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## What's in a Name? *By Mary Garvey*

The Office of Development has recently changed its name to the Office of Mission Advancement. Is this anything more than a semantic playing with words? After all, the work, at least to all outer appearances, has not changed. To me it reflects a paradigm shift that may be quite subtle and yet, is critically important -especially considering our Ursuline Mission. Let me explain.

From a traditional "Development" point of view, the goal is to bring people into relationship with the organization in a way that makes them want to support the organization by offering their time, talent and resources. From this perspective we educate the public about our ministries and activities and ask for their support. We publish the Dome and send out frequent letters to alumni, volunteers and donors. We educate our donors about our many ministries in Peru and Appalachia and to

the Hispanic community; about sisters who are hospice workers and teachers and social workers, etc. We sponsor events that will bring those who work together with us onto the campus to thank them and to help them stay connected. And we sponsor events, such as the Art Fair, to extend our reach out into the community and to welcome others to become familiar with who we are and join us.

It is generally agreed that good "development" work is about cultivating relationships. In a traditional development office this is done with the goal of generating more donors and encouraging existing donors to grow closer to the organization so that they will give more.

But if we speak of Mission Advancement then we can't stop there. If we truly see ourselves as engaged in advancing the

## 45 'Taps' Brings Smokestack Down

*By Jessica Reid*



On Monday, August 11 it looked like a dignitary was landing on the Ursuline Campus. A twin bladed, white helicopter didn't just fly over the property. It

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## Fair is Fast Approaching

Community Days have come and gone for 2008. The balloon glow and race are over. So is the pancake breakfast. But, there's no rest for the weary. The 22nd Ursuline Campus Art Fair is less than a month away. This year's fair, set for September 20 and 21, will have a unique distinction. The event falls on the last day of the Ryder Cup which is taking place just outside of Louisville.

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## Dates to Remember

- **Fast for the Life of the World** – September 5 and October 3
- **Ursuline Campus Art Fair** – September 20 and 21
- **150th Event: Habitat For Humanity House Raise the Roof** – October 3 and 4  
**Location:**  
921 S. Shelby

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## Heart2Heart

We invite you to send "heart messages" to affirm someone you live with, work with, or appreciate in any way for who they are or for what they do.

*"Comfort her, encourage her, gladden her heart."*

*–St. Angela Merici*



**An associate since 2004, I have experienced the charisma of the Ursuline community many times.**

As my Mother's health declined over the last two years, there was always an offer of prayers and support from Sisters, Associates and employees of the Ursuline Community. Her most recent illness and death were no different. The calls, the notes, the offers to help, the visitation at the funeral home and attendance at her funeral liturgy were overwhelming. How do we begin to say thank you? You embraced my Mother and Dad, me and my family and held us as we endured this great loss. There are no words to express our gratitude for you wrapping your arms around us each time. We felt the arms of God holding us as Mother moved to her new life. The family of Pat Volz will treasure you forever.

*Thanks, Associate Donna Helm*

**With heartfelt gratitude we thank everyone** who

remembered us with cards, greetings, prayers, packs of notes and especially the many Masses offered in the Motherhouse Chapel and elsewhere. You are in our prayers daily and again, THANK YOU and God Bless each of you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

*– 70th Anniversary Jubilarians*

**To each and every one who so generously remembered us on our Jubilees,**

Your prayers and good wishes helped to make the day so blessed and joyful.

*– Marian Home Jubilarians*

*Please send your "heart messages" to be published in OURS. Send to the Communications Office at Brescia Hall or e-mail jreid@ursulineslou.org.*

## On the Web



**Artist List for the Ursuline Campus Art Fair**

**Angela Merici Center's Fall Program**

**Balloon Glow Photos**

**More on Community Days Events**

## Name continued from front page

Ursuline Mission to promote Christian living, then every activity undertaken by this office must reflect that essential perspective. In an office that is Mission driven, the emphasis is still on relationship with the donor, but there is a shift to genuine care about the spiritual well-being of the donor.

When we conjoin an emphasis on cultivating relationships with a mission of teaching Christian living and helping all people to live more fully and to develop a personal relationship with God, as is our Ursuline Mission, then we must ask ourselves, with whom and to what are we bringing people into relationship?

Suddenly one's vision must become much greater than bringing another individual into relationship with the organization. From this perspective, every relationship, every encounter, is an invitation to deeper faith. It is putting forward the possibility, the opportunity, to draw closer to God through joining together with us in the work of bringing about the Kingdom. It is a reminder of Christian living, as described in the Acts of the Apostle, that "all brought what they had to offer, and gave to everyone as he had need." It is an affirmation that we are, all of us together, offering our gifts for the greater good.

Fr. Henri Nouwen, a deeply spiritual man and gifted fundraiser, died before the term Mission Advancement came into vogue, and yet he was one of the first to describe fundraising from this perspective. He said, "Fundraising is proclaiming that we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission. Fundraising is first and foremost a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into the mission."

Many organizations, especially those connected to the church or with a spiritual mission, are embarrassed by having to raise money. Yet, when we approach Mission Advancement from this perspective, fundraising is no longer an embarrassing necessity to keep the true ministry going, but is in itself a form of ministry, a living out of the mission. It is an invitation to each of us, to strengthen our participation in Christian community. And what more could anyone working in the field of Mission Advancement hope for than the promise that follows, when the writer of Acts continues, "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:45-47).

## Fair continued from front page

For the first time in Ryder Cup history, affiliated events will be featured through



"The Cup Experience." The Ursuline Campus Art Fair is one of these affiliated events. What does this mean for the Ursuline Sisters? It means more exposure to the public than ever before, and at no cost.

Because Louisville will be flooded with visitors the week of the Ryder Cup, "The Cup Experience" works to introduce those people to the city and all it has to offer, including the Ursuline Campus Art Fair. As an affiliated event, the fair is featured in television ads and on "The

### QUICK FACTS

- **22nd year of the art fair**
- **130 artists featured, plus the artwork of 3 Ursuline Sisters**
- **Sacred Heart Schools is sponsoring the children's area**
- **Shuttle service runs from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**
- **No pets, skateboards, bicycles, alcohol or outside soliciting allowed.**

Cup Experience's" website, as well as information in the Louisville Convention Bureau's visitors guide and information given to guests at local hotels. All of the juried artists were invited to produce artwork fashioned after "The Cup Experience" logo. These pieces will be featured and available for purchase at the art fair.

All affiliated events, such as the fair, will also be promoted to local people as a way to experience the fun of the Ryder Cup even if you can't afford a ticket to see the event. In addition, this first-time ever approach to the Ryder Cup will be used in Wales, England, and future match-ups. We know people from here, across the country and abroad will enjoy the Ursuline Campus Art Fair and walk away knowing they've seen something special.

For more about the "The Cup Experience" head over to the website at <http://www.thecupexperience.com/>

*See UCAF Map on back cover.*

## Smokestack continued from front page

landed in the heart of it, just behind the Motherhouse, kicking up dirt as it sat down in the middle of construction.

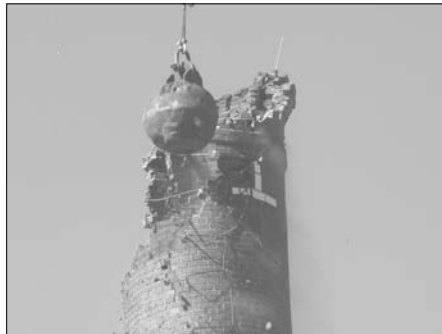
A chain was then attached to the helicopter, known as a Kaman K-Max. On the other end, a 5,500 pound demolition ball which was hoisted into the air by the aircraft made for heavy lifting. Then, it got interesting.

The helicopter, piloted by St. Louis Helicopter's owner, began chipping away at the 165 foot tall smokestack. The chopper would move toward the smokestack and then away, allowing the hanging demolition ball to begin swinging closer and closer to the smokestack.

As the bricks began to give way, debris would get caught in the downdraft of the helicopter's blades and shower those nearby with a coating of dust. The bricks would fall right at the base of the smokestack each time the pendulum hit.

### QUICK FACTS

- Helicopter – Kaman K-Max
- Also known as K-1200
- Only 23 in the World
- Lifting: Up to 6,000 Pounds
- Maximum speed: 100 knots (185.2 km/h)
- Cruise speed: 80 knots (148.2 km/h)
- Range: 267 nm (494.5 km)



It would continue to swing for the next 25 minutes, taking down the smokestack piece by piece with 45 direct hits. When the helicopter was finished, only the base of the smokestack remained. The bottom portion was later removed in a more conventional way with land equipment.

The building was once used to heat the Motherhouse and several more buildings on campus and was later used as a maintenance shop. The demolition was funded by the Ursuline Sisters as Sacred Heart Schools moves forward on construction projects.

# A Sacred Sentimental Journey

By Sister Odelia Gadlage



It seemed to me it had been there forever. It certainly was a landmark for me. It loomed over all the buildings, even some trees on this Ursuline Campus.

I grew up in St. Matthews; consequently, when we traveled by car we passed by and saw it from the street level. As a child it seemed so very, very tall. The white crosses on each side around the top stood out boldly for all to see. It was a beacon for airplanes to speed around. The traffic patterns of the planes must have been carefully planned in order for the pilots not to hit it as they climbed higher, especially the planes from Bowman Field. Of course, you know already that I am referring to our smoke stack.

When I decided to answer the call to religious life this is where I came. My brother had a friend who piloted planes from Bowman Field. He offered to take me for a ride. He wanted me to see my future home from the air. The ride was a windy one since it was an open plane. Rob and I sat in two seats behind the pilot; off we went. It was an exciting moment for me and no wonder because I had not ridden in a plane before. What a wonderful view we had as we circled the campus two or three times. It was so windy the scarf was almost blown off my head. At that time I did not focus so much on the smoke stack, but I am sure it must have been there with its four white crosses.

Now, as of August 11, 2008, I am viewing the smoke stack from Mary Morgan's room in Marian Home with my binoculars. What a sight: volunteers pushing residents out into the parking lot and staff members from all buildings on campus gathering around, and for safety sake, at a distance not too close to the site. As Mary and I sat quietly watching movement on the ground, we suddenly heard the whirl of the helicopter approaching. Soon it



came into view and gradually moved closer to the smoke stack. The helicopter circled and then the steel ball struck. Bricks fell like leaves from a tree. Moving a little around to the right, the helicopter made another hit with the iron ball. More bricks fell. This continued with bricks falling and the smoke stack getting smaller and smaller. At each hit of the ball something seemed to pull at my heart strings and a wave of sadness came over me. Now it was just a pile of bricks on the ground . . . IT WAS DOWN.



I am sure it will take days to clean up the space to make room to begin the new building which is to house a gym, a bigger stage, and rooms for teaching music of all kinds, dancing, and practice for the presentation of many performances. And so EDUCATION OF ALL KINDS WILL CONTINUE ON THIS CAMPUS. The tradition of the Ursuline Sisters will go on maybe without Ursuline Sisters, but the Ursuline spirit will continue to spread among the students for years. This is my hope and the hope of all of US.

As St. Angela spoke in her rule that changes are to be made prudently and with good advice, I think her wishes have been accomplished during this year of 2008. I thank God that I have witnessed this event. It will stay in my memory just as my aerial view before I became an Ursuline Sister has. I hope there will be a blessing ceremony of the new building at its completion.

Sister Odelia Gadlage

P.S. I now have a brick from the old smoke stack.

# SHARING STORIES

By Sister Marilyn Mueller

Meet someone who devotes her working hours to improving the quality of life of the residents at Marian Home: Activity Coordinator, Jill Merriam Parson.

A member of the last graduating class at UA, Jill was a happy stay-at-home mother of very young children until her husband, Gregory (great-nephew of deceased Sr. Hilda Bohr), was laid off and the family lost its health insurance. She went to a near-by nursing home, asked for a job and was hired as a nursing assistant.

"It wasn't long before I discovered the activity director had more fun than anyone else. When she needed an assistant, I applied (and was accepted). Then I worked for two years as activity assistant at a different facility before becoming activity director," Jill recalls.

From a leap-of-faith beginning Jill built a successful and rewarding career. Her children

were in school when her husband was called back seven years later, and Jill had already taught the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) Basic Activity Director course.

As nursing facilities multiplied, government regulation expanded. Jill was "grandfathered in" for certification because of her experience. She has been an instructor and trainer for other professionals. She and Sr. Carl Marie Hulsewede were co-instructors of the Advanced Nursing Service Basic Activity Director course in 1990.

Jill has served on professional boards and committees at state and national levels, and she has written activity programs for publication. She was honored by the KAHCF in 1994 with their Facility Discipline Award for Activities.

Everyone knows volunteers are a key to a successful activities program. Jill appreciates the 78 student volunteers

on and off campus for the favors they create, the performances they give and the visits they make.

Jill's family members have volunteered often over the years. Her daughter, Jennifer, and sons, Jason and Nicholas, started as volunteers for field trips in the summer, helping residents in wheelchairs. When they were a little older, they served refreshments at the Derby Ball. They had so much fun they were able to recruit some of their friends to help. As teenagers they helped their dad, Greg, deal cards in the Derby Casino. His mother, LaDona Parson, volunteers weekly at the front desk and with the annual card party.

Volunteers today come from the next generation. Jen's son, Devin, visited residents as a baby. Today, at 12 years old, he and his brother Kailin, who is five, bowl with residents during school breaks. Nick's daughter, 7-month-old Ava, is Marian's



youngest volunteer. She makes baby visits. Family pet Corey is a volunteer visiting dog "if he is not too lazy."

Jill is justly proud of her family. Jason, graduate of the Air Force Academy, is an aeronautical engineer. He lives in Ohio with his wife and two sons. Jen is married, has two sons, and is a manager at Bed Bath and Beyond. Nicholas, Ava's father, graduated from Sullivan College and now manages Standard Country Club. Jill's sister, Jeanette Marriman Shaughnessy, is a former Mailroom Coordinator on the Ursuline Campus.

Jill says she loves her job for its spirituality aspects: daily mass, prayer life and the fact no one dies alone. Besides that, "I get to come in and make people happy."

*Information not available*

# Peruvian Journal: My Experiences in Louisville

By Sister Yuli Oncihuay; Translated by Sister Sue Scharfenberger

What follows is an excerpt from Sister Yuli's insightful and thoughtful piece on her time in Louisville. To read the full document, please go to <http://www.ursulineslou.org/Ministries-Peru.asp>



"For me it has been a great opportunity to know more of my Sisters here, the work they do and the interest that they have in sharing with others. I only want to thank them for their welcome and hospitality. Each greeting, each gesture of affection, each glance, each question and each joy have been for me a touch of God.

Being here has made me aware of knowing to what community I belong and where we are going. I know that the road for each one is different but each road, each walk, takes us to God, this God who manifests in each woman, man, child and youth, and above all how God reveals God's self to us in loving each for us.

Living in community is what attracts me now. If you were to ask me years back if this attracted me I would have said "no" because it was not and is not now easy to live in community. It is a challenge each day. As my spiritual directress tells me, we shouldn't look at this as a challenge but as a new opportunity to be in relationship, to know one another and accept one another as we are, always showing our feelings toward others.

There is a book I like very much and for me it is like a "flash", because it animates me to continue walking and confronting life with courage and determination.



Anselm Grun calls this book "The Art of Living." In this book he says, "Who desires to be happy must become interested in life with all its trials and ups and downs."

Speaking of ups and downs, I recognize that the language has been a challenge for me. At first I felt frustrated because I didn't understand what others were saying. Each word for me was as though I never had heard it. But that is not what was happening. It was rather that I did not want to hear. I needed to practice and recall, speak and lose the fear I had to express what

I wanted. But in all of that there were many words that were new and that I was learning for the first time like: "I can do it," "wonderful," "lovely," "pick you up," "genes" (as opposed to "jeans").

The other is the fact that I could not get from one place to the other alone. In the end I learned to take the bus and found that it was not hard at all because in Peru I do it all the time.

"If I live life with all my capacity, with my feeling; if I get involved in life, I will experience the blessedness of my own vitality."

I share a lot in the meaning of this message. My experiences here have been of a lot of life because I have found people of other countries and other cultures.

If it is true that the kingdom of God is all around us where each day we have to follow, building new roads, new paths, new experiences where there are none.

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There is much to do, there is much to know, to go out to the streets and see our sisters and brothers who suffer. When I say this it is because I have seen many faces of God who need to be affirmed, listened to, accompanied, loved even though we are afraid to draw close to them because we do not know them.

Each event, each experience lived in each opportunity in Lexington, South Carolina, Louisville, in Angela Convent, and in the Casa Latina is a part of these 150 years that Ursulines have been walking in this time. This is a great time for me to celebrate these 150 years with new experiences, new friends, new journeys, new life, and new challenges. Of course I am not the one celebrating 150 years. Rather, it is our congregation. Let us continue to celebrate each day the marvels that God has given to our lives and through others. Without others our lives do not have meaning. Thank you immensely for everything. You will be in my heart and in my prayers.

I wait and hope for many of you to come to Peru to experience and share my culture. I will be waiting! May God bless you!

- Yuli"

## Fast for the Life of the World

Reminder: The Leadership Team invites all Ursuline Sisters, co-workers, Associates and friends to join us for the "Fast for the Life of the World." As explained in the August issue of OURS, everyone concerned for the life and health of the global community is invited to join. If you choose to take part, you should decide what type of fasting you believe to be the most life-giving. Here are some examples.

Fasting from:

- TV for the sake of contemplative quiet
- Water in solidarity with drought stricken parts of the world
- Criticism in order to lessen polarizations
- Suspicion of those who are different in solidarity with immigrants and undocumented workers
- Food (especially unhealthful food) in solidarity with the millions starving throughout the world
- Fear, judgment and gossip for the sake of more peaceful relationships
- Consumerism and waste for the long-term viability of the planet

## UA Louisville Alumnae Stuff Envelopes for an October Reunion



# The Cumberland Reunion in Pictures

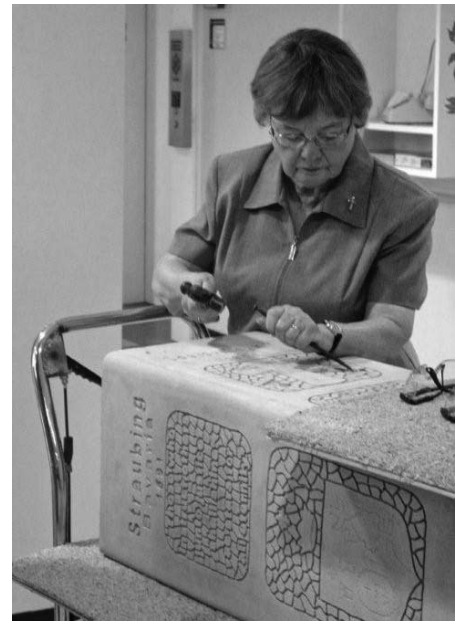


**“Two Churches, One Big Reunion for Sisters, Alumnae, Associates, Family and Friends”**



# Carving into History:

Ursuline Sisters, Co-Workers and Associates were invited to help chip away at a time capsule during community days in July. Because of limited space in our August issue, we could not put many photos into the section so a few more are included on this page.



# Prayer Requests

The following recently had surgery and/or health problems - (August 2 – August 18)

**Madonna Blum**, the mother of alumna Jennifer Blum

**Sister Jo Ann Jansing**

**Alumna Melissa Mershon**, who worked with us on the 150th Balloon Glow

**Richard Mills**, the father of USAE employee Jessica Reid's friend David Mills

**Marian Home resident Mary Morgan**, the sister of Sister Adelaide Fackler and Elsie Dues who is also a resident of Marian Home

**Alumna Mary Rita Muench**

**Sisters who have died - (August 2 – August 18)**

**Sr. Joseph Adrian Russell**, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, and the sister of benefactor Isabel Clark

**Alumnae, benefactors and relatives who have died - (August 2 – August 18)**

**Alumna Elizabeth "Betty" Werner Connelly**

**Charles "Pete" Daugherty**, the father of alumnae Paula Metzger and Diane Kemper

**Benefactor and alumna Catherine "Katzi" Buschemeyer Egger**

**June Griner Giudice**, the sister of Mount Saint Joseph Ursuline Maureen Griner

**Walter J. Kiefer, Sr.**, the father-in-law of alumna Terri Kish Kiefer

**Alumna Helen Slaughter Hagan**, the sister-in-law of alumna June Raap Buchart

**Mary Lee Vollmer Higdon**, the mother-in-law of alumna Suzanne Krebs Higdon

**Alumnus George S. Hillenbrand, Jr.**

**Alumna Sharon Marie Sivado Hillerich**

**Trevor Mitchell and his family**. Trevor is the great nephew of Sister Annunciata Muth

**James Kenneth Nilest**, the father of alumna Jennifer Nilest

**Hank Olyniec**, the husband of benefactor and former member Ginny Lehmenkuler Olyniec and brother-in-law of Sr. Isabel Lehmenkuler

**David B. Schepers**, the father of alumna Laura Schepers Duffy

**Thomas J. Strange**, the husband of alumna Connie Walsh Strange and the brother of alumna

Patricia Strange Roby

**Joseph U'Sellis**, the husband of alumna Joan Crush U'Sellis and the father of alumna Sherry U'Sellis

**Dolores Richardson**, the mother of alumnae Kathy Davis and Sharon Kurtz

**Edward H. Rothgerber, Jr.**, the brother of alumna Kathryn Friedrich and the brother-in-law of alumna and former member, Lois Strange Rothgerber

**Shirley Jane Vogt**, the mother of alumnae Jane Hennessey, Gayle Gahafer, Christy Mollozzi and Suzanne Atzinger

**Robert Dean Vessels**, the brother-in-law of alumna Betty Mook Vessels

**Benefactor and alumna Cecilia M. Winburn**, the sister of Sister Rita Agnes Link and benefactor Celeste Link and the mother of alumna Marie Winburn

**Norbert Eugene Wuetcher**, the father of alumna Denise Wuetcher

**Margaret Patricia Ziegler**, the mother of alumna Rebecca LaFever

## OURS Articles

If you would like to submit an article for possible publication in OURS, it must be e-mailed to [freid@ursulineslou.org](mailto:freid@ursulineslou.org) with "OURS submission" in the subject line or mailed to the Communications Department in Brescia Hall by the 18th of each month.

