



CELEBRATIONS, CELEBRATIONS!!

By Heather Bubb-Clarke

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

INTERNATION ICHS
REUNION OF YEARS
1958-2013

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What a year 2013 was!! For many, it was a year to remember or just simply forget; but for us "Immaculatas", it was a year of Celebrations, Celebrations!! The Toronto Chapter proudly celebrated its 35th Anniversary with a bang.

Our year began with the annual Spring Dance titled "Tropical Flamingo Nite" on April 27th; pink was the thing. Over two hundred guests "dressed-to-puss-back foot" danced the night away. Enjoying every moment of the evening, from the delicious meal to the sounds of Mike (Sunshine Sound) spinning the oldies that took each and every soul down memory lane. We could not have asked for more.

To commemorate the significance of this special year, Judith Williams (nee Bubb-Clarke) a past student and designer of "Art de Lien" created a "Limited Edition" 35th Anniversary bracelet called "Ad Astra Per Aspera Sisterhood Bracelet". This bracelet was sold for \$20; \$5 from the sale of each bracelet was donated to ICHS. The news of our Sisterhood Bracelet has spread around the globe.

Past Students from far and wide, Europe, USA, Jamaica and so on have been calling Yvonne Lyew to purchase this unique treasure. On the warm Sunday afternoon of June 23rd 2013, more than a hundred Alumnae together with their families and friends came out to celebrate "High Tea" at the Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel in Mississauga, Ont. This event was a dual celebration as we also honoured Sister Maureen Clare Hall as she marking her Diamond



Jubilee (60th Anniversary) in Religious life. The afternoon started with the singing of the National Anthems (Canadian and Jamaican) lead by the Nash Sisters. Carol Case (nee Nash) was the Mistress of Ceremonies. As we had the opportunity to do a brief changing of the guard, in order words nominating a new executive committee, the ladies gladly participated in this exercise and the new committee was established. Sister Maureen Clare was asked to say Grace followed by the cutting of the Anniversary cakes graciously donated by Debbie Juriedini. The Guests enjoyed various flavoured teas along with sandwiches, sweet pastries, fruits and such delights while being entertained by a roaming magician and a video on the history of ICHS.

The afternoon continued with Annette Wong (Past & Present) President giving her message along with Principal's message. Sister Angella Harris was unable to attend but her message was of congratulations and blessings to the ICHS Alumnae community also thanking us for our continuous support of our beloved Alma Mater. Katy Sani also gave a brief update on Project 2013—the Library Fund.

Carol then invited Sister Maureen Clare to the podium. Here is Sister's message to the Toronto Chapter :
May the Lord fill you with His peace and great joy on the occasion of this celebration of the 35th year of the founding of this Chapter!

Your love for your Alma Mater, your honest desire to "give back", your steadfastness and perseverance in adhering to our motto: "Through difficulties to the stars", have added up to thirty-five years of small and large labours

of love. I congratulate those of you who have walked with the school in faith and charity during these years. You believe strongly in the standards and values for which your Alma Mater stands and therefore in love you are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to help to make these an enduring presence in the Jamaican society through the young women who receive their formal education at this wonderful institution.

You have been stalwart supporters of the School's Administration, from the time of the school's expansion until now—equipping the Science Labs in the new building; assisting students in financial difficulties; providing financial support as needed and requested in many areas of the life of the school. At times, your presence through visits to the Principal, at School Assemblies and other school functions have relayed the message of the pride and genuine affection you have for your Alma Mater.

You have also involved yourselves in outreach programmes in your adopted country, witnessing even here, to your Franciscan love for all God's children and all of creation.

I congratulate you, I celebrate with you and I pray earnestly God's blessings on each and every one of you. I also ask a special blessing on your families, your loyal non-ICHS friends, sponsors and supporters without whose collaboration you would not have been able to achieve your great success. To God be the glory! AD ASTRA PER ASPERA



My Dear Fellow Alumnae

Time seems to be going by very quickly but the best part is that we keep in touch and we get to see each other more frequently!!!

Our annual dinner dance on Saturday, April 27, 2013 – Tropical Flamingo Night was a beautiful evening filled with fun, good food, good jives and friends! It would be nice if more of you came out to share this wonderful evening Once you know, you will be back!!!

This event was followed by our elegant Tea Party at the Delta Toronto Airport Hotel on June 23, 2013 - a celebration of the Toronto Chapter's 35th Anniversary and Sister Maureen Clare Hall, O.S.F. Diamond Jubilee. This was a truly nostalgic afternoon as we shared past memories mixed with surprising moments thanks to our entertainer, Magician Shawnathan. The presence of our serene Sister Maureen Clare was inspiring. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation for us keeping together and working hard to support the continued growth of our beloved alma mater. In closing she commissioned us to teach our children and grandchildren about God.

We are very grateful to Judith Williams of Art de Lien who brilliantly created the "Ad Astra Per Aspera Sisterhood Bracelet" that was on sale at this event. I am sure we will wear them proudly to

brandish the bond between us. We thank Judith for her generous donation to the association from the sale of these bracelets.

In the midst of our excitement we managed to hold elections of the new Executive Committee. As you know, two years ago I was elected President of the Toronto Chapter. . Since this role involves a lot of responsibility and requires a lot of time, I was extremely reluctant to commit to another two years and had intended to pass the torch. However, as my fellow committee members indicated that wanted me to continue and the members echoed confirmation, I humbly accepted with thanks the vote of confidence to lead the Toronto Chapter as the President for another two years.

I am truly thankful to our membership as without you we would not be able to fulfil our commitments let alone take up new challenges for our Alma Mater. I am proud of our accomplishments for 2013 list them below:

- Re Project 2013 - even though we did not reach our target of US\$6000.00, we did receive generous donations from members and friends totalling Can\$4,155.00 which the Toronto Chapter will supplement to ensure that we are able to fulfil our commitment to provide text and reference books for the library primarily for the use of the 6th formers are unable to buy these books to study due to their dire financial situation.

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- School Fees - We provided funding for outstanding school fees and exam fees of Can\$3435.00 for seventeen 6th Formers and have received several letters of appreciation from these students acknowledging their gratitude and appreciation for all that we do.
- Scholarships and awards. This year we were pleased to present the following awards and scholarships:
 - * Loya Haughton – C\$ 200.00– Sister James Vincent Award
 - * Jheanelle Owens – C\$ 200.00– Lisa Narcisse award for excellence in Music
 - * Kimberly Harrow – C\$1000.00– Sister James Vincent scholarship
 - * Gabrielle Chen – C\$1000.00– Canadian Scholarship Grant

I am very grateful to Sister Angela for keeping us updated on the wonderful progress of the students and it seems we continue to excel academically and in sports despite the challenges of needed change and funds to provide the change.

As the saying goes, "A picture paints a thousand words" and Sister Angela has shared many pictures of the school. Unfortunately these

pictures contrasts the beautiful façade, behind which is hidden the truth. They show walls that need to be painted, rusted and mildewed windows, broken desks and cupboards, areas needing retiling, sections of the Old Food and Nutrition Lab that are in need of repair. In fact, an education officer from the Ministry of Education paid an impromptu visit recently and informed the school that Formica should no longer be used in labs - stainless steel is required!!! So ladies our continued support and dedication is sorely needed for the continued success of the future women of our unforgettable homeland!! Ad Astra Per Aspera – as we all know is Latin and means "Through difficulties to the stars" – the motto of Immaculate Conception which started in 1959 - the goal, to achieve excellence and fulfilment of the potential given to you by God. This is the "immaculate" way made possible through the doses of tough love meted out by the school's administrators pioneered by the Franciscan Order of Nuns; and exemplified by none other than Sister Maureen Clare herself For those of us who fell under those iron fists – we know what that means!! To this school I owe much, as they shaped me to become the woman I am today – disciplined and committed in my undertakings. And as Mayo Angelou said *"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back..."*

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I.C.H.S. Newsletter

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Peace!

I am delighted to report that your beloved alma mater continues to be a centre for excellence

in Jamaica. Your little sisters never cease to amaze me with their talent, passion, creativity and intelligence.

Let me start with recent happenings and work my way backwards.

Yesterday was Sports Day and it saw many time winners St. Clare emerging victors. Looking at the level of rejoicing from Rose of Lima though, you would have thought they had won! Their second place finish was their best in years.

We are getting ready for a **royal visit** - Prince Edward Earl of Wessex and youngest child of Queen Elizabeth. He will have a 3-day visit to Jamaica and ICHS is one of the places he is slated to visit. Actually, Steven Woodham who is responsible for the creation of the top-class ICHS symphony orchestra will tell you that the Prince and his wife are coming to hear the performance of the orchestra - nothing else! They will arrive on the afternoon of March 4.

Our HSA held the annual **Lapathon and Fair**, now dubbed I.CON.IC, on December 6 and 7. This is their only fundraiser, As usual, the Lapathon was held on a Friday and saw students having fun warming up to music before walking, then on Saturday, the fair was held. The HSA netted the largest amount ever.

We have a particularly dynamic group of **student leaders** this year. You may not realize that we have two councils. The Prefect Council is headed by the Head Girl and her deputies who are elected by both students and teachers. The Student Council's members are elected by students only and their president sits on the Board of Governors of ICHS. The Prefect Council organized Throw Back Tuesday and

they are the coordinators of Spirit Week (February 24-28) and in March, Miss Immaculate. The Student Council added a special touch to our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony by awarding our cleaners, groundsmen and other members of the ancillary staff, with plaques, thanking them for their service to ICHS.

Next time you decide to drop by ICHS, know that things are not as they used to be. The HSA decided to give the entrance a new look. After discussion with the Franciscan Sisters it was decided that we might as well deal with the need for a new road surface. By the time the dust settled, all three entities (Convent, Prep and High) were on board for resurfacing the driveway. **The school looks SUPER beautiful!** Yes, you are right...it is fit for royalty!

Our students continue to **excel academically**. Three students were among the winners of the top 5 Jamaica scholarships based on the CAPE Unit II(Advanced level) exams 2013. These students are all now at UWI, Mona. Other students placed first in Jamaica in Computer Science, Economics, Food and Nutrition. For those who sat CAPE Unit I and are now in grade thirteen, ICHS placed first in Jamaica in Computer Science, Geography and Economics. In the CSEC exams 2013 (sat at grade 11), ICHS was first in Biology and Food and Nutrition. Of course, many other students placed second or third in many subjects.

A flawed report last summer saw ICHS ranked 7th among high schools. We ended up placing and ad in the newspaper in an effort to right that wrong.

For the first time ever, we had a staff conference at which all staff - academic, administrative and ancillary- were present. It was an unforgettable affair. The theme was 'United We Stand - A Recipe for Excellence'.

Financial Assistance to Students

The number of students needing assistance has increased over the past 12 months. The

government sends funds for students on their PATH programme that translates to each student receiving Ja\$80 daily for lunch. This does not go very far. We rely on the support of generous parents and of alumnae. Your chapter has placed its focus on students of grades 12 and 13 (Sixth Form). We have received funds to purchase textbooks for the reference section in the library and to pay for students' outstanding school fees. The young ladies are extremely grateful and the appreciation they have for the love and work of their Big Sisters continues to grow.

SPORTS Swimming

ICHS won the ISSA swim meet in November, with Campion College a close second. The other high schools are determined to end our reign as swimming giants and are actually wooing swimmers who pass for ICHS after the grade six exams. We also have strong teams in water polo and synchronized swimming.

Table Tennis

We have been building up table tennis team over the past three years and we are now able to field an under 16 and an under 19 team. They have won all seven of their matches so far.

Lawn Tennis

We are in a rebuilding phase at the lower levels but our under-19 team won the inter-school championship last November.

Track and Field

Our Coaches Ford and Quarrie (nephew of Donald Quarrie) have the girls on a tight schedule preparing them for Champs next month. They are off to a good start, entering many of the pre-Champs track and field competitions and placing in a number of events.

- Our Class 2 stars are Safia Morgan and Jeanine Williams. Safia is unbeatable in high jump and will go to Champs as the favourite (also of note is the fact that she received distinctions in all of her subjects in CSEC last year.

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President's Message cont'd

Lastly, I would like to thank our sponsors and advertisers for their generous support and contribution!

I look forward to seeing you at our next dance "Grooving Back to the 70's" on April 26, 2014, as well as out luncheon on June 22, 2014 – "Spring Fling at Spring Rolls" – so save the date!!

We are reaching out ... reach back!!

Warm regards,

Annette



Upcoming Events

Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 2013



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Immaculate Conception High School
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Sister Angella's Message continued

Jeanine is also a grade twelve student and she is respected as a strong competitor in the 200m.

- There is great hope for our class 4 girls who having been turning in excellent performance, winning in many instances.

We are looking for a few medals in Champs this year. I have been ignoring Coach Forde's requests for a team to go to Penn Relays but it looks like they could be shaping up for next year.

Chess

We made it to the playoffs this year but were knocked out quickly.

Football, Hockey and Netball

Football and hockey teams will be in action over the next weeks. The Under 13 netball season will begin in May.

When I shift gears and think of our needs, a

year ago the need for an auditorium was one of the main concerns, but a quotation of over \$250m has led the HSA and the School Board to put that on a back burner. Right now the School Board has the use of renewable energy as a high priority item. We pay a whopping \$7m annually for energy consumption! Two companies made presentations at the Board meeting two weeks ago and we are looking at beginning in a small way and gradually increasing the use of solar energy.

We hope, in short order, to be able to provide internet access everywhere on campus. We are trying to replace our smaller home type routers with more powerful units but this, of course, comes at a cost.

February 28 was Spirit Day at ICHS. Believe me, your alma mater still stands tall and your little sisters are definitely Phenomenal Women

in the making. It is a blessing being here. I thank you for your faithfulness to ICHS and trust that your fundraiser will bring you more fun and funds that you ever expected. Ad astra per aspera!



Sport Day



Hat Day



PROJECT 2013 – TEXT BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



By Katy Sani

Many of us have never experience the loss of a textbook knowing, with trepidation that you dare not ask for another. That was my experience in 5th form so I knew the difficulty of of preparing for exams (GCE O'Level—as it was in those days) with a Textbook... Fast forward to 2012—At our Luncheon at Spring Rolls, Sr. Angella told us of the plight of a few 6th Formers that in some cases were failing because they could not afford to purchase textbook...This gave birth to Project 2013— our mission—to equip the library with Textbooks required to safeguard the education of the "Phenomenal Women" of Tomorrow who are needy today—our target was \$6000.00. Even though we did not reach our target we thankful for the generosity of members and friends that do-

nated a total of Cdn \$4,155.00. This will be supplemented by the Toronto Chapter to ensure that our commitment is fulfilled. A number of reference and text books have already been purchased and are available to the students so we are off to a very good start. See pictures below.



COMING SOONPROJECT 2014 — TO BE LAUCHED ON APRIL 26,2014 AT OUR DANCE - GROOVING BACK TO THE 70'S

Canadian Scholarship Awardee Gabrielle Chen

Dear Toronto Chapter Alumnae,

Thank You for being an important Partner in public education. Your very generous donation of books, has greatly impacted the Reference section of the library. Surely sixth formers now and in the future will find this charitable gift very beneficial and will use it as a tool of education to the best of their advantage. I would like you to know that your thoughtfulness is truly making a difference in the lives of many, on their journey of becoming phenemenal women.

Respectfully,
 Dominique Shorter- President of The Sixth Form Association.



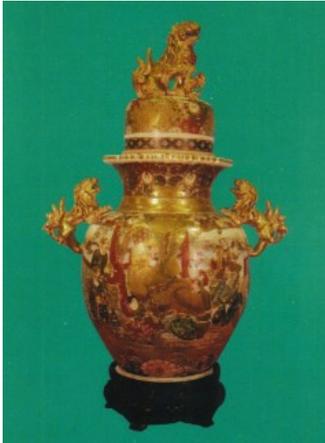
Thanks for the awesome news . Gabrielle was absolutely thrilled, beyond words. Gabrielle kept saying "This is so cool!" She also expressed her appreciation that you took time out to deliver in person. WOW!!!! Made our day



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- ◇ I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for the assistance which has been offered to me. It has come at a time in which it is most needed and will certainly go a long way in helping me realize my dreams and aspirations. — **Sade Dunbar**
- ◇ Thank you for being an important partner in public education. Your generous donation of books has greatly impacted the Reference section of the Library. Surely Sixth Formers now and in the future will find this charitable gift very beneficial. Your thoughtfulness is truly making a difference in the lives of many on their journeys of becoming phenomenal women. —**Dominique Shorter –President 6th Form**

Congratulations to Gary Thompson.
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President Dr. Fred Kennedy on a job well done.



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Contribution: \$60 per person (non-refundable)

Dress: Casual Elegant
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Spirit Day



Yes it is that time of year again. This winter has been brutal God gave us "hat" sunshine and "cool" breeze to live wid. ...an we "lef it"



to come to foreign where the streets are lined with gold...or so some of us thought. Well is not so it go at all. We not just cooooooold we also have to work and wok and wok some more. ENOUGH DEPRESSING STUFF. We have all manage to survive all the icy weather, Jamaican style. We tek care of one another. I hear about some of uno that pack up in a one house cause light gone. This happen in Canada....for a moment I thought I was in Jamaica. But when the -24 hit mi I know it was not JA but the Canadian Tundra.

Let's go from -24 to 80 degrees in the shade with our lovely picnic with Alpha, and St. Georges Boys. The reception was outstanding, the Georges Boys were in fine form. They came and swooped all the cutraments from our hands and carried everything to its location...What service...way to go Boys. Di food was scrumptious. Mackerel run down, Pepper pot soup , rice and peas cake any kind of sing ting to NYAM .. it was there. After we done nyaming di food we were expected to participate in sporting events. The master of ceremonies corralled us and ...THE GAMES BEGUN. Now some of us are not as young as we use to be or think we are...No, I am not only naming anyone but I can only speak for myself. Being as slim as I am and having eating as much as I did they now wants us to run, skip and jump all over the place. Looking around at the skinny minis, the young pups and the "they think they young ones, I started to plot how to even the odds. There were many ole time good ole fun games like egg and spoon, sack race , three legged , the kata to name a few. The highlight of the sports was the photo finish endings. the egg and spoon race saw Donna Ratty with her GIGANTIC spoon and three limes. two of which made the journey in her bosom. The sac race

saw Debbie ChinFook pronounced the winner just because she was the first to turn up at the race...THEEEIF.

The dance was boggiefied as usual. It was great meeting and labrishing with everyone . First timers had a blast. The Tea party was celebrating 35 years of Sister Maureen Clare in the convent. From the youngest Ruth McDonald, 3 months (last of 4 children of Kathy McDonald nee Parris) to the oldest we were sipping tea in style the queen would be welcome... Wait Sister Maureen Clare was there and she was moved to tears. It was so nice to reminisce and celebrate such an awesome woman.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception mass went off without a hitch. the old faithful ,were there and We are now looking forward to the dance and tea party so bring yuh dancing feet and you best teacups and let's CELEBRATE .

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Celebrations, Celebrations!! Cont'd

After Sister's message, Annette presented her with an anniversary gift.

Ladies wearing their finery were asked to join Carol on the stage for the selection of "best fascinator". Mrs. Lorraine Chung was chosen by the audience for her unique headdress.

The afternoon concluded with a sing-a-long of Jamaican folk songs and our Alma Mater. Ladies, have you purchased your Sisterhood Bracelet?? If not, you have until June 30th, 2014 to get yours. Please call Yvonne at 905-305-1727 or 905-477-4205 or email: yvonnelyew@rocketmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR CANADIANS

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

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Deadline - June 30, 2014



Congrats to Dr . Anna Jarvis on her award from UWI - "You make us Proud"!



Ray and Donette Chang at The Ritz Carlton attending the UWI Benefit Gala— you are looking wonderful



Mary Anne and Chris Chamber also attended



Remember to pay your Dues Only \$25 per year...



International ICHS Reunion of Years "1958 to 2013"

When: July 17 to July 20, 2014

Ladies,

All members of the Immaculate Conception High School family are invited to a weekend of fun, relaxation, rejuvenation and re-connection with friends of old. Come enjoy a long weekend in Niagara Falls, Canada

When: July 17, 2014 to July 20, 2014

Where: Niagara Falls Marriott Gateway on the Falls. 3-star hotel property

Cost: US\$130 - US\$160/night (rates subject to discount if we book 20 or more suites)

Suggestion: Sharing room costs can further decrease your cost.

Transportation Arrangements: Participant is responsible for arranging transportation cost.

The above information is relevant to the ladies living in the USA and other countries other than Canada. All Canadian Ladies please visit the web site for the hotel to get the Canadian rates.

This venture is a very ambitious one that a group of ladies who graduated in the 1980's are working on. I do know that putting something like this together takes a lot of time and commitment.

Please take a moment and give it some serious consideration. Email friends and family and get groups together and make an effort to attend that is all we ask. If you are on Face Book check out the FB page for more details and post if you are interested and reach out to others to see who might be able to make it. July is fast approaching. Even if you cant make the entire weekend those living in Toronto might just make 1day, 1 day and 2 nights, or 2 days....The Niagara Falls and surrounding areas, is a beautiful and wonderful place to spend a couple of days.

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Gone too Soon

Prayers and Condolence are extended to the families of ...



Christopher Tavares passed Dec 29/13 beloved husband of Sylvia (past Treasurer) leaving sons Craig, Jason, Marc and Matthew.



Victor Wong Lim—Member of the Mighty Vikings in Jamaica and Version Band in Orlando passed Mar. 13,2014 leaving wife Carmen, Dean, Pinkie, Francine, Chloe and Carlie. Sister Doris Tai Sue and brother Sonny



Jacqueline Nicholson (nee Foreman) Class of '50 Passed suddenly Mar 20,2014 leaving husband Bob, loving mother to daughters Kathryn (Eric), Michelle (Matthew) and son Bruce (Felicia) and doting grandmother to Jon, Noah, Sara, Ethan, Travis and Josh. She was a caring sister to Adrian and beloved niece to Rose. She was predeceased by her brothers Raymond, Trevor and Horace and first husband Patrick Swaby.



Our prayers are with the past student of Alpha Academy with the passing of the mentor and past principle **Sister Mary Bernadette Little**



Sister Jean Francis Chen, baptized Catherine at Holy Trinity Cathedral, North Street, Kingston, Jamaica, was one of four children. She is predeceased by her parents, her sister, Dora and brother, Fred. Her other sister, Marjorie now living in Toronto, Canada is unable to attend because of ill-health. In

1941, she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, doing her formation at the Motherhouse in Allegany, N.Y. In August 1943, she made her first profession of vows and returned to her first assignment in Jamaica which was to teach at St. Anne's Infant School where her records show that she remained until 1945.

Sister Jean lived at Immaculate Conception Convent almost all of her religious life except for one year when she was assigned to Mt. Alvernia Convent when she taught at Mt. Alvernia High School. While living at Immaculate Conception Convent she was involved in a variety of ministries. She taught First and Second forms in the High School for a number of years. A very bright and talented lady, she engaged the students in learning Math, Latin and Religious Education. She was in charge of the kitchen at the Convent for many years and Sisters and guests enjoyed her delectable meals and marvelous pastries. She was an excellent seamstress, artist, banner-maker, worked at various crafts successfully and one of the first persons I knew who made her own cards on the computer. She was not only gifted with her hands but also had a beautiful singing voice and loved to sing. Sister Jean, you lived a full and wonderful life which has been an inspiration for all of us who have journeyed with you as your spiritual sisters. We thank God for your 98 years, and your 73 years of Religious Life.



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The Nash Sisters are Grandmas again—

Left: Carol's daughter Jessica and son.
Top: Auntie Dawn with Aaron's Daughter (Katie's granddaughter)

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