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From the PRESIDENT . . .

By the time you read this, Indiana will be at the peak of the pandemic and South Bend has been self-isolating since March 19. Some days I wake up and my mind can't grasp the world pandemic situation. How did we get here? Some days, my brain is just fine, and it understands the present reality. Other days, it feels surreal. I experienced this feeling a few times in my life - once was on 9/11. I saw it on TV, I knew it was happening, but my brain was numb. Psychiatrists say this is a mild form of PTSD, and many of us may be experiencing it. If you are experiencing other stress symptoms from being quarantined such as quick anger, nightmares, detachment, depression or sleep disorders, please contact your medical professional. This is expected and normal.

There are things we can do to help during these difficult times of self-isolation. One of the most enjoyable has been the Zoom video happy hours I've had with various groups of friends. Thus, I suggest to the leaders of various interest groups to follow the examples of the Afternoon Book Group and the Movie Viewing Group by holding Zoom video discussions when possible. You can also play bridge with me on <Bridgebase.com>, or you can make face masks for the Center for the Homeless or one of our two hospitals. Around 25% of Covid-19 infected people are asymptomatic, so wearing face masks helps. If anyone would like a face mask, let me know, and we will get one made for you. Most importantly, it's helpful to make/keep connections with others. Please help by checking in on our members who live alone—please do not assume they are fine.

I am glad that we got a few programs off before everything got canceled for the rest of the semester. Betty Gallagher arranged the February 6 tour of the School of Architecture, and Pam Burish and Marcie Benjamin held a potholder/pillow making session on February 1. The Mahjong group played a few times at Carol Porter's (Thank you, Diana Taylor, for scheduling!), and the Outdoor Adventure Group did get together at The Lauber on February

21 (Thank you, Nancy McAdams!). The Bridge Group played one last time on March 10 and barely escaped a possible Covid-19 contamination, and the Volunteer Group had a huge turnout to pack lunches at Cultivate. Kim Reynolds and Michelle Wheeler also hosted several other activities this quarter. On March 3, Jennifer Velasco hosted the Creative Cooking Group for the very grand Presidential State Dinners menu.

One of the hardest working members behind the scenes is Meg Mitzel who put together the board slate (The vote will take place via email; be on the lookout for a MailChimp notice.). She's mastered the fine art of arm twisting. I think she's learned well from Denise Brenner. Even though I feel as if I only served half a term, I look forward to turning the gavel over to Sarah McDonald. She will be an excellent President.

A special shout out to all of you who worked so hard on our many programs and events which were canceled, especially Jo Ann MacKenzie and Meg Mitzel for putting together the Scholarship Luncheon, Marge Marley for working on the Memorial Mass, Catherine Kessler and Heather Hakanen for organizing Let's Get Crafty, and Heidi Witte for organizing a symphony fundraiser and playgroup events.

Other good news to report: Tim and Jacquie Welsh adopted a puppy, which shows you they are both optimistic and doing well! Bob Dunn and Sheila Marshall continue to recover well.

I know when the weather is beautiful and the isolation gets stressful, you want to relax social distancing rules. However, at the peak of the contamination period, we need to be more vigilant than ever! Please continue self-isolating, washing your hands, and if you have to go out, wear a mask and stay at least 6' from others. Let's pray this virus is contained soon, and that we and our loved ones survive unharmed.

God bless you, and stay safe!

Susie Farrington
President

THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME &
SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE 2019-2020 PROGRAM

Annual Business Meeting - Canceled; Board vote on-line (See more information on this page.)

Memorial Mass - Canceled due to the pandemic. Deceased members and their families will be remembered at the Memorial Mass in 2021.

Newcomers & Visitors - Shop & Top Golf - Canceled

STAY CONNECTED WITH LND/SMC

Are you receiving emails about our events? We send out regular emails through MailChimp to remind members of events and other announcements. If you are not receiving them, please check your promotions (in gmail) or your spam folder. If you don't see them, please email our email coordinators and ask them to put you on the list.

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2020-2021 LND/SMC BOARD SLATE:
VOTE TO BE CONDUCTED ONLINE

The 2020-2021 Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Board Slate is presented in this newsletter (See below.).

In these unusual times we unfortunately cannot have an Annual Meeting in April. Therefore, in May we will have a vote on the elected board positions electronically.

On May 4, an email will go out to all members asking them to vote for the Board Slate.

For the next two days (May 5 and 6) members may vote 'yea' or 'nay' for the elected board positions by clicking on the link and replying with their vote.

There will be an announcement via MailChimp with the election results on May 7, 2020.

I hope everyone is safe and content in this surreal world.

*Meg Mitzel
Past President
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PAST PRESIDENT Susan Farrington
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..... Cricket Gibbons
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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Marge Marley
TREASURER Susan Bowyer
ASSISTANT TREASURER..... Cindy Sescleifer
MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS..... Addie Cashore
..... Jennifer Velasco

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..... Marcie Benjamin
INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR..... Mary Fran Kitz
LIFE MEMBER CHAIR Jo Ann MacKenzie
LIFE MEMBER ADVISOR..... Sibylle Livingston
NEWCOMER & VISITOR CHAIRS Sara Ermeti
..... Diana Taylor
NEWSLETTER CIRCULATION..... Bobbie Corke
NEWSLETTER EDITOR Linnea Lannon
PARLIAMENTARIAN..... Elaine Nicgorski
PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR..... Meghan Reed
VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS Kim Reynolds
..... Sue Montalbano
..... Michelle Wheeler
DIGITAL MEDIA..... Mary Gohsman
..... Gosia Bak-Hill

From the PROGRAM CHAIRS...

In February, members enjoyed a tour of the Walsh Family Hall of Architecture. Pictures and a summary from the tour may be found on the back page of this newsletter.

All the more special those opportunities seem as we find ourselves not being able to gather in any capacity during this pandemic. We really hope that we still may be able to hit the links and have a 9-hole golf scramble in late spring or early summer, and will send out an email with details if we can make that happen.

We pray you and your families are all healthy and safe. As The Ladies of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College may be isolated from each other now, we are still here for one another in a myriad of ways ~ just a phone call, text or email away. End each day with gratitude for the little things ~ spring flowers blooming, a funny text from a friend, a walk outside on a sunny day, a beautiful sunrise, a good laugh ~ every day has blessings when God is gently tapping us on the shoulder saying, "I am right here." Until we see each other again, may God bless you always in all ways.

*Betty Gallagher and Sarah McDonald
Program Co-Chairs*

From the MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS...

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Membership Chairs*

LND/SMC Membership is always open!

Visit www.lndsmc.org
for details.

Remember! As a dues-paying member, you
may participate in LND/SMC interest groups.

Thank You!



The cancellation of the Scholarship Luncheon due to the Covid-19 pandemic was a great disappointment. However, instead of accepting a refund of the luncheon fee, many members instead opted to donate their fee to the LND/SMC Scholarship Fund for Local Women. Sincere thanks go to the members who made these generous donations, totaling \$784. (\$392 to Notre Dame and \$392 to Saint Mary's College). In addition, 2 additional donations went to Notre Dame totaling \$350, and 1 to Saint Mary's for \$100.

Information about the Scholarship recipients was not available at the time of publication. Look for profiles of these young women in a future issue.

*Membership as of
April 10, 2020*

82	Renewing Members
21	New Members
+ 125	Life Members
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228	Total Members

INTEREST GROUPS

CREATIVE COOKING

Creative Cooking introduced a touch of class and elegance to its March 3rd dinner when our menu featured selections from presidential state dinners. A menu of Shrimp Ceviche Cocktail (Eisenhower), Prosciutto and Melon (Ford), D'Anjou Pear Salad with Goat Cheese, Poulet Chasseur (Kennedy), Crustless Vegetable Quiche (Carter), Coconut Basmati Rice (Obama), Strawberries



Romanoff (Kennedy), Orange Pound Cake with Roasted Oranges (Truman and Roosevelt) made us all feel like royalty! Our hostess, Jennifer Velasco, set tables which would have

made Jackie Kennedy proud while Bridget Hubbard's red, white and blue centerpieces were the perfect finishing touch!

Unfortunately, the April brunch is yet one more casualty of Covid-19. Creative Cooking will not meet in April. Based upon a suggestion from Wendy Duffey, we have decided to donate some of our dues that could have been used for the April meal. Our "keeper of the funds", Elaine Nicgorski, will be sending a check for \$200 to the Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry at 803 N. Notre Dame Avenue. The pantry serves individuals who live within the 46617 zip code surrounding Notre Dame. They have found their needs increase during this pandemic. The money will be used to purchase fresh items such as eggs, milk, and bread. Finally, we do hope to



get together for our annual pot-luck in May when we meet to plan the 2020-2021 year. Stay tuned for the May (June?) date; it is dependent on when we can finally

venture out of our homes. Newcomers are, of course, welcome. Join us at the May/June pot-luck (details to follow) to get both a literal and figurative taste of just what we're all about!

Co-Chairs:

Denise Brenner, 616-540-3330

Betsy McCorry, 259-4209

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)

Join the Bridge Group by playing online during the pandemic and summer at BBO <bridgebase.com>.

Contact Susie for details on joining.

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MOVIE VIEWING GROUP

In February, before social distancing became the norm, some of the Movie Viewing Group gathered at our Chair's home to watch and discuss *Hotel Rwanda*. Once the pandemic took hold, some of the members watched *Harriet* on their own then participated in a conference call discussion. In April, the suggested movie is *Lincoln Lawyer*. Members are encouraged to email the group to suggest movies and host virtual discussions. Alternatively, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center/Browning Cinema is offering Zoom Back Camera for weekly movie watching and discussions. For more information about that, or to join the interest group, email the Chair.



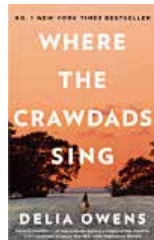
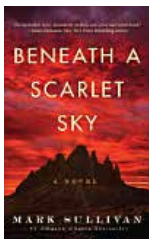
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INTEREST GROUPS

MORNING LITERATURE

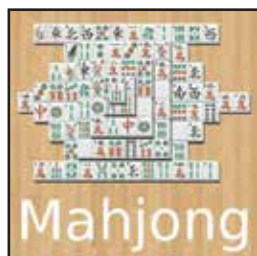
The Morning Literature Group did not meet in March and presently are not planning to meet in April. However, the hope is that it can meet in May and discuss either: *Beneath the Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan (the March book) or *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens (the May). Sheila Marshall relates that she is getting better. Mary Lou Derwent will keep members who are on the email list up-to-date on possible spring meetings. The group has NOT discussed having a virtual meeting on Zoom. Questions?? Contact Mary Lou Derwent.

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MAHJONG GROUP

Future meetings for this group are on hold due to the pandemic. To learn when the group will begin meeting again, please contact the chair.



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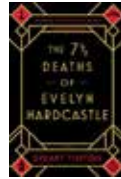
AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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

UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS

April 17, 2020

Book: *The 7½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*
by Stuart Turton



May 7, 2020

Book: *The Water Dancer*
by Ta-Nehisi Coates



Meetings will take place at the Francis Branch Library or online using Zoom.

For more information, contact the Co-Chairs:

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THE ROSARY GROUP

We will keep our members and their families in our prayers as we pray the rosary on our own.



Photo by Adam Lamm

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Memorial Mass

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 Memorial Mass was canceled. Deceased members, as well as family members, will be remembered in 2021.

Chairs: Addie Cashore and Marge Marley



IN MEMORIAM

Sonja Marshalek

March 1, 1939 - January 12, 2020

LND/SMC remembers our former member who passed away earlier this year.

HELPING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Above: Heather Hakanen models a mask that she sewed to donate to the Beacon Health Foundation.



Above: Heather Hakanen was busy sewing many masks in patriotic colors for her family and for donation.

Members of The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College have been helping those in need as our community faces the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. For information on how you can help, check the following websites:

Beacon Health Foundation
< <https://foundation.beacon-healthsystem.org/covid-19-how-you-can-help/> >

Center for the Homeless
< cfh.net >



Above: Frances Sain sewed many beautiful masks to help the Center for the Homeless



Above: Mary Lou Derwent at her sewing machine sewing masks for the Center for the Homeless.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Children's Playgroup canceled many of its events. We ask for your patience and understanding as we reorganize our schedule during this time, and we will keep you updated on events later in spring. We are so sorry to have to cancel so many fun events, but we hope you understand that this is for the health and safety of all. We pray that you and your families stay well, and that these precautions help slow the spread of the virus so we can see each other again soon. Until then, you can stay up-to-date with our events two ways: e-mail us at <LNDSMCPlaygroup@gmail.com> to join the e-mail list or to ask questions, and on Facebook, search for **Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup** to join our group.

Warm Regards,

Playgroup Coordinators:
Meghan Reed
Heidi Witte

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to our volunteers who assembled food in hundreds of backpacks for the food insecure members of our community at Cultivate on January 23. Your help and record-time efficiency was so appreciated by Cultivate!



Thank you to our volunteers who helped chaperone The Logan Center's very well attended and fun Valentine's dance for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities on February 8.



The Holy Cross priests seemed to very much enjoy a visit from our members who came to decorate Saint Patrick's Day cookies with them at Holy Cross House on March 3. The priests have also loved receiving holiday cards throughout the year that were written by our volunteers. Many residents are socially isolated and unaccustomed to receiving any mail.



Thank you again for your great generosity and your gift of time throughout this year to assist with volunteer events! If you have any suggestions about volunteer opportunities you would like us to participate in please feel free to contact us.

We hope and pray that all of our members and their families stay safe and well during this challenging time! We look forward to volunteering together again in the fall!

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Below: Members chaperoned a Valentine's Day dance at The Logan Center.



LND/SMC MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

Members of LND/SMC decorated St. Patrick's Day cookies with Holy Cross House residents in March.



Below: Members of LND/SMC volunteered at Cultivate in January to assemble backpacks of food for food insecure members of our community.



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 HONOR

- Dora Kolettis (Janina Goetz)

IN MEMORIAM

- Peter Colin McCollester (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Varuni Novick (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Sonja Marshalek (Irene Funk)
- Edward Patrick O'Conner, Sr. (Bob and Julie Nelson)
- Dr. Anthony Michel (Jerry and Marge Marley; Mary Lou Derwent; Barry and Maryann Keating; Carole Walton; Walter and Elaine Nicgorski; Arthur and Sibylle Livingston)
- Edward A. Ulicny (Phillip and Carolyn Helman)
- Emerson G. Funk, Jr. (Irene Funk)
- Richard Fessenden (Phillip and Carolyn Helman; Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Germaine Zebrasky (Marty Alworth; Denise C. Brenner; Patty Cushman; Mary Lou Derwent; Corinne DeTrempe; Ravini Fernando; Mary Fran Kitz; Toni Medaglia; Mary Murphy; Elaine Nicgorski)

- Anne T. Klimet (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)

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From the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . .

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

GET WELL

- Dora Kolettis, LM
- Joann Sporleader, LM

THINKING OF YOU

- Mary Gohsman, on the serious illness of her husband John

SYMPATHY

- Leone Michel, LM, on the death of her husband, Dean Emeritus Anthony Michel who died February 1, 2020
- Louise Fessenden, LM, on the death of her husband, Professor Richard Fessenden, who died February 13, 2020
- Pam Burish, LM, on the death of her mother Germaine Zebrasky who died February 17, 2020
- Ruth Schmitz, LM, on the death of her sister Agnes Coyle who died March 11, 2020

CONGRATULATIONS

- Margaryta Bondarenko on the birth of her new baby

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.

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TOUR OF WALSH FAMILY HALL OF ARCHITECTURE

On a snowy February 6, members of The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, along with their guests, toured the recently constructed Walsh Family Hall of Architecture at the University of Notre Dame. Over 55 attendees were provided guided tours of the building, including the studio area, the Furniture Design workshop, the Library, and the Hall of Casts. A thank you to the Architecture School for providing our members with this special opportunity.

