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From the PRESIDENT . . .

As I write this, all I can see is the white of the accumulating snow. It's purity, softness, and beauty are very peaceful and calming. May those feelings be with all of you through this year. The extreme cold, on the other hand, is something we can do without!

The warmth of the season was upon us at the Holiday Tea honoring our six new life members: Elaine Baumbach, Deb Frecka, Gloria Kim, JoAnn MacKenzie, Emese Rivera, and Mary Watt-Strieder. We heard endearing stories about deep, long-lasting friendships built through their associations with this community. Enduring friendships are one of the characteristics of our organization. It was especially nice to see new members, Mairin Wilkie and Mary Fran Kitz, willing to be chairs and help with this event. Special thanks also goes to Mary Beth Ratigan and Nancy McAdams for joining with these ladies and planning such a lovely afternoon that filled us with the Christmas spirit.

The Board has approved funds for the development of a new website and logo. An ad-hoc communications committee composed of interested members has been assembled to evaluate bids from web developers and designers, and will be involved in producing a much improved public look for this organization. Watch for changes to our e-mail delivery as well.

In this newsletter, you will find a survey (see p. 13) that we ask you to complete and return to us by January 31, 2014. This survey is designed to better understand the present demographic makeup of women in this organization and to

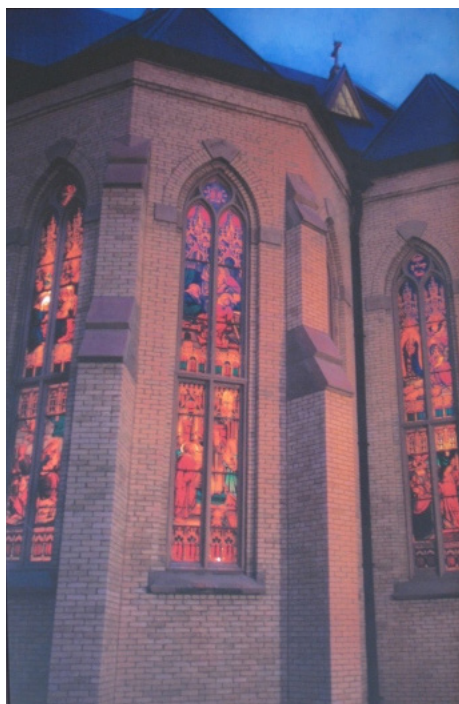
obtain some feedback on possible new or improved initiatives we should consider. It will also provide a sense of the degree of interest to consider a possible name change for the organization. As the topics included in this survey are very important to the future direction of this organization, I hope you will take the time to fill out the survey. It is included in this newsletter or available online at <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F5MDMWH>>

Please rest assured that no formal action will be taken on the constitutional basis of this organization without the required vote of the entire membership, so I look forward to reviewing your answers to this survey. You are also welcome to call me at 574-855-2571 to give me your

survey answers.

We all value the friendships and activities that the Ladies foster--past, present and future. With this in mind, it remains our goal to keep our organization the welcoming arm of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community.

Denise Brenner, President
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This is a photo of a painting that is hanging in the new Morris Inn. It captures the glorious windows of Sacred Heart Basilica

LADIES OF NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
2013-2014 PROGRAM

Jan/Feb 2014 TBD TBD	<p>"Wine and Canvas," evening of fun and activity. This event has been postponed to the spring. See information in next newsletter</p> <p>Chair:</p>
February 7, 2014 Friday 5:00 PM	<p><i>"Dinner and a Movie"</i> - dinner at Legends and the movie <i>Wadjda</i> at Browning Cinema sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace. See p. 4</p> <p>Chair: Mary Lou Derwent, 277-1996, <mderwent@nd.edu></p>
February 11, 2014 Tuesday 10:00 AM	<p>Morning Newcomer Coffee for Newcomers, Visitors and Members at the home of Marge Marley. Children welcome. RSVP requested. See p. 4</p> <p>Chair: Marge Marley, 289-9134, <mamarley57@gmail.com></p>
February 13, 2014 Thursday 10:00 AM	<p><i>The Art of Love</i>: A Valentine's Day Celebration Tour at the Snite Museum. After the tour you are welcomed to Lunch at Sorin's. See p. 11</p> <p>Chair: Jackie Welsh, 277-1968, <jackie.welsh.14@gmail.com></p>
February 18, 2014 Tuesday 7:00 PM	<p>Midyear Reception in "The Parlors" of Saint Mary's College Holy Cross Hall for Newcomers, Visitors and Members. See p. 3</p> <p>Chairs: Ashley Hall <ahall1@saintmarys.edu> & Kelly McCarthy <KMcCarthy@saintmarys.edu></p>
February 22, 2014 Saturday 11:30 AM	<p>Luncheon honoring LND/SMC Scholarship Recipients</p> <p>Morris Inn Banquet rooms. See p. 12 for details; p. 15 for reservations</p> <p>Chairs: Elaine Nicgorski, 234-5157 & Mary Lou Derwent, 277-1996</p>
March 3, 2014 Monday 6:00 PM	<p><i>"Let's Eat Out!"</i> Siam/Thai Restaurant at 1218 E. University Dr., Granger Asian Fusion. Reservations by March 2, 2014 to chair See p. 5</p> <p>Chair Brigid Edmonds, 271-7070, <ebedmonds@comcast.net></p>
March 12, 2014 Wednesday 7:30 PM	<p>Informal Evening Coffee for Newcomers, Visitors and Members at the home of Mary Lou Derwent. RSVP requested. See p. 4</p> <p>Chair: Mary Lou Derwent, 277-1996, <mderwent@nd.edu></p>
April 30, 2014 Wednesday 7:00 PM	<p>Annual Business Meeting at Innovation Park</p> <p>Chair: Nancy McAdams & Gloria Kim</p>
May 1, 2014 Thursday 5:00 PM	<p>Memorial Mass in the Chapel of Regina Hall, Saint Mary's College</p> <p>Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Blantz, csc, Chaplain</p> <p>Chair: Marge Marley, 289-9134 & Adaline Cashore, 289-8325</p>
May 10, 2014 Saturday TBD	<p>High Tea and Fashion Show</p> <p>Chair: Ravini Fernando, 855-2199</p>

Postponed

Save the Date

Mid-Winter Reception

*"We promise you discovery:
the discovery of yourselves,
the discovery of the universe,
and your place in it,"* - Sister Madeleva, csc

For 165 years, Saint Mary's College has provided young women the opportunity to learn, grow and fulfill their destinies as future leaders within the immediate community, nation and world.

The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College is honored to host the annual Mid-Winter Reception for Newcomers, Visitors and Members in Holy Cross Hall Front Parlors on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, from 7-9:00 PM. During this reception, Emily Rojas, class of 2016, will share her experiences as a first year student on campus in 2012 and what inspired her to go out of her comfort zone and travel to Africa her sophomore year as a study abroad student. Her story of self discovery is truly remarkable and she is looking forward to sharing.

When you enter SMC from US31 at the main entrance, Holy Cross Hall is at the end of the Avenue. Parking for this event will be located in the front circle of Holy Cross Hall and also in the side parking lot (Bertrand Lot) on the south side of Holy Cross Hall.

For more information please feel free to contact Ashley Hall at <ahall1@saintmarys.edu> or via her phone at 256-612-9843. See <<https://www.saintmarys.edu/files/campus-map/campus-map-parking.pdf>> for online parking map and location of Holy Cross Hall.

MENDOZA LECTURES TEN YEARS HENCE

For several years, a few members; namely, Elaine Nicgorski, Julie Nelson, Diane Nichols, Alice Henry, Joan Hofman and Gloria Kim, have been attending a second semester series of lectures held in Jordon Hall at the Mendoza School of Business. The Lectures are from 10:40 AM-12:10 PM on seven select Fridays during the semester. There is usually a yearly theme; however, no theme is stated on the list that follows, which

was provided by Jean Meade, administrator in Mendoza's Dean's Office. The lectures are usually very interesting and very well attended because many students take them for credit.

Gloria Kim proposed that if any of our members and visitors are interested, we could have a group attend the lectures. After which, whomever wished, could stay on campus for lunch and discussion of the lecture. If you are interested in attending any or all of these lectures, contact Gloria Kim at <gloriakimnd@gmail.com>. Six of the Lectures, presently scheduled for 2014, are:

- January 31, 2014: Robert Schleckser, Treasurer, Exxon Mobil (Topic: Future of Energy & Energy Technology)
- February 7, 2014: Lloyd Adams, SAP (Systems, Applications and Products Software)
- March 21, 2014: John Gordon, Vice President of Watson Technologies, IBM (Topic: Disruptive Technologies)
- March 28, 2014: Prof. Shibley Telhami, University of Maryland (Topic: Politics and Peace in the Middle East)
- April 11: Michael Merk, Director Corporate Communications, Steelcase (Topic: The Future of Work)
- April 25: Jon Freedman, Global Government Affairs Leader, GE Power & Water, Water & Process Technologies (Topic: Future of Water)

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From the NAME CHANGE COMMITTEE . . .

An *ad hoc* committee of LND/SMC members (representing members in their 30s to members 60 yrs. +) met in November to discuss the possibility of a name change for our organization. The goal of this committee was to consider whether or not evolving our name would increase our membership, bring new vitality to our activities, and provide a source of greater appeal to newcomers to the ND/SMC community.

As part of the discussions, the committee members paid particular attention to preserving the longstanding traditions of our organization and our emphasis on friendship and community-building at ND and SMC.

The committee is excited to propose to the membership of LND/SMC that we adapt our name to:

Friends at ND/SMC

~ Community, Friendship, Service ~

Acronym: FND/SMC

We are especially grateful for the many suggestions and the advice provided by the Board members of LND/SMC on this topic. There will be a specific protocol to follow should we vote to decide to adapt our name to "Friends at ND/SMC."

Our constitution requires that certain steps be taken and we will follow those guidelines explicitly. A name change requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members present at our business meeting in the spring.

In this newsletter you will find a survey (p.13) regarding members' interests in our organization. Please fill out this survey or fill it out online at:

<<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F5MDMWH>>

We need information from you to make our organization be the best it can be.

If you have questions about the name change you can contact Nancy McAdams at (574) 273-2555, nocmc@comcast.net or Clare Roach at croach1@nd.edu

From the NEWCOMER & VISITORS CHAIR . . .

It was a pleasure meeting and welcoming so many new faces at the events we held in fall. Following the picnic on Labor Day, we had three additional events, one morning and one evening coffee hosted by Renata Matousova and Nancy MacAdams respectively at their homes, and an event held jointly with the playgroup. All three events had a good mixture of newcomers and members and visitors. They offered opportunities to interact and have fun. Come for a short time or stay awhile. In spring we plan three events:

- A Morning coffee for newcomers/visitors/members at the home of Marge Marley, 1904 E. Cedar St., South Bend, IN 46617, on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 10AM. Reservation requested, children welcome. Please let her know you are coming, <mamarley57@gmail.com>, 574-289-9134.

- Evening coffee and open house for newcomers at home of Mary Lou Derwent, 16166 Candlewycke Ct., Granger, IN, on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 7:30-9:00 PM. Reservations requested, <mderwent@nd.edu>, 574-177-1996

- Morning coffee for Newcomers/Visitors at Beichner Center, coincides with playgroup meeting, Friday March 14, 2014, 9:00 AM. 100 University Village, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Children welcome.

Chair: Renata Matousova

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The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies is showing the first Saudi Arabian feature film, *Wadjda*, that was made entirely within the country and directed by a woman, on Friday, February 7, 2014, at 6:30 PM. The focus of the film is on the experiences of a 10-year-old girl, named Wadjda. Fun-loving and risk-taking, she is always "pushing the boundaries" of her conservative society.

An introduction and discussion will be lead by Susan St. Ville. As director of the Kroc Institute's Master's Program, St. Ville teaches courses related to gender and peace.

If you wish to join Mary Lou Derwent and other members and guests for supper at *Legends* at 5:00 PM prior to the show, let her know <mderwent@nd.edu> or 277-1996, so that she can make reservations.

This film is free but ticketed. This means that you have to reserve a ticket prior to the performance. Call the Box Office at 631-2800 to reserve a ticket.

Let's Eat Out!

In November, more than a dozen women accepted the invitation of Ravini Fernando to have dinner together at Zing, a Japanese Fusion restaurant in Mishawaka. The overall rating was excellent from the seaweed salad to the angel hair shrimp sushi. On Monday, March 3, 2014, a 6:00 pm, Brigid Edmonds is gathering a group to go to a newly opened restaurant, called "siam | thai" located on the north side of University

siam | thai
GRANGER

Park Drive, just west of Fir Road.

Reviews state that the decor is very interesting; however, "what will keep patrons coming back is the food."

So, if you are adventuresome with your palate and are looking for interesting conversation, reserve a place with Brigid Edmonds by Sunday, March 2, 2014, at <ebemonds@comcast.net> or 271-7070.

From the INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS . . .

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP WINTER

Here's a recap of activities of the Children's Playgroup in the fall and early winter.

In October, the Beichner Center playdate coincided with a newcomer's welcome and potluck. We ate well, played and chatted while Ladies of Notre Dame "grandmas-for-a-day" read, played and colored with the kids. Later in October, Tamara Stojanovic Albahari, our around-the-town coordinator, organized a trip to *Mattys' Family Farm and Pumpkin Patch*, where everyone bounced on the giant pillow, played in the corn kernel playground, went for hay rides, and of course, picked out pumpkins. Kristin Lund and Michelle Mayer both opened their homes for playdates in October and again in November and December.

In November, families toured the Notre Dame Fire Department and bounced, tumbled and swung at gymnastics studio *Fun-N-Fitness*. At our "harvest party" at the Beichner Center children played, talked and snacked. Then member Meenu Sharma taught children how to make flower garlands.

In December, we again had our two lapsits at members homes along with our Beichner Center playdate. Then we were busy around town, visiting both the *Kid's First Museum* and touring the *South Bend Chocolate Factory*.

SCHEDULED LAPSITS & PLAYDATES

The following are all
THURSDAYS or FRIDAYS
at 10:00 AM

- January 16, Thursday, Lapsit and Playdate at the Mayer's home
- January 24, Friday, Playdate at the Lund's home
- February 20, Thursday, Playdate at the Mayer's home
- February 28, Friday, Playdate at the Lund's home
- March 20, Thursday, Lapsit at Mayer's home
- April 17, Thursday, Lapsit at Mayer's home

BEICHER CENTER PLAYGROUP DATES

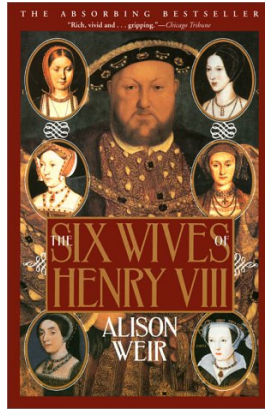
The following are all
FRIDAYS 9:30 - 11:00 AM

- February 14
Grandma helpers welcome
- March 14
Grandma helpers welcome ,
- April 4
Guests from the South Bend Symphony. All members of Ladies welcome.

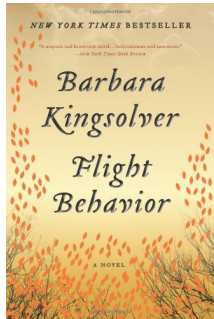
See <<https://www.bigtent.com/groups/Indsmcplay>> for further information regarding upcoming lapsit and around-the-town playgroups as well as cancellations, substitutions or rescheduling.

EVENING LITERATURE GROUP

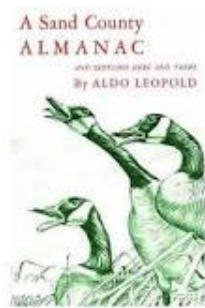
The Evening Literature group dropped its January meeting. On February 6, 2014, the group will return to Alison Weir, the author for last October's selection *The Children of Henry VIII*. This time the selection is *The Six Wives of Henry VIII*. Christine Costello will lead the discussion at the home of Irene Leahy.



Laura Fuderer, 18485 Garwood Ct., SB, 277-0409, will host the evening, Thursday, March 6, 2014. Christine Costello will lead the discussion of Barbara Kingsolver's recent novel *Flight Behavior*. Set in Appalachia, this text explores unexplainable experiences happening to a young women.



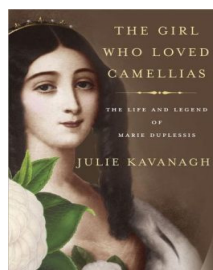
Laura Fuderer will lead the discussion on April 3, 2014, of Aldo Leopold's story *Sand County Almanac*. This book is considered "a classic expression of an ecological perspective on people and land," belonging with the writings of Thoreau and Muir. The meeting will be at the home of Jean Huss, 238 S. Hawthorne Dr., SB, 287-3806. Contact chair with any questions.



Chair: Christine Costello
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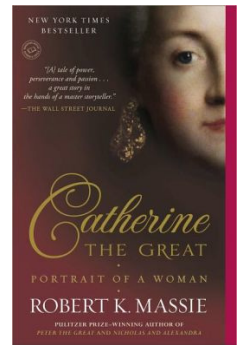
MORNING LITERATURE GROUP

The Morning Literature group will meet at the home of Mary Lou Derwent on Monday, January 20, 2014, to discuss Julie Kavanagh's book *The Girl Who Loved Camellias*. This text is the true story of the mid 1800's French courtesan Marie Duplessis. She was the inspiration of the opera *La Traviata* by Verdi and many plays. Sheila Marshall will lead the discussion.

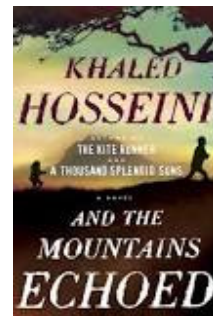


On Monday, February 17, 2014, Joan Hofman will lead the discussion of the narrative biography

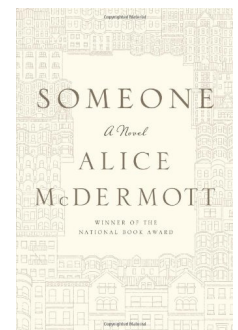
of *Catherine the Great* by Robert K. Massie at the home of Malou Audi. A "larger-than-life" Russian empress, Catherine lived a highly unusual life and was a force in history.



Kalid Hussein has received acclaim for his first two books: *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. His third book, *And The Mountains Echoed*, promises much from this old-fashioned storyteller. At this time, the Monday, March 17, 2014, meeting shall be at a yet-to-be-decided south-side public library. Mary Lou Derwent will lead the discussion.



Marti Alworth will be hosting the April 21, 2014, meeting when Alice McDermott's National Book Award *Someone* is discussed. This is a book about an ordinary woman living a very ordinary life with all of its pains, joys, confusions and sorrows. The discussion leader has not been decided. All meetings start at 9:30 AM. Call Sheila Marshall for directions to members' homes. All are welcome.



Chair: Sheila Marshall
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TENNIS



If you are interested in playing tennis contact the chair to get on the tennis e-mail list. The tennis group welcomes tennis players of all abilities, from the beginner to the more advanced. We are having difficulty establishing a regular playing time. For many years we have played at 8 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Recently, these times are not always available because the Men's Tennis Team frequently reserves the courts at those times. So our playing time changes from week to week. We will try to keep to the Tuesday and Thursday schedule. If you are interested in playing contact the chair to get on the e-mail list.

Chair: Elaine Nicgorski
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HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS TEA

New Life Members of The Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College were honored at a *Holiday Tea* on December 15, 2013. These women, who themselves or whose husbands have retired within the past year, are Elaine Baumbach, Deb Frecka, Gloria Kim, JoAnn MacKenzie, Emese Rivera and Mary Watt-Streider. Chair Mairin Wilkie, with Mary Fran Kitz, Mary Beth Radigan and Nancy McAdams as the co-chairs of the event held a delightful party in the Board Room of Innovation Park. Special thanks go forth to the members of the Creative Cooking group for an array of both savory and sweet "great eats," all well presented and very tasty.

Those present participated in the entertainment provided by *The Columba Hall Singers*.



From left, Ashley Hall and Kelly McCarthy, co-chairs of the Creative Cooking Group, present the "treats."



above) the group of retired Holy Cross Brothers and one layman started singing for their own enjoyment. They now share their vocal gifts by giving a hybrid concert and sing-a-long. They were warmly welcomed in their Santa Claus hats and red vests.

President Denise Brenner introduced each new Life Member and a friend of each Life Member presented the Life Member to the group. This a group of talented and interesting women.

ELAINE BAUMBACH

Elaine Baumbach came from Long Island, NY to Notre Dame in 2003 when her husband Jerry received an appointment in the Institute for

Church Life. Shortly thereafter she joined the Ladies and since then has been contributing to the organization. Whether in the technology part ... where as an appointed Board member she initially developed and managed the website, maintains a membership email list and been the distributor of the E-newsletter, or in organizational part ... where she has been co-chair of a Scholarship Luncheon as well as a Life Member Holiday Tea, and as a major contributor to the discussion of the Morning Literature Group ... where her research skills have been readily used and appreciated.

Elaine received her first degree from Misericordia College in Pennsylvania in Elementary Education. When she first came to this area, she was a substitute elementary teacher. Her second degree in Library and Information Studies from St. John's University in New York extended her knowledge and expertise. While in New York, she spent her time working on such various tasks as automation of a library, fundraising and grant writing, as well as management and supervision of library aides and parent volunteers.

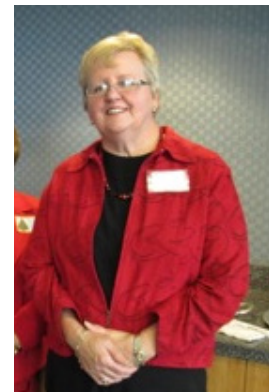
Presently, Elaine also draws upon her expertise as a former Church organist and director of a choir to participate in a choir at St. Pius X parish and be a member of the parish Arts & Environment Committee.

If you hear Elaine tell you that she is either going to the east or west coast for a period of time, you can be sure that she is doing what she loves best. She will be visiting her five grandchildren, her three sons and daughter-in laws. Now as emeritus professor, Jerry may be going with her.

DEB FRECKA

Deb Frecka was born in Westlake, Ohio. Graduating from Wittenberg University with a degree in elementary education, she says that she always wanted to be a teacher. After marrying Tom in 1970, both of them earned graduate degrees from Syracuse University. She received hers in Reading Education.

For thirteen years they lived in Champaign,



IL, while Tom taught at the University of Illinois. During this time Deb began a 10-year teaching career, teaching third grade, acting as a Reading Specialist, Supervisor of a Title 1 program and Master Teacher in a Chapter 9 program. When the first of her three children was born, she stopped teaching. In 1990 they came to Notre Dame. Today her children are grown. Ted and Beth are



ND graduates in Business and Julie a Purdue graduate in Food Science. During the time they were growing up, she stayed at home to raise them but over the years was a super volunteer in the PHM corporation's schools on all levels.

In the community, Deb volunteers at Christ the King Lutheran Church, in a philanthropic education organization for women and has served as Vice President 1994-95, President in 1995-96 and Treasurer 1997-2003 for the Ladies.

Throughout her and Tom's time at Notre Dame, they have lived in both London and Australia. They consider the University a blessing in their lives for the past 23 years.

Avid sports fans, Deb relates that one of the highlights of her tenure as President of the Ladies was the privilege of carrying the flag onto the football field and giving it to the Irish Guard at a football game. The Irish lost to Nebraska at that game, so she considers her part the highlight of the game!

GLORIA KIM

Gloria Kim grew up in suburban St. Paul, MN, where she learned early on how to survive winter waits at school bus stops on early mornings by wearing several pairs of mittens, scarves and pair of ski pants under those dress that all of the girls wore. A French horn player, she developed muscles in her arms carrying that instrument through the years between middle school and the first four years of university. A sports enthusiast, she learned at a young age how to slide down wooded hills on pieces of cardboard, while wearing figure skates and landing on a neighborhood lake that went crack in the night as kids skated and shoveled in the moonlight.



While she was an education undergraduate at the University of Minnesota, Gloria met graduate student Kwan Kim, a PhD candidate in economics. In a matter of six days one spring, she completed her BS degree, married Kwan and began

her first teaching job in Bloomington, MN. A few months after this, while continuing to teach in Bloomington public schools, she began her studies for a master's degree in education/child psychology. Gloria recalls arriving at Notre Dame when it was an all-male school and writing her MS dissertation in an all-male environment in the Hesburgh Library. It was such a foreign environment to a co-educational girl that she recalls telling her husband: "We will stay one year, okay?" She stayed more than one year and had two children, Malaika and Kevin.

Over forty years later, Gloria has had more than thirty years of teaching in South Bend and several foreign countries. She considers that she and the University grew-up together, and changed as they developed mutual global interests and established supportive friendships. Gloria is happy to be recognized by the Ladies as a Life Member. She appreciates the warm welcome she received as a young Minnesotan. Gloria has served as Program Co-chair and President of the Ladies. The organization is fortunate to have had her with us.

JOANN MACKENZIE

JoAnn MacKenzie retired from Saint Mary's College in January 2013 where she was the Director of Planned and Special Gifts in the Office of Development for 24 years. As an alumna of Saint Mary's, JoAnn knew first hand the value of a Saint Mary's education. This made the work she did a real pleasure for her. During her time at SMC and as a member of LND/SMC, she was part of the Scholarship Committee.

Upon her retirement, JoAnn



completed training to become a Court Appoint Special Advocate for children in the welfare system. Presently, she is happily advocating for four children ages 5, 6, 8 and 11. She finds this a very rewarding experience.

Married to Louis MacKenzie, an associate professor of French at Notre Dame, JoAnn and Louis moved to South Bend in 1985 after spending two years directing the Notre Dame Angers, France, foreign studies program. JoAnn and Louis have one son who is a ND graduate married to an ND graduate. Their three grandchildren are already avid ND fans. JoAnn hopes that in the future at least one grandchild will choose Saint Mary's College.

EMESE RIVERIA

Emese Ronay was born in Hungary. In October 1970, she met fellow graduate student Juan Rivera, a native of Mexico, at the University of



Illinois and married him shortly thereafter. In 1983 Emese and Juan arrived at Notre Dame with two young sons, Anton and David. The boys attended local grade and high schools. One is a ND grad in accountancy like his father.

Emese is a very creative woman and has worked in various local advertising agencies as art director, and for Villing and Co, as the associate creative director. Recently, she has been involved in several not-for-profit agencies doing volunteer work in marketing and advertising. She has served on the boards for the Fischhoff Competition and the YWCA. She is a freelancer for the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and the city of South Bend.

Her artwork is very recognizable, once you know it. It has brilliant colors, sharp clean lines, is intricately and richly detailed. Emese designed the KALEIDOSCOPE heading on this newsletter many years ago, when the newsletter was only in black and white! Needless to say ... painting and design are her passions.

The Ladies has been a part of her life since coming to South Bend. She has loved meeting and getting

to know many wonderful and accomplished women from the group. She has reciprocated with her contagious joi d'vivre.

MARY WATT-STREIDER

Mary Watt-Streider is a native of Mishawaka, IN. She received her Bachelor and Master degrees from Indiana University-Bloomington School of Music. For several years she lived in the Chicago area where she taught violin at Wheaton College as well as continuing her studies with the Concertmaster of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. During this time she was also a member of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago and performed in solo and ensemble recitals in the area. In addition, she started working at a local Illinois bank, took business and accounting courses, and eventually become an Assistant Vice-President of a bank.

In 1981, Mary returned to Mishawaka. She was a member of the violin section of the South Bend Symphony for twenty years, taught violin at Saint Mary's College and was employed full time as a loan officer with several banks. In South Bend she met Prof. William Streider of the ND Department of Chemical Engineering. In 2003, they were married.

Mary's association with Notre Dame through her husband has brought many new friends into her life. She loves her husband's four children and their families ... as well as history, needlework, antiques, gardening, Notre Dame ... and music. Mary has shared her beautiful historic home with the Ladies Morning Literature group.

*When was the first
Ladies Newsletter published?*

The Ladies of Notre Dame started publishing a newsletter in 1966. It found that getting information out to its membership through telephone chains was not very efficient. The initial title was :

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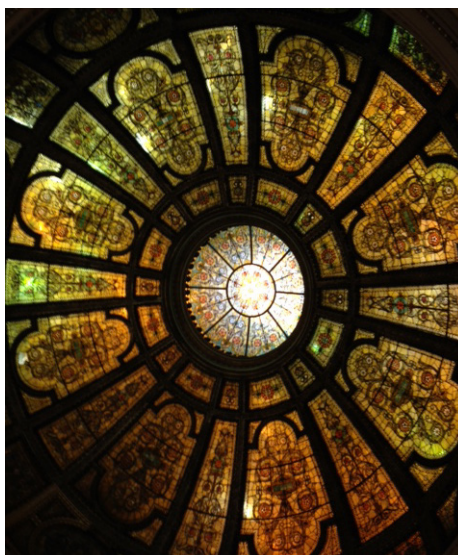
Lillian Fahey and Eva Eliel were its first editors. When it started it was published "more or less monthly."

"Off the Beaten Path" South Bend

On December 8, 2014, seventeen members and guests enjoyed *Christmas at Copshaholm*. The Oliver Mansion, once home to J.D. Oliver, his wife, Anna, and their four children, was decorated beautifully for the upcoming Christmas Holiday. The tour featured men and women in each room assuming various roles as members of the Oliver family or friends, neighbors or servants. Each related interesting facts about the Oliver family, their traditions, details about each room, and/or facts about the house.

In addition to the tour, every ticket holder was invited to visit *Sweet! The Wonderful World of Chocolate, Candy and Ice Cream* and *The Band of the Fighting Irish*, two exhibits at the Center for History. Chair: Bobbie Corke

"Off the Beaten Path" Chicago



The November 14, 2013, trip to the Art Institute of Chicago went well. The exhibit was fine, not awesome but worth the trip. As an aside, the group visited the Chicago Cultural Center. For those who had not seen it before, the fabulous Tuffany glass ceiling topped it off. The travelers ate at two different restaurants.

Chair: Nancy McAdams.

From the RECORDING SECRETARY . . .

Summary of LND/SMC Board Meeting December 11, 2013.

The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Board met at West Lake Hall office on December 11, 2013. During the meeting the board reviewed the current financial statements, correspondence sent to members, the success of past program events as well as the status of the up and coming program events. The Board received a report from an ad hoc committee that was created to research the possibility of changing the group's name. An idea for a new name was presented and discussed. Reports of investigation into assistance with construction and management of a website and ongoing discussion regarding the group's logo and website were held. Board members have been in contact with various graphic designers and web developers, and they are receiving quotes for this work. Information will be passed on to the membership as it becomes available. Finally, the board has begun its search for new members to the 2014-15 Board. If you are interested, interested in finding out about positions, or know anyone you know is interested, please contact Past Pres. Linnea Lannon <ClanLannon@yahoo.com>.

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From the Assistant TREASURER . . .

The use of **LND/SMC Remembrance Cards** are a way for members to give recognition to others at the time of a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary or new position as well as In Memoriam to the family of those who have died. Each May, those who have died will be remembered in the LND/SMC Memorial Mass. The monies which are raised through the use of these cards are donated by the giver to the LND/SMC Scholarship for Local Women at either Notre Dame or at Saint Mary's College. If you would like one of these cards to have "on hand" contact Mary Lou Derwent, <mderwent@nd.edu> or Bobbie Corke, <rjcorke@hotmail.com>. A packet will be mailed to you, and another one by return mail when you use it.

IN MEMORIAM

- Elizabeth Coull
(Mary Lou & John Derwent)
- Daniel J. Donovan
(Mary Lou & John Derwent)
- Joseph Vincent Goddard
(Elaine & Walter Nicgorski)
- Roger Schmitz
(Alice & Eugene Henry, Maryann & Barry Keating, Marge and Jerry Marley)

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Louise "Mollie" Kohn
December 30, 1927 - December 10, 2013



"She was a caring nurse"

On December 30, 1927, Mary Louise McGovern was born in Northeastern Pennsylvania to the late Harold T. and Mary L. McGovern. Mollie, as she was known, later graduated from St. Catherine's School of Nursing in Brooklyn, New York.

In 1957, Mollie moved to the South Bend area. Then on August 30, 1958, in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, she married the love of her life, James P. Kohn. Jim died on May 26, 2003. Jim was a longtime Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Notre Dame.

Mollie used her nursing training and skills in several area facilities including The Children's Dispensary, Northern Indiana Children's Hospital and Saint Mary's College Infirmary. Even when she retired from paid employment, Mollie continued to be a very dedicated volunteer at Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame, where she was a parishioner for many years, and at Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center. Jim and Mollie raised two daughters, Kathleen Kohn and Mary Kohn, and a son, Kevin Kohn.

On December 10, 2013, at the age of 85, Mollie died at her home in South Bend, Indiana. Mollie is survived by her two daughters Kathleen and Mary and her son Kevin, as well as daughter-in-law Debra Kohn, granddaughters Sarah and Amanda Kohn, and a brother, Paul McGovern.

The funeral Mass for Mollie was celebrated at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, on December 20, 2013. Burial followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

From the Corresponding Secretary . . .

Notes have been sent on behalf of LND/SMC to the following individuals.

SYMPATHY:

- Barbara Dedrick on the death of her husband Donald on March 31, 2013
- Family of Mollie Kohn, who died on Dec 10, 2013

GET WELL:

- Ellen Malone, LM

THINKING OF YOU:

- Rosemarie Keane, LM

MERRY CHRISTMAS:

- Carol Mooney, President of Saint Mary's College
- Fr. John Jenkins, csc, President of Notre Dame

Please contact these individuals on your own and keep them in your thoughts. Please inform the secretary of any life events involving LND/SMC members.

*Pat Kaiser, 272-5459
Corresponding Secretary
<PMKRD@hotmail.com>*

From the PROGRAM CHAIR . . .

THE ART OF LOVE

Members and guests are invited to spend an hour this Valentine's Day with Jackie Welsh and Carole Walton exploring *Love and Lovers at the Snite Museum of Art*. Please meet in the Museum's entrance atrium at 11:00 AM Thursday, February 13, 2014 for a one hour tour followed by lunch at *Sorin's*. (Note: there is free valet parking with stamped receipt from *Sorin's*.)

Call or email Jackie at 574-277-1968 or <jackie.welsh.14@gmail.com> by Thursday morning February 13, 2014, to reserve a place for lunch.



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Please send any updates
or corrections to Pam
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APPEAL continued from last page.

These make ideal gifts to commemorate special occasions in people's lives as well as a memorial for a deceased friend. If you need additional cards, please contact Bobbie Corke at 574-277-7098 or <rjcorke@hotmail.com>.

Thank you for your generosity, in the past and in the future. I know that we believe in our institutions and want to provide that exceptional educational experience for others too. What you give DOES make an impact, and exemplifies the spirit of this special community of women! You can meet this year's recipients of our scholarship at the Scholarship Luncheon on February 22, 2014, at the Morris Inn. Look for further details in the newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

On February 3, 2011, it was announced that Diane Parr Walker, then the deputy university librarian at the University of Virginia, would become the University Librarian at the University of Notre Dame effective July 25, 2011. Three years later and well engaged into her position at ND, Dr. Walker has agreed to come and speak to us at our Scholarship Luncheon on February 22, 2014. We look forward to what she has to say to us. In addition we have asked her to tell us the paths she has taken in coming to where she is today from when she was a young woman entering the academic life. We expect that it is an interesting story. So, please set aside time to attend this luncheon.

It is at this time that we also have the opportunity to meet the recipients of our scholarships' namely, SMC student Meredith Mersits, and ND students Allison Collins and Helen Cramer. Ms. Cramer is unable to be with us for the luncheon as she is studying in Rome. We hope that you will also consider bringing your daughter, granddaughter or other young women friends to this event.

Free valet parking is available to those with ND spousal or personal ID's. Those without, please see the chairs the day of the luncheon.

Co-chairs: Elaine Nicgorski 234-5157
& Mary Lou Derwent 277-1996

Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Membership Survey

You may choose to take this survey on the web (see p. 1) or use this paper survey and return by USMail to: Denise Brenner, 18263 Berger St, South Bend, IN 46637 by January 31, 2014

1. I am currently a

- ☐ New Member
- ☐ Member
- ☐ Life Member
- ☐ Other

2. How long have you been a member of the Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's?

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ 10-20 years
- ☐ 20+ years

3. What is your age?

- ☐ 22-35
- ☐ 35-45
- ☐ 45-55
- ☐ 55-65
- ☐ 65+

4. Which of the following best represents your life-style?

- ☐ Stay at home mother with young/school age children
- ☐ Working mother with young/school age children
- ☐ Career woman without children at home
- ☐ Retired woman
- ☐ Other

5. Check all the Events that you attend in a typical year.

- ☐ Opening Reception
- ☐ Holiday Tea
- ☐ Mid-Winter Reception
- ☐ Scholarship Luncheon
- ☐ Spring Luncheon/Fashion Show
- ☐ Memorial Mass

6. Check any of the Interest Groups in which you participate.

- ☐ Creative Cooking
- ☐ Morning or Evening Literature
- ☐ Playgroup
- ☐ Tennis

Do you have a suggestion for additional Interest Groups?

(You may use the reverse side of this paper.)

7. How many events, activities or outings have you attended in the last year?

- ☐ 1-4
- ☐ 4-8
- ☐ 8-12
- ☐ 12 or more
- ☐ None

Do you have a suggestion for additional activities or outings? *(You may use the reverse side of this paper.)*

8. Why did you join LND/SMC? Mark the top two answers that reflect your reason.

- ☐ Make friends
- ☐ Opportunities to socialize
- ☐ Stay connected to the ND & SMC communities
- ☐ Service opportunities
- ☐ Group's history

Are there other reasons?

(You may use the reverse side of this paper.)

9. Do you think that the organization should change its name?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided

Any comments?

(You may use the reverse side of this paper.)

10. Would you be open to changing the name of the Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (LND/SMC) to the Friends at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (FND/SMC)? The organization's name would read, "Friends at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College" and contain the subtitle "Community, Friendship and Service."

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided

Do you have any comments?

(You may use the reverse side of this paper.)

Remember: if you wish you may call and talk with Denise Brenner at 574-855-2571.

Please write your comments for the survey on this page. Remove page from the newsletter and mail to the address given at the top of the survey.

Luncheon Honoring LND/SMC Scholarship Recipients
Meredith Mersits, SMC • Alison Collins, ND • Helen Cramer, ND

Saturday, February 22, 2014
The Morris Inn

11:30 AM Gathering

noon Luncheon

SPEAKER

Diane Parr Walker
Edward H. Arnold University Librarian

Entree (choose 1)

Cost: \$25.00

Due Date: Prior to February 15, 2014

• Dijon Chicken Strudel
Dijon Creme Sauce with Green Beans
or

• Eggplant Parmesan
with Greek Tomato Sauce, tomato,
cucumber, feta, orzo

Make reservation information and check
(made out to LND/SMC) to:

Elaine Nicgorski
625 Peashway
South Bend, 46617

All entrees served with
Chef's choice Salad
Chef's choice dessert
Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea

Address questions, and any dietary
restrictions, to Elaine Nicgorski,
574-234-5157 or nicgor@yahoo.com>

----- Detach and mail to Elaine Nicgorski with check made out to LND/SMC -----
• Tables of 8 will be set * Guests listed with be seated together with the member inviting them • indicate with whom, in addition to your guests, you wish to be seated. Requests will be honored, if possible.

NAME:

TELEPHONE #

CHOICE ONE

☐ Dijon Chicken Strudel

EMAIL:

☐ Eggplant Parmesan

NAME:

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Your payment includes gratuities.

If you park in the valet parking of the Morris Inn and you have a ND spousal or faculty/staff ID,
have your parking ticket stamped at the front desk for free parking.

If you do not have an ND ID, see co-chair Mary Lou Derwent, prior to leaving.

Tour of South Bend with Sue Salinos Fall 2013



Kaleidoscope
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AN APPEAL FROM LND/SMC PRESIDENT DENISE BRENNER . . .

One of the service projects that the Ladies undertakes annually goes directly back to local women in our community. It is the fundraising that we do for scholarships to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. In the past, we have had the benefit of raising funds through a day of activities at local bookstores and the Hammes Bookstore. Last year, we provided free gift wrapping during the holidays and graduation while depending on goodwill offerings to support our cause. These avenues of fundraising are no longer available to us.

The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Scholarship for Local Women has been awarded for more than 15 years and has benefitted more than 45 women from the local community. It is our desire to keep this important activity going, to impact positively the lives of women in our own neighborhoods and at our



Meredith Mersits, SMC '15, has been a three year recipient of the LND/SMC scholarship at Saint Mary's..

educational institutions. All of us appreciate the sacrifices necessary to send students to our schools. Each year the Board receives notes of thanks from our scholarship recipients who specifically highlight how these funds make it possible for them to attend their schools.

This year we are asking our members to consider making a donation, or an additional donation, to the scholarship fund. Think of the goodwill offering you would have made at the Bookstore fundraiser solely for the scholarship fund. Please consider making a donation of \$10, \$25, \$50 or more. All donations are tax-deductible and should be made out to the school of your choice designating the LND/SMC scholarship fund. All checks can be sent to our treasurer, Keiko Storin, at P.O. Box 116, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Remembrance cards are also an excellent way to contribute to the scholarship fund.

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