

Maryknoll Family

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An Easter message from Sister Jeanne...

Dear Maryknollers,

The first crocus welcomed spring. This simple act reminds us of our own life and resurrection. We are made to be part of God's abounding love. This love echoes in "love your God with your body and soul, mind and heart," and at the same time unites all of us in all parts of the world.

In Songwriter David Haas' song "Blest are They" the words "Blessed are you, Holy are you" echo in our hearts. And our hearts respond with care of the sick, homeless, abandoned, refugees and migrants.

May this Easter be filled with new life for you and your family!

*With much love,
Sister Jeanne*

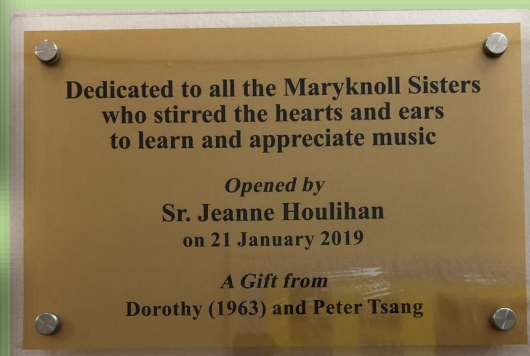


Sister Jeanne visits Hong Kong

On January 21, 2019, Sister Jeanne was invited to return to Hong Kong to officiate at the opening of new e-Learning facilities in both Primary and Secondary Schools.

Digital Music Room and STEM (acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Room are installed in the Primary School. These state-of-the-art facilities bring Maryknoll up to date with the latest educational trends and innovations to teach students critical thinking, creativity and problem solving skills in a non-traditional classroom setting.

New Cookery Room and three 21st Century Classrooms are installed in the Secondary School.



Maryknoll Sisters Center News



Music for the World Concert March 3, 2019

The concert was well attended by Maryknoll supporters from the Tri-State area as well as friends and family of alumni from Maryknoll schools from Hong Kong and the Philippines. Many of the guests who had come for the concert for many years said they always have a great time and would never think of missing this annual event.

MUSIC FOR THE WORLD 2019

It is my joy to welcome you to our Maryknoll Sisters Center and to this performance of the Hudson Valley Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Each day I realize more and more the magic power that lives within the heart of music. Music calls us to get up and dance and sing and it also brings tears to our eyes as a long-distant memory is tapped within our hearts. Through music, we are connected with each other and with all of nature. It is one of God's ways to help us to live deeply into all that has been given to us as it reaches out across cultures, religions and whatever else we feel may divide us. This afternoon, music unites us as one family with all those across the world. We come to relax, to listen and to ponder the wonder of music and its power to make our world a more peace-filled and holy one. Welcome!

Sister Antoinette Gutzler, M.M.
President



Sunday Afternoon, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 PM
Main Chapel, Maryknoll Sisters, Ossining, New York

HUDSON VALLEY SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

James D. Wayne, conductor • Micah Sprague, associate conductor
Emily Alkiewicz, Bert Hughes, David Russell, Doug Zantay ~ saxophone soloists

13th annual program to benefit Maryknoll Sisters around the world
Music for the World

Paul Creston (1906-1985)
CELEBRATION OVERTURE

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Transcribed by Merlin Patterson
THE ENGULFED CATHEDRAL
("LA CATHÉDRALE ENGLOUTIE" from Preludes, Book 1)
MICAH SPRAGUE, conductor

Alfred Reed (1921-2005)
MUSIC FOR "HAMLET"
A Suite for Symphonic Band

- I. PROLOGUE: ELSINORE AND THE COURT OF CLAUDIUS
Act I, Scenes I and II
- II. HAMLET AND OPHELIA
Act III, Scene I
- III. ENTRANCE OF THE PLAYERS
Act II, Scene II
- IV. EPILOGUE: THE DEATH OF HAMLET
Act V, Scene II

INTERMISSION

Bill Holcombe (1924-2010)
STEPHEN FOSTER REVISITED
Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Wind Ensemble
DAVID RUSSELL, EMILY ALKIEWICZ (alto)
DOUG ZANTAY (tenor) BERT HUGHES (baritone)

CAMPTOWN RACES — I DREAM OF JEANNE — OH, SUSANNAH
BEAUTIFUL DREAMER — SWANEE RIVER

Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)
Arranged by Robert Russell Bennett, Transcribed by R. Mark Rogers
SOUTH PACIFIC (symphonic scenario)

INTRODUCTION — DITES-MOI — A COCK-EYED OPTIMIST — SOME ENCHANTED EVENING
BLOODY MARY — THERE IS NO THING LIKE A DAME — BALI HA'I
I'M GONNA WASH THAT MAN RIGHT OTTA' MY HAIR — A WONDERFUL GUY
YOUNGER THAN SPRINGTIME — HAPPY TALK — HONEY BUN — THIS NEARLY WAS MINE

This year, the 13th annual concert, featured the Hudson Valley Symphonic Wind Ensemble. James D. Wayne, conductor, put together an interesting program of classical as well as contemporary music that appealed to all audiences.



Maryknoller Wendy Segal
with Sr. Jeanne Houlihan



Sr. Joan Delaney
with Maryknoller
Yvonne Wong.



Maryknollers with
Sr. Joan Delaney



Maryknollers enjoying
the reception.

Maryknoll Sisters Center News continued.

The reception during intermission is always a much anticipated event on its own. As is now a tradition, this year's reception featured special tropical fruit drinks and the now well known spread of beautifully made and scrumptious pastries and cookies that are prepared on site. The reception area was decorated with tropical scenery complete with palm trees and tropical flowers, set up like a scene from the South Pacific, which was also the theme of the concert.



Maryknoll Sisters Center News continued.



Video link: **CONCERT VIDEO**



The concert ended on a high note with songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical the South Pacific. With the South Pacific tropical setting indoors and familiar songs from the South Pacific Broadway musical, we were transported to a tropical island, forgetting for a moment that we were in the middle of winter with an oncoming snow storm nipping at our heels!



Congratulations to members of Development team for a successful event. L to R: Jenny Chavez, Chelsea Waller & Leslie Mancuso



Maryknoll Sisters Center News continued.

Sister Betty Ann Maheu celebrated her 96th birthday in January as well as her 70th Diamond Jubilee on February 10, 2019.

Sister Betty Ann, born in Quebec, Canada, grew up in Maine. Before joining the Maryknoll Congregation in 1949, Sister was a speech and drama instructor in a Quaker School, public high school and Mercyhurst University. She has degrees in Speech and Drama, French and English. Sister has also done graduate studies in Theology, Education Administration, and several languages.

In 1951 her first assignment was to Hawaii. She lived in Hawaii for 18 years, of which, nine years were teaching in Maui, while at the same time, staging plays and musicals to help fund the parish school. She then spent nine years on the island of Oahu as Assistant to the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, and supervisor of Maryknoll's Schools in Hawaii, the Marshall Islands and Yap, Caroline Islands.

On her return in 1970 to the Maryknoll Center Sister was elected to serve on the Congregation's Central Governing Board for eight years from 1971 to 1979.

Sister was asked to join the International Union of Superiors General in 1979. She moved to Rome where she lived until 1985, coordinating and editing the Union's publication journal, "Bulletin" in six languages. Her letters and reports from the Vatican were interesting insights into the workings of the Church as well as glimpses into Sister's work and observations living in Rome.



PDF link: **REPORTS FROM ROME**

In 1990 Sister was assigned to teaching in Xiamen Teachers College of Education then on to Hong Kong where she joined and worked as a permanent staff member of the Holy Spirit Center, a China research center in Hong Kong. There she was the English editor of the bilingual journal "Tripod" and a regular contributor to the English "Sunday Examiner," a weekly newspaper. Sister lived and worked in Hong Kong and China for 16 years.

On her return to the Sisters Center, she finished her most recent book, *The Maryknoll Sisters, Hong Kong, Macau, China, 1968-2007*, documenting the missionary work of all Maryknoll Sisters who had served in the China Region in that period.

Sister Betty Ann contributed to the writing of the opening chapter of Maryknoll Convent School anniversary book *Forever Be True, The Love & Heritage of Maryknoll*. Her piece started with the questions: Origin & History. Who are the Maryknoll Sisters? Where do they come from? And how did they come to be? In Sister Betty Ann's summary of the Maryknoll Spirit she wrote: "It is a spirit of unity and peace, of solidarity of purpose, of holiness of life, of joy in service, of forgetting of self in seeking the welfare of all. It is a spirit of mutual love and tenderness, a spirit of simplicity and gentleness. It is one that reflects the charity of Christ and is ever open to the griefs, sorrows and joys of others" - the summation and answer of who the Maryknoll Sisters are.

Sister Betty Ann, a Maryknoll historian, teacher, author of several books, play and musical director, fluent in many languages, is a true Renaissance Sister!

Sister Betty Ann is now working at the Maryknoll Sisters Center's Secretariat.

Vancouver Alums Celebrate Chinese New Year and Pay Tribute to Maryknoll Sisters

The Maryknoll Alumni (BC) Association held our annual Spring Dinner on February 23, 2019. The weather in Vancouver is usually mild, but the weeks before our dinner we experienced quite a lot of snow! We were concerned with attendance, but no need – we had 59 attendees ranging from class of 1949 to 2007. It was a wonderful event, good food and as usual lovely camaraderie.

One of our committee members, Angel Ho (class of '90), put together a video with some lovely photos. Some of these photos were from our private collection, but most were sent to us by Sister Betty Ann, Moira Conzelman and Tania Souza (both class of '67). The beautiful voice singing Ave Maria in the video belongs to Scholastica Au (class of '93).

We also took the opportunity in this video to include our congratulations to Sister Corinne for her upcoming 102nd birthday. A bit pre-mature, but our next big event is not till the summer, so we decided to do it earlier rather than later.

By Edwina Shuster (MCS Class of 67,) President

The link to the video is: **TRIBUTE VIDEO**

Our website is: www.mcsalumnibc.org



Maryknoll Alumnae News continued.

Hong Kong Schools Alumni Alliance of New York Chinese New Year Celebration

Sisters Betty Ann Maheu, Jeanne Houlihan and Arlene Trant were honored guests at the HKSA Chinese New Year Spring Banquet in New York City. This third annual dinner was well attended by alums from Maryknoll, La Salle, Wah Yan, St. Paul Co-Ed, St. Claire, King's College as well as from several Hong Kong universities. Sister Arlene was asked to say Grace which she did in perfect Cantonese then English!



Sister Arlene says Grace in Cantonese and English.



Photos courtesy of La Salle Old Boys NY.



In loving memory...

News of the passing of our Maryknoll Sisters from the China Missioner Group

Sister Maria Rieckelman passed away on December 28, 2018. She was 91 years old and had been a Maryknoll Sister for 73 years. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 31, 1927. She entered Maryknoll in 1945, took her First Profession in 1948 and her Final Vows in 1951.

In 1951 Sister Maria graduated from College of Mount St. Vincent with a Bachelor of Science degree and in 1955 a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin. She was posted to Korea in 1956 and in 1958 she left for Hong Kong to study Chinese and supervise the building of Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital (OLMH) in Wong Tai Sin which opened in 1961. From 1963 to 67 she served as OLMH Administrator.

She returned to the States to study and received certificates in General Psychiatry in 1970 and Child Psychiatry in 1974, when mental health care was badly needed. In her lifelong work, Sister Maria gave seminars and workshops in the fields of Psychiatric Therapy and Spiritual Psychiatry to missionaries and religious leaders of all faiths. She held many positions and was appointed Coordinator of Health Services for the Church in the USA at the US Catholic Conference in Washington, D.C. From 1978 to 2012. Sister Maria retired to Maryknoll Sisters Center in 2012.

Vimeo link: **MEMORIAL VIDEO**

Vimeo Link: **FISHTAILSOUPIINTERVIEW**



Joan and Senator Edward Kennedy's visit to Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital in Wong Tai Sin in Hong Kong with Sr. Rieckelman (left) and other Sisters.



Sister Maria Rieckelman (third from left) at the preview showing of Trailblazers In Habits at Maryknoll Sisters Center in 2012. From left: Maryknoll Father Jack Sullivan, Srs. Teresa Leung, Maria Rieckelman, Janice McLaughlin, Vivien Ng (MCS). Sr. Betty Ann Maheu, Nancy Tong (MCS and producer of documentary,) Srs. Jeanne Houlihan, Maddie Dorsey and Meg Gallagher "stars" in the documentary.



Maureen Luk (MCS Class of '67) visiting Sister Maria.

Sister Pauline Sticka passed away on December 7, 2018 at Maryknoll Sisters Center. She was 94 years old and had been a Maryknoll Sister for 76 years. Sister Pauline had dedicated her life working with the Chinese. Her first assignment was in Southern China where she learned Hakka Chinese, and later, during her more than 40 years in Taiwan, she mastered the local Taiwanese dialect.

Sister Pauline was born on December 9th, 1924 in North Dakota. She entered the Maryknoll congregation in 1942 and made her First Profession in 1945. She was assigned to China in 1947 and took her Final Vows in 1948 in Kaying, China. In 1951, Sister Pauline was expelled from China when the Communists took over, and returned to work in Chicago's Chinatown for three years.

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In loving memory, continued.

Sister Pauline Sticka, continued...

In 1955, after Chicago, Sister Pauline was assigned to Taiwan and worked there until 2007. During her mission work Sister Pauline also took time to study Theology in the Philippines, Community Service in Rogers College at Maryknoll and to further her Theology studies at Maryknoll School of Theology in New York. In 2008, she retired to Maryknoll community in Monrovia, CA and in 2014, returned to Maryknoll Sisters Center.

Vimeo link: **MEMORIAL VIDEO**



Anthony Luk (La Salle College alum and Maryknoller spouse) visiting Sister Pauline.

Sister Paulita Hoffman, our eldest Maryknoll Sister at 104 years old, passed away on March 14, 2019. Sister Paulita was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 13, 1914.

She knew when she was a teenager that she wanted to be a missionary in China. She joined Maryknoll in 1933 and in 1938 her first assignment was to Southern China where she learned to speak Hakka. In 1949 during the Communist takeover, she and her companion Sister Edith Rietz were placed under house arrest then imprisoned by the Communist government, accused of being American spies. They were mistreated in prison and finally released to Hong Kong in 1951. After a few years back in Maryknoll, she regained her health and set off to Taiwan where she worked for over 40 years.

She returned to Maryknoll Sisters Center in 2004. In honor of her dedicated service to the people of Taiwan, Sister Paulita was granted by the Taiwanese government permanent Taiwanese citizenship before she left.

She retired in 2012 but always kept herself busy helping out at the Center in any way she could even when her eyesight was failing.

Vimeo link: **MEMORIAL VIDEO**

Vimeo Link: **FISHTAILSOUPO INTERVIEW**



Sister Paulita with Maria Lee, (MCS Class of '67) former MCS Supervisor and Coco, Sister's favorite furry visitor.

I had the good fortune to have met Sister Paulita in 2012 when my class held our mini reunion at the Sisters Center. I was fascinated by this very petite Sister with a big personality and many stories to tell about her adventures and work in China and Taiwan.

The most touching story she told was about her dog Skippy who accompanied her to church every morning before school when she was just a teenager. At first her mother wouldn't approve as the church was far away and she needed to take a bus in the dark. Sister convinced her mom that she would be safe if she took her dog Skippy with her and her mother finally gave in. She was very sad to leave Skippy behind when she left home to join Maryknoll. The bond she developed with Skippy lasted all her life. When she retired in Maryknoll, in memory of her Skippy, she named her walker Skippy -- see note pinned on her walker in photo -- her companion from childhood.

By Tania Chen Souza, MCS Class of '67

Maryknollers Around the World

Monica S. Lam, MSS Class of '76

We are proud to announce that Maryknoller Monica S. Lam, MSS Class of '76, a Computer Science professor at Stanford University since 1988, has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering for her contributions to the design of advanced compiler and analysis systems for high performance computers.

Election to the National Academy of Engineering is among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Academy membership honors those who have made outstanding contributions to "engineering research, practice, or education, including, where appropriate, significant contributions to the engineering literature" and to "the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/implementing innovative approaches to engineering education."

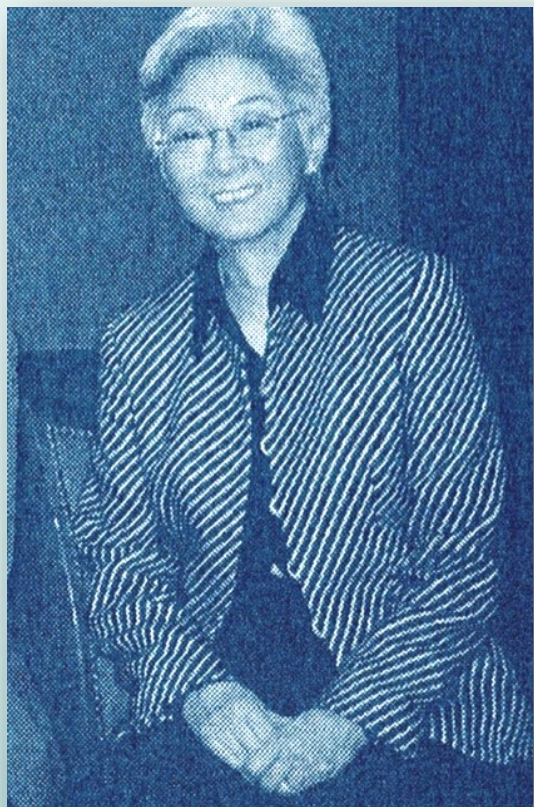
Individuals in the newly elected class will be formally inducted during a ceremony at the NAE's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 6, 2019.

Monica received a B.Sc. from University of British Columbia in 1980 and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Carnegie Mellon University in 1987. She joined the faculty of Computer Science at Stanford University in 1988. She has contributed to the research of a wide range of computer systems topics including compilers, program analysis, operating systems, security, computer architecture, and high-performance computing. She currently directs the MobiSocial laboratory at Stanford.

In her career, Monica has received numerous awards and honors for her work and scientific papers. Monica's favorite past time activities are tai-chi and watching basketball and football games. She enjoys fine food and wines and loves watching humming birds.



Maryknollers Around the World continued.



We are thrilled to hear from Maria Lin in Shanghai that our Maryknollers there have just formed a new chapter of MCS MSS Alumnae Association. Congratulations and a very warm welcome to our Maryknoll Family Worldwide Network!

We are proud to introduce her to our fellow Maryknollers.

Maria CH Lin, MCS Class of '59

I was born in Kunming, Yunnan and when I was five years old, my family moved to Shanghai. In 1949, we went to Hong Kong as refugees. I became a Maryknoller in 1951 and graduated in 1959. I worked for two years, one of which was as a lab assistant in 1961 in Sr. Jeanne's Domestic Science Lab and in the Biology Lab.

Then, I went to Mt. St. Vincent in New York for a BS in Chemistry, then went onto University of Kansas for a Master degree in Chemistry.

After which, I went to work for DuPont. In 1968, I was married to Robert Lin. In 1971, I resigned from DuPont and went on to Ciba Geigy to work as a Research Scientist. In 1974, I attended Fordham Law School and became an Intellectual Property Lawyer in 1978. I worked as an IP lawyer for almost thirty years. During which, I became known as an expert on

China heading the Committee on China in the NY IP Law Association, the American IP Law Association and the president of the Patent Law Club for corporate counsels. I loved my work and enjoyed it greatly. I became a partner of Morgan & Finnegan. In 2005, I came to Shanghai to head up the firm of Morgan & Finnegan. In 2008, because of the economic crisis, I retired.

My husband Robert passed away in 1992. I have been a widow for the last 27 years. For family reasons, I have stayed in Shanghai. Up to now, I have resided in Shanghai for 13 years.

I have stayed connected to Maryknoll through my classmates and friends. In 2004, we formed the NY alumni association headed by Emily Ting, Class of 1953 and organized the worldwide reunion. It has been wonderful to learn that teamwork and collaboration led to our success.

The class of '59 is still quite active. We will have a reunion cruise to Vietnam in November to commemorate our sixtieth anniversary.

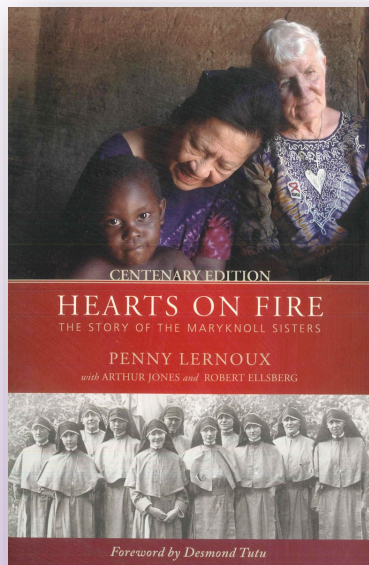
The Shanghai group was formed in February this year. We had a luncheon at the end of February. Presently, there are 20 odd members in the group. We will be meeting again on March 30. The agreement is a lunch meeting once a month, preferably on a Saturday.

Maryknollers can contact us via We Chat, 上海Mcs or contact me: (M) 86-1312-074-7812 or 86-21-5988-7321, email: mariachlin@gmail.com.

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Free gift with every purchase!

We are excited to announce our new online gift shop! Custom Maryknoll merchandise like T-shirts, fleece jackets, mugs, tumblers, phone wallets, tote bags, books, greeting cards, paintings....All proceeds from our gift shop sales will go to benefit our mission work!



\$25.00

Hearts on Fire Penny Lernoux (1940-1989), an award winning journalist, is the author of *Hearts on Fire: The Story Of The Maryknoll Sisters*, an inspiring book every Maryknoller would love to read and keep for its special historic significance. The centenary edition is a meticulously researched history of the Maryknoll Sisters and their mission work, spanning 100 years. It covers their journeys to countries in Asia, South America, Africa as well as Hawaii and inner cities in the US.

In 1912, Mother Mary Joseph founded the Maryknoll Sisters congregation and in 1921, six pioneer Sisters first set sail for China. Mother Mary Joseph bid them farewell and said, "Let us see what God has in store for us!" not anticipating that they would land in a strange and foreign land, not knowing the language and culture. They found themselves in the midst of a civil war, having to deal with warlords, bandits and pirates on their way to evangelize among village women. Despite encountering political uncertainties, cultural differences and much physical hardships, the Sisters were fearless in face of atrocities, arrests, house detentions and starvation. Their courage and bravery won over many villagers.

Their missions were so successful that they ventured further to South America and Africa after China. The Sisters fought for justice where there was injustice and built schools and hospitals for the poor and suffering.

This book reads like a history, thriller, adventure, biography, travelogue ... many genres all rolled into one. Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu wrote in the foreword: "Penny Lernoux's riveting account of the courageous lives of the Maryknoll Sisters makes me proud to be a Christian." Having been a student of the Maryknoll Sisters and having seen how their life's work has made this a better world, makes me proud to be a Maryknoller!

A MUST read! Place your order for this centenary edition before they are all gone!



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Maryknoll Sisters Center News

Winter wonderland at Maryknoll



Sister Arlene Trant's photos of serene scene of Sisters Center morning of March 4 after big snowstorm.

Upcoming Events

Sister Joanna Chan will be giving a talk at Transfiguration Church in New York City, Chinatown on Palm Sunday, April 14. The talk will take place at 1:00 p.m. after Mass at noon.

Sister Joanna, who started her mission work in 1968 in Transfiguration Church in New York City's Chinatown, returns frequently, visiting her friends and other parishioners.

The topic of the talk will be on the significance of Palm Sunday, leading into Holy Week, with emphasis on Holy Thursday when Jesus found a way to be with us always.

All are welcome!

Any alum news you would like to share with our fellow Maryknollers in our MFWN Newsletter, please send to Chelsea Waller, Communications Manager, at cwaller@mksisters.org.

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