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#### **Our Mission**

Teaching Christian living is the corporate mission of the Ursuline Sisters. This ministry, cutting across socio-economic, racial and national boundaries, assists women, men and children to live more fully and to develop a personal relationship with God.

#### ON THE COVER:

Photos from our "Year of Ursuline," which commemorated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger between Ursuline College for women and Bellarmine College for men in 1968. For three years after the merger, it was called Bellarmine-Ursuline College. The name then reverted to Bellarmine College and is now Bellarmine University.

### On service and faith...

Have you worked in civil or military service? Do you know someone who did such service? I'm thinking especially of the people who were part of what U.S. historians call the greatest generation. They were caught up in the entirety of World War II and their lives were forever changed by it. You likely have family stories of sacrifice and loss from this war. My father had photos from his stateside time in the service, and my mother was a cadet nurse just before the war ended.

If you watched the Ken Burns World War II documentary, you heard that peopl e went off to serve

46 So, service is, for us, rooted and grounded in our faith life. because their country needed them. Mothers and fathers didn't know if their sons would come home from the war. Children collected scrap metal. People lived with rationing, and planted and weeded victory gardens. It seemed that service and sacrifice were living, breathing things back then.

That spirit of reaching out, helping, working and not counting the sacrifice is still present among us. It is in the stories of our Ursuline Sisters celebrating their 70th and 60th jubilees. These Sisters became novices in 1949 and in 1959. No doubt the example of service in their families had something to do with their choice to join the Ursulines and abide by all the rules and rigor of this life in that day. Service is in the call heard by Ursuline Associates to respond to needs around them in whatever way the situation demands. Our co-workers' service is to help the Ursuline Sisters fulfill our mission. And the Angela Merici Center for Spirituality is constantly seeking ways to help its participants find their gifts and follow the Gospel call to help others where and when they can.

Service is important, but it isn't everything. We have work or service, but we must also have faith (James 2:18). Jesus taught his followers and the crowds who gathered to hear him, but he took time to pray. Saint Angela served the people around her, but first she prayed and contemplated the way God loved her, the way God loves us all. So, service is, for us, rooted and grounded in our faith life. Let's give thanks to God for the many simple but meaningful ways that we can serve and pray.



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Sister Agnes Coveney, OSU Vice President, Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

That spirit of reaching out, helping, celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> jubilees.



Class of 1949 newly professed Ursuline Sisters of Louisville: 1. Sr. Christopher Corbett 2. Sr. Donata Kokot 3. Sr. Rene Fehringer 4. Sr. Jane Stuckenborg 5. Sr. Simeon Dressman 6. Sr. Odilia Gadlage 7. Sr. Mary Margaret Schmoll 8. Sr. Julienne Guy Absent from photo: Sr. Jamesetta DeFelice

# 2019 Jubilarians

BY KATHY WILLIAMS

## CELEBRATING 400 YEARS OF MINISTRY

# Sister Jamesetta DeFelice, 70 years



Sister Jamesetta DeFelice is celebrating her 70th jubilee as an Ursuline Sister of Louisville, having entered the community in 1949. Sister Jamesetta grew up in Louisville, attending St. Martin grade school and

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Ursuline Academy for high school. Sister Jamesetta says that she always wanted

to be a religious Sister, and had a close relationship with many of the Sisters who taught her, including Sister Berenice Heitkemper.

Sister Jamesetta says of the desire of the novitiate class to become Sisters, "We all wanted to be part of a community and grow closer to God."

Like many Ursuline Sisters who entered at that time, Sister Jamesetta taught at several Louisville parish

schools while working on her undergraduate degree at Ursuline College, which she received in 1963. She then taught at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament School in Pittsburgh while earning her master's in education from Duquesne University.

After receiving her master's, she became principal at St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Name, St. Matthias and Maryhurst schools, all in Louisville. Sister Jamesetta then served as principal at Sacred Heart School and St. Anthony School both in Indiana. All told, Sister Jamesetta had a 56-year career in education!

Sister Jamesetta recalls, "I taught mostly at poor schools, and I loved working with African-American children at St. Matthias." While principal there from 1986 until the school closed in 1992, Sister Jamesetta built a relationship with the community at large, including inviting Protestant ministers from the neighborhood to some of the school functions.

Sister Jamesetta also included non-Catholic children at St. Matthias in sacramental preparation so that it could be "a personal, spiritual growth experience for them." She also added that, "Another very real type of evangelization was the outreach to Catholic parents who had been away from the Church and came back to it as their children got involved. We encouraged parents and our students to see God's

presence in many ways."

After Sister Jamesetta retired from education in 2007, she served at Marian Home as social services director for two years, then was a volunteer on the Marian Community Team at Sacred Heart Village for two years. Now she resides at Twinbrook Assisted Living and has a ministry of prayer and presence. Sister Jamesetta

stays busy with activities at Twinbrook, as well as visiting with her family.

Sister Jamesetta says she is "so very grateful for the many opportunities I have had, and still have, to

minister to others, especially those who need what I can give." One can be sure that there are many former students out there who have benefitted from what Sister Jamesetta gave them. 🦈



# Sister Julienne Guy, 70 years



Sister Julienne Guy, who is celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> jubilee as an Ursuline Sister of Louisville, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Anthony Parish School, Sister Julienne was at St. Anthony for first through sixth grade.

Then World War II started, which affected every family, including hers. Her father moved the family quite often for his employer, the Arrow Shirt Company, as he opened factories throughout the South that made shirts for the military during the war. Due to these moves, beginning at age 13, she attended public school for four years, and religion did not seem that important to her during that time.

Sister Julienne says her call was more in bits and pieces, rather than a sudden revelation. She even says that during her senior year, as she enjoyed being with her friends in the CYO Club, attending school dances, ... she would occasionally think, 'Do I really want to give this up?'

The family attended Mass in small mission churches, but there was very little formal religious education. However, seeing movies such as "The Bells of Saint Mary's," "Going My Way" and "Joan of Arc" "touched her heart," as she recalls, and seeing Ingrid Bergman as a nun made her think for the first time that becoming a nun might be a good life.

When the family moved to Columbia, South Carolina, Sister Julienne entered her senior year at Ursuline High School, which was in the middle of the Ursuline convent. She saw the everyday lives of the Sisters, including daily Mass, and liked it! She grew close to many of the Sisters, including her piano teacher, Sister Eileen Schonter; and Sister Ferdinand Storch, who was the senior religion teacher, and who privately taught her how to pray the rosary from a small book that Sister Julienne still uses.

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Sister Julienne received a scholarship to Ursuline College in Louisville, which helped convince her mother to let her leave home. Her mother told her, "I'm only letting you go up there because you got that scholarship!" However, she says, "We both knew I would join the Ursulines!" She says that young people should not necessarily expect a vocation to arrive with a blare of trumpets, but with little nudges, and they should be open and aware of such a possibility.

Before finishing her degree and making her final vows in 1951, Sister Julienne taught at several parish grade schools in Louisville; Morgantown, West Virginia, and graduated from Ursuline College in 1961. Sister then was sent to Omaha.



Nebraska, to teach first grade (her first love) at Blessed Sacrament while earning her master's in education from Creighton University in 1966.

Sister Julienne then was sent back to Columbia, close to family and friends, where she remained for ten years. One of her fondest memories from that

#### The Adventure Years:

L to R: Sister Cecilia Hatem, Sr. Donata Kokot, Sr. Julienne Guy and Sr. Maria Goretti Lovett, on retreat in Florida.

They sold old books and counting aids for a nickel, and anything else they could to raise money for their travel expenses. They ended up having enough money for a day at Disney



time was teaching at Saint Peter School. She recalls, "I loved teaching eighth grade. We put on shows; we even had our own 'Laugh-in' show complete with a set that the students built." Sister Julienne learned to play the guitar for school Masses and took the eighth graders on field trips to Charleston in the spring.

The "adventure years" began when Sister Julienne was made principal of St. Joseph School in Columbia, where she served for seven years. She, Sister Cecilia Hatem, Sister Donata Kokot and Sister Maria Goretti Lovett decided that they wanted to go to a retreat in Florida. They sold old books and counting aids for a nickel, and anything else they could to raise money for their travel expenses. They ended up having enough money for a day at Disney World on the way home!

In 1974, Sister Donata and Sister Julienne celebrated their 25th jubilees by purchasing a Greyhound Bus Ameripass with gift money from the school's PTO and the parish priest. They had another grand adventure and took a bus ride to California!

In 1976, Sister Julienne returned to Louisville and worked as an educational consultant for the archdiocese's Catholic School Office. Then it was off to Columbus, Ohio, where she served at St. Agatha School as a teacher and then principal. From 1988-90, Sister Julienne served two years as principal at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, then was sent back to Columbia! She was vice-principal at Cardinal Newman High School from 1990-96, and again in 2001-02 as an interim principal.

In 1996, Sister Julienne took a sabbatical to study at the School of Applied Theology in Berkeley,

California. To get to Berkeley, she and Sister Andrea Callahan drove coast-to-coast, staying overnight in various towns along the famous Route 66. In June 1997, she drove back with her sister Rosalie and sister-in-law Kathleen along the same route, stopping at the Route 66 museum. Another adventure!

After her sabbatical. Sister Julienne returned to Columbia to serve in vocation ministry for the Ursuline community and also campus ministry at the University of South Carolina.

In 2003, Sister Julienne began a twelve year ministry at St. Joseph Parish in Columbia as director of senior life ministry. She led Bible study, bridge sessions, trips around the region and organized dances with big bands, which were quite a hit! At the pastor's request, Sister served as interim principal at the parish school from 2004-05; then returned to senior life ministry.

Sister Julienne also served in a respite care program with Sister Andrea Callahan, who founded the program and was the director. When Sister Andrea retired, Sister Julienne became director.

In 2015, at 85 years young, she retired from St. Joseph Parish and moved back to Louisville. Sister Julienne now resides at Twinbrook Assisted Living Apartments, and volunteers as a tutor of English as a Second Language (ESL) at Doors to Hope. Sister Julienne says of her many roles, "I loved everything I did, especially teaching." One can be certain that all of the students and parishioners that she ministered to felt that love.

# Sister Donata (Mary Catherine) Kokot, 70 years



Sister Donata is celebrating her 70th jubilee as an

Ursuline Sister of Louisville. Her very first encounter with the Ursuline Sisters was at the age of seven, when the Sisters came every summer to teach catechism lessons to the children of Bretz.

West Virginia. Sister Donata, one of five children, said, "I had never seen nuns before. I told my mother I wanted to be just like them when I grew up. I thought they were dropped from Heaven."

Sister Donata began teaching at Louisville area parish grade schools in 1951 while attending Ursuline College, graduating in 1965. Sister Donata then taught at St. Joseph School in Pittsburgh while earning her master's in education from Duquesne University.

The mother superior ended up being spot-on in sending Sister Donata to the classroom, as she taught first and second grade for a total of 48 years! Sister Donata says that, "I loved teaching first and second grade." She taught in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina and Mississippi.

Sister Donata served in Jackson, Mississippi for 31 years, from 1977 to 2008, first at St. Mary and St.

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The thought of becoming a Sister lingered long after her catechism days. Sister Donata says, "True, God planted the seed early in my life, but almost always speaks through others. My dear mother and Sister Jane Callahan awakened God's love in my soul."

The closest Catholic school was 14 miles away, so Sister Donata went to public schools. After high school graduation, she worked for 31/2 years at first at a shirt factory, then at a Montgomery Wards and at a telephone company. Sister says, "No matter what job I had, I still yearned to become a religious sister. At the age of 21, I stepped out in faith and embraced the life of an Ursuline Sister of Louisville."

Sister Donata moved closer to Morgantown, met Sister Jeanette Hellmann, and then traveled to Louisville for formation. She thought she would serve the community as a domestic, but the mother superior informed her, "My dear, you have to go to college. We are educators."

Therese schools and also as a caregiver for two years; then, when she retired from teaching, she decided to try a different ministry, one that would exemplify the Ursuline mission. She found this new ministry as a medical records clerk at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson. She served at the hospital from 1999-2006. She says that, "I found personal and professional fulfillment in the hospital's mission of service."

Sister Donata says that, "My many years' journey has been interesting, challenging, enjoyable, rewarding and truly blessed. I am still continuing the journey at Twinbrook Assisted Living Apartments, where I now reside."



# Sister Jane (Hilary) Stuckenborg, 70 years

Sister Jane Stuckenborg is celebrating her 70th jubilee as an Ursuline Sister of Louisville. Sister Jane graduated from Ursuline Academy in Louisville in 1948, and joined the Sisters after graduation. She taught at several parish

grade schools in Louisville while

working on her bachelor's degree from Ursuline College, which she earned in 1961.

From 1961-66, she taught at St. Patrick School in Sidney, Nebraska, then returned to Louisville for two years to teach at St. Helen School. During these years, Pope John XXIII had issued a call to religious communities to send 10% of their members to serve in missions in Latin America. Sister Jane's ministry field was about to change dramatically.

In 1968, Sister Jane, along with Sister Kathleen (Joseph Angela) Neely, left for Peru to teach at the Peruvian Navy School in Lima. According to an article in The Record dated October 18, 1979, "Sister Jane Stuckenborg went to the mission in 1968, wearing a full habit, and returned at the end of 1970 to find that all had changed. While Sister Jane was there, she heard of Robert Kennedy's and Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, but she said she had no way of really sharing that loss with others while in Peru.

"Sometimes, you go to the mission area with the idea of helping others,' Sister Jane commented. 'But when you get down to it, you're the one who's being helped by learning to appreciate and experience other cultures and other people's struggles."

After returning to the U.S., Sister Jane taught at Sacred Heart Model School in Louisville then Pope John XXIII School in Madison, Indiana, while earning her master's in education from Spalding College in 1973. For several years after that, she held various positions in finance and administration. Sister Jane returned to teaching at Immaculate Conception School in LaGrange, Kentucky, from 1983-88.

Altogether, Sister Jane taught for a total of 33 years in elementary schools in the U.S. and Peru!

Sister Jane then served on the vocation team and on the Ursuline Sisters' leadership team from 1992-96. Following that, she ministered at the former nursing facility, Marian Home, as social services coordinator and coordinator of funeral arrangements for the Sisters. Sister Jane also served as a member of the St. Helen School formation team, volunteered at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and as a receptionist at Brescia Hall on the Ursuline Campus.

Of her many ministries, Sister Jane has stated, "It is difficult to single out a particular ministry as my favorite, as I was happy serving in each ministry to which I was called. I was able to teach Christian living in a variety of locations, situations and to a broad spectrum of God's people.

I found each ministry a challenge and

a blessing." 🦈

struggles.

Sister Jane served as our cover model for the December 2017 issue of the DOME.



# Sister Catherine Franze, 60 years

Sister Catherine is celebrating her 60th jubilee as an Ursuline Sister of Louisville. A native of Cumberland, Maryland, she is known to many as Sister Kathy. Her father, Michele Franze, immigrated from Italy and worked for the B&O Railroad. Her mother, Frances, was a native of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Sister Kathy had one brother, and graduated from St. Mary's High School.

Sister Kathy was taught by the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville at St. Mary's, but says, "My mother was the greatest influence on my life. She always knew I would become a Sister." Sister Kathy attended Ursuline College, and, as graduation neared, she could feel the "Hound of Heaven" pursuing her, meaning the pull of God to the religious life:

"I FLED Him, down the nights and down the days; ...I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways... I am He Whom thou seekest! Thou dravest love from thee, who dravest Me." —Francis Thompson

The "Hound" won, and Sister Kathy entered the Ursulines in 1959. She received her bachelor's degree from Ursuline College in 1959, with a major in elementary education, and minors in speech correction, philosophy and biology, and professed her final vows in 1966.

Sister Kathy then began a long career in education. She taught at many parish grade schools in Louisville, including several West End parish schools. She served as librarian at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville from 1971-74. Sister Kathy earned her master's degree in library science at Indiana University, Bloomington in 1971.

Sister Kathy completed two more master's degrees: instructional systems technology and school administration from Indiana University. Sister Kathy served at St. Ann's as principal, then at Sacred Heart Model School for 15 years as principal. She left that position to help care for her mother. Sister Kathy then worked as a paralegal and at Executive Network in Louisville.

Sister Kathy returned to teaching and taught in Jefferson County public schools. She also taught at Spalding College, supervised student teachers there and taught at Jefferson Community College.

When asked what she liked best, teaching or being a principal, Sister Kathy says, "My passion is

for teaching. I loved the kids and I loved teaching. Everything I learned as far as training helped me to be a better teacher. I could spot difficulties a child was having earlier than if I had not had that training."

A note from a Sacred Heart Model School parent to Sister Kathy testifies to her love for her students:

We are here to be Christ to each other. I try to serve someone's needs, but also their wants. because that makes them happy.

You definitely care about the total needs of each child. Thank you for setting such a progressive and loving pace in my child's school environment.

Sister Kathy possesses a dry sense of humor and says she loves to make people laugh. She says, "We are here to be Christ to each other. I try to serve someone's needs, but also their wants, because that makes them happy."

Today, Sister Kathy remains very busy with volunteer work, including serving on the Needy Fund Committee at her home parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. She is involved with RCIA and a parish discussion group. "I try to help out with whatever the parish needs," she says.

Sister Kathy also serves on the board of Plowshares Farm Center for Education and Spirituality, and has served on the boards of Family Scholar House and the Italian Culture Institute. Sister Kathy also volunteers with Wayside Christian Mission and Hand-in-Hand Ministries. She is an avid reader and loves playing sudoku, as well.

Like many of the Ursuline Sisters, Sister Kathy is very humble and does not like to be in the spotlight. Of her 60 years as an Ursuline Sister of Louisville, she says, "I still have a long way to go." For one who has given so much to others, we say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." MT 25:23 🦈

## Sister Lorna Weiler, 60 years

Sister Lorna Weiler has been an Ursuline Sister for 60 years, having entered in 1959, right after her graduation from Sacred Heart Academy (SHA). She has been on staff at SHA for 52 years, most of those as a chemistry and physics teacher. When asked

how she managed to stay in one place all those years when it was routine for Ursulines to get moved from places of ministry every few years, she laughs and says, "I guess because I found my niche and loved my job."

After her final vows in 1962, she taught grade school for five years, while completing her undergraduate degree at Ursuline College, all the while longing to teach high school. In 1967, Sister Lorna's wish came true when she was assigned to Sacred Heart Academy. Sister Lorna did graduate work in chemistry at the University of Notre Dame for three summers, and received her master's at the University of Louisville. She then earned a degree in physics in the '70s.

Some of her fondest memories on campus (besides the thousands of students she has taught!) are of her two miniature poodles, Beaker No. I and Beeker No. 2. The first dog, Beaker No. 1, was given to her as a gift from some of her students in 1984. Beaker lived 14 years, and although he visited school occasionally, he was never the unofficial school mascot that Beeker No. 2 became, Beeker No. 2 started out as Sister Lorna's mother's pet, but when her mother died in 2001, Beeker No. 2 came to live with Sister Lorna, Beeker No. 2 would visit. staff and students every day, and ride around on an AV cart that was dubbed "the Beekermobile." Sister Lorna says, "He was such a special dog, so smart and friendly." Beeker No. 2 died in 2009 and is buried on the campus near the site of the "Peace Flag" in the back of the Motherhouse.

Sister Lorna was quite creative as a teacher, taking her physics class to Churchill Downs to study the centrifugal forces of the horses, according to Carrie Wentzel, SHA Class of 1997 and now assistant



One day I saw Sister Lorna in the hall when she had and she said, 'I just love bombed a chemistry test!'

basketball coach

Left: Sister Lorna and some of her lunchroom friends at Sacred Heart Academy.

principal/dean of faculty at SHA, Sister Lorna would have colored liquids in beakers in the labs to match the seasonal colors at Christmas and other holidays. She even took some classes to Kentucky Kingdom to perform calculations on each ride!

Sister Lorna said that a few years ago, she decided that the computer had put her out of business as a chemistry and physics teacher. "I liked to have hands-on experiments with the kids at least once a week, but the computer replaced those with graphing and simulated experiments." Sister Lorna now serves as a substitute teacher and lunchroom monitor and is quite beloved on campus.

Some of Sister Lorna's other passions include cooking—she is known for her German potato salad. She cooks the opening luncheon for the Sacred Heart Academy faculty every fall, and Thanksgiving dinner for her entire family. Sister Lorna also crochets and makes a baby blanket for faculty members when thye have a new baby. She gives out Communion at Nazareth Home-Clifton on Sundays and, as she says, "pitches in where they need me."

One can definitely say that Sister Lorna Weiler has, indeed, found her niche over these past 60 years as an Ursuline Sister of Louisville.

My favorite memory of Sister Lorna (that is appropriate) is when she would wheel Beeker through the halls on her cart!

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—Eleanor Mitchell, Class of 2004

Right: Sister Lorna with her beloved Beeker No. 2. Photo courtesy of The Record



Sister Lorna was a special teacher for many reasons. She always had a sense of humor and would make class active and fun. She would handwrite her own textbooks. lab sheets and problem sets... When I first started at SHA as a science teacher, I found some copies, and I was inspired looking through them and reflecting on her passion for teaching science. She was one of the first teachers to inspire and encourage me to pursue an education in science, and I will always be thankful for her. My students are fortunate to continue experiencing her teaching as a substitute when I am absent!

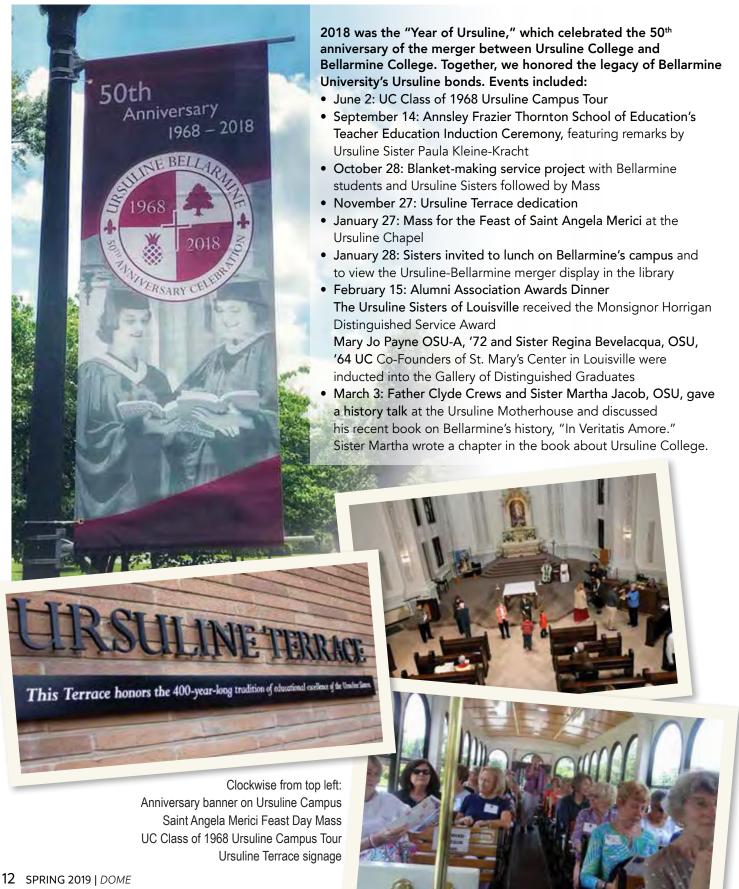
—Claire Julien Mulloy, Class of 2009

one of our assessments, Sister Lorna set up a crime scene It was such a fun, creative assessment, and I remember being so excited to come to school that day and participate! — Julia Means,

Class of 2010

# A Look Back at the "Year of Ursuline"

50th Anniversary of Ursuline College and Bellarmine College Merger



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Ursuline College Class of 1969 Reunion** Saturday, June 1, 2019, 10 a.m. to noon – Class of 1969: Ursuline Tour Down Memory Lane & Lunch. In coordination with Bellarmine's Alumni Reunion Weekend, the Ursuline Sisters invite alumnae from the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class of 1969 to a special campus tour followed by lunch.

The tour will be led by congregational historian Sister Martha Jacob, a faculty member from 1960-68.

RSVP to Ellen McKnight at (502) 515-7526 or emcknight@ursulineslou.org by May 17.





Sr. Paula Kleine-Kracht speaking at Teacher Induction Ceremony, inductees and Sisters



Cathy Bannon, Sr. Janet M. Peterworth and Dr. Donovan, Bellarmine President with award



Fr. Clyde Crews and Sr. Martha Jacob, "In Veritatis Amore" event

Blanket-making service activity



Sr. Regina Bevelacqua and Mary Jo Payne accepting award

# From South Carolina to Kentucky, Education and Service Shaped This Planned Gift

BY ELLEN MCKNIGHT



A decision by two communities of Ursuline Sisters in 1938 to merge had lasting effects on Mary Lynn Hamburger (Gully-Guettler), a South Carolina native. The two congregations, both founded in 1858, laid the groundwork for continued Catholic education excellence in Columbia, when the Ursuline Sisters of South Carolina and the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville became one in 1938.

Over the years, Ursulines staffed St. Peter and St. Joseph elementary parish schools in Columbia. The Sisters also founded Ursuline High School, which was later called Catholic High School. When Catholic High moved to a new location in 1961, it was renamed Cardinal Newman High School, today a junior and senior high school.

Mary Lynn's connection to the Ursuline Sisters began in the late 1940s, when she attended St. Peter parish school, and then became a student at Ursuline High School, from which she graduated in 1958. Mary Lynn was then offered a scholarship to Ursuline College in Louisville where she graduated in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology.

Her "favorite Ursulines" included: Sister Carmelita Grantz, her first grade teacher at St. Peter; Sister Pat (Marcian) Lowman, who taught at St. Peter from 1952 to 1955; Mother Cosma Coponi, who visited Columbia often as the General Superior of the Ursuline Sisters, and Sister Christine (Alphonsine) Lesousky, who led a discussion group called "Leaders of Truth," which Mary Lynn chaired while at Ursuline College.

Mary Lynn said, "My faith formation began at birth. My father was a Catholic, and my mother, a Baptist, became a Catholic after I was born." She was the oldest of eight children, six girls and two boys.

Her call to serve others was the guiding force in her life experiences, codified by the Ursuline values of community, reverence, service and leadership and reinforced by

her family. Mary Lynn said, "My family believed in helping others. My uncle, Monsignor Donald C.

Hamburger, well known in the Columbia area. was very generous. He was always helping others in a quiet way."

Mary Lynn was a class representative in high school, college and as an alumna. Her professional career was varied and adventurous. After college, she joined the American Red Cross (ARC) as a recreational therapist in military hospitals. Her assignments included being the only female Red Cross representative from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to participate in



exercise "Desert Strike" held in a large desert area of Nevada and California. She responded to several disasters, including the 1965 aftermath of Hurricane Betsy in New Orleans and the 1974 Eastern Air Lines crash in North Carolina.

#### PLANNED GIVING



- 1. The Hamburger Family
- 2. Mary Lynn in American Red Cross uniform
- 3. Monsignor Donald C. Hamburger, Mary Lynn's uncle
- 4. Ursuline HS, Columbia, SC
- 5. Recreation worker for American Red
- 6. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch on June 2, 2012 with Ursuline College classmates from Class of 1962
- 7. Various correspondence

## What's in Your Will?

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Mary Lynn also worked as director of Red Cross Youth in Atlanta, as a regional director covering several states, and in Charlotte, North Carolina, as recreation director at a rehabilitation hospital. Now widowed and retired, Mary Lynn lives in Rock City, South Carolina, and volunteers at her parish with the American Red Cross in a group that helps homeless women and children. Mary Lynn also volunteers at museums, soup kitchens and golf associations.

When asked about her decision to include the Ursuline Sisters in her will, she simply said, "To express my thanks. So many girls my age did not have the blessing of a Catholic education especially in South Carolina." 🦈

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# An Ursuline Associate Finds A New Calling With the Ursuline Social Concerns Committee

BY KATHY WILLIAMS

When Lisa Steiner became involved with the Ursuline Associates almost three years ago, she had no idea it would lead to a new position as Coordinator for the Social Concerns Committee. Lisa had become acquainted with some of the Ursuline Sisters through her volunteer work at Sacred Heart Schools where her children had been educated, and also through the Angela Merici Center, where she had been fed spiritually through retreats and workshops.

Several of the Sisters told her about the Ursuline Associates program for lay people. The program is for those who wish to connect on a deeper level with the charism of Saint Angela Merici. Lisa says that when she started in the Associate Formation Program, she instantly felt at home.

Lisa recalls, "I soaked in the words of Saint Angela and the wisdom of Sister Martha Buser, whose writings and presence enhanced our sessions. My friend, Sister Judy Rice, walked with me and encouraged me when I experienced self-doubt." Looking back, she says she is grateful for the refuge of the community during a period of personal transition and a troubled world.

Lisa reflects, "Saint Angela offered us the arms of God to fall into, whom she called 'the lover of us all.' In her day, she saw the dangers of a sinful world, as well, but instead of retreating, fighting or conforming, she created a different way to live and serve."

Lisa says that not only did the experience open up new opportunities to encounter Jesus, it reinforced her trust in God to place in her path what she needs, when she needs it. One could say that putting her trust in God has led her directly to the path of her new position with the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.

Last year, the Social Concerns Committee wanted to hire a part-time staff person who could support their work and increase its positive impact locally, nationally and beyond North America. The timing was perfect for Lisa as she had recently retired from a 31-year career at Brown-Forman.

Lisa interviewed for the position and came on board in January 2019. She states, "I am still learning my new role, which is primarily one of organizing, facilitating and communicating the priorities of this committee. We have an opportunity to enhance



Associate and Social Concerns Coordinator Lisa Steiner

the committee's work in new ways, and to engage the entire Ursuline community in ministering to those whom society has wronged or ignored."

The Social Concerns Committee has a longstanding tradition of education, advocacy, service and prayer. The Sisters and Associates who have led this work until now have built a strong foundation for the committee and established fruitful partnerships. Now, with a dedicated staff person, the hope is to sustain that work and address changing needs.

The committee is involved in raising awareness of human trafficking, racial inequality and the environment; plus serving refugees, immigrants and the poor and homeless. They also advocate with legislators on these and other critical issues.

The Social Concerns Committee invites anyone to participate in any way they feel called, and the Ursuline Associates are open to both men and women, ages 18 and older. As Saint Angela teaches us, the Holy Spirit inspires us to love and serve, each in our own unique way. 🦈

For information on becoming an Associate, please contact Bay Baltes at (502) 896-3956 or bbaltes@ursulineslou.org.

To become involved with the Social Concerns Committee, please contact Lisa Steiner at (502) 896-3999 or lsteiner@ursulineslou.org.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Associate Anne Howard, 77, died May 3, 2018. Anne fought a courageous and graceful battle with Parkinson's disease, Macular Degeneration and Dementia. Anne was awarded many lifetime honors including 1992 Kentucky Art Educator of the Year and National Educator of the Year in 1993. Anne was a former member of the Ursuline community who became a lifetime Ursuline Associate in 1987.

Associate Suzann Duvall, 76, died on May 23, 2018. Suzann received her master's degree in reading from Spalding University and taught at Our Lady of Consolation in Valley Station for 37 years. Suzann joined the Associate Community in 1984.

Associate Marian Leahy Lord, 94, of Louisville, died June 17, 2018. Marian, a native of New York, taught art for Jefferson County Public Schools for many years until her retirement. Marian was a member of St. Bernadette, formerly Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She was also a founding member and past president of the Kentucky Watercolor Society. Marian joined the Associate Community in 2002.

Associate Wilma Schilz, 97, died in Grant, Nebraska, on Nov. 26, 2018. Wilma lived her entire life in Nebraska where she married and raised five children. In 1983, she and her husband moved to Ogallala where they were faithful members of St. Luke's Catholic Church. Wilma joined the Associate Community in 1986.

Associate Kathleen Bayley, 93, died in Grant, Nebraska, on Jan. 12, 2019. She was a lifelong resident of Nebraska. She taught in local public schools for many years but ended her teaching career at her parish school, St. Luke's Catholic School. Kathleen was an Associate for 32 years.

Associate Evelyn Schaaf Berg, 95, died Jan. 26, 2019. A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Evelyn and her husband moved to Louisville in 1956. Evelyn was employed at Welcome Wagon for over 30 years, and volunteered for over 25 years at Marian Home. Evelyn joined the Associate Community in 2006.

Associate Pat Greene, 85, died Feb. 2, 2019. Pat, a Louisville native, graduated from Ursuline Academy and graduated from Ursuline College. Pat taught deaf and hard of hearing children for 30 years. She was a member of St. Martin parish for many years before becoming a resident of Nazareth Home-Clifton. Pat joined the Associate Community in 2002.

Associate Wayne Thieneman, 67, died Feb. 3, 2019. Wayne was a 1969 graduate of Bishop David High School and an ordained Catholic deacon for 25 years. He served in that capacity at St. Lawrence Church and was also a member of St. Peter the Apostle parish. Wayne and his wife, Audrey Thieneman, joined the Associate Community in 1985.

Associate Margaret "Peg" Conlon, 86, died Feb. 16, 2019. Peg was a native of Maryland and lived in Cumberland where she graduated from Ursuline Academy. She was a retired RN who worked for Sacred Heart Hospital. Peg, a sister in-law of Ursuline Sister Brendan Conlon, joined the Associate Community in 2001.

Associate Audrey Thieneman, 66, died Feb. 22, 2019. Audrey was a native of Louisville and a 1970 graduate of Angela Merici High School. Audrey had worked for the Ursuline Sisters for 18 years and was a very active member of St. Peter the Apostle parish. Audrey and her husband, Wayne, who passed away on February 3, joined the Associate Community in 1985.

#### **ASSOCIATE JUBILARIANS**

#### 30 Years

Carole Strohbeck - 8-7-88

#### 25 Years

Bette Duggan - 10-21-93

#### 20 Years

Mary Burch - 7-17-98 Mary Ann Daunhauer - 7-17-98 Joy Green - 12-8-98 Mary Kay Hyland - 12-17-98 Mary Margaret King - 12-8-98 Freida Spriggs - 12-8-98

#### 15 Years

Rita Davis - 12-8-03 Josie Padilla - 7-25-03 Brenda Patton - 12-8-03 Debbie Pustolski - 12-8-03 Deborah Ann Stevens - 2-3-03

#### 10 Years

Mary Margaret Grimes - 7-29-08 Carolyn Holman - 7-29-08 Anne Klapheke – 6-18-08 Deanna Kremer - 7-29-08 Colleen Lewis - 7-29-08 Barbara Mercer - 8-18-08 Pam Schembari - 7-29-08

#### 5 Years

Beverly Belser - 11-17-13 Karen Jean Bradshaw - 10-5-13

\*Jubilarian status achieved in calendar year 2018

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# Resurrection: Waiting to Happen in Us

BY GINNY SCHAEFFER

Happy Spring! Blessed Easter! We made it! Another winter has come and gone. For some of us it was one of the wettest winters in memory. For others, you might still be digging out from a few feet of snow. Of course, there have been devastating floods and horrific tornadoes with loss of life and property. Even when Mother Nature is at her worst, there are still signs that a dark and cold season has passed and new life is is closer to us than our emerging.

own breath. It is the life There is one such sign I look for every spring. This of God that is eager to be year it first appeared on a born through us, to give life sunny, tad-bit-warmer day to our true selves, which at the end of February. Tiny are created in the hints of lavender crocuses image and likeness that dare to poke their heads through the wet, sometimes snow-covered soil on the front lawn of the Ursuline Campus always make me smile, giving me hope that spring is on its way. These little harbingers of spring have spread across the front lawn until it looks as if a

carpet of purple has been softly laid. You never know when they will appear or how long they will stay (never long enough); but, they are faithful.

As I stand in awe and wonder of how something so small and delicate can be so hardy and persistent, I am reminded of another seed that is planted

> within each one of us, one that yearns to break through, to grow and bear fruit. Of course, I am speaking of the seed of God that is planted in our hearts. It is the immanent God that is closer to us than our own breath. It is the life of God that is eager to be born through us, to give life to our true selves, which are created in the image and likeness of God.

of God. Here is a reality that many, if not most, of us find hard to accept: like Jesus, because of Jesus, each one of us is a unique incarnation of God. That's right! You and I! Our primary purpose is to allow God to be manifested through us.



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Stop right now and allow that reality to soak in.

Wow!! Each of us is called to give birth to the source of all that is in a way that only you and I can. This is God's dream for us, God's hope, God's will. If we do not allow God's nature to be manifested through us, then something great will be lost. Only you can be the revelation of God that you can be.

You are in good company if you ask, "How? How can this be?" Young Mary of Nazareth asked that same question; and, remember the angel's reply? This only happens when we say "yes" to God and allow the Holy Spirit to enliven the seed of God within us. When we open our hearts to the transcendent God, the God that is greater than we can imagine, and allow the warmth, light and life of God to penetrate into the depths of our hearts and join with the immanent God, something new is brought to life. We become a new creation.

We can cooperate in this process through prayer. Jesus spoke of prayer as entering a room where we can close the door and be alone with God. In this time and space we share our lives with God, the good, the bad and the mundane. We talk to God about our hopes and disappointments, what gives us joy and what pains us. We share with God our faults and failing and our successes. We take time to notice the moments in our lives when we have experienced something of God; and, we sit in silence, listening and watching for God's movement within us.

Resurrection is not just something we profess and celebrate each spring. It is something we are invited to live.

## **Angela Merici Center for Spirituality Quarterly Schedule**

#### **Sabbath Moments Schedule:**

May 11 Living with Purpose (Luke 4:18-19) Sr. Rita Ann Wigginton, OSU

June 8 Jesus and Prayer Pat Turner, OSU-A

Time: 10 a.m. – Noon

Ursuline Motherhouse (handicap ramp)

Cost: \$10

Bring your lunch for fellowship after

the session

#### **Taizé Prayer Schedule:**

May 13 and June 10 at 7 p.m. Motherhouse Chapel Cost: free will offering

#### **Connecting Soul to Role**

Using poetry, input, quiet reflection and group sharing, participants will be invited to explore what is their fundamental identity and purpose and ways they can best live lives based on these truths.

June 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Motherhouse Library

Cost: \$50



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Saturday morning program

Protests against government corruption

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I begin by greeting each of you with much love and affection. Here in Callao we are living with very high temperatures while you are just now seeing spring weather and the end of winter.

Our planet is suffering. It is crying out that we need to take global warming very seriously. There are many regions of our country, especially in the Sierra Mountains, that are suffering from land and mud slides due to torrential rains. They cause tremendous damage and leave many people homeless.

In 2017, we partnered with a group of friends to create a program that offers recreation, time for reflection and significant life experiences, and encourages a life of well-being, autonomy and decision making. The children and adolescents who participate in this program simply need to be listened to, accepted and valued. We meet every Saturday morning for a variety of activities.

Political corruption is not new to Peru, but this year we are seeing a wave of corruption that involves political leaders and others accused of abusing the properties of the state and benefitting from huge bribes or "deals" made with foreign companies. Almost all of our congresspersons, many high-ranking judges, and even former presidents are involved.

Many people have reached the limits of their tolerance, and take to the streets to protest, crying, "Stop the Corruption!" Our president, Martin Vizcarra, who stepped into the presidency in March 2018 after his predecessor was removed for corruption, is following through on a promise he made in his address to the nation on July 28, Peru's Independence Day. He stated that the fight against corruption would be one of the pillars of his presidency. Still, the powers of the state continue to pay under the table for freedom for those who are most heavily involved and who have been accused of horrendous crimes against human dignity.

In January we celebrated the feast of Saint Angela Merici and the renewal of commitments of our Associates in Callao.

As friends and Sisters, Kathy, Sue, and I had our retreat in Chaclacayo where we shared moments of prayer, silence and reflection on our lives. In the evenings we shared our concerns and our needs. We give thanks to God for this time shared, grateful for the life given to us each day.

I close this message wishing each of you well, in company with our God of life and with our Mother, Saint Angela Merici. 🦈

## National Catholic Sisters Week Events

BY KATHY WILLIAMS

## Painting, Pizza & Parcheesi

Part service project, part fellowship, "Painting, Pizza & Parcheesi" was an event held on March 13 during National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW). The Ursuline Sisters gathered with Bellarmine University students to paint rocks with positive messages of hope and encouragement. The rocks were placed around campus for fellow students to see, hopefully making their day a little brighter.

We served pizza, and board games (hence the Parcheesi in the name) were available, although most of the participants simply visited with each other.

I received a mini-grant from NCSW to assist us in promoting the event and purchasing supplies for it. NCSW is an annual celebration created to honor women religious, and is a series of events that instruct, enlighten and bring greater focus to the lives of these women.

The gathering was held on Bellarmine University's campus. We believe the event will impact the entire student population at Bellarmine as the painted rocks were spread throughout campus. The event was very well attended, and both groups agreed that we should continue these gatherings in the future!



## Paula's Pantry

Sister Paula Kleine-Kracht, who cofounded Nativity Academy in Louisville with the late Father Tim Hogan in 2003, was recently honored with a Little Free Pantry named in her honor. Amy Olson, Ursuline Associate and Director of Mission Effectivness for Sacred Heart Schools. received a mini-grant from National Catholic Sisters Week to fund the construction of the pantry. On March 11, students from Sacred Heart Model School and Nativity Academy built the pantry together, which will be placed in a public area outside Nativity to help those who are in need of food and household goods. 🦈



Sister Paula, Nativity Academy and Sacred Heart Model School students with "Paula's Pantry."

# Associate Ruby Hyde is a Mover and a Doer

SMOKETOWN

BY KATHY WILLIAMS

Ruby Hyde, Ursuline Associate, is truly a hometown hero in Louisville. She has a passion for improving underserved communities, which began with her Ursuline-inspired roots. Ruby is the eighth of nine children and grew up in Louisville's Smoketown

neighborhood, where she attended St. Peter Claver School. It was there Ruby was introduced to the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.

Ruby credits her mother, Henrietta Hayden David, who was from Marian County in Kentucky's "Holy Land" with "grounding and rooting" her and her siblings in their Catholic faith. Her father and mother gave their children a solid foundation. Ruby laughs, "I was in every activity under the sun! I didn't have time to get into trouble. I remember my mother holding my hand when we crossed the street and I was 14! There was no way a boy could get near me."

Ruby's mother was very involved in church, and as Ruby recalls, her mother and Ursuline Sister Inez Staeuble were "movers and doers" in the community. Ruby's middle name is Inez, named for Sister Inez. Sister Inez and her mother were the most significant mentors in her life—they helped mold and shape her character and she followed their example of helping others. Ruby says that she has always been impressed by the Ursuline Sisters. She became an Ursuline Associate twelve years ago to add more ministry to her life, and Sister Inez's niece, Sister Sarah Stauble, is her companion Sister.

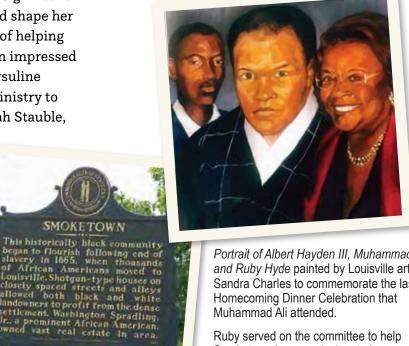
One of Ruby's current ministries is volunteering at Wayside Christian Mission. Ruby also serves as a caregiver, and she was a caregiver to several Ursuline Sisters at the former Marian Home.

Ruby has been a major influence and contributor to the Smoketown, California and Shelby Park neighborhoods'

redevelopment and economic growth. Ruby founded the Smoketown Pride and Heritage Homecoming Festival, one of many festivals in Louisville she helped organize. Ruby has received numerous awards and recognitions for her community work. She still serves as a consultant to various community and city organizations, but says, "I keep trying to retire, but they won't let me!"

Another one of Ruby's inspirations is Muhammad Ali. As Ruby simply says, "He is my hero." At age 12, Ruby was a water girl at the gym where Ali trained. She was close with Ali for the remainder of his life, and remains close with his family to this day. When asked why Ali was her hero, she said, "He was contentious, he was dedicated, he took on anything that challenged him."

Like her hero, Ruby says she has always liked a challenge. As a youth and young adult, she played several sports, including tennis, softball and track, and has run in Derby mini-marathons. When her two daughters were in high school and college, she took on another challenge and went back to college. She says, "Everything has been a challenge, but I don't give up." Louisville and the Ursuline Sisters are very grateful that Ruby Hyde doesn't give up. 🦈



Portrait of Albert Hayden III, Muhammad Ali and Ruby Hyde painted by Louisville artist Sandra Charles to commemorate the last Homecoming Dinner Celebration that Muhammad Ali attended.

Ruby served on the committee to help Smoketown become designated as a National Historic District.

# Sister Patricia Ann (James Marie) Thompson

BY SISTER MARTHA JACOB



Sister Patricia
Ann (James Marie)
Thompson, 81, died at
Nazareth Home-Clifton
on December 18, 2018.
A native of Louisville,
she graduated from St.
George parish school
and Sacred Heart
Academy and entered
the Ursuline Sisters of
Louisville in 1954.

Sister Patricia Ann served at Saint Joseph Orphanage in Louisville from 1956-1957, and again from 1958-59. From 1957-58, Sister taught at Our Mother of Sorrows parish school in Louisville. She then taught at St. Elizabeth, St. Helen, and Holy Trinity parish schools in Louisville from 1959-1968.

Sister Patty Ann (as she was fondly called) started her long ministry with the elderly in 1969, when she graduated from Jefferson County School of Practical Nursing and joined the staff at the Sisters' infirmary, then located at the Motherhouse. She accompanied the Sisters to Nazareth Home-Newburg in 1976 after the Motherhouse fire.

In 1977, Sister Patty Ann was back on the Ursuline Campus in a newly renovated Marian Home. Sister served there for the home's total existence, 1977-2010 – the only staff member to do so. When Marian Home closed in 2010, she moved with those residents to Mercy Sacred Heart Village (now Nazareth Home-Clifton). She retired in 2011.

Sister was greatly admired by those working with her at Marian Home. One long-time co-worker said of her, "Great! So great. One of a kind! Very dedicated to the Sisters and other residents." Sister Patty Ann was at the door of Marian Home to welcome residents when they arrived, and when God called them to eternal life—she strove to answer needs daily.

Sister Dolores Hudson, who worked with Sister Patty Ann and lived with her at the Motherhouse, noted that she helped meet both medical and

spiritual needs of the residents of Marian Home. In 1999, Sister Patty Ann received the "Outstanding Staff Person Award" from the Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

Her favorite time of the year was the Advent and Christmas season, when she took a vacation week to decorate Christmas trees and to place Nativity scenes, Christmas stockings and holiday figures throughout Marian Home, as well as in the residential areas of the Motherhouse. Perhaps God answered Sister Patty Ann's special request: to enter eternal life during her favorite season. The room for her visitation and vigil service on December 20 was decorated for Christmas. The large Christmas tree on which Sister had put lights and ornaments each year kept watch behind her casket and other seasonal items were around the room.

Sister Patty Ann is survived by her brother, Michael Edward Thompson. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, December 21, in the Motherhouse chapel and burial was in St. Michael Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Ursuline Sisters and mailed to the Mission Advancement Office, 3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY 40206 or to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.





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