Save the Date!

2017 Reunion to Celebrate Classes Ending in “7” and “2”

Mark your calendars and watch for your invitations to this year’s annual Lone Mountain reunion, to be held on Sunday, October 22, on the Lone Mountain campus of the University of San Francisco. All Lone Mountain alumnae are welcome and encouraged to attend; honored classes this year are 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, and 1977.

Registration will open at 9:15 a.m. with continental breakfast available in the Little Theater and the opportunity to visit the Lone Mountain Heritage Room. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in the Lone Mountain Handlery Room and following Mass, the reunion classes will be introduced and honored. A brief business meeting will include election of 2017-2019 Officers and Directors of the Alumnae of the Sacred Heart Lone Mountain.

The day will conclude with plenty of opportunity for conversation and connecting with classmates and friends at a wine reception followed by lunch in the historic Lone Mountain library, now beautifully restored by USF as the Del Santo Reading Room.

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFTS FOR THE LONE MOUNTAIN LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP AND LONE MOUNTAIN ENHANCEMENT FUND MAY BE SENT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO:
Lone Mountain Alumnae Association
University of San Francisco
P.O. Box 45363
San Francisco, CA 94145-0363

Lone Mountain alumnae reconnect at the 2016 annual reunion.

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Dear Alumnae,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for the past two years. It was a joy to work with many of you and an even greater joy to rekindle friendships that began when I first entered Lone Mountain in September of 1967. These past fifty years have gone by so quickly as have the past two years of my LM Board presidency.

I am so proud to have worked with the fantastic women on the 2015-17 board. We set many lofty goals, which seemed almost unattainable in 2017, but they have all been accomplished thanks to the generosity and work of so many of you.

Our dream of Lone Mountain Heritage Room has come true. Our LM history and memorabilia are beautifully displayed and the teaching legacy of the Religious of the Sacred Heart honored.

Our ambitious goal of growing the Lone Mountain Legacy Scholarship Fund at USF’s School of Education to $2 million has been accomplished. As a result of the increased funds, 13 educators seeking graduate degrees at USF received financial support this past semester!

Last but not least, a final goal of writing and publishing a detailed history of San Francisco College for Women/Lone Mountain is almost a reality. Alumna Joanna Budenz Gallegos ’68 rose to this challenge, almost singlehandedly doing the research and writing to achieve this goal. More details will be forthcoming at our annual LM reunion on Sunday, October 22nd, 2017.

I again thank all of the current board members and so many alumnae for your support and enthusiasm. I have enjoyed serving as your president and I hope to see many of you at the 2017 October reunion as we welcome our new 2017-2019 board members.

Sincerely,

Geet Beresford-Raven ‘67

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The Story behind Slipsliding by the Bay: A Novel by Barbara McDonald

In the eighties The North American Review commissioned me to write an article on Lone Mountain College. The journal was doing an issue on San Francisco Urban Change; Lone Mountain was a perfect fit. As the world changed, so had San Francisco College for Woman. A graduate in 1960, I worked at Lone Mountain after the transformation. Lone Mountain was co-ed, women were allowed to wear pants, graduate programs abandoned, and most of the sisters were gone.

The idea for an academic spoof had been bubbling beneath the surface. In the nineties before attending a Community of Writers at Squaw Valley poetry workshop, I impulsively drafted ten pages of a satire loosely based on Lone Mountain’s final days. Humor seemed the best vehicle in which to unfold the story. Lakeside College was born. Louis Owens, author and teacher, liked the rough draft and told me to return the following summer with a finished book, which I did.

Louis was delighted. Publication was another matter. I put the manuscript aside until last year. My daughter suggested She Writes Press, which agreed to publish the novel. Slipsliding by the Bay is available for pre-order at Amazon. Lone Mountain alumnae are invited to join me at a book reading/book signing on Saturday, August 5 at 1:00 pm at Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd. in Corte Madeira.

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Lone Mountain Archives Transferred to USF Gleeson Library

Thank you Thank you to all Lone Mountain alumnae who contributed to the success of the Lone Mountain Heritage Room by donating photographs, yearbooks, publications and an array of memorabilia of our college. All donated items which could not be accommodated in the Heritage Room cases have found a permanent home in the Rare Book Room of USF’s Gleeson Library.

USF Archivist Deborah Malone happily assumed responsibility for these materials as well as for Du Ceur newsletters, event programs and invitations through a signed agreement with the Lone Mountain alumnae board, promising to “preserve, protect and provide access to any Lone Mountain alumna or family member” wishing to see any materials.

Malone enjoys a long, friendly working relationship with the archivists for the Religious of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis and provided invaluable support to the USF Museum Studies Students curating the Heritage Room and to Joanna Budenz Gallegos ’68, in her work on the history of Lone Mountain. Malone reports that Lone Mountain alumnae, their family and friends are some of her best customers in accessing archives! She can be reached at maloned@usfca.edu or 415-422-5352.

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Gift From Class of ’66 Installed Outside Heritage Room

The Lone Mountain class of 1966, who celebrated their 50th reunion on October 16, 2016, presented an oil painting of the Lone Mountain campus as it appears from high on Twin Peaks. Class spokesperson Susie Scutch facilitated the gift by commissioning the painting from her friend and neighbor, artist Catherine Palmer, who was introduced at the Lone Mountain Heritage Tea on April 30.

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Maureen Orth Honored by USF

The Award-winning author, journalist and philanthropist Maureen Orth was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humanities Letters by the University of San Francisco during May, 2017 Commencement exercises. Orth was honored for her professional achievements as well as for her lifelong dedication to the education of underserved children in Medellin, Colombia where she first served as a Peace Corps volunteer. Through her Marina Orth Foundation, Orth now supports 8 schools and thousands of students in Colombia.

In her Commencement address to students receiving graduate degrees from USF’s College of Arts & Sciences, Orth exhorted graduates to follow the EEEEEPPP rule: “energy, enthusiasm, empathy – prepared, polite, persistent,” noting that “the best exercise for the human heart is to reach down and help someone else up.”

Orth attended San Francisco College for Women/Lone Mountain for two years before transferring to Berkeley and joined her 1964 classmates for their 50th reunion in 2014. She recently hosted a delegation of USF faculty in Medellin to explore partnering with USF’s School of Education for a mentoring program for her staff.

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Maureen Orth Honored by USF
Lone Mountain History Nears Finish Line

The completed manuscript for A College on the Hill: San Francisco College for Women & Lone Mountain College 1930-1978 is currently being edited before it moves to its next steps.

My research for the narrative included several trips to the Society of the Sacred Heart’s Archives for the United States and Canada in St. Louis, Missouri; many stops at the University of San Francisco’s Archives to peruse their Lone Mountain collection, and poring through old San Francisco newspapers for items about the school. The finished manuscript is a chronological and verbal sketchbook stitched together from these resources, and also contains portraits of some of the RSCJ significant in its founding and evolution. The history of Lone Mountain truly reflects the societal, religious and cultural changes that occurred during its tenure, in the city of San Francisco, the Catholic Church, and the United States.

When its editing is done, the document will be presented to the Alumnae Board for consideration for publication. If approved, another team will then take on the arduous task of selecting appropriate photographs to accompany and enhance the text.

Immersing myself in this task has been an honor for me, as well as a genuine delight. In researching, transcribing and writing this account, I have come to gain greater affection, admiration and esteem for the College, its students, and its faculty, and a deeper understanding of its purpose and objectives throughout its duration of forty-eight years.

Joanna Budenz Gallegos ’68

Officers and Directors for 2017-19 to be Elected in October

The biennial Nominating Committee for the Alumnae of the Sacred Heart Lone Mountain is pleased to propose the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2017-19 for vote by the membership during the annual Business Meeting at the October 22, 2017 annual reunion.

Current Officers and Board Members Eligible for an Additional Term

Vice-President: Lisa Engstrom Seran ’73
Members: Joanna Budenz Gallegos ’68; Meagan Barry Gallagher ’03 Stone Ridge Academy of the Sacred Heart; Marisa Robbins Mizono ’68; Julie Jackson Wolf ’65
Alternate: Margaret Burns Ames ’65

Nominated Officers and Board Members for 2017-2019

President: Lisa Engstrom Seran ’73
Vice President/President-Elect: Doreen Glynn Pawski ’68
Secretary/Treasurer: Julie Jackson Wolf ’65
AASH Liaison: Joanna Budenz Gallegos ’68
Members: Margaret Bums Ames ’65; Marilyn Charm ’68; Marilyn Berg Cooper; Meagan Barry Gallagher ’03 Stone Ridge Academy of the Sacred Heart; Judy Miner ’73 BA; ’77 MA Lone Mountain; ’78 EdD USF; Marisa Robbins Mizono ’68; Susie Scuncio ’66; Elisabeth Francisco Thomas ’67
Alternate: Paula March Romanovsky ’78

Officers and Board Members Who Will Leave the Board in 2017

President: Gael Beresford Raven ’67
AASH Liaison: Caitie O’Shea ’67
Members: Eileen Emerson Boles ’90 Stone Ridge Academy; ’15 EdD, USF; Shirley Connelly ’58; Junko Taakechi Ishii ’72; Marilyn Matthes ’70; Virginia Murillo ’48 Convent of the Sacred Heart; Mary Rosalia Whitehead ’71