

# Presidential Travels, visits, and Receptions

## Florida

Vero Beach, Jupiter, and Naples  
February 13-16, 2008

Our visits to coastlines of Florida reminded me how lucky we are to have such loyal alumnae hosts in the "Sunshine State." Christyn Moran and I were guests at a lovely afternoon tea event held on Valentine's Day in the home of Nancy Schanne '63. On February 15, Michele Massaglia '70 hosted a great cocktail reception, at her home in Naples, with members of the "Great Class of 1970!" (This is my favorite joke with other alumni at Board of Trustee meetings...they now announce their graduation year as "the great class of... maybe sometime in the future we will offer a rendition of "The Old Gray Mare" to each other!) We also enjoyed our visits with Betsy Rollins '59 and Virginia Cleaver '58.



## California

San Francisco, San Diego, Pasadena, and Santa Monica  
February 25-28, 2008

Visiting California was exciting because in addition to meeting up with our western alumni I also had the opportunity to visit with members of the SHCJ. This year I met the Sisters and students at the Mayfield School. Sharon Cutri '69 hosted a reception at her home in San Diego on February 25. The next day, Linda McGovern '64, provided lunch for me in Huntington Beach. It was a nice break as I made my way to Pasadena.

Most of my day on February 27, was spent at the Mayfield School. I spoke with the junior class, dined with Barbara Mullen, SHCJ, and lunched with Rita Curasi McBride, head of school.

## Golden Rose Luncheon

Main Building, Rosemont College  
March 21, 2008

Thirty local alumni from the Classes of 1938 through 1958 attended today's celebration. Our event began with a late morning mass, led by Father Rick Malloy, followed by a seated luncheon in Main Building. The Office of Alumni Relations coordinated this event and presented each attendee with a gold-tipped rose and vase. They were a big hit with all in attendance. I was the "young alumna", but not by too much; 2010 will be my 40th reunion (of the great class of '70!)

## Frida Kahlo Exhibit

Philadelphia Museum of Art  
March 14, 2008

I had looked forward to this event with great anticipation, as an art historian who still suffers some separation anxiety from my past in museums, it was a real treat! Area alumni, their guests, and I met at the Philadelphia Museum of Art for an audio tour of the Frida Kahlo exhibit. The exhibit displayed over 40 of the artist's self-portraits, portraits, and a variety of still life images from the start of her career in 1926 through the end of her career in 1954. Following the exhibit we gathered at Rembrandt's for a private cocktail reception.



Cultural Dinner Outing at FEZ Moroccan Restaurant Philadelphia  
April 3, 2008

Moroccan food is spicy, eaten with one's hands, and is an interesting and enjoyable way to connect with alumni from both the undergraduate College and the Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies. In between friendly chatter and courses, we were entertained by an exotic but very welcoming Moroccan belly-dancer. To those who danced with her, bravo!



## Philadelphia Area Alumni Reception

Main Building, Rosemont College  
April 15, 2008, Founders' Day

Founders' Day is a joyful celebration of our Foundresses. It is also a great time to connect with local alumni. After attending the "Living History" performance in McShain Auditorium, we gathered in Immaculate Conception Chapel for a Vesper Service featuring staff and undergraduate students, followed by a global reception in Main Building in recognition of the Founders' Day theme, "celebrating culture and diversity." Alumni were encouraged to dress in international flare and Adele Meehan '69 decorated Main with her wonderful and wide-ranging costumes and clothing from around the world. For our alums and students, a good time was had by all.

## Connecticut

Groton and Greenwich  
November 6-7, 2008

Breaking the ice is not a statement I would use to describe our November 6 gathering at Mary Boucher Tuohy's '70 home. Everyone made Christyn and I feel so welcomed. We also greatly enjoyed our other visit with Suzanne Pruiner '60 and other alumni at the Beach House Cafe in Old Greenwich. On this visit we had the opportunity to discuss Rosemont's new Strategic Plan and the College's unchanged but greatly enhanced mission.

## New York Alumni Reception

Cornelia Connelly Center  
New York, New York  
April 9, 2008

We had a great group convene in the Cornelia Connelly Center, a center for low-income middle school girls from Manhattan's Lower East Side. Constance Bush, Director of the Cornelia Connelly Center, joined us and shared with the Center's mission of teaching the skills, aspirations, and values needed to help the young women reach their fullest potential. Twenty-four guests came out to renew friendships, to learn about the progress at Rosemont, and to enjoy each other's company. It was a terrific evening!



## Remember!! 2009 Travel

January 7-10 - Naples and Vero Beach, FL  
January 30 - Washington, DC  
February 8-11 - Houston and Dallas, TX  
March 9-11 - Chicago, IL  
April - New York City