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# Alumni News

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## SAS Principal Clarice Peninger Retires After 24 Years

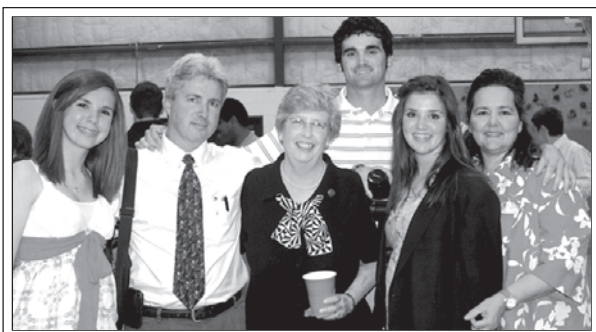


*Ms. Peninger, left, with her sister who traveled from Beaumont, Texas for the celebration.*

**A**fter 24 years as principal of St. Andrew's Catholic School, Ms. Clarice Peninger retired at the end of the 2008-09 school year. Over 500 people attended a Mass and reception honoring her service. Since 1985, Clarice has been instrumental in making SAS the premier Catholic elementary school in Fort Worth. Clarice began with leveling reading and math, spearheaded a parish capital campaign that tore up the old black top to create a beautiful courtyard and transformed the old church/auditorium into a two story modern 7th and 8th grade wing complete with a high school science lab along with an art, music and Spanish room. In 1993, SAS integrated the preschool classes from St. Bartholomew's. And, just this year, a new Kindergarten building opened. The previous Kindergarten rooms were renovated to a faculty work/lunch room and a copy room. During her tenure, the school budget went from \$640,000 to \$3.5 million dollars. It was a busy and progressive 24 years!



In honor of her retirement, over \$13,000 was donated for the Clarice Peninger Tuition Assistance Fund. The school presented her with a new Apple computer and software. Plus, the faculty and staff gifted her with \$1,000 in cash. Many wishes for a healthy, joy-filled and well-deserved retirement.



*Ms. Peninger with members of the LoCoco family.*



*Ms. Peninger with the Tom Fenoglio family.*



*Susan and David Rich offer best wishes to Ms. Peninger.*



*Vice Principal Janet Camarillo and her husband, Rudy were on hand for the festivities.*



*Rose Hall and Ms. Peninger*

# Alumni Updates

*"In the future, my knowledge  
might be forgotten, but the faith  
I got from SAS will live on"*  
-SAS 8th grader

## 1965

### *Nancy Riddlemoser*

HS: Wakefield HS, Arlington, VA  
College: Virginia Commonwealth University  
Occupation: Reading Specialist and former Peace Corp volunteer.  
Hobbies: Collecting antique postcards, world travel, genealogy, art and music.  
Favorite memory: Making snow angels in kindergarten and crowning Mary with miniature roses during Kindergarten graduation.

## 1975

### *Eugene Gwozdz*

Occupation: Directed "Annie" at Casa Manana's holiday show in December, 2008 at the Bass Hall in Fort Worth.

## 1979

### *Donna Gwozdz Farwell*

Married Doug, 1989. 2 daughters Donica and Darcy.  
Occupation: Director at her church in Valdosta, GA.

## 1983

### *Mark Stubblefield*

College: Adams State College in Alamosa, CO  
Occupation: Pest Management supervisor for all NATO bases in Turkey working for Vinnell, Brown and Root.  
Married 2007, 2 step-children  
Resides in Adana-Incirlik, Turkey.  
Hobbies: Spending time with family and going on archeological digs. Member of Entomology Society of America.

## 1985

### *Jon Drago*

Occupation: Director of Salesmanship Club's Byron Nelson Golf Tournament in May 2008.

## 1989

### *Kelly Guinan Gates*

HS: Paschal  
College: University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Marketing.  
Married David Gates, April 2009. They reside in Dallas, TX.

## 1990

### *Monica Carminati Kaut*

Occupation: Teacher, Carroll ISD.  
Married Aaron Kaut, August 2008. They reside in Fort Worth, TX.

### *Loretta Bernardy Endres*

HS: Nolan Catholic  
College: St. Mary's University with a degree in Political Science, Masters degree from A & M in Public Service. Worked for the US Mint.  
Married Brad Endres in 2004. Two daughters, Mary Kate and Elizabeth Anne. They reside in Seoul, Korea where Brad is stationed in the US Army.

## 1992

### *Paul Bernardy*

HS: Southwest  
College: Baylor University with a degree in Business Administration.  
Occupation: Accounting, Enterprise Rent A Car.  
Married Sara Beth. Two children, Rebecca and Paul Joseph III. They reside in Fort Worth.

## 1994

### *Brent Skrehart*

HS: Paschal  
College: University of TX with a degree in Engineering Route to Business, and Master degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Colorado.  
Occupation: Brent trains astronauts on how to maneuver the space shuttle and how to use the computers on board the space shuttle.  
Resides in League City, TX.

### *Katherine Portwood De Mayo*

College: Stephens College in Columbia, MO with a degree in Psychology.  
Occupation: Carmulos Capital  
Married William De Mayo, October 2008 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Fort Worth. They reside in Fairfield, CT.

### *Patrick Bernardy*

HS: Nolan Catholic  
College: Baylor University with a Master's degree in Accounting.  
Occupation: CPA

Married Mary Tarsha (SAS Alumna 1995).  
One daughter, Mary Faustina.

## 1995

### *Ricky Garnett*

HS: Nolan Catholic  
College: TCU with a Masters in Environmental Science. Dedicated his thesis, on river sediments, to beloved science teacher, Joe Kuban, from Nolan.

### *Michael Wagner*

HS: Nolan Catholic  
College: Texas A&M  
Occupation: Lockheed Martin  
Married Holly Pirkle, April 2009.

### *Joseph Hall*

HS: Nolan Catholic  
College: Texas Tech with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management.  
Occupation: Branch manager for Ferguson Plumbing and Kitchen in Grapevine, TX.  
Married Brooke, July 11, 2009.  
Hobbies: Golf and movies.  
Resides in North Richland Hills, TX.

## 1996

### *Andrew Hamer*

HS: Nolan Catholic  
College: TCU with a degree in Radio/TV/Film  
Occupation: Northwestern University in Chicago.  
Married Erika Wilhelm, December 2008. They reside in Chicago, IL.

### *Katherine Nezworski Langner*

HS: Nolan Catholic  
College: Baylor University with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Masters degree in Communication Disorders.  
Occupation: Speech and Language pathologist for the Eagle Mountain/Saginaw ISD.  
Married Lance Langner, December 2007. They reside in Fort Worth, TX.

### *Katie Bernardy*

HS: Texas Academy of Math & Science.  
College: Texas A & M double major in French and Biomedical Science and a Pharmacology degree from University of Texas in Austin and is finishing up her internship, Summer 2009.

## IN MEMORY

Fr. Carl A. Szura, a member of the Third Order Regular Franciscans passed away Sunday, August 16, 2009. During his time at St. Andrew's, Fr. Carl served as chaplain for the Boy Scouts, coordinator of the "Why Catholic" program, and liaison for Youth Ministry program. He was a member of the Tribunal Council and the Knights of Columbus, served as a grief counselor at Rachel's Vineyard and spiritual director for the RCIA team and for the Pastoral Care advisory group. He will be remembered for his kindness, compassion and ability to relate to all ages of St. Andrew's congregation.

### 1996

#### *Anne Grissom Redder*

HS: Paschal

College: University of TX at Arlington with a degree in Music.

Occupation: Museum of Science and Natural History.

Married Russell Redder (SAS alumna 1980) Nov. 15, 2008 at St. Andrew's. They reside in Fort Worth.

### 1997

#### *Dr. Anita Lott*

HS: Nolan Catholic

College: Texas A & M and then to Texas A & M Veterinary School

Occupation: Anita is an equine surgeon and is now in an internship with Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, KY. She is working toward her dream to be a board certified equine surgeon traveling the world tending horses. She was awarded the small and large animal surgery awards at A & M in May 2009.

#### *Jill Farrington*

Jill is a law student at St. John's University in New York and is a clerk at Connors & Sullivan, PC in Brooklyn, NY.

### 1998

#### *Summer Sides Riney*

HS: Nolan Catholic

College: TCU with a degree in Special Education and a Masters degree from University of North Texas in Special Education and is now pursuing her doctoral degree.

Occupation: Behavior Specialist with the FWISD.

Married James Riney, January 2009. They reside in Fort Worth, TX.

## Sons Honor Father's Legacy With Donation to SAS

### *Dear SAS Alumni and Friends,*

I want to share a story with you about one SAS alumni family who chose to give back to the school. Brian ('83), Kevin ('87), and Eric ('90) Gallagher have continued a fine memorial tradition at SAS on behalf of their father, Jim Gallagher. Last year the 3 sons of Bobbie Ramirez and Jim Gallagher each donated \$2,000 to renovate the old SAS faculty room into a much needed conference room in honor of their father who was a long time SAS basketball coach and Advisory Council member.

A beautiful plaque now hangs on the door in honor of Jim's memory and the generosity of his sons. Brian remarked, "The three of us grew up in the Catholic Church and were fortunate enough to have parents who valued the education offered at St. Andrew's School. As alumni, we wanted to give back to the school that provided us with that foundation, direction and education. In addition, we also wanted to honor our late father, James F. Gallagher, who, in part, made it possible financially for us to attend SAS." Currently, Brian's three children attend SAS in 3rd, 1st and 4 year old preschool classes.

The tradition of giving back is strong amongst SAS alumni. Through the years, SAS has received many gifts from alumni including a memorial bench for the courtyard, trees in memory of deceased loved ones and statues.

But, remember, we all give in different ways. You don't have to spend thousands of dollars to make a difference. Take a look at the ten ways below and see the many, easy ways you can give back to SAS every day.

*Rose Hall*

Rose Hall

SAS Development Director

817-292-4355



*The Gallagher boys with their father.*

### Ten Ways Alumni Can "Give Back" to SAS

1. Give a donation to the SAS Annual Fund. This is especially important this year as we have decided not to have a Candy Sale. Lost revenue will exceed \$37,000.
2. Purchase raffle tickets for 2009 Fall Festival drawing. Grand prize is \$1,500 tuition credit at any Catholic school or a Visa card. Attend the Fall Festival Sunday, October 11.
3. Use SAS frequent shopper cards at Tom Thumb, Albertsons, & Kroger. Last year, SAS received \$14,800 from participating purchases.
4. If your class is planning a reunion, consider donating a class gift to SAS.
5. Participate in Catholic Schools' Week, January 30-February 4, 2010 by volunteering, donating door prizes for teachers and students or by making a monetary donation for the tuition assistance fund.
6. Refer friends and family to St. Andrew's School.
7. Consider being a speaker on Career Day. It is scheduled for May 24, 2010.
8. Attend the Auction Gala, April 10, 2010.
9. Support SAS sports by attending games--volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball and baseball are all played by boys and girls in 6th-8th grades. Schedules are posted on the website, [www.standrewsch.org](http://www.standrewsch.org).
10. Consider making a bequest in your will to SAS. Your support allows a Catholic school education to be affordable to the next generation of Catholic students.

We'd love to feature you in the next edition of Alumni News! Fill out the short questionnaire below and mail to: Rose Hall, St. Andrew's Catholic School, 3304 Dryden Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76109 or fill out the information online at [www.standrewsch.org](http://www.standrewsch.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden)

Year Graduated SAS: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal/Family Info: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Favorite Memory from SAS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Optional Questions:** (Circle One)

Was your experience at SAS a positive one?

**YES**      **NO**

Do you plan on sending your children to Catholic schools?

**YES**      **NO**

Would you choose SAS?

**YES**      **NO**

How important do you think a Catholic education is to a child?

Very Important      Somewhat Important  
Not Important At All



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