

CNR Alumni Connections

Fond memories were triggered for Mary Lee Jones Waldron SAS '52 upon hearing of the passing of her classmate, Pat Walsh. Mary Lee wrote, "She was one of my two roommates in Newman Hall freshman year. Mother St. George made us turn our lights out at 10 but we stayed up in each other's rooms discussing philosophy, etc. And much not-allowed smoking went on in our inside bathroom where the light didn't show. The freshmen lived in houses."

Mary Lee Jones Waldron SAS '52

Mary Battersby, SAS '58, GS '75 sent regrets that she could not attend her 65th reunion in June 2023 because she and her husband were celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with family that weekend.

"A particular reason for coming to Mercy would, of course, be to visit with former classmates as well as to celebrate those wonderful years of long ago. Also, I am familiar with Mercy, as our granddaughter, Jessica Rooney, now 26, received her Bachelor of Science degree from Mercy with honors in 2020. Jessica decided to continue at Mercy for her Master's degree in communication disorders. She realized that the courses offered would enable her to pursue her desire to work with young people in need of language and speech development.

I felt the connection and was very pleased about her choice. That I was a graduate of CNR, now connected to Mercy, was not a factor when she made her choice. Jessica researched her options and found Mercy to be the best. She chose well."

Mary Battersby SAS '58, GS '75

While preparing for our 65th CNR reunion at Mercy this June, Jean Lilly Sweeney '59 "resurrected" a June 4, 1959 edition of THE TATLER with an article entitled TWENTY SENIORS PREPARE FOR NUPTIAL VOWS. The feature detailed the 20 weddings that would take place from June to November, 1959. Glenna Faller was one of the first brides. She married Frank Follmer on June 13, 1959 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to Glenna and Frank who just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Mary Ann Marriott SAS '59

Prospectus Of '59's Wedding Arrangements: Twenty Seniors Prepare For Nuptial Vows

This summer and autumn will see twenty members of the Class of 1959 walk down the aisle to exchange the vows of Matrimony. The girls have given *Tatler* and the readers a sneak preview of some of their big plans.



In the Church of Christ the King in Yonkers on June 13, Fran Bellantoni will wed Colman Keane, a graduate of Iona. The Keanes will make their home in Florida, where Col will be stationed as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Washington Wedding

On the same day Glenna Faller and Frank Follmer will be married in Blessed Sacrament Church in Washington, D. C. Jean Lilly will be a bridesmaid for Glenna, who will make her home in Washington until the fall, when Frank will finish his law studies at Georgetown. Plans are then to move to Philadelphia.

June 20 is the date when Pat Colahan will marry Bob Cunningham in St. Joseph's in Garden City. Joan Rombach will be one of Pat's attendants. Pat and Bob will live in Garden City, after a honeymoon in Bermuda.

Helen Cunningham will wed Lt. Thomas Blubaugh, a graduate of Notre Dame, on June 20 at Camp Gary in Texas. Helen will have her sister, Sue Cunningham Easton, ex '58, as matron of honor and Patsy Freud, ex '59, as an attendant. The Blubaughs will make a career of the Army.

Three on June 20

The third bride of this same day will be Dee Doniziano, who will wed James LeRose at St. Catherine of Siena in Riverside, Conn. Dee's attendants include Marilyn Kowalczyk, Ramona Billax, and Mary Ellen Murray. After a honeymoon to Jamaica the couple will make their home in Greenwich.

On June 27 Carole Petruccio will become the bride of Gerry Cardinale in St. Andrew Avellino in Flushing. Terry Cardinale '61 will be maid of honor and Kay Donovan will be a bridesmaid. The couple will honeymoon in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and will

spend their summer on a yacht. Gerry is a graduate of New York University Dental College.

On July 4 Natalie Voccoli will wed Howie Bowman in St. Patrick's Church in Brooklyn. Pat Hoch will be one of Natalie's attendants. The Bownmans will live in Brooklyn, where Howie is a teacher.

Lori Nocero will marry Lou Privitera on July 18 in St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in the Bronx. Pat Slattery will be Lori's maid of honor. The Priviteras will live in Rome, where Lou will study medicine. Lori hopes to teach in Rome.

Rowena Larkin will be married to John Muller, a graduate of Villanova, on Aug. 8 in Notre Dame Church in New Hyde Park, N. Y. Among the attendants will be Angela Bannan and Joan Whalen. Sally Radis will sing. After a honeymoon



in Bermuda, the Mullers will live on Long Island.

August 8 will be the date for Sue Stanley to marry Joe Tierney, a

graduate of Seton Hall. The wedding will take place in Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Mohawk, New Jersey. Cathie Rance will be one of her roommate's bridesmaids. The Tierneys will make their home in the Lake Mohawk area.

In Detroit, Mary Ellen Nugent will marry Jack Falk on August 8 at St. Mary of Redford Church. Olga Antignani and Anne Meyer will attend Mary Ellen. The Falks will honeymoon in Nassau and make their home in Detroit, where Jack is an engineer.

Gail Connelly to Wed

August 19 at Our Lady of Peace in Stratford, Conn. Gail Connelly will marry Bill Pellechia, a graduate of Fairfield University. Gail's attendants will be Nancy Delbridge, Janet Conlon, Mary Alice Rendich, and Martha Peiton, ex '59. The Pellechias will make their home at Rutgers, where Bill has a fellowship to study for his doctorate.

Mary Williams will wed John Roethke, an ensign in the United States Naval Air Force, on Aug. 29 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Bloomfield, N. J. Sue Stanley will be matron of honor, and Pat Scully will be a bridesmaid. The couple will live in Pensacola, Florida.

An August wedding is planned for Carole McCarthy and Nelson Nicholson, a graduate of Dartmouth. Connie Pisano will be the bridesmaid for her roommate. The Nicholsons will make their home in the New Haven area.

Minnesota Ceremony

Marty Roerkohl will marry Dave Dawkins in St. Peter's Church in Caledonia, Minnesota, in August. Attendants in the wedding are Pat Burns, Jane Russell, Carolyn Iowett, and Marty's sister Mary '61, who will be maid of honor. The couple will make their home in Southport, Conn.

On Sept. 19, Jackie Crisafulli will wed Joseph Russo in Flushing. At-

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tendants in the wedding will be Reggie Steinlein, Patsy O'Leary, Dee DeGennaro, Helen Cunningham, Audrey Pistilli '61, and Yvonne Lopez, who will be maid of honor. The couple will live in New York.

In St. Brendan's Church in the Bronx, Kathy Egan will marry Michael Gleason of Iona. The wedding will take place on Oct. 10, and the attendants will be the bride's cousin, Alicia O'Brien '61, and Peggy Zampino '60.

Joan Feeney will be wed to Edward Spaulding on Oct. 10 in St. Mary's Church in Little Falls, New York. Among Joan's bridesmaids will be Mary Gorman and Mary Lou Field. The Spauldings will make their home in Syracuse.

Nov. 28 is the wedding date for Judy Lawrence and Brian Knecht. Jane Rako will be among the attendants in the wedding, which will take place in St. Rita's Church in Hamden, Conn. The couple will live in New York.

Mary Florence Neunzig has set the same date for her wedding to Fred Flynn, a lawyer with Martin, Clearwater, and Bell. The wedding will take place in St. Andrew Avellino in Flushing. The attendants include Betsy Flynn '58, Joan Whalen, and Susan Jane Neunzig '62 who will be her sister's maid of honor. The couple will also reside in New York.

Well, the whole thing began with my mother, Ruth O'Brien, being part of CNR's graduating Class of '37 as a biology major. Then 23 years later, I decided to follow her lead and entered as a Day Hop in the CNR Class of 1964 graduating as an English major. But the story doesn't end there. Fifty-one years later, in August of 2015, my daughter, Cathleen Koehl, began her life at her grandmother's and mother's school of higher education as an adjunct librarian at CNR in the sad days of the college's demise. Unfortunately, the end of the College of New Rochelle's life ended Caty's career as a CNR librarian. And so ends the O'Brien – Langham – Koehl CNR Connection.

Maura Langham Koehl SAS '64

I was in the CNR class of '68. However, I did not graduate from CNR. I left the school in 1966 because I wanted to major in nursing. At the time, CNR did not have a nursing program. I graduated in 1968 from Columbia University School of Nursing with a B.S. in nursing having taken all my required liberal arts courses at CNR. Many years later, in the mid '80's, my sister, Diane DeAngelis Negevsky, decided to finally go to college. She graduated from CNR's School of New Resources in 1991. She went on to get a master's in human resource management from CNR in December, 1999. In the late 90's, I was working as a nursing supervisor. One of my staff was a nurse who graduated from CNR. CNR finally had a nursing program! Five years ago, I was hospitalized at Memorial Sloan Kettering for a bone marrow transplant for AML leukemia. Several of the nurses who were part of the excellent team that cared for me and ultimately made me a survivor were CNR graduates.

Patricia DeAngelis Fife SAS '68

A fellow parishioner at St. Francis de Sales in Manhattan, Sister Virginia Dorgan, is a RSHM nun whom I met in 2022 on the Social Justice Ministry's first Hope Walk in our East Harlem neighborhood. I learned that her mother, Virginia Beegan, was a CNR alum. Class of 24, who returned to her hometown New Haven to teach high school before marrying Vincent J. Dorgan and relocating to Arlington, VA. Of Beegan's three children, son John became a priest, ordained in Rome who served for 50 years in the Richmond, VA Diocese, while her daughter and namesake, Sister Virginia, just celebrated her 60th year as an RSHM sister. Remarkably, two neighboring friends of Virginia Beegan in this Metro DC suburb were also CNR alums. Fast forward to June 2024 when I joined Sister Virginia at the midday liturgy reflection in the small RSHM community living near me. There another RSHM nun, Sister Anne Considine, had a CNR connection. For a few years she taught math to 'working adults' at a SNR campus.

Kristin Krause McDonough SAS '68

Five members from CNR Class of 1975 met for lunch in Kingston, NY last fall. Those gathering were, from left, Lea Ann Szurek Rosenthal, Marybeth Broderick, Christina Fabbie, Jacqueline Butler Johnston, and Kathleen Kelley Caldara.

Lea Ann Szurek Rosenthal SAS '75



An invitation to Malibu, California to gather with CNR alumni at a home high above the coast arrived. Just a few miles away lived a fellow alumna? I was intrigued and excited. My reconnection with CNR was long overdue. What I found was a group of graduates from various years with diverse degrees yet all with fond memories and common pride that shone like sun's rays over us, as we conversed on a terrace with the ocean as our backdrop. Joining us was Mercy University's President Susan Parish and Tara Alfano, Director of Development and CNR alumna. We reflected on the past, present and future of education, and shared thoughts and suggestions from perspectives of former CNR attendees. The casual, welcoming tone of this afternoon at the home of alumna Terry Davis, SAS '73 renewed what it meant to be a part of CNR. New friends, new memories were had by all.

Mary Crescenzo GS '76

I am an alumnus of the College of New Rochelle, graduating in 1990. My first "connection" to CNR was not planned. I intended to get off the elevator and sign up for the New York Theological Seminary certificate program which was in the same building as the College of New Rochelle. They rented space at the Collegiate Marble Church in Manhattan on 23rd Street. I spoke with the receptionist at the desk and asked if this was the New York Theological Seminary. Her reply was, "No. This is the College of New Rochelle." As I turned around to head back to the elevator, a distinctive but robust and persuasive voice in the person of Sherwin Dyson took me into the office of Jan Powell, who said welcome to the program. Then he introduced me to Louis Desalle. These three individuals changed my life, and I am now the better for it, so I believe nothing happens by happenstance.

Rev. Dr. Randy Ware SNR '90