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Linda Snyder Lundstrom

Lynn O'Linski - Greetings from Chicago. It's hard to believe we were on campus together 50 years ago, and now we are nine weeks away from celebrating our Golden Jubilee in May.

While 2023 & 24 held wonderful memories of travel, the SMWC Viking cruise down the Danube with **Mary Anne Schager, Marcella "Marci" Zurawski DeRoberts** and **Jane Ternes Francis** and other Woodsies, trips to Florida, long walks, late night movies and simply being present in the moment; they also hold some extremely challenging and tearful memories with the unexpected loss of my SIL and my Mother. 💔 🙏

I think/feel that it was Providential that I was an officer on the Alumni Board during those years as it allowed for a busy mind, time to reflect and pray, and a reminder to be grateful for the time we had together. And as always, I found the peace and solace that I needed while I spent time at The Woods.

It's time to celebrate, ladies. Pack your party dresses, wine glasses and snacks and I'll see you on May 15th. Destination: The Avenue on Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College campus!

I look forward to seeing you, laughing with you, sharing old memories, and making new ones.

Safe travels.

Marcella "Marci" Zurawski DeRoberts - Life in Louisville, Kentucky continues to be an enjoyable routine working full time and at night join groups to play Euchre, Mahjong, Trivia, Music Bingo, and Bunco. I see my daughter Lisa (Mike) in Cincinnati often. I make it to Greensboro, North Carolina to visit son Marc (Bahar) and my adorable granddaughters Jasmine "Jazzy", 7, and Maya, 5, a few times a year. **Jane Ternes Francis** and I stay in touch with visits, texts, and phone calls! Looking forward to celebrating our 50th in May!

Elaine Tuttle Vlach - I retired in July 2024. During the last 15+ years I have been a caretaker to both of my parents who lived in Arizona. I traveled from Chicago to Arizona frequently until my mom passed. Travel experiences have included a

Christian Cruise on the Aegean Sea, Greece, Turkey, Smoky Mountains, England, Wales, Scotland. This brings back memories of Art History classes with Sr. Immaculee. I plan to visit Poland this summer. I am planning to garden this summer and visit with friends and enjoy retirement. Looking forward to our 50th Reunion!

Bernadette “Berny” Newland Heitzman - Dave and I are both retired and have several trips planned - Florida a couple times, some national parks out west, Colorado, Texas and California to visit family, and the Holy Land in November. We are trying to acclimate to this new lifestyle - I’m enjoying new fitness classes and line dancing without having to exercise at 6:30 a.m. anymore. Dave has a very long list of stuff he wants to catch up on, and we are still caring for his mom, so hope the health holds out for both of us for a while. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Catherine “Cathy” Bisch Stephens, Marian Scully Erzen, Sally Record Eck, Elizabeth “Betsy” Guiler Franklin continue to enjoy retirement, volunteer work, travel and spending time with their adult children and grandchildren. They are all looking forward to Reunion in May followed by a trip to Spain together in the fall.

Margaret “Kim” Harrison - Last year was kind of humdrum, boring - but at this age, that's okay! Excitement this year includes my step-grandson and wife expecting their second child in May. Another step-grandson will be getting married in September! I adopted Honey Bear, a Staffordshire/Pit mix female in January 2025. She keeps Gus on his toes and is a good playmate for him. I am playing Bridge, Mahjong, volunteering at my church, reading on my deck and enjoying nature. Can't wait to see everyone in May!

Donna Witte Murphy - My husband Dan and I spent two wonderful weeks in Italy in March of 2025. We visited Florence, Assisi and Rome, where we were blessed to take a tour of the necropolis beneath St. Peter's Basilica to view the tomb of St. Peter. We have a trip planned to the Canadian Rockies in September 2026. I continue to teach senior fitness classes five mornings per week at our YMCA, and I cherish all the new friends I have made there. I am also enjoying my first year as a 5th grade catechist for our parish. We are holding steady with seven grandchildren, ages 6-12.

Michelle “Mickey” Coffey Conway - I recently had knee surgery that went terribly wrong. Recovering now. Hopefully I will be up and running by May. I am trying to make the Reunion.

Holly Hilton D’Amour - Rich and I are well. We spent October in France with a group of his friends from Notre Dame. In January, we celebrated our 50th anniversary with a week in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and two weeks on an expedition cruise to Antarctica which was unbelievable. We are home now, leading a quiet life in Asheville, North Carolina. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th!

Annie Huggins Grissett-Broome - I want to congratulate everyone on this Golden Jubilee! I can't believe it's been 50 years! I have been thinking about making a visit to The Woods. It has always been such a peaceful place for me. The Grotto was one of my favorite meditation sites. Seeing all the names brought back a lot of wonderful memories. I am the caregiver for my mom, who just finished radiation treatments. So, I won't be able to attend the Reunion. I pray that all of you enjoy the festivities.

Mary Reagan Bishop - There's not a lot going on here. I guess that's a good thing! We are in the process of moving my mother-in-law, 94, to an independent living community. (Yes, I said "independent". Not many 94-year-old can do that!) That is pretty much the focus of our days.

Victoria “Vicki” Weinert Yunker - Hello dear classmates. All is well in Greenwood, Indiana, after helping Rick recover from cataract surgery and knee replacement surgery in 2025. Looking forward to more travel soon. Hoping to add New England state capitals to our list. It was great seeing you at Reunion (I guess I'm assuming it was a good time!)

Jane Stewart Wilcox - Nothing new is going on in my life. My boyfriend John (who lives three houses from me) and I have been together for seven years. We share a mini-Labradoodle Molly who is two years old. I saw **Teesie Heineman-Eck '75**, **Margaret Vidal Crellin '75** and Bill Crellin, **Sarah Chrisitan Wolodkiewicz '77**, '00MAPT and **Mary Fran “Fern” Riordan Edwards '77** last May for **Joann Van Horn-Wieland's '75** memorial in Wisconsin. She truly

was an inspiration to her community. As far as I am concerned, life is good. I cannot wait to see everyone in May!

Jane Ternes Francis - It's been a busy year! My fourth granddaughter, Ava, arrived in March. Girls are different from raising my boys. We had a great family gathering at the Ozarks condo. The girls love going there and hanging out together. Anyone wishing to come for a visit and spend some relaxing time at the lake is welcome. Marci and I enjoyed visiting the class of '75 at their 50th reunion. **Kimberly “Kim” Aydt Dahlen** stopped in for a visit to catch up at Easter time. **Mary Reagan Bishop** and I continue with the St. Louis Alum Association and are thrilled to have **Catherine “Cathy” Bisch Stevens** joining us for outings. My annual girls' trip with my neighbors this year took us to Williamsburg, Virginia, for a week of history lessons. I am looking forward to our 50th Reunion this year and hope that we have an awesome turnout.

Maureen Fallon, SP – I am Director of Providence Food Pantry in West Terre Haute, Indiana. It keeps me quite busy. In 2025 we served 30,565 individuals and distributed enough food to prepare some 666,300 meals. Looking forward to Reunion.

First, my thanks to Marci for offering to help me out with the Class Notes this year. It really did help. And my thanks for all your prayers for our family. It truly does mean a lot to me.

As for Matt and me (**Linda Snyder-Lundstrom**), 2025-2026 hasn't been the easiest of years. Matt had a serious fall February 24, 2026, and needed brain surgery. He is doing well, but there is a long road ahead of us. Making matters more difficult, in May 2025, I was diagnosed with Ocular Myasthenia Gravis, double vision. My treatment is succeeding, but since then, I have had to depend on Matt for every trip to the doctor, labs, “girl” lunches, everything that requires being behind the wheel of a car. However, we are blessed with Leif, his wife, and Katrina who come on the weekends. As well as with many retired and very willing friends, that have gotten me to and from doctor's appointments and the hospital to be with Matt.

As I write my part of the notes, I can only pray he will be home and recovered well, by time of these Notes' printing.

I did get in a short visit with **Anne Nohl Traub** and Jim and to see their grands, Maya and Dillon. Too cute! We had lunch with **Victoria “Vicki” Weinert Yunker** and **JoAnn “Joey” Tomer Weaver**. It was so good seeing them! And a trip to visit **Gail McMillin Newman** and Dave, in Atlanta, Georgia, to make some Christmas goodies!! I also talked with **Debra “Deb” Szymanowski Southworth**. She and Jim are doing well in Naperville, Illinois, and enjoying grandparenthood! Andrea had a boy in January!!