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From the President . . .

Happy New Year!! The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College has had some wonderful events these last few months, and I want to thank the planners for those activities. Most recently I attended Game Night where we had a fabulous time playing games and drinking fancy cocktails. We met some new people and a good time was had by all!!

Every spring we recognize and celebrate our scholarship recipients. The Scholarship Luncheon is scheduled for March 2, 2019. See more information in this newsletter. Please plan to come and meet these smart young women that we are supporting. As usual there will be good food and great fellowship. I want to encourage

every member to donate to the scholarship fund for local students attending Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame. It really makes a difference and can reduce loans for these young women.

We have many more events and interest group meetings scheduled for this semester. I hope to see you at some of them. I want to thank all of the organizers for their time in planning and making LND/SMC such a vital and lively organization. Make your winter more fun and join us!

Meg Mitzel President

# Scholarship Luncheon 2019

Honoring LND/SMC Scholarship Recipients

Yesenia Jacinto '22 SMC Mallory Spiess '19 ND

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019
11:30 AM GATHERING • NOON LUNCHEON
NORTH LOUNGE OF REGINA HALL • SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

SPEAKER
SISTER M. VERONIQUE WIEDOWER
PRESIDENT
CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

Chairs Bobbie Corke,
Mary Lou Derwent and
Elaine Nicgorski
invite all
The Ladies of Notre Dame
and Saint Mary's College
members
to honor
Scholarship Recipients
and welcome

Special Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors

Susie Farrington and Sarah McDonald invite you to join them

Indicate your preference to join a Newcomer Table on the reservation form See p. 15

## THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME & SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE 2018-2019 PROGRAM

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February 1, 2019 Friday 7:00 PM	Card Night - Come play round robin Euchre at the home of Catherine Kossler. 1020 N. St. Peter Street, South Bend. RSVP by January 28 to Catherine Kossler, <kosslerfam@gmail.com>, 614-596-0802.</kosslerfam@gmail.com>		
February 6, 2019 Wednesday 1:00-3:00 PM	A Rosie Place - Volunteer to write thank you notes to benefactors. 53131 Quince Road, South Bend. 12:30 Carpool leaves from Innovation Park. Kim Reynolds <rkrpc5@gmail.com> and Michelle Wheeler <mwheele4@nd.edu>.</mwheele4@nd.edu></rkrpc5@gmail.com>		
February 20, 2019 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Newcomers & Visitors - Ladies Night Out at Simonini Gourmet 226 W. Cleveland, Granger. Bring a friend! Chair: Susie Farrington, <susiefarrington@gmail.com>, 203-554-3030.</susiefarrington@gmail.com>		
March 2, 2019 Saturday 11:30 AM	Scholarship Luncheon and Welcome of Second Semester Newcomers North Lounge, Regina Hall, Saint Mary's College. See form on p. 15. Chairs: Bobbie Corke, Mary Lou Derwent and Elaine Nicgorski.		
March 9, 2019 Saturday 11:00 AM-3:00 PM	A Rosie Place - Volunteer at the annual birthday celebration for medically fragile children. 53131 Quince Road, South Bend. Birthday present donations welcome. <b>RSVP by Feb. 5</b> . Kim Reynolds <rkrpc5@gmail.com> and Michelle Wheeler <mwheele4@nd.edu>.</mwheele4@nd.edu></rkrpc5@gmail.com>		
March 20, 2019 Wednesday 7:00 PM	Let's Eat Out! - Bin 23, 120 Perspective Drive, Suite 150, Granger. RSVP to Betty Gallagher <gallagherbj@yahoo.com> or Catherine Kossler <kosslerfam@gmail.com>.</kosslerfam@gmail.com></gallagherbj@yahoo.com>		
March 21, 2019 Thursday 5:45 PM	Newcomers & Visitors - Line Dancing - South Bend Racquet Club. 4122 N. Hickory Road, Mishawaka. Chair: Susie Farrington, <susiefarrington@gmail.com>, 203-554-3030.</susiefarrington@gmail.com>		
April 10, 2019 Wednesday	Garden Tour - Mishawaka Shiojiri Niwa Japanese Garden, 1000 East Mishawaka Avenue. Lunch following at Jesus Latin Grill, 122 N. Hill Street, Mishawaka. Chairs: Betty Gallagher <gallagherbj@yahoo.com> and Catherine Kossler <kosslerfam@gmail.com>.</kosslerfam@gmail.com></gallagherbj@yahoo.com>		
April 13, 2019 Saturday 1:00 PM	Newcomers & Visitors - Gems of South Bend Tour - Downtown South Bend. Chair: Susie Farrington, <susiefarrington@gmail.com>, 203-554-3030.</susiefarrington@gmail.com>		
May 2, 2019 Thursday	Memorial Mass		
May 15, 2019 Wednesday	Annual Business Meeting and Cookout at the home of Betty Gallagher		
For the most current information, visit www.lndsmc.org			

### Scholarship Luncheon

The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College is privileged to have Sister M. Veronique Wiedower, the President of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, as its speaker at the March 2, 2019, Scholarship Luncheon. While the primary focus of this luncheon is to give recognition to the women at SMC and UND that



Sister M. Veronique Wiedower

are receiving scholarship monies from LND/ SMC, having Sister Veronique in attendance will give our members, guests and students an opportunity to hear her speak to us. We have asked her to address the "The Past and the Future of the Sisters of

Holy Cross at Saint Mary's." In her acceptance of this invitation, she stated that she "finds the topic you offered quite interesting!" We expect her presentation to be an interesting story as well. In 2019 the Sisters of the Holy Cross are celebrating their 175th year at Saint Mary's.

The Ladies' scholarship recipients for 2018-19 are Mallory Spiess, a senior at Notre Dame from Mishawaka and Yesenia Jacinto, a freshman at Saint Mary's College from Granger.

Second semester Newcomers and Visitors will be in attendance and introduced to those present. Sarah McDonald and Susan Farrington will be hosting and presenting them. Newcomers and visitors, when making your reservation, note that you wish to sit with Sarah and Susan.

Members: gather together your friends and neighbors, and join us at this luncheon. If you have teenage daughters, bring them along to hear from our recipients what future academic possibilities they might choose.

NOTE: Reservations for this luncheon are due PRIOR to FEBRUARY 21, 2019.

### LUNCHEON PARKING:

For those not familiar with Saint Mary's College, it is suggested that you consult the following map available at: http://www3.saintmarys.edu/files/campus-map/campus-map-parking.pdf. On the west side of the campus is REGINA HALL. The building has two wings with the entrance at the middle of the two. Parking is available north of the building OR in the faculty lot west of the Student Center.

Contributed by Mary Lou Derwent

### From the Program Chairs...

Infomation for future activities will be shared in newsletters, via MailChimp, and on the LND/ SMC Facebook page and website including these:

- May 2 Memorial Mass
- May 15 Annual Business Meeting and Cookout at the home of Betty Gallagher
- Tour of the Snite Museum Charles B. Hayes Family Sculpture Park late afternoon presentation by Snite Museum staff, walk through the Sculpture Park with refreshments following at Embassy Suites, Eddy Street Commons. Late Spring date to be determined.

Many ideas have been suggested--Morris Inn Tea, Culinary Academy events and more. Is anyone interested in organizing something? It doesn't have to be anything involved or fancy. If you are interested, let us know so we can help.

Program Co-Chairs

Catherine Kossler <kosslerfam@gmail.com> Betty Gallagher <gallagherbj@yahoo.com>



Left: Crickett Gibbons
- winner of Left, Right,
Center Pot of money at
Game Night

### Mishawaka Shiojiri Niwa Japanese Garden

Tour: 1000 East Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka



Lunch: 122 N. Hill Street, Mishawaka

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

RSVP to Catherine Kossler <a href="mailto:kosslerfam@gmail.com">kosslerfam@gmail.com</a>, 614-596-0802

LET'S EAT OUT

BiN 23

March 20, 2019 Wednesday

7:00 PM

RSVP TO

Catherine Kossler <kosslerfam@gmail.com> 614-596-0802 Save the Date

Second Annual Notre Dame Tailgate on Nantucket Nantucket, Massachusetts Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Vacationing on the East Coast this summer? All LND/SMC members are invited to join a Notre Dame Tailgate party at the home of Bridget and Mark Hubbard on Nantucket, Massachusetts.

**Contact Wendy or Bridget for details:** 

Bridget Hubbard <bridget@NDirish.net> 574-217-8323

Wendy Duffey wendyduffey@alumni.nd.edu 617-359-4443





Come play round robin Euchre at the home of Catherine Kossler

1020 N. St. Peter Street, South Bend Friday, February 1, 2019 7:00 pm

RSVP by January 28

Catherine Kossler <kosslerfam@gmail.com, 614-596-0802

### Interest Groups

### Creative Cooking

The Creative Cooking members have been feasting on foods from around the world the past two months. November featured over eight de-



licious tapas that suited everyone's palate. There were Moorish Kebabs, Seared Shishito Peppers, Patatas Bravos and Empanadas accompanied by

refreshing sips of Sangria. The buffet table was overflowing with flavors from Spain.

Our December meal celebrated Holidays around the World. The evening started with sparkling

prosecco and progressed through Polish Potato Salad and Hunter's Stew, Ukrainian deviled eggs, Spanish Rice Salad, Swedish West Coast Salad, and Italian Lasagne al Forno,



among other dishes. For those who saved room for dessert, the traditional Buche de Noel from France and Norwegian Kransekake completed the international holiday feast. The cooks whet everyone's appetite for the upcoming holidays.



January provided a return to the United States. That dinner highlighted specialities from American cities. Baltimore Crab Cakes, New England Clam "Chowda", Hollywood

Cobb Salad, Kansas City ribs cooked four different ways, New Orleans Bourbon Yams and San Francisco Sourdough Bread were enjoyed by all. Naturally, California and New York wines accompanied the meal. Once again, dessert was irresistible, comprising New York mini cheese-cakes and Boston Crème Pie Bites.

If your mouth is watering, consider joining our group for the remaining dinners. February features recipes from literature and newspapers. March is planned to include spouses around



### LNDSMC DUPLICATE BRIDGE

#### KEEP YOUR MIND SHARP!

Learn to play a fun card game that will keep your memory active, and help you make new friends! We will teach you playing and bidding strategies and techniques along with ways to remember cards played, and what the opponents may be holding in their hands.

#### **ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS WELCOME**

(especially party bridge, Chicago scoring players welcome!)

Most Tuesdays—complimentary Dinner at 6pm,
Bridge at 6:45

Location: Susie Farrington's 1032 N. St. Peter St, SB

No Bridge on these dates: 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 11/13, 12/11, 1/1, 1/15, 2/12, 4/23, 4/30, 5/14. Also no bridge 6/11-8/13/19.

Chair: Susie Farrington 203-554-3030, <susiefarrington@gmail.com>

the theme of "Food and Art." April is a Saturday brunch.

Our Creative Cooking interest group lives by the following Irish proverb. "Laughter is brightest in the place where food is."

Co-Chairs: Denise Brenner <denisecbrenner@gmail.com>, 616-540-3330 Bridget Hubbard <bridget@ndirish.net>, 574-217-8323

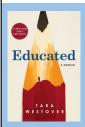


### Interest Groups

### Morning Literature

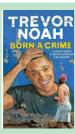
The Morning Literature Group enjoyed a lively and informative discussion of *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell in December. Please join our upcoming discussions!

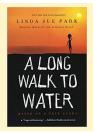
**U**PCOMING **D**ISCUSSIONS



February 18, 2019
Place: Home of Mary Lou Derwent
Time: 9:30AM
Book: Educated
by Tara Westover

March 18, 2019
Place: Home of Heather Yang
Time: 9:30AM
Book: *Born a Crime*by Trevor Noah





April 15, 2019 Place: Home of Mary Watt-Strider Time: 9:30AM Book: *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

For more information and directions to members' homes, contact:

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

Below: Pictures from the Newcomers/Visitors Christmas Party



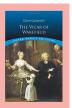


### Afternoon Book Club

Join the Afternoon Book Club for a lively discussion of a variety of good reads.

### **UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS**

February 7, 2019 Place: Francis Branch Library Book: *The Vicar of Wakefield* by Oliver Goldsmith





March 7, 2019

Book: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

April 4, 2019

Book: *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery



For more information and directions to meeting places, contact:

Chairs: Val Bartels, 271-3637 <valreads@comcast.net> Mary Montenaro, 503-351-8270 <mamanaro@gmail.com>

### The Rosary Group welcomes you

### **UPCOMING DATES**

Friday, February 1, 2019 Friday, March 1, 2019 Friday, April 5, 2019 Friday, May 3, 2019



Photo by Adam Lamm

10:00 AM

Chapel of St. Catherine Fischer O'Hara-Grace Graduate Residences

Community Center at Wilson Drive and Bulla Road on the campus of Notre Dame

Children are welcome Convenient parking near the entrance

For further information or directions contact:

Chair: Ravini Fernando, 574-855-2199 <ravinifernando@hotmail.com>

Children's Playgroup Calendar Winter 2019		
February 1 Friday, 9:30-11:00am	Playgroup - Robinson Community Learning Center. 921 N. Eddy St, S. Bend. Playroom with toys, dress-up clothing, art supplies and books for many ages.	
February 2 Saturday, 10:00AM	Science Alive - St. Joseph County Library, 304 South Main St., South Bend The library will be filled with special guests doing science experiments and demos through the day for children.	
February 9 Saturday, 11:00AM	Barnes and Noble - Storytime and Crafts. 6501 Grape Road, Mishawaka. Enjoy a love-themed story and crafts during storytime at the mall.	
February 15 Friday, 10:00-1100AM	Joy's Gymnastics - 1724 S. Main Street, South Bend. Staffed open gym time with equipment and age appropriate toys. \$5 - toddlers and \$2.50 for siblings ages 18 mos. to 5 yrs.	
March 1 Friday, 9:30-11:00ам	Playgroup - Robinson Community Learning Center. 921 N. Eddy St, S. Bend. Playroom with toys, dress-up clothing, art supplies and books for many ages.	
March 23 Saturday, 10:00ам	Colby Bounce House - 6501 Grape Road, Mishawaka Let the kiddos bounce out some energy in the mall bounce house. Price is by 15-minute increments.	
March 29 Friday, 9:30-11:00ам	Playgroup - Robinson Community Learning Center. 921 N. Eddy St, S. Bend. Playroom with toys, dress-up clothing, art supplies and books for many ages.	

Find further details in our monthly calendar and Facebook events! This is not an all-inclusive list! Additional ideas, get-togethers, adventures, whether planned a week out or ad hoc, are invited from all members, anytime. Watch for more events on our Facebook page and in the April *Kaleidoscope* issue. Send RSVPs to Rana or to our Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Playgroup Facebook page.

Playgroup Coordinator: Rana Van Voorhis <rrolle@nd.edu>, 352-207-0300

### From the Assistant Treasurer . . .

The LND/SMC Remembrance Cards recognize special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or the memory of someone who has passed. Those who have passed are also remembered in the LND/SMC Memorial Mass each May.

Remembrance Card gifts are fully tax deductible. All monies raised through the Remembrance Card program support 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 Corinne DeTrempe, <cdetrempe@yahoo.com>. A packet will be mailed to you.

### In Memoriam

- Lewis A. Viviani (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Elaine M. Seaman (Robert and Julie Nelson)
- Professor Donald Sniegowski (Irene Funk)
- Dolly Trozzolo (James and M. Kathy Johnson)

Corinne DeTrempe, Assistant Treasurer <cdetrempe@yahoo.com>

### Holiday Tea

Members of The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College gathered at the Stapleton Lounge of Le Mans Hall, Saint Mary's College on Sunday, December 9, 2018 to honor Alice Saffren who has been designated a Life Member.

Louis MacKenzie, Professor of French and Fellow of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at ND, as well as husband of LND/SMC Past President, Jo Ann MacKenzie, entertained guests with delightful music. Creative Cooking members provided a vast array of delicious food. Gratitude goes to Jo Ann MacKenzie for arranging the festive event.

Note: To be designated a Life Member, a member or her spouse must have retired from either the University or College in the past year. Also, members must have been dues-paying members for at least the two years prior to recognition.































### New Life Member

### Alice Saffren

I was almost born in a swimming pool in New York City—it was a hot August day, and my mom decided a swim was a good way to cool off.



My next claim to fame was as a student in the newly built high school, Francis Lewis. Construct-

ed for 1,000 students, the doors opened to over 3,000. The academic aspirations of this multitude were accommodated during three sessions: I attended from 11 am until 5 pm.

Next up was attendance at a tiny progressive college in the Green Mountains of Vermont, Goddard College. It was there that I majored in dance and pottery—it was the 60's.

My dance ambitions took me to Toronto Dance Theater in Ontario, Canada, and as those ambitions waned I enrolled at Ryerson University. I met my then husband and traveled with him to Nova Scotia, Canada where I finished a degree in nutrition at St. Frances Xavier University.

In 2000, my husband was hired to run the biology lab at Notre Dame, and we moved happily with our two sons to South Bend. I worked for Richard Wotajsik in the then Notre Dame audio visual library. Richard regaled me with tales of his former life as a young monk with a big appetite who tried in vain to stay out of trouble, and the kitchen, as he foraged for food.

I worked also for Lorry Zeugner in library acquisitions. Finally, I used my degree in nutrition to teach Family and Consumer Sciences, i.e., Home Economics, at Clay High School. It was there that I tried to restore order to a classroom of screaming students as they climbed tables to avoid a baby mouse run amok on the floor. At the same time, an enterprising student thought it would be fun to shut off the lights. And another kept opening an oven door, in our kitchen area, to show me that there was a fire inside. My darkened classroom of hysterical kids was now filling with smoke.

I remarried and retired in 2013 and met Jo Ann and Louis MacKenzie walking their dog Augie in the neighborhood where I now resided.

Jo Ann told me how great LND/SMC was, and I have never been disappointed. I've enjoyed the plant-based eating group, volunteered at St. Margaret's House, and now work as a CASA, court-appointed special advocate (for abused and neglected children), thanks to the Ladies and Jo Ann.

In my spare time I like to Zumba, lift weights, read about nutrition, travel and meditate.

### From the Corresponding Secretary . . .

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

### THINKING OF YOU (SURGERY)

• Brigid Dutile, LM

### **S**YMPATHY

- Rose Lyphout, LM, on the death of her father, Lewis A. Viviani
- Jan Seabaugh, on the death of her father-inlaw, Tony Seabaugh
- Suzy Halloran, LM, on the death of her mother, Elaine Seaman
- Nancy Kommers, LM, on the death of her husband, Professor Donald Kommers
- Family of Marlene Miles, LM, who died January 7, 2019

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.

Marge Marley, Corresponding Secretary 289-9134, <mamarley57@gmail.com>

### Membership as of January 11, 2019

- 92 Renewing Members
- 19 New Members

### + 128 Life Members

239 Total Members

### CUT! COSTUME AND THE CINEMA

If you were interested in films, costumes, history or sewing construction, your interest was satisfied by a tour led by Kristi Dunn on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at The History Museum. The costume display came from Coscrop, a London company that made the costumes for films, such as Gosford Park, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Phantom of the Opera and Casanova. The period covered was from the 16th through the mid-19th century. The fabrics were rich ... velvet, silk, cotton. There were NO zippers. All the embroidery, button closings, etc. was done by hand, as was the lace. Some lace was also original to

the period. Women's dresses were heavy and had large skirts... multiple petticoats and other supporting undergarments.

One of the surprising facts that Ms. Dunn presented was that the

garments of the 15-16th centuries displayed the wealth of the wearer through gold thread woven into the garment as well as the jewelry worn. But-

tons of silver and gold were prominent on the clothing of both sexes by the 17th century.

What captured the interest of many attendees were the various undergarment "supports" worn by women. The architecture of the support changed with the design of the dresses. One of the "cages," called a farthingale, had a collapsible front to help move-

ment in passing through narrow places as well as sitting at a table. The full cage hoops (think Scarlett O'Hara) were shown, as well as the rear hoop with a flat front and a support at the waist that held up the back of the skirt. A steel corset was worn with the latter which pushed the woman's chest forward to balance the rear.



Questions were raised on how did the women move about?, stay warm in the winter? or ??? A dress was shown where over the hoop was a ruffled petticoat as the bottom layer, upon it a "blanket" slip for warmth, and upon it, a dark slip that supported the fabric of the dress. One of the more interesting pieces of men's

clothing was a jacket designed to be worn by Casanova. It had multiple inverted pleats along the sides and back that added to the drama .... when he jumped out of a window and appeared as "flying!"

Costumes of the 20th century were primarily from the 1920s and 1930s.

> One of the most stunning gaments ....(on

the left)was a dress cut on the

bias which. lengthhas ened over the vears as the weight of the fabric on the mannequin stretched it.

into 1-inch-wide pleats from the neck to the floor. Amazing!



Contributed by Mary Lou Derwent



Members visiting The History Museum in South Bend

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to our volunteers who came to A Rosie Place, a specialty hospital for medically fragile children on November 14 to help decorate their facility for Christmas!

A special thank you to the many members of The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College who

contributed to the Christmas celebration for KidsPeace children in foster care at Saint Mary's on December 4! The generosity of our organization was extraordinary, and we are so very grateful! Thanks to you we had thoughtful



and amazing gifts for each child, along with wonderful food and such a great group of people helping at the party. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a kind and giving community of women.

We will be returning to A Rosie Place on February 6 from 1:00-3:00 to write thank you notes to their benefactors. A Rosie Place receives most of their funding from private donors and very much appreciates our support! A Rosie Place is located at 53131 Quince Rd., South Bend, IN 46628. We will meet at Innovation Park at 12:30 if you would like to carpool.

A Rosie Place has an annual event where they celebrate the birthdays of their very fragile children. Parents and siblings are also invited. The family, birthday

A ROSIE PLACE theme party is from 11:003:00 on Saturday, March 9.

A Rosie Place needs volunteers to help at the party. They would also welcome birthday present donations for these children with significant special health care needs. They are happy to offer guidance in terms of gift choices if you are interested.

Please contact Kim or Michelle if you are able to assist with any of these volunteer opportunities. If you would like to volunteer at the party at A Rosie Place on March 9 please reply to us by February 5 since we need to assure A Rosie Place that we are able to help.

Many Thanks,

Kim Reynolds <rkrpc5@gmail.com> Michelle Wheeler <mwheele4@nd.edu>

### LND/SMC Members Volunteer

Members of LND/SMC helped decorate A Rosie Place for Christmas.



Below: Members of LND/SMC joined Saint Mary's College students to host a party for KidsPeace children in foster care.







### Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College 2017-18 Membership Survey

PREPARED FOR: KALEIDOSCOPE NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2019

Prepared by: Jo Ann MacKenzie, board member

### **Executive Summary**

The 2017-18 Board of Directors authorized a survey of the current membership to secure basic information on current members and to secure input from current members on how to improve the organization. The board authorized a free MailChimp designed survey. A 10-question survey was selected, and the survey committee consisting of a chair and two members wrote the questions. The completed survey was reviewed and approved by the whole board. The survey was sent to 120 current members for whom we had working email addresses as of March 2018 The decision to send only email versions of the survey was made to keep costs at a minimum. We received a total of 114 responses.

The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (LND/SMC) was founded in 1934 to promote the educational, social and cultural welfare of its members, to foster friendship within the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's family and to encourage service to the University/College and community in supportive programs. LND/SMC is a non-profit organization administered entirely by volunteers. All women with any connection to the University of Notre Dame or Saint Mary's College (other than undergraduate students) shall be eligible for membership in LND/SMC. Participation in the organization's Interest Groups requires membership in LND/SMC in addition to any dues for the Interest Groups.

The survey results were compiled anonymously. The results were very positive with 84% of responders stating they would recommend LND/SMC to a friend or colleague. 72% of the membership is between the ages of 55-85 or older. 87% of the membership identifies as White/Caucasion. 96% of responders are dues paying and/or life members. 53% are retired. 23% volunteer. The most popular Interest Groups are Creative Cooking with 38% of responders and Outdoor Adventures Group with 47% of responders. 72% of responders donate to the scholarship fund either with their dues or through the Remembrance Card program. 32% identified as non-donors to the scholarship fund. The best days and times identified to attend an event or interest group were (in descending order): Weekday afternoon, weekday evening, weekday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday afternoon.

Most suggested activities or interest groups to add include viewing movies and going out to dinner including spouses similar to the Newcomers Group events. The following is a sampling of suggestions, comments, and recommendations: It would be good for members to have a site to communicate info. such as sales, offers to help, recommendations; more outings, tours of campus buildings, day trips to Chicago and surrounding areas; a "done-in-a-day" crafts group; couples night at the movies, a play, a lecture; consider online offerings focused on learning, or a book review/discussion as the technology exists to support this and you do not have to get a babysitter, leave your house or provide refreshments; LND/SMC is a great group that does interesting things!

The following is a sampling of thought-provoking comments: "I really want to enjoy and be part of this group, but it just doesn't seem relevant. As a female faculty member at ND, I would LOVE to connect with others who are balancing work and family. This is what I was hoping this group would provide and it still could because nothing else exists." "My experience with LND/SMC was not particularly favorable. Although I participated in a few activities, I felt somewhat excluded by the leadership of those activities." "Actual age 25 but there were no options younger than 35-44. Involved in play group but would be interested in learning about other activities."

#### Conclusions

The majority of current members who responded to the survey are engaged, involved, and supportive of LND/SMC. For the most part, these are retired and/or non-working women who have their weekdays open.

### Recommendations

Going forward when doing future planning and considering additional outreach and activities, refer to this data to best match the preferences of the membership. If the organization wants to expand offerings to include younger women, working women, faculty women, review the comments and design an approach that fits the target group. Continue to provide quality programming with enthusiasm, friendship, and inclusion.

### From the Membership Chairs...

### New Members: Browne, Sarah

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Periton, Cheryl

413 St. Vincent St. South Bend IN 46617 peritonc@gmail.com (574) 222-0734

### Renewing Members:

Cox, Donna

18070 Abington Ct. South Bend IN 46637 dbcox@mac.com (574) 855-3349

Pizza, Mary Ann

3620 Durham Ln. Mishawaka IN 46545 mapmd425@att.net (574) 520-1080 Nguyen, Quynh Lan

3600 N. Main Street, Apt 23 Mishawaka IN 46545 Inguyen3@nd.edu (574) 383-6285

Pam Chipman 288-0995 Jennifer Velasco, 247-0601 Membership Chairs

Keeney, Shiyrah

53146 Oakmont Central Dr. South Bend IN 46637 shiyrahruth@gmail.com (828) 674-7595

Pilarski, Jan

938 Riverside Dr. South Bend IN 46616 jpilarski@saintmarys.edu (574) 323-5412

### IN MEMORIAM

### Marlene Janis (Schillne) Miles

August 9 - January 6, 2019



Marlene was born in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of John and Helen Vorel.

Marlene was blessed with many and a variety of talents. She loved interior design, advising clients and friends on their home designs, and early in her career she became the owner of Hayloft Boutique and Country Store in New Buffalo, MI. Traveling was another passion especially if accompanied by her children or grandchildren. She was also employed at the University of Notre Dame, having positions in Campus Ministry and Freshman Year of Studies at various times.

Marlene was predeceased by her parents and by her infant daughter, Susan. She is survived by a daughter Sheri Fieweger, a son David Schillne, and five grandchildren. She also leaves many friends who were the recipients of her kindness, warm demeanor and beautiful smile.

A private Christian Funeral Mass and Rosary will be held at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, St. Mary College, Notre Dame, In., on February 2, 2019, for immediate family. Extended family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life ceremony and reception from 4 to 6 at the Morris Inn, Notre Dame on Feb. 2.



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Luncheon Honoring LND/SMC Scholarship Recipients Mallory Spiess '19 ND Yesenia Jacinto '22 SMC

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019
11:30 am Gathering Noon Luncheon
North Lounge of Regina Hall at SMC

• Tomato Basil Soup Rolls & Butter

Entree (choose one)
• Lemon Chicken Scaloppini
with Pesto Risotto & Seasonal Vegetables

or

• Vegetable Lasagna with seasonal vegetables

Pre-set Individual
 Chocolate Caramel Toffee Cake
 or Salted Caramel Cheesecake

• Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea, Iced Tea

CHOOSE ONE

Cost: \$27.00

Due Date: PRIOR to February 21, 2019

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

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Please address any questions and any dietary restrictions to Elaine Nicgorski 574-234-5157 or <nicgor@yahoo.com>

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### Holiday Cooking Demonstration - Martin's School of Cooking

Members joined Chef April Howell of Martin's School of Cooking as she prepared tasty bites for holiday entertaining ease. Audience participation and food sampling was highly encouraged!







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