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From the PRESIDENT . . .

As I sat down to write a few lines for the news letter, I could see the wind blowing outside. The air is cool and the trees are burnished with beautiful autumn colors. This is my favorite time of the year. After moving to Indiana and experiencing four seasons, I have enjoyed the fall season the most. It also means the holidays, getting together with family and friends. Of course, much cooler weather is also around the corner.

As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the blessings bestowed on us, and as we give thanks, it is also a great time to reach out to one another. In this spirit, I want to make a special request to all our members . . . reach out to someone in our Notre Dame/Saint Mary's family and invite them to our next event. I encourage our active members to invite a new comer or an old timer who may have not heard about our organization to attend one our events. We have many different events on different days and times, providing flexibility for all interested to plug in. Please contact Kim Reynolds or Mary Fran Kitz for more information on 'newcomers' and visitors' events they have planned for the year.

The Opening Reception was very well attend-

ed. Fr. Bill Lies, CSC and President Carol Ann Mooney were our guest speakers, (*see p. 8*)

Nancy Mc Adams has done a tremendous job of organizing great hikes to Potato Creek State Park, Willow Dale Park in Elkhart through the Outdoors Adventure group. The cooking, literature, and knitting groups are all off to a great start as well. Maria Guaracci and the Children's Playgroup have enjoyed field trips to the zoo as well as play dates and fellowship at the Biechner Center. Jackie Welsh and Val Bartel have planned some exciting events for the upcoming months such as the Dia De los Muertos at ND Center for the Arts and the Annual Christmas Tea recognizing the new Life Members.

We are also very excited to start a new evening speaker series called "Your Story is my Story". The first gathering will be on November 3, 2015, at the Mendoza College of Business. We are honored to have Paqui Kelly of the *Kelly Cares Foundation* as the inaugural guest speaker (*see p. 3*). It will be an evening of socializing and fellowship with an inspiring guest speaker. Please bring a friend and join us.

I hope the year is off to a great start and wish you all happiness and good health!

In Notre Dame,
Ravini Fernando
President

From the HOLIDAY TEA CO-CHAIRS . . .

All members of the Ladies are invited by Co-Chairs: Heidi Lamm, Julie Nelson and Diane Nichols to attend a holiday celebration and recognition of the newly designated Life Members: Maria Atassi, Sibylle Livingston and Teresa Wolf. A member is designated a Life Member by virtue of their husband becoming emeritus with the University/College or they themselves achieving this status. Previous to this recognition, the women themselves have been dues paying members for at least the two years prior to this year.

Heidi, Julie and Diane are pleased to tell us that

Notre Dame's *Celebration Choir* will be the afternoon's entertainment. This group offer a wide range of music from classical hymns and traditional liturgical music to gospel/spiritual and a contemporary repertoire. This presentation will be of a celebration of "*Christmas Around the World*."

This Tea will be held from 2-5:00 PM in Ackles Center at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, located on the northeast corner of St. Louis Blvd. and Colfax Ave. There is adequate parking adjacent to the Hall. Come and join with friends and have a joy-filled afternoon.

THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME & SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
2015-2016 PROGRAM

- November 3, 2015 Newcomers & Visitors Lunch at *Mandarin House* on Edison Road.
Tuesday Contact chairs for directions and details. See p. 4.
noon Co-Chairs: Mary Fran Kitz 630-750-8849 or Kim Reynolds, 383-5730
- November 3, 2015 "*Your story is my Story*," a presentation by Pacqui Kelly
Tuesday Mendoza College of Business, Room 133 See p. 3.
7:00 PM Chairs: Val Bartels, 271-3637, <valreads@comcast.net> &
 Jackie Welsh, 277-1968, <jackie.welsh.14@gmail.com>
- November 4, 2015 *Dia De Los Muertos* at the Notre Dame Center for Arts & Culture
Wednesday Lunch follows at *Taquerio Chicago*, 2920 Western Ave., SB. RSVP by 11/1 See p. 5.
11:00 AM Chair: Jackie Welsh, 277-1968, <jackie.welsh.14@gmail.com>
- November 5, 2015 Board meeting, West Lake Hall
Thursday
7:00 PM Chair: Ravini Fernando,
- December 3, 2015 "*Off the Beaten Path*" Trip to New Carlisle for Christmas "shopping," tour of the
Thursday *Inn of the Old Republic* and lunch. See p. 4 for details.
9:20 AM (carpool) Co-Chairs: Maria Guarraci <mariaguarraci@yahoo.com> & Mary Montenaro
 <mamanaro@gmail.com>, 503-351-8270
- December 6, 2015 "*Holiday Tea*" and Recognition of Life Members. See p. 1 for details.
Sunday Ackles Center, St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, IN
2:00 PM Co-Chair: Heidi Lamm, Julie Nelson & Diane Nichols
- January 14, 2016 Evening Wine & Dessert for Newcomers at home of Kim Reynolds
Thursday RSVP to chairs. Check with co-chairs for directions See p. 4.
7-9:00 PM Co-Chairs: Mary Fran Kitz 630-750-8849 or Kim Reynolds, 383-5730
- February 20, 2016 Scholarship Luncheon & Welcome of Second Semester Newcomers
Saturday Morris Inn Private Dining Rooms See January newsletter for details.
11:30 AM Co-Chair: Bobbie Corke, Mary Lou Derwent & Elaine Nicgorski

POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL.

- April 2016 Day Trip to Kokomo, IN to visit *Kokomo Opalescent Glass Factory* and lunch
TBA
7:45 AM Chair: Mary Lou Derwent, 277-1996, <mllderwent@alumni.nd.edu>
- May 5, 2015 Memorial Mass at Regina Hall, Saint Mary's College
Thursday Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Blantz, csc, Chaplain
5:00 PM Co-Chairs: Marge Marley, Addie Cashore



THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME
AND SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Presents

“Your story is my story”

With Guest speaker

Paqui Kelly

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

**Bring a
Friend!**

7 PM – 9 PM

**Mendoza
Business College
Room 133**

**For any questions,
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“We can do no great
things-only small things
with great love.” –Blessed
Mother Teresa

"Off the Beaten Path," NEW CARLISLE, IN

New Carlisle, IN, is a small town west of South Bend where a special place is created at Christmas time. Join a group of women in a Tour of the Inn



at the Old Republic followed by shopping at The Village Shoppes, ... with the wonderland of Christmas ..., Fenney's Hometown Goods and the Potter's Wife. The excursion is planned for Thursday, December 3, 2015.

After visiting the shops, we will enjoy lunch together at Kate O'Connor's Irish Pub or Moser's Austrian Cafe. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 1, 2015

to the chairs for details and letting them know if you wish to car pool or will meet in New Carlisle.

For those who wish to car pool, meet at 9:20 AM in the parking lot of Little Flower Church 54191 N. Ironwood Rd., South Bend. The tour of the Inn at the Old Republic starts at 10:00 AM.

Co-Chairs: Mary Montenaro <mamanero@gmail.com>, 503-351-8270

"Off the Beaten Path" SOUTH BEND, IN



Dia De Los Muertos

As Americans prepare for Halloween at the end of October, the people of Mexico, in particular the central and south regions, turn their attention to the traditions surrounding the Day of the Dead. A vibrant cultural synthesis, *Dia De Los Muertos* combines the Catholic traditions of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) with pre-Columbian concept of death that have been a part of Mexican society since Aztec times.

Join us on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 11:00 AM when we meet at the Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture, 1045 West Washington Street, South Bend, for a private tour and presentation of two *Ofrenda* (altar) installations. A tradi-

tional *Ofrenda*, will be created for the lobby.

In *Crossroads Gallery*, visiting artists, Alma Levia (photographer) and Adriana Corral (installation artist) will create an exhibit honoring women who have died as a result of violence committed against them. (October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.)

Lunch follows at *Taquerio Chicago*, 2920 Western Avenue, South Bend. RSVP to Jackie Welsh, by November 1, 2015, and let her know if you are coming, and if you are joining her for lunch.

Chair: Jackie Welsh, 277-1968 or <jackie.welsh.14@gmail.com>

From the NEWCOMER & VISITORS' CO-CHAIRS . . .

Welcome, once again, to all Newcomers to the UND/SMC communities. We are glad that you are here! The following events provide an opportunity to socialize on an informal basis. The Morning Coffee in September at the home of Kimberly Reynolds was on a beautiful day and generated interesting conversations!



Mary Jo Desch, Ravini Fernando, Liz Regan, Mary Fran Kitz with Riley.

The evening Wine & Dessert gathering in October at the home of Past President, Denise Brenner brought out other newer members to share the delicious treats baked by Denise.



Front Mary Malloy, Peg DeBoer, Michelle Wheeler, Kim Reynolds, Liz Regan Back: Mary Fran Kitz, Christine Machon, Denise Brenner, Ravini Fernando, Betsy McCorry

We invite you to join us for lunch on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at noon, at the Mandarin House restaurant on Edison Road, SB.

In January, Kim Reynolds invites us to her home on Thursday, January 14, 2016, 7-9:00 PM for Wine and Appetizers. Please RSVP for each event to let us know if you can attend. We hope you can join us for one or all of the social events.

Mary Fran Kitz 630-750-8849
Kim Reynolds, 574-383-5730

MORNING LITERATURE

Kristen Hannah wrote, *The Nightingale*, the best-selling, highly popular and fascinating story of two sisters living in Central France during WWII. The story relates how their lives were affected by their relationships with their father yet changed by ideals and circumstances. It is a considered a "women's war story." Sue Uhran will lead the discussion of the text on Monday, November 16, 2015, at her home.

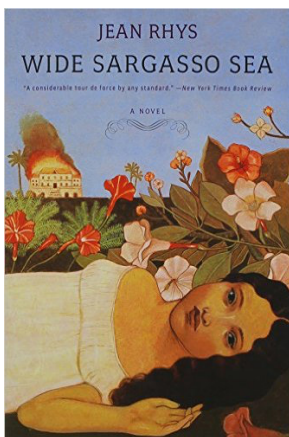


Four weeks later, joining the group discussion of Anita Diamant's *Boston Girl*, led by Pat Kaiser at the home of Mary Lou Derwent. The story is based in Rockport Lodge, MA near where Diamant had frequently vacationed. This resort is a "women only" and incredibly inexpensive place started in 1906 for low-income women. This started the author to think of someone who might have gone there.

Chair Sheila Marshall will both host and lead the discussion on January 18, 2016 of the classic by Jean Rhys, *Wide Sargasso Sea*. This is often times considered a "companion" book to *Jane Eyre*. If you have time, you might wish to read both.

The group meets at 9:30 AM. LNDSCM members are always welcome. It is not necessary to participate in the discussion. The group supports good reading and friendly fellowship! Contact the chair to get on the email list as well as for directions to the various meeting places.

Chair: Sheila Marshall,
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EVENING LITERATURE

The Evening Literature Group meets the first Thursday of each month at members' homes. The starting time is 7:30 PM. This group has been meeting for many decades and a few of the members have been a part of it that entire time. Books are chosen from among the classics, quality current fiction and the occasional non-fiction book.

The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things by Paula Byrne is chosen for the November 5, 2015 meeting at the home of Christine Mahan. Laura Fuderer is leading the discussion of this biographer's "revealing portrait of this beloved and complex novelist."



Due to the popular recent



movement, the choice for December 3, 2015, is Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*. This novel shows the competition of suitors, courtship, rural life styles and the role of a woman running a large English farm estate. The meeting is at the home of Jean Hull

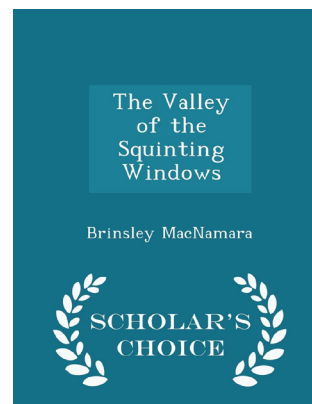
with Alice Bentley as the discussion leader.

The group is looking for a volunteer to lead the discussion of Brinsley MacNamara's *The Valley of the Squinting Windows* on January 7, 2016. This meeting will be at the home of Elaine Nicgorski.

For directions to meeting places please contact the co-chairs. Also, please contact the co-chairs for more information about joining this group of reading women and their selection of books

Co-chairs:

Val Bartels, 271-3637 <valreads@comcast.net>
Laura Fuderer, 277-0409 <fuderer@nd.edu>



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP LATE-FALL

The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Playgroup is off to a great start this year. We had several fun *Around the Town* events including Fernwood Botanical Gardens (at left) and Central Park in Mishawaka (at right) as well as trips to the Zoo at Potawatomi Park and Matthy's Farm Market (below) in October.



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Also, based on feedback received from playgroup members, we decided to take advantage of our gorgeous fall weather and begin a series of Stroller Walks (below). Every week from mid-September through mid-October, a different playgroup member volunteered her neighborhood as a place to take a stroll or a kiddie bike ride.

Our opening Beichner Center Playdate was very well-attended with 23 adults and 34 children in attendance to play, snack, and learn a bit about the amazing monarch butterfly. Our second Beichner Center playdate in October included fun farm-themed crafts and the usual good company.

Finally, our littlest ones and their parents gathered for a casual lapsit and light lunch at a member's home.

New this year is our facebook page: Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup. This page has proven a great way to get feedback from members, share resources, and announce upcoming events. Please encourage any ND or SMC parent of young children to request to join our page!

The Playgroup Coordinators have much more fun in store over the next few months. Please consider joining us...and as always, invite a guest! Maria Guarraci <mariaguarraci@yahoo.com> 605-951-6227,



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CALENDAR

11/6

- Tentative Date – Lapsit

11/11

- Kids First Children's Museum

11/20

- Beichner Center Playdate
FALL INTO FRIENDSHIPS

12/4

- Tentative Date – Lapsit

12/10

- Fun N Fitness Gymnastics

12/18

- Beichner Center Playdate
HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Week of 1/5/16

- Skating at Compton Ice Arena (Exact Date TBA)

READ BABY READ

Member Toni Fein reports that three volunteers have responded to her request for help with READ BABY READ. She says: "They have been marvelous!" At the present time Toni does not need any more volunteers. It is expected that when she does, she will ask for more.

A sincere thank you to the volunteers.

CREATIVE COOKING

Following the Southwest theme of our September couples' get-together, which was held in the beautiful home of Donna Cox, the Creative Cooking group welcomed the beginning of Fall with a Midwest menu of expertly baked pork loin and rhubarb, savory roasted vegetables, a scrumptious corn casserole, an apple, cranberry & walnut salad, and a wild rice medley. We sampled Indiana Amish cheese and locally brewed beer, and topped it off with apple cake. Our host, Carol Porter, filled us in on Midwest culinary traditions, offering samples of freshly baked Hoosier Sugar Cream Pie, Indiana's official state dish. *Yes, we do have one!*



A shout-out to Iowa girl Pam Chipman, and a "Thank you" to Carol for letting us dine in the presence of so much beautiful art!

Just in time for Thanksgiving, our November 10, 2015, 7:00 PM meeting will focus on the culinary traditions of New England & Vermont. Cranberries, maple syrup, pudding... need I say more? And in December, we will be testing & tasting Family Favorites. I myself hope to pick up a recipe or two for the upcoming Christmas baking season! Please contact chair for location of meeting place and the answer to any other questions.

*Chair: Malgorzata (Gosia) Bak-Hill,
574-273-1210 or <gobak99@yahoo.com>*

KNITTING

The LND/SMC knitting group meets on the second Monday of the month from 7:30-9:00 PM at Inge Deneen's home, close to the ND campus. RSVP to <ideneen@gmail.com> for directions and questions.

Our group is one year young and open to new and seasoned knitters (and crocheters). If you are interested, but don't know a knit from a purl stitch, fear not, we are happy to guide you along the way and teach you the ropes (and the yarns). We will be working on winter accessories and Inge has materials and detailed instructions for a shawl or a cowl for those who are interested, or may bring along any project on which you have been working.

*Inge Deneen 232-0817,
<ingeknits@gmail.com>*

ROSARY

The Rosary Group meets monthly on the **first Friday** of every month at 10:00 AM. Moms with or without kids are very welcome. Note that the group is meeting at a different place this year. They will gather at the Chapel of St. Catherine in the Fischer Graduate Residences Community Center: <<http://housing.nd.edu/graduate/fischer-grad/location/>>. For further information or directions contact ...

*Chair: Mary Murphy
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Life after Saint Mary's College

Meredith Mersits SMC '15 has officially started her life after Saint Mary's College! This past summer, she spent five weeks in Tulsa, OK, preparing for the 2015-16 school year. She learned how to be a successful teacher through professional development and teaching summer school to high school students needing credit for English I, II.

After Tulsa, she moved to Milwaukee, WI, and started as a special education teacher working at Milwaukee Collegiate Academy. This school's has a population of 100% African-American students with the mission of sending ALL of its scholars to and through college. The way in which special education works at MCA is that Meredith co-teaches with 4 different English or Writing teachers in their classrooms. She not only works with students in special education but is also learning how to write IEPs (*Individualized Education Plans*), as well as other legal documents that are associated with special education. She says: "I absolutely love it!"

Meredith did not major in education at Saint Mary's. Through Teach for America, she is a Masters of Arts Candidate in Urban Special Education at Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI. She can be reached at <meredith.mersits@gmail.com>. Meredith received scholarship monies from the Ladies for her four years at SMC.

Meredith returned to SMC on Friday, October 12, 2015, to give a presentation at the Justice Friday lecture program. She talked about working in an urban school environment and how disciplinary actions affect the students. See <<http://ndsmcobserver.com/2015/10/print-edition-monday-october-12-2015/>> for the online print edition.

From the PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS . . .

OPENING RECEPTION . . .

On Monday, September 14, 2015, President Ravi Fernando welcomed new and returning members present in Club Naimoli in the Purcell Pavillion to the 81st Opening Reception of LND/SMC. She introduced chaplain Fr. Thomas Blantz, csc, who offered gratitude for the blessings on our schools, families and all those who are touched by the work of this organization. The talk was lively. The food, provided by UND President, Fr. John Jenkins, csc, through *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.

The speakers for the evening were Carol Mooney, President of Saint Mary's College and Fr. William Lies, csc, Vice President for Mission Engagement & Church Affairs at the UND.



President Carol Ann Mooney

President Mooney is completing her eleventh year as the first alumna of SMC in this position, after having spent 24 years at ND, 16 of which were in the Law School. SMC has just completed a fundraising campaign of \$105 million. In addition it has started its first Master programs since the 1970's. (SMC closed its graduate program in Sacred Theology when ND opened its program in graduate theology to women.) Both

a M.S. program in speech & language pathologist and a Ph.D. program in nursing practice will help fill a growing need in post graduate education. The college is doing a major renovation of its science facilities and is proud of being able to increase diversity in its student body from 8.7% to 17%. When she retires in 2016, President Mooney will be leaving SMC in very good shape.

President Mooney was congratulated for the model she has been for women throughout her tenure and most recently for her leadership in the discussion and concern for sexual violence/assault on women.

Fr. Bill Lies also thanked President Mooney for her overall leadership. As a VP for Mission Engagement, Fr. Bill stated what the issues of import are at ND; (namely, the Alliance of Catholic Education, the Center for Social Concerns and Global Affairs), to activities of the Catholic Church: in Catholic Charities, the Catholic Relief Service, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Vatican.

The University has recently renewed its 1964 com-

mitment to administer the Tantur Ecumenical Institute which was agreed to by Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, csc and Pope Paul VI. Tantur, located on a hill between Jerusalem and Bethlehem in Israel, is on Vatican ground. The lease on Tantur was renewed on the day of Fr. Ted's wake. Pope Paul VI wanted an interfaith ecumenical dialogue with the eastern Catholic churches. Notre Dame also agreed to work with the Vatican Library over a period of the next ten years on researching: *What is in the Vatican Library?* Fr. Bill told the group that when he and Fr. Jenkins, along with 110 other people from ND met the Pope last spring in Rome, Pope Francis asked that we pray for him.



Fr. William Lies, csc

The evening concluded with new women to the University/College introducing themselves. Needless to say conversation among those present continued for some time.

Aside from Pres. Mooney's red jacket and Catherine Klosser's red purse, the fashion for the evening was clearly,



BLACK
&
WHITE!



Trip to POTATO CREEK STATE PARK

On September 22, 2015, a group of 11 LND/SMC members traveled 12 miles southwest of South Bend to Potato Creek State Park for our first Outdoor Adventures trip of the year. Luckily the weather cooperated and it was a gorgeous, sunny and warm day for our hike. The park, in North Liberty, IN, is situated around Worster Lake.

A ranger at the Nature Center gave us an overview of the park's history before we set off on our hike. We found out that the park is relatively new, starting out as a protected area in 1969. The park offers a unique opportunity, so close to South



From left: Mary Jo Desch, Ravini Fernando, Kate Murphy, Brigid Edmonds, Julie Nelson, Elaine Nicgorski, Keiko Storin, Jackie Thomas, Pam Chipman.

Bend, to hike in mature woodlands, restored prairies and diverse wetlands.

We hiked through a beautiful sun-dappled deciduous

forest. The terrain was easy to traverse and afforded us lovely views of the lake and Potato Creek as we walked along. We actually covered two of the trails, stopping in between for lunch.

The park also has a paved bike path that winds through the prairie grasses, some of which were blooming purple and gold. Also, there is a *prairie grass maze*, which would be fun for families to discover. We decided that in 2-3 weeks the forests here will be glowing with red, gold and orange leaves – a reason to return soon!

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Trip to LOWE'S FOUNDATION, CASSOPOLIS, MI

On October 2, 2015, members of the Ladies visited the Edward Lowe Foundation in Cassopolis, Michigan. We had a clear crisp day for the half-hour drive into Michigan. The sweeping panorama of agricultural fields and prairies welcomed us as we parked at the Visitor Center. Our tour guide informed us that the property is home to renovated houses and structures from decades past, as well as a modern headquarters building and conference center for entrepreneurs. The con-

ference center was especially unique: the lodging for conference participants is in beautifully renovated railroad train cars!

We found out that Edward Lowe was bitten by the entrepreneurial bug as a young man. A native of southwest Michigan, Ed Lowe returned from WWII and immediately started working at his father's business which sold industrial absorbents. He had a hunch that this material might be used in other ways and experimented with adapting the absorbent material as a catbox filler. He filled 10 brown bags with the material, wrote "Kitty Litter" on them, and called on the local pet store. With sand available for next to nothing, the shop owner doubted anyone would pay 65 cents for a five-pound bag of Kitty Litter. "So give it away," Ed told him. Soon customers were asking for more — and they were willing to pay for it. Thus, Edward Lowe started his "kitty litter" empire which led him to invent dozens of new products and patents.

In addition to its focus on entrepreneurship, the foundation is committed to environmental conservation and protection of the 2,600-acre property. The property includes woodlands, lakes, ponds and streams. Additionally, one can find diverse wetland areas including cattail marshes, buttonbush swamps, sedge meadows, wet woodlands, fens and peat bogs.

Edward and his wife Darlene, built a charming home for their own use on a particularly lovely piece of the property. We toured the house and appreciated its setting in nature as well as its fashionable but comfortable décor. Additionally, the Lowes created an interesting outdoors Stations of the Cross made out of metal.



After our tour of the Foundation, the group was ready for lunch. We headed to the *Farmhouse Bakery and Restaurant*, just down the road where we enjoyed jumbo cinnamon rolls with our lunches and purchased freshly made apple pies to take home.

A visit to the MORRIS INN KITCHEN . . .

On one of the busiest days of the year ... the Friday of the Georgia Tech/ND football game ... Chef Patrick Dahms welcomed members of LND/SMC to his kitchen in *The Morris Inn*. Breakfast was winding down and lunch prep was gearing up as well as prep for Friday evening dinners and Saturday game day.

New to this position in the last two years, Chef Dahms, (at right with Heidi Lamm & Martha Dunn), a native of Hamburg, Germany, was excited about the newly expanded and renovated kitchen with equipment and adequate space in which to work and store food. This is the second professional kitchen that he has participated in its design. His crew numbers twenty-five, including cleaning staff, and is divided among three shifts. Two of the staff are solely



responsible for ordering and stocking of food and materials. (See spice racks at left.) Bread items come daily from either the ND bake shop or from the local Breadsmith's. (See stakes of Breadsmith's Rustic Italian & mini-baguettes at right.)



Because of the rapid paced activity among the workers and the tight space for visitors, not all aspects of the kitchen were observed. However, the equipment that would catch any one's eye was the 800 degree wood-burning oven where the time to cook a pizza is measured in seconds rather than minutes. An antithesis to this is a piece of equipment (an Anti-Griddle at left) that causes in-



stant freezing to -70 degrees. All were treated to instant frozen mousse lollipops made from sour cream as well as two breakfast treats: cinnamon sour cream on warm flatbread or nutrella spread on warm flatbread with fresh strawberries. (See at right.)



We did not observe any cooking on a stove or grill but did find out that it only takes "pushing a button" to clean an oven. The plating station can also be converted into a conveyor that allows 150 plates to be assembled in about 20 minutes. And Chef Dahms has three walk-in refrigerators!

Throughout the kitchen are areas of prep ... prepping of fruit, of meat, of vegetables. When prepared these are put in clear cases, the case dated, and either refrigerated or brought to the area where actually plating is taking place. (See below the plating of chicken salad on spinach, surrounded with fruit, and topped with a mango/red pepper salsa.) When the worker was finished she stacked her 16 dishes onto a "to-tem pole" with racks. She then covered the assembly of dishes and rolled it into the refrigerator.

This salad was on the menu for the lunch and the worker had many more to make for that day.



The Morris Inn's menu changes four times a year with the seasons. The chef related that he tries out his new ideas at home prior to bringing them to the kitchen. His wife is a good critic. He has welcomed the new kitchen as it has resulted in a culture change. People were given new responsibilities and tasks and have accepted them. He is very happy with how well the staff works together.

When questioned about waste, Chef Dahms said that all leftover food is donated to homeless shelters at least every other day, if not daily.

Trip to WELLFIELD BOTANIC GARDENS

It was a cloudy day when 14 women and 2 pre-schoolers went to Wellfield Botanic Gardens in, Elkhart, IN. Fortunately, the sun came out at times to light up the brilliantly contrasting red, orange and yellow



leaves of both old forest and newly planted trees, which only last week were all green. The land is leased from the city of Elkhart for 100 years and the 24 proposed individual garden areas are nearing completion. Peggy Schoolfield, a gardener who has been employed since the garden began in 2006, said that the land is over the largest working wellfield in the city. Thirteen active wells pump water from beneath the garden. Up to 2 million gallons of water are stored in the tanks in the east end of the garden. Christina Creek



(below) runs along the west side of the garden and from it, water is released to the many re-designed ponds.

What soon becomes apparent as one walks the one mile of paths is that water is everywhere. So are stones ... some like boulders and others cut flat as steps

and pathways. The cube-like original well-houses are scattered throughout the park. Plants of fall and the end of summer pop up at every twist and turn of the pathways. Every view bringing something interesting. There are abundant wooden benches, chairs and places to sit and look at the vistas. It is a place where you would like to sit, look and contemplate. It is restful. There is no rush to anything other than the rushing water moving over rocks.

The original designer of the layout on the land was Dennis Buettner, a nationally recognized landscape architect of Buettner



& Associates, Milwaukee, WI. The garden is not yet finished. As donors are found to underwrite construction and maintenance, the gardens will be completed. In the future children will be having their own section of the park. Today, the small animal sculptures are already of interest to all young-at-heart.

In speaking with Ms. Schoolfield, you hear a sense of pride in the gar-



From left: Elaine Nicgorski, Mary Lou Derwent, Veronika Schandl, her son, Nancy McAdams and Mary Jo Desh.

den by the citizens of Elkhart. Like the Lerner Theater in downtown Elkhart, these gardens are drawing visitors to this small city. These gardens brought us. We are glad that we went.

*Chair: Nancy McAdams, 273, 2555,
<nocmc@comcast.net>*

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●	15 NEW MEMBERS								●
●	+ 127 LIFE MEMBERS								●
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From the RECORDING SECRETARY . . .

The new Board convened at Westlake Hall on August 27, 2015. Much enthusiastic planning has resulted in a varied and plentiful slate of events. Please look carefully through the Newsletter. There is sure to be something of interest for you.

Catherine Kossler, LND/SMC Treasurer, reported on financial concerns for the membership to consider. Our budget exceeds our income and the question of how to best resolve this issue was a topic discussed at length. A committee is going to weigh options, one of which might be to raise dues. The cost of mailing the Newsletter will be another item up for consideration. At present, the Newsletter is available in print and through email.

The new Volunteer Coordinators, JoAnn MacKenzie and Betsy McCorry, are focusing on activities that members are already involved in as well as tying in more closely with service directly to the University and College. Keep attuned for opportunities to meet the needs of our students on both campuses.

Maria Guarraci is coordinating the Children's Playgroup activities. These young moms are encouraged to participate in the larger group as well. We have so many events that would be worthwhile for so many. In addition to our website, email and newsletter, we are always looking for better ways to reach out to you. Please take note of our offerings and bring a friend along. We welcome growth!

*Mary Malloy, 277-4601
Recording Secretary*

From the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . .

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

GET WELL

- Polly DeCicco, LM
- Vittoria Bosco, LM
- Mary Ann Pizza

Please contact these individuals on your own and keep them in your thoughts. If you need contact information for those listed, please call the Corresponding Secretary. Please inform the secretary of any life events involving LND/SMC members.

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

From the MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS . . .

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 build a sense of community and serve as a source of support.

For those of us who have been members of LND/SMC, or wish to "re-join," it is the season to renew your membership. Yearly dues are \$25.00 and should be sent to Pam Chipman at 1208 Leeper Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617. Please fill out the membership form in its entirety so we can update all your information. Please remind your friends to renew. Yearbooks will be sent to those who join after the deadline, as long as supplies last. Thank you.

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

From the ASSISTANT TREASURER . . .

The *LND/SMC Remembrance Cards* are a 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 passed. Those who have died will be remembered in the *Memorial Mass* each May. Keep in mind that your gift associated with the Remembrance LND/SMC 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, <mldderwent@alumni.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:

- Paul Kenney (Walter & Elaine Nicgorski)
- Emerson Funk (Walter & Elaine Nicgorski)
- Emil Hofman (Denise & David Brenner, Walter & Elaine Nicgorski, Julie Nelson)
- Marianne Munzel (Walter & Elaine Nicgorski)

IN HONOR OF:

- John A. O'Connell's 90th Birthday (Mary Lou & John Derwent) *Jacqueline B. Thomas
Assistant Treasurer*

Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College
2015-2016 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. Dues deadline for inclusion in the member directory is **Saturday, October 10, 2015.**
4. 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 Number _____

E-mail 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 2015-2016 Scholarship Funds will be acknowledged in the newsletter. If you choose not to have your donation publicly acknowledged, 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 |

Choose to receive your LND/SMC Kaleidoscope by one of the following: (Please check one. If nothing is checked it will come 1st Class.) ☐ Campus Mail ☐ Electronic Mail ☐ Regular 1st Class Mail

Kaleidoscope
LND/SMC
P.O. Box 116
Notre Dame, IN 46556



The deadline for the January news-
letter is PRIOR to JANUARY 18, 2016
<mldderwent@alumni.nd.edu>
Dated material. DO NOT forward

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 26, 2015,, we have received checks totaling \$1095 for the University of Notre Dame and \$670 for Saint Mary's College.

** University of Notre Dame ! Saint Mary's College*

Marilyn Ashbaugh !
Marie Louise Audi *!
Elaine Baumbach *
Deborah Bernhard *
Denise Brenner *
Donna Rae Bretthauer *
Kathleen Brown !
Bobbie Corke *!
Mary Lou Derwent *!
Irene Funk *

Dolores Garcia *
Carolyn Helman *
Joan Hofman *
MaryAnn Keating *!
Margaret Kenney !
Gloria Kim *
Rose Lyphout *!
Joann Mackenzie !
Marge Marley *!
Nancy McAdams *!

Kate Murphy *!
Mary Jean Osberger! ND,
Jan Seabaugh !
Catherine Sheehan *
Nancy Shephard *
Keiko Storin *
Jennifer Velasco *
Collette Vogl *
Joan Williamson * ND

If you would like to contribute to this fund, it is not too late! Checks should be made payable to either (or both) school(s) and mailed to Pam Chipman, 1208 Leeper Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617.