



# KALEIDOSCOPE

## THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

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From the PRESIDENT . . .

After a mild winter we are seeing the signs of an early spring! The year has gone by unnoticed, shadowed by a host of activities. Our group enjoyed the continuation of many things, at the same time welcoming some new things.

When I took the responsibility of briefly representing this diverse group of women, I had one important goal; to reach out to younger women as well as women who may have moved to South Bend at mid-career, like myself, who were looking for friendship and support in their new surroundings. However, one interesting fact came to light was that almost all of our new members are long time South Bend residents. Bearing this in mind, a new activity we introduced this year was the guest speaker series, *Your Story is My Story*.

We started the series with Paqui Kelly as the inaugural speaker. We enjoyed listening to her personal journey as a breast cancer survivor, anecdotes about her family and activities of her visionary (Kelly Cares) foundation. On another occasion, Sr. Betty Smoyer and Mary Francis Brandenberger, from St Margaret's House described their amazing work with local homeless women. (See p. 6)

The exciting and adventure filled story of Tattiana Botero and her family's pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela was "out of this world." (See p. 6) We also had Sr. Mary McNamara and Sr. M.J. Hahner share their life stories, as a reactor in a girl's dorm at ND. Amazing women doing amazing work indeed! (See p. 10)

Our Program chairs Jackie Welsh and Val Bartels worked diligently to schedule interesting and diverse events. The newly adopted web site has been a great way to communicate and reach out to members. We can further improve and streamline the needs of our membership with this great communication tool as we move forward. I hope that our organization

will continue to grow and positively change as we continue to evolve as a university community.

Finally, I want to thank my husband for his assistance and encouragement throughout this year and my sweet daughter for helping me with various technical and computer related issues and creating the beautiful fliers for all the events. I thank Denise Brenner for giving me this opportunity, and thank

you for all of the guidance you offered. Much needed help from Elaine Nicgorski, Mary Lou Derwent and Nancy Mc Adams begs a special acknowledgment.

I would also like to thank the board for their support and all the members who chaired different events throughout the year.

I am honored by the opportunity of representing a group of fascinating women. I will treasure the friendships and memories I enjoyed throughout my presidency of the Ladies of Notre Dame.

Ravini Fernando  
President

*"It's not  
how much we give  
but  
how much love  
we put into giving."*

- Mother Teresa

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

- April 5, 2016      *Meg's Semester in China*, for ALL Members, Newcomers & Visitors (See p. 13)  
 Tuesday      RSVP to Mary Fran Kitz. Meeting at home of Meg Mitzel, Elkhart, IN.  
 7-9:00 PM      Co-chairs: Mary Fran Kitz 630-750-8849 & Kim Reynolds, 574-383-5730
  
- April 13, 2016      *MISS YOU ALREADY*, free but ticketed movie starring Drew Barrymore at the  
 Wednesday      Browning Cinema. Harper Cancer Research Institute sponsor. See p. 3 for details  
 8:00 PM      Chair: Angela Cavalieri, <cavalieri.2@nd.edu>
  
- April 24, 2016      *W.O.W = World of Wearable Art* at Spring Tea at the Morris Inn.  
 Sunday      RSVP See p. 3 for information and p. 4 for flyer.  
 2:00 PM      Chair: Meg Mitzel, 607-797-3065, <mmitzel55@gmail.com>
  
- April 28, 2016      Annual Meeting  
 Thursday      Place TBD. Check website <lndsmc.org> and email notice  
 7:00 PM      Chair: Ravini Fernando, 574-855-2199
  
- April 30, 2016      Art experience: Create a mosaic birdbath  
 Saturday      Home of Martha Branson-Banks, Niles, MI See p. 3 for details  
 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM      Chair: Jackie Welsh, 574-277-1968 <jackie.welsh.14@gmail>
  
- May 5, 2016      Memorial Mass at Regina Hall, Saint Mary's College  
 Thursday      Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Blantz, csc, Chaplain. See p. 16 for details.  
 5:00 PM      Co-Chairs: Marge Marley, 574-289-9134, Addie Cashore, 574-246-0496
  
- May 11, 2016      Tulip Time in Holland, MI  
 Wednesday      RSVP to chair PRIOR to May 8, 2016. See p. 5 for details.  
 9:30 AM      Chair: Val Bartels <valreads@comcast.net>, 574-262-3637
  
- May 13, 2016      Day Trip to Kokomo, IN to visit *Kokomo Opalescent Glass Factory* and lunch  
 Friday      RSVP to chair PRIOR to May 11, 2016. See p. 5 for details  
 7:30 AM      Chair: Mary Lou Derwent, 574-277-1996, <mllderwent@alumni.nd.edu>

### PROPOSED SLATE OF ELECTED OFFICERS

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. . . . . Betsy McCorry

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# Spring Tea at The Morris

W.O.W.

## WORLD OF WEARABLE ART

Please join The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Spring Tea on April 24, 2016, at 2:00 PM in the Hesburgh/Joyce Rooms at The Morris Inn on Notre Dame campus. Chef Calvin has created a wonderful menu for us and our guests with a variety of teas from which to choose that will compliment the food.

Several wearable art makers will be featured to share the story about their creations including some LND/SMC members. We also have a special guest artist, Amy Gowronski from *Bad A--Girls - B.A.G.s*, who will share her story. There will be items for sale.

The flyer (See p. 4) is included in the newsletter and the deadline for reservations to Nancy McAdams, 17633 Hansom Ct., South Bend, IN 46635, is by Saturday, April 16, 2016. Cost is \$30 per person. Make checks out to LND/SMC. Valet parking at The Morris Inn is complimentary with your reservation. Guests are welcome.

The committee: Ravini Fernando, Jackie Welsh, Nancy McAdams and Meg Mitzel, hope you will come and enjoy an afternoon of special food, socializing and seeing the amazing talent in the world of wearable art!

Chair: Meg Mitzel  
<mmitzel55@gmail.com>, 607-797-3065

### MADELEVA LECTURE

#### SACRED CONVERSATIONS & THE EVOLUTION OF DIALOGUE

by Marianne Farina, CSC  
Prof. of Philosophy & Theology  
Graduate Theological Union

April 14, 2016 7:30 PM

Carroll Auditorium

Madeleva Hall Saint Mary's College

*On the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Women of Holy Cross, Dr. Farina will address the importance of dialogue in the execution of the mission of the sisters and in Holy Cross education with particular attention to Catholic-Muslim dialogue.*

MOVIE NIGHT OUT 4/13/16

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and the Harper Cancer Research Institute present *Miss You Already* on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 8:00 PM. *Miss You Already* is an honest and powerful story following two best friends, Milly and Jess, inseparable since they were young girls. They cannot remember a time they didn't share everything—but nothing prepares them for the day Milly is hit with life-altering news. Their story celebrates the bond of true friendship that ultimately can never be broken.

This is a **free** but **ticketed** event. Please **reserve** your ticket by calling DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 631-2800, noon - 4 pm, Monday thru Friday. Questions? : contact Angela Cavalieri <cavalieri.2@nd.edu>.



LET'S GET CREATIVE!

MAKE A MOSAIC BIRDBATH! BRING SPRING!



Shake off the winter blahs and get ready for spring with this one-day workshop with mosaic artist, Martha Branson-Banks. The date is Satur-

day, April 30, 2016, from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

We will travel to the artist's home in Niles, MI. Participants will bring a 12" or 16" clay saucer (available at garden stores or Michael's), design and decorate it before lunch, then grout and complete after lunch.

Limited to 12 participants with a fee of \$25.00. Contact Jackie Welsh (277-1968) to sign up and receive directions. Mosaic tiles provided, but if you have some materials please bring them. We will each bring an ingredient to share a big salad for lunch.

Chair: Jackie Welsh,  
277-1998 <jackie.welsh.14@gmail.com>



The Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College

World of Wearable Art & High Tea

Cost \$30 per person

Morris Inn  
Hesburgh/ Joyce Dining Room  
Sunday, April 24th  
2-4 PM.

Handbags, jewelry, and other wearable art will be available for sale

Registration Details

NANCY MCADAMS: 17633 HANSOM COURT | SOUTH BEND, IN 46635

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 16th  
FOR RESERVATION QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
NANCY MCADAMS: nocmc@comcast.net  
Make checks payable to LND/SMC



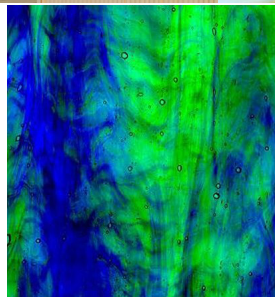
SMC Danceathon 2016



## KOKOMO OPALESCENT GLASS FACTORY

A private tour by LND/SMC of *Kokomo Opalescent Glass* has been scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2016. Members and guests will see the fascinating technique of making art in art sheet glass form. This factory still manufactures their art sheet glass the same way it was made more than a century ago for artisans such as Louis C. Tiffany. In addition, you will see their glass blowers at work making anything from blown glass rondels to exclusive "one of a kind" blown glass paperweights and vases.

We will travel by car leaving Martin's Heritage Square parking lot, Granger at 7:30 AM. In order to have a private tour, we must have a minimum of ten people. If we have less than ten, then we will join the public tour at 10:00 AM. The charge is \$5 for the tour. After the tour we shall have some



time in the Gift Shop and then travel for lunch at a local restaurant. All tour guests are required to sign a common "Tour Release" form BEFORE entering the factory. This form sets out some re-

quirements about footwear and what kind of conditions to expect in the factory. It states: "• Feet must be completely enclosed in thick soled shoes. No open toe, open heeled, flip-flops, or clog style shoes are permitted due to OSHA Safety Regulations. • If you are adversely affected by temperature extremes, you may decide to wait in the climate controlled gift shop. • The factory has no climate control, so you will need to dress for the weather. • Temperatures vary greatly throughout the factory even in the winter, and can be extremely hot in the summer." *Total cost = \$5 + gas-share for driver + lunch.*

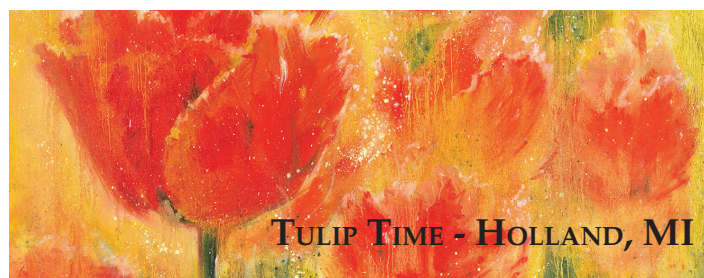
Please RSVP to chair PRIOR to MAY 11, 2016. You may request a full form as well as have any questions about this trip answered by the chair.

Chair: Mary Lou Derwent, 574-277-1996,

<mllderwent@alumni.nd.edu>

## READ BABY READ

One of LND/SMC'S members, Toni Fein, is running a pre-school age reading program at St. Margaret's House (SMH) in downtown South Bend. The program, called **Read Baby Read**, involves reading to children at SMH every day (Monday thru Friday) before lunch. Toni welcomes new volunteers. If you are interested in reading once a week, please contact Toni at <tonifein@gmail.com> or 574-232-9705 for more information.



TULIP TIME - HOLLAND, MI

Come join us for a fun day trip to Holland, MI, for one of the best festivals in the nation, *Tulip Time*! We are going on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, and plan on eating lunch at the Duthc Markt-plaatx, then watching the Dutch Dancers and the People's Parade in downtown Holland. If there is interest, we may even follow up with a visit to the tulip farm on the north end of town. This trip will take the entire day. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the Steak and Shake Restaurant on 933, just north of Cleveland Road and car-pool to Holland. The costs of the trip will be your lunch, the gas-share for your driver, a \$6 fee if you want bleacher seating during the parade and the \$10 entrance fee to the tulip farm. Please RSVP to Val Bartels, <val-reads@comcast.net>, 574-271-3637 PRIOR to May 9, 2016.



## *Your Story is My Story . . . Tatiana Botero* *Assoc. Professional Specialist, Notre Dame Department of Romance Languages*

On February 8, 2016, Tatiana Botero told members about her summer experience walking El Camino.

Last spring, Tatiana Botero and her husband agreed with their boys (ages, 17, 16 and 8) that they wished to have a memorable vacation, one in which they would bond closely, have rules (such as having no electronics and agreement to talk with each other), and as a service create an elementary playground as a safe environment for El Compito Development Center. They chose to walk the traditional 500 mile El Camino Frances route in northern Spain to Santiago.

Subsequently, with the support of the Center for Social Concerns at UND and the South Bend Tribune, they created a blog and asked for 5, 10 or 20 cents / mile pledges. They purchased books that gave them information of which route to follow, how many miles / day to walk, where to eat and sleep. They arranged for a "pilgrim passport" which gave them the right to make reservations to stay in pilgrim hostels. They carried all of their gear with them. . . sleeping bag, clothes, medicine, etc. The plan was to walk 6-8

hours / day in order to cover 15 mi / day for a duration of 35 days. In her own words: "The kids did great! They even ran the last mile!" Tatiana had a tough time, she was not in shape and suffered not only bodily . . . *she had blisters under a toe nail as well as on her feet.* . . , but also mentally and

emotionally. She said she was humbled because her husband and sons had to support her. She was not in charge.

Each day they were up at 5:00 AM, having slept in their next day's clothes. They left early. Three hours later they ate

breakfast and two hours after ate lunch. They attempted to be at their next destination by 2:00 PM. They focused on "Just one day at a time." They found: "You don't need things. You need great company." When they arrived in Santiago, they attended the pilgrim Mass. One of Tatiana's memories was of the large incense burners whose fragrant smoke helped to "cover the smell of the unwashed pilgrim bodies."

The walk showed how going back to the basics, having a "lack of stuff," being together and supporting each other was worth while. They had a memorable experience together and achieved their goal. For pictures and a daily blog see:

<<https://caminodelossjauregui.wordpress.com>>

Right: Symbol of El Camino



## *Your Story is My Story . . . St. Margaret's House* *with Sr. Betty Smoyer, SNDdeN and Mary Fran Brandenberger*

Sr. Betty Smoyer and Mary Fran Brandenberger, staff members of St. Margaret's House (SMH) . . . a day center for women in downtown South Bend . . . spoke to LND/SMC on January 25, 2016.

In her retirement as a coordinator of volunteers, a caseworker and the kitchen manager at SMH, Sr. Betty told the story of the center. Now in its 25th year of operation, it is a place where women with their children come to do as varied things as make a phone call, take a shower, do laundry, and eat a hot nutritious meal. They also come to take part in programs such as parenting, health care or Bridges Out of Pov-

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From Left: Pres. Ravini Fernando, Sr. Betty Smoyer, Prog. Chair Jackie Welsh and Mary Fran Brandenberger.

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erty. They find a supporting community of women who listen to them and help them battle the isolation of living as a single parent, coping with mental and physical health issues or being a survivor of sexual and/or physical abuse.

Mary Fran Brandenberger, the Director of Art Programming, presented a slide show of art works by the SMH women as she talked about *Silk Creations*. This is a "program that helps women to discover their artistic talents and gives them the tools to develop skills enabling them to succeed in the workplace." It is an empowerment for the women. They learn to create hand painted pieces of art in scarves, ties and cards. Working as a team they are operating a "business," earning money, securing personal confidence and defining themselves as artistic entrepreneurs. To learn more about this program, plan to attend the LND/SMC program at St. Margaret's House on



If you cannot attend the program, perhaps call SMH and arrange a visit for yourself.

If wishing further information about SMH and their activities, contact: St. Margaret's House at 117 N. Lafayette Blvd. South Bend, Indiana 46601 by phone: (574) 234-7795 or <info@stmargarethouse.org>.

Let's do the numbers! ...

82 RENEWING MEMBERS  
23 NEW MEMBERS  
+ 128 LIFE MEMBERS

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233 TOTAL MEMBERS

## EASTER 1916 The Irish Rebellion



On Wednesday, March 9, 2016, Laura Fuderer, LM, made arrangements for members to attend a presentation by Aedín Clements, ND's Irish Studies Librarian at the Rare Book Room in the Hesburgh Library. Clements has been recognized for "elevating Irish resources at Notre Dame to International emi-

nence." She welcomed the group and, like any good storyteller, she told an interesting story of the 1916 Irish Rising. Clements' grandmother was present in 1916 as well as in 1966, the 50th Anniversary. In 1966, Clements was old enough to understand what happened and remembers her grandmother's tales. When Clements told the story, she used the artifacts on display to weave the episodes together.

The medal on the right is on loan from South Bend resident Michael Coughlan. It was awarded by Éamon de Valera to his father, Terry Coughlan (County Clare) for his service as an active member of the Volunteers before the 1916 Rising to the War of Independence (1919-21). "Comrac" on the bar above the metal shows that Coughlan was an active combatant. Also in the exhibit is a listing of residents from South Bend, IN, who donated monies to the Irish cause.



One of the display cases is devoted to "77 Women" who were active participants. One woman, Grace Plunkett, was married to Joseph Mary Plunkett during the night prior to his execution at dawn. The activities of other women are also cited. In addition ND has a rare printing of W.B. Yeats Poem *Easter 1916*. In essence, Clements told us more than can be related in this short article. It is a complex tale. However, like all good storytellers, Clements ended with a few verses in Irish and then in English with . . .

*That is my story.*

*If there is a lie in it, it is not my fault.*

*It is not I who created it nor invented it.*

If you have the time, you might wish to look in the Rare Book Room and see the display for yourself. The women went to lunch at Legends after the presentation. [The documentary *1916 Irish Rebellion* will be shown at the ND Browning Cinema on March 31, 2016 (8:30 PM). It is a free but ticketed event. ]



## Scholarship Luncheon . . . February 20, 2016

The 2015-16 Scholarship Luncheon was held in the Hesburgh/Joyce rooms of the Morris Inn. with 45 in attendance. One of the women guests said she loves to go this luncheon "as everything is so elegant!" The yellow orchid centerpieces gave a hint of spring.

During lunch the conversation was lively. This year there were three recipients from Notre Dame; namely, junior Erin Foldesi, and two seniors, Katie Martin and Susan Nace. Madison Gonzales, a sophomore, was the SMC recipient.

Unfortunately, for the members, Madison Gonzales is attending KwaZulu-Natal University in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, this semester and was unable to come. Her mother and her grandmother, a present staff member at SMC, did attend. Erin Foldesi is also studying abroad in Greece for the semester. Neither she, nor her mother, were in attendance.

The invited speaker was Prof. M. Catherine Hilkert, O.P. A theologian, Prof. Hilkert has been at Notre Dame since 1995. Prof. John Cavadini says she is "a well-loved and award recognized teacher of both undergrads and grad students." She expertly told us "what she does all day" by relating the various activities that she did in the past week: in teaching, in giving help to both graduate and undergraduates, in answering requests both inside and outside the department, in giving counsel to her doctoral students, etc.. She has talents in areas across the spectrum. Then, she told us "how she became the woman she is today."

Her road to Notre Dame did not follow a straight path. Composed of many "segments and stops," she first entered a Dominican convent after high school, knowing that she wished to teach. She loved to study and eventually was sent to the University of Dayton and received a degree in French and English.

Expecting upon graduation to teach high school English, she found that her order did not need an English teacher but did need a religion teacher. Shortly thereafter, she recognized that she need-

ed to study more theology if she was to stay as a religion teacher. Overtime she taught and acted as department chair and eventually received her MA and PhD in theology from The Catholic University of America. Guided by such theology teachers as Avery Dulles, SJ and Charles Curran, she considers herself blessed. Subsequent to time spent at Catholic U, she spent eleven years at the Aquinas Institute prior to coming to Notre Dame.

Prof. Hilkert has written four books. Women interested in the active role of women in the Church, will find the text: *Speaking with Authority: Catherine of Siena and the Voices of Women Today* an enlightening source. Catherine of Siena was a

14th century Dominican laywoman (*tertiary order*), yet she advised Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from France and counseled many religious. She was recognized as one of the Doctors of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

At the end of Prof. Hilkert's presentation, a question was asked by a guest related to the absence of women preachers in the Catholic Church. Are not the Dominicans The Order of Preachers?

Prof. Hilkert gave us her answer and then invited one of the guests,

Prof. Kathleen Cannon, OP ... another Dominican ... and Associate Dean of Science ... to give her words of wisdom on the subject and to tell of her time when she was given permission to preach.

President Ravini Fernando gave the blessing and introduced the two recipients in attendance and their mothers. She asked each to address the audience.

### SUSAN NACE UND '16

Susan Nace is a senior studying Mechanical Engineering at Notre Dame, who will graduate in May 2016. Playing the sousaphone in the Notre Dame Marching Band for the past four years, has been a huge part of her undergraduate career. She is currently conducting research at Notre Dame regarding polymers used in hip arthroplasty. Beginning this fall, she will be attending University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, working towards her master's degree in Materials Science and Engineering.



Prof. M. Catherine Hilkert, O.P.



Susan Nace and her mother,  
Gina Nace.



Susan attended John Adams High School in South Bend for the four years of high school, graduating in 2012. She also participated in marching band at Adams, so she had some good tuba/sousaphone stories to share with us. When asked: "How rare is it for a female to play the sousaphone?" she replied, "At ND there were five females playing this year with the marching band."

She was sent off with good wishes from the audience. We did not ask her if she was taking her sousaphone with her to Ireland.

#### KATIE LEA MARTIN UND '16

Katie Martin is a 2012 graduate of Penn High School. She choose to come to Notre Dame because of the community and the great academics. A former resident of Cavanaugh Hall, she is currently living off campus. During the last three-years she has studied abroad in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and India through Notre Dame sponsored programs.

The younger of two girls in her family, she has studied Information Technology Management. This major is in the business school, so it is a mix of business classes as well as classes that focus on technical skills. Presently, she is a New Media Intern in the ND Admissions Office. This means



Katie Martin ND'16 and her  
mother Krista Martin

that she updates the insta-grams, creates videos and writes blog posts.

When asked: "What do you do for extra-curriculars?," she replied that : "I participate in *Baraka Bouts* here on campus." She elaborated by saying that *Baraka Bouts* is the women's boxing club which raises money for the missions in Uganda.

After graduation, Katie will be working for *Accenture* in Chicago. doing technology work. *Accenture* is a large consulting firm with branches in more than 200 cities in the United States.

In conclusion she related that of all her experiences she has had at Notre Dame, she has been most surprised by *how fast the four years have gone by!* We wish her well.

#### ERIN FOLDESI UND '17

Erin Foldesi is a junior who graduated from Marian High School. Spending this semester in Athens, Greece, she is majoring in Design in the Art, Art History and Design Department of the College of Arts and Letters.

#### MADISON GONZALES SMC '18

A 2014 graduate of Saint Joseph High School, Madison Gonzales is a sophomore SMC psychology major and Global Women's Studies minor. Her minor reflects her belief that women have an equal voice , especially those women who are abused and/or marginalized.

Madison choose to study abroad in South Africa because it is infrequent that SMC students go there. She hopes to go to graduate school in two years in order to further learn how people's brains work. Her Mom stated that she thinks that her daughter will become a doctor.

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A special **THANK YOU** to the following members for their recent contribution to the LND/SMC Scholarship Fund at the University of Notre Dame:  
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VERONICA CECIRE  
SUSAN FARRINGTON  
PRISCILLA MAGEE

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

## IRISH Night at Sassy's Sandwich Shop .

Chair Maria Guarraci brought together members of LND/SMC with Sr. "Mary Mac" Namara (*below left*) and Sr. "M.J." Hahner (*below right*), rectors of Breen-Phillips Hall and Pasquerilla West Hall, respectively, for a meal, a talk and conversation.

The nuns come from different orders and have some similarities

and differences in their paths to working at Notre Dame. They both agree that the expectation of the job of rector is to be first and foremost pastoral. They care about the women with whom they live. Being chief administrator of the operation of the hall and resource person is part of the job as well. However, their pastoral objective for inclusion and love for not only the women but also those who service the halls is apparent.

Sr. "M.J." is from the same town in which Muffet McGraw was born. She never wanted to be a nun, thought her sister would be but "God had other plans." She spent twelve years as teacher and fifteen years as Principal in Philadelphia before receiving a M.Div. from the Chicago Theolog-

ical Union. After receiving her degree, she needed a job and has been rector now for six years.

Sr. "Mary Mac" was also a teacher, principal, youth advocate and at a Drug / Alcohol Center for 12 years. When she applied for the rector job at ND, she was unemployed and needed a job.

Both women had a humorous side which



Left: Anne Bolster, Ravini Fernando and Marge Marley

they exhibited in a friendly manner towards each other as friends and through stories of happenings within their respective halls. They were well received. Several members brought guests. Another said: "This is the first time that the time was right!" The *Indulgence* desserts were excellent!!

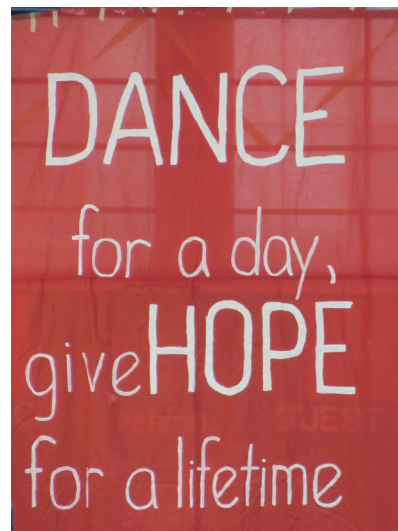
**N.B.:** To date a minimum of \$215 was cleared for our LND/SMC Scholarship. Check for update in next Newsletter.

## SAINT MARY'S DANCE MARATHON 2016 RAISES A RECORD \$105,000+ FOR RILEY HOSPITAL

Saint Mary's College students proudly announce that a record **\$105,000+** was raised for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, thanks to Dance Marathon 2016. That is more than any single year in the eight years of Marathons at the College. The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's sponsored a dance team that raised \$1,030 and provided volunteers to work the registration tables for the first half of the event.

"I want to thank the ladies who helped Saturday! Without your presence and help the day would not have been possible. I cannot thank you all enough!! Someone will be in touch with you again next year if that is something you and the club are still willing to help with!"

With much appreciation and For The Kids,  
Allison Lukomski  
Saint Mary's College Class of 2016  
Co-President of Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon



Dance Marathon supports areas of Riley Hospital that have the greatest need, including clinical programs and medical research.

Since Saint Mary's students brought Dance Marathon to campus in 2006, they have raised

more than \$700,000 for Riley. The hospital treats children from all over the state, including the South Bend area.



## From the INTEREST GROUP CHAIRS:

### ROSARY

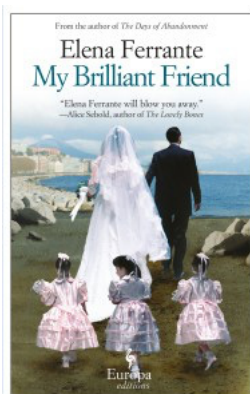
The Rosary Group meets monthly on the **first Friday** of every month at 10:00 AM at the Chapel of St. Catherine in the Fischer Graduate Residence Community Center. See <<http://housing.nd.edu/graduate/fischer-grad/location/>>. Moms with or without kids are very welcome.

The LAST meeting of this school year is MAY 6, 2016. For further information or directions contact ...

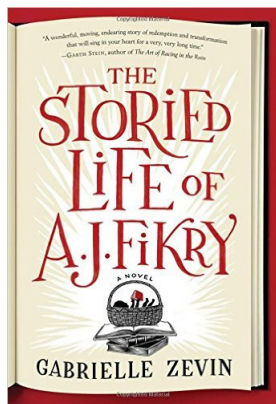
Chair: Mary Murphy  
404-304-4504 or <[mmurphy08@gmail.com](mailto:mmurphy08@gmail.com)>

### MORNING LITERATURE

The Morning Literature selection for April is *My Brilliant Friend*. It is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila. It is not only "a meticulous portrait of these two women" but also "is the story of a nation and a touching meditation on the nature of friendship." Gosia Bak-Hill will host and lead the discussion at her home of April 18, 2016.



The book selected for May 16, 2016 is *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. "This novel has humor, romance, a touch of suspense, but most of all love--love of books and bookish people and, really, all of humanity in its imperfect glory." The discussion leader is Marti Alworth. At this writing the place has not yet been determined.



Members of this group will meet for lunch in late summer to determine their selections for Fall 2016.

Address meeting location, date and location of summer lunch, or any other questions to the chair.

Chair: Sheila Marshall  
291-2364 <[shmarshall@att.net](mailto:shmarshall@att.net)>

## EVENING LITERATURE

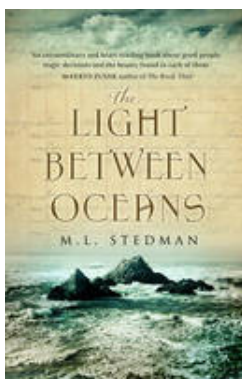
The Evening Book Club is full of changes. The first is the biggest:

*We will most likely be undergoing a name change for next year if the majority agrees to move the meetings to afternoons!*

The April 7, 2016 meeting will be an afternoon meeting, starting at 1:30 PM, meeting at the home of Val Bartels, 50577 Glen Meadow Lane, Granger. *The second and third changes are the books for April and May.* We will be reading the book

*The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman in April. This is an unforgettable and deeply moving novel about the results of the choices that we make.

The May 5, 2016, book is *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. In the spirit of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato*

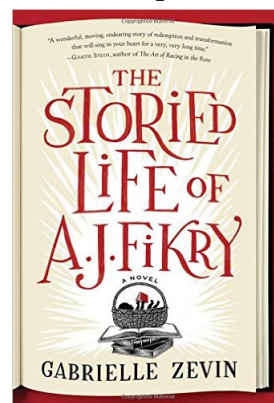


*Peel Pie Society* and *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, Gabrielle Zevin's enchanting novel is a love letter to the world of books--and book-sellers--that changes our lives by giving us the stories that open our hearts and enlighten our minds.

We will meet on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 1:30 PM at Alice Bentley's home, 23849 New Road, South Bend. We will also pick out the titles for our summer months at this meeting. Please contact chairs for information or questions

Co-chairs:

Val Bartels, 271-3637 <[valreads@comcast.net](mailto:valreads@comcast.net)>  
Laura Fuderer, 277-0409 <[fuderer@nd.edu](mailto:fuderer@nd.edu)>



### OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Finally, there is some warmer weather on the horizon, and time to get outdoors! Plans for an Outdoor Adventures Group outing to *Love Creek Nature Center and County Park* for Friday, April 8, 2016, have been made.

*Love Creek County Park* is in Michigan, about 30 minutes north of Notre Dame. It is a wonderful park full of deciduous and evergreen trees, birds,

wildflowers and small forest mammals. (Pixies, sprites and elves??) Hopefully we will see some wildflowers popping up.

A naturalist is scheduled for a nature hike from 10:30 AM to noon. She will guide us on our hike and introduce us to a new section of the park, 25 acres that the county obtained last autumn. So we will be taking a different trail from the one we took last year.

I would like to have a potluck lunch afterwards in the dining room at the Nature Center.

Once I receive the RSVPs for this outing, I will be able to plan the details of our potluck lunch. Do salads and desserts sound good?!

The basic information about this trip.....

WHO: Members and friends of LND/SMC plus families

WHAT: Nature Hike, max. 3 miles

WHEN: Friday, April 8, 2016, from 9:45 AM to around 1:30 or 2:00 PM

WHERE: Love Creek County Park, Buchanan MI

MEET: Parking lot of Little Flower Catholic Church on Ironwood, in the parking lot at 9:45 AM. We will carpool to the park.

BRING: Water for the hike; dress for the weather.

Please RSVP to chair to show that you are interested!

Chair: Nancy McAdams,  
<nocmc@comcast.net>,  
574-273-2555

## CREATIVE COOKING

Our Creative Cooking Group started off 2016 with a wonderful Florida/Cuban themed dinner at the home of Maryann Keating, and followed in February with a New Orleans/Cajun themed event hosted by Catherine Kossler. Both featured a fantastic array of foods and plenty of good company. Because of scheduling and attendance conflicts, we had to cancel our Hawaiian dinner initially planned for March. However, we are planning to meet again on April 16, 2016, for a Kentucky Derby style brunch. Our host for this event will be Jennifer Velasco.

On May 10, 2016, Sibylle Livingston will host our final dinner before summer break. As is customary this time of the year, we plan to sample great food, catch up with friends and discuss themes and menus for the upcoming year. Power to the cooks!

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

## CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP SPRING

The Playgroup enjoyed a variety of scheduled events throughout January, February, and March including monthly play dates at the Beichner Center, Lapsit playdates, and outings to the South Bend Chocolate Café play area, House of Bounce, and Kidsfirst Children's Museum. Thank goodness for excuses to get out of the house during these long winter months!



Beichner Center Friends

Young moms, please consider joining our facebook page to use as a resource and to keep up-to-date on the Playgroup's Upcoming events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/notredameand-saintmarys.playgroup/> Contact Maria Guarraci at [mariaguarraci@yahoo.com](mailto:mariaguarraci@yahoo.com) to be added to our email list, or to ask questions about the Playgroup. The Playgroup Coordinators hope to schedule

### Kidsfirst Children's Museum



some play dates at the playground near DeBartolo Performing Art Center right on campus and are also looking for people to host a neighborhood stroll near their home as the weather gets warmer. Three cheers for spring-time! Chair: Maria Guarraci <[mariaguarraci@yahoo.com](mailto:mariaguarraci@yahoo.com)>



*From the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . .*

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

GET WELL

- Diane Entrikin
- Joann Sporleder
- Mary Ripple

SYMPATHY

- Kate Murphy, on the death of her father Fred Ewig January 2016.
- Anne Marie Poinatte, LM, on the death of her husband, Charles, in January.
- Barbara Roche, on the death of her mother-in-law, Joan Roche, in January.
- Dorothy Havlik, LM, on the death of her husband Robert in February

THINKING OF YOU .

- Ellen Malone

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 continue to 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 . . .*

New Members since January, 2016:

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South Bend IN 46617  
(203) 554-3030  
<Sisiefarrington@gmail.com>

• Janet Jessup  
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Granger In 46530  
(574) 485-6977  
jjessup2016@gmail.com

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

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

We hope the South Bend Spring has been good to you. We also hope that you are able to join us for some socializing before the summer break. A group of us enjoyed a lovely dinner and conversation at Simonini's Restaurant, in Granger in February.

**Rescheduled event due to bad weather:** We invite you to the home of member Meg Mitzel, who recently returned from living and traveling throughout parts of China. Meg will host an informal evening at her Elkhart home to give a short presentation, *Meg's Semester Living in China*. This night is open to Newcomers, as well as to **all Members!** Join us on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, from 7-9:00 PM, which will prove to be an interesting evening. Appetizers and wine will be served. For those who may want to carpool from both Martin's (on Rt 23 by ND, and in Heritage Square), please contact the co-chairs. We hope you can join us!

Join us on April 24, 2016, at the *Spring Tea* (See p. 3/4) at the Morris Inn. Ask to sit with Kim and Mary Fran at the Newcomers Table! Hope to see you soon

*Co-chairs: Mary Fran Kitz 630-750-8849  
Kim Reynolds, 574-383-5730*

*NOTE: The Event "Meg's Semester in China" is open to Newcomers, Visitors and ALL members.*

SUMMARY OF LND / SMC BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 29, 2016

Two themes emerged from the March 29, 2016, Board meeting: defining and streamlining operations.

Catherine Kossler's Treasurer's report for the period since January showed more income, \$4,894, than expenses, \$3,313.49. This is good for our organization. Income of \$270 that resulted in coming under budget for the Scholarship Luncheon will be split between the scholarship funds for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. At present, we have \$18,379.99 in total assets.

The Program Committee has six events planned for the spring. Please check the Newsletter for specific details. The Board discussed the low numbers participating in many of this year's activities. The discussion also included concerns that Chairs are doing more of the foot work for these undertakings.

Rumana Poellabauer, Website Manager, reported that the web processes are in working order. Her concern is that the web is under used by membership. This led to a discussion on how to make members more aware of this rich source of information on this site.. The discus-







Each month St. Margaret's House celebrates the Birthdays of guests who were born in that month. Community volunteers provide birthday cakes/cupcakes for this celebration. A volunteer is asked to commit to baking four times a year. Presently, there are three

openings on the list. If you are interested in finding out about this service, how frequently you are asked to bake, how it is coordinated and guidelines for baking, contact member Mary Lou Derwent, 574-277-1996 or <mllderwent@alumni.nd.edu>, to have your questions answered. She is the volunteer coordinator for this activity at SMH.

## *A Day Around Town . . .*

On Wednesday, February 17, 2016, Jackie Welsh invited members to join her on an adventure around South Bend. Starting at the 2016 *Scholastic Art Show* for regional middle / high school students at the South Bend Museum of Art, the LND / SMC members' *Best in Show* was the *Blue Man* at the right. Some of the women joined the realistic sculpture of the *Lady Reading her Map*.



The women went to lunch at the *Purple Porch* on Hill Street before continuing their adventure

on a visit to Perley School on N. Eddy Street. Entering through the door off the parking lot was their first view of a different place. The children at this magnet school for the arts "planted" flowers in paint along the outside walls. The women were met inside by one of the painters, Maclovio Cantu, a local artist



working with Chris Stachowicz\* in creating cities from around the world. When Principal Jill Vandriessche came to Perley School several years



Maclovio Cantu with the "Hall of Mirrors" in the background

ago, the school needed a new identity. It was brown: brown floor, walls, lockers and furniture. Vandriessche started the Perley Project so that the children could "Travel the World without leaving the

building." Each corridor has a theme ... Minos, Egypt, Thebes, etc. Many children at this school live a "crisis-life" and have experienced trauma. The entire curriculum is now infused with art. This re-make of their school has given the children a sense of pride, excitement and joy.

In addition to the physical place, the school has become of focus for Notre Dame students who visit regularly and bring both friendship and help to the students. Athletic teams regularly meet the K-grade 6 pupils.

The Principal said **there is always a need for help with the students. If interested, call the school and ask for Wanda.** This school is named after Maude

Perley Coquillard, the mother of George Coquillard. \*(Stachowicz is also responsible for the painting of the Michigan Ave. bridge south of Angela Blvd. as well as the Perley Project.)



The next deadline for is  
PRIOR to May 15, 2016  
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Dated material DO NOT forward

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The Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College  
Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of  
the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Family  
will be celebrated in the  
Chapel of Regina Hall, Saint Mary's College,  
on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 5:00 PM  
Fr. Thomas Blantz, CSC, celebrant

Those who have died in the past year will be remembered.

Please come and join us in honoring their lives.

Each year LND/SMC members and friends take the opportunity to gather to remember our deceased members, family members and those individuals who are memorialized by our Remembrance cards.

We will gather on Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 5:00 PM in the Regina Hall Chapel on the Saint Mary's College campus. The LND/SMC chaplain, Fr. Thomas Blantz, CSC, will be the celebrant of our Mass.

Personal invitations have been sent to the families of deceased members of LND/SMC. However, this invitation is for ALL members and friends to join together in memory of them.

The Chapel of Regina Hall at Saint Mary's College is easily accessible and there is adequate free parking in the immediate vicinity of Regina Hall.

It is suggested that you access the parking map of Saint Mary's College at: <<https://www.saintmarys.edu/files/campus-map/campus-map-parking.pdf>>. You may park in the Regina Hall lot (north of Regina Hall) or the Faculty/Staff & Special Events lot (west of the Student Dining Hall/Student Center).

Please direct any further questions or for information to the co-chairs. Your presence is welcomed.

Co-Chairs: Marge Marley, 289-9134  
Addie Cashore, 246-0496