



# Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's fall season 2011

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## Concert Review

The September 3<sup>rd</sup> Concert featuring California residents, **Dorothy Helregel Mathious** and her daughter **Jenna**, drew this reaction from Newton Press editor, Vanette King, writing a review for the Jasper County Newton Eagle:

*“Dorothy Helregel Mathious held everyone under a commanding spell last Saturday at her concert at St. Mary’s Church in Ste. Marie.*

*A stunning moment in the performance was “You’ll Never Walk Alone,” by Rogers & Hammerstein, featuring Mezzo Soprano Mathious, joined by her daughter Jenna Mathioudakis; it had the power to make one cry.*

*...The concert was very moving: great talent, beautiful voices, and compelling stage presence.”*

Yes, there were tears – and cheers – for a stellar performance featuring music of Schubert, Sondheim, Copland, Vivaldi and Andrew Lloyd Weber and others.

We were all proud to honor this very talented, former Sainte Marie resident and her daughter.

We thank her siblings, **Don Helregel, Marilyn Huss, Bob Helregel and Judy Millsap**, as well as her nieces **Terri Helregel Grady and Sue Helregel Resler** who paid for the rental of the grand piano.

The first-class concert also featured pianist **Karen Sainer**, Newton; Violinists **Monica Hilderbrand**, Robinson and **Mikkel Beavers**, Newton; and professional cellist **Ku-Wai Yu**, Eastern Illinois University professor (See pix on back page).

The concert DVD will be ready in mid-October, according to **Annette Reis Lynch**. It can be picked up at the Sainte Marie State Bank for \$20 or for \$25, if mailed. Send checks payable to **Sainte Marie Foundation, P.O. Box 186, Sainte Marie, IL 62459**.

And here’s a **COMBO BONUS OFFER** – if you never got around to ordering the **Jim Litzelman** piano concert last year, you can have both DVD’s

for just \$30, plus \$5 if it has to be mailed. You can’t beat that offer.

## News Notes

-Good luck to **Phyllis Hartrich Moraga** who closed her Palestine, IL, antique shop and moved it to Eureka Springs, AK.

-50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries galore! Four Ochs siblings celebrated this year: **Louis/Gloria Ochs, Richard/Joyce Ochs, Norb/Jane Ochs** and **George/Betty (Ochs) Brummer**. Their parents, **Bernard and Marie Ochs**, must have been a bit shell-shocked in 1961. Also, celebrating 50 this year were **Vinnie/June (Keller) Zuber** and **Jud and Sandra Cameron**. Congrats to all!

-**Suzanne Hartrich**, daughter of Don and Nikki, recently received a Med Tech certificate from Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, IN. She has a new job working as a lab technician in Indianapolis. She already had a bachelor’s degree in biology.

-**Annette Reis Lynch** was named **2011 Outstanding Student** from the Lake Land College Business Division. She received the honor because she made five Allied Health Program videos as a volunteer. “She has found a passion in her video work and brought more to the students and staff than she will ever know,” said her instructor in his nomination remarks. Annette makes the Foundation’s videos too.

## Transitions

**Evelyn (Keller) Shoffstall**, 94  
**Mildred Hoecherl**, 92,  
**Jean (Huff) Gala**, 78, Lincoln, IL  
**Josephine Spitzer**, 95  
**Gladys Reis**, 85  
**Paul “Keith” Hartrich**, 71, Robinson, IL

## We Get Mail

From **Mary (Shoffstall) Hart** commenting on her stay at the Foundation House during her mother’s funeral: *The Foundation House is just what we needed. My girls and I enjoyed just sitting on the porch swing...the quiet beauty of our little Ste. Marie was amazing!*

**The remainder of this newsletter is devoted to the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Please read and let the Community Club know how you can help.**

### **Community Club Launches 175<sup>th</sup>!!**

How lucky Ste. Marie is! The Community Club is organizing a fantastic celebration to be held on June 29, 30 and July 1, 2012. Mark your calendars now for this gala event.

Here's a tentative schedule:

#### **Friday, June 29, 2012**

6 p.m. Time Capsule Opening

7 p.m. Social Event (Picquet Park)

#### **Saturday, June 30**

7 a.m. 5K Run/Walk w/breakfast at Hideout

8 – noon Helen Graham Art Exhibit at Bank

10 a.m. Parade

*Afternoon and early evening:* Food including the FAMOUS Ste. Marie Chicken, quilt show, antique car/tractor displays, DJ dance, Beer Garden, etc.

*Evening:* Fireworks Display sponsored by Mont Eagle Mills, Inc. at Picquet Park

#### **Sunday, July 1**

Dedication Mass followed by reception

### **HOWEVER, We Need Your Help!**

Unlike in the past where we all just came and enjoyed what our hometown offered, this year the organizers are asking for YOUR help. There are fewer people in the SM area than there were 25 years ago, so we are all going to have to pitch in a bit to have the kind of celebration that we have all come to expect. Can we do it??? YES, WE CAN. Below is a list of ways that you can be involved.

### **Sainte Marie 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

#### ***From the Community Club Committee***

The committee sincerely hopes that you will plan on actively participating in this special event. Here is a list of ways you can do so:

-We need help to put on this celebration. If you and anyone you know would be willing to work at the celebration on Friday, June 29 & Saturday, June 30, 2012, for even an hour or two...it would be greatly appreciated!

-Would you be interested in a paid advertisement in the 175th commemorative book and/or on the website? Form enclosed in this newsletter.

-If you would be interested in having an entry in the parade, which will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 30, 2012, please let us know by completing the enclosed form.

-Do you have any old photos of either Sainte Marie area people or buildings that could be copied and possibly used in a calendar, etc. or displayed during the celebration?

-If you are artistic and would like to have a copy of your drawing or painting of a Sainte Marie area business, home or people (past or present) considered for a calendar, note cards, postcards, etc...please let us know.

-If you know of someone or something of interest that would be great for the parade and is free or very reasonable...let us know.

-Do you know of something/someone entertaining for during the celebration: music, singers, clowns, etc. and is free or very reasonable?

-Do you have a story to share about people or happenings in Sainte Marie history for the commemorative book? Call Pat Reis 312-565-9915 or e-mail her at [patreisprpr@yahoo.com](mailto:patreisprpr@yahoo.com).

-Do you have an old quilt that has a historical connection to someone in the Sainte Marie area? Would you be willing to have it displayed at the Quilt Show during the celebration?

-Are you interested in participating in the 5K Run/Walk on Saturday morning, June 30, 2012?

-Would like to help sponsor the celebration with a monetary donation?

**The Official Website of the Sainte Marie 175th Anniversary Celebration is:**  
**<http://www.saintemarie175.com>**

#### **Limited Contact Information:**

Julie Woodard - 618-455-3173 Committee Chair

Mike Hartrich - 618-783-8678 5K Run/Walk &

Sainte Marie Foundation contact

Donna M. Keller - 618-455-3452 Parade Chair

Eugala Bigard - 618-455-3334 Quilt Chair

Pat Reis - 312-350-0041 or email

[patreisprpr@yahoo.com](mailto:patreisprpr@yahoo.com) - 175th Commemorative Book (buy an ad now and make sure you are included in this historic book! See included form.)

Sainte Marie, Illinois  
1837-2012

Quarto-septocentennial  
175th Anniversary Celebration Parade  
Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

Please Print

Keep a copy for  
your records

Who are you representing/what is the name of your unit? (brief description for announcements)

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Contact Person w/ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted later about what time & where to line up for the parade, so please include a contact number w/ area code & name AND an email address if you have one. Please add *rakeller@dishmail.net* to your address book so email to you will not go to spam.

**TYPE OF UNIT** (Please check only one category)

- Marching Unit  Dignitary  Queen/Princess/Belle  
 Color Guard  Shrine Unit  Classic/Antique Vehicles/Tractors (circle which one)  
 Bands  Equestrian  Firetrucks/Rescue Vehicles  
 Decorated Float  Miscellaneous \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF UNIT** (Please fill in all that apply to your unit)

Total Length \_\_\_\_\_ Total Width \_\_\_\_\_ Self-Propelled YES ( ) or NO ( )  
Towed By \_\_\_\_\_ # of people walking \_\_\_\_\_ # of people in unit \_\_\_\_\_  
Sound (Music or Talking) on unit? YES ( ) or NO ( )

Only one entry per application form. Please duplicate this form if more than one unit is applying

*We request that your unit have individuals at curbside or street level for the distribution of candy, gum, etc. Throwing items from moving entries is against parade rules and strictly prohibited. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter. If you need more room to write your information...please use the back of this sheet or another piece of paper.*

**Return Form no later than February 15, 2012 to** (but you may return right away if you know you are attending)

**Donna M. Keller, Parade Chairman**

**2591 N. 1800th St.**

**West Liberty, IL 62475**

**Phone: 618-455-3452 (home) or 618-783-3772 (business)**

**Email: rakeller@dishmail.net** YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS HERE

**URL: www.saintemarie175.com**

Thank you and we are looking forward to your participation in this historic event.

*Donna M. Keller, Chairman Parade Committee*

*Parade Taskforce: Bob Keller, Rick & Peg Cochran, Pam & Paul Burnell, Bruce & Debbie Hill, Deb Burnett, Blain & Tresa Butler, Dawn Calvert, etc. etc.*

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Dorothy Helregel Mathious (center) takes a bow with musicians at the end of the Sept. 3rd concert.

The Sainte Marie Foundation newsletter is published quarterly. Send comments to writer/editor Pat Reis, [patreisprpr@yahoo.com](mailto:patreisprpr@yahoo.com). The Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization, duly recognized as an Illinois charitable corporation. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Do you have a Sainte Marie story you would like to share? Write your own and/or contact Pat Reis [patreisprpr@yahoo.com](mailto:patreisprpr@yahoo.com). We reserve the right to edit.

### **Ad Request for Commemorative Book**

**\_\_\_ YES, I want to be included in the 2012 Book commemorating the 175th anniversary of the founding of Sainte Marie.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

CompanyName \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Ads available:

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Page - Inside \$150.00 - approximately 7 " x 9"

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page - Inside \$75.00 - approximately 7 " x 4 1/2"

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 page - Inside \$37.50 - approximately 3 1/2" x 4 1/2"

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/6 page - Inside \$25.00 - approximately 3 1/2" x 3"

Make checks payable to the *SAINTE MARIE FOUNDATION, PO Box 186, Ste. Marie, IL 62459.*

Please submit electronic copy to [patreisprpr@yahoo.com](mailto:patreisprpr@yahoo.com) (preferred). Or attach paper copy to this form and mail to above address. A copy of the book will be sent to the above address. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Don't forget to send Pat any stories that you would like to have included in the book. They can be pictures, poems, a short history of your family, how Sainte Marie impacted your life, etc. Ken Stone has forwarded three short chapters of a memoir he wrote for his children, including *The World War II Years*, *Growing Up in Sainte Marie*, and *Growing Up Catholic*. We would welcome any of your own musings too.