Program

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. • Alumnae Hall

Men's Varsity Soccer Game and Tailgate 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. • Soccer Field

Campus Tours 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. • Madame Cadillac

Dedication of Courtyard Sculpture

2:30 -3:00 p.m. • The Keenan Courtyard

SATURDAY EVENING EVENTS

Check with your class representative to see if there is a specific event planned for your class.

Sunday, September 16

Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass honoring the Class of 1962

11:00 a.m. - Noon • Sacred Heart Chapel

Brunch and Induction of the Class of 1962 into the

Fifty Year Club and recognition of those who graduated prior to 1962 Noon - 2:00 p.m. • Main Dining Room

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms is being held at the **Doubletree by Hilton, 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, MI 48228.** You may reserve a single or double occupancy room for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday night for a discounted rate of \$99 per night. To make reservations, call (313) 336-3340 and identify yourself as a member of Marygrove College 2012 Alumni Reunion. Reservations must be received by September 1, 2012.







This is Nastang territory

Marygrove Mustangs Celebrate Move to WHAC

This academic year is going to be exciting as we celebrate our first 10 years of existence at the varsity intercollegiate athletic level, and the College's move into the NAIA's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC). Until now, Marygrove's athletic teams competed as an independent member of the NAIA which meant our Mustangs had to literally travel a very long road to qualify for national tournaments. Now, as a new member of the WHAC, the path to national tournaments is much more clearly defined.

By joining the WHAC, Marygrove becomes one of twelve schools that comprise the conference. Previously at 10 members, Marygrove becomes the ninth Michigan institution to join the league. Other WHAC members include Aquinas University, Concordia University, Cornerstone University, Davenport University, Indiana Institute of Technology, Lourdes University (OH), Madonna University, Siena Heights University, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and the University of Northwestern Ohio. Lawrence Technological University in Southfield joins Marygrove as a new conference member in 2012.

Before, as an NAIA independent, our teams had to travel to places like Thomasville, Georgia, or Asheville, North Carolina, to try to earn a bid to an NAIA national tournament. Now as a member of the WHAC, our teams will play much closer to home, with opportunities to actually host qualifying tournaments, as our teams will face more "regional" competition on a regular basis.

Along with the more defined tournament qualifying structure, conference membership brings other benefits. These benefits include building friendly rivalries with these institutions, increased media exposure for the College, and more recognition opportunities for Mustang student-athletes to earn conference awards.

Joining the conference is not only a historic milestone for Marygrove College, it has been a great learning experience for Marygrove's administration, athletic staff and student-athletes as the WHAC's rigorous membership application process has spanned the last 18 months.

Joining the WHAC is not the only reason to celebrate for the Mustangs. This spring the College announced the addition of its 14th varsity sport as men's lacrosse will be implemented into the Mustang Athletic



Program. Mr. John Tersigni was hired in May as the College's first lacrosse coach and he will be working to build a team that will hit the field in 2013-14.

As always, to keep up with the latest Mustang sports action, visit the Mustangs' website at

www.marygrovemustangs.com. Here you will find team rosters, schedules and stories on Mustang teams and studentathletes. More information on the WHAC can be found at www.whac.net. We hope you join our party and help us celebrate our new conference membership and continued growth of Mustang Athletics.



Dave Sichterman, M.Ed. Director of Athletics & Wellness

Women's 2012 Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 25	@ Indiana NW Tri Match (Robert Morris-Peoria)	ТВА
Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Penn State Invitational PSU-Greater Allegheny	ТВА
Sept. 7	@ Great Lakes Christian	7PM
Sept. 10	@ UM-Dearborn	7PM
SEPT. 12	INDIANA TECH*	7PM
Sept. 15	@ Rochester Invitational	TBA
Sept 19	@ Madonna*	7PM
Sept. 21	@ OSU-Marion	8PM
SEPT. 26	SIENA HEIGHTS*	7PM
Sept. 29	@ Concordia Quad	10AM, 12PM, 2PM
OCT. 3	GREAT LAKES CHRISTIAN	7PM
Oct. 6	@ Cornerstone	1PM
Oct. 9	@ Kuyper Tri (Grace Bible College)	TBA
Oct. 10	@ Lourdes*	TBA
OCT. 12	AQUINAS*	7PM
Oct. 16	@ UNOH*	7PM
OCT. 17	DAVENPORT*	7PM
Oct. 23	@ Rochester	7PM
Oct. 24	@ Concordia*	7PM
Oct. 26-27	Cornerstone Invitational	TBA
OCT. 30	UM-DEARBORN*	7PM
Nov. 2	@ Lawrence Tech*	7PM

Dates and times are subject to change without notice.

HOME GAMES, IN BOLD, PLAYED AT UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

2012 Women's Soccer Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 18	HOLY CROSS	12PM
AUG. 22	GRACE (IN)	3PM
Aug. 24	@ DETROIT MERCY	3PM
AUG. 29	UM-DEARBORN (EXH.)	4pm
Sept. 7	@ St. Francis Tournament(Bethel)	5:30pm
Sept. 8	@ St. Francis Tournament(USF)	4:30pm
Sept. 15	@ Spring Arbor	1pm
Sept. 19	@ Calumet College	3:30pm
SEPT. 20	ROCHESTER	4PM
SEPT. 22	URSULINE COLLEGE	1PM
Sept. 29	@ Concordia*	12:30PM
OCT. 3	LAWRENCE TECH*	TBA
Oct. 6	@ Davenport*	12:30PM
OCT. 10	INDIANA TECH*	4PM
OCT. 13	MADONNA*	12:30PM
Oct. 17	@ Aquinas*	4PM
Oct. 19	@ Rochester	2PM
Oct. 20		12:30PM
OCT. 27	SIENA HEIGHTS*	12:30PM

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2012 Men's Soccer Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 23	@ Grace (IN)	1PM
Aug. 24	@ Western Michigan	4PM
AUG. 31	SPRING ARBOR	2PM
Sept. 5	@ John Carroll	4PM
Sept. 7		4PM
SEPT. 11	ROCHESTER*	4PM
SEPT. 15	TAYLOR	3PM
SEPT. 27	WEST VIRGINIA TECH	4PM
Sept. 22	@ Lawrence Tech*	3PM
SEPT. 26	SIENA HEIGHTS*	4PM
Sept. 29	@ Concordia*	3PM
OCT. 3	INDIANA TECH*	4PM
Oct. 10	@ UNOH*	4PM
OCT. 13	CORNERSTONE*	3PM
Oct. 17	@ UM-Dearborn	7PM
Oct. 20	@ Madonna*	3PM
OCT. 24	AQUINAS*	4PM
OCT. 27	DAVENPORT*	3PM

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HOME GAMES, IN BOLD, PLAYED AT MARYGROVE COLLEGE



Christmas Brunch at the Hotel St. Regis 3071 West Grand Blvd. Sunday, December 2, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

Join Marygrove alumni for a holiday brunch buffet at the all new Hotel St. Regis. The Hotel will be beautifully and festively decorated for Christmas. Our delicious buffet will include a variety of entrees, an omelet and waffle station, scrambled eggs, hash browns, barbecued salmon, salads, assorted pastries and breads, non-alcoholic beverages and unlimited mimosas. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes tax and gratuity.

This event was extremely popular last year and we expect another enthusiastic response. To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) no later than Wednesday, November 21, 2012 to: Marygrove College, attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221. For questions about this event, contact Dr. Vanessa Ghant '92 at (248) 352-6331 or <u>dr.ghant@gmail.com</u>.

Wine Tasting Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pomo d'oro, Shelby Twp.



Enjoy dinner and wine tasting at the Pomo d'oro in Shelby Township. Family, friends and alumni are welcome. Nominal price of \$48.00 per person includes 12 great wines paired with a five course dinner, customized wine gift, tax and gratuity—a \$75 dollar value! Please specify your

choice of red or white for your wine gift when making your reservation.

The Pomo d'oro restaurant is located at 51195 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Township. Space is limited and we anticipate an enthusiastic response. To register, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) to Marygrove College, attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221 by Oct. 21, 2012. For more information, contact **Mark Bartnik '79** at (248) 689-9782 or bartnikmark@hotmail.com.



Dinner and Theatre

Why Torture Is Wrong, and the People Who Love Them By Ben Brantley Directed by Christopher Durang

Saturday, October 13, 2012 • Marygrove College Dinner: 6:00 p.m. • Play: 8:00 p.m.

Christopher Durang's hilarious and disturbing new comedy about all-American violence though it tackles and practically tickles to death subjects that are sensitive to the point of rawness—has a healthier heart and conscience than many a more pious play. It's just that Mr. Durang chooses to wear his morality not as a minister's black robe but as a jester's crazy motley. There are occasions when this is perfectly correct attire for playwrights of good faith, especially when they're visiting matters that have started to seem too serious to be taken seriously.

Why Torture Is Wrong, and the People Who Love Them is a production by the University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company. The cost is \$40 per person for a wonderful dinner, with wine, and a theatre ticket. Dinner will be in Madame Cadillac Hall, followed by the play in the Marygrove Theatre.

To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) no later than Wednesday, October 3, 2012 to Marygrove College, attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.

If you have questions, please contact **Margo Lee '00** at (313) 402-7776 or at margolee2000@yahoo.com or Sheila Keefe '56 at (586) 268-0481 or sheilakeef@aol.com.

Alumni-Sponsored Community Service Project

Orchards Children's Services – Southfield Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Serving over 4,000 children each year, Orchards provides foster care, adoption, clinical, medical and home-based services. They also reach out to the community at large providing several programs including: youth inner city baseball league, after school arts, field trips and educational programs.

The Marygrove College Alumni Association will participate in a community service project with Orchards Children's Services at 30215 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI.

We will sanitize the children's toys and, if time permits, re-stock bookcases with books donated from the community. All supplies for our work will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project or need more information, contact **Frances Simmons '85** at (248) 546-2876 or <u>francessimmons@prodigy.net</u>, or **Sheila Keefe '56** at (586) 268-0481 or <u>sheilakeef@aol.com</u> no later than October 3, 2012.

SUSAN JANE GILMAN Undress Me in the Temple of Heaven

ALUMNI BOOK DISCUSSION

Undress Me In The Temple Of Heaven

By Susan Jane Gilman

Thursday, October 25, 2012 Home of **Kay Hughes '66** in Royal Oak

In 1986, Susan Jane Gilman and a classmate embarked on a bold trek around the globe starting in the People's Republic of China. At that point, China had been open to independent backpackers for roughly ten minutes. Armed only with the collected works of Nietzsche and Linda Goodman's *Love Signs*, the two friends plunged into the dusty streets of Shanghai. Unsurprisingly, they quickly found themselves in over their heads—hungry, disoriented, stripped of everything

familiar, and under constant government surveillance. Soon, they began to unravel—one physically, the other psychologically. As their journey became increasingly harrowing, they found themselves facing crises that Susan didn't think they'd survive. But by summoning strengths she never knew she had—and with help from unexpected friends—the two travelers found their way out of a Chinese heart of darkness.

Undress Me In The Temple Of Heaven is a flat-out page-turner, an astonishing true story of naïveté, friendship, and redemption told with Susan's trademark compassion and humor.

Susan Jane Gilman is the author of *Hypocrite in a Pouffy White Dress* and *Kiss My Tiara*. She has written commentary for *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *Ms. Magazine*, among others, and her fiction and essays have received several literary awards. Though she has lived most recently in Geneva, Switzerland, and Washington, D.C., she remains, eternally, a child of New York.

To register, contact **Druel Outley '00** at (313) 342-3208 or <u>drueloutley@ameritech.net</u> or **Sheila Keefe '56** at (586) 268-0481 or <u>sheilakeef@aol.</u> <u>com</u> by October 20, 2012. Directions to Kay's home will be provided. We look forward to a great turn-out to discuss this fascinating book which was recommended by **Liz Poliuto Loria '70** at a previous book discussion.

Class of 1953 Fall Luncheon

Wednesday, October 10 • 11:30 a.m. Peabody's Restaurant 34965 Woodward Ave. Birmingham, MI

Please RSVP by October 3 to **Joann (Mularoni) Holden** at (248) 626-4758 or jjholden@att.net.



The photo is from this year's spring luncheon showing the ten women who attended and had a grand time together. Several regulars who had to miss that one are planning to attend in October and we hope there will be some new faces too.



The Detroit Opera Theatre presents the company's premiere of George Frederic Handel's baroque opera *Julius Caesar*. Written in 1724 and regarded as Handel's finest, the opera details Caesar's conquest of Egypt and seduction of Cleopatra. With acts of love, betrayal and heroism, Caesar is hailed today as a masterpiece of the opera seria genre. The stage design transports

Julius Caesar by Handel

Performed in Italian with English supertitles Friday, November 16, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

the action to a glamorized classic Hollywood version of Egypt.

The cost for this unique event is \$60, which includes a main floor seat (valued at \$87) as well as a private gathering in the Lomason Lounge (3rd level-elevator accessible) at 5:45 p.m. There will be a delicious assortment of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The opera itself begins at 7:30 p.m. \$10 parking is available in the Opera House Garage as well as on nearby parking lots. Please enter on the Madison St. side of the Opera House.

You will not want to miss this exciting evening. Tickets will go fast! To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) no later than November 2, 2012 to Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221. For questions about this event, contact **Sheila Keefe'56** at (586) 268-0481 or sheilakeef@aol.com.

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In times long past, individuals like Alphonsus, Francis, Theresa, Dominic, Ignatius, motivated by the fire of faith and the love of the Lord, pioneered religious communities of men and women to

preach and teach. Louis Florent Gillet and Theresa Maxis, whose hearts burned with that same spark, embarked on a similar journey in 1845, collaboratively founding the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) in Monroe, Michigan—the beginnings of Marygrove's "family tree." Strong, faith-filled, dedicated women answered the call, joining in the work, sharing in the unique charisms of the IHMs—belief in the transformative power of

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education, a sacred call to nurture the earth, and a deep commitment to seek justice for all God's people, especially the poor. The work grew, and, as early as 1910, the IHMs were awarding college degrees on the Monroe campus. It was obvious that a building for the college students was needed. A plan was developed, but an invitation by Bishop Gallagher to build here in Detroit changed everything. From 1920, the IHMs have had a stake in Detroit—and we, at Marygrove, have witnessed their dedicated commitment. We have pledged to deepen and sustain the values and beliefs of our IHM founders.

As we continue to move forward, I have been entrusted with that work. As of January, I have been serving as Marygrove's Director of Mission Integration. My role is to "braid our stories together"—fostering an awareness, knowledge and understanding of Marygrove's mission as a Catholic liberal arts college sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to promote within the campus community a shared understanding and enthusiasm about why we do what we do. Mission matters—it "drives the bus." It makes us uniquely— "Marygrove."

Each of you has had a thumbprint on this story. I'm excited to be a part of it. I invite you to share your Marygrove story with me and look forward to meeting you.

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