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From the PRESIDENT . . .



President Nancy McAdams

At the annual business meeting held on May 30, 2015, at Innovation Park, we received updates from Board Officers, approved minutes, and tackled New Business.

A motion was made to discuss changing the name of our organization from *The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College* to the *Women's Association of ND/SMC*. Our members

discussed the issue for over an hour and then a vote was taken. After the ballots were counted, 33 members opposed the name change, 22 supported it, and two abstained. Therefore, the motion to change the name did not pass. However, all of us agreed on another topic - that the refreshments, an array of sweet and savory delights catered by Jennifer Velasco, were 100% delicious. Thank you Jennifer!

The last event for this year will be an Outdoor Adventures walk at Love Creek Nature Center on Thursday, May 21, 2015. A ranger will lead us through the woods as we look for spring wildflowers and migrating birds. More details are available in this newsletter. (See p. 2)

I would like to close out the academic year with an introduction to our new president, Ravini Fernando. Ravini has been on the Board in several positions and comes to us with many years of experience in community involvement. As a mother of four, she has been active in every kind of school program that you can imagine. Ravini is particularly talented in art and music and is full of great ideas for next year. I am pleased to pass the gavel to Ravini!

In closing, I wish to thank all the Board members and volunteers who worked hard for our organization this

year. We had many enjoyable activities and events. I look forward to an exciting year starting in the Fall. Have a great summer and see you in September!

*Nancy McAdams
President*

IN MEMORIAM

Ann W. Lauer

June 12, 1931, April 13, 2015



"She was a engaging person"

Ann W. Lauer, 83, passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2015, at the Sanctuary at St. Paul, South Bend. She was born in England in 1931 to Jack and Lenore Beare. Following World War II, her family moved to Canada. It was there that she met Kenneth Lauer. They were married in Toronto, Ontario, in December 1950. In 1956 they moved to South Bend at which time her husband joined the faculty at Notre Dame.

After raising six children, Ann earned her degree in Nursing at Saint Mary's College and her Master in Nursing at IUSB. She worked at Memorial Hospital both as a nurse and as a visiting nurse. She is survived by her husband, her children: five sons - Gregory, Paul, John, Peter and James, and one daughter - Catherine (Sheff), 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ann was a longstanding member of Christ the King parish where she served in various liturgical ministries. She donated her body to science. A Memorial Mass in her memory was held at Christ the King Church on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at 4:00 PM. The church was open for visitation with the family prior to the service.



*President Nancy McAdams &
New President Ravini Fernando*

Outdoor Adventures Outing Love Creek Nature Center Outing



WHAT: Nature walk to look for wildflowers and birds and experience the peace of the forest. Our ranger-led walk is scheduled for 10:30 AM.

WHEN: Thursday May 21, 2015. Meet at the Francis Branch Library at 9:45 AM. We will carpool. Entry fee is \$3 per car.

WHERE: Love Creek Nature Center, Berrien Center, MI It is about a 25 min. drive from the Library.

BRING: Dress according to the weather. Bring lunch and water. You will want to carry water with you on the walk. Mosquito spray would be a good idea as well.

RSVP: to chair by Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Chair: Nancy McAdams
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OFF THE BEATEN PATH . . . BUCHANAN, MI

On Tuesday, April 28, 2015, a group of 17 LND/SMC members and friends attended a tour of Vite's Greenhouse in Buchanan, MI. Rama Ganesan brought her dog along who was heartily welcomed in the greenhouse!

Jerome Vite gave us a comprehensive lecture about new plants on the market for our zone 5 gardens. He gave us several good recommendations and directed us to a list of recommended plants that can be found on their website <www.

vitesgreenhouse.com>.

In particular, the calabrachoa (superbells) are sturdier this year and if you buy some be sure to fertilize once a week. The colors of superbells are just stunning.



"Lemon Slice" Superbells
Proven Winner

And here's an update about impatiens and the downy mildew problem that some of us have had: *If you have not experienced any problems with impatiens, that means that the downy mildew is not in your soil.* You then have a "green light" to plant impatiens. However, *if impatiens have been giving you a problem in the past seasons, don't plant* them. This means that downy mildew is in your soil. Downy mildew is airborne, it can land anywhere and cause problems.

In the greenhouse, the colors of the annuals were amazing. A feast for the eyes!

All enjoyed walking amongst the various greens: especially of the hostas and specialty ferns - these plants are "must haves" for shady areas.

After the tour, five women enjoyed lunch at *The Nugget* in Niles, MI.

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Betsey McCorry, Mary Malloy, Rama Ganesan with Inji, and Joanne MacKenzie

Link for photographs from High Tea

<http://velasco.smugmug.com/Misc/2015/05-LNDSMC-Fashion-Show/n-5MKv8w/>

The High Tea and Fashion Show

On Sunday, May 3, 2015, close to 60 members, friends and family members attended *The High Tea and Fashion Show* held for the second year at The Morris Inn. This year, *Little Princess Treasures* and *Flourish Boutiques* provided the fashion. *Little Princess Treasures* is a children's store. Nine girls, ranging in age from seventeen months to seven years, looked adorable in the unique outfits handpicked for each of them by the store owner. The store is located at University Park Mall.

The adult fashion was provided by *Flourish Boutique*, now located in Centennial Place on Cleveland Road between Grape and Main Streets. Nine adult and young adult models showcased outfits chosen by them with the help from the store assistant manager. All the models looked lovely and those in attendance enjoyed seeing the different fashion choices the store provided. Thank you to all who agreed to model!

In between admiring the fashion, those in attendance played a game that helped them learn a little about each other and explore the diversity our organization has to offer. This is a theme we hope to continue in the near future.

Ann-Marie Conrado, an Associate Specialist in Industrial Design at ND, spoke to us about a charity she founded called *HOPE Initiative, Nepal*. This non-profit works to address humanitarian concerns in developing countries. It strives to help the poor to lift themselves out of

poverty through education. Now, after the devastating earthquake, people in Nepal need more help than ever. The local Nepali community has teamed up with *HOPE Initiatives* to reach those outside of Kathmandu, who are not being served by the major humanitarian organizations. If you would like to learn more, or help, please visit <<http://www.hope-fornepal.org>>.

Last but not least, the Past President Denis Brenner was able to thank our current President, Nancy McAdams, for her service and presented her with a beautiful painting, made by Jackie Welsh. In turn, Nancy passed the baton to our President-elect, Ravini Fernando.

All in all, it was a wonderful afternoon to enjoy with friends and families and celebrate the community of *The Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College*. Thank you to all the committee members who put in countless hours to make this event come together: Nancy McAdams, Ravini Fernando, Gloria Kim, Amanda Jones, Rumana Poellabauer and Renata Matousova. Also thanks to Val Bartels and Thilini Fernando for helping out with the final preparations and registration at the event. Julien Velasco once again came to document this event in beautiful photographs.



From the COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH TEA . . .

Unfortunately, not everything went smoothly during *The High Tea and Fashion Show*. There were some frustrating service issues on the side of *The Morris Inn*. However, we are happy to say that we have voiced our concern and *The Morris Inn* acknowledged the issues, apologized, and very generously waived the entire bill.

The planning committee has discussed how to proceed with the funds collected from the attendees, and agreed that the best way would be to donate the proceeds to charitable organizations. We recommended that the total of \$1,500 be split three ways between *HOPE Initiatives for Nepal, St. Margaret's House* and the LND/SMC scholarship fund. The LND/SMC board will be reviewing this recommendation shortly and the final decision will be communicated to all members in the September issue.

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. 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 Jacqueline Thomas. A packet will be mailed to you, and another one by return mail when you use it.

IN MEMORIAM

- Melvin Cooper
(W.Philip & Carolyn Helman))
- John DeWan
(Elaine Nicgorski)
- Henrietta R. Goetz
(Flint & Jacqueline Thomas)
- Delbert Kell
(Elaine Nicgorski)
- Ann Lauer
(John & Mary Lou Derwent, Jerry & Marge Marley)
- Paul Nelson
(Walter & Elaine Nicgorski)

Jacqueline Thomas
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From the Corresponding Secretary . . .

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

SYMPATHY

- Emeritus Prof. Kenneth Lauer, on the death of his wife, Ann Lauer, LM
- Bette Jerger, LM, on the death of her husband, Emeritus Dean Edward Jerger.

GET WELL TO

- Mary Sparks, LM
- Heather Yang, LM

CONGRATULATIONS

- Alice & Eugene Henry on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.
- Helen and Barth Pollak on the occasion of their son, Dr. Martin R. Pollak, a Nephrologist, being inducted as a member of the National Academy of Science.

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MEMORIAL MASS

Thirty people joined Fr. Thomas Blantz, csc, chaplain for LND/SMC at 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2015, in Regina Hall Chapel, Saint Mary's College to participate in the Annual Memorial Mass. At this Mass is celebrated the lives of all deceased members of LND/SMC as well as deceased family members during 2014-15. Included were two Life Members: Mary Houck and Ann Lauer, as well as fourteen deceased family members and eleven Remembrance Card Memorials. Addie Cashore and Sr. Linda Kors provided the music. Members assisted Fr. Blantz as communion ministers and lector. The LND/SMC community is appreciative of the use of this chapel and Saint Mary's College which provides us access. Marge Marley 289-9134
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