RETURN TO RIVIER

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Reunion 2008 offered many reasons to celebrate: alumni anniversaries, the 75th anniversary of Rivier's founding, and the official opening of Regina Library's new wing. Alumni, family, and friends came together at events throughout the weekend to mark these special occasions.



Alumni Council Chair Agnes Grace '59 and Vice Chairs Delores Davis '94G and Pat Wixon '95/'01G pose with Executive Editor of *The Telegraph* David Solomon, Claudette Durocher '63, President William Farrell, Sr. Theresa Lawrence, p.m. '57, and Divisional Chair of Business Maria Matarazzo at the Alumni Awards Luncheon. (*Photos by Jodie Andruskevich*)

Friday night kicked off with a special reception to showcase the beautifully renovated and expanded Regina Library. A donor recognition reception followed in the Sunken Garden behind Madeleine Hall, with a performance by the Bryan Thomas Jazz Trio. The group included musician Nicholas Robichaud, son of Rose-Marie (Richard) Robichaud '67/ '71G. Alumni preparing for Saturday's festivities gathered in the New Residence Hall for a pizza party and some reminiscing.



Clockwise, from top left: Sr. Theresa Lawrence, p.m. '57 and Claudette Durocher '63 watch Karen Cooper, Executive Director of Development and Marketing, and Mary Bollinger, Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, place bricks in their honor in the Sunken Garden as part of Rivier's *Lasting Impressions* brick campaign.
Sr. Adrienne Beauregard '43/'04H helps Laurette Dugas Billig '48 cut a cake honoring the 60th reunion class.
The class of 1948 reminisced in Madeleine Hall—many of them recalled living on the third floor as students.



Top: Members of the Alumni Council welcomed alumni who graduated more than 50 years ago into the Golden Society. From left: Carol (Dvareckas) Looney '58, Pauline (Gamache) Milot '54, Marguerite (Lemiuex) Dumaine '58, Alumni Council Chair Agnes Grace '59, Rita (Cloutier) Calamari '58, Sr. Monique Bernatchez, p.m. '58, alumni Council Vice Chair Pat Wixon '95/'01G, Mary Ann (Salwa) Carroll '58, Mary (Conroy) O'Connor, Madeleine (Lapointe) Ryan '49, and Estelle (Auger) Dugas '58.

Bottom left: Executive Director of Development and Marketing Karen Cooper '03G presents former President Sr. Jeanne Perreault, p.m. '98H with a brick honoring the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary while Mrs. Carol Farrell and President William Farrell accept a brick in their honor from Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Mary Bollinger.

Bottom right: Darcie (Duquette) Dumont '98 and Dan Dumont '98 sample the food at the lobster bake.



Members of the 40th reunion class shared memories at the luncheon on Saturday afternoon. From left to right: Ellen (Hoy) Galligan, Cam McGurk, Nancy (Niconchuk) Brown, Michelle Sargeant, Suzanne (Sargeant) Schobe and Patricia (Przekop) Landry.

The Alumni Awards Luncheon on Saturday afternoon recognized some very special Rivier graduates. Members of the Class of 1958 were inducted into the Golden Society. Alumni Council Chair Agnes Grace '59 presented Golden Society pins to Gertrude (Dumaine) Belanger, Sr. Monique Bernatchez, Rita (Cloutier) Calamari, Mary Ann (Salwa) Carroll, Rose (Lamothe) Daudelin, Estelle (Auger) Dugas, Marguerite (Lemieux) Dumaine and Mary (Conroy) O'Connor.

Claudette Durocher '63 and Sr. Theresa Lawrence, p.m. '57 received the Sr. Madeleine of Jesus Award in honor of their longtime commitment to Rivier and service to their communities. Executive Director of Development and Marketing Karen Cooper

'03G and Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Mary Bollinger placed engraved bricks honoring the two women in the Sunken Garden around a center stone commemorating Rivier's 75th anniversary. The bricks were the first two in Rivier's Lasting Impressions campaign. Bricks honoring the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, President and Mrs. William Farrell, and the 60th reunion class were placed in the walkway as well.

The 60th reunion class also enjoyed a cake in their honor. Sr. Marie-Christilla Pelletier, p.m. '48, Elise Tougas '48 and Laurette Dugas Billig '48 shared with other alumni from the 1940's: Madeleine (Lapointe) Ryan '49, Annette (Chouinard) Gilbert '47 and Sr. Adrienne Beauregard, p.m. '43/'04H.

Saturday night reunion guests enjoyed a traditional New England lobster bake and dancing. Reunion weekend wrapped up Sunday morning with a mass and breakfast with the Sisters. ■

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