Welcome Alumnae, our names are Eugenia Rosenthal Hand ’57 and Andrea Lewis ’80. We have the privilege and honor of serving the Alumnae Association as Co-Presidents. Joining us are Kathleen McVey Rauscher ’64 (Recording Secretary), Toni Ann Parisio Tobin ’95 (Corresponding Secretary) and Mary Koren ’71 (Treasurer). Together we aim to attract new members to the Association and increase the support of our current members.

Under their leadership, the Alumnae Association enjoyed four productive years which allowed it to grant many scholarships to deserving students.

Many thanks to Ann Marie McConeghy ’74, outgoing President of the Alumnae Association, and her board members Frances Koren ’71 (Vice President), Mary Koren ’71 (Treasurer), and Shawn Kathleen Campitiello ’86 (Secretary) for their exceptional work over the past four years.

All our communications are sent to our members via e-mail. If you know any alums who are not receiving our e-mails, kindly encourage them to send their address to alumnaehs@sjva.org. You may use this same address to share your ideas, achievements, special honors and personal news such as engagements, weddings and birth events.

We are also looking for class representatives for each graduating class. The class representative will help the Alumnae Association keep in touch and communicate with each class. The class representative would be a liaison between the Alumnae Association and their class members. If you desire to be your class representative, send an e-mail to, alumnaehs@sjva.org.

We ask God’s blessing as we look forward to a productive and successful year. Join us and become actively involved as we look toward the future.
High School Principal’s Message

Barbara Logan

The learning environment here at Villa High School has gone digital! The new school year at Villa opened to a new era for our students in which all their text books were issued to them electronically. Villa has become a BYOD (bring your own device) school! This historic initiative came to fruition when all students began using electronic devices to access not only their textbooks, but also, tutorials, research and resource material in all their subjects. With this new initiative we have become one of five schools in New York State and one of seven in the country who use electronic text books and resource material exclusively.

Last year, our students received many awards and recognitions. Our performing arts department received awards at the annual Minty Awards. Villa won for Outstanding Choreography and Outstanding Production Number for our production of “Anything Goes”. The Minty Organization awarded our performing arts department a $1,000 award to be used in a future production. In sports, Dorothy O’Neill scored her 1,000th point in basketball.

Since June we cannot hide the pride we feel for our 2014 graduates. Our graduates received $14,000,000 in academic scholarships to college. We all share in the joy to see these young adults so well-prepared academically and with solid Catholic values ready for the challenges of the 21st century as they enter college.

Alumnae Association Annual Dues 2014-2015

The fiscal year of the SJVA Alumnae Association runs from September to June of the following year. Our annual membership dues are $20.00, which is due in September but no later than December 2014. Please join us as active members and complete the information below.

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We thank you for your generous support!
Sr. Ermelinda’s Milestone Birthday – 100 years!

100 years of life! What an incredible milestone! On March 24, 2014, Sister Ermelinda, the beloved teacher of many Villa Alumnae, celebrated her 100th birthday.

This happy occasion was celebrated with family, her community sisters, and former students.

We thank her for the knowledge and the joy she brought into our lives. We honor and treasure her and wish her well.

To mark this special occasion, the Alumnae Association funded a scholarship in her name to a graduation senior.

For those who wish to send their well wishes to Sister Ermelinda, they can be mailed to, Mt. Saint John Convent, 150 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase, NY 10577.

Other Villa Alums at the Retirement Convent:
Sr. Gloria Meola ’53
Sr. Marie Antoinette Cafero ’51
Sr. Placid Baglino ’46
Sr. Rita Marie Carey ’47
Sr. Christina Pessolano ’45

Alumnae Association Annual Homecoming – October 26, 2014

Welcome back! On Sunday, October 26 we will be having the annual SJVA Alumnae Association Homecoming Mass & Brunch.

We are honored to have Monsignor Edmund Whalen as the Celebrant.

Homecoming is a time to return to our former school, reconnect with friends and faculty, and reflect on our lives since graduation.

The graduating classes being honored are listed below. These classes will be celebrating major milestone years and we are excited to show them our love and appreciation by having a fun celebration full of gratitude for the school we all learned and matured and the lasting friendships that were forged within its hallowed halls.

If there is someone you know who may not be on SJVA’s mailing list, kindly invite them to homecoming and share this newsletter with them.

Looking forward to seeing you!


Annual Homecoming RSVP:

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $_____

Homecoming Mass & Brunch 2014

Please return by October 18th, 2014 to
Make check payable to: SJVA Alumnae Association
$35 per person in Advance - $40 per person at the Door
Judy Birmingham, C/O St. John Villa Academy, Development Office, 57 Cleveland Place, S.I., N.Y., 10305
Engagements
Christina Mendez ’02 and James Argento
Katie Philipps ’03 and Charles Rousiamanis
Erica Jesselli ’05 and Thomas DePuma
Jessica Mongiove ’06 and Benedetto Peluso
Amanda Redden ’06 and Joseph Annarumma
Annie Varghese ’00 and Oliver Kikic.
Erica Acierno ’04 and Ted Clench

Congratulations to all of you!

Weddings
Dorothy Cordano ’97 and Dennis Meagher
Karen Costello ’98 and Brian Kennedy
Christina Guerrieri ’98 and Jeffrey McDonnell
Nicole Athas ’99 and Thomas Plaza
Christine Gleason ’01 and Brian Swords
Jenna Gambino ’02 and Tim Anderson on Oct. 24
Melissa Simoncini ’03 and Joseph Cappabianca
Lauren Giglia ’03 and Peter Warner
Jaclyn Ruggiero ’04 and Russell Aguis
Bianca DeLeon ’05 and Frank Passaro
Kara Schodoski ’05 and Giuseppe Mariano
Lauren Taylor ’05 and Steven Lord
Danielle Zbikowski ’05 and Joseph Alfredo

50th Wedding Anniversary
Frances Jorin Procopio ’59 and Henry Procopio
50th Anniversary as a Sister of St. John the Baptist
Sr. Eliza Marie Mc Loughlin ‘62

Births

Anthony Vincent
(April 7th, 8lbs 1oz; 21 ½ in) to
Jessica (Fossella) Gordon ’97 and
Steven

Charlotte Anne
(January 8th) to
Eileen (Rexer) Horowitz ’97 and
Dan and big brother Henry

Francesca Belle
(May 18th) to
Danielle (Catanzaro) Kinnamont ’97
and
James

Diplomas

Jenna Gambino ’02 – Earned a Master’s in Educational Leadership from St. Peters University

Jessica Caracciolo ’10 – Earned a Bachelor’s in Speech Therapy from Ithaca College

In Memoriam

Sr. Placid Zinicola ‘36, CS.J.B.
Hortense Cupo ’38
Alice Girvin ’42
Jean McLaughlin Lettiere ’45
Naomi Finnerty Melnick ’46
Alice Tomasin Kinsella ’48
Victoria Perosi, ‘50
Dolores Woodland Talley ’53
Sue Forni ‘53
Cecilia Ducey Crumblin ’54
Dorothy Farley ’54
Marie Bruno Heaney ‘55
Virginia Yannello Jameson ’59
Barbara Wisdom ‘60
Ann Bilotti ’70
Angelica Lomangino ‘76
Kimberly Busacca ‘09

Our deepest condolences to the families
Wagner College honors top educators
Wagner College’s Distinguished Educator Award was given to Villa’s own Susan Shepherd, assistant principal at SJVA. The award ceremony was held at Wagner College on Grymes Hill on June 4, 2014. The award was sponsored by New Educators at Wagner (NEW) and was created six years ago to recognize outstanding educators who live and work on Staten Island; has five or more years of experience as a teacher or principal; and inspires the youth they teach. The committee began soliciting nominations from the public in March and reviewed candidates in April.

CONGRATULATIONS SUE!

Lynbrook, NJ PTA Founders’ Day Honoree
Lynbrook Council of PTAs Founders' Day 2014 celebration honors parents, teachers and community members who have been vocal and enthusiastic advocates of the children in Lynbrook Public Schools. The honorees touch the lives of the children they encounter by their caring and love for learning. The Lynbrook SEPTA’s (Special Education PTA) 2014 Honorary Life Membership Award was given to Villa’s own, Maria Papini (’88).

CONGRATULATIONS, MARIA!

Staten Island Dad & Daughter Earn Simultaneous Doctorates
Joseph J. Maltese and his daughter Julie Ann Maltese (’02) earned their doctorates within three days of each other. Julie Ann received her Ph.D. in literacy from the Queens Campus of St. John’s University and three days later her dad, Joseph, earned his Ph.D. in judicial studies from the University of Nevada. Julie Ann attended Wagner College where she earned two Masters of Science in Education degrees, in childhood and special education. She earned the Best Dissertation Award for her 2014 study, "Investigating Kindergarten and First Grade Teachers’ Perceptions of Teaching Reading to English Language Learners in the General Education Classroom."
Justice Joseph Maltese of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court is also an adjunct law professor at New York Law School where he teaches at the National Judicial College and the New York Judicial Institute. He attended New York Law School where he received his Juris Doctor degree. A Master of Arts degree from New York University, a Master of Science in Forensic Examination from Touro College and a Master of Judicial Studies degree from the University of Nevada in Reno are also feathers in his cap.

CONGRATULATIONS, JULIE ANN!
Alum Entrepreneurs

Ashleigh Groth Maggiore ’04
Ashleigh B. Photography

Email alumnaehs@sjva.org for contact information

Roxanne Fequiere ’06
Golly Magazine
“A modern, irreverent, and inclusive, Golly represents a new approach to women’s magazines. Golly combines engaging writing and bright compelling imagery to cover topics ranging from absinthe to astronomy…”

Sandra Garbarino ’89
Independent Designer with Origami Owl Custom Jewelry
Sandra hosts at-home and online Jewelry Bars and works vendor events, school shopping nights, Christmas fairs and fundraisers, as well as Make-N-Takes where you shop from her at-home Origami Owl inventory

Meghan Apriceno ’05
Author: Town of Ellsworth
“As Bethany Taylor’s city-bred eyes adjust to her new life in the picturesque, small town of Ellsworth, she cannot ignore how everyday motions feel like an echo of an older time…”
Think Back ◆ Give Back
St. John Villa Academy
2015 Annual Fund

Think about the current and future students at St. John Villa Academy
• their interest in the sciences, the arts and literature
• their commitment to serving their school and community
• their enthusiasm and dedication on the stage, on the court and in pursuit of their dreams…

Think back to your time at St. John Villa Academy…
• the curiosity fostered by teachers who challenged and inspired you…
• the friendships cultivated in the classroom, on the field, on the stage…
• the foundation that helped you become the person you are today…

Give to the 2015 Annual Fund
Your gift will impact today and secure our tomorrow
Visit our website: www.sjva.org
or call Gina Ferreri '99 @ 718.447.4150 ext. 130
Alumnae Calendar of Meetings/Events

**SJVA Alumnae Association Meetings 2014/2015**

All meetings in High School Library, 2nd Fl., 26 Landis Avenue at 7:15 pm

**Come out, mingle, & have some fun!**

*We would love to see you!*

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Reunions 2014 – Let’s Celebrate Each Other!

**Class of 1974 – 40 Yr. Reunion**
When: Saturday, October 25 at Hampton Inn of Staten Island on South Ave.
7pm to 11pm
Contact: Ann Marie McConeghy
E: ammcconeghy@hotmail.com
P: 347-628-2804
RSVP by October 1, 2014

**Class of 1964 – 50 Yr. Reunion**
Contact: Kathleen Rauscher
E: kathyraus@gmail.com

**Class of 1989 – 25 Yr. Reunion**
When: Friday, October 24 at The Staaten
7:30pm
Contact: Sandra D’Auria Garbarino or Dana Jones Balsamo
E: sandra.garbarino@verizon.net or dana.balsamo@yahoo.com
P: 718-967-9696 (Sandra) or 732-355-0563 (Dana)

**Class of 2004 – 10 Yr. Reunion**
When: Friday, October 24 at Da Noi Restaurant on Fingerboard Rd.
8pm to 12am
Contact: Ashleigh Groth Maggiore
E: agroth515@gmail.com
FB: AshleighB.Groth-Maggiore
P: 917-797-6088
Save the Date

4th Annual
Lights, Camera Auction Dinner Dance

Celebrating 90 years of Baptistine Education!

Friday, April 17, 2015
Excelsior Grand
Staten Island, New York

For more information, please contact the Development Office at 718.447.4150 ext. 130/171 or visit the website at www.sjva.org.
Since its inception in 1998 to present, the 100 club has raised $16,237.00!

Join the 100 Club!

Thank you to all the supporters of the 100 Club!
Because of your support, the Alumnae Association is able to make scholarship awards possible to grateful Villa students and graduates.

We invite you to join us for the 2014-2015 season.

When we reach an adequate number of entries, we will begin the weekly drawings of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes; $25, $15, and $10 respectively for the new year. After each week, the three winning numbers will be re-entered in the drawings for a chance to win again. The number of weeks depends on the number of entries.

The final grand prize for the 2014-2015 will be drawn in June 2015.

Congratulations!
2013-2104 100 Club Winners

Week 1:
Emily Flynn
Ann Marie McConeghy
Antoinette Santoemma

Week 2:
Ann Marsh
Stephanie Campitiello
Frances Boshell

Week 3:
Maureen Walz
Joan Erickson
Antonette Sica

Week Four:
Dr. Carolyn Leary
Mari Stein
Eugenia Hand

Week Five:
Frances Koren
Sandra Marotte
Louise Yarbrough

Week Six:
Elizabeth Hayes
Shawn-Katheen Campitiello
Ann Marie McConeghy

Week Seven:
Rosemarie Novotny
Margaret Bartsch
Shawn-Katheen Campitiello

Week Eight:
Frances Koren
Eleanor Briordy
Dolores Celentano

Week Nine:
Rosemarie Molloy
Toni Ann Tobin

$100 Club Entry

Kindly complete and return this form to: Bess Socci-Palumbo ’53, 1196 Richmond Rd, S.I., NY 10304
Make check payable to: SJVA Alumnae Association

Name (include Maiden): ________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
Phone: _____________________________________________ Class Yr. ______
Email: ______________________________________________

# of Entries: _______ @ $25 each Total Enclosed: ___________
Homecoming 50/50 – Enter for your chance to win!

SJVA Alumnae Association Homecoming
Brunch Super 50/50
$5 Each or 6 for $25

Name:________________________________  
Address:_________________________________  
Phone:_________________________________ Grad. Yr.:______  
Email:_________________________________  

Drawing held 10/26/14  WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

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Inspiration Corner

“The joy of the Lord is your strength.”—Nehemiah 8:10.

What does that verse mean? To me it means that no matter what comes my way, my joy is in the Lord. My personal relationship with him and the growth of my spiritual being will have a sense of peace and happiness. That peace and happiness is the knowledge that the Lord has me in the palm of his hand and that his guidance, protection, and strength are mine for the taking.

Do you awake each morning dreading the day? Do you bemoan the fact that you have to go to a job you may not love, or you may be experiencing an illness, or may have a hectic family schedule, or just dread the day because you have lost hope?

I say, wake up each day with the knowledge that God’s got you in his hand. He wants you to be joyful. How? Being of service to someone brings joy. Being of service is anything that you do for the Lord. You are being of service to your family when you cook dinner, pack their lunch or tuck the children in bed. Being of service is doing your job as if God is your boss, because in essence, he is your boss. Calling or checking on a family member or neighbor is being of service. Sharing your meal with someone is being of service. Think of these actions as joy, for you and for the receiver of your service.

Joy is strength because it expands your mind to see the possibilities the Lord has for you.

For me, one way I receive joy is in serving the Alumnae as Co-President.

Today, ask yourself, “What brings me joy?” and “How can I bring joy to someone else?”

JOY!