



Hello Sisters!

SHAA NOTES

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ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES

SHAA donated \$19,286.25 to the School last year. This was possible through the generosity of reunion classes, the efforts of those who organized events, and many of you attended them. We are off to a great start this year. Here are some highlights:

In September, SHAA sponsored the second annual 5K Run/Walk/Virtual Run. Despite being

cancelled, more than \$3500 was raised. For the first time, an SHAA event welcomed virtual participants, a trend that is sure to continue.

Many thanks to Denise Krenski (SH '91) for her leadership,

The annual craft fair, held in the School cafeteria on October 28th, was hugely popular and netted

\$2556. A wonderful variety of handcrafted merchandise was available. Fifty vendors were delighted with the turnout—the most in 10 years! – a tribute to our coordinator Cheryl O'Neill ('62).

Bingo, always a popular event,

attracted 93 participants this year. The event, headed by Lois Leszczewski ('90) added cash prizes to

the traditional designer handbags. "Bucks and Bags Bingo" netted more than \$2200.

More events are in the planning stages, so stay up to date by visiting us at facebook.com/StHubertAlumnaeAssociation. Or look for "Reunions and Events" at StHubertAlumnae.org

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WANTED: REUNION PICS & REPORTS

The fall reunion season was a success thanks to the efforts of the alumnae who organized events for the classes of 1963, 1968, 1993, and 2003. If you attended a reunion event, we want to hear from you! Please send pics and write to SHAAwebmaster@gmail.com

And, if you are on the planning committee for your special event, let us know how we can help make your celebration spectacular!

WIN BIG!

The 50/50 Progressive Jackpot is \$820 and growing, with the winner to be drawn on June 3, 2024. To purchase Raffle E-tickets go to www.sthubertalumnae.org/shop

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR ALMA MATER

All alumnae have a memory of what School looked like when they were there. But times change, needs change and the School is changing for the better, too.

Those of us who remember the old library will not recognize it today. In its place is a bright, inviting and modern area housing a digital art area, 2 studios with editing areas, an interdisciplinary flexible learning space, the fine arts area, and a kiln room with lots of storage. This state-of-the-art facility will allow our students to explore their creative passions and talents.

Offerings in the Center will include lessons on wearable tech, digital animation, film and photography editing, and healthcare and nursing lectures. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held November 1. Academic classes moved in before Christmas.

Safety improvements are in place. Gates around the parking lot are installed and security guards are now on staff. The entry way to the main office was enhanced with bullet-proof glass, an addition underwritten by the Archdiocese.

Finally, we love the change in the outdoor space on School property

that is fenced in along Torresdale Avenue. The landscaping should be installed by the time you receive this. Some of you have purchased a brick paver, and these are being installed to create a welcoming for social events and use by classes needing an outdoor space. There is a new donor-funded pavilion. The installed tables and chairs provide a respite during the school day. When you visit, look for the gorgeous angel wings sculpture that is a perfect place for a selfie! Look for more news about a ribbon-cutting in the spring.

ALUMNAE PINS

Beautiful new SHAA pins are available for purchase (\$10 + \$2 S&H) on the website. Go to StHubertAlumnaeAssociation.org/shop

Visit our new website
www.StHubertAlumnae.org



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Next Alumnae Meeting: Monday January 8th
7:00 pm (EST) Via Zoom
For Login Info, email StHubertAlumnaeZoom@gmail.com

From the President

Happy New Year! I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. I would like to introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Lois (Walerski) Leszczewski from the Class of 1990. It is an honor to be serving as

President of the St. Hubert Alumnae Association. You can see the list of the entire Board at the bottom of this page, including several new at-large officers added this year.

As the proud mom of our fellow SH Alum, Sarah, from the Class of 2020, I have become more aware of the importance of reaching out to engage our graduates. The newly minted SHAA officers are all working hard to implement new and updated ways to communicate to the entire Alumnae community. This newsletter is one result of those efforts. Let me know what kinds of content you would like to see in future editions.

If your personal resolutions for 2024 included getting more social, more involved, or more active, I hope to see you at our monthly alumnae meetings on Zoom. Information on how to get invites to those meetings is contained elsewhere in this newsletter. And, of course, I welcome your thoughts, suggestions and comments. I am looking forward to a successful year and continued support to our Alma Mater.

- Lois

Are you Eligible for EITC?

Do you own or are a member of a LLP? Do you pay Pennsylvania income tax through an LLC, or S Corp? Do you own a PA? If you answered yes



to either question, call 215-624-6840 (x1530) to learn how support SH and get a tax credit.

Please share questions, concerns, compliments, and suggestions for the improvement of our Association via email to SHAlumnae@gmail.com. Messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Board member(s). The goal of the SHAA Board is to make decisions that benefit all of us. We want to hear your thoughts.

Staying in Touch

SAVE THE DATE

Class of 1974 50th Reunion
June 5, 2024
Contact SEverlyn@verizon.net

Kudos To...

... Patty Fitzgerald Hoffman (SH '00) whose 5-star rated kids' book "Shoobie the Seagull: Struts at the Shore" is available on Amazon. It is sure to enchant children and parents.

The book offers an immersive learning experience including a glossary of terms, a map to spark curiosity and a QR code to interact with the author. It leaves a lasting impression of the Jersey shore and the vibrant spirit of the City of Brotherly Love. Congrats, Patty!

FOSH: Supporting SH for 10+ years

Friends of St. Hubert (FOSH), a 501(c)(3) organization founded during the crisis of 2012, is a sister organization to SHAA. Under the leadership of Maggie Fenerty ('67), FOSH has expanded its reach and now is applying for grants that otherwise would be unavailable to our Alma Mater. FOSH was the signatory on the \$2 Million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant developed by St. Hubert staff. Other successful grant applications funded purchases of athletic equipment and supported the SHAA 5K. SHAA is fortunate to have this resource. For more info, visit FOSH's website, FriendsOfSaintHubert.com

Zoom With SHAA

SHAA Alumnae and Friends are joining together for virtual meetings of the SHAA Prayer Group. The events are held monthly every 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm (EST) and are being led by Sister Lisa Breslin, SSJ ('75).

The overarching goal of the SHAA Prayer Group is to let participants know they are not alone. Each meeting is meant to be a meditative experience where, no matter the differences in our lives, we can provide each other with strength in numbers and in prayer.

It is hoped that in the near future additional SHAA virtual groups will be formed to provide the sisterhood that alumnae were taught to share with each other.

There are many ideas for monthly meetings, including a virtual book club, a wine & cheese group, stay at home moms, etc. Interested? Contact SHAAPrayerGroup@gmail.com

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