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**Message from President David J. Fike**

Upon approval from the Board of Trustees, on Monday, May 18, 2009 Marygrove College took ownership of the former Immaculata High School, located on the east side of the College's property, which most recently housed Bates Academy.

According to **Sr. Janet Ryan**, a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Leadership Council and Vice Chair of the Marygrove College Board of Trustees, Immaculata was built in 1941 "out of a deep concern by Cardinal Edward Mooney that Northwest Detroit did not have a Catholic all-girls high school. The IHMs were more than willing to help fill this void because of our commitment to education and belief that 'when you educate a woman, you educate an entire family.'"

Immaculata thrived for the next few decades, with its enrollment peaking at more than 1,000 students. In the late 1960s, however, as a result of a significant number of Catholics moving out of the city, the school began to struggle. For the next fifteen years the IHMs labored to keep the school open, but increased competition and the

defeat of Proposal C created an insurmountable challenge. In 1983, the IHMs were forced to close the doors on their once thriving gem. The Detroit Public Schools purchased the building in 1992 to open Bates Academy, a K-8 school for gifted and talented students. Bates Academy relocated to the former site of Beaubien Middle



School on Wyoming Ave. in 2007 and the building has been vacant since.

We are extremely pleased that

Immaculata has come back home. The Immaculata purchase is important because now the College has secured the potential for future renovation to support program growth and, of course, the historical significance is invaluable.

The Office of Institutional Advancement, under the leadership of **Mr. Ken Malecke**, has already been in the process of designing and implementing important fund development plans, and campus stakeholders have begun the planning process for the site's future use. Further details about planning for the next phases of this project will be forthcoming.

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# News from the Alumni Association President

## Rita Edgeworth Fields '96, '02



In May 2009 I was elected President of the Marygrove College Alumni Association Board of Directors. I am both honored and humbled by the selection. More than 15 years ago Marygrove took a chance on me when other institutions would

not. I have earned two degrees (BA in English and Psychology and MA in Human Resource Management) and have a successful career in the health care field, currently with the Henry

Ford Health System as Vice President of Talent Management and Workforce Strategies at the new West Bloomfield Hospital. I love Marygrove and am so grateful for the doors of knowledge and opportunity opened for me here.

As president, it gives me great pleasure to introduce you to your 2009-2010 Alumni Association Board. This is an extremely talented, hardworking and committed group of individuals, and while we may not cover every class, be assured that our goal is to represent all Marygrove College alumni. We plan events we hope you will participate in and enjoy. We try to help you connect with one another and stay connected with Marygrove, and we raise funds for scholarships and college operating

costs. We also assist with student recruitment and retention.

Finally, I'd like to extend an invitation for you to become actively involved with the alumni association. You need not be a member of the board of directors to serve on one of our three standing committees - Admissions/Retention, Affinity and Program. If you are interested in lending your time and talent to one of these committees, please contact **Diane Puhl**, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or [dpuhl@marygrove.edu](mailto:dpuhl@marygrove.edu). You can also greatly assist our efforts by keeping in touch with the alumni office and notifying Diane of address changes and other significant events that occur in your life.

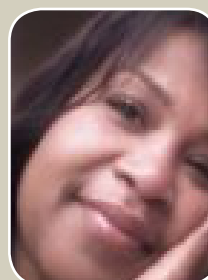
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Social Justice

# 2009-2010 Alumni Association Board



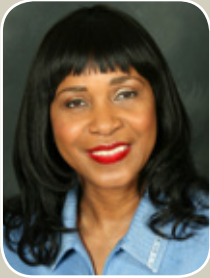
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**Margo  
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Business  
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**Alisa  
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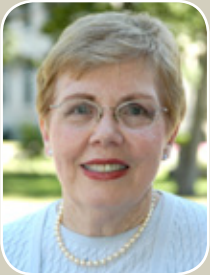
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# Academic Program News

## Marygrove Partners with Oakland University

Marygrove College and Oakland University (OU) recently announced a partnership to enroll students into an accelerated second-degree nursing program which begins Fall 2009.

Because of the national nursing shortage, many qualified nursing program applicants are placed on waiting lists that can be years long. This innovative collaboration offers students the opportunity to immediately begin study at Marygrove College and guarantees that qualified students will be placed in OU's nursing program without a wait, essentially accelerating the pace at which students can become registered nurses.

"This partnership is attractive from many perspectives," said **Dr. Sally Welch**, co-chair, Science and Mathematics Department, Marygrove College. "But perhaps the best part is that students can more quickly complete the training needed to begin careers in the highly paid, in-demand nursing profession."

Students enter Marygrove College and earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science. Marygrove's program contains all the prerequisites for OU's nursing program. For students who successfully complete the Health Science program at Marygrove, OU guarantees placement into an accelerated one-year program of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Once completed, students will become registered nurses (upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam) with two degrees: a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science from Marygrove College and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Oakland University.

The program qualifies for **No Worker Left Behind funding**, which provides up to \$5,000 per year in grant aid.

For more information, contact **Edwinia Tansil** at (313) 927-1239 or [etansil@marygrove.edu](mailto:etansil@marygrove.edu).

## New Pharmacy Tech Program Offered—Qualifies for No Worker Left Behind Funding for Displaced Workers

Marygrove is offering a new program in fall 2009 that will prepare students to become Pharmacy Technicians. Students who complete the program and pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam, will be qualified to work in pharmacies across Michigan as licensed Pharmacy Technicians.

"Employment of Pharmacy Technicians is expected to increase by 32 percent from 2006-2016, which is much faster than the average for all occupations," said **Dr. Sally Welch**, co-chair, Science and Mathematics Department, Marygrove College. "Within one year, students can complete the training needed to begin careers in this in-demand profession. This is especially important for displaced workers who need to quickly retrain themselves."



Marygrove's Make the Grade and Transfer Advantage financial aid programs—which guarantee qualified high-need students can meet tuition costs without student loans—have been extended to include students in this new program. In addition, the program qualifies for the State of Michigan's No Worker Left Behind program, which is targeted to dislocated workers (people who are laid off) and/or students from low income families. The program provides up to \$5,000 per year in grant aid (money that does not need to be repaid) for up to two years to students who have financial need left after other forms of financial aid have been exhausted.

For more information contact **Phil Krauss**, Program Coordinator at (313) 927-1417 or [pkrauss@marygrove.edu](mailto:pkrauss@marygrove.edu).

## Detroit Science Center Collaboration Offers Two New Science Courses

In spring 2009, Marygrove College and the Detroit Science Center began a partnership to offer graduate courses in science for educators. Classes include a combination of on-site and online learning, and are designed to fit state mandated, continuing education requirements for K-12 teachers. The courses provide variable credit options to suit individuals' specific needs and help teachers with innovative ways to teach students about math and science.

"This is an exciting opportunity for both institutions to help educators gain a better understanding of science with the kind of hands-on experiences other colleges in the area do not offer," said **Julie Johnson**, Associate Director of Education Programs, Detroit Science Center. "We believe the educators going through this program will be given an advantage not only in the general science methods classes, but also in how to incorporate other resources—such as cultural

institutions, into their curriculum."

### New course offerings for fall 2009:

**Course:** Environmental Science (grades 6-12)

**Credit hours:** 1 or 3

**Dates/times:** Oct. 3 & Oct. 17; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. plus an online component

**Location:** Detroit Science Center and Marygrove College

**Cost:** \$200 per credit hour

**Course:** Amazing Astronomy  
**Credit hours:** 2

**Date/time:** Dec. 12; Noon – 8 p.m.

**Location:** Detroit Science Center

**Cost:** \$400

**Future courses include:** Nutrition and Kitchen Chemistry (March 2010) and Science, Technology and Society (summer 2010).

For more information, contact **Donna Kerry**, Program Coordinator, Professional Development for Teachers at (313) 927-1276 or [dkerry@marygrove.edu](mailto:dkerry@marygrove.edu).



# Academic Program News

## Senior Leadership Team Adds Two Vice Presidents

After careful consideration, Marygrove College decided to reorganize the Provost position's responsibilities (left vacant upon Dr. Edward Thompson, III's departure) under two Vice Presidents. The reasons in favor of the reorganization fell into three general categories:

1. To provide more focused attention by senior administration on vital areas of importance to the College.
2. To create a "flatter, more responsive" organizational structure.
3. To improve capacity for succession planning related to senior level positions and to provide career advancement opportunities within the College.

**Jane Hammang-Buhl '68** was named Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) in May 2009. The VPAA serves as the Chief Academic Officer and Instructional Leader for the College. Reporting to the President, the VPAA provides leadership for advancing the



academic mission and implementing the strategic objectives of the College, including achieving its urban leadership vision. The VPAA is responsible for providing leadership and oversight of the academic affairs division and providing essential leadership to senior-level governance of the College, serving on the President's Cabinet, Committees of the Board of Trustees, as well as selected budget and special committees on the campus.

"Considering my involvement with Marygrove from student to Vice President for Academic Affairs provides many reflective moments for me," said Hammang-Buhl. "I am deeply committed to the mission and belief statements of our sponsors, the IHM Sisters, and I'm excited about working with all of my colleagues to achieve the goals of the 2010-2013 strategic plan. Our vision of urban leadership excites the College community and is encouraging fresh and imaginative expressions of our long-

standing commitment to social justice. It's an amazing blessing to be a part of this committed community."

In President Fike's announcement of the appointment to faculty and staff he said, "I am confident that Ms. Hammang-Buhl's experiences and perspectives gained as a Marygrove College student, alumna, faculty member, department chair, dean and faculty assembly president will serve the institution well. She has considerable knowledge of Marygrove's existing academic programs, policies, procedures and history. I also agree with the feedback from the campus community which describes Ms. Hammang-Buhl as a leader who 'is well read...thinks systematically...communicates well with respect and confidence...is able to foster strong collaboration among different constituencies...focuses on empowerment and accountability...is an excellent listener...and is always professional.'"

**Darrin Rankin, Ph.D.** was selected for the position of Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (VPSAEM). Reporting to the president, the VPSAEM serves as both Chief Student Affairs Officer



and Chief Enrollment Management Officer for Marygrove College. Dr. Rankin is responsible for providing leadership to recruitment, retention, co-curricular programs and enrollment-related administrative services at Marygrove College.

Dr. Rankin comes to Marygrove with 20 years of higher education leadership experience in enrollment and student development. Throughout most of his career, he has served urban universities and has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing the educational, personal development, and enrollment-related needs of students. He also has a passion for assuring access and success for first-generation college students and students from communities traditionally under-represented in higher education.

Of Dr. Rankin, President Fike said, "...we have been engaged in the last months in a national search for the VPSAEM. The Search Committee reviewed the credentials of scores of applicants, interviewed nearly a dozen candidates, and arranged for four finalists to conduct extensive day-long campus visits and interviews with multiple constituencies on the Marygrove campus. I am confident that Dr. Rankin will bring exceptionally strong contributions to serving our mission of graduating students with competence, compassion and commitment to a more just and humane world and to accomplishing our strategic vision of fostering urban leadership."

# Alumni Gathering

# NOTES

## Class of 1953

Irene Sloan Rauth '53 has graciously invited the Class of 1953 to lunch at her home:

**Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009**  
11:30 a.m.

7441 Scenic Ridge, Clarkston, MI 48346  
(For directions, contact Pat Johnson at (248) 879-9329 after Oct. 1)

RSVP by Oct. 7 to:

Irene Rauth at (248) 625-5908 or  
Joann Holden at (248) 626-4758 or  
Donna Sullivan at (248) 792-9879

## Class of 1951

The fall luncheon for members of the Class of 1951 will be:

**Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009**  
11:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$15

Marygrove College - Denk Chapman Hall

RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 8: to Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or [dpuhl@marygrove.edu](mailto:dpuhl@marygrove.edu).

President David Fike plans to join in the festivities and attendees will have a chance to tour the campus and see the renovations made since the last reunion.

## Arizona Alums Plan Next Steps

Arizona alumni are graciously responding to a recent inquiry from Virginia (Ginny Burdick) Skinner '67 seeking their preferences on future alumni gatherings—when, where, how often and what format/content they would most enjoy. If you haven't responded or did not receive a survey, it's not too late to give your input. Please contact Ginny at [vs Skinner@cox.net](mailto:vs Skinner@cox.net) or (480) 991-1399. Also, alumni who reside in Arizona seasonally or who happen to be vacationing in Arizona when an event is scheduled, are more than welcome to attend. A fall gathering is in the works so watch your mail for details.

## Akron Alumni Chapter

The Akron Alumni Chapter, which was chartered in 1942 and has continued to meet consistently for the last 67 years, hosted their annual spring luncheon at Bravo Restaurant in Fairlawn, Ohio on Saturday, May 30. The next chapter event will be the annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 15. For more information contact the event hostess, Loretta Canoro Schietroma '55 at (330) 688-6388.



*Pictured (from left) Karen McDowell Grindall '68, Barbara A. Ursem Evans, Ed.D. '66, Anna Lee Fiely Cleary '47, Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving, Marge Wozniak Burkley '56, Mary Ann Papp Kozma '61, Catherine Balthes '50 and Loretta Canoro Schietroma '55.*

## Class of 1968

On May 12, eighteen members of the Class of 1968 - (Marilyn Adams Dailey, Beth Baumeister Pattie, Kathy Conway Grady, Margaret Dixon Kronk, Elissa Faggion Greenburg, Donna Flannery Campbell, Kitty Fischer, Kathy Gallagher Mellon, Carol Gaynier Greening, Mares Johnston Hirschert, Mary Lark Benda, Chris Rock Moscone, Nancy Dunn, Donna Gardner, Cathy Guinan, Jane Hammang-Buhl, Luran Howard and Judy Johnson) - gathered for a luncheon at the Brighton Bar and Grill in Brighton, Michigan. All rejoiced in talk of retirement, second careers, new beginnings and grandchildren. They had so much fun, they voted to do this on a regular, six-month basis. The next gathering will be Monday, Sept. 28, 2009. For more information, please contact Elissa Faggion Greenburg '68 at (517) 482-6397 or [eagreenburg@comcast.net](mailto:eagreenburg@comcast.net).



*Pictured (from left) Nancy Dunn, Kitty Fischer, Elissa Faggion Greenburg and Carol Gaynier Greening.*

## Do you Twitter? Search for MGCollege and Follow our Tweets!

If you would like a fun, easy way to get instant, of-the-moment updates on what's happening at Marygrove, now you can follow the College on Twitter. Simply go to the Marygrove College Website and click on the Twitter icon located on the homepage.

### New to Twitter?

For those of you who may be new to the technology, Twitter is a free social networking

service that lets you send and read text-based messages known as "tweets." The most common way to send and receive these messages is via one's cell phone or through an online Twitter account.

Signing up is easy. Go to the Marygrove College Website and click on the Twitter icon located on the homepage. From there, new users can follow instructions on how to join.

# NOTES

## In Memoriam

(submissions from March 25, 2009 through July 7, 2009)

### DECEASED ALUMS

Yvonne Stafford Collins '39  
Gertrude Sheridan Mauer '39  
Ellen Krumeich Koob '40  
Virginia Shea Smith '41  
Blanche Gasiorowski Kolasa '42  
Margaret Harmon Kessler '44  
Marie Helen Milliken, IHM '45  
Luanne Yocke, IHM '52

Ruth Maria Mangold, SMMP '53  
Catherine Weibel, IHM '54  
Bernadelle Thompson, IHM '55  
Dalia Bulgaris '58  
Nancy Mutter Lenny '58  
Carol Starrs, IHM '58  
Kathleen McGuire Kenety '62  
Loretta Mc Ginty Pelc '62

Mary Ann Szmania, IHM '63  
Judith Dutka, IHM '69  
Donna Chew-Breeden '89  
Amy Leal Koch '71  
M. Naomi Shekoski, CSA '74  
Robert Coleman '00, '02  
Juliann Erler Lyon '00

### DECEASED RELATIVES OF ALUMS

#### Husband of:

Alice Geisler Raftary '49  
Charlotte Kasperowicz Cavanary '47  
Rebecca Warner Orlowski '60  
Evelyn Brett McShane '65

#### Wife of:

Dwayne Breeden '90

#### Mother of:

Peggy Mulcrone Moravek '72  
Patricia Rambasek '65

#### Son of:

Marie Passarelli Mullen '56



## Sr. Mary Cabrini, IHM Memorial Fund Provides Support to Science and Mathematics Department

In February 2009, **Dr. Miriam Mohrhoff Poirier '62** initiated the Sr. Mary Cabrini Memorial Fund in honor of her beloved teacher. **Sister Mary Cabrini (Mary Ellen Hohl), IHM, Ph.D.**, was fondly known by students and family as "SMC." Dr. Poirier describes her as "a brilliant woman, a superb teacher, an innovative scientific researcher, and a dedicated woman of faith who touched many lives with her kindness."

From 1957 to 1972 SMC taught at Marygrove College in the Chemistry Department, first as a faculty member under Dr. George Brewer, and then as Chemistry Department Chair. According to Dr. Poirier, "SMC single-handedly modernized the teaching of chemistry at Marygrove and successfully applied for research funds so her students could experience the excitement of research."

After her first departure from Marygrove, SMC had a brilliant career teaching chemistry in metro Detroit. She also coached science teachers and served as an advisor to USAID and the National Science Foundation. During these years, SMC became a largely self-taught expert in computers and was asked to return to Marygrove in the 1990s to teach computer science courses. Sister Mary Cabrini retired to the Monroe motherhouse in 1997 and passed away in September 2007 at age 84.

To date \$2,970 has been contributed to the Sr. Mary Cabrini Memorial Fund and used to purchase a weather station, spectronic 20 spectrophotometer and a pH meter. The weather station will be incorporated into Marygrove's new integrated science major which was designed to create the next generation of K-8 science teachers. It will also be a welcome addition to the environmental science program, particularly in the area of cumulative air pollution research. The spectronic 20 spectrophotometer will be incorporated into several biology, chemistry and forensic science courses and the pH meter will be used in general chemistry and biochemistry.

**If you would like to make a contribution to the Sr. Mary Cabrini Memorial Fund, please send a check, made payable to Marygrove College with "The SMC Memorial Fund" on the memo line and mail it to: Marygrove College, Attn: Institutional Advancement, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.**

# Alumni-Sponsored Events

## DINNER AND THEATER

### THE WINNING STREAK

by Lee Blessing

**Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009**  
**Marygrove College**  
**Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Play at 8:00 p.m.**

*The Winning Streak* by Lee Blessing, author of *A Walk in the Woods* and Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize nominee, depicts the emotional reunion of a retired major league umpire, Omar, and his long-lost illegitimate son, Ry, an art restorer. The play links Ry's determined bid to find the father he has never known with the drama of a last-place team trying to break the New York Giants' record 26-game winning streak from 1916. As long as Ry stays with Omar, the superstitious old ump believes the streak will continue. For Ry, the quid pro quo is a chance to gain insight into his father, a misanthropic, baseball-obsessed curmudgeon who abandoned Ry's mother at the moment of his son's conception.

*The Winning Streak* is a production by the University of Detroit Mercy Theater Company. The cost is \$35 per person for a wonderful dinner and a theater 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, Sept. 30, 2009**, to: Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.

If you have questions, please contact **Sheila Keefe '56** at (586) 268-0481 or at [sheilakeef@aol.com](mailto:sheilakeef@aol.com).



## DINNER AND WINE TASTING

**Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009**  
**4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Enjoy dinner and wine tasting at **Filippa's Wine Barrel Restaurant** of Shelby Township/Utica. Family, friends and alumni are welcome. Nominal price of \$45.00 per person includes 12 great wines paired with a five course dinner, surprise 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.

**Filippa's Wine Barrel is located at 45125 Mound Rd, Shelby Twp, MI 48317.** Space is limited and we anticipate an enthusiastic response.

To register, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) **no later than Thursday, Sept. 30, 2009**, to: Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.

If you need more information, please contact **Sandra Collins '82** at (248) 689-9782.

## OPERA AT THE DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

### A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

by Stephen Sondheim

**Detroit Opera House • Friday, Nov. 20, 2009**  
**Performed in English with English Supertitles**

Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning waltz musical returns to the Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT) for the first time in 25 years. *A Little Night Music* is based on the film *Smiles of a Summer Night* by Swedish director Ingmar Bergman. The musical features some of Sondheim's most well known works, including "Send in the Clowns," "The Glamorous Life" and "Everyday a Little Death."

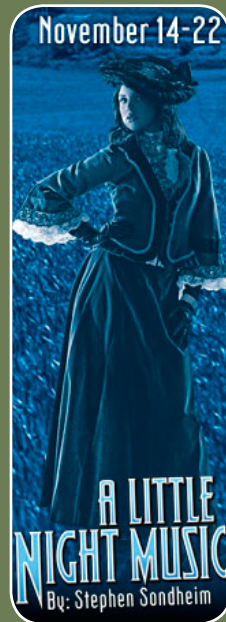
Set in Sweden during the turn of the 19th century, the plot revolves around successful lawyer Fredrik Egerman, who is in an unconsummated marriage with his teenage wife, Anne. Feeling a bit restless, he rekindles an affair with an old flame, actress Desiree Armfeldt, who herself is having an affair with married military officer Count Carl Marcus Malcolm. Complicating matters is Fredrik's teenage son, Henrik, who is in love with his stepmother.

The cost for this event is \$50, which includes a ticket valued at \$86 for seating on the side aisles of the Main Floor, as well as a private gathering on the 3rd level (Lomason Lounge – elevator accessible) at 5:45 p.m. with an assortment of hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be open.

To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) no later than Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, 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](mailto:sheilakeef@aol.com).

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# Alumni-Sponsored Events



## Detroit Architecture Walking Tour and Lunch

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Marygrove alumni, family and friends are invited to take a guided walking tour of the downtown Detroit business district. The tour will be conducted by Inside Detroit, a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public about Detroit's history, culture and livability through customized tours. It was co-founded by Maureen Kearns, daughter of Marygrove alumna Phyllis McElwee Hall '53. This in-depth tour will feature the fabulous architecture of downtown Detroit's buildings, both inside and out, as well as major historical landmarks. Lunch at Foran's Grand Trunk Pub will immediately follow the tour. Foran's is located in what was once the Grand Trunk Railway Ticket Office and has retained much of the original early 1900s architecture.

The cost is \$30 which covers the tour, lunch and gratuities. If you have questions or need more information, contact Yesenia Lara '07 at (313) 587-2914. To register, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) by Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 to: Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221-2599.

## Alumni Book Discussion

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

By Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 • 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. • Home of Kay Hughes '66

January 1946—London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she has never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb?

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, she is drawn into the world of this man and his friends – and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* (born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island) – boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning

about their island, their taste in books and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

**Kay Hughes '66** will facilitate the discussion at her home. To register, contact Sheila Keefe '56 by **Nov. 30, 2009** at (586) 268-0481 or [sheilakeef@aol.com](mailto:sheilakeef@aol.com). Kay's address as well as directions will be provided. We look forward to a great turn-out to discuss this highly acclaimed novel.



## Technology Training Workshops Offered Free to Alumni

The Educational Technology Services Department at Marygrove is pleased to offer free technology training workshops to alumni on a variety of topics including **Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint**. These courses will introduce the user to the **Office 2007 version** of these applications.

Training sessions are offered in the Student Technology Instruction Center (STIC) located on the lower level of the Library in rooms L011 and L012.

For more information or to register for a workshop, contact **Gwen Little** or **John Stabile** at (313) 927-1582.

## Save the Date

Ballroom Dance Classes  
Return . . .

. . . every Thursday night in March and April 2010.

Look for details in the winter issue of *The Tower Times*, but plan ahead and save the dates



# Alumni Continue to Provide Service to the Community

The Marygrove College Alumni Association is dedicated to carrying on the mission of the College and its commitment to serving others. As such, the program committee makes a conscious effort to schedule several community service projects throughout the year. Below are photos from our most recent projects—Campus Beautification Day, Cass Community Services Sandwich to Go Program and Habitat for Humanity—as well as information regarding our upcoming service project. We hope you will join us as we spread the goodwill of Marygrove throughout the community.



*Cass Community Services  
Sandwich to Go Program*



*Campus Beautification Day*



**Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009**  
**8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

The Marygrove College Alumni Association will be doing a community service project with Habitat for Humanity Detroit. This is a Work-A-Thon Blitz Build Project at 4178 Lakepoint Street, Detroit 48224, off Alter Road between Warren and Mack.

Join us for a fun and fulfilling day as we help revitalize this eastside Detroit neighborhood. Bring your own lunch and water, dress according to the weather and wear closed-toe shoes. We could be working indoors or outdoors, so layered clothing is recommended. Tools and hard hats are provided.

This volunteer project is organized on a first-come, first-served basis and Marygrove Alumni are allotted up to fifteen volunteer slots. Since this is a Work-A-Thon, we are expected to get donations from friends and family. A minimum donation of \$18 per volunteer is required. Pledging provides much needed funds and publicity for the Habitat for Humanity Detroit organization.

If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project or need more information, contact Frances Simmons '87 at (248) 546-2876 or [francesimmmons@prodigy.net](mailto:francesimmmons@prodigy.net). A pledge form will be mailed to you. The deadline to register is Sept. 12, 2009.



# 2009 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Homecoming 2009 celebrates the graduating classes of 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004 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](mailto:dpuhl@marygrove.edu).

## Thursday, Sept. 17

### 8th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble

11:00 a.m. • St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth, MI

Event includes 18 holes with cart, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, two drink tickets, contest prizes and a best ball/scramble format. All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$50 for dinner only. Register individually, with a partner or with an entire foursome by contacting **Diane Puhl**, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving **by Friday, Aug. 21** at (313) 927-1443 or [dpuhl@marygrove.edu](mailto:dpuhl@marygrove.edu).

## Friday, Sept. 18

### 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.

## Saturday, Sept. 19

### Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. • Madame Cadillac Hall

### Liturgy

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. • Sacred Heart Chapel

An alumni choir 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 4 or 9 (1954, 1959, etc.) and of groups from the 80s through present.

### Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. • Alumnae Hall

### Campus Tours

2:15 - 3:30 p.m. • Madame Cadillac

## Sunday, Sept. 20

### Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass honoring the Class of 1959

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

### Brunch and Induction of the Class of 1959 into the Fifty Year Club and recognition of those who graduated prior to 1959

Noon - 2:00 p.m. • Main Dining Room

## The 2009 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Award Recipients



Awardees left to right, Sharon Holland, IHM '61, Nancy McDonough Geschke '64, Eileen Connell Heasley '67, Kathleen O'Reilly '68, Amy Lange '08, Briana Williams '09

# YOUR MARYGROVE ALUMNI TRAVEL AGENCY

Alumni-sponsored travel, offered in partnership with Collette Vacations, is open to all alumni, family and friends of Marygrove College. Special accommodations can be made for people who need a departure city other than Detroit. To request a brochure with the complete itinerary and registration materials, or if you have questions or need more information, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at 313.927.1443 or [dpuhl@marygrove.edu](mailto:dpuhl@marygrove.edu).

## Discover Tuscany

**March 11 – 20, 2010**

\$2,849 – Includes roundtrip air from Detroit, hotel transfers, 13 meals and departure taxes. **(\$250 deposit due 9/11/09)**

From the innovations of the Etruscans to the enlightenment of the Renaissance, Tuscany is a region steeped in history and human achievement. On this special journey we will enjoy walking tours in Italy's most charming towns, visit magnificent historic monuments and sample mouth-watering cuisine and wines. Highlights of this trip include: Rome, Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis, Montecatini Terme, Florence, San Gimignano and Siena.



## This is Mustang Territory

### Mustangs Prepare for Fall Athletic Season

Excitement is in the air around the Marygrove campus as five new sports inch towards their first competition in program history. Here is a list of important dates to remember:

#### Men's/Women's Cross Country

**First Meet:**  
Vanderbilt Invitational  
Saturday, Sept. 5  
@ Hope College  
10:30 a.m.

#### Men's Soccer

**First Game:**  
Wednesday, Sept. 2  
@ Concordia University, Ann Arbor  
4:00 p.m.

**First Home Game: \***  
Wednesday, Sept. 9  
vs. Taylor University, IN  
4:00 p.m.

*\*Soccer home games played at Pebble Creek Park in Southfield*

#### Women's Soccer

**First Game:**  
Tuesday, Sept. 1  
@ Olivet College  
4:00 p.m.

**First Home Game: \***  
Wednesday, Sept. 23  
vs. Kalamazoo College  
4:00 p.m.

#### Women's Volleyball

**First Game:**  
Friday, Aug. 21  
@ Concordia Cardinal Kick-Off  
Classic  
1:00 p.m.

**First Home Game: \*\***  
Monday, Sept. 14  
vs. Rochester College  
7:00 p.m.

*\*\*Volleyball home games played at University of Detroit-Jesuit High*

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