



ST SCHOLASTICA' S EX-STUDENTS UNION

ANNUAL REUNION: FOURTH SUNDAY IN MAY

APRIL 2000

President' s Message

Greetings!

I hope you have all made a wonderfully happy and healthy start to the new Millennium.

What a magnificent stage was Sydney Harbour for the New Year' s Eve Festivities. What more spectacular event could be planned for the Olympics?

Certainly 2000 is a year for celebrating. Let us remember what 2000 is really all about. Jubilee - Something worth celebrating - The Birth of Jesus 2000 years ago. We celebrate with public displays and ceremonies. Let us not look on these things as "something else to be done" but a special way to illumine our efforts to bring meaning to life with a Christian perspective.

The recent gathering of school children at Stadium Australia to witness to Christianity and Catholic Education in Australia was an overwhelming expression and celebration of our humanity. Congratulations to the College Students who were involved in the presentations as well as all who participated.

Our Ex-Student membership covers all the Dioceses of the State, so our celebrations will be many and varied. This year we have a window of opportunity as Christians to have a visible presence in the community. Let us proclaim the Good News of Jesus in our Words and Actions.

Carmel Keys: President

The family of Dr Margaret Jones has arranged for a gift to the College to be presented in memory of their mother.

Membership

Annual Subscription \$5
New Graduates \$2

Life Membership \$50

Ex-Students Executive

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Lent - Christian Life

A talk by Sr Margaret Malone, SGS was part of a very interesting afternoon for the preparation for Lent. It included relaxing, sharing, the Celebration of the Evening Prayer and hospitality. Based on the rule of St. Benedict it was a very spiritual but practical way of living the Christian Life. The Journey of Lent is a call to walk towards God, each other and our own heart.

2000 is...

The International Year for the Culture of Peace - Peace is in our hands-

1. **Respect all life**
2. **Reject Violence**
3. **Share with others**
4. **Listen to understand**
5. **Preserve the planet**
6. **Rediscover solidarity**

Please remember to notify your change of address to ensure you stay on our Mailing List

Please submit any news items you would like to be included in our next newsletter.

Remember in Your Prayers recently deceased ex-students/relatives

Dawn Norton
Dolly Harris
Dorothy McGrath
Sr Dolores Dew OLSH
Frank Mahony
Catherine Try
Helen Stimson (nee Bowd)
Sr. Mary David Barker in her 95th year
Our sympathy to all those who have lost loved ones.

Please forward names of deceased ex-students or family for inclusion in the Books of Remembrance for the Annual Mass.

The brother of Helen Stimson (1961), Alan Bowd, e-mailed from Canada. He requested that we note Helen died of cancer in January in London.

Vale Dawn Patricia Norton(Spillane)

Many of the ex-students and friends were saddened to learn that Dawn lost her battle with cancer on 7 February last.

Dawn came to St Scholastica's from St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill. After obtaining the Leaving Certificate she entered the Faculty of Social Science at Sydney University. On completion of her studies she joined Dept. of Child Welfare.

Dawn was a very loyal and devoted student and a conscientious Ex-Student. She served on the committee in the early years and filled the role of President for several terms, keeping constant liaison between the College and the Ex-Students' Union.

When Dawn retired from work at Lottie Stewart Hospital, she became even more involved in CWL as a member of the council for the Sydney Archdiocese attending many conferences. She was also a former International Secretary.

The final farewell to Dawn was on Friday 11 February, when her family and many friends attended the concelebrated Mass of

Thanksgiving at St. Kevin's Catholic Church, Eastwood. Dawn is survived by her husband Joe, sons Christopher and Tim SVD. and daughter Julie.

Our 1999 Function

Last August, the ex-Students enjoyed a delightful afternoon with guest speaker, Barbara Holborow, a former and well-known Children's Court Magistrate. She has always been a champion of children's rights and believes that where possible children should remain with their family or extended family. There was a lot of sadness in her stories but her dynamic personality had us all laughing at how she overcomes the many hurdles facing children.

Good news!

Congratulations to **Jo Anne Catling** on her marriage to Robert Kenderes on 24 April in the college chapel, where Nuptial Mass was concelebrated by Frs. Peter Quinn SJ, Des Dwyer SJ and Edward Doran OSB. Jo Anne was former Secretary of the Ex-Students Union and often provided beautiful music at our annual Mass.

Eileen Wells is back in better health after heart surgery and hip replacement.

Sr Elizabeth Carr SGS retired from teaching at SSC at the end of 1999, after 10 years, having special charge of Senior girls in years 11 and 12. Fortunately she has been retained as Community Liaison person, networking into the college community.

C o n g r a t u l a t i o n s t o :

Shirley Cooper (Schwarer) for her Commonwealth Recognition Award for her involvement with Coogee/Randwick War Widows' Group.

Rosetta Carnuccio (Yr 12, 1999) for the Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence.

Sr Sonia Wagner who was re-elected as Superior of the Good Samaritan Sisters at their Chapter last year.

Jacinda Gugliemino (SSC HSC Student 1999) who, out of 30 thousand HSC Visual Art

Works won the prestigious Julian Ashton Art School Scholarship for excellence in Drawing, which gives her a full year's tuition at Australia's oldest art school. Her stunning oil painting "My still life Apple & Pears" expresses feelings and ideas around significant periods of her life.

HSC '99 Results Congratulations to Year 12 1999 who achieved excellent results. Nine students scored a UAI over 90, with Kate Ramadge, Dux of the College, scoring 99.05. Kate will be the recipient of our **Sr Clare Memorial Award** this year and will be doing Physiotherapy at Sydney University.

Raffle

This year again we are having three prizes:

First: \$100 Gift Voucher from David Jones

Second: \$50 Gift Voucher from D.J's

Third: Decorated Folk Art Box

Tickets cost \$1.00 each or \$10.00 for the booklet of ten tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the Annual Reunion. If you are unable to attend could you return the butts, money and any unsold tickets to the Treasurer prior to 20th May 2000

Last year's winners were Bernice Olsen, Pat Sutherland & Eileen McAllister.

Voices of women

The book written by Sr. Denise Desmarchier IBVM was launched recently at a gathering of men and women at Loreto College, Kirribilli. The book was as a result of Sr Denise's research for her PhD. and interviews with women following the project of participation of women in the Church. It makes for a good read! Available at Spectrum Publications.

Do you know any news of:

Jody Higgin (nee Bergan) 9698 4702 (home)
9319 3900 (bus)

would like to hear from Vanessa Jeffrey, Narelle Croucher, Celina Timothy, Kayle Tempest, Clare Toutie, Jacqui Grant or others who left 1989(or HSC 1991).

Kornelia ("Cini") Drowing (nee Varady) now 24 Bronwyn Cres. Salisbury Nth 5108. Phone 0882584332 would love to meet up with Judy

Sampson (Mrs. Roger O' Farrell) and Maureen Pennyfather.

Marquerite Romer (Lynch) 12 Flinders Ave., St. Ives. Phone 94408659 - former college boarder and teacher graduate from Sydney University has made contact with us and would like to meet with her former classmates.

Nominations are being called to fill Executive Positions:

- President:.....
- Secretary.....
- Assnt Secretary.....
- Publicity Officer.....
- Treasurer.....

St Scholastica's Day & School Year Opening 10 February 2000

Once more the school year was opened at the celebration of a beautiful Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. This was further enhanced by outstanding music, the participation of so many students in the liturgy and a stirring Welcoming Address by the Principal, Ms Loretto Richardson

The theme of this was a message the Jubilee Year 2000 brings us. Six words and what they mean will allow us to understand this message.

Freedom A word we take for granted, a concept we accept as our God given right. Many are deprived of this liberty.

Fallow Letting the earth lie fallow to allow for regeneration

Forgiveness Learn to forgive and say sorry

Justice Remember the poor and downtrodden, the underprivileged, and those who suffer prejudice and discrimination

Journey the concept of a journey to return to home and family or community.

Jubilation The concept of this journey rightly brings Joy & Jubilation.

Jubilee!!!

Congratulations to **Sr Anne Rhoddy**, who on 4 January 2000 celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of her profession as a sister of the Good Samaritan. 60 years well spent!!!

Costs: We regret the increase in prices for our function, but costs of catering facilities have increased.

Update: St Scholastica's ExStudents' 75th Anniversary Bursary Fund Special Appeal 1998

We are pleased to advise that once more a very generous response was made to our Bursary Fund Special Appeal in 1999. Your continuing support to this special project is very encouraging.

For information to those ex-Students who are unaware of details of our BFSA: In 1998 BFSA was launched to celebrate 75 years since the foundation of our Union.

We aimed at 500 members to contribute \$20 pa (tax deductible) for 5 years in order to boost our existing Bursary Investment by \$50000. In 1998, 1999 and again in 2000 a part-tuition fee bursary was granted to selected students. College Progress reports on our 1999 recipient reveal satisfactory results, with special achievements in Japanese. Our congratulations to her!

If possible we invite you to help us reach our target! (See Separate Commitment and Remittance Slip)

A letter from Monica Sparks SGS

Dear Ex-Student,

Your executive has asked me to talk to you about our **Associates, Partners-in-ministry, and Friends of the Good Samaritan Sisters' Programme.**

Did you know that this programme has been up and running since 1995? I'm enclosing a Brochure you might like to read. The Network has various levels of belonging and participation I am most involved in Level (b) and to some extent (c) in NSW

This means that: (A) I communicate with 35 people about seven times a year by a letter and

sending them a copy of our publication "**By the Way**". This contains news of our ministries and important events and also a reflection sheet for thought and prayer called "**Oil and Wine**". Good Good Samaritan themes! (B) I work with a group three or four times a year. In this group we mutually support one another by Prayer and sharing And we deepen our Spirituality by talks, discussions and reflection. We also act as a group if we see a need arising to take a Social Justice stance to a situation. Often we take part in various Liturgies and Formation afternoons for all at St.Scholastica's Centre. Our next one is Trinity Sunday, June 18, 2.30pm-6pm followed by vespers and a meal with the Sisters.

Our Associates take the Good Samaritan **CHARISM AND SPIRITUALITY INTO THEIR LIVES AND MINISTRIES**, whether this be in the home or working, teaching, running a Women's Centre, nursing, counselling, support for victims of domestic violence, etc.

In a first historic National Meeting of Associates, Ministry Partners and Friends last October many exciting themes arose. I quote just one:

What are our yearnings?

- *To share more fully in our Good Samaritan/Benedictine heritage of Spirituality and Mission.
- *To be Partners in Ministry
- *To have knowledge and awareness of what is happening in our various circles.
- *To belong and to be supported as well as supporting others.
- *Further communication between Associates and Good Samaritan Sisters.
- *To learn how to pass on so much.
- *To experience connection and Community.

We would love to welcome you who are already precious friends into further connection and community with us. Please feel free to contact me or one of my co-workers to make inquiries.

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Many Blessings on you and your families and I
look forward to hearing from you. Love

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Monica Sparks.