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From the PRESIDENT . . .

We are now well into autumn and our campuses are bursting with the final beauty of the year. I am thankful that our *Outdoor Adventures* trips have been blessed with glorious golden sunshine. Some of you have joined me on these walks and other members have enjoyed a host of other LND/SMC activities this fall. We had a wonderful turnout at our Opening Reception in September. I want to extend my gratitude to Gwen O'Brien from SMC and Fr. Paul Kollman from ND, our speakers at the event, for sharing their insights about what makes Saint Mary's and Notre Dame great campuses. Thanks also to Gloria Kim, Kate Murphy, Linnea Lannon, and everyone who worked hard to welcome our Newcomers and make our Opening Reception a big success.

I have met many Newcomers at events this fall and I am thankful that you have joined our ranks as members of LND/SMC. One of our newest members is Angela Delfine, a Resident Advisor at Saint Mary's College. Angela, age 23, holds a unique place in our group: she is possibly the *youngest member ever* of LND/SMC. She is enthusiastic, talented and eager to join in our activities. Welcome Angela!

I would like to highlight a few of our upcoming events and activities that you will not want to miss! On November 6, 2014, we will attend a *World War I* exhibit at the Northern Indiana Center for History. Also in November, we are offering a bus tour of South Bend. The tour guide is Sue Solmos from the South Bend City Department of Community Investment. Sue is an engaging and knowledgeable speaker.

Our "Dinner and a Movie" Interest Group

will offer two more films this fall, both related to the 100th anniversary of WWI. Both are recent films, *A Very Long Engagement* (2004) and *Joyeux Noel* (2005). Please check the newsletter for the dates and times of these events.

Our signature holiday event, the Christmas Tea, which we hold to recognize our Life Members and to celebrate the season, will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. The Tea will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Hall, South Bend. Please join us for refreshments from the Creative

Cooking Group, great conversation with friends, and an entertaining musical surprise! Details are in this newsletter.

As we head towards the holiday season, let's keep in mind how fortunate we all are. We hear this truism all the time, but it is as valid as ever: Count your blessings! Showing gratitude for all that we have is the most powerful happiness boosting activity there is.

Plus, showing gratitude reflects our blessings. In closing, I would like to share with you a quote from Thomas Merton, one of my favorite Catholic writers:

Gratitude, therefore, takes nothing for granted,
is never unresponsive,
is constantly awakening to new wonder
and to praise of the goodness of God.
For the grateful person knows
that God is good,
not by hearsay but by experience.
And that is what makes all the difference.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season . . .

Nancy McAdams
President

THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
2014-2015 PROGRAM

November 14, 2014 Monday 9:30 AM	"Grandma for a Day", Beichner Center for Children's Playgroup, For further information see p. 6 Chair: Maria Guarraci, <mariaguarraci@yahoo.com>, 605-951-6227.
November 17, 2014 Monday 11:30 AM	Newcomers & Visitors "Meet for Lunch" <i>Alladin's Eatery</i> , 317 W. University Dr., Mishawaka RSVP See pp. 3 & 12 Chairs: Mary Fran Fritz & Meg Mitzel, 607-797-3065, <mmitzel55@gmail.com>
November 19, 2014 Wednesday 10:00 AM	Bus tour of South Bend. Leave from parking lot of Compton Ice Rink See p. 3 Sue Salmos, SB City Department of Community Investment Chair: Val Bartels, 271-3637, <valreads@comcast.net>
November 20, 2014 Thursday 5:30 PM	Dinner at Legends and the Movie: <i>The Very Long Engagement</i> Browning Cinema DPAC 7:00 PM RSVP See p. 3 Chair: Nancy McAdams, 273-2555 <nocmc@comcast.net>
December 4, 2014 Thursday 8:30 AM	Trip to Loyola University Museum to see <i>Art & Faith of the Creche</i> via South Shore RR at SB Airport RSVP See p. 14 Chair: Denise Brenner, <denisebrenner@gmail.com> or 616-540-3330
December 5, 2014 Friday 5:00 PM	Dinner at Legends and the Movie: <i>Joyeux Noel</i> Browning Cinema DPAC 6:30 PM RSVP See p. 3 Chair: Nancy McAdams, 273-2555 <nocmc@comcast.net>
December 7, 2014 Sunday 2:00 PM	"Christmas Tea" and Recognition of Life Members at Ackles Hall, St. Joseph Parish, SB See p. 3, 15, and 16 Chair: Ravini Fernando, 855-2199, <ravinifernando@hotmail.com>
January 15, 2015 Thursday 6:00 PM	"Let's Eat Out," at <i>Rocky River Tap and Table</i> , 1032 E. University Dr. Mishawaka. See January newsletter for deadline for RSVP Chair: Val Bartels, 271-3637, <valreads@comcast.net>
February 15, 2015 Sunday 1:30 PM	Winter Walk for St. Margaret's House 2015, a fundraiser to support Day Center for Women/Children See January Newsletter Chair: Peg Walter, 807-9901, <swmient@yahoo.com>
February 28, 2015 Saturday 11:30 AM	Scholarship Luncheon at Rice Commons Lounge at Saint Mary's College. See January newsletter for reservation form and Speaker Chairs: Mary Lou Derwent 277-1996 Elaine Nicgorski 234-5157
April 2015 TBD 7:00 PM	Annual Meeting See March Newsletter Chair:
May, 6, 2015 TBD 5:00 PM	Memorial Mass at Regina Hall Chapel, Saint Mary's College Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Blantz, csc, Chaplain See April Newsletter Chairs: Marge Marley, 298-9134 <mamarley57@gmail.com>, Addie Cashore, 246-0496, <acashore@saintmarys.edu>

"Dinner & a Movie"

Members and guests will meet on the Notre Dame campus on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at *Legends* at 5:30 PM for dinner and then go afterwards to the DPAC Browning Cinema.

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of WWI, *The Very Long Engagement* on Thursday, November



20, 2014, at 7:00 PM, is from the director and star of *Amelie* (Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Audrey Tautou). The film portrays the story of a young woman's relentless search for her fiancé

who has disappeared from the trenches of the Somme.

The second movie, *Joyeux Noel* (2005) on Friday, December 5, 2014, at 6:30 PM will arouse our Christmas spirit.



This movie portrays the cautious ceasefire on the Western Front on Christmas Eve of 1914. For one miraculous day, soldiers and officers across enemy lines fraternized and learned about the men who lived on the opposite side. Dinner at Legends will be at 5:00 PM,

Please **RSVP by Tuesday, November 18, 2014**, to Nancy about Legends and the movie *The Very Long Engagement*. Please **RSVP to her by Wednesday, December 3, 2014** about Legends and the movie *Joyeux Noel*. She will get tickets to the movies and give them to you at dinner.

Nancy McAdams, 273-2555
<nocmc@comcast.net>

"Meet for Lunch"

Newcomers & Visitors are invited to join other members of LND/SMC at lunch on Monday, November 17, 2014, at Alladin's Eatery, 317 W. University Dr., Mishawaka at 11:30 AM. To RSVP or for further information contact Meg Mitzel at 607-797-3065 or by e-mail at <mmitzel55@gmail.com> by Friday, November 14, 2014. Go to <www.aladinseatery.com/> for menu information.

"Off the Beaten Path": South Bend, IN

Join us on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, as we take a bus tour around the city of South Bend and learn a bit more about its history and neighborhoods. Members and their guests will leave from the Compton Ice Arena at 10:00 AM. Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to check in and board the bus. There is plenty of free parking around the Arena. There is no charge for this tour.

Sue Solmos, a member of the Neighborhood Engagement Team in the *South Bend Department of Community investment* will be our host for the 1 and one-half hour tour. Space is limited, so please contact Val Bartels, <valreads@comcast.net> or at 271-3637 by Monday, November 17, 2014, to reserve your spot on the bus.

Some of the highlights will be:

- the early history of South Bend as viewed from the West Washington neighborhood,
- the Old Natatorium
- the City Cemetery,
- the East Bank Community,
- Western Ave, Farmers Market, Potawatomi Conservatory . . . there is a lot to hear about and much to learn. Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for decades, there will be something new you will learn!

Val Bartels, 271-3637
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The Christmas Tea

Each year the Christmas Tea brings together members to recognize those members who are being designated as *Life Members*. The spouses of these members . . . or the members themselves, have retired from either the University or College in the past year. Previous to this recognition, the women themselves have been dues paying members for at least the two previous years prior to be recognized.



The six women being recognized are:

- Pam Chipman (Daniel retired from UND)
- Laura Federer retired from UND
- Suzanne Halloran (John retired from UND)
- Anne Kolata (James retired from UND)
- Carol McDonnell (Kevin retired from SMC)
- Julie Nelson (Robert retired from UND)

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From the Interest Group Chairs . . .

CREATIVE COOK-

The creative cooking group is pushing the limits this year! Have you heard they are **"cooking with herbs and spices"**? So far, this has been a fun challenge for the cooking committees. They started off in September with a *Couples' Pot Luck* at Carol and Dean Porter's home. There was a great turn out as everyone enjoyed each others company, the Porter's magnificent art, and the enjoyable food that everyone brought.

In October they enjoyed dishes that had saffron and caraway. The committee pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and made yummy dishes that they had never made before. We also welcomed a few new members, enjoyed the coziness of Maria Younes home, and chatted the night away.

Paella crafted by Mary Fran Kitz



If you are reading this, and finding yourself hungry, then we would like to see you at our next two meetings:

- Nov. 11, 2014 at 7:00PM- THEME: Sesame and cloves
 - Dec. 9, 2014 at 7:00PM- THEME: Nutmeg and Sage
- Call Kelley for place and direction.

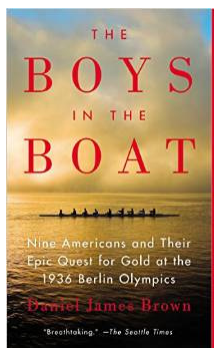
Co-Chairs:

Ashley Hall, 256-612-9843, <ahall1@saintmarys.edu>

Kelley McCarthy, 954-383-8143 <KMCarthy@saintmarys.edu>

MORNING LITERATURE

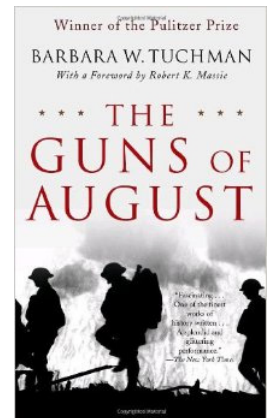
On Monday, November 17, 2014, the group will be discussing a non-fiction selection, *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Sue Uhran will both host and lead the discussion. This selection has been at the top of many best seller lists during the past year. The book "celebrates the 1936 U.S. men's Olympic eight-oar rowing team—nine working class boys from the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, who stormed the rowing world, transformed



the sport, and galvanized the attention of millions of Americans."

Joan Hofman will lead the Monday, December 15, 2014, discussion of Anita Shreve's *Stella Bain*. This work portrays a "tragic yet hopeful story of love, amnesia, and rebuilding the loss of memory of an American volunteer ambulance driver in France during World War I." We will meet at the home of Malou Audi.

Mary Ripple will be the host of the discussion of *The Guns of August* by Barbara Tuhman. This text continues the remembrances of World War I. "Originally published in 1962, *The Guns of August* spent more than 40 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list and won the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction in 1963. It has never been out of print. It's not hard to see why it continues to attract a wide readership even to this day." Sheila Marshall will lead the discussion of this work on Monday, January 19, 2014.

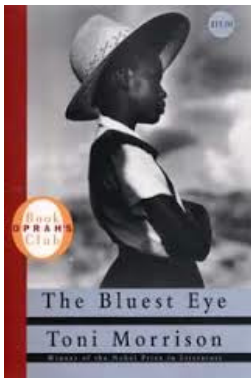


These three selections have many copies available in the SJ CPL. While no RSVP is necessary to Sheila, telling her that you plan to attend does help the hostess prepare. Even if you haven't read the book, you are welcome to attend, listen to and participate in the discussion. Know that you will be welcomed. Call or email Sheila for locations and/or directions.

Sheila Marshall, 291-2364
<shmarshall@att.net>

EVENING LITERATURE

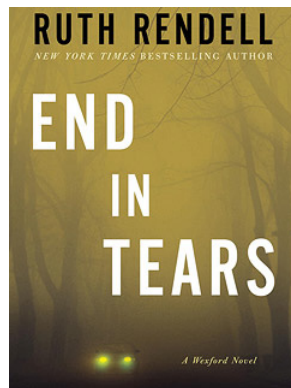
On Thursday, November 6, 2014, the evening literature group will be discussing Toni Morrison's first novel *The Bluest Eye* (1970). It is the story of a young black girl "who develops an inferiority complex due to her eye color and skin appearance." The book, which deals with racism, incest, and child molestation, has un-



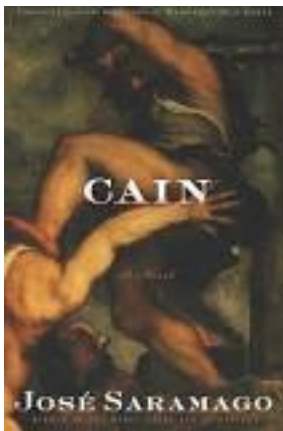
dergone numerous attempts by schools and libraries to be banned from their collections. Laura Fuderer will be leading the discussion at the home of Jean Hull.

Ruth Rendell's twentieth novel in the Inspector Wexford series, *End in Tears*, is the group's choice for their

December 4, 2014, meeting at the home of Christine Costello with Josephine Ford leading the discussion. For those who do not know this author, Baroness Rendell has for four decades been the "pre-eminent writer of psychological suspense thrillers in England."



Jose Caramago, the Nobel



(1998) prize-winning Portuguese author, died in 2011. In 2009, his last novel, *Cain*, was released. It is a re-writing of the Biblical history of the Pentateuch, through the eyes of Cain, as he "witnesses passages that add to his hatred of God." The discussion will be held at the home of Josephine Ford.

Please contact the chairs for directions to the homes of the hostesses. All members are welcome to participate in the discussions. While it is not necessary to RSVP, it does help hostesses to prepare.

Val Bartels, 271-3637 <valreads@comcast.net>

Laura Fuderer, 277-0409 <fuderer@nd.edu>

TENNIS

We are still in need of a few more Tennis Players. If you ever wanted to return to playing tennis or to start playing tennis, NOW is the time.

Contact Elaine Nicgorski,
574-234-5157
<nicgor@yahoo.com>



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

The 8,142 acres of *Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area* offer a unique opportunity to observe large numbers of Canada geese and sandhill cranes. Two observation towers provide great viewing points to see thousands of sandhill cranes in fall migration. There are around 6,000 sandhill cranes at the Wildlife Area right now. More are expected by next week. The drive is about 1 and one-half hours from South Bend.



- **WHAT:** Trip to view the migrating sandhill cranes.
- **WHERE:** The destination is Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area in Medaryville, IN.
- **WHEN:** Saturday, November 8, 2014

Meet at 3:00 PM at the parking lot just before the ND Toll Booth at the Toll Road Entrance on 933. We will car pool. (There is a parking lot on the right.)

- **WHO:** Members, friends and families of LND/SMC
- **Bring:** Snacks, thermoses of hot chocolate coffee/cider. Those who want can go out to dinner when we return to South Bend. Dress for the weather.
- **Bring** binoculars if you have them.

It is **Very Important to RSVP** for this event!

- **RSVP:** Nancy McAdams at nocmc@comcast.net or 574-273-2555.

ROSARY GROUP **NEW**

A new interest group within the Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College has been formed. It is a Rosary Group which will meet monthly on the **first Friday** of every month at 11:30 AM. Moms with or without kids are very welcome. The November meeting will be November 7, 2014 at the home of Mary Murphy, 1038 N. Notre Dame Ave., South Bend, IN, 46617. (It is a white house on the southeast corner of St. Vincent St. and Notre Dame Ave.) For further information or directions contact

Mary Murphy, 404-304-4504
<mmurphy08@gmail.com>

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP • WINTER

The playgroup meets monthly at the Beichner Community Center off of Douglas Rd. (University Village Apartments). This is usually the third Friday of the month from 9:30-11:30 AM, with some exceptions/additions, so check the calendar first! Maria Guarraci will be hosting the Beichner Center playdates. Contact Maria at <mariaguarraci@yahoo.com> with any questions. The Beichner Community Center is a great place to meet other moms in a laid-back, child-friendly space loaded with toys. As a newcomer, this might be a great place to start. Feel free to bring along snacks to share. The Center's staff asks that we park in designated visitor parking spaces once the nearby lot is full.

Lapsits, hosted by Mary Richter at her home, will be the second Wednesday of the month. At these events, moms have the chance to catch up with one another in a relaxed, in-home environment while the kids enjoy playing with someone else's stuff! Perfect for moms with young infants, toddlers, or kids under 5 (though older kids are welcome!).

The playgroup will also be meeting monthly at locations around the area. Our "Around the Town" coordinators, Clare Roach and Marie Spoonhower, are sure to keep the fun coming! This fall, we will also be meeting once a month for a picnic lunch and playtime at the playground adjacent to Notre Dame's Debartolo Performing Arts Center. With winter's arrival, we hope to continue these monthly active playtimes at the Stepan Center, or another central and weather-protected location. We invite mothers to join us with their children as we gather on campus, in members' homes, and around the community. Expectant mothers and grandmothers are welcome too!

To be added to the playgroup email list, or for questions about upcoming playgroup events, please contact Marie Spoonhower: <marie.spoonhower@gmail.com> or Maria Guarraci: <mariaguarraci@yahoo.com.>, 605-951-6227.

"Grandma for a day event"

The November 14, 2014, Beichner Center playdate is one in which we invite the larger LNDSCMC group with the idea that some of the ladies who don't have the daily responsibility of young children of their own might join us to

- 1) connect with the young moms and
- 2) to help watch the little ones so that the young moms are free to socialize with each other, rather than shepherd their own kids for the whole 2 hours.

Last year we had our first "Grandma for a day event" with eight grandmas coming to play with the kids. They read books, colored, made crafts and played with toys. We had a potluck brunch and Newcomers and Moms had a

chance to have a relaxed breakfast and the kids felt pretty spoiled to have a Grandma giving them 110% of their attention. As for the Moms, they felt pretty spoiled too, to be able to have a conversation (with complete sentences!) and also see their kids having such fun.

We hope that Moms and Grandma will join us.

PLAYGROUP CALENDAR

- November 12, 2014, Lapsit
- November 14, 2014, Beichner Center
9:30 AM "Grandma for a Day"
- December 10, 2014, Lapsit
- December 19, 2014, Beichner Center
9:30 AM
- January 14, 2015, Lapsit
- January 16, 2015, Beichner Center
9:30 AM

Marian Cerny's Story Quilt

The Morning Literature's discussion of *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd included the practice by the Southern slaves of making and keeping story quilts. In the 1800's these slaves could not read nor write. They kept their family's history in quilt blocks. The quilts were then "read" by others.

When Marian Cerny came to the recent meeting, she brought with her a "show and tell." It was a story quilt made by her sister Grace to celebrate Marian and Bill's 50th Wedding Anniversary. The piano has been central to their lives and is present amid a plethora of flowers. Thank you Marian for sharing.



Crossroads Gallery for Contemporary Art

On Tuesday, October 14, 2014, LND/SMC was introduced to the *Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture* and the **Crossroads Gallery** by ND grad student, Santiago Quintero. Santiago related the story of Ecuador's national icon, painter Oswaldo Guayasamin. *Guayasamin's Ecuador Unframed* is the work exhibited at the Center.



Standing left to right: Alice Henry, Brigid Edmonds, Mary Lou Derwent, Santiago Quintero, Charlene Aguilar; kneeling: Teresa Wolf, Gosia Bak-Hill, Nancy McAdams and Emese Rivera.

The original oil painting of five panels is in Ecuador, permanently framed and unable to be taken apart. However, with modern technology, the five panels have been reproduced to size, hung on a wall and accompanied by a touch screen/screen where observers can move the panels about. This



digital interface allows visitors to view many of the 30,000+ re-configurations of the 5 pieces. In doing so, the complexity of the painting is seen.

A man of mixed racial heritage, Guayasamin grew up in a country that was entering the modern age, yet was at odds with Peru, had terrible poverty and racial prejudice.

Guayasamin tried to live above race, identity and politics. When Ecuador was socially democratic, Guayasamin was a communist sympathizer. He met Fidel Castro but, when offered, would not shake the hand of Francisco Franco. Throughout his life he worked for justice and peace for his people. His fame spread. Nelson Rockefeller recognized and promoted him.

The second part of the tour was into the *Segura Art Studio*. Started in the 1980's by Joseph Segura, the mission of the studio is to work with under-represented artists; namely, women, blacks and Hispanics. Six to eight artists are invited



each year to come to South Bend, work in the studio, give a talk at Notre Dame and have interaction with the local community. Each artist guarantees the individual subscribers (cost of \$3,500) a print of



their work. Each artist retains a portion of his/her printed works. The studio is a fascinating place to

visit. It has excellent natural lighting, good places to work and the filtration system required for such work.

Alex Schaufele, the art coordinator at the Center, gave a tour of the community based activities that involved children from the South Bend neighborhoods.

Thank you to Tatiana Botero for arranging this tour.

Lunch was at the Western Ave. *Taqueria*.



Opening Reception

On Tuesday, September 16, 2014, President Nancy McAdams told those present at the Opening Reception in Club Naimoli in the Purcell Pavillion that 2014-15 is the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Ladies of Notre Dame. She welcomed members as well as Newcomers and introduced Winifred Caponigri-Farquhar as its longest living member. Winnie joined in 1946. The talk was lively. The food, provided by Fr. John Jenkins, csc, by the *Catering by Design* staff, was excellent. And what the Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College provides for its members and perspective members was evident in displays of its interest groups and programs.

Gwen O'Brien, Director of Media Relations at SMC and Fr. Paul Kollman, csc, a theologian at ND and currently the third director of the *Center for Social Concerns*, were the invited speakers for the evening.

Saint Mary's College is in the concluding months of its *Faith Always, Action Now* campaign, having already achieved its \$80 million goal and extending the goal to \$90 million. Of this goal, \$23 million is designated to meet the full financial need for all of the students that it accepts. SMC is committed to its mission of increasing racial and ethnic diversity among not only the student body but also the faculty and staff. Ms. O'Brien proudly shared



Past-President Denise Brenner and Newcomer Kim Reynolds at the Opening Reception.



Past President Linnea Lannon stands ready to discuss the program and activities that are available for members within The Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College

the news that SMC was listed in the Top Ten Economically Diverse Colleges (9/8/14 issue of the *NYTimes*). This ranking is determined by the ratio of the number of freshmen in recent years receiving a Pell Grant to the net price of attendance for low and middle-income students. For the twelfth time, SMC has continued to hold its ranking by US News of being among the top 100 Best Liberal Arts Colleges for 2015.

Saint Mary's College has plans for extended graduate areas of study with a M.S. in Speech Pathology (with a \$1 million grant for facilities from the Leighton family). The Lilly Endowment has pledged \$1 million to developing a graduate degree in Data Analytics. The nursing department at SMC is extending its degree offering to a doctorate (DNP) degree.

Fr. Paul Kollman, csc, is aptly suited for his role as director of the *Center for Social Concerns* at ND. His scholarship in African Christianity, enriched by time spent in East Africa, and belief in service learning have prepared him well for this role. He shared his two favorite places on campus: namely, • the CSC Cemetery, which is where he will reside with his brothers of Holy Cross, each with a small headstone and a cross with his name, and • a view from the tennis courts at Carroll Hall directed at the three iconic buildings of Notre Dame: its Basilica, Main Building and Library. These buildings represent Faith/Love, Power and Knowledge. He sees these three aspects of life kept in balance by the *Center for Social Concerns*.

While doing what he treasures, he is also trying to keep his academic life in perspective and at the same time see connections between his life in Africa and at Notre Dame. He directs 40 people in providing the services for about 3500 students who receive credit for service-based learning. Each year about 500 students fill 50 vans at Fall Break to spend a week "in the field." Another 250 students take an Urban Plunge working in inner cities during their winter break in January, having prepared during the first semester. The summer break finds 200+ students engaged in a 3-4 credit theology course working for up to a month at various places in the USA.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Bonneville Mill Park September 19, 2014



Alice Henry, Elaine Nicgorski
and grassy fields. The Little Elkhart River flows through the park adding lovely views of the streamside ecosystem.

The *Outdoor Adventures Interest Group* had its first outing to Bonneville Mill Park in Bristol, IN. They had a warm day for the 3 mile walk through pine forests, meadows

In addition, the park is home to the Bonneville Mill, powered by the Little Elkhart River. That day, the mill was grinding grain and some people purchased different types of flour.

Another attraction in the park is the dahlia garden maintained by the Elkhart Dahlia Society. There were many different varieties represented in the gorgeous blooming garden.

This park is highly recommend as a destination for you and your families.



Pam Chipman,
Elaine Nicgorski



JoAnn MacKenzie and
Rama Ganesan.



Ravini Fernando & Julie Nelson

The International Friendship Gardens Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014

A group of five members of LNDSMC visited the *International Friendship Gardens* near Michigan City, IN, in early October. It was a crisp sunny day for the trip and the fall colors were gorgeous. The *International Friendship Gardens* has been a tourist destination since 1936.

Shortly after starting our walk, we were delighted to find lovely statuary tucked throughout the grassy areas near Lake Lucerne, a spring-fed lake. A variety



of rose gardens dotted the landscape nearby. Next, we visited the cultivated gardens, maintained by various cultural groups (i.e. the Scottish garden, the German garden), which were past their prime for the season but still beautiful and attracting wildlife.

After lunch in the Scottish garden, we hiked along the Old Indian Trail and survived an unexpected encounter with a garter snake. We enjoyed the rest of our visit hiking through the woodlands as golden light streamed through the trees. A stop in Three Oaks, MI, at *Viola's* coffee shop was the perfect ending to a satisfying day.

HOME IS WHERE OUR STORY BEGINS *by Kelley McCarthy*

"Sometimes the people
we meet change us
forever" Unknown.



Two years ago I accepted my first professional job as a Hall Director at Saint Mary's College. I packed up my life in Florida, stepped on a plane, and was ready to start the next chapter. During my flight, I met some South Bend locals. They were vacationing in Florida and were on their way home. I remember a conversation I had with the lady who sat across from me. She asked where I was going. With excitement in my voice I said, "I'm moving to Notre Dame." She gave me a funny look as I felt my smile began to fade. "No one moves to this area!," she said. I looked at her with a puzzled face and asked, "What do you mean?" "Why would anyone move from Florida to the Midwest? There are not many things to do there for a young person like you. However, it's a great place to raise a family," she responded. I dug deep to answer with excitement and said, "I accepted my first professional job at Saint Mary's." Again she gave me this look and simply said, "Oh, so you're not even working for Notre Dame?" If I wasn't anxious enough I sure was then. For the first time in my life, I was moving to a place where family was not within driving distance and I was on my own to create a life that I would come to love. I politely finished the conversation and tried to ignore the fact I was already feeling: "Unwelcomed." I felt so alone. Was I going to make friends? Find a support system? Or ever feel like I could call this new town, home?

I knew with this risky move I was going to face many challenges, but I was ready for a new and exciting start. Finding a support network was high on my priority list. My co-worker, Ashley Hall, now one of my best friends, told me about *The Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College*. She brought me to the Opening Reception. I

was so nervous, but I never felt so welcomed, so quickly, in my life. The bitter words from the lady on the plane started to disappear as many of the members introduced themselves to me. Right after that first meeting, I knew that this group was what I was looking for. It is a group that rooted itself in community, friendship and service.

As I start my third year as a member, the connections I have made are starting to evolve into beautiful friendships and forming into even a stronger support network. What I appreciate most about this group of women is the diversity of life experiences. I love traveling the world through your stories, or hearing about your experience when you were a SMC student, or hearing about how you met your significant other, and lastly, what you all have accomplished in your lifetimes. As one of the younger members, all of these conversations are so important. We live in a society where people like to hide behind words and screens instead of hearing the words of others and observing their body language. My soul is filled with gratitude every time I come home from an event. I thank God for bringing me into this group and surrounding me with strong, creative and confident women.

Thank you for your dedication to this organization. Such has kept it going for all these eighty years. Thank you for welcoming me into your community, your lives and homes. Thank you for being a role model for younger women like myself and thank you for keeping the art of conversation alive by sharing your stories. I know no matter where my future takes me, I will always be welcomed back to this community with open arms and hearts. You all have truly changed my life. Thank you.

From the VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CO-CHAIRS . . .

Brigid Edmonds, one of the co-chairs for the Refugee Tutoring Project, reports that this semester has been a huge success and well-attended each Thursday. Mothers and children of Iraqi, Congolese or Sudanese origin meet for a one-to-one English language tutoring experience with about fifteen ND students and LND/SMC members. Held from 3:30-5:00 PM at the Park Jefferson Apts. Community Room, it is an energetic and fun time for all. There is a wait-list for refugees waiting for more LND/SMC volunteers. It is not too late to join. In an effort to incorporate our culture, the group recently carved pumpkins after the regular study session. For many, it is their first Halloween. If you are interested in helping contact Peg Walter at <swmient@yahoo.com> or 574-807-9901.

Volunteer Coordinator Co-Chairs:
Brigid Edmonds & Peg Walters



Halloween

THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to the following members for their generous donations to the *LND/SMC Scholarship Fund for Local Women* at both the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.

As of October 28, 2014, we have received checks totaling \$1065.00 for the University of Notre Dame and \$725.00 for Saint Mary's College.

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Marie-Louise Audi * !
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Kathleen Brown !
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Joan Williamson *

N. B.: If you would like to contribute to this Fund, it is not too late. Checks should be made payable to the either the University of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's College and mailed to Pam Chipman, 1208 Leeper Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617.

MEMBERS:

Ask your Adult Children! We need their help.

Many of us members have children who are graduates of UND or SMC. Many of these “children,” who are now adults, wish to be eligible for the 2015 football ticket lottery. To have this eligibility they have to have made a donation to the university within the past year. Any donation that they make through the LND/SMC Remembrance Card program will be acknowledged by the University or College and will be tax deductible. Monies donated through this program go directly to the LND/SMC Scholarship account at the University or College. Would you please suggest this to them? Thank you.

From the NEWCOMERS & VISITORS CO-CHAIRS . . .

Both Nancy McAdams and Mary Fran Kitz opened their homes for Newcomers and Visitors to the University and College during the past two months ... one in the morning and one in the evening. Both resulted in lively conversation and the “getting to know each other.” These interesting women shared topics such as:

- what goes on at the Notre Dame Center for Arts & Culture,
- how many different ways to cook a pumpkin or squash, as well as how to peel one!
- recommendations on what type of winter boots or winter coats should be purchased ... as well as where to purchase them for someone from Arizona,
- how the neighborhoods have changed in South Bend. Given the success of the past two months, the next two should be welcoming as well. The next scheduled event is a “Meet for Lunch” on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 11:30 AM at *Alladin's Eatery*, 317 W. University Dr., Mishawka, between Grape Rd and Main St. **RSVP's are necessary for this by Friday, November 14, 2014.** Call Meg Mitzel at 607-797-3065 or email <mmitzel55@gmail.com> If you are new and have not yet come to one of the gatherings or joined the organization, come. You will meet new people and interesting conversations . . . *guaranteed!* We hope that you can join us for lunch.

*Newcomer Co-Chairs: Meg Mitzel, 607-797-3065
mmitzel55@gmail.com*

*Mary Fran Kitz, 630-750-8849
mkitz62@aol.com*

From the Assistant TREASURER . . .

The LND/SMC Remembrance Cards are a special way for members to give recognition to others at the time of a special occasion, such as birthday, anniversary, graduation or new position, as well as *In Memoriam* to the family of those who have died. Those who have died will be remembered in the LND/SMC Memorial Mass each May. Keep in mind that your gift associated with the LND/SMC Remembrance Cards is fully tax deductible. All monies 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 Saint Mary's College.

If you would like to have one of these cards on hand, contact Mary Lou Derwent, <mdewent@nd.edu> or Jacqueline Thomas, <jbthomas0429@gmail.com>. A packet will be mailed to you, followed by another one via return mail when you use it.

IN MEMORIAM:

- Wan McGee (Walter & Elaine Nicgorski)
- Lavern W. Schult (Walter & Elaine Nicgorski)

*Jackie Thomas, 272-9686,
<jbthomas0429@gmail.com>*

From the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . .

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

SYMPATHY

- The family of deceased Stuart McComas, husband of recently deceased Carol McComas, LM
- Kate Murphy on the death of her mother-in-law.
- Mary Malloy on the death of her brother-in-law.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Carol and Joe Macura in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Kate and Doug Kelly in honor of the birth of their daughter.

Members can request that notes be sent to individuals for any life changing experience from Get Well to Thinking of you, Congratulations on a special occasion or in Sympathy with the member. Please address all requests to the Corresponding Secretary Pat Kaiser.

*Patricia Kaiser, 272-5459,
<PMKRD@hotmail.com>*

**Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College
2014-2015 Membership Form**

To become a member of LND/SMC:

1. Please complete the following information.
2. Send this form along with a check for \$25 for your dues to:
Pam Chipman, 1208 Leeper Ave., South Bend, IN 46617.
3. You **must** be a member of LND/SMC to participate in Interest Groups.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Zip Code _____
Home Telephone # _____ Email Address _____

Are **you** an employee of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes,

Circle ND or SMC and indicate your department:

Title of your position:

Your Campus Address:

Do you want the newsletter sent to your home or campus address? ☐ Home ☐ Campus

Is your **spouse** an employee of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes,

Circle ND or SMC and indicate department:

Spouse's Name:

Title of your spouse's position:

Spouse's Campus Address:

Are you new to the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community within the past year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\$_____ To become a member, please pay annual dues of \$25.
make your check payable to LND/SMC.

\$_____ To make a Life Member Sustaining Donation
make your check payable to LND/SMC

\$_____ To make a donation to our Notre Dame Scholarship Fund,
make your check payable to University of Notre Dame.*

\$_____ To make a donation to our Saint Mary's College Scholarship Fund,
make your check payable to Saint Mary's College.*

**Please include separate check for each scholarship donation. Thank you.*

N.B. Donors to the 2014-2015 Scholarship Funds will be acknowledged in the newsletter. If you choose NOT to have your donation publicly acknowledge, please check here. ☐

I am interested in participating in or helping with the following Interest Groups:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Playgroup | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomers & Visitors | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Adventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |

May we continue to extend a very warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College! We hope joining The Ladies will help you to build a sense of community and serve as a source of support. Please join and then

- participate in any of our interest groups,
- join an *"Off the Beaten Path"* adventure,
- show up for a **Let's Eat Out!**
- have fun at one of our fund-raisers, or
- generate a new group outing or fund raising idea of your own.

For those of us who have been members of LND/SMC, or wish to "re-join," it is the season to renew your membership. The membership form for 2014-2015 to send to Membership Chair Pam Chipman is on the reverse side of this page. (See p. 13). Please fill out the membership form in its entirety so we can update all your information for this year's membership directory. The annual fees are \$25.00. These monies go to support our programs and fund raising efforts.

If you are making a donation to the LND/SMC Scholarship Fund in addition to your dues, please write separate checks. The membership forms, dues check and donation check(s) should be mailed to Pam Chipman at 1208 Leeper Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617. Please remind your friends to renew their memberships. It is never too late to join or "re-join" the LND/SMC!

Life Members, this is a reminder that you have the opportunity to make a donation to LND/SMC to help defray the cost of newsletter mailings and membership yearbooks. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

*Pam Chipman 288-0995 & Kate Murphy 272-8905
Membership Co-chairs*

Celebrate the Christmas season with a trip to the Loyola University Museum of Art's exhibition on the *Art & Faith of the Creche*. This exhibit showcases artists' rendition of the Nativity scene with clothing, architecture, and figures from their native lands. The museum is located in the heart of No. Michigan Avenue. It is an ideal location for Christmas shopping before heading back home.

You can also visit the *Christkindlmarket*, which is a German open air market at Daley Plaza or sip a poinsettia drink around the Christmas tree in the Walnut Room at Macy's on State Street. Chicago is a magical city at Christmastime.

We will meet at the South Shore Train Station at the SB Airport at 8:30 AM on Thursday, December 4, 2014. Return trains from Chicago Randolph St. Station are at 4:02 PM or 5:10 PM CST, arriving in South Bend at 7:37 PM or 8:43 PM EST.

Please contact Denise Brenner, <denisebrenner@gmail.com> or 616-540-3330, if you are interested in going on the journey.



This is the NEW Ladies website
address:
www.lndsmc.org

Please check out this website. It will give you more information about this organization, what it does. You may find your new best friend is among its members!

From the MEMBERSHIP CHAIR . . .

Let's do the numbers! ...

98 RENEWING MEMBERS
16 NEW MEMBERS
+ 126 LIFE MEMBERS

240 TOTAL MEMBERS

Pam Chipman, 288-0995
Membership Co-chair
<pdchipman@ameritech.net>

From the RECORDING SECRETARY . . .

Summary of LND/SMC Board Meeting October 28, 2014

A special subcommittee of the Board met and the Board approved the Treasurer's report which will now integrate the money from the Powell Estate into the general budget expenses. An additional page of the report will also clearly outline all the Powell Estate activity.

The President reported on her meeting with a Notre Dame Financial Advisor where she discussed increasing our funds through investments. Since we would have to request pro-bono work from any investment firm, and since our funds to invest are very limited, we voted not to go forward with the investment route with our funds. We have money in three CD accounts. The "rainy day" account must be maintained as is. We discussed using some of the money in the other two accounts to add to the scholarship fund. We decided to wait until March to make any final decisions on adding to the scholarship fund.

Treasurer Bobbie Corke organized a special packet of information that explains what a chair should do for each program event. President Nancy McAdams gave this packet to Program Chair Val Bartels so that she and future Program Chairs will be better prepared to plan events.

Upcoming program events were discussed for November: a World War I exhibit at the *Center for History*, a bus tour of South Bend, and the movie *A Very Long Engagement* at DeBartolo; for December events are the movie *Joyeux Noel* and the *Holiday Tea* at the Ackles Center, St. Joseph Parish Hall.

There will be an upcoming "Membership Protocol" meeting to discuss policies pertaining to membership. Membership Chair Pam Chipman reported currently 127 life members, 95 renewing members, and 16 new members.

The two Newcomer Coffees held in October were a success with several potential members attending each one. The Playground Chair mentioned that the Beichner Center Playgroup events have not been as well attended as in past years. The tutoring program sponsored by LND/SMC for refugees held each Thursday at the Park Jefferson Apartments has been very successful but could use more tutors from our group. We all agreed that the new website is very attractive and easy to navigate. Members will continue to receive email updates to all the upcoming events.

Mary Malloy, 574-277-4601
mary.malloy@gmail.com

N.B.: In the absence of Mary Malloy, these minutes were recorded and summarized by Brigid Edmonds

Ques: How do I receive an electronic version of the Newsletter?
Ans: When you sent in your membership form and dues, if you DID NOT check the box at the bottom of the page, contact the Membership Chair: Pam Chipman, <pdchipman@ameritech.net> or 288-0995.

The Christmas Tea continued from p. 3

Over the years many of these women have and are still contributing to this organization. One is a former President. Please join LND/SMC in congratulating these women.

Ravini Fernando and her committee have planned an enjoyable afternoon starting at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at the Ackles Center, St. Joseph Parish, South Bend. The Ackles Center is located at 711 E. Colfax St. on the northeast corner with St. Louis Blvd. St. Louis Blvd. is one block east of Hill St. and one block south of LaSalle St. LaSalle St. borders on the St. Joseph High School football field. The entrance to the Ackles Center is on the east side of the building off Colfax St. There is plenty of parking. Park on the east side of the building

The next deadline for the November newsletter
is PRIOR to January 5, 2015
<mderwent@nd.edu>
Dated material DO NOT forward



by: Mary Collins

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*Members, Life Members and Guests
Are welcome to join
The President and Board of the
Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College
at a
Christmas Tea
Honoring New Life Members
Sunday, December 7, 2014
2:00 P.M.
at
Ackles Center
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South Bend, IN*