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news for alumni and friends of Fontbonne University

Alumni Classnotes

1950

Genevieve "Jane" Bianchi Fick '54 and husband Wayne Fick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 19.

Kathleen "Katie" Madras Lochner '54 and husband John Lochner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 26.

1960

Lois Ann Noce Treat '61 retired after 43 years of teaching. Most recently she received the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. 2003-2004 National Citizenship Education Teacher Award-Middle School.

Marlene Gruber Clark '63 retired from teaching in the Parkway School District (Mo.) as a music specialist after 35 years.

Bettsey Lutz Barhorst, Ph.D. '67 is the president of Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa.

Peggy Keilholz '68 received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis in May 2004.

1970

Constance "Connie" Boschert Diekman M.Ed., R.D., L.D., F.A.D.A. '72 was elected to the American Dietetic Association's 04-05 board of directors.

Linda Nienhaus Yonce '72 retired after 31 years as a speech pathologist in the Dunklin R-5 School District (Mo.).

Ann Althoff Mayer '73 was named as one of the 2004 Most Influential Business Women by the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

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Cocalis Named Director of Grants



Jane Cocalis

Jane Cocalis, Ph.D., was recently named the director of grants at Fontbonne University. Cocalis will research, develop, write and facilitate grants for the university. Cocalis has worked as a grant developer for several universities and non-profit organizations.

Between stints as a grant writer, she taught college for more than 20 years, the last eight in the English department at Webster University. She earned her doctorate in English from Loyola University in Chicago, her master's in English from Washington University in St. Louis and her bachelor's degree from Penn State University.



Pictured from left, first row, Scott Kurtz, Archbishop Burke and Bill Ellis. Second row, Michelle Tinker, Tiffany Economon, Amia Spravale, Regina "Gina" Stevenson, Angela Adley, Colleen Harter and Melissa Heintz.

Archbishop Visits Campus

The Most Reverend Raymond Burke, Archbishop of St. Louis, visited Fontbonne's campus for the first time since coming to the Diocese of St. Louis in January.

Archbishop Burke toured the campus, learned about the history of Fontbonne University and its sponsor, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and met with faculty, staff and students.

Hanging of the Green December 3

The 10th annual Hanging of the Green event will be held Fri., Dec. 3, 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Arnold Memorial Center (AMC), Medaille Hall. During the event, the Fontbonne community welcomes the Christmas spirit. It is a night for the young and old with tree trimming, crafts, Christmas caroling, pictures with Santa, children's stories and hot cocoa. For more information, contact Chris Gill, director of student activities, at 314-719-8057 or cgill@fontbonne.edu.

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Reunion Weekend inside ...

Meet Me in St. Louis ... for Reunion Weekend



Fontbonne celebrated Alumni Reunion Weekend Sept. 24 - 26 with a "Meet Me in St. Louis" theme that tied into the 100-year anniversary of the 1904 World's Fair. As they reconnected with old friends, alumni enjoyed a dinner on the front lawn, the African-American alumni reception and the traditional Alumni Mass, during which the class of 1954 was inducted into the Golden Arcade Circle. Following Mass, a reunion brunch was held and alumni awards were presented.

1) Corky Hagemann Fennell '69, Lynn McAdoo Navy '69 and Margie McNamee Blevins '69 at the reunion brunch.

2) Class of 1954 celebrated their 50-year reunion. First row, Jeanne Phillipp Kleiner, Mary Waldorf Peterson, Anna Suetsugu Nomura, Katie Madras Lochner, Mary Ellen Zwisler Kelly and Virginia Hovious Wieck. Second row, Jackie Nowak Wink, Jane Bianchi Fick, Sue Metzger Maloney, Sr. Mary Catherine O'Gorman, CSJ, Sue Collins Meara and Margaret Pautler. Third row, Helen Mayer Maragni, Sr. Patricia O'Toole, SSND, Madeline Zitt Alcamo, Dorothy Lynch Hellweg, Nancy Raupp Blanton and Jeanne Schock Zipp.

3) Vera West, Elmer Jones '93, Sarah Robinson and Mildred Taylor-Myers '93.

4) Alumni Award recipients: Ted Wenzlick MBA '99, alumni association president; Marianne Lindell Przetak '75, professional achievement; Dan Baker '94, young alumni; Sr. Mary Catherine O'Gorman, CSJ '54, service to the university; Dr. Dennis Golden, president of Fontbonne; Shari Madden Franklin MBA '95, OPTIONS alumni award and Kathy McCoy McGinnis '65, service to the community.

5) Todd Baebler '03 and Julie Henneberry '03 at the "Meet Me in St. Louis" party on Friday evening.

6) Anna Suetsugu Nomura '54 with Sr. Mary Catherine O'Gorman, CSJ '54 at the alumni awards ceremony.

7) Camita Douglas '04 and Jewell Phillips, a current OPTIONS student, enjoy the Friday party.

8) Enjoying the reunion brunch is, Joan Donnelly '79, Patty Donovan Duclos '79, Sue Cook Jones '79, Donna Renaud McCarthy '79, Michelle Signa '79 and Jan Jublin Simon '79 (standing).

9) Jane Bianchi Fick '54 and Ted Wenzlick MBA '99, president of the alumni association, present a check for \$10,450 to benefit the reunion scholarship fund to Dr. Dennis Golden, president of Fontbonne.

Lynne Cooper '73, president of Doorways, in partnership with Places for People, has opened CJ's Place, an 18-unit housing complex to meet the needs of individuals who are dually or triple diagnosed with HIV, mental illness and substance abuse.

Patricia "Patty" Horas Fagin, Ph.D. '76 is new upper school principal at Villa Duchesne/Oak Hill (Mo.).

1980

Gina Stelzleni Siebe '81 is the new principal of Bayless Elementary School (Mo.).

Constance "Connie" Crain Fuller MBA '87 will receive the prestigious 2004 William T. Kemper Awards for Excellence in Teaching from Webster University.

Ruth Norton '89 received the Certified Administrative Professional certification from the International Assoc. of Administrative Professionals in Kansas City. She is V.P. of the IAAP-Lindbergh Chapter.

1990

Matthew "Matt" Tague '91 and Bethany Britt Tague '91 announced the birth of their third child, Daniel, Feb. 9, 2004.

Kathy Gouwens Southard '91 and husband Rick announced the birth of Jonathan Thomas Southard, May 3, 2004.

Julie Re Rothmeyer '93 and Robert Rothmeyer, Jr. '03 adopted Robert Demitra Rothmeyer, a 15-month-old baby from Guatemala.

Nancy Fuhrman Viselli '93 is city administrator of Osage Beach (Mo.)

Ronald "Ron" Richmond MST '93 joined Brown Smith Wallace, LLC, as a principal in the tax and account services group practice.

Darlene Diel Wagner '94 and husband Kent announced the birth of John William Wagner.

David Sansoucic '96 has joined Cole & Associates as project manager for the firm's land planning department.

Mary Cummins Belarde '96 and husband Steve welcomed their second baby on Feb. 4, 2004.

Kimberly "Kim" Weiss Golden '96 / MS '97 is currently a stay-at-home mom and worked as an R.N. for SSM Rehabilitation.

Susan "Sue" Haumueller '96 is vice president of retail banking for Frontenac Bank (Mo.).

Ronnie Dwayne Johnson '97 is engaged to Ladonna Brewer. He is a system design and integration specialist at Boeing.

Valerie Schremp '97 is engaged to Andrew Hahn. She is a reporter for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Pamela Higgins '97 is engaged to Jason Penning. She is employed by Citibank in O'Fallon, Mo.

Trudy Boyer Bequette '98 is director of marketing for New Horizons Computer Learning Center in St. Louis and is active in the local theater.

Justin Lopinot '98 is writing a bimonthly column for STLtoday.com on the male perspective of wedding planning. He is an information specialist at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Gary Phillip Drikow MM '98 and Devon Danette Gustafson have announced their engagement. He is an engineer at Laclede Gas and part-time faculty member at St. Louis Community College.

Christina "Chris" Kenawell Knott '98 / MBA '04 and Dale Knott announce the birth of their daughter Anna Catherine, born Mar. 28.

Brian Amelung, CPA '99 has been promoted to manager of assurance services at Rubin, Brown, Gornstein.

Amie Walker Bemke '99 has married Stephen Bemke. She is employed by the St. Louis County Special School District.

2000

Anastasia "Stacey" Zeidler Bray '00 / MA '03 and her husband Doug Bray had their first child, a girl, Madison Marie in April.

Amy Eaton '00 is engaged to David Herendeen.

Kathleen "Katie" Deimeke '00 is engaged to Joe Morrow. She is a math teacher at St. Joseph's Academy.

Jessica Merritt '00 / MS '04 and Aaron Goltzman have announced their engagement. She is a speech-language pathologist in the Special School District at Kirkwood High School.

Laura Ann Rauscher '01 is engaged to Jason Andrew Grubb. She is a second grade teacher in the Ritenour School District and is pursuing her master's degree in early childhood education.

Sarah Berwin Ray '01 / MS '02 married Brian Ray. She is currently a speech-language pathologist at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Pamela Rolfs '01 is engaged to Nolan Meier. They are both software engineers at Northrop Grumman, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Suzanne Aulbach '01 is engaged to Scot Schmidt. She is a first grade teacher at Point Elementary (Mo.).

Caroline Humphrey Sletten '01 married Christopher Sletten of Philadelphia in April 2003. She is a teacher and varsity softball coach.

Michelle Maria Greminger '01 / MA '03 is engaged to Bert Charles McGuire. She is a special education teacher at Epworth Children and Family Services in Webster Groves, Mo.

Ingrid McClendon MA '02 is a third grade teacher in the Wellston School District (Mo.), and ran for a board member position for the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

David Courtway MBA '03 is a store manager for Buchheit, Inc., and was re-elected to the Jefferson R-7 School District school board.

Ronald "Ron" Martin MBA '03 is a senior information technology position with Toastmaster, Inc., in Columbia, Mo.

Mary Kathleen "Katie" Mallon '03 is the author of the *Good Golly, It's Mali* newsletter and is in the Peace Corps in Mali, Africa.

Jennifer "Jenni" Swift '04 is engaged to Gary Melchert.

Stephanie Ann Albright '04 is engaged to Jason Schwoeppe. She is employed by Office Supplies & Equipment in Washington, Mo.

Mary Belcher '04 is a special education teacher, Mexico High School (Mo.).

Colene McEntee '04 received a full tuition assistantship from Saint Louis University to pursue her master's degree in communication.

In Memory

Gertrude Kersting Fox '34 of St. Louis, Mo., July 12

Melba Durbin Schneider '36 of St. Louis, Mo., August 17

Mary Allen Colby '39 of Oklahoma City, Okla., July 19

Anne Harrison Gegan '40 of Bowling Green, Ky., May 26

Josephine Tlappek Warrington '40 of St. Louis, Mo., May 17

Rita Johans Barry '46 of Chesterfield, Mo., June 14

Agnes Marie Lang, CSJ '51 of St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6

Martha Ann Linck, CSJ '51 of Kansas City, Mo., May 6

Marcella Meyer, CSJ '51 of St. Louis, Mo., August 23

Virginia Markham, CSJ '52 of St. Louis, Mo., June 30

Anastasia Christen Moore '54 of Champaign, Ill., April 8

Louise Rother, DC '55 of Bridgeton, Mo., July 11

Mary Evelyn Groenert, CSJ '56 of St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 12

Stephanie Kane Zang '59 of Wapella, Ill., August 21

Doris Marie Mattingly, CSJ '63 of St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 18

Virginia Ann Benya '70 of Pacific, Mo., May 28

Mary Unverferth Toczyłowski '71 of St. Louis, Mo., April 28

Katharine Boos '92 of University City, Mo., July 29