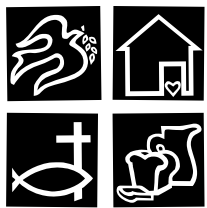


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Greetings,

Attending the Cascades Jesuit Volunteer retreat a couple weeks ago, I was moved to hear the values of JVC Northwest lived out as the JVs shared stories of their service with women who have been abused, men in addiction recovery, those seeking shelter from the bitter cold, rain and snow. The JVs struggle with trying to understand deep entrenched poverty and increasing numbers of people coming to our partner agencies for assistance. How do they respond? Has society lost its sense of the common good?

As I write this, Father Bill Bichsel SJ, Susan Crane, Lynne Greenwald, Sr. Anne Montgomery RSCJ, and Father Steve Kelly, SJ, ages 61-84, await sentencing on March 28. They face up to ten years in prison for engaging in civil disobedience protesting the deadly Trident nuclear submarines based at the Bangor/Kitsap Naval base where one of the largest stockpiles of nuclear weapons in the U.S. are housed on eight submarines. Each Trident has 192 warheads with the capacity to destroy 192 cities anywhere in the world within 30 minutes, costing billions of US dollars annually.

The oft-quoted words of former general and President Dwight D. Eisenhower come to mind:

*Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron.*

According to Paul Light, author of a new book, *Driving Social Change*, the first step in social change “involves a personal and/or collective commitment to social change . . . a fundamental belief that there is something wrong in the world that must be changed. It is built on a firm embrace of the need to take action on a specific issue, such as hunger, poverty, illiteracy, disease . . . it involves a felt sense of empathy, altruism, and most important, outrage.”

Outrage? Yes! Ethicist Beverly Wildung Harrison years ago wrote about anger as a positive force in the “work of love.” Anger at the injustice of increased numbers of people struggling on the margins in our communities, at nuclear weapons posed to destroy the world, at wars and regional struggles trapping people in endless eddies of death and ravage, at babies and children still dying of hunger, at domestic violence, at the lack of clean water and health care for all.

This Lent, let us feel the pulse of the Gospel’s call for justice and peace, love and compassion, forgiveness and healing addressing the hurt, the pain, the struggles of those who still have no voice. Let us hear the impelling call of Jesus to change what must be changed. Jesus’ expression of anger in the temple, his speaking to the political and economic forces in overturning the temple tables is a model for turning the tables on oppressive structures and acting on our love for all, especially the most oppressed.

According to Aristotle, “We become just by performing just action . . . brave by performing brave action.” Let us be just and brave — together! I encourage each of us to take a step this Lent, to become more informed, to write a letter, to take a small action, to make a change in lifestyle, to create a stronger “commons.”

The JVs’ struggle to know how to respond to a suffering world is a struggle we all must embrace. May we do so with open arms encouraged by the knowledge that we are not alone, we do so as community. ▶

Peace and Joy!

*Jeanne L. Haster*

Jeanne Haster  
Executive Director



Jeanne Haster

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest engages women and men in a transforming experience of full-time volunteer service. Jesuit Volunteers serve for a year or more in solidarity with persons living on the margins of society and with vulnerable places in the Pacific Northwest. Rooted for over fifty years in the Jesuit Catholic tradition emphasizing spiritual openness and depth, Jesuit Volunteers in the Northwest examine and act on the causes of social and environmental injustice to promote peace and structural change. Jesuit Volunteers live in communities that commit to simple living embodying a healing and sustainable presence on the Earth.*



# INTRODUCING JESUIT VOLUNTEER ENCORPS

BY MAUREEN HOVENKOTTER

For 55 years, thousands of young adults have been transformed by the values of community, simple living, social and environmental justice, and spirituality through volunteer service with JVC Northwest. Because practicing these values can be transformative at any age, a group of volunteers has been meeting since April 2010 with JVC Northwest board and staff members to develop a new program for mature adults in the Northwest.

The project, called Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps (JV EnCorps), will provide opportunities for volunteers aged 50 and older to participate in volunteer service while committing to the four JVC Northwest values. Jesuit Volunteer

EnCorps participants (JVEs) will use skills and talents developed over a lifetime to help local non-profits serve those living on the margins of society. JV EnCorps is a response to the growing national trend of engaging the passion and experience of older adults who want to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

JVEs will serve in a local community organization at least four hours a week or a minimum of 200 hours total for their one-year commitment. EnCorps members will live in their own homes (unlike our *Eldercorps* program a few years ago) and participate in community through monthly gatherings for support, spiritual nourishment and faith sharing, and for occasional retreats or days of reflection. Volunteers will be encouraged to pursue ongoing spiritual direction, prayer, spiritual journaling and reflection on their experiences. Relationships with JVs in the community will be fostered as well.

Jeanne Haster, Executive Director of JVC Northwest, hopes to begin with a pilot program of up to 15 JV EnCorps volunteers in Portland, Ore., during 2011-12, pending funding. Jeanne and the planning team then hope to expand the program to other Northwest cities by 2013-14.

For more information or to complete an interest/outreach survey, please contact JVC Northwest. ▶



The EnCorps program has been made possible by the tireless dedication of the committee pictured here (L to R): Jamie Smeland (Portland, OR '06-07), Barb Scharff (current board member), Stephen Ristau, Ellen Connell (Portland, OR '01-02), Jeanne Haster (Executive Director, JVC South '81-82) not pictured: Maureen Hovenkotter, Margaret Johnson, Mike Higgins, Patty Pandzik, Marilyn Kirvin

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# 55 YEARS OF COMMUNITY: VOICES FROM THOSE WHO HELPED START IT ALL

*As JVC Northwest celebrates 55 years of service, we look back to the very beginning and remember all that was done to establish the program we know today. The following is a conversation of sorts between Joanne (Manfred) Bovey (Copper Valley, AK '58-59) and Al "Gill" Gyllenhammer (Copper Valley, AK '57-58) remembering how JVC Northwest came to be and what it was like to be part of the service movement.*

**Joanne:** Once upon a time. . . .

**Gill:** Wait a minute! This isn't a fairy tale.

**Joanne:** Good point! In 1953, at the confluence of Tazlina and Copper Rivers, between the hamlets of Glennallen and Copper Center, Alaska, Jesuit priest John Buchanan, S.J., who had built four chapels since being ordained in 1949, was

now gazing into the future and building a school — with no resources. With the help of fellow Jesuit Jim Conwell, a land grant of 60 acres had been acquired and Father B, as we called him, began acquiring building materials. He wanted to brighten the future of the Native Alaskan boys and girls from seventeen villages. "I know that as in the past with God and those who love Him and His neglected ones, nothing is impossible," wrote Father Buchanan.

**Gill:** In the spring of 1956 Father John Buchanan came to Elmendorf AFB where I was stationed and gave a talk about CVSP, the Copper Valley School Project, as it was then called. He came in hope of enlisting volunteers to help him in the construction of this new project. Because of a most gracious Catholic commander, I was able to devote much time to working with Brother George Feltes, S.J., at the Jesuit house in Anchorage. There I drove the mission's semi trucks, worked surplus, helped brother in every possible way, and even managed to go to Copper Valley and help in the actual construction.

**Joanne:** The fall of 1956, Holy Cross Mission was closing its boarding school, so the students were being sent to Copper Valley School, along with six sisters of St. Ann who had the care of the kids. There were still day students and Father Buchanan recruited Pat Shanks and two other lay people to teach at Holy Cross.

**Gill:** Alas, my good friend and mentor, Brother Feltes, was transferred to Fairbanks, Alaska, and upon my discharge from the Air Force, Father Buchanan handed me a signed paper designating me as the chief purchaser and expeditor for CVSP. I didn't even know what the words meant, but there I was officially replacing a man whose shoes I knew I could never fill.

**Joanne:** Sr. Mary George Edmund, SSA got permission from The Most Rev. Francis D. Gleeson, S.J., Bishop of the Vicariate of Fairbanks, Alaska to use lay volunteers. This was a revolutionary idea! Lay volunteers? Sr. George recruited five lay volunteers from Massachusetts.

**Gill:** The first volunteers from Massachusetts, Anne Kent and Marge (Mannix) Spils, along with Sister George Edmund, arrived at Copper in the summer of 1956. These gals worked hard preparing the bedrooms, classrooms and whatever else for the arrival of the children who would come from Holy Cross Mission for the coming school year. And come they did. I was blessed in being the bus driver to pick them



Copper Valley School

"Love is shown more in deeds than in words."  
— St. Ignatius of Loyola

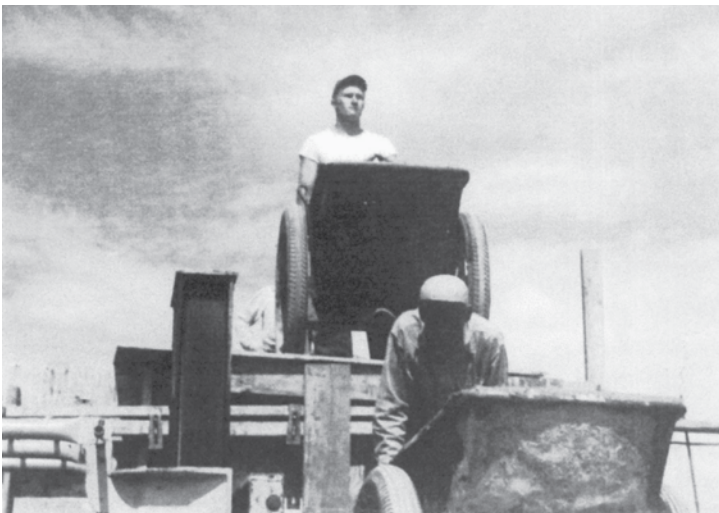
up at Gulkana Airport. When they got into the bus, which for many was the first time in any bus, they were completely silent. I pulled the bus to the side of the road and told them

...It was with such blind and trusting faith that they lived, enjoyed and endured the rest of their stay under the watchful and loving eyes of the Northern Lights of Alaska.

that I was a mean old man and the only thing that made me “unmean” was music. From there to Copper Valley they sang their hearts out. That Christmas I was blessed with being their first Santa away from home.

*Joanne:* Attending Gonzaga University in 1958, I had reached the end of my sophomore year. Some of the friends I hung around with were heading to Alaska for the summer to build a school with Dick Spils’ uncle Father Jake Spils. One day a priest I hadn’t met before, came with my “Alaska friends” to the apartment Sylvia Servatius and I shared. Father John Buchanan asked us if we wanted to teach in Alaska at a mission school. He expressed himself so eloquently about the need.

Not much prayer or thought went into this decision of mine to go to Alaska. Sure, I’d go! I can’t tell you why my answer came so quickly. My family in Pasco, Wash., thought I had lost my senses. Some faculty at G.U. expressed their hesitation at such a venture, but later affirmed my decision.



Al Gyllenhammer on the fork life bringing concrete to the second story of CVS in 1957.



Joanne (Manfred) Bovey on a mail run, which happened five days out of the week.

June 2, 1958, Bishop Bernard Topel of the Diocese of Spokane fed us breakfast and blessed our journey. The eight of us left Spokane, becoming the first west coast volunteers. We traveled the graveled Alcan Highway, arriving at Copper Valley School after five days of constant travel with one night’s sleep. And that’s when I met Gill!

*Gill:* And what a meeting it was. As a welcoming committee, a group of us volunteers blindfolded Joanne and Judy Casey. We seated them in different vehicles, drove them in circles around the premises, told them we were up the neighboring hillside overlooking the Copper River, led them onto a gang plank and told them to jump! We held their hands as they, with blind faith in their captors, graciously leapt to their fate. Of course it was only into a small pool along the Tazlina River about six inches deep. And it was with such blind and trusting faith that they lived, enjoyed and endured the rest of their stay under the watchful and loving eyes of the Northern Lights of Alaska.

*Joanne:* You always kept things lively, Gill! After returning to Gonzaga University in the fall of 1959, several of us began defining just what this volunteer corps was. We named it LAMB, or Lay Apostle Mission Board. Father James Conwell, S.J., and Father Armand Nigro, S.J., assisted us in our mission to create an application form which Bishop Gleeson approved. We made trips to Yellowstone, shot elk and sent them to Alaska. Boxes of apples were also sent. We asked what was needed and God provided just as Father B said He would.

In 1968, Father Jack Morris, S.J., transported LAMB to Portland and renamed it the JVCs, Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Years later, Gill, his wife Donna and I would travel to Copper Valley for reunions and camp out on the grounds. Now why would our former students continue to travel to this spot? The place burned to the ground in 1970 and it was



## SIXTH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER: CELEBRATING 55 YEARS OF SERVICE AND TRANSFORMATION

May 14, 2011, in Seattle, Wash.

[www.jvcnorthwest.org/events](http://www.jvcnorthwest.org/events)

Liturgy at 5:30 in the Campion Chapel, Seattle University  
Dinner at 6:30 in the Campion Ballroom, Seattle University

For our local supporters, former volunteers, friends, and families, please join us at the Sixth Annual Benefit Dinner! Join JVC Northwest as we raise a glass to 55 years of service while raising funds for the 142 JVs serving over 160,000 people in need in our communities. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Ted Fortier's early experiences with Indigenous Peoples led him to his career as a

Cultural Anthropologist. He is a former Jesuit Volunteer serving in St. Mary's, Alaska with the Yup'ik people and has been teaching at Seattle University since 1997 where he was honored as the Reverend Louis Gaffney Chair in Arts and Sciences. Fortier has successfully bridged two worlds: Western Intellectualism and Indian Spiritualism. Taking the best of both, he has become a guide to thousands of Seattle University students seeking greater understanding of different cultures. His book, *Cultural Memory: Religion, Resistance and Identity*, co-authored with Prof. Jeanette Rodriguez of the Theology Department, explores the manner in which Indigenous People retain identity despite colonial oppression. In addition to Dr. Fortier's talk, you'll be able to hear from a current Jesuit Volunteer and Executive Director, Jeanne Haster as we all have fun reconnecting with friends old and new. It will be a wonderful night — come help us fill the room! Register online at [www.jvcnorthwest.org/events](http://www.jvcnorthwest.org/events) or call (503) 335-8202.

## CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

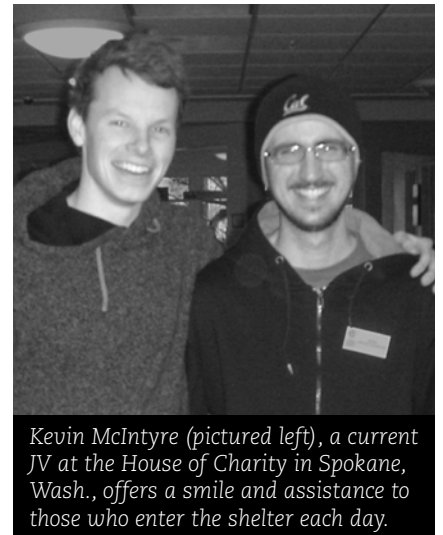
Current JV, Kevin McIntyre (Spokane, WA) reflects on starting a new exercise program and what it means to be a part of a community.

My name is Kevin McIntyre, a first year volunteer serving at the House of Charity. The HoC, as locals call it, is a state-of-the-art homeless shelter in the heart of downtown Spokane, Wash. While my duties include facilitating front desk operations and recruiting community volunteers, the position has allowed me to implement my passion for exercise into the lives of a handful of individuals at the shelter. I have started an exercise program called Run to Overcome, which encourages participants to be conscious of their health, staying physically

“For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people’s love and concern for each other.”  
— Millard Fuller

active and eating healthier to stimulate both mental and physical well-being. Although in its incipient stages, the program has already sparked a sense of teamwork and community among the enthusiasts participating.

Besides the obvious benefits of the program, I see it as a perfect way to render justice to willing persons who struggle on a daily basis with unemployment, homelessness, illness, etc. The leadership role has also expanded my perception of community beyond the walls of my JV house. I feel that I have come into community with individuals at the House of Charity, especially with those who allow me to motivate them in reaching a greater goal in self-improvement. I continue to discover the similarities between my fellow JVs and those with whom I serve — both give me extraordinary inspiration to persevere through personal struggle. The difficult part is reciprocating this sense of care and belonging on a daily basis, yet I feel I am catching on. I continue to see that community is where the human person truly flourishes, and a lack of right relationship is an injustice in-and-of itself. I will be forever thankful for this realization and will take it with me to wherever life may lead. ▶



Kevin McIntyre (pictured left), a current JV at the House of Charity in Spokane, Wash., offers a smile and assistance to those who enter the shelter each day.



# PEACE, ONE STEP AT A TIME

BY PATTY HOUTS-HUSSEY  
(CORNELIUS, OR '73-74)

“Did you know there are eight Trident submarines based 20 miles from Seattle, with just one Trident submarine capable of destroying 192 cities within 30 minutes anywhere in the world. And these nuclear submarines travel in the Puget Sound waters continuously, with a real risk of a nuclear accident.” Bill Bichsel, S.J., (Father Bix) compassionately told me. I said “no way” and Father Bix said with his special chuckle “yes way.”

He continued. “Jesuit Volunteers are part of my family. Their presence helps nurtures and support my attempt to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God.”

To spread awareness of these nuclear realities Father Bix and four others, ages 61-84, a Catholic nun, another Jesuit priest, and two grandmothers, cut and entered the fence of the Bangor/Kitsap Naval base, and walked undetected for four hours into a “shoot to kill” zone where over 1,000 Trident nuclear weapons are stored. Confronted by US Marines, the Bangor 5 put their lives on the line to bring to the public a wake-up call about the deadly Trident nuclear submarines.

Bix and the four others were convicted in federal court in December 2010 and face sentencing up to 10 years in prison on March 28, 2011. They had hoped at trial to raise

awareness of nuclear disaster, but were stopped by the judge who would not allow any discussion of nuclear weapons.

Bix continues to inspire us. At the Micah Gathering he said, “Though we might not all be called to serve in prison, each of us can take steps towards eliminating nuclear weapons. Learn about it. Talk about it. Sing and Pray. Go forward one step at a time.”

Bix invited all to the sentencing and other week-end activities. To contact Father Bix please send an email to: [bix.tacoma@gmail.com](mailto:bix.tacoma@gmail.com).

To contact Patty Houts-Hussey email [phh@whidbey.com](mailto:phh@whidbey.com) or call 360.321.5687. ▶

# VOLUNTEERS EXPLORING VOCATIONS

This past fall, JVC Northwest was invited to join a group called Volunteers Exploring Vocations (VEV), part of the Fund for Theological Education (FTE). VEV works in partnership with year-long faith-based service programs, integrating vocational discernment as one of each program’s benchmarks, along with service, working for peace and justice, living in intentional community, pursuing a simplified lifestyle and continuing spiritual growth. There are opportunities offered by VEV for our volunteers to attend a VEV regional or national conferences and for formers who are considering enrolling in a Master of Divinity program (VEV Fellowship valued at \$10,000). To learn more about these opportunities, please call our office (503) 335-8202 or visit [www.fteleaders.org](http://www.fteleaders.org). ▶

“If you look deeply into the palm of your hand, you will see your parents and all generations of your ancestors. All of them are alive in this moment. Each is present in your body. You are the continuation of each of these people.”  
— Thich Nhat Hanh

## SAVE-THE-DATE FOR THE 2011 MICAH GATHERING!

All are welcome to the 2011 MICAH GATHERING taking place on the evening of Thursday, July 21 through noon on Sunday, July 24 at the Casey Conference Center on Whidbey Island, Wash. Come for part or all of the festivities!

Contact MICAH [micah@whidbey.com](mailto:micah@whidbey.com), 360.321.5687, PO Box 1046, Langley, WA 98260 for more information.

Come and enjoy spectacular sunsets and sunrises, Puget Sound beaches, music, campfires, and meaningful and supportive dialogues. Many Former JVs, friends, and families participate in this annual Micah Gathering, supporting efforts to make our world a more loving, just and peaceful place. ▶



# CROSSROADS

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**'72** Jeanne Labozetta (Ashland, MT '72-74) shares: I live with my wonderful husband Rob Clarke in San Jose, Calif. After having worked with nonprofits all my life, I am now a senior consultant with Realize Consulting Group and provide organizational development and strategic planning consulting and coaching for executive management teams and boards of directors. I am the proud "Nana" to Aiden Clarke. This past summer, Carol Rosa Reed, with whom I worked in Ashland, Mont., and her husband Guy visited Rob and me in our San Jose home. I have attached our photo of that wonderful day.



**'74** Jim Calderola (St. Mary's, AK '74-77) has taken a position as Director of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Sacramento, California. Jim worked for the Archdiocese of Anchorage for over 25 years.

Barbara Loftin Smith (Omak, WA '74-75) shares that she and her husband, Greg, are moving to Doha, Qatar at the end of February.

**'75** Allan Glynn, Joyce Moch's (Fairbanks, AK '75-77) brother writes to share his sister's story. Diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease three years ago, Joy continues to touch family, friends and staff with her kind and loving spirit. After an early medical retirement, Joy has resided



in a 24-hour-care facility for the last year and although she has difficulty expressing herself, her sweet and polite manner exudes love. Her two grandsons can attest to this, at 22 months, Shamus and Declan love playing with their grandma. Joy's neurologist said she is one of the sweetest people he has ever known. The pictures shown below were taken at her son, Ian's, birthday dinner.

**'79** Cathy (Hayes) Valenty (Hillsboro, OR '79-80; St. Ignatius, MT '80-81) shares that she remarried five years ago to a wonderful man, John Valenty. They have a combined household of six children (adults now). Her four children (one daughter, three sons) and his two sons. For the most part, they are part-time "empty-nesters" (although they have a yellow lab, a cat, a rabbit and a fish to keep them busy!) Cathy has worked with a non-profit agency, the Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc., in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., for the past 25 years. For the past 14 years, she has been the Director of the WIC Program sponsored by SCEOC.

**'84** Julie (Dacey) Fay, (Seattle, WA '84-85) lives in Wayland, Mass., with her husband Tom (Buffalo, NY '83-84) and their kids Brianna, Liam, Nick and Quinn. Juliette's second novel, *Deep Down True*, hit bookstores recently. She did a talk/signing at University Books in Seattle, connected with old JV friends and fell

in love with the city all over again!

Vern and Katie (Stock) Benschling (Tacoma, WA '84-85) live in Portland, Ore., with their two daughters, Leah, age 16 and Alaina, age 12. Leah attends Jesuit High School in Beaverton and Alaina attends Robert Gray Middle School in southwest Portland. Leah was selected by her peers as co-captain of the Jesuit High School swim team for next season and is planning to go far from home for college. Alaina's seventh-grade, all-girl, Lego-robotics team was selected to meet President Obama. The six girl team demonstrated their robot to President Obama and the media. President Obama was at Intel Corporation in Hillsboro, Ore., Feb. 18, 2011, promoting his "Winning the Future" initiative. The notoriety spread to the entire family. When not searching the internet for pictures of Alaina with President Obama, Katie is an internist at Oregon Health & Science University. Vern is a dialysis social worker at Portland Veteran's Administration Medical Center, where he has worked for 21 years.



"Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God."  
— St. Ignatius of Loyola

**'87** Gertrude Bailey (Bethel, AK '87-90) was delighted to read about the present JVs in Bethel in two issues of *The Alaskan Shepherd*. She is sure that "more roads have been paved; the water tanks are larger; there are (fewer) 'honey buckets;' but the culture remains and the things that make one love Bethel and Alaska itself remain." She also shares that

memories of her three years as a JV are among the most precious of her life.

**'89** Bob Ferguson (Portland, OR '89-90) shares that he has announced his candidacy for Attorney General of Washington State. He is currently on the King County Council, and Chair the Law, Justice and Human Services Committee. Visit [www.electbobferguson.com](http://www.electbobferguson.com) for more information.

**'92** Sabeth Fitzgibbons (Hillsboro, OR '92-93) and Julien Goulet (Medford, OR '91-92) share: In October we traveled to Colombia to joyfully welcome Isabella Grace, born March 15, 2010, into our family. We continue to live and work in the Boston area: Sabeth as an Episcopal priest, and Julien as the director of youth programs for a nonprofit.

**'99** Samit Roy (San Antonio, TX '98-99, Omak, WA '99-00) and Teresa Sutter (Omak, WA '99-01) were married Sept. 18, 2010, in Chicago, Ill. After spending several years as teachers on the Zuni reservation in New Mexico, they now reside in Chicago.



Monica Desmond (Portland, OR '99-00) shares that she and her husband, Todd Looby, welcomed their daughter, Teresa "Tessa" Day Desmond Looby into the world on Oct. 24, 2010.



Justin Regus (Billings, MT '99-00) shares that the 1999-2000 Billings JV house met up in Billings for a few days in October. They spent a couple of days reminiscing, visiting former placements and catching up with the new house of Billings JVs, then spent a couple more days in a cabin near Columbus, Mont. The four day reunion was a simple reminder of the amazing connection they continue to share formed through one

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## IN MEMORY

**'63** Bridget Brockmeyer (Copper Valley, AK '63-64) shares that Marion Kelly (Copper Valley, AK '62-64) died Tuesday, March 24, 2011, at 12:30 a.m. She suffered from severe dementia these past two years, spending her final years in Portland, Ore., near her sister and brother-in-law Betty and Fred Harkins. After serving together and staying in touch over the last 46 years, Marion will be missed.

**'75** With his family by his side, James Edward Knudson (Fairbanks, AK '75-76) passed away peacefully on Feb. 15, 2011. Jim had waged a valiant six-month battle against pancreatic cancer. He attended Santa Clara University, graduating in 1975, and immediately entered Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, serving in Fairbanks, AK '75-76. While in Fairbanks Jim met the love of his life, fellow Jesuit Volunteer Donna Kling, and they married in 1978. Jim and Donna's daughter, Kate, served as a JV in Bethel, AK 2005-07. May he rest in peace.



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**'97-06** Bonnie Bean Graham, former business coordinator for JVC Northwest from 1997 through 2006, passed away, on March 24, surrounded by family. Bonnie was a talented writer and enjoyed spending time with her many children and grandchildren. Bonnie brought great light into JVC Northwest and will be missed greatly.



**'94** The Helena, MT '94-95 crew gathered again in Glacier, Mont., in July 2010. This summer marked the sixth time in eight years that the group has had a summer gathering! Shown in photo below, standing: Enid and Madeline Levangie, Tim, Jack, and Nicole Leary, Kate and Pete Levangie, Kate and Pete Leary, Fiona Gautschi, Colleen Hoarty, Eric and Charlotte Gautschi, Will Hambuchen, Colleen Casey, Audrey and Steve Hambuchen. Sitting: Peter Levangie, Lynn Wilgenbusch, Anthony and Tim Scalzitti.




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year of intentional community. The 1999-2000 JV house stopped to admire a beautiful view during a hike in the Absorka Mountains — and pose for a picture. Pictured below are Justin Regus, Noreen Matthews, Matt Mylet (with son Brogan on his back), Suzie Mylet, Mike Mahanna, Tony Stieritz.



The FJV's tried to show the new JV's what teamwork and community is all about, and almost got the pyramid together in time. Pictured are: bottom row: Mike Mahanna, Noreen Matthews, Ryan Maloney, Justin Regus; second row: Tony Stieritz, Anna Lubarda, Devon Katz; top: Katherine Brady.



'02 Liz Wilson (Portland (Morris, OR '02-03, Brooklyn, NY '03-04) shares that she was married last summer. Included in the picture are three of her Morris

“Go forth and set the world on fire.”  
— St. Ignatius of Loyola

House roomies and another FJV from the Hillsboro house.



'03 Allison Drevich (Billings, MT '03-04) shares that her daughter, Eva Teresa Drevich Cruz, was born on July 12, 2010.



'04 Kate Redmond (Anchorage, AK '04-05) and her housemates reunited in Kentucky last fall to celebrate the wedding of Sarah Henry (Anchorage, AK '04-05) to Michael Whiteman. Pictured left to right: Sarah Henry, Colleen Crowley, Courtney Kana, Sarah Latham, Kate Redmond and Zach Mountin.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR UPDATES

*Thank you to all of our Northwest former Jesuit Volunteers who submitted your contact updates with Harris Connect! For those of you who chose to purchase the optional paper directory, we hope that you will enjoy the finished product in your hands in June.*

*For those of you anxiously awaiting the up and coming, free online directory, it is on its way! Keep checking your emails and reading Focus for the grand instructional announcements! ▶*

Kate Redmond (Anchorage, AK '04-05) also shares that the Anchorage FJVs partied in Las Vegas in September to celebrate the 60th Birthday of Melba Cooke, longtime Anchorage JV community friend and supporter. Cooke has supervised Anchorage JVs placed at the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association since 1994. Former Four A's JVs J.P. Mahoney ('03-04), Kate Redmond ('04-05) and Daniel Norfleet ('05-06) attended, as well as Anchorage FJV's Lucy Voegele ('03-04), Sarah Latham ('04-05), Courtney Kana ('04-05), Colleen Crowley ('04-05) and Matt Serres ('05-06). Happy Birthday Cooke!



'07 Julia Helene Delektka (Sitka, AK '08-09) is happy to share that Matt Walsh (Sitka, AK '07-08) married

Molly Hughey (AmeriCorps Volunteer, Sitka, AK '08-09) in Westborough, Mass., on Dec. 30, 2010. Her entire JV community was in attendance, dancing and singing the night away in celebration. Pictured below is The Mates, the Sitka '08-09 community, left to right: Nora Blumenstein, Matt Walsh, Caitlin Reichelderfer, Julia Helene Delektka, and Amy Christel.



Katie McLaughlin (Billings, MT '07-08) has been working in Boston since August 2010 for CSN Stores. In March, she joined the training department and is moving to Ogden, Utah, in April as part of a team of 10 to set up a new office there. She continues to keep in touch with and visit her friends and “JVC family” back in Billings, Mont., and hopes to return this summer to teach at Venture Theatre.



## To all of the wonderful financial supporters of JVC Northwest,

You may be noticing that our usual donor recognition pages in *Focus* are missing . . . well, this is with good reason. In the upcoming Fall 2011 issue of *Focus*, we are looking forward to bringing you an Annual Report which will include the donor list for our entire fiscal year. In preparation for this wonderful spread, we are saving some paper and some

“The lessons I have learned about myself, relationships, and the values of social justice and simplicity are lessons I will carry with me for the rest of my life.”  
— Alex Roem, current JV

resources in this issue of *Focus* by leaving out our “first half of the year donors.” Don’t worry — we’ll make sure to get your name (if you like it listed) in the fall issue! Please contact Lydia Mann with any questions: (503) 335-8202 or [lmann@jvcnorthwest.org](mailto:lmann@jvcnorthwest.org).

If you would like to become a donor to JVC Northwest and keep this program serving those most in need, please send back the enclosed remit envelope or log onto [www.jvcnorthwest.org/donate](http://www.jvcnorthwest.org/donate). Thank you! ▶

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very sad to look at. Nothing had been cleared away. But no matter, the hearts of our students were drawn back to the wonderful memories of their school experience. Not many boarding schools can boast of their students longing to return. We treasured each other. I was especially appreciative that God allowed me (and all volunteers) to see the fruit of our labors. Our students are now grandparents. They held down very respectful jobs and are now retired. Most importantly, they held on to and nourished their Catholic faith.

**Gill:** Though the block walls of Copper Valley have tumbled, another now rises among the ruins of this fallen edifice, one that grows with each passing year, one that grows with each passing soul in the cemetery at CVS. For every soul that has passed through this place called Copper Valley, whether as a volunteer or as a student, there is placed a block, one block at a time, upon a growing wall, and each block bears the name of that one. Mass is said during each yearly reunion and each soul is prayed for. There is no cement that binds the wall together other than the love that has held and always will hold them together . . . together as one.

**Joanne:** So now some 50 plus years removed from CVS and JVC, one gazes back through the decades and forward with hope. I met my husband Gordon Bovey at Copper. We have four children and seven grandchildren. Gordon passed away in 2008 and his name occupies a block at the cemetery. I live in the present, retired from teaching and busily involved in music ministry, youth group and family events.

“Laugh and grow strong”  
— St. Ignatius of Loyola

**Gill:** As I said in the beginning, this is no fairy tale. If it were, it would surely end. And even if it ended happily ever after, it would still end. No, it is a true story about me and about you. It is a story which continues to be written, and, when written in God’s own handwriting, it will never

With my family, which includes all of you, I have discovered this joy.

end. Its pages will be filled with pain, sufferings, hardships of all kinds and even death; but in spite of it all it is a story which is alive and active and continues to grow in truth and in love. And in this journey, if you read closely between the lines of each and every page, you will find hidden therein a deep, abiding joy. With my family, which includes all of you, I have discovered this joy.

**Joanne:** Father Buchanan had written in a 1953 news-letter, “There has been, and will be, no reward here and now for the ones helping . . . except of course, the inner glow that kindles whenever we . . . do something bigger than ourselves. But starting something like this for God is mysterious and almost Eternal in its repercussions. Long after we are gone it will carry on through the ages, and my only consolation with regard to you who have done so much, it is that when God rewards, it is in the eternal order . . . the only order that truly counts.”

God bless Father Buchanan and Sr. George Edmund for their courage to start the volunteer movement. May they rest in peace. ▶



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