

# SOUNDINGS update

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THE LITERACY CONNECTION CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

## You Are Ever a Part of Our Lives...

*On June 1, The Literacy Connection celebrated its twenty-seventh anniversary with the annual Celebration of Gratitude and Accomplishment. The pictures that accompany this article tell a story beyond words. The reflections below are the words of Pat Andrews, CSJ, as she welcomed participants and prepared to acknowledge each student and tutor as well as the ongoing support of our CSJ Leadership Team and the Office of Sponsored Ministries.*



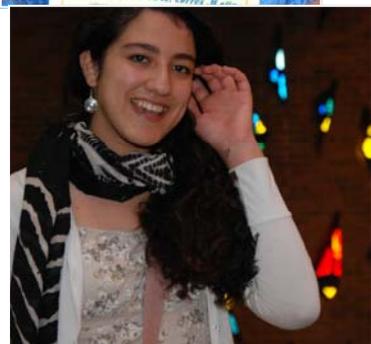
In 1873, when four Sisters of Saint Joseph from Brooklyn, NY arrived in Boston, they found themselves in a city of immigrants. Four days later they opened a school for 200 children and thus embarked on a mission that would find them involved in varied ministries over the next 140 years addressing many areas of social concern. Twenty-seven years ago, The Literacy Connection came into being with that same concern for helping an immigrant population (this time adults) alleviate language differences.



Four days ago this nation lost a "Renaissance Woman", Maya Angelou. Ms. Angelou was a renowned African-American poetess, writer, actress, dancer, and political activist. Her words were an inspiration to many. One particular quote, "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them," aptly describes you today. You have endured hardships, setbacks and, for some, violent situations but hope for a better future and opportunities for your families has spurred you on.



We recognize and congratulate you – your efforts and desire to speak English, to become more involved in your communities, and, for many, to become United States citizens. You are a gift to us! Your sacrifices, motivation, concern for family, and your abundant JOY are an example for us. ...continued on page 2





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As Sisters of Saint Joseph, we often use the word "charism". Wikipedia describes charism as a gift that flows from God's love to us to help us perform our task in the Church. To our tutors- you are charism to The Literacy Connection. Without your generous gift of time, creativity, and concern, our program would not be able to function. Along with the "thank you" expressed by your students, we add our heartfelt gratitude as well. "You are ever a part of our lives, all the good you have shared will live on in our hearts!"

<sup>1</sup> Music of Weston Priory, Vermont

## Sisters & Associates Participate in MSJA Alum Women's Health Day



Saturday, May 31, 2014  
Saint Joseph Prep High School



More than 200 people attended The Mount St. Joseph Academy Alumnae Association's Inaugural Women's Health Day on May 31, 2014. Many of our own sisters participated in this event which provided valuable resources and essential tools to support women from all generations in living healthy lives. In addition to Dr. Peggy Duggan, MSJA '82 who was the keynote speaker, Mary Rita Weschler, CSJA, was present to offer information about services and programs offered by The Women's Table. The day included professional screenings for skin cancer, vision, and hearing. The quality and passion of the presenters was matched by the passion, energy, insight, and engagement of the Mount alumnae and all who attended.

## Dates to Remember

- JUNE 15, SUN., 11:00AM — SUNDAY LITURGY AT MOTHERHOUSE WITH THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA – All welcome
- JUNE 18, WED., 1:35PM — SISTERS DAY AT THE RED SOX
- JUNE 18, WED., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- JUNE 19, THURS., 7:00PM —TAIZÉ PRAYER — Motherhouse
- JUNE 18, WED., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- JUNE 22, SUN., 10:00AM– MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome
- JUNE 26, THURS., 5:30PM – MOTHERHOUSE LITURGY – All welcome

*"Keep an ever free heart..."*  
Maxims of the Little Institute #53

**SISTER MARY FRANCES MAHONEY, CSJ**  
*Sister Adeltrude*  
Date of Birth: September 17, 1915  
Date of Death: June 3, 2014  
In the 77<sup>th</sup> year of her Religious Life.  
**MEMBERSHIP: 325**