

InTouch

Spring Festival Showcases Spirit of Mount Carmel and Raises over \$49,000 for school programs

This year's Annual Spring Festival was ushered in by long awaited beautiful clear blue skies and warm sunshine. We enjoyed delicious homemade food, thrilling rides, new games, expanded games for pre-schoolers, more games of chance and an incredible line up of entertainment.

This 3-day event requires months of planning, and a huge amount of volunteer hours to make it successful. This year's Festival was a resounding success, not just in the monies raised, but in the way all the different groups of the Mount Carmel Community participated and became involved in helping us fulfill our goals.

The Parish Council advertised and sold tickets for the BBQ Chicken dinner, Parish Council and Finance Committee hosted the new and popular Wine Bar, the Men's Club ran the Over and Under Game, the ICF managed and sold Raffle tickets, the Bible Study group donated cookies and volunteer hours, YLI donated cookies and cakes, St Vincent de Paul Society provided cookies and volunteers, and last but not least, all of our school parents who worked hours and hours before, during and after the event.



We truly are blessed with a very giving and loving community at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and School. It is through your gifts of time, talent and treasure that we are able to continue to provide our

children with the best Catholic Education possible. Thank you parents, families, parishioners, and friends for your generous support of this very important annual school fundraiser.



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Woman of the Year

Paula Uccelli Territo '56

State Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo-alto) announced that our own Paula Uccelli, Class of 1956 and active parishioner, has been named the 11th Senate Districts Woman of the Year. Paula was chosen because of her tireless efforts to promote education, the arts, and volunteerism.

This award is given each year to those who are dedicated to making positive change in their community—they embody California at its best. “Paula is an institution in Redwood city. She is a vibrant, warm and wonderful person who has been doing good work for many years,” Simitian said.

Paula is founder of the Sequoia Awards. The goal of the Sequoia Awards is to promote volunteerism and to honor those within our community with extraordinary histories of selfless volunteer activism. High school seniors are selected for their exemplary volunteerism. They are recognized

for their uncompensated volunteer efforts. Two recent Mount Carmel School alumni have been

the recipient of this \$2,000 scholarship award; **Julie Rice** and **Patrick Stumbaugh**—both class of '02. Patrick, graduating from Serra High School this year, is still active in Mount Carmel's Youth Ministry, traveling to Mexico this summer and building houses for poverty-level families.

Paula is the owner of Pete's Harbor, built by her late husband Pete Uccelli. She is also a member of numerous community groups and an active supporter of Sequoia Hospital, the San Mateo County Historical Association, Pets in Need, Redwood City/San Mateo Chamber of Commerce, Peninsula Symphony, Casa de Redwood Senior Home, St Anthony Padua Dining Room the American Heart Association and Scholarship, programs for the San Mateo County 4-H Club, and of course, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and Church.

Paula was honored in a formal ceremony at the Sate Capital on March 20. We join in celebrating Paula, and thank her for her

tireless devotion to the community in which she lives.



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Mount Carmel Students have history of winning Sequoia Award

The Sequoia Awards was established in 1990 to annually recognize outstanding volunteerism among students, individuals and businesses. To date, the Sequoia Awards has awarded more than \$400,000 in scholarships to outstanding high school seniors who have performed extraordinary,

uncompensated community service within the greater Redwood City area. The Sequoia Awards today is the largest volunteer recognition program in Redwood City.

Since the Sequoia Awards began, we are very proud that 10 Mount Carmel Graduates have been the recipient of this scholarship. They are:

Dora Arrendondo '91, Nichole Lacues '96; William Gavin '97; Nicole Shah and Kristen Schlitz, '98; Victoria Siekieski and Alicia Diaz, '99; John Wise '00, Julie Rice and Patrick Stumbaugh, '02

We know that Mount Carmel Students will continue to appear on this list.

From the Principal

Dear Alumni, Family and Friends:

This is always such a bittersweet time of the year as we enjoy the fruits of our labor, seeing our children progress on to the next grade and bidding our graduating class farewell. It is also a time where we have already begun planning for the next school year; so quickly one year ends and the next begins.

The 2005/06 school year has been successful in many, many ways. Our fundraising efforts have exceeded budgeted goals by \$14,008 and for that I am extremely grateful. The success of these fundraisers, along with the prayerful support and generous donations of the many alumni, parishioners and families; has given us many gifts. All of our annual fundraising efforts amount to a total of \$200,000—and enables us to offset the cost of tuition by about \$700 each year for every student, and add to the endowment fund which now stands at \$546,400.00.

We are truly blessed, and because of all these gifts are able to announce two very important additions to the curriculum for next year - a Spanish language program for all grades, and a part-time enrichment program for high-achieving students in grades 1-5. The addition of these programs will help challenge our children, expose them to a more well-rounded curriculum, and better prepare them for high school.

The staff remains unchanged for the 2006/2007 school year which brings great consistency and continuity to our academic program. This is especially important as the school will undergo accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) in the Spring of 2007.

We look forward to next year with our exciting new additions to the curriculum, our new Parent Teacher Group (PTG) in place, and our new Pastor, John Balleza. In the meantime, enjoy the beautiful days of summer. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Teresa Anthony

Principal



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St Julie Day Celebration

Every other year, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School celebrates the foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame; St Julie Billiart.

All the Sisters who taught at Mount Carmel School, who are alumni, or who were raised in the parish are invited to attend.

We celebrate beginning with a school liturgy in her honor and May Crowning. Mrs. Virginia Ploesser prepared a beautiful liturgy, songs by the Choir and the entire student body, inspired by St Julie's life and thoughts on God. "it is a gift that we can bring back the teach and alumni sisters to share their experiences with the children and staff". Said Mrs. Anthony.

We were so very fortunate to have in attendance for the day; **Sr. Jeannette Braun, Sr. June Canoles, Sr. Nena Fazio '57, Sr. Barbara Hamm '44, Srs. Margaret '46 and Pat Hoffman '51, Sr. Alberta Karp '37, Sr. Barbara Kavanaugh '47, Sr. Mary Lonich '46, Sr. Jacinta Martinez '55, Sr. Marie Elise McCormick '37, Sr. Catherine Pelletier '42, Sr. Veronica Skillin '46, Sr. Marie Thomasine, Sr. Cecilia Wallace '49, Sr. Kathryn Keenan, and Sr. Louise O'Reilly.**

Gifts for each Sister were handmade by our 3rd and 5th

grade students—stationary that included the children's hand drawn and colored sunflowers—the flower of St Julie.

St Julie spoke of the sunflower straining to follow the sun as it moved in the sky and saw this as a metaphor for the soul. The soul focuses—if we let it—and follows the directions of God.



It was such a wonderful morning of celebrating St Julie, and sharing great stories among the faculty and Sisters. Sr. Thomasine was the Principal at Notre Dame School in Alameda who hired Mrs. Anthony for her first teaching position in 1977. Sr. Barbra Ann taught 7th grade at Mount Carmel between 1972 & 1983—she taught our current K teacher Mrs. Musich, and our current 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Furrer.

"It is important for the children to see a living part of the school's history" said Mrs. Anthony, "St Julie and the Srs. Of



Notre Dame are our roots, and are as important to us as our family roots."

This years event was hosted by our K-parents who created handmade invitations for the event, and a beautifully presented and delicious French themed brunch



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Notre Dame Associates

Living the Gospel in the Spirit of St Julie

Enlivened by the charism (gift of the spirit) of St Julie, Notre Dame Associates are women and men who respond to God's call to a special relationship with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Associates and Sisters work together to create justice and peace for all, especially poor women and children. Through their prayer, relationships, and ministries, Associates commit themselves to express in our time, as St Julie did in hers, that God is good.

Mrs. Virginia Ploeser, has been teaching for over 50 years; 25 at Mount Carmel School and currently is our Jr. High Math Teacher and Religion Coordinator. All of these 50 years have been spent teaching with the Sisters of Notre Dame. Mount Carmel School's last teaching sister was Sr. Alberta Karp, who retired in 2004.

Mrs. Ploeser became a Notre Dame Associate in 2001 and since that time has made it her mission to keep the Spirit of St. Julie alive in the school.

As a Notre Dame Associate and our Religion Coordinator, Mrs. Ploeser works to keep the spirit of St Julie in the school by fostering prayer among the students. She organizes our

monthly school liturgies, choosing the songs, prayers and level of student involvement. "Mrs. Ploeser infuses so much of herself in preparation of these liturgies," says Mrs. Ploeser, "she makes each one throughout the year so very special for us, she truly keeps the spirit of St Julie alive for us all."



Sr. Jeannette Braun, one of the coordinators of the program, shared that as part of their mission, they have provided many items to help educate the children of Guatemala. "The children cannot attend school unless they arrive with supplies. This means the simplest things like a pencil, pencil sharpener and a notebook. That is the cost of admission for them" she continues. "Through this program, sending those needed supplies is just one of the ways we help".

For more than 25 years, the Sisters of Notre Dame have welcomed Associates into their lives. Any one who express the desire to be more closely united to the spirit of St Julie and the mission of the sisters may apply to become an associate. If you would like more information about the associate program, please contact Sr. Jeanette Braun at 650-595-1201.



School News

Varsity Boys take PPSL Basketball & Baseball Championships

Congratulations to our Boys Varsity Basketball team who not only had an undefeated season, but won the PPSL 2006 North/South Championship, defeating St Catherine's of Burlingame. Members of this years' team included Alvaro Andaluz, Spencer Britschgi, Zeke Edwards (Religious Ed Program) Dylan Hruska, William Kadash, Danny Lewin and Fadi Totah along with coaches Tim Goode, Steve Kadash and Dan Lewin. This 8th grade also won the PPSL Varsity Boys Baseball Championship in the fall.



This is the first Mount Carmel School/Parish team to win the Basketball title in over 50 years. Do you know, or can you tell from the picture be-

low what year that was? And, can you name at least one of the players (not yourself)? The first person to contact the development office with the correct information wins a Starbucks Card.



The Varsity Baseball team includes St Pius boys, Mount Carmel Religious Ed student Zeke Edwards, and Mount Carmel boys Spencer Britschgi, Dylan Hruska, William Kadash, Danny Kocjan, Danny Lewin, Evan Miraglia, Sean O'Holleran and Fadi Totah and Coaches Bill Kadash and Scott Sammons.



Class of ????



Kim Krekel Dedication

On May 18, the staff, students and faculty gathered to plant and dedicate a tree in memory of Ms. Kim Krekel, our school counselor who passed away in January. Our ceremony included the reading of the poem "The Dash" and placing of the soil around the tree, along with rocks that include a plaque with her name.



Kim graced the halls of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School for 4 and a half years. She was always warm, positive, kind, eager and enthusiastic to help teachers, parents and students alike.

"I always looked forward to my Tuesday morning chat with Kim" shares Mrs. Anthony, "We would catch up on our 16 year old daughter stories, share a coffee now and then, and most importantly share our passion and concerns of helping the families of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School". Kim often shared lunch with the faculty and staff, and they eagerly sought her advice on classroom management strategies or dealing with a reluctant learner or a difficult parent. She often visited classrooms and worked with students on conflict resolution strategies or observed children to help the teachers better meet their needs. She gifted parents with practical and sound strategies and never forgot to let them know that they were doing a great job with their children and that this crisis would pass. She is missed everyday.



The tree we have planted will be a living reminder of how she helped us grow, and to remember always that we will weather the challenges that life brings us. Kim was truly a gift to all of us at Mount Carmel School.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

First Day of School
August 23

Back to School Nights
August 30 and 31

Annual Auction
November 4

Holiday Home Tour
December 9

Catholic Schools Week Open House
January 28

Class of '57 Reunion
April 21

Spring Festival
April 28, 29 and 30th

Class of '03 Reunion
May 6

8th Grade Graduation
June 1

Class of 2006

The whirlwind of graduation week is over and the Class of 2006 are officially alums and on their way.

From the presentation of the class symbols to the passing of the flame to the Class of '07, the presentation of the class gifts, the songs, the awards, the speeches; all will be long remembered. They were touching, heartfelt and eloquent.

Excerpts from Candle Ceremony
—Dylan Hruska

The passing of the candle from the eight graders is one of most symbolic events during the graduation prayer service. With these candles come new responsibilities and privileges. Our class was an incredible class and the 7th graders have large shoes to fill. To be successful, they must embody the school mission statement, and learning expectations. Remember that the younger Padres look up to you, they want to do what you do, and be like you. You are their role – models like it or not, and must set good examples.

Excerpts from Salutatorian —
Maddy Tabing

Individuality is the key to success it is said. You're probably wondering why I say this to you Class of '06, who are standing before me in identical blue robes and who've worn the same uniform for 9 years. The fact is that I believe that every 31 of us are unique and successful indi-



viduals. Through the years we have let ourselves shine, not through what we wore, but through our bright and vivid personalities. We've become amazing, wonderful, beautiful people capable of great and fantastic things.

Excerpts from Vaedictorian Address—Danny Lewin

When I first came to Mt Carmel School in the 3rd grade, I was shy and apprehensive about meeting new people. I was very grateful to have my sister Katie with me. I soon found I had 31 other family members, each of my classmates. Our time with each other has produced bonds that cannot be broken, happiness, friendships, spiritual growth and love. As in all families, the children grow up, mature and the time comes to leave home. As we sing in the school song, we will be "true to dear Carmel". We will never forget our roots. I hope that the memories we have made here will stay with us forever. Behind you is the legacy you have left at Mount Carmel. What lies ahead is up to you. It is your life. You have everything to gain by making the right choices. So tonight my classmates, I have a chal-

lenge for you. Leave this place but never forget it. Remember what you learned here: the values, life lessons and morals. Apply these to your daily life. Find your way in that larger world, but never forget who are and where you came from."

Members of the Class of '06:

Alvarao Andaluz, Natalia Barulich, Spencer Britschgi, Adrian Calderon, Kelly Claire, Emma Davis, Sean Espinosa, Lauren Evanoff, Malia Felise, Maritza Galindo, Daniela Garofani-Rodriquez, Dana Gloria, Natalie Greco, Daniel Grelli, Allison Harris, Dylan Hruska, Hayley Johnsen, William Kadash, Daniel Kocjan, Danny Lewin, Katie Lewin, Isela Lopez, Tanya Merslich, Evan Miraglia, Moses Nerio, Sean O'Holleran, Jonathan Romero, Daniela Susnara, Stephany Swensen, Madeleine Tabing and Fadi Totah

Class of 2006 Firsts:

- First K class to present the Three Piggy Opera—now in its 9th year
- Only Mount Carmel Class to have diplomas signed by both Archbishop Niederhauer and Bishop Calvo
- First 8th grade class to have Friday T-shirts to wear untucked! Now a new tradition.



Class of 2002 Reunion

On Sunday May 7, the Class of 2002 returned for the traditional 4-year reunion. We were thrilled to see 14 members of the class and their parents along with their 8th grade teacher Mrs. Peggy Clifford, now retired.



Mrs. Janice Scherba, and Mrs. Camille Torres catch up with Nick Clark

Also attending were Mrs. Gina Furrer, 7th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Janice Scherba 2nd grade teacher and proud parent of an '02 alum—Tony Scherba, and Mrs. Camille Torres, 3rd Grade Teacher.

A very impressive bunch of alums —College plans include **UC Santa Cruz for Michael and Steven Borg, Cal Poly for Noelle Miraglia and Emily Ferem, UCLA for Corey Ilnicki, Gonzaga University for Patrick Stumbaugh, Northeastern University**

Honors Program for Tony Scherba, University of San Francisco for Brooke Bassett, College of San Mateo for Nick Clarke, and the University of Santa Clara for Jessica Sandoval and TJ Watterson.



From the top, left to right;

Ryan Angell, Tyler Thomas, Corey Ilnicki, Jessica Sandoval, Patrick Stumbaugh, Noelle Miraglia, Nick Clark, Michael Borg, Steven Borg, Vida Rivera, Alex Dini, Brooke Bassett, Emily Ferem, Tony Scherba



The event was hosted by our 1st grade parents and we thank Mrs. Christie Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Rose Monzyani, Mrs. Janice Russo, and Mrs. Joni Soderer.

The delicious food was catered by the Monzyani's Shoreline Café in Belmont.



Mrs. Peggy Clifford; OLMC teacher from 1985 to 2004

Alumni News

Marte Formico '43 inducted into Sports Hall of Fame.

On June 22, Marte Anthony Formico, Class of '43, will be inducted posthumously into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame. Beginning here at Mount Carmel School, then Bellarmine Prep and Santa Clara University; Marte was an all-around star athlete playing baseball, basketball, football, tennis and track. Marte was part of the 1950 Santa Clara football team that defeated Kentucky and Coach Bear Bryant in the Orange Bowl—one of college footballs' most startling upsets. The event takes place at the Elks Lodge in San Mateo.

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1956 is holding their 50 year reunion on June 24 2006 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Foster City at 6pm. If you would like more information please contact Barbara Sposito at 650-780-0777 or Sally Territo at 650-369-0812.

Class of 1957 is planning their 50 year reunion for Saturday, April 21, 2007. This reunion is in the early stages of planning, and all help and ideas are welcome. Please contact classmates Robert Plant at 650-366-4786 or John Quinn at 707-206-0610.

Interested in a Reunion?

We would be happy to share our Mount Carmel Facilities with you free of charge, and subject to availability during the weekends for your reunion. The Small Hall, courtyard, Cavanaugh Hall and the kitchen can be used for brunch, lunch or an evening event. For more information, please contact the Development office at 650-366-8817 or email development@mountcarmel.org

We have recently heard from:

Michael Hardoy—Class of '79 lives in Lockwood Ca. with his wife Denise and 2 children Matthew and Nicole. Michael works for a fertilizer company and farms on the side.

Jeanne Celle—Class of '50 is excited that she has become a great grandmother, traveled to Eastern Europe and planning a trip to Alaska, complete with a helicopter ride to see a glacier. Jeanne writes that "she hopes everyone is well and enjoying life".

Al and Kathy Davinroy—Class of '45 and '49 wrote to let us know that have purchased a new home in Redding, Ca with less property to maintain and are closer to their daughter.

Patricia Shafer—Class of 47 who wrote how fondly she remembers Dick Drivon '47 and Benjamin Uroff '48, both who passed away this year. Patricia lives in Brooklyn MI, with her children and grandchildren close by. Patricia is very active in her parish as Lector and EMI.

February InTouch Winner

Rita Gleason, Class of '62 and Principal of Notre Dame High School in Belmont, CA was the first person to contact the development office with the correct answer in last issues question; "What does A.M.D.G." stand for? A.M.D.G. stands for the Latin, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, which translates into English as "For the Greater Glory of God".

In Memoriam

We have been notified by friends and family of the passing of the following friends of Mount Carmel School. We ask that you keep them in your prayers

Henry Adamson, ICF member and supporter of school programs

Alfred Alessandri, Father to Thomas '65 and James '70

Rick Calvo, brother to Bishop Calvo

Kim Krekel, School counselor from 2001—2005

Joan Kessler, wife to Robert Kessler, Mother to Kathleen '72, Robert '74, Kristen '75, and Richard '77

Robert Kessler Jr., Class of '74

Sr. Mary Wilma King, Faculty from 1928-1939

Richard Lautze, husband to Lizette O'Brien Lautze, Class of '34

Rose Mussio, Mother to Catherine Boyle, class of '62 & Thomas Mussio, '59

Jim McKibbin, Class of '68 and brother-in-law to Art Teacher Kathy McKibbin

Davida McCarthy, Mother to Alene Karthas, '63; Lucie Ann Muhlker '62 (deceased) and Joseph, '65

Sheila Sanders, Mother to David '68, Mary '66, Susan, '70, Patrick '71, and Meredith '75

Dennis Walters, Class of '68

Barbara McCullogh Visbal Class of '45

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We would love to hear more news from our alumni for publication in In Touch. You may send updates; address changes, marriages, births, etc. We are also pleased to add parents and grandparents to our mailing list, so that they can also keep In Touch. We do post an electronic version of this newsletter on the alumni pages of the website—please pass along!

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