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Message from the President



President
Elizabeth A. Burns '72,
MD, MA

To my fellow alumni and friends of Marygrove:

What we and the media have reported to you about our Marygrove has come to pass. Through sweat and tears and sheer determination to thrive, our college has emerged ... again!

But before I share news about the exciting Marygrove that began in January as a graduate studies and professional development college, I want to express my deep and sincere gratitude to the faculty and staff that carried on the Marygrove legacy through their painful and sad departure from the college during the fall. They demonstrated the 3Cs through December's undergraduate commencement and beyond, despite their own uncertain future. Our faculty and staff counseled more than 300 undergraduate students about the best course of action for them and taught the remaining 284 students who chose to stay at Marygrove. Many have found new positions and we wish them the best.

We told our students and the community that our first concern was for our students. With the tender loving care we took with each student, Marygrove has lived up to that promise. And we have been able to provide even more help, thanks to the Kresge Foundation. Marygrove has established the Student Transition Fund (see related story) to ease the financial burden for our students who transferred to a new college or university due to the closure of our undergraduate program. We're so proud of these students whose goal is to complete their college education! That's exactly what we want for them, too.

As we looked at not just our current students but those who "stopped out" for a while, we found a way to grant some of them their longed-for bachelor's or associate's degree as well. Again, thanks to our faculty and staff who spent time analyzing what credits were lacking for each student and working with each individual to see if they could meet the number of overall credits now required for graduation. Sixty-five former Marygrove students are now Marygrove alumni!

Our heart and prayers go out to those students who are no longer here in person along with our wish that their lives remain imbued by the values they learned at Marygrove.

Yes, we are – and continue to be – student-focused. That commitment will never change even as we've revised the mission, vision and values of our new reality (see related story). The Marygrove community has embraced these, from our sponsoring IHMs to the Board of Trustees to our faculty and staff. I think you'll find that our mission, vision and values will resonate with you, too.

We kicked off 2018 with a ribbon-cutting to signal to the community that Marygrove is open, alive and driven to thrive as a graduate-only college. We exceeded our goal of 420 graduate students for the Winter 2018 semester and are looking forward to continued growth. We're focused on Education, Human Resource Management and Social Justice. This long-awaited issue of *Tower Times* will bring you up to date on what's been happening.

Thank you for your support as well. We have involved the Alumni Board in the development of the new Mission, Vision and Values as well as the strategic planning now taking place. I look forward to talking more with you as Marygrove evolves.

Elizabeth A. Burns '72

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NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

So much has happened at Marygrove in the last nine months. We’ve birthed the college anew with graduate studies and professional development as our core offerings. This has caused the Alumni Board of Directors to review and revise our bylaws and review our committee structure to maximize our support of our college and create ways in which our alumni across the country can pitch in to help our school to continue its legacy of more than a century of education.

Once the board has concluded its research and recommendations, we’ll ask the membership at large to weigh in.

Distinguished Alumni Awards will continue! Nominations are now open. The deadline for submitting is July 30. Planning for the 2018 Alumni Reunion Weekend is underway. I encourage you to spread the word to your Marygrove friends about how much fun you had last year and encourage them to come back to their alma mater on September 14 and 15. The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented Friday evening, September 14, and a full day of alumni activities follows on Saturday, September 15. The 50-Year Class has been in action for a few months now contacting classmates and planning some special Class of ‘68 activities.

With all the changes that have recently occurred at Marygrove, publications like the *Tower Times* and *Marygrove Minute* have been a bit delayed. But you will learn a lot about what’s been going on behind the scenes through this edition.

If you missed out on buying a copy of the 2017 Alumni Directory, you can still do that as a way to stay connected to your classmates and other alumni. Instructions on how to order are available as you read on.

As your Alumni Association looks to the future, it can’t be successful without YOU and your input. Please contact Dennis Howie, vice president for Institutional Advancement, at (313) 927-1451 or dhowie@marygrove.edu on ways we can be relevant to you and ways you can help our college move forward.



Alumni Association President
Vanessa Howell Ghant,
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In Memoriam



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Shirley Laughlin Keck '43
Donna Hart, IHM '44
Rosemary McGann McLaughlin '45
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Barbara Pierce Lower '47
Barbara Cox Briceland '48
Jean Kennedy Dalton '49
Mary Ann Evers Ellis '51
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Joan Harriet Cunningham '53
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Marian (Flaviana) Harvey, IHM '55
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Shirley Ann (Marie Evelyn) Dunn, IHM '57
Louise Weipert Hoffman '58
Emma Martinelli Langan '58
Mary M. (Caritas) Naughton, IHM '59
Rose Mary (Louise) Ala, IHM '60

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Mary Ann (Marie Andrew) Untener, IHM '61
Kathleen A. Lothamer McDermott '63
Sharon Burns Perrone '65
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Rita ClareTurek, CSB '73
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Kathleen Alessandro '72

Janet Willmott Kuras '69

Carol Litka '72

SISTER OF:

Barbara Kennedy Arjeski '47

Elizabeth Kennedy Nienstedt '40

Elizabeth Burns '72



ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2018

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2018 celebrates the graduating classes of 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2018; however, everyone, regardless of graduation year, is invited and encouraged to attend.

Friday, September 14, 2018

Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Marygrove College Theatre and Denk Chapman Hall

All alumni are invited to attend the award ceremony in the theatre and then enjoy refreshments and conversation at the reception that follows in Denk Chapman Hall.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Dennis Howie, vice president for Institutional Advancement, at dhowie@marygrove.edu or (313) 927-1451.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Jubilee Class Homecoming Program
10:00 a.m. – noon
Main Dining Room

Reunion Luncheon
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
President Burns' Report to the Alumni
Alumnae Hall

Concurrent Sessions
1:45 – 3:45 p.m.
Alumni Art Exhibit
Gallery, 4th Floor, Liberal Arts Building

Alumni Sing "Serenade"
Library Lecture Hall

Institute of Music and Dance Mini Dance Recital
Marygrove Theatre

Conversation Space
Delahanty Student Lounge and Welcome Center

Faculty Research reports (20 minutes each)
Location to be determined

Alumni Showcase – published books, craft items, herbs and jellies, etc.
First Floor Hallway, Liberal Arts Building

Mass
4:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel

MARYGROVE'S GOT TALENT



Call for Submissions

This year's Alumni Reunion Weekend will feature a new Alumni Showcase, a display of the fine arts, writings and handicrafts of our talented Marygrove alumni.

Do you have that special something you'd like others to know about? Do you make jewelry, paint on canvas or cloth, crochet, knit, sew, etc.? Have you written a book?

We will have up to 50 display tables arranged in the main hallway of Liberal Arts from 1 till 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, September 15th, where you can sell your wares at your asking price. Artists will be responsible for accepting payment.

For this juried showcase, we're inviting you to complete a submission form and send photos of your work. The Reunion Planning Committee will select from among the submission forms. If your submission is accepted, there will be a \$20 participation fee to cover costs of set-up.

If you have questions or would like a submission form, please contact Dr. Glenda Price at gprice@marygrove.edu. Submission forms and photos are due via e-mail to Dr. Price by August 5, 2018.

Marygrove's Got Talent!

Celebrating 16 Years OF HONORING OUR ALUMS



As part of the 2018 Alumni Reunion Weekend, Marygrove will once again recognize its Distinguished Alumni. Please mark your calendars for September 14th at 7 p.m. for the 16th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards event.

Every year we depend upon you, our readers and loyal alumni, to nominate Marygrove graduates who deserve recognition for living out the ideals that Marygrove has always tried to instill in its graduates:

- Human Dignity
- Community
- Social Justice
- Ecological Justice
- Excellence
- Innovation
- Diversity

This year is no different, so please submit your nomination forms by June 30! Nomination forms are online for your convenience. Please visit <https://bit.ly/2Iv9CBn> to download the form.

These awards honor graduates who have made significant contributions and demonstrated leadership in any of the following areas:

- Professional, educational, or artistic endeavors
- The community through government service and/or civic organizations (such as Lions Club, City Planning Commissions, government committees, etc.)
- Political action, social justice or volunteer activities in schools, hospitals, etc.
- Marygrove College

For one of these awards, special consideration will be given to alumni who graduated within the last 16 years. All nominations will remain on file and will be reconsidered for two consecutive years. Self-nominations are also encouraged.

You know them! So nominate them for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards.



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THE MARYGROVE CONSERVANCY

– Preserving Marygrove’s Legacy for Future Generations



With the decision of the Marygrove Board of Trustees to redouble the College’s efforts in graduate studies and professional development, another critical decision had to be made. What to do about the campus, a sacred place to many, a community resource, a legacy created by visionaries more than 90 years ago?

The Marygrove Conservancy was born. A partnership of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM), Marygrove College and the Kresge Foundation, the Conservancy was established to ensure that the campus would be used to serve the needs of the people and preserve the campus for its original intent: education.

“All three of the partners have a commitment to the City of Detroit and a commitment to education,” said Sr. Jane Herb, IHM president. “What we see emerging is a unique P-20 concept, meaning that this campus will be the site of education from pre-school to Master’s level to serve the needs of the people at the same time we revitalize the campus.”

The Conservancy Board of Directors comprises the founding organizations. Jane Herb, IHM, serves as president, with Professor Emerita Rose DeSloover representing Marygrove College, Aaron Seybert and Wendy Jackson representing the Kresge Foundation, and three at-large members representing the surrounding community: Dr. Antoine Garibaldi, president of the University of Detroit Mercy, Dr. Glenda Price, president emerita of Marygrove College, and Michael Forsyth, strategy consultant from Live6 Alliance, a community development organization in Northwest Detroit.



Marygrove College’s assets have been transferred to the Conservancy, which helps the College improve its financial position by relieving its debt to the IHM congregation and allowing the College to focus on academic programs. A goal of the Conservancy is to repay the congregation for its loan on the property and manage the buildings and the grounds.

Sr. Jane said, “Proposals for educational uses of the campus have been pouring in from potential partners, which is a hopeful sign. It’s a new direction for all of us. We are actively looking for P-20 partners to make the vision real.”

IHM sisters still live in Hartman Hall and will maintain the IHM presence on campus. “Many have asked whether Kresge owns the campus,” Sr. Jane acknowledged. “No, the Kresge Foundation does not own the campus but it has provided significant support, financial, professional and moral support, and we’re grateful for that.”

Dr. Elizabeth Burns, Marygrove College president, said, “Marygrove College, of course, has a stake in the success of the Conservancy. Thanks to the vision of the IHM’s from our inception through today, Marygrove has remained committed to the City of Detroit. An educational campus that has programming and opportunity for a range of students can only be good for all of us.”

Beanstalk Real Estate Solutions of Detroit has been hired to manage campus facilities. For more information about the Marygrove Conservancy or to submit a proposal, please contact Beanstalk at MarygroveCampusInfo@beanstalkRES.com or (313) 446-8060.



Introducing ... or Reintroducing **MARYGROVE** COLLEGE

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THE SAME BUT DIFFERENT: MARYGROVE 2.0

With the degree of change that has occurred at Marygrove in just nine short months, it's time to pause for a moment and reflect on what we're calling Marygrove 2.0. It's been a history of change for Marygrove, adapting to or leading change in its 90+ years in Detroit. So maybe we're really Marygrove 10.0 or higher!

We no longer have undergraduates on campus, it is true. We do have some graduate students on campus but the majority of them attend online. Our faculty and staff numbers are significantly smaller. But our activity level on campus, from community meetings to art shows and our 30th installment of the Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series (see related article), remains high.

Today's Marygrove as a graduate studies and professional development institution is undergirded by the values and principles of our founders, the IHM Sisters. With input from every group of stakeholders, we have fashioned our new Mission, Vision and Values Statements, which we'd like to share with you.

Those had come to be known as the 3 C's, competence, compassion and commitment, encompassing how we viewed ourselves as an educational institution and as a community leader. Our new mission, vision and values reflect those same principles. We embrace these as we did the 3 C's and hope that our alumni understand and align themselves with their spirit and their meaning.



Marygrove President Dr. Elizabeth Burns said, "The Marygrove of 2018 doesn't function the way it did when many alumni were here. But there are those that know Marygrove differently, just as online graduate students. To them, Marygrove hasn't changed. In a sense, the concept of Marygrove will never change: we're here to educate, to help make a better life for all people through education. And our mission, vision and values demonstrate that we're still committed to the concept of a 'Marygrove College,' yesterday, today and tomorrow."

At the January 4th ribbon-cutting to celebrate the completion of Marygrove's transition to a graduate-only educational institution, Dr. Burns said, "As we open this new chapter in our 90-year history, we rededicate ourselves to innovative, values-based graduate studies and professional development; recommit to our identity as an anchor institution in our northwest Detroit neighborhood; and renew our mission to educate students from diverse backgrounds fostering the development of citizen-leaders."

Mission*:

Marygrove College, an independent, Catholic graduate institution, sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

- educates students from diverse backgrounds,
- fosters values-based leadership,
- provides innovative graduate studies and professional development toward career enhancement and social responsibility, and
- serves as an institutional leader within the city of Detroit.

Vision*:

Our students, as citizen-leaders, will inspire transformative change in their workplaces, communities, and society through intellectual rigor and professional excellence, creativity and imagination, active compassion for others, and life-long commitment to a just, humane, and inclusive world.

*Pending HLC Approval

Values:

Marygrove College, in collaboration with community and business partners, offers a transformative learning experience grounded in the values of:

Human Dignity - Respect and honor the inherent value of all persons

Community - Sustained engagement and responsibility for the common good

Social Justice - Ethical action that promotes equity and human rights

Ecological Justice - Action in support of the Earth Charter's (<http://earthcharter.org/discover/the-earth-charter/>) commitment to "protect and restore the integrity of Earth's ecological systems, with special concern for biological diversity and the natural processes that sustain life."

Excellence - Commitment to the highest quality student service and responsible leadership, grounded in a culture of high expectations, continuous assessment, and evidence-based decision making

Innovation - Imaginative energy toward new ideas and opportunities that lead to the development of a clear purpose and shared goals

Diversity - Appreciation, inclusion and acceptance of the uniqueness of each individual, welcoming differences in race, cultural background, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and perspective, among other attributes through hiring, recruiting, marketing and community outreach practices

COMMITMENT TO OUR UNDERGRADS STILL STRONG: STUDENT TRANSITION FUND AVAILABLE



Thanks to a grant from The Kresge Foundation, Marygrove has been able to provide financial assistance to cover some of the costs that our undergraduates incurred or may incur as a result of enrolling in a new college after closing our undergraduate programs.

The new Student Transition Fund is part of our ongoing efforts to help ensure that all our undergraduate students have every opportunity to continue their education with as little disruption as possible. These same students received significant help from their academic and financial aid counselors to transfer to a new school as well as the teach-out meetings and transfer fairs.

If a student enrolled at Marygrove at the end of the fall 2017 semester does not owe money to Marygrove and is enrolled in a new college or university, this Student Transfer Fund is available. It could cover a portion of expenses such as transportation, room and board, books and supplies, and tuition costs for classes needed to be retaken to fulfill academic requirements if they've not been covered by financial aid at the new school. If not yet enrolled, but students plan to do so in the future, the fund will be available if they enroll within the specified number of years.

The total cost of the fund is expected to be \$1.2 million over a maximum of 4.5 years until members of this year's freshman class have completed their undergraduate education. Financial awards can range from \$1,500 to \$4,000 per academic year, with an estimated average of \$2,500 per student. Special circumstances may result in aid as high as \$6,500 per academic year. Awards are available for 3.5 years for freshmen, 2.5 years for sophomores, 1.5 years for juniors and one year for seniors.

Marygrove President Elizabeth Burns said, "The establishment of this fund is part of our continuing effort to make the transition to a new school as seamless as possible and to assure that our former undergraduate students are financially able to continue pursuing their education.

"We are extremely grateful to the Kresge Foundation for its support of our students and their continuing education through the establishment of this fund."

If you know a student who was enrolled at Marygrove last fall and can benefit from some financial help, please let them know about the Student Transition Fund and invite them to contact Ayana Boyer, Student Transition Fund administrator, at transitionfund@marygrove.edu or (313) 927-1375.



COMMENCEMENT 2018

new and different, yet still the same

Commencement every year at Marygrove is a story of accomplishment. It's the culmination of years of hard work, tenacity and determination. It's the celebration of the future.

This year's Marygrove commencement, which took place Saturday, May 12th, had a different twist to it. A small group of graduates, some from outside Detroit, came to receive their hoods and diplomas at an intimate ceremony in the Marygrove Theatre. Because the majority of our graduate students are online, many don't know the campus, their professors or classmates personally. We created a special get-acquainted event called the Mix & Mingle on Friday evening, May 11th. With entertainment by our former music instructor, jazz pianist and saxophonist Zen Zadavec and his trio, this intimate evening saw graduates mingle with board members, faculty and staff, and each other.



I just wanted to say thank you for an amazing day Saturday. It was such a great experience to be a part of.

Another aspect of this year's commencement was the hooding of our graduates on stage by their respective department chair. Hooding used to take place at the undergraduate level during Baccalaureate but this special addition seemed to make commencement even more special for our graduate students.

The Theresa Maxis Award for Social Justice was presented to Maureen D. Taylor, BSW '83, MSW, parent coordinator for Detroit Community Schools, a social worker and community activist, who also delivered the commencement address. Titled "Stay the Course," Ms. Taylor told graduates, "Much is expected from those who have received much, so don't forget this message. Demons of selfishness are on every corner. Advanced education cannot be pigeonholed. You have to reach back and bring others into the light as best as you can. ...The defining essence of this moment cannot be cloaked in "I made these sacrifices just to get a better paying job." Your struggle has to be to advance humanity toward what human beings are supposed to be...innovative thinkers able to solve complex problems that improve the quality of life for us all."

Those of us who know the beauty and solemnity of a Marygrove commencement could anticipate the comments from some of the new grads. Jessica Thompson '18 wrote: "I just wanted to say thank you for an amazing day Saturday. It was such a great experience to be a part of."

COMMENCEMENT 2017 - EXCITEMENT FOR GRADS; RECOGNITION OF FACULTY

December 16, 2017, marked the last Baccalaureate mass and undergraduate commencement for Marygrove College. Detroit's Greater Grace Temple was the site of much excitement and celebration for the 100 Associate's and Bachelor's degree candidates who attended commencement exercises. Sr. Jane Herb, IHM Congregation president, delivered the commencement address.

In recognition of their years of service and their tenure, Marygrove bestowed the title of Emeritus on:

Dean Emerita
Judith Heinen, PhD

Professors Emeriti
Darcy Brandel, PhD
Thomas Klug, PhD
Steven Patterson, PhD
Frank Rashid, PhD
Dorothy Seebaltdt, PhD

Associate Professors Emeriti
Jana Abolins, PhD

Jeanne Andreoli, PhD
Audrey Becker, PhD
Mary Byrnes, PhD
Karen Davis, PhD
Jann Hoge, PhD
Vivian Johnson, PhD
Tal Levy, PhD
Catherine Orban, PhD
Steven Scribner, PhD
Lourdes Torres, PhD
Kenneth Williams, PhD
Loretta Woodard, PhD

Li-hsuan Yang, PhD
Ellen Duncan, MA
Mary Lou Greene, MFA
Debra Hanselman, MSW
Diane McMillan, MSW
Susan Panek, MA

Assistant Professors Emeriti
Ellis Ivory, MA
Anne White-O'Hara, MA



A NEW WELCOMING SPACE FOR STUDENTS AND GUESTS AT MARYGROVE



Dr. Elizabeth Burns (c) and the Delahanty children (l to r): Chris Youngblood, Ed Delahanty, Margie Kozuch, Maureen Johnston and Cindy Daiek dedicate the Center

Jane Brinkerhoff Delahanty '42 and Edward Delahanty

On May 24th, Marygrove dedicated the new Jane Brinkerhoff Delahanty '42 and Edward Delahanty Student Lounge & Welcome Center with their five children in attendance.

This gift that keeps on giving resulted from a donation Jane and Ed made to Marygrove in their trust. They loved Marygrove and their children agreed that their parents' funds could go to provide a welcoming place on the campus she loved for students and visitors. Daughter Maureen said that her parents were very social people so this lounge is particularly appropriate to bear their name.

The new center is located on the first floor of the Liberal Arts Building, in place of the former Marygrove Bookstore. Designed by Mary Claire McCormick, whose mother graduated from Marygrove, it features comfortable couches, tables and chairs in modern colors. The centerpiece of the room is a colorful 30" x 50" painting by Marygrove's own Martin McNeeley '17, a 25-year employee, in honor of his sister, Alison McNeeley. The art walls feature works by former Marygrove art faculty and Michigan artists who interpreted the writings of some of the Contemporary American Authors who have visited Marygrove over the series' 30 year history.

For many families like the Delahantys, Marygrove holds a special place in their heart. Marygrove is a family tradition.

Nina Jane Brinkerhoff was born in 1920; following in her sister Cornelia's footsteps, she came to Marygrove College after her elementary and secondary education at St. Gregory's. Aunt "Connie," as Cornelia was lovingly called, graduated in 1941, and Jane in 1942 with a degree in Home Economics.

There is a legacy of Brinkerhoff women attending college: Jane's mom Anne graduated in 1912 from St. Mary's at Notre Dame and believed in college education for women.

There are a couple stories among the Delahanty girls about where and how their parents met. One says they met at a party when Jane

was 16 and she was dating someone else, who subsequently became the godfather of one of their kids! Another says they met when a group of girlfriends went to a party and the University of Detroit boys were there, including their dad, a Gesu boy. He went off to war before completing his engineering studies at U of D; he was involved in the development of the B29 bomber.

On leave in 1942, Ed's mom and Jane took a train to meet him. He proposed on the steps of a closed church. They were married in 1944.

However that love story began, it included Marygrove all their years thereafter. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Marygrove.

They came to Marygrove dances as indicated by those ticket stubs that Jane saved. Jane was a "day hop," which meant that she commuted to campus on the bus as did Cornelia. Daughters Maureen and Margie "graduated" from Marygrove's kindergarten program. Ed Jr's mother-in-law Marie Chatel Cunniffe and her sister Peggy Chatel both graduated from Marygrove.

Jane cared about social justice. She had a strong belief that women, even those who couldn't afford it, deserved a college education. Jane used her home economics skills to teach low-income inner city women at Delray House how to stretch a dollar and how to provide nutritious meals for their children; she volunteered as Boy Scout den mother and Girl Scout troop leader; and she consistently donated to Marygrove.

Marygrove is grateful for the support of Jane and Ed and invites everyone who visits Marygrove to come and relax in the Student Lounge & Welcome Center that's named in their honor.

There are opportunities for your support as well. If you would like to donate to Marygrove personally or through your estate, please contact Dennis Howie, vice president for Institutional Advancement, at (313) 927-1451 or dhowie@marygrove.edu.

ALUMNI PROFILE: MEET MARY D. MOORE HUBBELL '56



When Mary D. Moore Hubbell last graced the pages of *Tower Times*, it was in a tribute to her life's work. To be sure, things have changed in the last decade, but what is immediately apparent is that her "life's work" hardly ended when the college presented her with the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award in 2008. Ten years on, things have changed in Mary D.'s life, but as has always been the case, she is relentlessly on the move and has no plans of allowing age, or the physical inconveniences that come with it, to stand in the way.

When she's not going through her exercise regimen at the pool, she might be found attending a continuing education course with her peers in the Senior Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR), a group that aims to keep seniors stimulated intellectually. She has also packed lunches and ridden on Salvation Army trucks, handing out food for the organization's bread and breakfast program. And after taking a leave of absence from her duties as a Stephen Minister at St. Regis parish so that she could care for her late husband, she's back to work. Now she uses her experience and faith to mentor, pray, and work through the grief with widows in her parish.

She also continues to kindle meaningful relationships with her Marygrove classmates, some who travel from as far as Fowlerville, Lansing, Rochester Hills, and beyond to meet for lunch in Brighton. "I do enjoy our meetings and am glad that we've managed to stay in contact all these years."

Perhaps her determination to keep moving can partially be attributed to instinct and her ability to adapt. Mary D. was born in Detroit, but over the next decade and a half, her father—along with Mary D., her mother, and five siblings—went where the work was: Flint, Janesville, Tucson, Kansas City, Buffalo, Northern Ontario, then back to Flint before finally returning to Detroit.

But instinct doesn't quite explain Mary D.'s grit, nor does it explain what she has accomplished, how and whom she has served, or what keeps her on "the pollen path." Rather than try to explain, perhaps we should simply allow Mary D.'s life to speak for itself.

Only a week after earning her BA in journalism from Marygrove in 1956, Mary D. was hired to write commercials for Wrigley's

ALUMNI DIRECTORY:

Didn't Get One?

Supermarkets. Sure, the new radio and TV writing and production class at Marygrove helped, she recalls, "But our family didn't even have a TV at the time. So I had to find my way by watching commercials over at the neighbors."

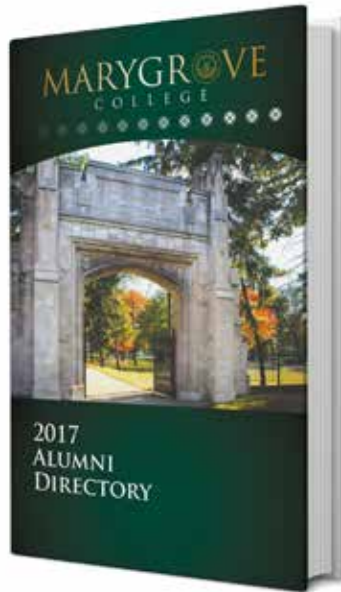
Mary D. spent a number of years as a stay-at-home mother, but she never stopped writing and remained an active member of the St. Mary of Redford Parish Council where she surveyed members and compiled data instrumental in both measuring and responding to parishioners' reactions to post-Vatican II changes in the church.

Once her six boys were in school, she joined the public relations department at The Detroit Institute of Arts, a position that led to her selection as the first Executive Director of the University Cultural Center Association (now Midtown Associates).

While at UCCA, she launched Children's Day, an award-winning event, and directly influenced a number of projects including curb cuts for the handicapped and a bus service. She also partnered with the Michigan Department of Corrections to set up a citizen advisory board at the Woodward Pre-release Center and arranged for prisoners to gain work experience at several institutions through a state-sponsored work program.

In 1985, Mary D. accepted the position of Director of Communications at New Detroit, Inc., the nation's first and largest urban coalition, all the while continuing to volunteer her time and talents on behalf of other organizations. As a board member at the Public Administration Foundation, she worked to enhance the image of public service careers, writing codes of ethics for elected officials and public administrators. Mary D. also served several terms on allocation panels for the southeast Michigan chapter of United Way and two terms on the board of Barat Human Services, the former residential and counseling program for troubled girls and families.

Her alma mater, too, has never been far from her heart and, throughout the years, Mary D. has been an active member and policy maker for Marygrove's alumni association. She has also lent her wisdom and words to *Tower Times* on numerous occasions and even stepped in to craft commencement citations, honorary degree awards, and speeches.



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We wish to acknowledge the leadership of President Emerita Glenda Price and the extra volunteer help of Professors Emeriti Rose DeSloover, Jane Hammang-Buhl and Frank Rashid, along with the creative participation of Tuxedo Fellow Rose Gorman. Strong, supportive partnerships with the Detroit Public Library, InsideOut, and One Earth Writing were also critical to the success of this event.

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