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From the PRESIDENT . . .

Normally this President's letter would highlight numerous events and activities that LND/SMC has hosted, except this is anything but a normal year. There is growing hope and optimism that the long chapter of this pandemic will be coming to an end at some point this year, and hope is powerful. As many receive their vaccinations, we look forward to when we can get together again in person and enjoy the friendships of the marvelous women in this community.

Sincere thanks to all of the board members and co-chairs of interest groups for their time, talents and energy keeping our organization running smoothly. They came up with safe ways to stay connected during this most unusual and challenging year. A special note of thanks to past president Susie Farrington for her work putting together the proposed slate of elected officers as well as the appointed board positions. She could not have done such a fabulous job had it not been

for all who said yes! Heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your willingness to be a part of the leadership team for LND/SMC. The Annual Business Meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:15 when every member has the opportunity to vote on the proposed slate. A Mailchimp will be sent with the link and all are welcome to attend.

It has been a privilege to serve this year as President of the Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, and I am very grateful for the support and encouragement received. Our membership gracefully spans generations. Friendships are strong and lasting as we share in each other's joys and sorrows. I am blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. Wishing you all a Happy Easter, and may God bless you and your families.

Sarah McDonald
President

2021 Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

7:15 pm via Zoom

Current members will receive the Zoom link
in advance via Mailchimp

All members are invited to attend



Members enjoyed a lovely time catching up with friends from all over the country on our recent Zoom St. Patrick's Day celebration. Row 1: Carol Cosimano in Virginia, Sarah McDonald in Arizona and Wini Caponigri-Farquhar in California. Row 2: Elaine Nicgorski, Renee Grubert and Jo Ann MacKenzie in South Bend. Row 3: Crickett Gibbons in South Bend, Julie Silliman in Washington and Mary Gohsman in South Bend. Row 4: Marge Marley and Betty Gallagher in South Bend. The simple joy of casual conversations with friends is something we don't take for granted anymore.

PROPOSED SLATE OF ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENTBetty Gallagher
PRESIDENT-ELECT Marcie Benjamin
PAST PRESIDENT Sarah McDonald
PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS..... Crickett Gibbons
 Nancy McAdams
RECORDING SECRETARY Meg Mitzel
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Marge Marley
TREASURERCarol Kraabel
ASSISTANT TREASURER.....Cindy Sescleifer
MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS.....Addie Cashore
Betsy McCorry

APPOINTED BOARD AND OTHER POSITIONS

CHAPLAINFather Thomas Blantz, c.s.c.
E-MAIL COORDINATORS.....Elaine Baumbach
Marcie Benjamin
 Susan Brown
Cheryl Periton
INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR..... Mary Fran Kitz
LIFE MEMBER CHAIRJo Ann MacKenzie
LIFE MEMBER ADVISOR..... Sibylle Livingston
NEWCOMER & VISITOR CHAIRS.....Sara Ermeti
 Eileen Lindburg
NEWSLETTER CIRCULATION.....Bobbie Corke
NEWSLETTER EDITORLinnea Lannon
PARLIAMENTARIAN..... Elaine Nicgorski
PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR..... Meghan Reed
VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS Kim Reynolds
Diana Taylor
DIGITAL MEDIA GROUP Gosia Bak-Hill
 Mary Gohsman
Susie Farrington

From the MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS...

If you have any changes to your address, phone or email, please notify Addie Cashore, <acashore@saintmarys.edu>, so that your information is current in the membership files.

If you know anyone interested in becoming a member, please encourage them to visit our website <Indsmc.org> to find out the latest information on activities or contacts.

*Membership Co-Chairs
 Addie Cashore, 574-246-0496
 Jennifer Velasco, 574-247-0601*

Please welcome our NEW MEMBERS . . .

Beth Barca

“My connection with Notre Dame is through my husband, Jerry (Class of ‘99). We moved to

the area from New Jersey a little over a year ago. When we moved here, I left an 18-year teaching career behind, excited to explore new opportunities once we arrived. We have 4 children: 9-year-old twin girls, and 2 sons, ages 12 and 14. I’ve been enjoying the transition to Indiana, getting our family settled into our new life here, meeting new people, figuring out “what’s next” for me. I welcome any opportunity to learn from and about others and get involved with my new Michiana community. I’d be happy to meet up or chat, and can be reached at bethbarca@gmail.com or <732-216-6650>.”

Yincy Guo

“I have recently relocated to South Bend from New York following my husband’s new job at the University of Notre Dame. I am currently working from home for my banking job in NY and hope to get more connected to the community through this group.”

From the PROGRAM CHAIRS...

As we headed into our first program planning year with the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College pandemic restrictions in mind -- along with the local and national situation regarding Covid-19 -- our programs focused on a variety of Zoom events and outdoor settings. We also planned several new events, such as a golf outing, as well as backyard lunches and cocktail hours. These gatherings were a definite change from our usual lineup of large events and restaurant outings, but our aim was to provide ways to remain in contact and have some fun.

Several members hosted lunches and happy hours in outdoor settings during the fall. Thanks to Sarah McDonald, Meg Mitzel, Lynn Urtel, Emese Rivera, and Carol Kraabel for providing locations for our new Brown Bag Lunches. Betty Gallagher also hosted outdoor Happy Hours. Thanks to everyone who helped make these casual gatherings a success by offering a space, helping with arrangements, bringing chairs, and embracing the unpredictable temperatures. The weather cooperated and we were able to get together outdoors while being socially distanced.

We also tried other new activities this year, at times taking advantage of already-scheduled outdoor community events or locations. A small group gathered in downtown South Bend on Friday, September 25, to enjoy music and food trucks at the Jon R. Hunt Memorial Plaza. The event was organized by the City of South Bend.

On October 7 we hosted a golf outing at Juday Creek Golf Course, Granger. A group of ladies played a scramble, each in her own cart, then enjoyed beverages on Juday Creek's outdoor patio. The weather was a perfect fall day!

Although we were not able to gather for our usual Christmas festivities, the festive lights and setting of the Winter Wonderland Holiday Lights at Wellfield Botanic helped make the season bright for a group that toured the displays in early December. Additionally, Sarah McDonald hosted a Zoom Christmas party in mid-December with small breakout rooms for additional socializing. Congratulations to Renee Grubert for winning the Best Christmas outfit!

In January we enjoyed a very special hour with Fr. Tom Blantz, C.S.C., who spoke about his recent-

ly released book, *The University of Notre Dame: A History*. Fr. Blantz provided some very interesting insights into challenges faced by Notre Dame and how the University was able to grow in the face of these challenges, such as the Covid-19 pandemic of today. We appreciate him sharing his vast knowledge of Notre Dame history with our group.

As of this writing, the Zoom St. Patrick's Day extended celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 5:30-6:30PM. We hope many of you will have donned your green or ND attire and joined us with a beverage of your choice.

We would like to thank our members for their patience, flexibility and support while we worked to think a little differently about programs and events in settings compatible with Covid-19 restrictions.

As the weather continues to improve, outdoor Brown Bag Lunches and cocktail hours will return to our program schedule. Please watch for the Mailchimp emails that announce these opportunities. If you have an outdoor space that can accommodate a couple of groups with social distancing and are interested in hosting, please reach out to Betty Gallagher or Crickett Gibbons. (Contact information at the end.)

As we move into spring 2021 we will continue to follow guidance from the CDC, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, and state and local governments regarding gatherings. While more of us soon may be fully vaccinated, scientists are also learning more about the virus variants and immunity. We don't anticipate any large, in-person gatherings in the very near future, but realize small groups of members who are fully vaccinated may choose to informally meet together indoors separate from LND/SMC planned events. Here's to warmer temperatures and vaccine availability!

Program Co-Chairs

Betty Gallagher <gallagherbj@yahoo.com>

312-961-1137

Crickett Gibbons <crickettgibbons@gmail.com>

919-306-1244

MEMORIAL MASS

Once again due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to gather for a Memorial Mass to remember our deceased members and family members. Our Chaplain, Father Blantz, C.S.C., will offer a private Mass for those who have died in the past two years. Those honored through the Remembrance Card program will also be honored.



Deceased from 2019-2021:

- Edward Akins, husband of Anita McColleste, LM
- Barbara Bambanek, LM
- Matthew Bowyer, father-in-law of Susan Bowyer
- JoAnn Broden, LM
- Agnes Coyle, sister of Ruth Schmitz, LM
- Prof. Richard Fessenden, husband of Louise Fessenden, LM
- Helen Grima, mother of Jo Ann MacKenzie, LM
- Dean Jack Keane, husband of Rose Marie Keane, LM
- Nancy Kommers, LM
- Mary Ellen Kronstein, LM
- Charles Lennon, husband of Joan Lennon, LM
- John Marshall, husband of Sheila Marshall, LM
- Colin McCollester, grandson of Anita McCollester, LM
- Bobbie Marley, sister-in-law of Marge Marley, LM
- Dean Anthony Michel, husband of Leone Michel, LM
- Gene Mora, father of Val Mora Kraus
- Runa Mozumder, LM
- Loretta O'Connor, sister of Julie Nelson, LM
- Jane Puckett, mother of Donna Cox
- Ariel Snyder, granddaughter of Val Bartels
- Maureen Trubac, LM
- Prof. Edward Trubac, husband of Maureen Trubac, LM
- Mildred Ulicny, LM
- Grace and John, family members of Nellie Wong, LM
- Prof. K.T. Yang, husband of Heather Yang, LM
- Germaine Zebrasky, mother of Pam Burish, LM

*Memorial Mass Chair
Marge Marley*

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

While restrictions due to the pandemic prevented us from holding our annual Holiday Tea, we are pleased to announce our 2020 Life Members:

Adaline Cashore - Addie retired from her position as Director of Donor Relations of the Development Office at Saint Mary's College and belongs to Saint Mary's College Class of 1970.

Peg DeBoer - Peg retired from Elkhart Memorial High School. Her husband Ken DeBoer retired as Assistant Dean of the First Year of Studies Program at the University of Notre Dame.

More information about these women and our 2021 Life Members will be published next year. We look forward to celebrating with all of them in December.

*Life Member Chair
Jo Ann MacKenzie
jam1910@comcast.net, 574-286-8270*

*Life Member Advisor
Sibylle Livingston
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*Happy Birthday
to Wini Caponigri-Farquhar
on her
97th Birthday!*



SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



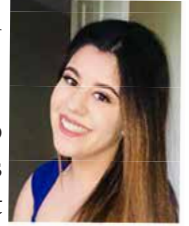
Pandemic restrictions prevented us from holding our annual Scholarship Luncheon. We look forward to honoring our scholarship recipients in person next year!

Until then, please enjoy a letter appearing on this page from one of our scholarship recipients, Yesenia Jacinto. The second recipient is Tess Ngochi, University of Notre Dame, Class of 2021. She is majoring in environmental engineering. Look for more updates in future newsletters.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UPDATE

LETTER FROM YESENIA JACINTO, CLASS OF 2022

Dear Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College,



Hello! My name is Yesenia Jacinto and I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for the scholarship that was awarded to me from your organization. I was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States when I was a baby. I became a permanent resident and now am a naturalized citizen. I have three younger sisters, who were all born in the United States. I am the oldest child in my family and spent most of my younger years in California. My family moved to Indiana when I was 14. The transfer was difficult, but I managed to get through it with the help of my family. I attended Penn High School in Mishawaka, IN. I am the first in my family to graduate from high school and my goal is to be the first to graduate from college as well. I am very thankful for the scholarship you have granted me. This scholarship is very important to me because without it, attending college would be very difficult.

Currently, I am a Junior. My favorite subjects in school were always Math and Spanish, so I have declared an Accounting major with a Finance concentration and a Spanish minor. Being the first to graduate from high school was very significant and meaningful for my family and graduating from college will be even more significant. My goals in life are to be a very successful businesswomen and to travel the world, and thanks to you, I am a step closer to achieving this goal. As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." I believe education is essential in order to change the world and make it a better place for future generations. I would love to someday be able to help young ladies trying to complete their college education as I am.

Thank you again for your generosity and helping my educational dreams come true!

Sincerely,

Yesenia Jacinto
Saint Mary's College, Class of 2022

2020-2021 Supporters of the LND/SMC Scholarship Fund for Local Women

A sincere thank you to the following members for their generous donations to the *LND/SMC Scholarship Fund for Local Women*.

✿ University of Notre Dame ⊕ Saint Mary's College

Katherine Barney	✿	
Denise Brenner	✿	
Addie Cashore		⊕
Bobbie Corke	✿	⊕
Carol Cosimano	✿	⊕
Christine Etzel	✿	⊕
Debra Frecka		⊕
Mary Gohsman	✿	⊕
Carolyn Helman	✿	
Joan Hofman	✿	
Patricia Kaiser	✿	
Maryann Keating	✿	⊕
Mary Fran Kitz		⊕
Theodora Kolettis	✿	
Sibylle Livingston	✿	
LND/SMC	✿	⊕
Rose Lyphout	✿	⊕
Marge Marley	✿	⊕
Mary Ann Mason	✿	⊕
Sarah McDonald	✿	⊕
Kathleen Murphy	✿	⊕
Mary Jean Osberger		⊕
Carol Regan	✿	⊕
Ann Sexton	✿	

HAPPY HOURS



Pictured left to right: Carol Kraabel, Louise Anella and Bridget Hubbard



Pictured left to right: Lynn Urtel, Renee Grubert, Emese Rivera and Wendy Duffey



Pictured left to right: Gloria Kim and Renee Grubert



Pictured left to right: Allison Levey, Mary Malloy and Kate Murphy

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to so many of our generous members who provided cookies for A Rosie Place's drive through Christmas party in December! The medically fragile children and their families enjoyed and appreciated your very kind donations!

Please consider reaching out to the Sisters of the Holy Cross at The Convent at Saint Mary's College and to the Holy Cross priests and brothers at Holy Cross House! The residents in these assisted living facilities have been increasingly socially isolated since the pandemic and would love to receive mail!

If you are able to send a card or a letter please send any notes to the following addresses:

Sister Karla McKinnie
100 Lourdes Hall-Saint Mary's
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-5014



Bonnie Hauser
Holy Cross House
1842 Moreau Drive
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556



Please include The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College on your return address along with your name so that The Convent and Holy Cross House will know that your card comes from a member of our organization to be distributed to their sisters, priests and brothers.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you and be safe!



LND/SMC member Sue Montalbano (left) and Ronda Spaulding from A Rosie Place with donations from our members.

Volunteer Coordinators:
Kim Reynolds
<rkrpc5@gmail.com>

Michelle Wheeler
<Michelle.Wheeler.39@nd.edu>

Sue Montalbano
<suemontalbano@gmail.com>

INTEREST GROUPS

CREATIVE COOKING

The Creative Cooking Group has been busy this past year discovering new recipes and cooking family favorites. We have been collecting these recipes from members each month in order to compile them as a record of “what we did during the pandemic.” These curated recipes touch every aspect of dining from appetizers, to salads and soups, to main courses and desserts. There is also a special section for All Things Christmas and brunch. It’s a delicious collection of over 150 recipes from 33 different Creative Cooks. Many of the recipes are accompanied by stories or the cook’s notes for best preparation.

Our dilemma is what to call this cookbook. We are looking for input from the entire Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College community. The winner will receive an invaluable prize, her very own cookbook! All entries are due to the group chairs at <creativecookinglndsmc@gmail.com> by April 1. The cookbook will be offered for sale to the general membership at a later date. Look for the announcement in your email during April.

Co-Chairs:

Betsy McCorry, <betsy.mccorry@gmail.com>
Denise Brenner, <denisecbrenner@gmail.com>



Left: President Sarah McDonald enjoying an Outdoor Adventure to Cobus Creek on September 23, 2020.



Right: Renee Grubert, Nancy McAdams, Meg Mitzel with “Scout” and Addie Cashore at Cobus Creek.

MOVIE VIEWING GROUP

The Movie Viewing Interest Group provides a forum for members and their guests to attend or watch movies and then discuss them in person or via conference calls or Zoom.



If you want to participate and have not signed up already, email or call Wendy Duffey at <wendyduffy@alumni.nd.edu>, 617-359-4443. These past few months we have watched *News of the World* and *Finding Forrester*. As you can see from the picture below, our discussions have been via Zoom. March’s movie is *The Dig*, which is available on Netflix. The discussion date will be sent to members later in March via email. As more of us get vaccinated and feel comfortable



we are considering a Private Watch Party at Mishawaka Cinemark in April or May, so be sure to sign up for the group if you want to participate.

Chair: Wendy Duffey
<wendyduffy@alumni.nd.edu>

WE WILL MISS YOU!

Rana Van Voorhis and her family are moving to Atlanta, GA! Rana’s husband Tristan is graduating from IUSB med school and will begin his residency in Pediatrics at Emory University Hospital. Congratulations, Tristan! Rana was the playgroup coordinator a couple years ago and did a fantastic job! We will miss you and your beautiful children, Rya, Remington, and Rome. Wishing you all much love and happiness! ❤️



INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

The Afternoon Book Club (known affectionately as the ABC group) is a group of women who love to read! We meet the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 PM. During the Covid-19 outbreak we've been meeting on Zoom, and it's been working out well. If the Francis Branch Library meeting room ever reopens, we will go back to meeting there. If you'd like to join our Zoom meeting, just drop us an email, and we will send you the link.



The Afternoon Book Club has been meeting online each month.

UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSIONS



April 1, 2021
Book: *The Silent Patient*
by Alex Michaelides



May 6, 2021
Book: *The Girl with the Louding Voice*
by Abu Daré

For more information, contact the Co-Chairs:

Val Bartels <valreads@comcast.net>
and Mary Montenaro <mamanaro@gmail.com>

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CALENDAR SPRING 2021

March 23
Tuesday, 10 AM - 12 PM

Playground Meetup - Kids' Kingdom at Potawatomi Park
500 S. Greenlawn Avenue, South Bend
Weather permitting. We will be wearing our masks! ☺

April 8
Thursday, 10:00 AM

Nature Walk - Rum Village Park - 2626 S. Gertrude Street, South Bend
Weather permitting. We will be wearing our masks. ☺ We will meet at the parking lot near the nature center, off of Gertrude Street.
<<https://sbvpa.org/places/rum-village-park/>>.

May 1
Saturday, 10:00 AM

Picnic and Nature Walk - Fernwood Botanical Garden
13988 Range Line Rd, Buchanan, MI 49107
This will be our last event of the year! Weather permitting. We will be wearing our masks. ☺ Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-17 and free for children 4 and under. If you have never been, it is definitely worth the price!

Please RSVP for all events. Send an email to <LNDSMCPplaygroup@gmail.com> to RSVP, join the playgroup email list or to ask questions! On Facebook, search for **Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup** to join our Facebook group. **The Facebook page has been recently updated with many ideas hosted by our local libraries and parks.** You may also contact Meghan via phone or email:

Playgroup Coordinator:
Meghan Reed
<meghanreed99@gmail.com>, 586-995-0215

INTEREST GROUPS

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Celebrate Earth Day with Us!!

Trip to Boot Lake Nature Preserve, Elkhart Thursday, April 22, 2021

Boot Lake Nature Preserve's sprawling 300 acres encompass wetland, forest, and prairie habitat. A portion of the site has a unique story—having been reclaimed from the City of Elkhart's sludge farm. The transformed site is now a state-dedicated nature preserve protecting Indiana's rare and endangered wetland plants and animals. The preserve is recognized by National Audubon as an Important Bird Area with over 200 species documented, including sensitive grassland-nesting birds found in the 80 acres of restored prairie. Visitors can enjoy a small picnic pavilion, wetland and prairie overlooks, and four miles of trails intertwined with the variety of habitat.

For more info: <<https://elkhartcountyparks.org/destinations/boot-lake/>>

Who: Members of LND/SMC and friends

What: Trip to Boot Lake Nature Preserve

When: Thursday, April 22, 2021, 10:00 AM
EARTH DAY

Where: Meet at the Boot Lake parking lot.

Boot Lake Nature Preserve

51430 Co. Rd. 3, Elkhart, IN 46514

Details: Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothes suitable for the weather.

Bring water and a lunch.

Rain cancels the trip. You will be contacted in the case of inclement weather.

RSVP. by April 19 to Meg Mitzel
<mmitzel55@gmail.com> or 607-797-3065

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Trip to Spicer Lake, New Carlisle Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Our May 19 hike will be at Spicer Lake Nature Preserve located in the northwest corner of St. Joseph County. This park is considered the gem of St. Joseph County, Indiana. Since the land is a dedicated nature preserve, Spicer Lake is protected under a series of state laws that restrict development and prohibit the addition, removal, or damage to any plant or animal life.

Healthy populations of woodland flowers grow here, including spring ephemerals such as trillium, Dutchman's breeches and trout lily. The 200+ acres of wetland support populations of blue flag, turtlehead and cardinal flower. Hopefully we will spot some of these spring flowers.

Spicer Lake is also well known within the bird-watching community. Particularly in spring and fall, large flocks of migratory songbirds feast on the abundant insects of the wetlands ecosystem.

A visitor strolling down the boardwalk and trails of Spicer Lake will pass through four eco-zones. The tree zone with red maples, elms and sassafras; the brush zone with thick growths of winterberry, spicebush, and dogwood; the emergent zone with pond lilies and native loose-strife; and the lake itself: the aquatic zone, made up of decayed material on lake beds.

Please join us on this fun Outdoor Adventure!

Who: 12-16 members of LND/SMC and their friends

What: Trip to Spicer Lake Nature Preserve

When: Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 10:00 AM

Where: Meet at Spicer Lake Nature Preserve, about a 30-minute drive.

50840 County Line Rd, New Carlisle

*People who have received 2 vaccines might be interested in driving with others. Let Nancy know when you RSVP.

Details: Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothes suitable for the weather.

Bring water and a lunch.

Rain cancels the trip. You will be contacted in the case of inclement weather.

RSVP to Nancy McAdams
<nocmc@comcast.net> or 574-273-2555

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Bambenek

October 20, 1933 - October 9, 2020



Barbara was a very cheerful longtime member of The Ladies of Notre Dame & Saint Mary's College who died on October 9, 2020. She often helped with the Christmas Tea and the Scholarship Fundraiser at the Hammes Bookstore, all the while employed as a registered nurse at Memorial Hospital and a nurse educator at Ivy Tech.

Barbara was born in Minneapolis, MN on October 20, 1933. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN and married Mark Bambenek on September 7, 1957. Mark was a professor at Saint Mary's College and unfortunately died in 1991. Barbara was also preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Severine Janutka, a brother Thomas Janutka and her daughter Terese Michalski. She is survived by three children: Kathryn Lukow, Phil Bambenek and Andy Bambenek, all of South Bend; seven grandchildren: Thomas (Kerry) Lukow, Raymond (Dani) Bakos, Ariel Bambenek, Margaret Bambenek, Mark Bambenek, Julianna Michalski, and Kassandra Michalski; and six great-grandchildren.

Barbara was a parishioner at Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame since 1966. She had a special devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Holy Rosary.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, October 16, 2020 in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart Parish Center, Notre Dame. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery.

May she rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Ellen Kronstein

September 26, 1933 - January 18, 2021



On September 26, 1933, Mary Ellen Ebing Kronstein was born. If you knew her, you have not forgotten her. She was a creative, outgoing person in the visual arts, had a contagious personality and shared her knowledge and passion of Catholic theology and liturgy with all who encountered her. If you had to choose a color to define her, you would choose the entire spectrum! Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Margaret and Alfred Ebling, she earned a B.A. in Art with minors in English and Education from Alverno College in 1957.

During her college years, Mary Ellen participated in a Catholic women's lay movement at Grailville, Ohio. Founded by a Jesuit priest, and, at that time run by lay women, it was, and is today, a sacred place for education, leadership, and peace. This experience influenced her sacred life, her art and her social concerns for the rest of her life.

After graduation, Mary Ellen worked as an art director for Fides Publication in both Chicago and South Bend. It was at Notre Dame that she met and married, in the Log Chapel, the late ND mathematics professor Karl Kronstein. During the 1960's three children were born to her and Karl. She furthered her education at Notre Dame and received a M.A. in the Arts in 1975.

Mary Ellen's time as wife and mother was jointly spent as artist as well. Her advanced degree in art put her in contact with local organizations and businesses who valued her work. She was also active with the spiritual work of her local parish.

Mary Ellen died on January 18, 2021, at Covenant Living, Northbrook, IL., at age 87.

Surviving Mary Ellen are her children: Veronika (James) Curtin, Maria (Michael) Fox and Jonathan (Coleen) Kronstein and her grandchildren: Benjamin (Anne), Rachael, Sarah and Grace Curtin; Shayna, Kayla and Zachary Fox, Kate, Jack and Patrick Kronstein; and her great-grandchild: Max.

A memorial celebration of Mary Ellen's life will be held at a later date with private interment at Cedar Grove Cemetery at Notre Dame, IN

God bless you, Mary Ellen. You have brought joy, fun and goodness to our lives.

IN MEMORIAM

Runa Mozumder

January 23, 1941 - February 19, 2021

Runa was one of the first friends I made when we came to Notre Dame. The Ladies had a very active Foreign Wives Group (latter called the Cosmopolitan Group) that included Americans. The purpose of the group was to provide assistance and to foster friendships. It was there that I met Runa. At that time Runa lived quite close to our rented house. So, in those early years, we saw each other frequently.

Runa was very active in the Ladies. She was one of the early members of the Book Group when the group was reading the Great Books of the Western World. She told me that the Book Group educated her in Western philosophical thought. Later when the Group started reading in other areas, she gave guidance on books by non-western authors. Runa was active in the Creative Cooking Group. She was a wonderful cook and hostess. When the Ladies had a Music Group and an Art Group, she belonged to them both. We looked forward to seeing Runa at our meetings. I can see her charming smile as she entered the room in a beautiful sari.

Runa was a lifelong student. She took full advantage of being able to take classes at Notre Dame. One example was her keen interest in learning Japanese. Her husband had several opportunities to do research in Japan. Runa savored her time in Japan and made many friends there. Runa once joined my husband, Walter, to lead a discussion of the great Hindu classic the Bhagavadgita. This occurred in a Notre Dame seminar. Runa brought to class her family's very old and treasured version of the text. Needless to say, Runa charmed the students.

Runa had a strong interest in art. She was a docent for many years at the Snite Museum of Art. At one time she was an active member of the YWCA and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Runa was trained in Indian vocal classic music. She was a Board Member of the Asian Indian Classical Music Society of Michiana.

Runa was born in Netrokona, in the Mymensingh Division of Eastern Bengal, which is now in the country of Bangladesh. She spent most of her childhood in Calcutta (now Kolkata) and attended Lady Brabourne College in Kolkata. She was the youngest of nine children and had two sisters and six brothers. She is survived by her husband Professor Asoke Mozumder, one brother, her nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Runa called India the home of her childhood and the United States the home of her adult life. She didn't want to give up either place and lived part of the year in each country. She was in India, due to return in March 2020, when pandemic travel restrictions forced her to remain there. She had hoped to come back here this March. But in the end, Mother India claimed her.

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile, leave footprints on our hearts and we are never ever the same." Rest in Peace, dear friend.

submitted by Elaine Nicgorski

IN MEMORIAM

Maureen A. Trubac

December 13, 1937 - February 26, 2021



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Life Member Maureen Trubac of South Bend, IN on Friday, February 26, 2021. She was born on December 13, 1937 in Brooklyn, NY to Stanley and Mae (Cisson) Sanderson. Her brother Stan, introduced Maureen to her future husband Edward Trubac, while in high school. They were married on December 27, 1958 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Greenpoint, NY. Maureen was preceded in death by Edward on April 16, 2020 and her brother Stanley in 1999.

Maureen is survived by her daughter Corinne Stanton of Holt, MI and her son Michael (Kristin) Trubac of Traverse City, MI. Seven grandchildren (Adriana, Jessica, Grace, Mary, Spencer (Stephanie), Charlie and Kate) will miss their grandmother. Her brother Jeffrey Sanderson survives.

Because her degrees from IUSB (BA) and Notre Dame (MFA) and Ivy Tech were centered around art and graphic design, she worked with watercolors, etching, woodcuts, weaving, acrylics, drawing and calligraphy. She also taught drawing and design at Ivy Tech and adult education classes in drawing at the South Bend Art Center. She was a teacher and a lifelong learner. She loved sharing her passion for art with all her grandchildren. Many friends are fortunate to have Maureen's cards, prints, and art work in their homes.

Beside her art interests, she enjoyed playing golf, traveling, reading, and of course, Bridge. She became a Bronze Life Master in June 2014. It was a joyous day for her.

Over the years Maureen and Ed traveled extensively. From Asia to Africa, from Europe to Australia they truly covered the globe. Fountain Hills, AZ was their home for the month of February for many years.

She was a strong, passionate and fun lady. She will be missed.

A private memorial mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame. Internment followed at the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

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 the assistant treasurer. A packet will be mailed to you.

IN MEMORIAM

- Sonia Teresa Huang (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Betty Cauley (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Mary Ellen Kronstein (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski; Jerry and Marge Marley; John and Mary Lou Derwent)
- Loretta O'Connor (Jerry and Marge Marley)

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From the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . .

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

GET WELL

- Sheila Marshall
- Elaine Baumbach
- Val Bartels
- Winnie Caponigri-Farquhar
- Jo Ann MacKenzie
- Jennifer Velasco
- Jackie Welsh

SYMPATHY

- Family of Barbara Bambanek, LM, on her death, October 2020.
- Sheila Marshall, LM, on the death of her husband John, September 2020.
- Nellie Wong, LM, on the deaths of her sister Grace and her brother Joseph, January 2021.
- Julie Nelson, LM, on the death of her sister Loretta O'Connor, January 2021.
- Val Mora Kraus on the death of her father Gene Mora, December 2020.
- Family of Mary Ellen Kronstein, LM, on her death, January 2021.
- Family of Runa Mozumder, LM, on her death, February 2021 in India.
- Family of Maureen Trubac, LM, on her death, February 2021.
- Jo Ann MacKenzie, LM, on the death of her mother Helen Grima in Ohio, March 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Tess Bone on the birth of her child
- Kayla Thomas on the birth of her child
- Sarah McDonald on the birth of a grandchild
- Denise Brenner, LM, on the birth of a grandchild
- Mary Murphy on the birth of a grandchild
- Jackie Welsh, LM, on the birth of a grandchild

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, and please inform her of any life events involving LND/SMC members.

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LND/SMC MEMBERS ENJOY FRIENDSHIP DURING COVID-19



October golf outing at Juday Creek.
Left to right: Heather Hakanen, Sarah McDonald and Kate Murphy.



Breakout room for the Zoom Holiday Happy Hour. Row 1: Mary Montenaro, Sarah McDonald Mary Lou Derwent. Row 2: Gloria Kim, Elaine Baumbach, Marge Marley. Row 3: Jackie Thomas, Bobbie Corke, Elaine Nicgorski. Row 4: Julie Silliman.



November Brown Bag Lunch. Pictured left to right: Carol Kraabel, Betty Gallagher, Meg Mitzel, and Crickett Gibbons.



Judy Creek golf. Left to right: Valerie Lamanna, Heather Hakanen, Kate Murphy, Wendy Duffey and Betty Gallagher

Friendship



Board Meeting via Zoom