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## *From the PRESIDENT . . .*

As President for the 2022/23 academic year, I know we all look forward to returning to a post-pandemic lifestyle. We will have many opportunities for members to enjoy activities together and strengthen bonds within our community. This group has always been a strong support network for its members and the community through good and bad times.

The University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College are a wealth of opportunities for cultural entertainment through the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, the Snite Museum as well as numerous special events and speakers at all schools. Our group also supports the greater community with a variety of volunteer and charitable opportunities.

Some of the most incredible things the Michiana area has to offer are wonderful parks with opportunities for hiking, biking and spring flowers! Wellfield and Fernwood gardens are worthy of visits throughout the year. There are many farmers markets where healthy local food can be purchased. Lake Michigan is a vast resource for short and long trips to explore beaches, charming towns, dunes and really delicious ice cream! There are numerous creative outlets with classes available in both South Bend and Elkhart. Both cities also have excellent museums. And lucky for me, there are quite a few quilt shops!

I look forward to many fun events this year and getting together with members both new and existing. If you are new to the area and need support or referrals, this group is a wealth of resources! Welcome to the Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, with a special welcome to new members from Holy Cross College who will be joining us this year!

*Marcie Benjamin  
President*



You are cordially invited to our

## OPENING RECEPTION

Tuesday, September 27, 2022  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Foley's in O'Neill Hall  
Notre Dame Stadium ~ near the Frank Leahy Entrance

Enjoy appetizers and desserts; learn about our various interest groups and events; meet other interesting women in our Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross family; and hear from our featured speaker:

## KATIE CONBOY, PH.D.

President  
Saint Mary's College

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry, which is located just south of Notre Dame. (Please see the list of desired items in this newsletter in the Volunteer Opportunities section on page 8).

Parking will be available in the Stadium Lot. Feel free to bring guests who may be interested in joining our group.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
*Betty Gallagher*  
<[gallagherbj@yahoo.com](mailto:gallagherbj@yahoo.com)>  
312-961-1137



# THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME & SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE 2022-2023 PROGRAM

September 13, 2022 Tuesday 5:30-7:30 PM	Dueling Wine Bars, Part 1. Ironhand Wine Bar, 1025 Northside Blvd., South Bend Please RSVP to Crickett Gibbons by Sept. 9 at <crickettgibbons@gmail.com>. See page 3.
September 27, 2022 Tuesday 5:00-7:00 PM	Opening Reception for LND/SMC Foley's in O'Neill Hall adjacent to Notre Dame Stadium Free and open to all members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Community. Please join us for refreshments and good company as we begin a new year of friendship and activities. Learn about our events, and sign up for interest groups. Chair: Betty Gallagher, <gallagherbj@yahoo.com>.
October 1, 2022 Saturday 9:00 AM	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors - Meet and Greet Coffee &amp; More - See page 4.</i> Barbara Ewing's home: 909 North St. Peter Street, South Bend. Following a time of refreshments and fellowship, the group will visit nearby Bambers Superette Food Market, Oh Mamma's on the Avenue, and the South Bend Farmers Market! RSVP to Barbara, by phone call or text message, at 812-608-0128 by Wednesday, September 28.
October 13, 2022 Thursday 7:30 PM	Conversation with Jill Lepore. Moreau Center for the Arts, O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's College. Purchase your tickets in advance. Meet up with LND/SMC members before the event. See page 3.
October 2022	Fireside Chat at Betty Gallagher's backyard TBD in late October. See page 3.
November 2022	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors - Basilica of the Sacred Heart tour. See page 4.</i>
December	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors - Oliver Mansion Christmas tour. See page 4.</i>

## LND/SMC MASKING POLICY

### Indoor Activities Including Interest Groups

Masks are optional for attendees. However, if an event host requests only fully vaccinated people attend, that request is honored. Additionally, other activities, such as carpooling to events, may also require full vaccination status and/or masking depending on the situation.

Masks are not required for outdoor activities.

Other sites where we have events may require additional restrictions. Please read event Mailchimps carefully for specific protocol associated with individual events.

As has been the case during the past couple of years, this guidance will be reviewed and updated as needed as things change.

### Creative Cooking Interest Group

Creative Cooking involves extended time of people eating and drinking without masks in private homes. For this reason, Creative Cooking must limit its attendance to fully vaccinated members.

To learn more, and to see the most recent updates on Notre Dame COVID policies, which LND/SMC uses as guidance, please visit:

- <[a href="https://covid.nd.edu">covid.nd.edu>
- <[a href="https://covid.nd.edu/policies/gatherings-policy/">covid.nd.edu/policies/gatherings-policy/>
- <[a href="https://covid.nd.edu/policies/masks-policy/">covid.nd.edu/policies/masks-policy/>

4/2022 Subject to change

## *From the PROGRAM CHAIRS...*

Welcome to a New Academic Year! While it may be sad to see summer end, we know it signals opportunities to get together with our Ladies of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross friends – new and old. After two years of pivoting and adjusting during the early weeks and months of Covid, we hope this year allows a return to more of our usual activities. That said, we recognize that each of us may approach this differently with various levels of comfort depending on the current environment.

Here are a few of the fun and informative activities we have planned so far this year. More details will follow, along with additional programs.

### **Dueling Wine Bars, Part 1**

**Sept. 13, 5:30-7:30 PM**

Ironhand Wine Bar

1025 Northside Blvd., South Bend

Let's send summer on its way and raise a glass to a new academic year and opportunities at Ironhand Wine Bar. By now you should have received a Mailchimp email with the details. In short, we plan to gather on the patio (we have half of it reserved) if weather allows. If not, they can move us indoors. Space is a little limited. Checks will be separate.

Ironhand is in the Armory building along Northside Boulevard very close to the South Bend Farmers Market. There is a parking lot off Northside. Additional parking is along the road on the river side and also behind The Armory building on S. Eddy Street (a dead end right off Beyer Avenue).

Please RSVP to Crickett Gibbons by Sept. 9 at <crickettgibbons@gmail.com>.

For Part 2, we plan to visit a second newer South Bend wine bar that recently opened. Details about that will follow later this year.

### **Opening Reception**

**Sept. 27, 5-7 PM**

Foley's in O'Neil Hall, Notre Dame

We are excited to return to our previous location inside the Notre Dame Stadium building for our opening reception. Please see the details about this wonderful event and this year's speaker on the front page of this newsletter.

### **Conversation With Jill Lepore**

**Oct. 13, 7:30 PM**

Moreau Center for the Arts

O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's College

Join the Saint Mary's community and others for the 2022 Christian Culture Lecture With Jill Lepore, who is a Harvard University professor, The New Yorker journalist and award-winning author of *The Truths: A History of the United States* and *The Secret History of Wonder Woman*.

**Purchase your tickets in advance** (on sale now) for \$12 at <[www.saintmarys.edu/2022-christian-culture-lecture-jill-lepore](http://www.saintmarys.edu/2022-christian-culture-lecture-jill-lepore)>.

We hope to meet as a group at a convenient location for a beverage or snack before going to the lecture if possible. Since it's a football weekend and a Thursday, this may be challenging. Details will follow in a Mailchimp email along with parking information; there isn't a parking lot at the Moreau Center, but there is a drop-off area. Visitor parking is within walking distance.

A description on the Saint Mary's website includes: "A lively storyteller and expert researcher, Harvard historian Jill Lepore uses her work to explore the overlooked or surprising aspects of the historical record. Her interests in politics, law, history, and literature have also shaped the many essays she has written as a staff writer for The New Yorker.

"Her talk will remind us that history 'is not something sacred' but rather a form of honest inquiry into who we are, where we came from, and how we can move in better directions in the future."

### **Fireside Chat**

Date TBD in late October

Warm up with a happy hour at Betty Gallagher's backyard with the fireplace going. We are aiming for the last week in October, after the mid-semester fall break.

Future ideas for the year include a couple of joint tours with the newcomers group, opportunities to try your hand at creating something new, a cabin-fever lunch and more. Also, if you have an idea for an activity you think our group would enjoy, please let program co-chairs Crickett Gibbons <[crickettgibbons@gmail.com](mailto:crickettgibbons@gmail.com)> or June Wild <[junevwild@gmail.com](mailto:junevwild@gmail.com)> know!



### *From the NEWCOMERS & VISITORS CHAIRS...*

The LND/SMC newcomers committee's mission is to introduce and welcome you to our beautiful campuses, as well as the broader community. Our goal as co-chairs of the newcomers and visitors committee is to help new members feel welcomed to our organization and the community, at large.

Events are planned to provide fellowship for those who are new to the community or for those who are visiting for a short time. As we begin this new year, we would also like to extend an invitation to any member of LND/SMC who may have joined during the "Covid years," beginning in 2020 through 2021 and did not have an opportunity to truly experience the newcomers group and the many fellowship events, due to the pandemic.

Our fall events will begin on October 1 with a **Meet and Greet Coffee & More**, hosted by Carolyn and Barbara. We will gather at Barbara's home at 909 North St. Peter Street, South Bend beginning at 9:00 AM. Following a time of refreshments and fellowship, the group will visit nearby Bambers Superette Food Market, Oh Mamma's on the Avenue, and The South Bend Farmers Market! RSVP to Barbara, by phone call

or text message, at 812-608-0128 by Wednesday, September 28.

We look forward to meeting each of you and extending a heartfelt welcome!

#### *Newcomer Events 2022-2023*

- October 1, 9:00 AM – Meet and Greet Morning Coffee & More. Barbara Ewing's home: 909 North St. Peter Street, South Bend
- Let's Eat Out...Food & Fellowship! – Held monthly October-May. For those who are available, the newcomers group will discover the many restaurants in our area, including Notre Dame's Rohr's....cheers!
- Basilica of the Sacred Heart Tour – November date TBD
- Oliver Mansion Christmas Tour – December date TBD
- Game Night Fun – February date TBD
- Let's Discover Granger – March date TBD
- Cedar Grove Cemetery Tour – April date TBD (This newcomers event will be open to the entire membership.)

*Newcomers & Visitors Co-Chairs*

*Carolyn Kitz*

248-727-3201, <cmkitz@gmail.com>

*Barbara Ewing*

812-608-0128, <cwewin1@psci.net>

### *From the MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS...*

Greetings to all newcomers, visitors, and returning members. We look forward to helping you connect in creative and fulfilling ways with other women in our joint communities.

**To register as a new or returning member for 2022-2023, please complete the form on page 13 of this newsletter or register online at <www.lndsmc.org/welcome/membership/>.**

Annual dues are \$25 for members. Dues are waived for Life Members. (Life Membership is conferred upon women who retire from the University/College or whose husbands retire. Two full years of membership immediately preceding conferment of Life Membership is required.) Life members have the option of making a Life Member Sustaining Donation to help defray operational costs. If you choose to register online, you will be directed to a secure, encrypted server to com-

plete your dues payment or make an optional Life Member sustaining donation.

Completed print forms and dues checks may be mailed to LND/SMC, PO Box 116, Notre Dame, IN 46556 or turned in at the opening reception on September 27. The registration deadline to be listed in the 2022-2023 Yearbook is October 31.

We look forward to greeting you at the Membership Table at the Opening Reception. It is always wonderful to see familiar faces and meet new members and visitors.

Questions? Contact:

*Membership Co-Chairs*

*Addie Cashore*

<acashore@saintmarys.edu>, 574-246-0496

*Alison Levey*

<abclevy@gmail.com>, 574-807-4707

# INTEREST GROUPS

## From the INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR...

Welcome to everyone! We are so pleased to plan our year ahead with interest group events that are happening in person!

Being involved with a couple of the interest groups is a wonderful way to make new friendships, and learn something new. We encourage everyone to choose a new group to explore if you are not yet involved with any. I can assure you that meeting lovely women and fun times await!

Maybe you have an idea about a new interest group, and if so, please reach out to me. We just need a coordinator, some interested members, and together we can make it happen. Thank you!

Interest Group Coordinator  
Mary Fran Kitz, <mfkitz3@gmail.com>

## ABC BOOK CLUB

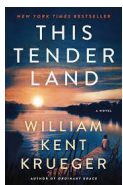
ABC, or Afternoon Book Club, meets the first Thursday of each month all year long, beginning at 1:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Francis Branch Library. We always have a Zoom option, which is always well attended.

Our first meeting of the school year will be on Thursday, October 6. Newcomers are always welcome! We will be discussing the book, *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. We will also be selecting books for the school year.

If you'd like to suggest books to read, we gladly will listen. Books are voted on by the members who are present. There are only a couple ground rules:

- Please read the book yourself before you suggest it.
- If you can, please check the book's print and/or ebook availability at the St. Joseph and Mishawaka libraries.
- The book can be any genre. That's it!

Hope to see you on Thursday, October 6. If you can't come, but still want to suggest a book, please email either Val or Barbara ahead of the meeting.



October 6, 2022  
Book: *This Tender Land*  
by William Kent Krueger

For more information, contact the Co-Chairs  
Val Bartels, <valreads@comcast.net>  
Barbara Ewing <cwewin1@psci.net>

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Wellfield Botanic Gardens  
Friday, October 7, 2022



Please join us on a trip to Wellfield Botanic Gardens located in Elkhart, Indiana. Wellfield is a local treasure that strives to provide a natural environment of unique beauty which will be approaching its autumn glory on October 7. There are 25 themed gardens and event spaces to explore as well as a visitors center and a children's area. The entry fee is \$10. LND/SMC Life member Meg Mitzel will be our guide as we tour the gardens. To find out more about Wellfield Botanic Gardens go to <wellfieldgardens.org>.

Details about this trip are below:

- Who: Members of LND/SMC and their friends. Children are welcome!
- What: Outdoor Adventures day trip
- Where: Wellfield Botanic Gardens,  
1011 No. Main St., Elkhart, IN
- When: Friday, October 7, meet at the gardens at 10:30 AM  
Please contact Nancy if you would like to carpool.
- Lunch: After our outing, we will go out to lunch in Elkhart. Hopefully, we can go to Moringa Tree Organic Kitchen.

Contact Nancy McAdams to sign up or for more details: <nocmc@comcast.net>, 574-273-2555

# INTEREST GROUPS

## CREATIVE COOKING

We are excited to begin our new year of Creative Cooking! Our wonderful co-chairs, Denise Brenner and Betsy McCorry, have led our group for many years and have done a fabulous job! They have decided to step back and now is time to thank them for their inspired leadership. The cookbook they organized and printed, *Pandemic Palate Pleasers*, is a great favorite with our members. Thank you, Denise and Betsy, for all you have done!

Our group meets generally on the third Tuesday of each month with a designated theme. Creative Cooking members are expected to serve on two teams to cook or to host one of the meals. The \$40 fee covers the cost of the delicious and fun meals for the year. All levels of cooks are encouraged to join!

September 20 - Tuscan Dinner, al Fresco  
October 18 - Air Fryer Demo and Dinner  
November 15 - My Big Greek Fat Wedding  
December 6 - Christmas Around the World  
January 17 - *Pandemic Palate Pleasers* Cookbook  
February 21 - We Love Ukraine!  
March 21 - Ina Garten Menus  
April 15 - Farmer's Market Brunch

Please reach out to your NEW co-chairs to join or for more information! Cheers!

Co-Chairs  
Mary Fran Kitz  
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Mary Gohsman  
<mgohsman@nd.edu>, 734-395-0579

UPCOMING DATES  
Friday, October 7, 2022  
Friday, November 4, 2022  
Friday, December 2, 2022

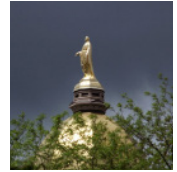


Photo by Adam Lamm

**The Rosary Group welcomes you**  
9:30 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**

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

## BACK PATIO BROWN BAG LUNCH

Despite a broken ankle and surgery recovery – or perhaps because of it! – our President Marcie Benjamin hosted a brown bag lunch Aug. 15 on her lovely back patio. It was fun to gather and share stories, laughs and extra snacks, including some from her garden. (And the lemon curd was amaaazing!) We look forward even more to our upcoming activities after that little taste of togetherness.



# INTEREST GROUPS

## CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CALENDAR - FALL/WINTER 2022

- September 3  
Saturday, 10:00 AM      Opening picnic at Clay Township Park, 51988 Laurel Road, South Bend. Join us as we kick off this semester with a few snacks and a great playground.
- September 14  
Wednesday, 3:00 PM      Meet at Cobus Creek for a leisure hike. 30680 C.R. 8, Elkhart, IN. We will stroll around Cobus Creek trails and play on the small playground.
- September 21  
Wednesday, 10:15 AM      Growth Mindset chat with Alison Levey. Heritage Meeting House. 711 W. McKinley Avenue, Mishawaka. Join us for an informal conversation on building strong growth mindsets in children with author and LND/SMC member Alison Levey. Attendees will each receive a complimentary copy of Alison's chapter book, *Ready, Regan?*, which centers around a tangible toolkit that helps young ones understand the growth mindset. Learn more about Alison at <http://linktr.ee/alisonlevey>.
- October 10  
Monday, 10:00 AM      Meet at Matthy's Farm Market, 55754 Crumstown Hwy., South Bend. Matthy's Farm is the perfect place to pick pumpkins, enjoy the petting zoo, and climb on the play area.
- October 19  
Wednesday, 3:30 PM      Potawatomi Zoo, 500 S. Greenlawn Avenue, South Bend. Meet at the carousel near the front and enjoy a walk around the zoo before it closes for the season!
- November 4  
Friday, 9:00 AM      University of Notre Dame lakes. Join us for a leisurely fall walk around the Notre Dame lakes. Meet at the south side of Duncan Student Center near the O'Neill Hall of Music.
- November 8  
Tuesday, 3:00 PM      University of Notre Dame playground. Meet at the playground near the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Entrance to the playground is on Eddy Street.
- December 2  
Friday, 10:00 AM      Pawprint hike throughout St. Patrick's Park, 50651 Laurel Road, South Bend. Join us at St. Patrick's Park for a leisurely hike as we search for animal prints in the mud or snow.
- December 8  
Thursday, 6:30 PM      Mom's cookie night. Bring your favorite batch of cookies, and share with the other moms present. Kids are welcome. We will meet in the conference room at Heritage Meeting House, 711 W. McKinley Avenue, Mishawaka.
- December 16  
Friday, TBD      Joy's Gymnastics, 1724 S. Main Street, South Bend. Joy's Gymnastics offers an open gym for little kids to enjoy. Participants will need to pay a small fee and complete a waiver. Space is usually limited; be sure to arrive a bit early.

In addition to the scheduled playgroup events, there is a monthly list of events happening around town, listed for your family to enjoy. I look forward to meeting you all, and please do not hesitate to reach out.

*Playgroup Coordinator: Meghan Reed*  
<[Indsmcplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:Indsmcplaygroup@gmail.com)> or Facebook page: Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup



## *VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES*

Since the pandemic began, there has been a tremendous increase in the number of people visiting food banks, many for the first time. Demand increased even further as food became one of the items hit worst by the highest inflation in four decades.

At our Opening Reception on September 27, The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Colleges will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry, which is located just blocks away from the Notre Dame campus. Most anything is welcome as long as it is not expired, but these are the items that they can use the most:

Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables  
Healthy Soup  
Small jars of Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Manwich  
Pork & Beans  
Canned Chicken or Tuna  
Pancake Mix & Syrup

Monetary donations are also welcome. To donate specifically to the Near Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry, please make checks payable to the Northeast Neighborhood Council with "Food Pantry" written in the subject line.

Alternatively, online donations may be made to the Northern Indiana Food Bank < <https://donate.feedindiana.org/production?cl=FB-NIN&pg=main&amt=50,100,150,250&amt-month=25,50,75,125&coverfee=on&source=Website>>, one of Feeding America's regional warehouses that is located here in South Bend. Because the warehouse is able to make purchases at scale to supply many food pantries, every \$1 donated provides 4 meals for those who need it most.

*Volunteer Coordinator*  
*Liz Burman*  
<[eburman.mail@gmail.com](mailto:eburman.mail@gmail.com)>

## *WITH GREAT APPRECIATION...*

August 19, 2022

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

I have arrived at my new home and it was a long ride to get here. I am a new resident in the Garden Apartments of Christian Village of Mason, Ohio. It's a beautiful place and the residents are great people. The food is also wonderful.

I want to say a Big Thank You for all the support you gave me during this sad time. I will miss my husband but he is in a good place.

Take good care of yourselves. I will miss all of you.

Fondly,

Carol Macura

## *SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT THANKS...*

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

Thank you for providing me with a generous scholarship so that I may attend the University of Notre Dame. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to study at the school I always dreamed of attending. I feel this gratitude when I am laughing in the dining hall with my closest friends and when I am in a particularly engaging class that allows me to think in a new way. However, I feel it the most in moments of silence when I can appreciate the beauty of this incredible campus and know that I am home.

In Notre Dame,

Maeve O'Shaughnessy  
Class of 2024



*Additional recipient thank yous will be published in future newsletters.*



## *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**

- Margaret Kenny, LM (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Elaine Mezzio (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Franklin Franco (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- David Ladouceur (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Joseph Macura (Wm. Phillip and Carolyn Helman)
- Dorothy Havlik, LM (Wm. Phillip and Carolyn Helman)
- Winifred Caponigri, LM (Wm. Phillip and Carolyn Helman; Jerry and Marge Marley)
- Gerry Dickey (Wm. Phillip and Carolyn Helman)
- John Stamper (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- James Rakowski (Gloria Kim)
- Helen Pollak, LM (Janina Goetz; Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Joan Mooney (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)

## **IN HONOR OF**

- Walter and Elaine Nicgorski's, LM 60th Wedding Anniversary (Denise Brenner; Pamela Burish; Ravini Fernando; Patrice Cushman; Mary Lou Derwent; Gloria Kim)
- Elaine Nicgorski, LM; Gloria Kim, LM and Carol Parker (Janina Goetz)
- Mary Lou Derwent, LM ( Jo Ann MacKenzie)

## **GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS**

- Sheila O'Shaughnessy (Notre Dame)
- Barbara Ewing (Notre Dame)
- Mary Lou Derwent, LM (Notre Dame)
- Mary Lou Derwent, LM (Saint Mary's)
- Martha Dunn, LM (Saint Mary's)
- Margaret DeBoer, LM (Saint Mary's)
- Meg Mitzel, LM (Saint Mary's)
- Marcea Benjamin (Saint Mary's)
- Mary Watt (Saint Mary's)

*Cindy Sescleifer, Past Assistant Treasurer  
on behalf of*

*Erin Huang, Assistant Treasurer  
<erinhuang555@gmail.com>, 519-857-3393*

## *From the*

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . .**

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

### **THINKING OF YOU - SPEEDY RECOVERY!**

- Marina Smyth, LM
- Marcie Benjamin

### **SYMPATHY**

- Meg Mitzel, LM, on the death of her brother Michael Mitzel.
- Mary Montenaro on the death of her sister Elaine Mezzio.
- Wini Caponigri-Farquhar, LM, on the death of her brother Franklin Franco.
- Carol Macura, LM, on the death of her husband Joseph.
- Family of Dorothy Havlik, LM on her death.
- Family of Margaret Kenney, LM, on her death.
- Family of Rose-Marie Merz, LM, on the death of her husband Prof. James Merz.

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. Also please inform the secretary of any life events involving LND/SMC members.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Winifred Caponigri (Farquhar)

April 1, 1924 - July 28, 2022



Winifred Caponigri (Farquhar) was born in Jersey City, New Jersey to Franklin A. Franco and Catherine Lione Franco.

In 1945, on the campus of the University of Iowa, she met a fellow first-generation Italian who was her Humanities Professor, A. Robert Caponigri. Wini married Dr. Caponigri in October of 1946. Little did Wini know, upon leaving her studies to follow him to the University of Notre Dame, where Robert had accepted a position in the Department of Philosophy, that she would begin an adventure of nearly 40 years spanning the globe.

Residing in Europe with Robert, on more than one occasion, she accompanied him to private audiences with various Popes. At the express request of Father Hesburgh, she and Robert would host dinners for visiting scholars and dignitaries at Notre Dame. One of these visiting scholars was a Cardinal from Milan who enjoyed a lovely pasta dinner and great conversation at the Caponigri table. A few years later, this Cardinal became Pope and continued a lifelong friendship with the Caponigris.

As Robert's career skyrocketed, Wini, dove into the role of consummate hostess for her husband's dinners, conferences, colloquia, and chaired Professorial Positions in Italy, Spain, France, Germany and Notre Dame.

Wini was actively involved in South Bend. A board member of the St. Joseph County Scholarship Foundation since 1975, she was the longest living member of The Ladies of Notre Dame and the longest living member of The Christ Child Society, each of which she served as President. She also served on the women's board of the South Bend Symphony and as Madame President of the Parish Council of Sacred Heart Parish, The Crypt at The University of Notre Dame.

Wini, dedicated to education, continued her studies at the graduate level, earning her Masters in Earth Science from The University of Notre Dame. After teaching at Saint Mary's Academy, Wini was appointed the first lay and female faculty member at Holy Cross College. At Holy Cross College Wini founded the Science Department teaching Chemistry and Geology for over thirty years and forged a lifelong friendship with the Brothers of the Holy Cross Order.

After Robert's death Wini continued to pursue her career, not only as head of the Science Department at Holy Cross College, but also by teaching at IUSB for over 30 years. In addition to her teaching, Wini became active in People to People and led delegations of academics to locales such as Cuba, China, Russia, Japan, Hungary, the Czech Republic, South Africa and Egypt. Addressing issues such as Women in Science, Wini con-

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Havlik

November 29, 1927 - May 14, 2022



Dorothy Joanna (Naujoks) Havlik was born in Dayton, Ohio, on Nov. 29, 1927. Her parents, William and Bertha, both emigrated to the United States from Germany.

She graduated from Ohio State University in 1949 with a B.A. in German and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1951 with a M.S. in library science. While in high school she worked at the Mound Facility in Miamisburg, Ohio where early atomic weapons were developed.

She married Robert Havlik, whom she met at the University of Illinois and worked as a librarian until the children came along. She continued to volunteer in school libraries and was active at Westminster Presbyterian Church in South Bend and in the Women's Associations of the Presbyterian Church. She also served as president of the Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.

Dorothy, known as Dottie, was married to Robert Havlik for 64 years when he passed away in 2016. She is survived by two children, Christopher, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Carol, of Mishawaka, Indiana. She passed along her love of reading, learning and the arts to her children.

Services were held Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park in Granger, Indiana.

stantly strove to discover the world and its interconnectedness on her own in these years, as she had at Robert's side for so many years before. Wini was an active member of numerous professional associations, including the Mineralogical Society of America with which she visited Iceland, and Delta Kappa Gamma, from which she received numerous grants.

After fifteen years of widowhood, Wini found happiness again with John Farquhar. Following her retirement from teaching in 2002, Wini traveled even more. After John's death in 2009, Wini became active in the senior community of South Bend. She was a member of the Michiana Gerontological Board and was awarded the Changing Aging award in the Fall of 2016. Wini helped to promote Comfort Keepers and raise awareness of TRIAD's activities to protect seniors in our community. Wini was also an excellent bridge player, playing in many bridge clubs and marathons.

Wini is survived by her three children, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two sisters. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame in August with interment at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

## IN MEMORIAM

# Margaret Dennison Kenney

June 18, 1929 - June 26, 2022



Margaret Campbell Dennison Kenney died on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Perpetually curious and forever learning, she studied everything from computer programming to Hebrew, guitar to Plato, meditation, psycholinguistics, Spanish, poetry writing, the history of the English language - the list goes on.

Margaret was a quiet activist, always leading with love as she sought to change the status quo. She claimed that her prodigious community service was because "almost anything is better than cleaning house." However, her firm belief that every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect is woven into the fabric of work that continues, work that she helped bring into being.

Margaret was born on June 18, 1929, to Mildred and Belden Dennison. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Miami University in 1951, however her greatest college achievement was the lifelong friendships that began there. Her first job after college was at Wright Patterson Air Force Base where she considered the male:female proportion excellent. The electronic computer having not been yet developed, human beings were employed to do rather tedious, routine calculations for the engineering staff: her job title was "Computer."

She earned her Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Michigan in 1952, but her budding career in academia was waylaid by a handsome, fast-talking physicist from the Bronx, Vincent Paul Kenney. They were married in 1954 at St. Mary's Church in Oxford, Ohio. It was a supremely happy union filled with friends, family and travel until Paul died in 2015.

Paul's career took them to Brookhaven National Laboratories in New York, the University of Kentucky in Lexington and finally to the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN. They traveled extensively for his work and for their pleasure, including two residencies in Munich Germany, the first with three small children in 1961-62 (traveling both ways by ocean liner), the second with four slightly older children in 1972. While he pursued and analyzed high energy particles in the physics lab (protons, mesons, and quarks), she

pursued and analyzed high energy creatures at home (Ann, Charlie, John, and Mary).

Perhaps the service most dear to Margaret was her involvement with St. Margaret's House, a day center for women and children who struggle with poverty. Thirty-three years ago, she was asked to help get the project started. She said yes, and she continued to say yes till her passing. She said yes to help raise funds, to become the first treasurer, to serve on the Board of Directors, to be a weekly cook, to serve as an informal counselor to the guests and as a mentor and friend to the executive director.

Margaret was dedicated to education and deeply committed to racial justice, so when the desegregation of South Bend schools began, she was named to the Community Task Force that shaped the integration program. This led to her employment in community relations for the South Bend Community School Corporation amidst trying times, work that was emblematic of her conviction and her courage.

She was an active member of many service groups, often serving as a board member or chair as well as doing the hard work "on the ground." She served on the board of the Center for the Homeless and when the homeless center was first housed in Maranatha Temple, Margaret got out the cots, made coffee and monitored the sleeping rooms. She was also a long and active member of the League of Women Voters and worked on various political campaigns through the years. For over fifty years Margaret worked with the American Association of University Women to achieve educational equity and opportunity for women. As a member of the local Muslim-Christian-Jewish Dialogue group she worked to foster conversations and relationships among members of different religious traditions.

She did this all this while driving grubby little boys to athletic contests, serving as the principal audience of numerous dramatic presentations in her living room, only occasionally serving semi-raw meals to her children, and for 14 straight years sat on hard bleacher seats in various gymnasias to attend school concerts.

Margaret is survived by 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

Requiem Eucharist for Margaret was held at the Cathedral of St. James in South Bend in July.

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## Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College

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You must be a dues paying member of LND/SMC to participate in Interest Groups.

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The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College Scholarship was established in 1983 to support the education of local area female students who are pursuing their undergraduate education at the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. For many years, member donations were augmented by annual fundraising activities, but currently the sole source of scholarship revenue is member donations and Remembrance Card memorials.

The scholarship is a vital part of the financial aid package offered to students selected each year by the Financial Aid Offices at the respective schools. In 2021-2022, four students benefited from LND/SMC Scholarships: Notre Dame students Julia Ysabel Santiagué, art studio major; Kelly Swarkan, psychology major; Maeve O'Shaughnessy, political science and economics major; and Saint Mary's College student Cindy Lam, nursing major. See page 8 for a thank you from Maeve; others will appear in future newsletters.

Each year, we have the pleasure of meeting the recipients at the Scholarship Luncheon in the spring, learning about their educational journey, and hearing their hopes and dreams for the future. Look for more information about this year's luncheon in your January 2023 newsletter.

Our commitment to the scholarship program remains a priority, and we encourage you to continue your support of the LND/SMC Scholarship with a contribution to the scholarship fund at the school of your choice. To make a donation, you may use the Membership Registration form on page 13 or go to the Scholarship tab on [www.lndsmc.org](http://www.lndsmc.org) and print the Scholarship Donation Form. Your check, payable to the school of your choice, will be sent directly to the respective school/s so you can enjoy a charitable contribution benefit as well as a State of Indiana tax credit. Donors will also be acknowledged in the LND/SMC newsletter.