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families, explaining what a Brescia education has to offer them. Our partnership with CultureWorks leads to the enrolment of many highly qualified women students from Asia and other parts of the world who have recently completed their English as a Second Language training.

An international focus is not new to Brescia. In the early years of the College, the Ursuline Sisters consciously sought students from Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia. The Sisters knew that international students would greatly enrich the Brescia social and academic environment, and that they would benefit from the studies leading to a Western degree. Many Brescia international alumnae have returned home and used their training and experience to effect positive change there.

For some of our more senior alumnae with roots in southwestern Ontario, the interaction in residence and classroom with international students opened a new world. Many tell stories of being startled and intrigued at first by international students' distinct viewpoints and customs, but explain that lifelong friendships formed from their interaction. Alumnae who came to the College as international students have moving accounts of loneliness, culture shock, strong support from the Brescia community, and the ultimate value of their university education.

Brescia's experience reaffirms the importance of the increased understanding and respect that international contact of all sorts brings.

contribute to the Brescia community. The academic programming at Brescia is constantly evolving, and students now have opportunities to gain an international perspective in fields as diverse as Foods and Nutrition, English literature, Family Studies, or Sociology. Next spring 13 Brescia students will participate in the Alternative Spring Break by traveling to Thailand to help in an orphanage. In the process they will learn about Thai culture and the effects of globalization.

Many Brescia faculty are involved in research that is international in scope, often collaborating with local partners in the countries where their research is based. Liaison staff make frequent international recruitment trips to the Caribbean and more recently to the Near East to meet with potential students and their



Principal's Message

Dr. Theresa Topic, Principal

We are all aware that the world has become a much smaller place. On the political and economic levels, we are all globally interconnected. Travel, tourism, and immigration provide new opportunities to meet people from the far corners of the earth.

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On behalf of Brescia's alumnae, please accept our gratitude for what you give and all that you do.

As well as the work for Homecoming, your Council has been busy these past months making sure the promise to offer more in the way of communications, activities and perks is kept. Some new initiatives are in the last stages of completion. Below are a few highlights of things to come:

- The Alumnae section of Brescia's website will provide Council meeting dates, agendas, minutes and the Constitution and Bylaws. Biographies of your Council members will also be posted.
- The Student and Young Alumnae Committee will host the 5th Easter Egg Hunt for

Brescia resident students. This Committee is also discussing a joint project with IWIL specifically directed at young alumnae. You can read more about IWIL in the bulletin and on Brescia's website.

- An e-newsletter will be re-introduced to keep you informed with more frequency.

We are excited about the present, how the future looks and are pleased with our progress to date. We hope that you are too. In order to make sure we meet your needs, however, we need your feedback. I am always available to you as is the Alumnae Relations team at the College. Please get in touch! I will be again soon.

Homecoming 2007 weekend was wonderful. Our Chair, Cathy (MacDougall) Davidson '76, a group of dedicated volunteers and the Brescia staff make the event appear "easy", but "easy" requires planning, organization and lots of time.



Alumnae Council President's Message

Mary Beth Sullivan '98
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HOMECOMING '07

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

The special bond shared between Brescia alumnae was once again evident throughout Homecoming weekend, where old friends reunited and new friendships were formed. Alumnae travelled from near and far to come together and celebrate their anniversary years.

Class of '57 came back in force to commemorate their golden anniversary, including classmates from the Class of '58 in many of their celebrations. Alumna Frances (Bevan) Crummer returned to Brescia for Sunday's lunch to celebrate her 70th reunion. Also celebrating a notable milestone were alumnae from the class of '47 Beryl (Nurse) Ivey, Dr. Geraldine Montag, Sr. Corona Sharp and Mary (Duncan) Van Trigt who were also present at the lunch.

Furthest travelling alumnae received a special gift this year from alumna Mary McGrath '57 who donated copies of her cookbook, *Delectable Collectibles*. Great distances were crossed to come together with alumnae from St. Lucia, the United States, and all across Canada returning to Brescia.

Thank you to the volunteers whose careful planning and enthusiastic participation ensured that the weekend was a success.

Mark your calendar! Homecoming 2008 is October 4th and 5th. All alumnae are welcome to attend. Future Homecoming dates are posted on Brescia's website www.brescia.uwo.ca.

For more information, or if you are interested in planning a reunion, please contact brescia.alumnae@uwo.ca.

EXCITING HIGHLIGHTS OF HOMECOMING WEEKEND:

The Women's Panel was once again a successful gathering of alumnae with inspiring speakers sharing their experiences since graduating from Brescia. This year's panel consisted of Pat (Griffin) Charles '58, Eve (Emery) Harding '75, Wilma de Rond '81 and Stephanie Zonneville '02.

The Wine and Cheese was held in the Beryl Ivey Library providing alumnae with an opportunity to explore and enjoy the newly renovated space.

At Sunday's lunch two special announcements were made in regards to gifts that will assist Brescia students.

An extraordinary gift from alumna Dr. Geraldine Montag '47, who travelled from Arizona, USA, established the first scholarship for Brescia's graduate program in Foods and Nutritional Sciences. The scholarship honours Sister

Dominica Dietrich who was head of the Home Economics department from 1945 to 1969, and was Dean from 1954 to 1960; a role which is equivalent to today's principal position. Both women were present at Homecoming to award the Sister Dominica Dietrich-Dr. Geraldine M. Montag Scholarship to graduate student Lauren Gogol.

Another exciting bursary was established this year by Claude Pensa to honour his sister the late Madeleine (Pensa) Hart. Madeleine always considered herself to be a Brescia grad, although technically she graduated from University College in 1949.

Following the tragedy of the Montreal Massacre, Madeleine was the driving force behind the creation of the Ritual to Re-Member which takes place annually at Brescia on December 6. Alongside Sr. Patty McLean, Madeleine was one of the four founding members of the Circle Women's Centre. A role model for many women who were inspired by her passion, creativity and search for spiritual truth, the award established in Madeleine's memory will honour her legacy for years to come.



PAGE 5 FROM LEFT TO RIGHT | 1987: Penny-Lynn (Warner) Rintoul, Mary McCarney, Melissa Mask, Sandra (Holden) Hooper, Sarah Jarvis | **1992:** Carol-Ann Rivest, Ozelle (Patolot) Case | **1997:** Angela Wycimaga and Kristina Wycimaga '98. **THIS PAGE FROM TOP LEFT TO BOTTOM RIGHT | 2002:** Julie (Finley) LeBlanc, Stephanie Zonneville | **1930s & 1940s:** Frances (Bevan) Crummer '37, Gerry (Zink) Payne '48, Sr. Corona Sharp '47, Geraldine Montag '47, Beryl (Nurse) Ivey '47 | **1952:** Rachel (Dury) Ferguson and Joan (Coster) McAuley | **1962:** Diane (Tait) Creeden, Simonne (Spriet) Van De Wiele, Dianne (Donnelly) Kieffer, Dorothy (Kreutzkamp) Mulligan | **1957:** Front (L-R) Joan (Giroux) Roy, Theresa Courneyea, Beverly (Campbell) Huctwith, Mary (Plant) Smith, Back (L-R) Sr. Marie-Louise Janisse, Nora (Hanley) Newton, Margaret (Murray) Nicholson, Mary Kay (Brown) Kelly, Laurine (Kelso) McAllister, Halina (Sulatycka) Stave, Mary McGrath, Betty (Grundy) Rothwell, An Hoang-Thi, Ann (Lewis) McInnes | **1967:** Helen (Van Bussel) McHenry, Lorraine (Van Damme) Vandekerckhove, Barry (Jordan) McIsaac, Patricia (McManus) Carey, Yaga (Fischer) McInnes, Bonnie (Henderson) Austen | **1972:** Deborah Campbell, Joan Wyatt | **1977:** (In alphabetical order) Sue (Carroll) Beck, Christine (De Souza) Carvalho, Tracy (Gillard) Desjardins, Janice Emery, Jan (Higgerty) Hillis, Susan (Litvinchuk) Horvath, Cindy Mann, Sharon Ney-Durocher, Nicole (Thibault) Pichelli, Jocelyne (LaLonde) Reaume, Pamela (Bestard) Riley, Heidi Severn Brown, Lois Warren | **1982:** Nancy (Firth) Petryschuk, Colleen (Curry) Kinahan.



Travelling Around the World

Lindsay Gladding ALUMNA PROFILE

Travelling around the world for weeks, or sometimes months, at a time would be a dream job for many; fortunately for alumna Lindsay Gladding it's her reality. Working with World Vision Canada, Lindsay finds herself packing her bags every six weeks travelling for one week up to three months at a time.

Following graduation from Brescia in 2003 with a Scholar's Elective degree and a certificate in Community Development, Lindsay attended Humber College for the International Project Management program. During this time she volunteered with World Vision Canada, and was offered full-time employment following the Asian tsunami in 2004 as the need for staff was greatly increased to assist with aid efforts.

Within two weeks of working with World Vision Canada, Lindsay was sent to Cambodia for three weeks for field work. "It can be scary at times," Lindsay admits, however workers are provided with basic information about the countries they will be working in and always have security protocols in place. "I quickly learned that cultural differences are learned through experience," explains Lindsay, and her experiences have been diverse. From learning appropriate attire or rituals to coping with her passport being stolen while in the Congo (resulting in three

weeks of work to resolve the issue), Lindsay has seen and experienced things beyond many people's imaginations.

Lindsay is currently working as a Program Officer responsible for emergency response programming in the Middle East and Eastern Europe region for the Humanitarian Affairs Division of World Vision Canada. She works as a point person with field workers, determining where funding is needed, writing proposals and working with the Canadian government to try to obtain funding. She is required to travel for field work, but also travels around the world for conferences and workshops.

Lindsay's home base is currently in Guelph, Ontario, but her passport and suitcase are never put too far away.



TOP: Afghanistan, April 2007.
INSET: Working at a food distribution site in Niger during the food crisis of 2005.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS 2007

MOTHER ST. JAMES CONTINUING SCHOLARSHIP
BETHANY BELL, SARAH HELMOND

OLIVE HIGGINS CONTINUING SCHOLARSHIP
MARY BAYNTON, JENNIFER VANDERWOERD

LAURA GRAY AWARD
JENILLE HUTCHINSON, KASHA MCEWEN

SISTER DOMINICA DIETRICH-
DR. GERALDINE M. MONTAG SCHOLARSHIP
LAUREN GOGOL

ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIPS

JANNAIA ARTHUR, TASHIA EDWARDS, JULIE GERBER, CLAIRE HENDERSON, KENDRA PAULEY, ALISSA RICHARDS, CONSTANCE SIBANDA, KATHLEEN SIBBALD, DARIJA SIMIC, LAURA VANDERVET

MOTHER (GRANDMOTHER)/ DAUGHTER AWARDS

AHLEEN HINNEGAN '41/ALLISON AZIZ

JULIE BELAIR-BAK '86/LAUREN ELLEN BAK

RITA (KORYLAK) ACCADIA '72/
KAROLYN BAKER-ACCADIA

PAULA (BURNS) BOOMSMA '79/
ASHLEY BOOMSMA

KIM (KELLER) GAISWINKLER '82/
LAUREN GAISWINKLER

EVE (EMERY) HARDING '75/
LEANNE HARDING

PAMELA TOPPIN '85/CLARE HILES

BARBARA (SMITH) LEGGE '78/
CAROLYN LEGGE

RHODA (CORN) VAN HORIK '75/
ANTOINETTE VAN HORIK

ALUMNA AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Patricia "Pat" (Griffin) Charles '58 was awarded the Carmelle Murphy Alumnae Award of Distinction at Homecoming 2007, travelling from her island home in St. Lucia to accept the award and reconnect with classmates, family and friends.

Upon moving to St. Lucia in 1959 with her husband Ferrel "Bam" Charles, Pat became deeply involved in development work, particularly in the non-government organization sector. Her first position was as a teacher at St. Joseph's Convent. Shortly thereafter she became the temporary Resident Tutor for the Extra Mural Department and worked in that post for over 13 years. Her next professional home was the Caribbean Research Centre which was later named the National Research and Development Foundation. After 13 years of service she moved to the St. Lucia National Trust as Executive Director.

Pat has been at the forefront of the Literacy and Adult Education movements, as well as acting as a Brescia ambassador encouraging students in St. Lucia to consider Brescia for the preliminary program or their university degree. She has immersed herself in environment and heritage issues during her recent years at the Trust. She has served on numerous regional and national committees, commissions and organizations and currently is adjusting to the world of retirement.

Do you know a Brescia graduate who is deserving of this award? For information on nominating an alumna, or for a nomination form, please contact Rita Gardiner at rgardin2@uwo.ca or 519.432.8353 ext 28293. Information is also available on the alumnae section of Brescia's website.





Our Beloved Friend

IN MEMORY OF FRANCA FORTNER

A notable absence at Homecoming this year was alumna Franca (Creati) Fortner '68, whose smiling, welcoming face has long been recognized as a reflection of Brescia's essence. Only one year ago Franca was honoured with the Carmelle Murphy Alumnae Award of Distinction. Months later she was released from the harsh grip of ALS and went peacefully home to her Heavenly Father.

Homecoming 2008 will be Franca's 40th anniversary and her classmates are working to honour her memory through a bursary in her name. The bursary will recognize second or third year Brescia students who exemplify the qualities admired so greatly in Franca—steadfast faith, joy, kindness, loyalty, sincerity, compassion and loving acceptance of everyone, and willingness to reach out to others in her community.

To make such a bursary a reality would require a financial contribution from those who have been touched by Franca's embrace. The goal of \$10,000 will allow the funds to be endowed and the interest used to award the bursary annually at Homecoming. Knowing the extent of Franca's influence, this can most certainly be accomplished. The class of '68 is asking for your assistance in the hope that one year from now, Homecoming 2008, Franca's 40th anniversary, the Franca Fortner Memorial Bursary will be announced.

For more information on how you can contribute, please contact Leslee Lefteruk at brescia.foundation@uwo.ca or 519.858.5005.

"We can see Franca's smile, her hand on her heart as she sees that she can still support her beloved Brescia through her many friends."



BREAKFAST FOR BURSARIES

Valerie Pringle
GUEST SPEAKER

Brescia's sixth annual Breakfast for Bursaries continued the tradition of celebrating women's education by raising funds to support mature students in financial need.

Since the event's inception in 2002 more than 2,000 people have attended the Breakfast raising net funds over \$100,000 in six years. These funds are matched by the provincial government through the Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS). An impressive list of past speakers includes Dini Petty, Thalia Assuras, Paula Todd, Sally Armstrong, and Pamela Wallin.

This year's speaker, Valerie Pringle, is recognized as one of Canada's best known and most respected broadcasters. She was selected as one of the Fifty Famous Faces of Fifty Years of Canadian Television by the Banff Television Foundation and has been nominated for seven Gemini Awards for Best Host/Interviewer. In 2006, she was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

Valerie's presentation entitled "My five Favourite Interviews and What They've Taught Me About Life" was both entertaining and inspiring for the attendees who joined her for Breakfast on October 18th at the London

Convention Centre. Congratulations to the committee of volunteers, chaired by alumna Cindy Kirshin, who worked so hard in the months of planning to ensure that the event was a success.

The 2007 recipient of the Eleanore Donnelly Award, Earla Meyer, is working towards her Honors BA in Social Sciences at Brescia with a goal of attending medical school upon completion of her degree. Earla is a single mother of two children and hopes to move with her family to rural northern Ontario where she will practice medicine as an Obstetrician or Family Physician.



"The Eleanore Donnelly Award is a significant financial contribution in helping me meet my educational goals. I wish to express my sincerest thanks to Eleanore Donnelly's legacy, and everyone who contributed to Breakfast for Bursaries. It was an honour to participate in such a wonderful event" ~ Earla Meyer

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Institute for Women in Leadership

OFFICIAL LAUNCH

Brescia has a long history of developing women leaders—the Ursuline Sisters were front runners in encouraging leadership among women.

Brescia's current strategic plan envisioned the College playing a more active role in the promotion of women's leadership, and in 2006, a working group was set up to assess the feasibility of establishing an Institute for Women Leaders.

In October 2007, Brescia officially launched The Institute for Women in Leadership (IWIL) with inaugural speaker, Maude Barlow (pictured left), Council of Canadians. A packed audience of 400 enjoyed Maude's reflections on the power of women and the way she wove the teachings of Angela Merici into her lecture.



The Institute will offer programming that supports the development of authentic women leaders who choose to practice socially responsible leadership and wish to develop their abilities to coach, mentor and inspire others. Currently, Student Services has developed a four part certificate for students to explore and develop their leadership potential. In March 2008, a student leadership conference will feature papers around the theme of "women making change". Prior to the conference well-known writer and journalist, Michele Landsberg, will give a public lecture, sponsored by the Circle Women's Centre.

The community arm of IWIL hosted a public event with Project Tembo in November 2007. TEMBO (Tanzania Education and Micro Business Opportunity) is a registered Canadian charity that provides funding to girls and women pursuing educational and small business goals in the Maasai homeland of rural northern Tanzania.

For more details on IWIL initiatives, visit www.iwil.ca or contact Rita Gardiner 519.432.8353 ext. 28293.

ALUMNAE IN BUSINESS

Brescia is highlighting the success of alumnae who have gone on to start their own company by launching a new online initiative called "Alumnae in Business". This is a great opportunity for graduates to advertise their business to the Brescia community.

If you are interested in advertising your company on the "Alumnae in Business" section, we are happy to include any of the following information:

- Picture of yourself and/or company logo (one photo max.)
- Your name, graduating year and degree program
- Your company name and brief information about your company/services/product offered (approximately 3 sentences)
- Contact information for your company (location, phone number, email address and/or website)
- Special discounts you may wish to offer alumnae!

For more information, please contact Rita Gardiner at rgardin2@uwo.ca.

Harris Connect

Many graduates have expressed interest in reconnecting with other alumnae. To assist you, Brescia has partnered with Harris Connect to create the 2008 Brescia University College Alumnae Directory. If you wish to be part of the Directory, please respond directly to Harris Connect. If you do not wish to participate in the Directory, simply disregard the information, or contact brescia.alumnae@uwo.ca. Brescia University College follows current privacy policies for protecting the personal information of alumnae. If you have any questions about Brescia's privacy policy, please contact the Brescia's Privacy Officer, Jim MacDonald at 519.432.8353 ext. 28394 or jmacdo55@uwo.ca.

Get to Know Dr. Alicia Garcia



CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOODS & NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

How long have you worked at Brescia?

This is my 18th year. (I'm an ancient professor now!)

Why did you decide to become a professor in foods and nutrition?

My PhD is in International Nutrition. I considered working for an international agency; my first post would have been Mongolia. However, I decided that Brescia was a better fit for me.

What is your biggest indulgence?

Dark chocolates

Is there anything you won't eat?

Rare-cooked meats, fish or poultry.

Tim Hortons or Starbucks?

Tim's.

What do you consider your greatest accomplishments?

Obtaining my PhD and getting Brescia's graduate program in Foods and Nutrition up and running.

What was your role in the development of Brescia's grad program in Foods and Nutritional Sciences?

I wrote the graduate program proposal (including the concept paper initially submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) at Western) with input from the faculty and senior administrators; directed the four capacity surveys to support the rationale for the program; and coordinated the departmental and administrative efforts in getting the proposal through the approval process that involved Brescia's Education Policy Committee, and Western's Faculty of Graduate Studies.

What was the last book you read?

The Last Templar by Raymond Khoury.

What is the best movie you have ever seen?

Gone with the Wind.

What is the most fun you have had recently?

Visiting some historical places in Antigua, such as the Nelson Dockyard, enjoying the scenery and eating ice cream with new-found friends!

Could you summarize your research projects with childhood obesity?

I was involved in a survey of adolescents (high school students) in Antigua and Barbuda and we found that at least 20% of them are at risk for being overweight or are overweight. Based on the survey results, we developed a nutrition education component "Nutrition for Good Health" Booklet and CD and implemented it in three intervention schools.

How did you get involved in work in Antigua and Barbuda?

I met Audrey Morris of CFNI, Jamaica in one of the regional conferences of the Caribbean Association of Nutritionists and Dietitians, Inc. (CANDi) and we talked about research activities that we are doing. Last year, when she got a project funded by Health Canada and the Pan-American Health Organization, she invited me to join the team as a consultant and project partner. I also wrote the endorsement for the proposal to be approved for funding.

Which do you use more often, the telephone or email?

Email, but I prefer the telephone.

Do you have a blackberry?

No, but I'm thinking of getting one!

With whom from history would you like to dine?

Mother Teresa (but what food we would eat, I don't know!)

If you didn't become a professor, what career path might you have followed?

I would have become a doctor of medicine, if only I didn't fear the sight of blood and didn't have to dissect a corpse.

What is the most interesting thing you've learned recently?

That I could sing some types of songs well!

What is your favourite part or memory about working at Brescia?

The easy camaraderie among all the constituents.

What is the biggest challenge about working at Brescia?

The difficulty, sometimes, in getting changes approved and implemented.

What advice would you give your students who are graduating this year?

Go where your instincts lead you and do the best you can when you get there!

"I would have become a doctor of medicine, if only I didn't fear the sight of blood and didn't have to dissect a corpse."



'24 Margaret Mary Fallona passed away on July 11, 2007, in her 102nd year. At the time, she was Brescia's oldest alumna.

MILESTONES MARRIAGES BIRTHS & DEATHS

'55 Lucille (Plotkins) Panet-Raymond received "the Clea Herman Recognition Award for Commitment to the YWCA and Promotion of Leadership for Women". This is a national YWCA award given by the National YWCA for staff or former staff.

'57 Theresa Courneyea enjoyed a trip to Tuscany at the end of October. She gave her house a facelift with new paint and reupholstering and keeps busy with volunteer work and time with family and friends. She thanks God daily for good health.

'57 Mary McGrath says that working as a food columnist at The Toronto Star was exciting and her retirement years seem equally so. In 2003 she produced *A Shortbread Sampler* and *Delectable Collectibles* in 2004. All proceeds from

the sale of these two recipe books benefit the Star Fresh Air and Santa Claus funds. Mary currently serves as chair of Western's Alumni Lecture Series in Toronto, volunteers for The Art Gallery of Ontario, St. Michael's Hospital and occasionally helps the "amazing" Sister Margaret Feeley with a breakfast program at St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto for school children. She salutes her remarkable Ursuline educators and role models who have "done so much for so many". Friends from her days at Brescia continue to enrich her life, 50 years later.

'58 Patricia (Knowlton) Day-Morris writes, "Denise Day Bebenek's Annual Fundraising 5 Kilometre Walk on Mother's Day to honour her daughter Meagan and raise awareness and funds for paediatric brain tumour research in Canada has raised more than a million dollars. Paediatric brain tumours are the

leading cause of cancerous death in children and young people under the age of 20. Family members and friends helping to organize the six walks are many."

'59 Mary (Kelly) Shaughnessy lives in Toronto and, since retiring from teaching, volunteers for Travel AGO (Art Gallery of Ontario). This group plans excursions for members and also the general public.

'67 Bonnie (Henderson) Austen retired from the City of Edmonton in 2006, but is still doing contract work with them. She got her certification as a fitness leader in April 2006 and is presently teaching classes to seniors in a variety of senior apartments. She enjoys playing golf in the spring-fall. Two of her three children are now married with a grandchild due in December. Her husband of 38 years

is retired from the University of Alberta. They enjoy travelling when they can.

'68 Lynda (Haggart) Davies writes, "I am retiring in June from teaching. Since both our children and grandchildren live nearby, my husband and I are looking forward to more time with them. Travel and volunteer work at our church are also in our plans! New beginnings—the next chapter!"

'68 Sharon (Anderson) McCarney bought, expanded and is running a successful Meeting Room business in the financial district of Toronto, and also at the airport for training, workshops, meetings and legal hearings, arbitrations and mediations. She would love to see any alumnae...any time.

'72 Deborah Campbell writes, "I have been a field rep for Ontario Pork for 10 years. There are always new challenges in all of agriculture these days. I became a home owner finally this past spring—my mom downsized and I bought her home. It would have been easier to move to Alaska instead of next door—I moved in wheel barrows!"

'72 Mary Wemple Powell writes, "I would have loved to be able to join my classmates of 1972 for Mass, lunch and photos Sunday, September 30. However, since I was diagnosed with breast cancer February 2005, our family has participated in the CIBC Run for the Cure (walking of course) which was held September 30. The first time we took part the walk took place the very last day of my six chemo cycles. In 2006 (I had some hair for this walk) Team Powell raised close to \$3500 and 2007's goal is \$4000. Jim and Allison and Elizabeth and their husbands, Mike and Chris, have been incredible supports. This year they threw an amazing Breast Cancer Survival Party for me which took place on my actual birthday (07/07/07). The weather couldn't have been better for this! We even had a

live jazz band performing in our gazebo. It was an awesome celebration of life and a thank you to family and friends for all their many kindnesses, cards, calls, visits, letters, meals and amazing patience."

'73 Helen Bugno writes, "My family is continuing to enjoy the hospitality and sincerity of the Indonesian people. There are so many treasures here to explore in arts, culture, geography, history, etc. I will be co-leading a travel group to Bandung in early October and trekking in the beautiful Northern Baliem Valley in central Papua in January visiting the Walak and Dani tribal areas. The leader of this trip is a Canadian from Saskatchewan! Another trip I am looking forward to is Homecoming 2008. Margaret and I will now be in a close race to win the coveted "who has come the farthest" award! Yes, Margaret is coming from Australia! Joyce has kindly offered to make the accommodation arrangements for a group which also includes Sandy, Faye, and Pat. Last time (2003) we took up half of an entire floor at a swank downtown hotel. There are rumours that our group will be growing in numbers. I think it's time Rosanne and Mary came. I understand someone whose name begins with "D" is also coming. We are all looking forward to it very much! See you at Homecoming 2008! Helen"

'73 Mary (McFadzean) Fox and her husband Jim are moving to Haliburton. They are both retired and are ready to start a new life style in a new environment. Their three children are now young adults in their twenties.

'76 Louise (Hall) Dobson writes, "We had a custom home built just outside of Barrie this past year, but were unable to close the sale because the builder would not pay his workers and they had liened the property. We tried nine different closings and finally gave up and bought a house in Barrie the last week

of August. We moved in over the Labour Day weekend and I started teaching the next week. I'm teaching Family Studies at Innisdale Secondary School in Barrie. My husband, Ed, is renting back the farm land that we sold and will continue with the farming as well as farming for other people and doing snow blowing in the winter. My two oldest kids are on their own now. Peter is 26 and works for his dad's surveying company. Cathy is 22 and has just finished her honours Psychology degree and is looking for more career oriented work, but in the meantime is working at a few different places. Kelly is 20 and is in her third year of science at the University of Guelph. She originally wanted to get into vet school, but will likely end up doing something else with animals."

'77 Janice Emery is residing in London and teaching in the junior division and core French for the Thames Valley District School Board.

'77 Cindy Mann is in her 30th year of teaching for the Thames Valley District School Board. Currently she is principal at Cleardale Public School in London. She and her husband have three children; twin girls and a boy. They continue to live in Lambeth and enjoy time at a family cottage near Bancroft.

'78 Christine (MacKenzie) Zygouris is married and has two sons, Peter (24) and Andrew (21).

'79 Irma Oegema is married and has three children. The youngest entered college in September.

'82 Laurie Clune currently works as an Assistant Professor at Ryerson University in the undergraduate, post diploma and masters programs. Her research is focused on the learning experiences in nursing of marginalized groups such as immigrant women, mature university students and students with disabilities.

'82 Nancy (Firth) Petryschuk writes, "Mike and I just celebrated our 25th anniversary! 25 years, two kids and lots of moves later and we are still having fun together! We are living in Georgetown now and I would love to hear from not-so-"old" friends and get reacquainted. Take care all!"

'87 Melissa Mask completed her Master of Education in Counselling Psychology at Althouse College at the University of Western Ontario in 2005. She married Tina Chappell on July 18, 2004. In August 2005 she was hired as a full-time counsellor at Fanshawe College in the Counselling and Student Life department and in July 2006 she was offered the position of Counselling Coordinator.

'87 Shelley (Blommaert) Verhoeve writes, "After graduation in 1987, I continued studies at Western and in 1990 graduated again as a Physiotherapist (BSc P.T.) I married Dan Verhoeve in 1991 and we have two wonderful boys, Blayne (13) and Reed (10) and a golden retriever named "Barkley". Presently I am working part time as a physiotherapist in Simcoe, ON, at a private orthopedic clinic, doing home based visits and covering a local retirement home as a consultant."

'88 Bernadette (Southwood) Corrigan graduated from Ryerson University in Toronto with a BSc Nursing in 1993. She was married on October 13, 2001, and welcomed Emma on November 2, 2002, and Brendan on August 5, 2004.

'89 Anne (Bourke) Saplagio writes, "Hello there! Marcelo and I recently convalidated our marriage in the Roman Catholic Church. A small celebration—we are planning to go to the Philippines in December for a little over a month where most of his family live. We live in Courtice, Ontario with our two female cats—Matti (13) and Tootles (9). Our church is St. Therese of the Little Child Jesus. Let's keep in touch. Love, Anne (Bourke) Saplagio."

'92 Jane Latham completed an MA at Acadia and LLB at UNB. She now works on Aboriginal law issues for the Department of Justice in Ottawa. Jane married James Zarull in 2000 and they have two daughters, Claire (4) and Madeleine (2).

'93 Kelly (Calvert) Proulx married Patrick Proulx on August 22, 1998. They have three beautiful daughters; Alexandra (8), Sydney (6) and Mackenzie (4). Kelly and Patrick currently own and operate two A&W Franchises in the Peterborough area and Kelly has her own Nutrition Consulting Private Practice.

'94 Stephanie Quinlan was married in 2005 to her partner of eight years. She has been employed in the non-profit sector for over eight years and is currently a full-time writer and editor for a national non-profit association. She sits on the board of directors for a local charity that provides jobs, training and counselling for at-risk youth.

'96 Claudette (Turnbull) Zijlstra has worked with an NGO serving African refugees in Cairo since 2003. Her MSc thesis regarding nutritional status of refugee children was completed in 2007 (McGill). She married Hendrik Zijlstra of the Netherlands in 2005 and they will be living and working in Cairo until 2011.

'99 Jessica Smith has been happily married for the past five years to Adrian Ishmael, is the proud mother to several cats, and lives in downtown Toronto. She is currently working in the field of Consumer Research.

'99 Shannon (Clarke) Smith completed her Bachelor of Teaching at University of Western Sydney in 2000. She married Jim Smith in May 2003, and became mommy to Emily Josephine in February 2006.

'03 Renee Bernardi-Ronan has worked as a RD in long term care and acute care since graduating from her dietetic

internship at the University Health Network in 2004. She is now working in an academic Family Health Team. She married her long-time love Mark Groen (graduated from Western engineering in 2003) on February 2, 2006, on the beach in Mexico. They currently live in Brantford with their pet cat "Sarika." Rene writes, "Congratulations Dr. Garcia on the new position as Department Chair!"

'05 Karen Clifford graduated from the Faculty of Education at Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario in June 2007. She moved to Cambridge, Ontario, in August and began teaching CORE French to grades 5 to 8, with some grade 1 coverage at Silverheights Public School in Cambridge.

MARRIAGES

'98 Amy Kohl is working at the Hospital for Sick Children, as a Clinical Dietitian in the Eating Disorders Program. She also spends one day per week in private practice. Her many years on Brescia's Students' Council left her with a love of event planning, and as a side project, she plans large Singles' Parties in Toronto. She met her fiancé, Paul Kaminsky (UWO, class of 1998) at one of her parties in June 2006. He recognized her from their many shared nights at the Spoke for Redeye Thursday. Unfortunately, they were never introduced 10 years ago... but better late than never! Their wedding is planned for April 6, 2008.

'05 Jessica (Wales) Patterson married Rob Patterson at St. Anne's Parish in St. Thomas, Ontario on May 12, 2007. They were excited to include Brescia in their memorable day by travelling to the campus after the ceremony for photographs. Jess writes, "It means so much to have captured one of the most important days in my life at the place that has offered me a home as a student, and staff member for so many years. We had a beautiful day of events and an incredible honeymoon in the Caribbean."

Jessica is currently working in Brescia's Registrar's Office as Admissions and Liaison Officer.

Rhea (Harris) Johnson, Brescia's Senior Liaison Officer, married Scott Johnson on June 22, 2007, at Trü Restaurant and Lounge in London.

BIRTHS

'61 Jean (Rigato) Oprendek's son John and his wife Kelly gave birth to a daughter, Reece Taylor Jane Oprendek.



'83 Erin Fletcher and her husband Bill became grandparents on January 17, 2007, when their daughter Nerissa and her partner Benoit gave birth to a beautiful baby boy "Steven". All are healthy and thriving.

'87 Kathryn (Weisshaar) Cliché welcomed a son, Benjamin Joseph born August 11, 2006. He is a baby brother for Grace Kelley (b. March 9, 2004). During Kathryn's maternity leave she became a licensed Mortgage

Associate and is currently working with a small group of mortgage professionals. She is working from home, which allows a much more flexible schedule.

'89 Susan Buro is currently on maternity leave from her job at Central United Church. She gave birth to gorgeous twin daughters Quinn and Zoey on March 31, 2007. Daddy is thrilled as the little cuties look just like him, and big sister Lexi (13) is ecstatic that she finally has sisters. Life is good!

'91 Grace (Ciriello) Zapke and her husband Frank welcomed their third child, Samuel, on March 9, 2007, weighing 11lbs, 11oz. Grace is currently on maternity leave from her position as Area Manager with Wrigley Canada.

'94 Jeannette (Hansen) Wiens and her husband Michael are proud to announce their growing family. They welcomed their daughter, Grace Marie, into the world July 6, 2006. Grace is a happy and laid back child, who enjoys the company of her big brothers John (born July 1, 2003) and Ted (born Sept. 20, 2004). They live in London, where both Michael and Jeannette are employed at Bell Canada. Jeannette is a Union Management Liaison Manager for 310.Bell Ontario.

'99 Jacqueline (Grieve) De Leebeek writes, "We are proud to announce the birth of our third baby, Thomas Jeffery, born April 15, 2007. We are living in St. Thomas, happy to be close to family and friends. I am enjoying being home for the summer with our girls Josephine (7) and Rebecca (5) and of course Thomas!"



'99 Sara (Reed) Lavalley married in 2001 and welcomed son Braeden in that year also. Her son Ethan was born in 2004 and Zachary in 2007.

'02 Julie (Finley) LeBlanc and husband, Shannon, celebrated the birth of their first child, Braeden William Joseph, on July 2, 2006.

'06 Nicole Bulanda welcomed her daughter Anabelle into the world on August 31, 2006, weighing 7lbs and 8oz.

Congratulations to Vicky and Lee Scott and the arrival of Owen Jacob, who was born on June 4, 2007, weighing 9lbs, 4oz. Owen is little brother to Holly. Vicky is currently on maternity leave from Brescia's Registrar's Office.

Congratulations to Adrienne Roode and Mark Co-Dyre on the arrival of Cadence Rose. Adrienne is currently on maternity leave from the Beryl Ivey Library at Brescia.

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

'24 Margaret Mary Fallona who passed away on July 11, 2007, in her 102nd year. At the time, she was Brescia's oldest alumna.

'35 Veronica Coyle who passed away peacefully on June 6, 2007.

'48 Charlotte (Tache) Stasiuk who passed away, on the Feast Day of St. Vladimir, on Sunday, July 15, 2007, at Oakville in her 81st year.

'55 Patricia (Woodcock) Pettigrew on the loss of her son, Philip and her husband, Andre.

'57 Mary (Plant) Smith on the loss of her husband Daniel Smith who passed away on October 24, 2007.

'75 Eve (Emery) Harding and current Brescia student Leanne Harding, on the loss of Helen Harding, mother-in-law to Eve and grandmother to Leanne.

'76 Laura (McClelland) Buchanan on the loss of her husband Bob Buchanan, August 2007.

'87 Diane (Schmuck) McSkimming on the death of her uncle Thomas Schmuck in October 2007 and also to Sister Dolores Kuntz who is sister-in-law to Thomas Schmuck.

'93 Sister Mary Lynch who passed away on July 25, 2007. Although her health has been failing for a few weeks, she was seriously ill only for a few days. Sr. Mary lived at Brescia from the mid 1980s until 2003. She did a variety of things, including some work in the residence. At the same time, she worked on her degree that she completed in 1993. Her great love was photography and we have many examples of her artistic photos of the buildings and grounds— sometimes used for greeting cards and her pictorial records of various events, including Homecoming. Her finest photos, however, are studies of flowers and birds.

'04 Sue Xaysy and her family on the loss of her brother Master Cpl. John Xaysy, who died in Alberta, August 2007.

'05
*In the hope of a flower
I will wake tomorrow
With sunshine memories of your 'twinkle toes'
And all my woes swept away in the undertows
To a place that no one knows.*

*Your smile, never to be forgotten
With white lit candles that smelled of cotton
And every dream that melted away that late
autumn.
In the whisper of the winter wind
I am reminded that a new season will begin.*

*In the blue of your river green eyes
I saw a wise man in disguise.
Your will to survive was a message, I now realize.
You were my baby boy wrapped in clover
Reminding me today that I must start over.*

In memory of Angel (pronounced in French) Sidhoum-Garavito—July 30th–November 10th, 2006. Infant son born to Ms Loe Garavito-Bruhn and Mr Sami Sidhoum. Written by Loe on November 3, 2007. (Born with Trisomy 13, our miracle baby boy gave us three seasons of love.)

Kathleen Dahl, Brescia's Library Assistant Collections Management, on the loss of her father, Patrick Gerelus on May 16, 2007.

Father Ken O'Keefe, former Brescia Chaplain, on the loss of his brother on July 27, 2007.

Lynn Page, Brescia's Accounts Receivable, on the loss of her father, Alfred (Alf) James on October 24, 2007.

Angela Merici Day Celebration

Thursday, January 24, 2008
7:30 pm, Brescia Auditorium
Guest Speaker: Joan Lenardon

Angela Merici: Brescia's Alma Mater

Angela Merici (1470–1540) dismissed the melancholy myths about women's natural inferiority to men. Choices for women in the sixteenth century were limited to: aut maritus, aut murus, either a husband or the walls of a monastery. Angela chose neither. Instead, she founded the Company of Saint Ursula, which she named after the legendary martyr of the 5th century. Angela's Company consisted of women who aspired to live lives of religious consecration, while remaining in their own homes and earning their own living. Her "daughters" came to be known as Ursulines, even though it was Angela, not Ursula, who was the historical person. It is therefore she, Angela Merici, who is Brescia University College's real "Dear Mother".

Sister Juliana Pook who died peacefully in Chatham on June 7, 2007. Sr. Juliana lived at Brescia from the early 80s until recently. Many will associate her with line dancing. Condolences to her sister, Sister Mary Doris Pook.

Mass is offered in Brescia's Chapel on the first Thursday of every month for living and deceased members of the alumnae association and their families.



A Letter from the Editor:

When I started at Brescia I was welcomed with a warm embrace from the Alumnae Association. I quickly learned that Brescia alumnae are unique, wonderful, interesting women. Over the years I have had the opportunity to get to know many of you and it has been a pleasure to feel like part of the Brescia alumnae "family". I am now embarking on new endeavours, but wish all Brescia alumnae continued success.

~ Jennifer Jones, Communications & Alumnae Relations Officer, 2004–2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brescia Ball

Saturday, January 19, 2008

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Alumnae Gatherings— Brescia Heads West

Alumnae events in Vancouver and Calgary will take place, week of February 18, 2008. An invite will be sent to all grads in those cities in January.



The Heather MacDougall Memorial Bursary Fundraiser

Join us on February 10, 2008, at Garlic's of London for a special lunch to support Brescia's Heather MacDougall Memorial Bursary. Created to honour Heather's spirit of kindness and generosity, this bursary was formed to assist a community minded third year Brescia student in financial need.

Executive Chef, Wade Fitzgerald will personally prepare a sumptuous "one of a kind" meal. Tickets are \$50. For more information or to purchase your ticket please email your host Cathy MacDougall Davidson, '76 at cathydavidson@rogers.com.

BRESCIA IS CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Exploring Women & Social Justice A Sophia Series Event

Thursday, March 6, 2008
7:30 pm, Brescia Auditorium
Guest Speaker: Michele Landsberg
Journalist, Feminist & Activist

A Multi-disciplinary Student Conference: Women Making Change

Friday, March 7, 2008

Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit proposals (up to 200 words) for paper, poster or artistic presentations related to the theme "women making change." Proposals must be received no later than **Monday, January 7, 2008**, and should be sent by e-mail to iwil@uwo.ca or to **Women Making Change Conference, c/o Institute for Women In Leadership, Brescia University College, 1285 Western Road London, Ontario, N6G 1H2**

International Women's Day

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Baccalaureate

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Alumnae Association Annual Gathering & General Meeting

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Homecoming

Saturday, October 4 and
Sunday, October 5, 2008



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