

Salut!



A newsletter for the Alumni, Families and Friends of
Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires

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Father Fred Tollini, S.J. '48



Father Fred Tollini, S.J. '48 attended St. Ignatius High School when it was on Stanyan Street and entered the Jesuits in 1952. Father Tollini has just celebrated fifty years as a priest and also his retirement from teaching drama at Santa Clara University. His sister is **Cecilia Tollini Enright '40, '44** who has also just retired from her teaching. Both Fred and Cecilia played the piano and violin at many presentations from the NDV stage. Those were the "musicals" of that era. Father Fred has many happy memories of his education at NDV with the wonderful Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, especially Sister Stella and Sr. Alphonsine and the Marist Fathers Marquis, Gérard and LeBihan. He is pictured here as he celebrated his first Mass at Eglise Notre Dame des Victoires

School News

Message from the Principal



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of NDV.

Our dearly loved and grand old building known as Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires (NDV) has been going through many upgrades and renovations over the past several years. Our goal is to keep the building in good condition, secure and beautiful for our current community of learners and for years to come.

We opened our 92nd school year by celebrating the completion of several summer projects that were made possible thanks to the wonderful support of our alumni, school families and friends of NDV. The girls' first floor restroom was completely renovated, and to the delight of the faculty, the second floor staff restroom was also completely gutted and redone. We replaced the carpeting in the first floor hallway beautifully enhancing the environment outside the classrooms. Additionally, the data wiring was replaced throughout the school in support of the technology program.

We are grateful to all of you for your continued and ongoing support of our "little French school downtown," through your prayers, your involvement in the community, your thoughtful letters, and for your financial gifts, all of which help to keep NDV going strong.

Warmest regards,

Mary Ghisolfo
Principal

Dates to Remember

for write-ups see School or Alumni News

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| November 25, 2015 | Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day beginning with 9:00 a.m. Mass and reception following in the NDV Auditorium. Classroom visits complete the day. | December 6, 2015 | Villa Sinfonia Holiday Concert and silent auction 2:00 p.m. Auditorium |
| December 3, 2015 | Blessed Sacrament Christmas Luncheon. Contact person Pamela Stone at 415-246-5358 or MichelleTurchi at pmeturchi@comcast.net. | January 9, 2016 | Class of '64 GS luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. Contact person is MichelleTurchi pmeturchi@comcast.net or cell phone 650-867-0581 |

Mission Statement

Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires is a Roman Catholic parochial elementary school founded by the Marist Fathers in 1924. It is located near the financial district of San Francisco. We embrace the values of the Marists and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange and continue our tradition of teaching the French language and culture. As a faith-filled community, the faculty and staff of Notre Dame des Victoires are committed to nurturing our students spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. We support a diverse group of learners who endeavor to develop an inclusive and compassionate world vision.

The alumni office, and editor Valerie Meehan in particular, wishes to say 'thank you' to Carolina Parrales who has taken over the complicated job of maintaining the Alumni Mailing List after your editor made an absolute "hash" of the current mailing list by inserting corrections in the wrong places and skewing everything.

Carolina offered to help and is currently working on the list. Thank you, Carolina. Without your help this publication would not be reaching all of you alums today Carolina and her husband, Javier, are the parents of 1st grader Abel.

Alumni Donors

Al & Jeannette (née Perez '46, '59) Almas in memory of John Daly, husband of Joan Calmels Daly '50 HS and also a gift in memory of the Claudette Windecker the wife of David Windecker '46 GS.

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Odine Lalanne Beattie '44, '48, in memory of Jeanette Domergue Grialou '44, '48, "a Frenchy and one of the 'Snappy Seven' in the Class of '48 HS."

Roberta Borgonovo, grandmother of second grader Ty Meehan, in honor of Valerie Meehan.

Catherine Briand-Lara '82 in memory of Justin Doty '82.

Jacklyn Anne Cahill '53 HS in memory of Dianne Cahill Feist '56 HS.

Denise Bes Carrade '45 HS in honor of all the living and deceased members of the Class of 1945 on this their 70th Anniversary of their graduation and also a gift in memory of Jeanette Domergue Grialou '47 HS.

June Ellis Catron '36, '40 and her husband Tom Catron in memory of Rene McClatchy Barker '36 GS and in honor of Henriette Lahaderne '36, '40.

Robert A. Chopin '43 GS.

Gene Clancy '73 GS in memory of his Dad Gene Clancy.

Sharon Convery in memory of Rosemarie Thompson Convery '46 HS, monies to be used for athletic equipment.

Carmen Anne Lugini DeLano '46 GS.

John J. Dennis '45 GS in honor of Dr. Ramona Dennis Silver and

Rose Marie Dennis.

Norma Lee Garrigues Dobay '51, '55 in honor of the Classes of '51 and '55.

Anthony and Kathleen Dougherty, parent of Conor '91 and Nora '84 Dougherty.

Marilyn C. Dunleavy '44 GS.

Diana L. Antonini-Elders '62 HS in memory of Irma & Harold Antonini.

Robert A. Fajardo, M.D. In memory of his sister Ana Gladys Fajardo, aka Sister Mary Philip, c.s.j. (correcting error in Spring 2015 Salut.)

Beverly Walsh Flippen '38 GS.

Kathryn E. Fox '02 GS.

Maureen Murray Fox, mother of Alexandra '05 and Kathryn Fox '02 in memory of Paul Renzi, husband of kindergarten teacher Robbie Renzi.

John Joseph Gallo '58 GS.

David and Patricia Fu, parents of Jeffrey '06 and Megan '99 Fu.

Claudine Domergue Garrigues '51, '55 in memory of Albert L. Garrigues '47 GS.

Julie Grover Giovannoni '65 HS, in memory of Mrs. Gloria Grover and Ruth Ann Sleeper-Bozzini '65 HS.

Ronald Giuffre '58 GS.

Maurice R. Growney, Jr. '84 in memory of Mary Lou Growney Giannini.

Adrienne Jacopi Gualco '64 HS a gift for the NDV Art Program in memory of Irene & John Facopi.

Jeff Herrera '82 in memory of Robert O'Brien '80 and Justin Doty '82.

George Hill '50 GS.

Dorothy J. Hoelter '46, '50 in honor of the Classes of '46 GS & '50 HS.

Louise Perez Hughes '45, '49, in honor of her sister Jeannette Perez Almas '46, '50 and in memory of Jeanette Domergue Grialou '44, '48.

Joan Brenan Hutton '49 GS and Ray Hutton '44 GS in memory of Jeanette Domergue Grialou '44, '48.

Juan and Patricia Jayo in honor of their daughters Natalie Jayo '01 and Anna Jayo '04.

John and Anne Marie Jordan, parents of Patricia '96, in memory of Maureen Ribeiro Xavier who died in May 2015. Maureen was the mother of Ann-Marie '92 and Stephen '87 Xavier.

Jane Fulton Jurkovich '45 GS.

John & Catherine Kalin, parents of Benjamin '85, Matthew '91 and Mary Catharine '83 Kalin.

Nancy Keebler '64, '68 in memory of her mother Helen Keebler.

Don Kidd '51 GS in memory of Michael McFeeley '52 GS.

Michael T. King '53 GS in memory of Denis O'Connor '54 GS.

Tom & Colleen (née O'Connor '61 GS) Knopf in memory of Sister Nancy O'Connor '48, '52 and Captain Denis O'Connor '54 GS.

Ed Ladrech '52 GS in memory of Ray Berges.

Jon, Mary & Nicholas (2010) Lee.

Eveline Michelsen Leucht '52 HS in memory Fay Bravos Fregosi. Fay is remembered as the president of the Class of '52 HS (28 members).

Sharon Moy Ling '63 HS.

Joyce Devereux Lynch '46, '50.

Tim Mangan and Lori Wider, parents of Gregory Mangan '01.

Betty Haster Martin '46, '50 in honor of the Grammar School Class of '46.

Dr. Margaret McLean '69 HS in memory of Teresa & Phillip McLean.

John & Irene (née Ferrini '41, '45) Melani in memory of Raymond Melani.

George Michel '53 GS in memory of his sister Marguerite

Zipse '37, '41 who died peacefully in her sleep on August 10, 2015.

Andrea R. Milano '81 GS.

Clara Mossi Morrissey '49, '53.

Christine Nguyen '92 GS.

Jan Stolp Pedrini '65 HS in honor of the 50 year reunion of her High School Class of 1965.

Donna Ficarrotta and Michael Potepan, parents of Nina Potepan 2007.

Sheila Cahill Pritchett '53 HS.

Megan Branch Rathgeb '88 and Christian Rathgeb, parents of second-grader Joaquin and kindergartener Noemi.

Victor J. Richmond '47 GS.

Margaret Arntz Rosenthal '43 GS.

Robin Johnson Rowland '67 HS in honor of her High School Class of 1967.

Denise M. Ruggeri '64 HS in memory of her classmate Yvon M. Soares '64 HS who died June 6, 2014.

Peter & Jeannette (née Sallaberry '65, '69) Santini.

The Schier Family, Eric Schier and Marianne Bacigalupi Schier '85 and their children, fifth grader William and third grader Sabrina.

Nyra and John Schrader, parents of Sydney '01.

Ladys Shaw '58 GS.

Nancy Ferrari Sivy '56 HS.

Denise Couly Stover '58 GS in memory of Jeannette Salabert Couly and Ernest Couly.

John D. Taddeucci '50 GS.

Mary Ann Riha Tallerico '53 HS in memory of Olga Betsekas and Sam Tallerico

Rosalie Beronio Taylor '59 GS in memory of her parents Fred Beronio and Evelyn Beronio Koenig.

Aaron & Lisa Wong parents of Kyle A. Wong '04.

Constance Majoy Woodward '61 GS.

Alumni News

Remember in your prayers

Rene McClatchy Barker '36 GS died June 23, 2015.

Alfred Barzoloski has passed away. He was the father of Michelle Larson and the grandfather of 4th grader Lucy and 6th grader Lola.

Nadine Sinsheimer Bauer '34, '38 died December 3, 2013 at the age of 93. She was a native and life-long resident of San Francisco. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

John Bergez '63 GS died March 30, 2015 at the age of 65. He was the brother of **Ray '67, Denise '69, Michael '70, Ron '71 Bergez** and the late **Paul Bergez '60**, former NDV principal.

Sharon N. Christensen, a long time parishioner of Eglise Notre Dame des Victoires, passed away on September 4, 2015. She will be sorely missed both at the rectory and at our school where she often volunteered with mailings and such. Her ready smile and joyful presence illuminated our work place when she was present.

Patricia (Patsy) Eng '58 HS died on November 14, 2014, as reported to us by Antoinette Ammino Dominice (Toni), editor of the 1958 NDV yearbook.

Dolores Savio Fannin '51 GS died October 11, 2014.

Mary Daneri Grandin '42 GS died peacefully at home on March 14, 2015 at the age of 86. She attended NDV in the primary grades.

Jeanette Domergue Grialou '44, '48 died May 28, 2015. She was the wife of the late Gustave Grialou and a native and lifelong resident of San Francisco. She is survived by her brother **Paul Domergue '47 GS** and her sister **Claudine Domergue Garrigues '51, '55**, her children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jeanette was a vibrant, energetic person who touched many lives.

Richard H&art has passed away. He was the father of Heather Hart (Samaha family) and grandfather of 2nd grader Greta and 5th grader Gabrielle.

Steve Herlein, brother of parent Greg Herlein and uncle of seventh grader Ella, has died recently.

Don Hoyt, father of our former computer teacher Patty Hoyt, died Feb. 2015.

Louise Cassou McKenna '37, '41 died December 4, 2012 the age of 89. Her husband Ross passed away in 1972. Her daughter Christina wrote, "She [Louise] was the quintessential San Franciscan and was beautiful to the end."

Barbara Del Monte Nowicki '41 GS died this year. Her children, Pete and Carol, remember hearing stories of the wonderful times their mother recalled as a student at NDV.

Joseph S. O'Neil '34 GS has died. Notified by returned mail in August 2015.

Raymond Petersen, husband of **Priscilla Parodi Petersen '53, '57**, died August 27, 2015.

Patricia Purcell '69 HS deceased. Notified by returned mail.

Lucrezia Lee Scott '46 GS deceased. Notified by mail from New York.

Richard Schlott has died. He was the step-father of Duke Holliday and the step-grandfather of 7th grader Ella.

Father John Sullivan s.m. died July 28, 2015, a Marist priest who served for many years at All Hallows Church in the Bayview and at NDV.

Jeanne-Margaret Chicourrat Vayssié '41 GS died in August 2015 at the age of 88 years. She was a long time parishioner of NDV.

Maureen Angela Ribeiro Xavier died May 22, 2015 at the age of 66. She is the mother of **Stephen Xavier '87 GS** and **Ann-Marie Xavier '92**. She will be sorely missed by her children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Margaret Mitchell-Zipse '37, '41 died August 10, 2015. See Alumni News.

Henriette Lirette is now happily established at Covenant Care/St. Thomas in Edmonton and sends greetings to all her former students. If you wish her address, please email the alumni office at alumni@ndvsf.org.

A big thank you to **Sister Pat Reinhart '56, '60 pbvm** and her sister **Barbara Reinhart Byers '66, '70**, for sending us pins and awards they received over the years from NDV. Please, alums, when you go through your treasures send us any NDV items you may have received, cherished, but do not want to keep in that drawer or box forever.



We received an email from Thérèse Aquin to announce that her son **Stéphane Aquin '73 GS**, a native of Montreal, was appointed chief curator of the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Gardens in Washington DC. He took office in February 2015. (Mme Aquin taught French at NDV when Sister Lucille Lirette, C.S.J.

was principal.) According to the New York Times article of March 8, 2015, Mr. Aquin hopes this cultural distance [Montreal to Washington] gives him an advantage. "We Canadians, and especially Québécois, see American culture from both afar and up close." He believes that his roots on the periphery of American culture and his "sensitivity to other voices" suits a museum whose ambitions are global. We are all invited to visit. As Stéphane says, "Dear Alumni friends, Please feel free to say hello if ever you are in DC. I'll be happy to see you after so many years, and tour you through this great museum." Thank you, Stéphane.

The Class of '65 GS has postponed their 50th reunion celebration until a later date.

Alum **Marie Galloudec Butler '69 HS** recognized Sister Anna Louise, her kindergarten teacher from All Hallows, in the group of Sisters pictured near the Golden Gate Bridge in our Spring edition of Salut. She was able to contact her at the Motherhouse in Orange and reconnect with her. The Sisters of St. Joseph at one time staffed All Hallows Grammar School as well as Jeanne d'Arc Grammar School, St. Mary's Chinese School and NDV Grammar and High School. They were all sister schools here in San Francisco.

Alumni News



Several members of the Class of '83 enjoyed a Girls' Getaway recently. Seen in

the photo are Rachel Farley, Marisa, friend from Convent of the Sacred Heart, Mary Catharine Kalin, Susan Mohun, Amelia Stephan and Cara Giannini. Not pictured is Michelle Doyle who just happened to be there at the same time.

Tim Szarnicki '00 is now director of the corporate work study team at Immaculate Conception Academy. ICA is beginning its seventh year of participation in the innovative education model of the Cristo Rey program, Education that Works. To learn more about this program go to their website www.icacademy.org. Tim graciously attributes his current success to the "NDV education and stellar set of parents [who] have given me a foundation to make the world a better place. Notre Dame des Victoires helped make me the person I am today."



On June 9, 2015 the Grammar School Class of 1950 celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of their graduation. The reunion was on the exact date of their original graduation. The following is an excerpt of the event written by Sue Rydberg Canavan.

"George K. Hill had the idea and was the super organizer of this gathering which took place at the Marine's Memorial Building...Photos and memorabilia triggered lots of stories and funny incidents of those 8 years of togetherness. See photo of Sr. Eymard with Sue Rydberg, Jacquie Secail, and Myrtle Zanco in the girls play yard [in the days when there was a girls' yard and on a lower level where the café is now, the boys' yard.] Space does not allow a more detailed account of this event. Everyone had such a good time the Grammar School Class of 1950 is planning another get together this Fall, perhaps a picnic in the park.

"Hail NDV. From the Grammar School Class of 1950."



Sue Rydberg, Jacquie Secail, Myrtle Zanco, Barbara Attabit not in the photo



Sue Rydberg, Barbara Attabit, and Jacquie Secail, remained close friends for 65 years. Shown here with their husbands: Bill Vanavan, Jim Toso and Joe Himrs, June 9, 2015.

Margaret Mitchell Zipse '37, '41 died August 10, 2015. She was predeceased by her beloved husband August (Gus) who died in 2013. She is survived by her sister Elizabeth Delong '43, '47 and her brother George Michel '53 GS, her children and grandchildren as well as nieces, nephews and cousins in Belgium. Margaret, a long time parishioner of NDV, will be remembered as a loving, devout woman who nurtured her family and cared deeply for the significant relationships in her life. May she rest in peace.

Class of '46 GS began their Christmas luncheon meetings in 1996 and have been meeting each year ever since. What a wonderful record! We encourage other classes with similar records to send us news of you, with pictures if possible.

In 1965 we celebrated the 6th Grade All Stars (Class of '67).

Seen in this picture are Jim Hughes, Bob Puts, Steve Maurer, Larry Le Clerq, Terry McSweeney, Darryl Castle, Andrew Ballestreri and Jim Fitzgerald.

We have lost contact with those whose names are underlined. Please send the alumni office any contact information you might have.



School News



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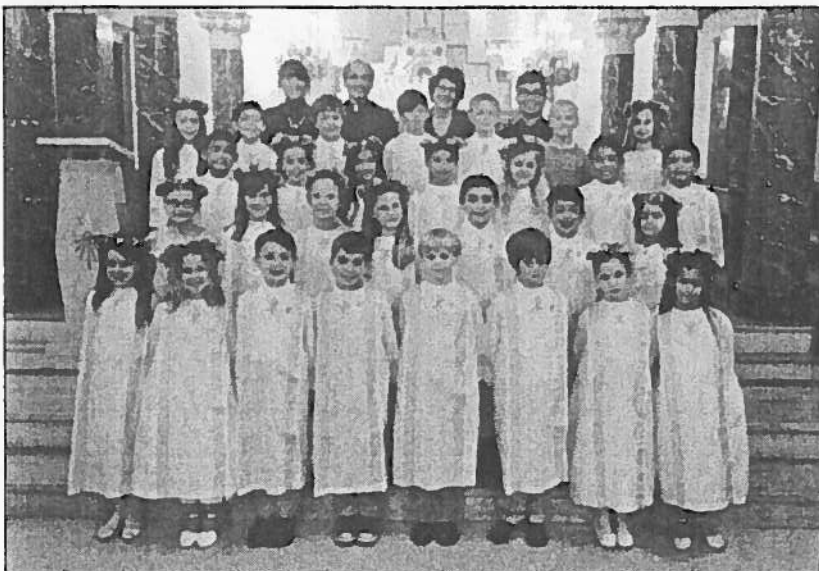
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The 65th Annual Bal de Paris—Casino Royale was held at the elegant Mark Hopkins Hotel atop Nob Hill on Nov. 7, 2015. As always, there were silent and live auctions, a sumptuous dinner and dancing to Dick Bright's Orchestra with added casino games. The Fund-A-Need will support upgrades to classroom equipment and teaching tools for all NDV grade levels. Our NDV community enjoyed a fun evening filled with laughter and high spirits. All who attended had a wonderful time! Chairpersons were Michele Brasch and Erin Tougher.

Our Athletic Director, **Dimitrios Tsokas**, was one of three honorees who was inducted to the CCCYO Hall of Fame at the 8th Annual Dinner on March 28, 2015 at a dinner held at St. Emydius. This was in recognition of his 30+ years of dedication, commitment and accomplishments while associated with CYO athletics. Additionally, coach/parent Tim Sheridon was acknowledged for his outstanding commitment to the NDV sports program as well as for his coaching of NDV teams. It was wonderful to see so many NDV families and staff at this presentation celebrating with Dimitrios and Tim. Congratulations to both of you!

Winners at our March NDV Science Fair were William Plam, '16 Katie Casassa '17, Finn Horan '17, Audrey Hunnicut '17, Emma Cotter '16 and Bella Shea '16. William Plam, representing NDV, went on to compete at the Bay Area Science Fair in the field of physical science. Ms. Jessica Yates, our science teacher, organized and assisted in the preparation of the students in their projects. Several parents and friends served as judges of the presentations.

Pictured here are the 2015
2nd grade First Communion
children. The NDV community
is truly blessed.



School News

Our graduating Class of 2015 presented Peter Pan as the 8th grade annual musical performing to sell-out audiences. Mrs. Michelle Shannon directed the production. We are very grateful to the drama department of Archbishop Riordan High School for loaning us costumes and props for our production.



Our two robotics teams, the Blue Dragon Bots, consisting of 8th graders and coached by Greg Herlein, and our Gold Dragon Bots, consisting of 6th and 7th graders and coached by Patty Hoyt, both advanced to the Regional Level competition held on February 7, 2015. It was a great job by everyone with special thanks to Patty Hoyt, our former computer teacher, whose enthusiasm, encouragement and expertise have advanced our whole entry into the robotics field. Our NDV Blue Dragonbots team was later selected to go to the world semifinals in April 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri, to present their project. Parent Greg Herlein describes the event below:



"The FIRST Robotics World Championships in St. Louis had over 30,000 school kids attending. The atmosphere was electric. It's basically the Olympics of Robotics. Our kids presented their project idea [in the St. Louis Rams Stadium to cheering crowds] competing in the Global Innovation Challenge. They were chosen as one of the 20 top teams from over 500 teams world-wide. They did not advance to the finals but were widely praised for their visionary idea and fantastic presentation. Having our kids experience this event was inspirational to all of us..." We are very proud of all of our robotics students and look forward to seeing continued involvement of more and more of our students in this wonderful learning experience.



Pictured after a day at SF Park & Rec Pine Lake summer camp at Sigmund Stern Grove these two 'zombies' from the Class of 2022 faced a few more weeks of summer before their NDV second grade year began.



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Valerie Phillips Meehan



Our Auditorium chairs are famous!

These wooden chairs we have all sat upon have been made famous in the 100 year celebration of the 1915 San Francisco's World Fair (called the Panama Pacific International Exposition). See SF Chronicle write-up. *These chairs have certainly stood the test of time!*

Pictured also is one of the Expositions murals. The per day price gives pause for thought.



To all alums, especially the alumna from the NDV High School:

In the early days a student was given a pin for special accomplishments, e.g. penmanship, perfect attendance, music performance, graduation, etc. If you are clearing your memory cupboard and would like to divest yourselves of a cherished pin or insignia, we would like to preserve it for you. We are building a small display of some of these special things you would like to see kept—but not in your house. Just send the items to Valerie Phillips Meehan '38, '42, alumni desk, NDV, 659 Pine St. San Francisco, CA 94108. Many thanks.