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*From the* PRESIDENT . . .

Christmas went by in a blur this year, and I am only getting a chance to reflect on all that has happened as I sit here writing to you.

The Christmas season kicked off with Marcie Benjamin's and Pam Burish's ornament making workshop--so fun! Kim Reynolds and Michelle Wheeler collected over 75 gifts for A Rosie Place's Christmas party for the medically fragile. What an amazing job!

We had a great turnout for the Newcomers Christmas Party hosted by Catherine Kossler and Heather Hakanen, and for the Santaland show at South Bend Civic. Jo Ann MacKenzie organized a wonderful Holiday Tea honoring our newest Life Member, Meg Mitzel, and found a terrific musician who could play the piano, the harmonica and sing during each Christmas carol. What a hoot! Creative Cooking, led by Denise Brenner and Betsy McCorry, arranged for all the delicious food. We also had a lovely baby shower for Margaryta Bondarenko, our Assistant Treasurer (see pictures). Denise Brenner, Sarah McDonald and I had a blast making cake pops for the first time--messy but fun!

But the best part of this Christmas season is all the good health news that came to us in Tim Welsh's improved health (which means I get to see Jackie at Creative Cooking), Bob Dunn's positive surgery outcome and continued recovery, and Sheila Marshall's continued recovery. I thank each of you who prayed with me for these people connected to our sisterhood--this is what makes this sisterhood so exceptional.

I ask each of you to keep this sisterhood strong--get involved, attend events, share your story and your talents. Come join us on Wednesday at Elia's for the Cabin Fever Lunch hosted by Betty Gallagher, or join her on February 6th for a tour of the Architecture School, or come make a Valentine's quilted square potholder/pillow with Pam Burish and Marcie Benjamin on February 1st, or come hear the Brass Trio on April 2nd that Heidi Witte is arranging with Symphony-to-Go, or join us for the Memorial Mass on April 30th. You may want to learn to play Mahjong on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month with a

group that is going strong under Diana Taylor's new leadership, or join Nancy McAdams and me on February 21st for dinner and DJ skating at Howard Park.

Our next big bonding event will be at the Scholarship Luncheon on March 21st at the Morris Inn. ND has asked us to sponsor an additional scholarship student, Tess Ngochi '21, so please donate generously to the Scholarship Fund. Tuition and expenses continue to increase for students at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, making our scholarship grants more impactful. I look forward to seeing you all there!

With God's Grace,

*Susie Farrington*  
President

## Scholarship Luncheon

### Honoring LND/SMC Scholarship Recipients

Yesenia Jacinto '22 SMC

Tess Ngochi '21 ND

Mallory Spiess '20 ND

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

11:30 AM GATHERING • NOON LUNCHEON

SALON OF THE SMITH BALLROOM • MORRIS INN

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

(SEE PAGE 13)

Special Welcome  
to Newcomers and Visitors  
from Heather Hakanen and  
Catherine Kossler

Indicate your preference to join  
a Newcomer Table on the  
reservation form. See p. 13

Chairs Susie Farrington,  
Jo Ann MacKenzie and  
Meg Mitzel invite all  
LND/SMC members to honor  
Scholarship Recipients  
and welcome  
Newcomers and Visitors

SPEAKER  
SARAH MUSTILLO, I.A. O'SHAUGHNESSY DEAN  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS  
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

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

## 2019-2020 PROGRAM

February 1, 2020 Saturday 5:00-9:00 pm	<i>Dinner Fundraiser for Children's Museum of South Bend</i> at Chipotle - 1251 N. Eddy Street, Ste. 101, South Bend. Enjoy a meal to support building a local museum for kids. Emilie Utigard, a former playgroup mom, is leading the museum effort in honor of her son Finn's memory. Mention the Children's Museum of S.B. when you place your order.
February 6, 2020 Thursday 4:00 PM	<i>Tour--Walsh Family Hall of Architecture, University of Notre Dame.</i> Tour is about 1 hour. Meet in Classroom 108. Refreshments will follow at Legends. Spouses welcome. RSVP by February 1 to Betty Gallagher <gallagherbj@yahoo.com>, 312-961-1137.
February 8, 2020 Saturday 6:00-9:00 PM	<i>Logan Center</i> - Volunteer to chaperone a dance for adults with special needs. 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend. Kim Reynolds <rkrpc5@gmail.com>; Michelle Wheeler <Michelle.Wheeler.39@nd.edu>.
February 21, 2020 Friday 6:15 PM Dinner 8:00 PM Skating	<i>DJ Skate Night</i> at Howard Park - 219 S. St. Louis Blvd. Skate Rental: Adult \$10, Youth \$7. Dinner first at The Lauber - 504 E. Lasalle Ave., #2. RSVP: Nancy McAdams, 574-273-2555 or <nocmc@comcast.net>.
February 25, 2020 Tuesday 7:00 PM	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors</i> - Game Night. Newcomers are encouraged to come together for a fun night of games and strengthening new friendships. Please bring \$3 (one dollar bills) and something yummy to share. RSVP: <kosslerfam@gmail.com>. Chairs: Heather Hakanen and Catherine Kossler.
March 3, 2020 Tuesday 2:00-3:00 PM	<i>Holy Cross House</i> - Volunteer to decorate St. Patrick's Day cookies and visit with residents 1842 Moreau Drive, Notre Dame. Kim Reynolds <rkrpc5@gmail.com>; Michelle Wheeler <Michelle.Wheeler.39@nd.edu>.
March 21, 2020 Saturday 11:30 AM	<i>Scholarship Luncheon</i> and Welcome of Second Semester Newcomers Morris Inn, University of Notre Dame. See form on page 13. Chairs: Jo Ann MacKenzie, Susie Farrington and Meg Mitzel.
March 26, 2020 Thursday 7:30 PM	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors</i> - Let's Get Crafty! Be part of Paint Night at Make South Bend. 2228 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend. Cost: \$30-35. Limited to 20 people. RSVP: Catherine Kossler, <kosslerfam@gmail.com> or 614-596-0802.
April 2, 2020 Thursday 4:00 PM	<i>Symphony-to-Go!</i> (Location TBD.) Listen to the South Bend Symphony Orchestra's Brass Trio! Children will enjoy a close up encounter with these fabulous musicians. Open to all LND/SMC members. RSVP: <lndsmcplaygroup@gmail.com> or on the LND/SMC Playgroup Facebook page.
April/May 2020	<i>Annual Business Meeting</i> - Date and location to be determined.
April 30, 2020 Thursday 5:00 PM	<i>Memorial Mass</i> - Chapel of Regina Hall, Saint Mary's College. Please come to honor our Life Members who have died during the past year, as well as to support our members who have lost family members.
May 2, 2020 Saturday 2:30 PM Shopping 5:00 PM Virtual Golf	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors</i> - Shop & Top Golf. Explore a few local stores; then invite your spouse/significant other to meet up at Blackthorn Topgolf Swing Suite for food/beverages and virtual golf. Start of shop tour is TBA. Topgolf: 322 Toscana Blvd., Granger. Chairs: Heather Hakanen and Catherine Kossler.
Late Spring	It's time to hit the links for a 9-hole golf scramble! Details to be announced.

## SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College is privileged to have Sarah Mustillo, the I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Notre Dame, as its speaker at the March 21, 2020 Scholarship Luncheon. While the primary focus of this luncheon is to give recognition to the women at SMC and



*Sarah Mustillo*

UND who are receiving scholarship monies from LND/SMC, having Dean Mustillo in attendance will give our members, guests and students an opportunity to hear her speak on her topic of choice: college affordability.

Mustillo is a 1996 Notre Dame graduate who went on to earn her master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from Duke University. She then served as a faculty member at Duke University School of Medicine and at Purdue University, before returning to Notre Dame as a faculty member in 2014. From 2016-2018, she was chair of Notre Dame's Department of Sociology.

Mustillo's depth of experience with sociology research and university administration will inform her perspective on the costs of higher education, a factor that continues to influence families and young people's futures.

The Ladies' scholarship recipients for 2019-2020 are Mallory Spiess, a senior at Notre Dame from Mishawaka; Tess Ngochi, a junior at Notre Dame from South Bend and Yesenia Jacinto, a sophomore at Saint Mary's College from Granger.

Second semester Newcomers and Visitors will be in attendance and introduced by Heather Hakanen and Catherine Kossler. Newcomers and visitors, when making your reservation, note that you wish to sit with Heather and Catherine.

Members: gather together your friends and neighbors, and join us at this luncheon. If you have teenage daughters, bring them along. Hearing how our recipients are pursuing their goals may inspire other young women to consider a few academic possibilities of their own.

NOTE: Reservations for this luncheon are due PRIOR to FEBRUARY 26, 2020. See page 13.

## SANTALAND DIARIES

In mid-December, a handful of our members, along with friends and significant others, met for dinner and saw a theater play in downtown South Bend. Dinner was at the recently opened The Lauber Kitchen & Bar, a fast-casual restaurant with meat and vegetarian options. Some of you may remember this space as a one-time sheet metal shop (named J.C. Lauber's), a storied enterprise whose history dates back to the late 1800s. The shop provided sheet metal and roofing services to area residents and businesses, and collaborated on technical projects with faculty and staff at Notre Dame until its closure in 2015. The neighborhood is now being redeveloped for urban living, with other restaurants, condos, and shops coming to the area in the near future.

After dinner, the group of 23 headed to the South Bend Civic Theater to see Santaland Diaries, a one-man comedy show based on David Sedaris' essay of the same name. A fictionalized, humorous account of the author's brief stint as a

Christmas elf at a Macy's department store, the play has been a perennial holiday favorite and a wonderful way to start the Christmas season. It was an enjoyable evening, full of goodwill and companionship. Many laughs were had by all.

*Contributed by Gosia Bak-Hill*



## Tour: Walsh Family Hall of Architecture University of Notre Dame

Thursday, February 6, 2020  
4:00 PM

Meet in Classroom 108 in Walsh Family Hall  
Tour is approximately 1 hour.  
Refreshments will follow at Legends.

Spouses welcome.

RSVP by February 1 to:  
Betty Gallagher  
<gallagherbj@yahoo.com>, 312-961-1137



### Dinner Fundraiser for Children's Museum of South Bend

Chipotle • 1251 N. Eddy St., Ste. 101 • South Bend

Saturday, February 1 • 5:00-9:00 PM

Enjoy a meal to support the Children's Museum of South Bend. (Emilie Utigard, a former playgroup mom, is leading the way to build this local Children's Museum to honor her son Finn's memory.)

Mention the Children's Museum of South Bend fundraiser when you place your order!



**MAKE**  
SOUTH BEND

Let's Get  
Crafty!  
Be Part of  
Paint Night!

2228 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend

Thursday, March 26, 2020 • 7:30 PM

Cost: \$30 (10-20 participants)

\$35 (< 10 participants)

Have you wanted to try the latest rage in crafting, acrylic pour painting? Join a fun social and crafty night of painting. NO artistic talent or past painting experience needed. All instructions are provided. Open to all members.

RSVP to Catherine Kossler  
<kosslerfam@gmail.com>, 614-596-0802  
LIMIT: 20 people (RSVP today!)



## VALENTINE'S QUILTED SQUARE

One Valentine's quilted square can easily become a potholder, or multiple squares can become a pillow, table runner or quilt!

Please bring a sewing machine and a few fabrics in shades of red and pink, including a background fabric. No machine? Contact Marcie.

Lunch provided!

Saturday, February 1 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Marcie Benjamin's House  
30447 Quail Pointe Drive, Granger, IN 46530

RSVP by January 27 to  
Marcie <marcea.benjamin@gmail.com> or  
Pam Burish <pburish@gmail.com>



### Symphony-to-Go! (Location TBD) Thursday, April 2 • 4:00 PM

South Bend Symphony Orchestra's  
Brass Trio!

Kids enjoy a close up encounter with these fabulous musicians. Open to all LND/SMC members. RSVP to Heidi Witte, <Indsmcplaygroup@gmail.com> or on the LND/SMC Playgroup Facebook page.

### Newcomers & Visitors



Diana Taylor's  
Home  
(Near Notre  
Dame)

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 • 7:00 PM

All newcomers are encouraged to come together for a fun night of games and strengthening new friendships. Join us as we gather at Diana Taylor's home for a few lively games. (No previous knowledge or experience needed for these games.) Please bring \$3 (one dollar bills) and something yummy to share. You won't want to miss this annual popular event for newcomers!

RSVP to Catherine, <kosslerfam@gmail.com>

Chairs: Heather Hakanen and Catherine Kossler



# INTEREST GROUPS

## CREATIVE COOKING

Creative Cooking has been doing its bit to make the world a happier place, through food, of course! In December, members contributed a selection of wonderful savory and sweet treats



to the annual Christmas Tea. Two days later, we gathered at the home of Sybylle Livingston for our monthly dinner. The theme was "Trendy Dishes." No question

that we're all ever so much hipper and sophisticated after enjoying a menu of avocado toasts, corn zucchini fritters, Kombucha moscow mules, carrot waffles with yogurt sauce, millet stuffed peppers, roasted cauliflower couscous salad with apricots, cabbage leaf enchiladas, spicy street corn, honey almond cake with raspberries, orange and pistachios and lemon ricotta cake. The food was exceptional but it may have been topped by Sybylle's home which was absolutely beautifully decked out for the holidays.



Her Christmas tree, resplendent with Sybylle's collection of gorgeous German ornaments, was a particular highlight.

In January, Creative Cooking moved from the trendy to the exotic when it celebrated the "Tastes of the Middle East" at the home of Donna Cox. Where else in South Bend but the Creative Cooking group could one dine on a menu of hummus, feta and roasted red pepper salad, pita and vegetables, tabbouleh salad, Fattoush salad, falafel, chicken orange and date tagine, Lebanese kibi with yogurt, almond couscous, Persian love cake, baklava and halawa with pistachios?!



The fun continues in upcoming months. On February 11, members will enjoy a trip back in time when we savor "Fancy Versions of Child-

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Keep Your Mind Sharp!



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

All bridge players welcome  
(party bridge and Chicago scoring players)

Most Tuesdays  
Complimentary Dinner at 6:00 PM  
Bridge at 7:00 PM  
Susie Farrington's Home:  
1032 N. St. Peter Street, South Bend

No Bridge on these dates: Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, and Mar. 4 until June 23.

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

hood Favorites." Is it possible to make a grown-up peanut butter and jelly sandwich? We'll find out! March features foods from "Presidential State Dinners" while April's Saturday brunch will answer the question, "Can you make a whole meal out of pies?" In May, members, including any interested newcomers, will meet to plan the 2020-2021 calendar.



It is never too late to join Creative Cooking! If your taste buds are now watering and you would like to be a part of this culinary adventure, don't hesitate to give Denise or Betsy a call. And, no worries, members do not need to be gourmet cooks; the only requirement is an appreciation for great food, so, of course, everyone is eligible!

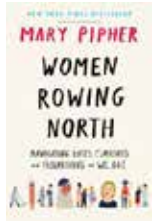
Co-Chairs:  
Denise Brenner, 616-540-3330  
Betsy McCorry, 259-4209

# INTEREST GROUPS

## MORNING LITERATURE

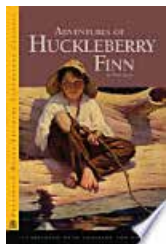
Join the Morning Literature Group  
for good reading and fellowship!

### UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS



February 17, 2020  
Place: Home of Malou Audi  
Time: 9:30 AM  
Book: *Women Rowing North*  
by Mary Pipher  
Leader: Malou Audi

March 16, 2020  
Place: Home of Mary Lou Derwent  
Time: 9:30 AM  
Book: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*  
by Mark Sullivan  
Leader: Mary Lou Derwent



April 20, 2020  
Place: Home of Julie Nelson  
Time: 9:30 AM  
Book: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
by Mark Twain  
Leader: To Be Determined

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

Acting Chair: Mary Lou Derwent, 574-277-1996  
<mldderwent@alumni.nd.edu>



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES GROUP  
-ICE SKATING in HOWARD PARK-  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 8pm-ish with  
DINNER FIRST AT LAUBER'S @6:15pm

Come join us for DJ Skate Night! Enjoy hot  
chocolate and the new family playground!  
Skate rentals available: Adults \$10/Youth \$7.

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

## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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

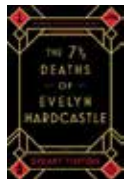
### UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS

February 6, 2020  
Book: *The Girl Who Smiled Beads*  
by Clemantine Wamariya



March 5, 2020  
Book: *Becoming*  
by Michelle Obama

April 2, 2020  
Book: *The 7½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*  
by Stuart Turton



Time: 1:30 PM  
Location: Francis Branch Library  
52655 N. Ironwood Road, South Bend

For more information, contact the Co-Chairs:  
Val Bartels, 271-3637 <valreads@comcast.net>  
Mary Montenegro, 503-351-8270 <mamanaro@gmail.com>

## The Rosary Group welcomes you

### UPCOMING DATES

Friday, February 7, 2020  
Friday, March 6, 2020  
Friday, April 3, 2020  
Friday, May 1, 2020



Photo by Adam Lamm

10:00 AM - FIRST FRIDAY EACH MONTH  
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 2020

- January 30  
Thursday, 10:00-12:30 PM Curious Kids Museum - 415 Lake Boulevard, St. Joseph, MI. Escape the cold, and enjoy this playful, hands-on museum, located about 40 minutes north of South Bend.
- February 1  
Saturday, 5:00-9:00 PM Dinner Fundraiser for Children's Museum of South Bend - Chipotle  
1251 N. Eddy St., Ste. 101, South Bend. Enjoy a meal to support the Children's Museum of South Bend. (Emilie Utigard, a former playgroup mom, is leading the way to build this local Children's Museum to honor her son Finn's memory.)  
Mention the Children's Museum of S.B. fundraiser when you place your order!
- February 4  
Tuesday, 4-5:00 PM "If You Build It" Playtime - Harris Branch Library, 51446 Elm Rd., Granger. Enjoy this free, drop-in STEM program for ages birth to 5th grade! Find big-kid building materials and baby blocks; the sky's the limit on what your kiddo can create.
- February 21  
10:00-11:30 AM Playgroup - Robinson Community Learning Center. 921 N. Eddy St., S. Bend. Friday, Join us at the RCLC playroom, full of toys and fun! Walk down the main hall, and the playroom will be a few doors down on the left.
- February 25  
Tuesday, 9:00 AM South Bend Chocolate Cafe Play Area - 122 S. Michigan St., South Bend. Grab some coffee or hot cocoa while the kids play! Find a large treehouse and slide for the preschoolers and a smaller treehouse for the toddlers.
- March 6  
Friday, 10:00-11:00 AM Sky Zone Toddler Time - 5604 Grape Rd., Mishawaka. Bounce away at this indoor trampoline park! Toddler time is for walking children ages 5 and under. Cost: \$11 per child for one hour of fun. One free adult per child.
- March 15  
Sunday, 2:00-4:00 PM Lucky Leprechaun Orienteering Hunt - St. Patrick's County Park  
50651 Laurel Road, South Bend. Bring the whole family to try your luck at finding leprechauns in the park using an orienteering map! Afterward, warm up by the fire with some hot cocoa and a "pot of gold." \$5 per family. Registration and payment are required by March 10.
- March 19  
Thursday, 9:00 AM Music Together Sample Class (Location TBD). Ready to move to music? Come to a free sample music class with Ms. Ambe--she's great!  
Please RSVP to <lndsmcplaygroup@gmail.com> or on our Facebook page.
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**Stay up-to-date with our events!** Email us at <LNDSMCPlaygroup@gmail.com> to join the email list or to ask questions! On Facebook, search for **Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup** to join our group.



Playgroup Coordinators:  
Meghan Reed  
Heidi Witte  
<LNDSMCPlaygroup@gmail.com>



# INTEREST GROUPS

## MOVIE VIEWING GROUP

The Movie Viewing Group is getting through winter by attending some Oscar-nominated films such as *Little Women* and *Parasite*. Additionally, in the next few weeks, there are some DeBartolo Performing Arts Center--Browning Cinema shows that members plan to watch, including *Porgy and Bess* (February 1) and *A Hidden Life* (February 27, 28, 29). A crossover event with the Afternoon Book Club is in the planning stages for those who have read *The Girl Who Smiled Beads* to watch *Hotel Rwanda* (on-demand) to learn more about the Rwandan genocide.

The Movie Viewing Group provides a forum to find people to attend movies with you and events where you can discuss what you have seen. If you have not signed up already, email Wendy Duffey at [wendyduffey@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:wendyduffey@alumni.nd.edu) in order to be notified of specifics about upcoming events.

Chair: Wendy Duffey  
<[wendyduffey@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:wendyduffey@alumni.nd.edu)>



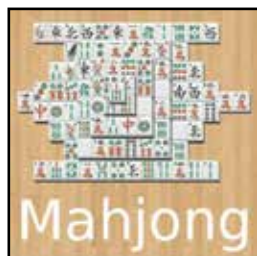
## MAHJONG GROUP

Second and Fourth  
Thursday of each month

1:00-3:00 PM

The Mahjong Group will continue with Diana Taylor as the new chairperson. Beginners are encouraged to sign up for the 10-week American Mahjong course taught by Lynn McDonald at the Forever Learning Institute on Thursdays from 1:00-3:20 PM, beginning March 5. The cost is \$45 + \$5 for printed materials. Contact Diana for more information.

Chair: Diana Taylor  
<[diana.c.taylor@comcast.net](mailto:diana.c.taylor@comcast.net)>



## NEW LIFE MEMBER

### Meg Mitzel

Meg Mitzel grew up in the metro Detroit area, went to Marian High School, Michigan State University for a degree in Social Work and Wayne State University for a Master of Social Work (MSW). Upon doing her undergraduate clinical placement as a crisis line responder and battered woman's counselor (that is what it was called then) she realized that traditional social work – direct service – was not a good match. Wayne State University had a concentration for their MSW called Community Organization. Working at a macro level changing systems, developing programs to meet community needs sounded interesting, and that is how she spent her career. She has worked for a Detroit politician and United Way, was the director of a child abuse prevention agency starting the first Children's Advocacy Center in Michigan, worked in the public health care system in New Zealand, the Career Center at Binghamton University in upstate New York and returned to human service work at Child and Parent Services in Elkhart.



Meg feels very blessed that she has lived in Japan, the Philippines as a Peace Corps volunteer, New Zealand and Norway. With her husband Patrick Regan, who was in the Kroc Institute for Peace and Political Science, they also spent semesters in Turkey, China and London as well as traveling to many other countries and states. Meg and Pat have two children. Shane is in graduate school in California, and Kate is in graduate school in Florida.

Since moving here, Meg has taken up tap dancing and performs with a group in nursing homes, has become a Master Gardener, sings in a community chorus and continues to read, act as a life-long learner and travel. She is very thankful for the LND/SMC community and appreciates the friends she has made and the wonderful activities of the group.



## 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 8, 2019 to honor Meg Mittel who has been designated a Life Member.

Don Savoie entertained guests with delightful music. A self-described blue-eyed soul singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Savoie taught for 15 years at Notre Dame and Holy Cross and is now a music professor at Lake Michigan College. He performs throughout northern Indiana, southwestern Michigan and Chicago. Creative Cooking members provided the delicious food. Gratitude goes to Jo Ann MacKenzie for arranging the festive event.

*Note: To become 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.*



*FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . .*

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

**GET WELL**

- Sheila Marshall, LM

**SYMPATHY**

- Rosemarie Keane, LM, on the death of her husband, Dean Emeritus Jack Keane
- Anita McColleston, LM, on the death of her grandson, Colin McCollister

**CONGRATULATIONS**

- Maria Younes on the birth of her first grandchild, John

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>*



*Above: In January, members gathered at Elia's in South Bend for a Cabin Fever Lunch. The warmth of good friends and good food help ward off the chill of winter!*

*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, <mllderwent@alumni.nd.edu> or the assistant treasurer. A packet will be mailed to you.

*IN MEMORIAM*

- Alex Anadon (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Samir K. Bose (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Sister Maura Brannick (Phillip and Carolyn Helman)
- Diane McIntaggart Clarke (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- John Gorman Keane (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Nancy Ann Kommers (John and Mary Lou Derwent; Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Mohamad Mostofi (Elaine Nicgorski)
- Kathryn R. O'Hara (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Blanche E. Schuld (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Jackie (Krause) Stephens (Irene Funk)
- Mildred Ulicny (Phillip and Carolyn Helman)

*Margaryta Bondarenko, Assistant Treasurer  
<margobondarenko@hotmail.com>*



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to our volunteers who donated their time to visit Holy Cross priests and brothers at Holy Cross House on November 6. Your visit was very much appreciated!

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers who worked on December 14 and to so many of our organization's members who donated so generously to



make the Christmas party at A Rosie Place such an incredible success! Thanks to you

the medically fragile children and their siblings had over 70 wonderful gifts to choose from at the party's Santa Store! A Rosie Place is extremely grateful for all of the support received from The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.

Please put your dancing shoes on and join us to chaperone a dance for special needs adults at The Logan Center on February 8 from 6:00-9:00 PM. The Logan Center supports people in Michiana with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



We hope you can come for another group visit to Holy Cross House on March 3 from 2:00-3:00 PM. Holy Cross House is a retirement home for approximately 50 Congregation of The Holy Cross priests and brothers. Some have medical challenges and are socially isolated. We will visit and decorate Saint Patrick's Day cookies together.



Please contact Kim Reynolds or Michelle Wheeler if you have any questions or would like to sign up for any of these volunteer opportunities. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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*Left: Members of LND/SMC visited with Holy Cross House residents in November.*

## LND/SMC MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

*Members of LND/SMC volunteered at the Christmas Party at A Rosie Place.*



*Left: A child at A Rosie Place enjoys the floor piano donated by an LND/SMC member.*

*Below: Members of LND/SMC donated numerous gifts so children attending the Christmas party at A Rosie Place could choose from many gifts at the Santa Store.*









## **Scholarship Luncheon**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

Speaker: Sarah A. Mustillo,

I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters,  
University of Notre Dame

**Luncheon Honoring LND/SMC Scholarship Recipients**

**•Mallory Spiess '20 ND • Tess Ngochi '21 ND • Yesenia Jacinto '22 SMC•**

**11:30 am Gathering – 12:00 pm Luncheon**

**Salon of the Smith Ballroom, Morris Inn, Notre Dame**

**Menu: BLT Soup with rye crumble • Rolls & Butter •**

**Entree (choose one) • Chicken Monte Carlo Topped with prosciutto and mozzarella cheese, pesto risotto cakes, julienne seasonal squash, vermouth silk; OR**

**Eggplant Napoleon Grilled eggplant and zucchini, herbed farro, roasted tomato coulis, red onion confit**

**•Chef's Choice Dessert • Coffee, Decaf, Iced Tea**

**Cost: \$28.00 • Due date: Prior to February 26<sup>th</sup>. Send reservation information and check (made out to LND/SMC) to: Meg Mitzel, 51697 Winding Waters Way, Elkhart, IN 46514. Please address any questions and any dietary restrictions to Meg Mitzel 607-797-3065 or <mmitzel55@gmail.com>.**

**Parking is free with Notre Dame hangtag. Carpooling is suggested.**

**If you have not yet made a contribution to the LND/SMC Scholarship at Saint Mary's College or the University of Notre Dame this calendar year, consider this an opportunity to do so, when you are sending in your reservation for the luncheon. In order for the contribution to be tax deductible for you, the check for scholarship monies needs to be made out to the individual College or University.**

**----- Detach and mail to Meg Mitzel with check made out to LND/SMC - - - - -**

**Tables of 8 will be set • Guests listed will be seated together with the member inviting them • Indicate with whom, in addition to your guests, you wish to be seated. Requests will be honored, if possible. Your payment includes gratuities.**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Circle one: Chicken Monte Carlo or Eggplant Napoleon**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_**

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## *BABY SHOWER FOR LND/SMC Assistant Treasurer*



Members gathered at the home of President Susie Farington on January 12 to celebrate a baby shower for Assistant Treasurer Margaryta Bondarenko. Susie, joined by Denise Brenner and Sarah McDonald, spent four hours making cake pops for the occasion--their first time. They were a hit!



# BABY Shower



For the most current information, visit  
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