



ST SCHOLASTICA'S EX-STUDENTS' UNION

ANNUAL REUNION: FOURTH SUNDAY IN MAY

APRIL 2004

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ex- Students

After the excitement of last year's meeting and my sudden elevation to President of the union it was quickly down to hard work. Anne Wells and Rose Paton were encouraging and instructive at our first executive meeting. No gradual easing in to my new role! We discussed the current activities of the ex- students as well as membership numbers and proposed ventures.

It was decided that an honour board listing the Sr Clare Memorial award winners would be appropriate and to display it in the college next to those of school captain and dux of the school. The honour board will be unveiled at the reunion this year.

I would like to thank Clare Hamilton (Weir), who is now retiring from the position of auditing the ex-students' financial accounts, which task she performed so diligently since 1998.

I would also like to express my thanks to Carmel Keys, our past president for all her work over the many years she held office and look forward to seeing her, and you, at the reunion.

Pax
Donna Lynch

PRESIDENT

WELCOME to our new President, Dr Donna Lynch(Catling). On behalf of the ex-students we thank her for accepting the position and wish her enjoyment and achievement as she performs this most worthwhile endeavour.

Jubilee!!!

Congratulations to ex-students who celebrate **Golden Jubilees** of their religious profession!

Sr Patricia Satterthwaite, SGS, January 2004
Sr Josephine Mitchell, SJS, December 2003,
Director of Mary MacKillop Institute of East Timorese Studies

Remember in Your Prayers recently deceased ex-students/relatives/friends

Sr Maureen Patricia Daley SGS - 23 December, 2003
Belshaw, Jean (Buckley) - December, 2002
Fischer, Anne (Scott, 1930 Class) - October 2001
Martin, Madeline - 25 December 2002 - mother of ex-students Joan, Patricia & Mary.
Whaling, Trixie (Forest, 1922 Class) - 2003
Our sympathy to all who have lost loved ones.
Please forward names of deceased ex-students or family for inclusion in the Books of Remembrance, which are placed on the altar at our Annual Mass.

Sister Maureen Patricia Daley R.I.P.

Sr Maureen Patricia Daley was born at Ballina on 22 August 1917, and was one of nine children in the family of Arthur and Laura Daley. Sr Maureen was educated in primary school at the Presentation Convent school at Ballina, where she looked back with very fond memories of country life. In 1928 the family moved to Sydney and Maureen after contact with Good Samaritan Sisters at St Benedict's, Broadway, completed her secondary education at St Scholastica's College.

Sr Maureen entered the Mt St Benedict Good Samaritan Novitiate in March 1934 and together with her sister, Sr Josephine Mary, she made her Profession of Vows in January 1937 - therefore, achieving almost 70 years of service to God and fellow man.

Her ministry in education began in 1938 and ended in 2000 - this included teaching in primary and secondary classes in Victoria & New South Wales, and at St Benedict's Business College, Broadway. In recognition of her dedication she received the Brother John Taylor Award for Excellence in Education in 2001.

After "retiring" from teaching, Sr Maureen lived at Pennant Hills and spent her days assisting in libraries, teaching English to migrants, leading a Bible study group and etc. We also remember her efforts in appealing for help for the East Timor missions, especially at our AGM in 2002.

Sr Maureen Patricia died at Bethany on 23 December 2003.

St Scholastica's College

The School Year was appropriately opened with the inspiring Mass celebrating St Scholastica's Day at St Mary's Cathedral on 12 March. This also included the Dedication of Captains and Blessing of their Badges.

Open Day was held in March, and ex-students are invited to attend this each year.

In October, in the International Year of Fresh Water, a wonderful production of a Water Festival was performed, involving Music, Drama, Art, TAS & DAT faculties.

The Annual Sports Presentation Night was held in October and Speech Night wound up the year in November.

Midst all this studies took priority as results show:

Four HSC students achieved a mark over 99.

Karla Subrata received a Premier's Award for gaining marks in the top 10% in all her subjects. She is also Dux of the College for 2003

Cailin Maas received a Visual Arts mark among the best in the state placing her in the Honour roll of SMH.

Masaya Arellano had her work "Body of Work" exhibited at the Art Express opening at Hazlehurst Regional Art Gallery at Gynea in February 2004

Congratulations to all HSC students who performed so well!

Congratulations to:

? The College Principal, **Loretto Richardson**, and all her staff for another year of great achievement in all fields of education. We thank you and administration people also for the help and cooperation received by the ex-students' executive throughout the year and your presence at our AGM.

? Ex-students, **Sharon, Narelle and Leanne**, together with their two sisters, **Bernadette and Raelene** and brother **Scott** organised the celebration of their parents, **Valerie & Bernard Unterheiner's, 50th Wedding Anniversary** at Strathaven, Wyong. Present also were 12 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and many relatives & friends. They also received the Papal Blessing. Valerie was P & T President, and Bernard P&T Treasurer for many years. Val was commended on having played Church music for 62 years, as well as having taught music. Her ambition is to continue playing and teaching for many years to come!

? **Xavier Compton San,sgs, omedetou gozaimasu!** Last year, sister returned to Japan for the jubilee occasion marking 50 years since a small group of Australian Good Sams opened Seiwa (which means Holy Peace) College in the naval base city of Sasebo, near Nagasaki on the island of Kyushu. Sister studied Japanese and taught in Japan for 14 years (1950-1963) and again she returned (1977-1979).

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan, who arrived in Japan in 1948, responded to a call from Bishop Yamaguchi, then Bishop of Nagasaki, after the devastation of that city by the atomic bomb in 1945.

Many other ex-students and/or teachers worked in Japan including:

Srs Rose Pekin, RIP, Jean Gates, Lola Junge, Margaret Prendergast; and Mrs Margaret Bleakley (Lovegrove).

? **Melissa Stanton**, Class of 2003, who received the Archbishop of Sydney Award for student excellence. She also received the St Scholastica's Award (Sisters of the Good Samaritan)

? **Patricia Joan Sexton,sgs,OAM**, Queen's Birthday Honour List 2003 recipient of Medal of the Order of Australia, for service to secondary & tertiary education as an educator and administrator, and to the community as a Sister of the Good Samaritan.

? **Margaret (Turner) and Kevin Duffy** celebrated their **50th Wedding Anniversary** in February 2004 at luncheon at the Cottage Point restaurant, with their 6 children & spouses and 15 grandchildren and many relatives & friends.

News of Ex-students

? In May 2003, Joan Smith (Martin) wrote and asked to report in our next Newsletter that her sister, Mary Boyle, (Martin, Leaving Class 1959) had lost her home and all its contents, including photos, videos and memorabilia at Duffy, ACT, in the January bushfires. Mary wrote later "that it had been a horrendous experience, but family, friends and communities have softened the pain". We hope all is going well for you now, Mary.

? Monica Sparks,sgs, is back in NSW from Queensland and is living at the Stables, built in 1834, and attached to Mater Dei, Camden. Here she is engaged in fostering Spirituality, Ecology, Meditation & Retreats. An unusual project, she is also working at creating a "Time Walk"!

? Class re-unions

Class of 1940-44 will celebrate 60 years since the completion of school days at St Scholastica's with a luncheon to be held at the Congregational Centre, St Scholastica's on Thursday 26 August 2004 at 12 noon.

Contact Carmel Keys on Tel: 9977 5156

Hope to see you all at the Annual Mass and AGM also.

Class of 1950-1954 celebrating 50 years' Reunion.

Veronica Hourigan has been busy collecting names & addresses of this class and inviting them to meet firstly at lunch at City Tattersalls Club, 198 Pitt St Sydney at noon, Saturday, 22 May 2004 and then again at the ex-students' Mass and meeting 12.30pm, Sunday, 23 May 2004.

Contact Veronica, 3 Goa Place Waramanga ACT2611 Tel:02 6288 2312. Email:tvhourig@ozemail.com.au

Class of 1960-64 celebrating 40 years' Reunion.

Calling all ex-students from this class to meet at the Annual Mass & Afternoon Tea 12.30 pm Sunday 23 May 2004.

Contact Maureen McCluskie - Tel: 4732 2238

Classes of 1974, 1984,1994

Is anyone out there organising 30, 20, 10 year re-unions? Why not organise a gathering at our AGM on 23 May this year? Many ex-students are not on our mailing list. We would like to send out Invitations &

Newsletters if you send in the authorised information by 1 May 04 !!

Sister Clare Slattery, SGS MBE -

by Marie Catling & Marie Weir.

Sr Clare was a much loved and admired educator during her many years at St Scholastica's College, the Good Samaritan Teachers' College and in the latter years, of her teaching career, Principal at St Clare's College, (named in her honour) Canberra.

Sr Clare with her keen eye and indepth knowledge of her students' capabilities was able to steer many of her ex-pupils into their ultimate vocation. She was one of the outstanding nuns who taught the "young ladies" of St Scholastica's between 1926-1958. She was academically gifted and had a holistic approach to her teaching of the 4th and 5th Year girls.

The students attending the college at that time had the privilege of being guided by this remarkable lady. Her influence over the girls during those years is still remembered to this day, with many of her methods adopted by the present staff of St. Scholastica's.

During the years of World War 11 Sr Clare will always be remembered for her time as Air Raid Warden - ringing the Bell - in great panic, her feet not quite able to touch the ground, because of her short stature. The Japanese were about to bomb Sydney and St Schol's was their prime target. "Run girls, run to the Air Raid Shelter immediately!"

St Clare's College was originally an experimental institution taking two of the teaching staff from each of the various religious orders within the Commonwealth. It was a well known fact that each Order seemed to excel in one or two particular fields. So it was envisaged the combining of all these qualities would reach the ultimate in teaching procedures. St Clare's College, within the ACT would be a model institute for learning.

To show their appreciation of the guidance and many qualities bestowed on them by this remarkable and far seeing educator, the ex-students of St Scholastica's have established an Annual Award. This is presented to the student with the highest UAI in the Higher School Certificate, and who intends to proceed to a higher education, be it University or Technical College. We trust that this award will keep the loving memory of Sr Clare alive for many years to come.

Your continued support of the Memorial Award Fund would be much appreciated.

Sr Clare Memorial Award Honour Board

This year an Honour Board has been purchased and inscribed with the names of all the recipients of the Sr Clare Memorial Award since its inception in 1980.

This Board will be ceremoniously unveiled at the AGM in May.

We hope all the Awardees will respond to invitations to attend this significant event.

The Board will hang in the College, where we hope it will be an inspiration for students to perform to their highest standards.

The top 2003 HSC Student is Karla Subrata, with a UAI mark of 99.65%. Karla has chosen to study

Commerce/Law at Sydney University and in August is transferring to the London School of Economics. Congratulations Karla!

Update - St Scholastica's ExStudents' 75th Anniversary Bursary Fund (Special Appeal 1998)

Please be advised that once more a very generous response (**\$3255.37**) was made to our **Bursary Fund Special Appeal in 2003/4**. Your continuing support to this special project is very encouraging. To date from 1998 **142** people have donated \$20622. Our fund now stands at \$45650.93. (Refer separate sheet). Don't forget, donations over \$2 are Tax Deductible.

It is with great pleasure we advise that Danielle Phillips, our first recipient in 1998 of a Bursary from our 75th Anniversary Fund has now completed her secondary studies. Danielle achieved a UAI mark of 90.6. She is now studying for an Advanced Diploma in Hospitality Management at TAFE College. Whilst at school Danielle was Ullathorne Captain and delighted many as a soloist at the Opening Mass Ceremony and various College performances. Congratulations and best wishes for the future, Danielle.

Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation (Est.1999)

This Foundation was launched at Government House, Canberra in March 1999 by the Foundation's patron, Sir William Deane, AC KBE. It is now under the Chairmanship of Mr Pat Cunningham

It was established to ensure the continuance of the Good Samaritan ministry.

The Foundation **gives us the opportunity** in a small way to be a "Good Samaritan". We may be unable to be there but we can be part of this important mission of responding to real needs.

A message from the Foundation informs us:- (Do read the Newsletters on the Notice board)

- ? Since the opening in Brisbane of the transitional accommodation service for women with children in October 2002, ten women & 12 young children in great need, have been helped in many ways
- ? 6 Ministries throughout Australia have received assistance - The Mt Magnet ministry (serving isolated rural communities in WA), the Daly River Ministry (serving a NT indigenous community), a Ministry to disabled people (Vic), Women in Need ministry (Vic) Mary's Space Ministry for women at risk (Vic) and Whyalla Community House Ministry (SA)
- ? Overseas ministries at Kiribati, East Timor and Philippines have been supported.

You will be pleased to know a very generous response totalling **\$1095** from our ex-students was made in **2003** towards the GSF. **The Executive Director, Sr Lorraine Victorsen sgs**, writes, "St Schol's is by far our best group of Past Pupils". **Let's not lose that reputation.**

So once again, we ask if each AGM invitation recipient would donate an amount (small or large) annually to be part of this mission. (Refer our Remittance Advice). Any donation will be receipted and if over \$2 may be used as a Tax Deduction.

What's happening at the College?

The Multi Purpose Hall, as per SCHOLS.COM January 2004 edition - "a new facility for new ways of learning.....assemblies, presentations, drama & music festivals, theatresports, art exhibitions, debating & public speaking competitions, OPEN DAYS, examinations, sports, gymnastics, coaching, retreats, forums & conferences, seminars, trivia nights, social justice activities, racial tolerance day, leadership programs, parent-teacher interviews, P&F meetings & functions, information evenings, multicultural days..." is nearing completion and it is anticipated it will be opened in June 2004. Come and view this at the AGM in May.

This building will be named after Trixie Whaling (Forest, Class of 1922). From her estate \$100,000 was gifted to the College towards the building of the Multi Purpose Hall. (Read her story in the SCHOLS.COM on the Notice Board.)

Guessing Competition

This year our prizes are:

- First: \$100 David Jones Gift Voucher (Donated)
 - Second: \$50 David Jones Gift Voucher (Donated).
 - Third: "The Treasures of Saint Scholastica`s" a book by Jacinta Shailer sgs and Judith Foster sgs, plus Coasters, Cards and bookmarks taken from photographs in the book.
- Tickets cost \$2.00 each or \$10.00 for the booklet of FIVE tickets. It 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 2004 please?

Please remember the proceeds are a very important resource for financing our projects!

Our winners last year were:

1st Tricia MacRae; **2nd** Carmel Keys; **3rd** Mary Hyde

The Treasure of Saint Scholastica's

A book, by Jacinta Shailer sgs and Judith Foster sgs was launched in October 2002 by Sonia Wagner sgs. You will have the opportunity to view and purchase this book, together with Coasters, Cards and Bookmarks taken from the book, at our AGM on 23 May 2004.

Costs are:- Book \$19.95; Coasters \$13; Card with Envelope \$2.70; Bookmark \$1.00; Post Card \$1.00.

Position Vacant - Services required of an Honorary Auditor. Please reply to a member of the Executive.

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4WD East Timor Appeal

Following our appeal in 2002, instigated by Sr Maureen Patricia Daley, now deceased, Sr Francis Maher advised at our AGM in 2003 that a 4WD vehicle, is now available for pastoral work in the mountains of East Timor. Thanks to all who so generously supported this.

Calling all SSC Ex-Students

An invitation is extended to come and join us at our Annual Mass and Afternoon Tea on the fourth Sunday of May annually - this year on 23 May.

We are about renewing friendships, meeting new folk.

We are about helping in our various projects:-

- ? Sister Clare Memorial Award
- ? Our Bursary Fund which presently provides a scholarship for a selected SSC student.
- ? Award for Community Work by SSC student.
- ? Sisters of Good Samaritan Foundation - As per article - page 3

Membership

Annual Subscription \$5

New Graduates \$2

Life Membership \$50

If Bookings for AGM are paid prior to 21st May you may pick up your receipt and Name Tag at the side entrance to the Chapel from 12.15pm to 12.50pm. This will reduce queuing at the Function Centre later.

Please consider - The International Year of Rice

BEQUESTS

Would you consider a Bequest for the benefit of the projects supported by the St Scholastica's ex-students' Union?

A suitable example is as follows:-

I,..... bequeath the sum of \$..... to the St Scholastica's Ex- Students' Union to be applied to the various projects of the Union as deemed appropriate by the committee acting on behalf of the said Union members and I declare that the Receipt of the said Union will be full discharge for my executor, without any further need to enquire as to the actual application of monies.

Nominations are being called for people interested in Executive Positions:

Let us have your news for our next newsletter

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

NB. Owing to rising costs of postage, stationery and printing we will be obliged to delete names of people from our mailing list, if they have not responded for a period of 5 years.