



# KALEIDOSCOPE

THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME, SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE AND HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

VOLUME 57

NUMBER 3

JANUARY 2023

## *From the PRESIDENT . . .*

I love the holidays! I love when the holidays are over!

Covid was definitely visible again this holiday season and reared its ugly head to haunt some of us, including my family. After a wild holiday blizzard in South Bend and frankly, much of the country, travelling was fraught with perils.

Thankfully, the early months of a new year are a welcome respite. The snow is currently melted and lawns are green in South Bend. No more ice to slip on in parking lots which is an unfortunate loss to the orthopedic surgeons! This is a great time to take care of home projects, plan winter getaways, or catch up on books and movies. In January, gardeners can rest and crafters can craft (it's quilting for me). It's also a great time to pull things out of the freezer because after the holidays when it comes to cooking, "Just say No!"

The Ladies activities begin again in January so we can look forward to getting together. I like to remind members that if there is an activity you would like to see, you can either share your idea with the Program Chairs (Crickett and June) or go ahead and sponsor an event on your own. We can help you publicize it to the group. Following Covid, we lost a couple interest groups so we are open to anyone looking to start up a new group. Just contact our Interest Group Coordinator, Mary Fran to get that started. Hint: It might be nice to see an evening book group again!

**The Big News!** In December at the Holiday Tea, the membership voted to add Holy Cross College to the organization in both membership and title! This is wonderful news that is a long time coming. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to women from Holy Cross College!

Cheers to all for a happy 2023!

*Marcie Benjamin  
President*



## Scholarship LUNCHEON

*Honoring the  
2022-2023 Scholarship Recipients*

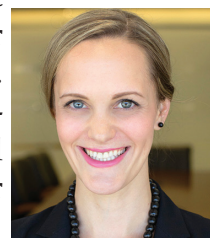
**Sunday, April 23, 2023  
Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall  
Saint Mary's College**

**11:30 AM Gathering  
Noon Luncheon**

**Speaker: Dana L. Strait, Ph.D.  
Senior Vice President - Strategy and Finance  
Saint Mary's College**

*"How Did a B.A. in Music Go on to a  
Ph.D. in Neuroscience and a Career in  
Strategy and Finance?"*

In a piece for the Saint Mary's College *Courier*, Vice President Strait recently reflected on her career path in the context of the college's commitment to liberal arts education and its adaptations through the pandemic and societal changes. Read her piece at this link < <https://www.saintmarys.edu/news/upon-reflection-7>>, and be sure to attend the luncheon to hear more of her inspiring story.



# THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME, SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE AND HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 2022-2023 PROGRAM

February 2, 2023 Thursday 6:30 PM	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors</i> - Bunco and refreshments at the home of Barbara Ewing, 909 N. St. Peter Street, South Bend. RSVP to Barbara by phone call or text message at 812-608-0128 or email <cwewin1@psci.net> by January 30. See page 4.
February 27, 2023 Monday 6:00 PM	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors</i> - Let's Eat Out at Rocky River Tap and Table, 1032 E. University Drive, Granger. RSVP by February 22 to Barbara by phone call or text message at 812-608-0128 or email <cwewin1@psci.net>. See page 4.
March 2, 2023 Thursday 5:00-6:30 PM	Creative Card Making Francis Branch Library, Pasture Room, 52655 N. Ironwood Road, South Bend RSVP deadline is Feb. 24 to Crickett Gibbons at <crickettgibbons@gmail.com>. Hurry! Limited to 14 participants! See page 3.
March 7, 2023 Tuesday 3:30 PM	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors</i> - Discover Granger - Specialty Shops and Dining! Watch emails for more information. See page 4.
March 28, 2023 Tuesday	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors</i> - Let's Eat Out. Watch emails for more information. See page 4.
March 2023	Women and Notre Dame - Date and time to be determined. Learn more about the history of women at the University of Notre Dame through some special items in the Hesburgh Library archives. See page 3.
April 23, 2023 Sunday 11:30 AM	Scholarship Luncheon - Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall, Saint Mary's College Join us to honor the 2022-2023 scholarship recipients and hear from Dana L. Strait, Ph.D., Senior Vice President - Strategy and Finance, Saint Mary's College. See p. 1.
April 2023	<i>Newcomers &amp; Visitors</i> - Cedar Grove Cemetery Tour. Open to all members. Watch emails for more information. See page 4.

For the most current information, visit  
[www.lndsmc.org](http://www.lndsmc.org)

## *From the PROGRAM CHAIRS...*

During winter's gray days, it's always nice to get together to celebrate our members, visit interesting places, learn something new, help others or simply enjoy each other's company. We are grateful for these opportunities and your participation in the various activities the past few months and are looking forward to our spring plans.

December's Holiday Tea kicked off the holiday season with a lovely gathering honoring our new life members. (See page 5.) We truly appreciate the talent, time and dedication of Jo Ann MacKenzie, who coordinated the program and logistics, and Louis MacKenzie for providing the entertainment, along with those who spoke and provided refreshments.

In November, the "Dueling Wine Bars, Part 2" at The Cellar Wine Bar and Kitchen was well attended, with about 20 of us sampling a selection of wines during The Cellar's regular Wednesday evening tasting. Owners Lisa and Shawn Todd also shared a bit about their establishment, and several attendees tried the menu offerings. If you're looking for an interesting spot near Howard Park for a glass of wine (or other drink) and a bite to eat, consider stopping in.

Our winter lunch at Aladdin's Eatery in Mishawaka in January drew more than 20 people. The response was so great that we had too many people for the back room, but restaurant staff graciously accommodated us at two long tables in the main dining area. It was the first visit for some of our group while others enjoyed regular favorites from the Lebanese-American menu.

Here's what we have coming up:

### **Creative Card Making**

March 2, 5-6:30 PM

Pam Burish and a few trusty helpers will lead a small group in stamping to create lovely, hand-made cards using supplies mostly donated by Pam. Participants will make up to five cards, including at least one Easter, one Saint Patrick's Day, and two special occasion cards (such as birthday or sympathy). One signed birthday card per person will be donated to the Brothers and Sisters of Holy Cross to use for their residents. Everyone will leave with up to four crafted cards for their use.

This activity is limited to 14 participants, who will need to bring a few simple supplies such as pencil, scissors and craft glue. Details to follow via an email.

Location: Francis Branch Library, Pasture Room, 52655 N. Ironwood Road, South Bend  
RSVP deadline is Feb. 24 to Crickett Gibbons at <crickettgibbons@gmail.com>. We will also send out a Mailchimp email if space allows.

### **Women and Notre Dame**

Date and time in late March TBD

Learn more about the history of women at the University of Notre Dame through some special items in the Hesburgh Library archives. Some of the details may surprise you! An archivist will share in the context of what the Notre Dame Archives does, what they have and whom they serve. We will meet in the library's reading research room, so the group size will be somewhat limited. Details to follow in an upcoming email.

### **April Scholarship Luncheon**

April 23, 11:30 AM

Addie Cashore and Jo Ann MacKenzie are chairing our 2023 Scholarship Luncheon, which will take place in April at Saint Mary's College. We are looking forward to this special annual event! See page 1 for details.

As always, please watch for and open the emails from our group as they contain details, reminders, additional events at times and also important notes. And if you would like to help coordinate an activity for the group, please let us know. We are happy to assist.

*Program Co-Chairs*

*Crickett Gibbons*

<crickettgibbons@gmail.com>, 919-306-1244

*June Wild*

<junevwild@gmail.com>, 574-361-9827

*From the NEWCOMERS & VISITORS CHAIRS...*

The Newcomers Group enjoyed a wonderful tour of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame during the month of November. Our private tour, led by member Sarah McDonald, was rich in the history of the Basilica and so enjoyed by all. A very special “thank you” to Sarah for not only sharing her vast knowledge of the Basilica but her time commitment, as well! Very well done, Sarah!

Following our tour of the Basilica, the afternoon continued with a gathering at Rohr’s Notre Dame. Newcomers enjoyed much conversation and laughter over the delicious offerings at Rohr’s. Thank you, Rohr’s Notre Dame, for your welcoming hospitality!

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Newcomers Christmas Tour and Tea of the Oliver Mansion was unfortunately cancelled for our group. As co-chairs, we were as disappointed as those who had planned to attend this lovely event. However, this cancellation did not dampen our enthusiasm, as the Newcomers will begin their new year with the following:

**• Game Night Fun....Let’s Play Bunco!**

Whether you have played before or are new to the game, please mark your calendars for Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 PM. Members will gather at the home of Barbara Ewing at 909 N. St. Peter Street in South Bend. The evening will include bunco fun and fellowship, with refreshments served throughout the evening!

For questions or to RSVP by or on Monday, January 30, please contact Barbara Ewing at 812-608-0128 (cell) or at <cwewin1@psci.net>. Please join in the fun!!

**• Let’s Eat Out – February Food & Fellowship**

Monday, February 27 at 6:00 PM at Rocky River Tap and Table, named after a tributary of the St. Joseph River. Located at 1032 E. University Drive in Granger, this casual setting will offer members a farm-to-fork experience and conversation with fellow members in the Newcomers Group! We ask that those attending cover their cost of the evening. Interested in attending, please RSVP by February 22 to Barbara Ewing at 812-608-0128 (cell) or <cwewin1@psci.net>.

**• Discover Granger: Specialty Shops & Dining**  
With details to follow, please mark your calendars for March 7 at 3:30 PM to begin our specialty shop browsing, with an early dinner to follow. Please watch your emails for forthcoming information as we Discover Granger!

**• Let’s Eat Out – March Food and Fellowship**  
Tuesday, March 28. Please mark your calendars with additional information to follow by email.

**• Cedar Grove Cemetery Tour**  
Located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, Cedar Grove Cemetery was established by Fr. Edward Sorin, C.S.C. in 1843. This April event will be open to all members of LND/SMC/HCC, with additional information forthcoming.

As always, we extend a thank you to those who have joined the Newcomers Group, as it has been wonderful being able to welcome you to LND/SMC/HCC! Please join us, as we continue to enjoy time together!

*Newcomers & Visitors Co-Chairs*  
*Barbara Ewing*  
812-608-0128, <cwewin1@psci.net>

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

Membership as of January 15, 2023	
81 Members	
19 New Members	
+ 105 Life Members	
<hr/>	
205 Total Members	



# HOLIDAY TEA

## HONOREES, SPECIAL GUESTS AND ORGANIZATION NAME CHANGE

The 2022 Holiday Tea was a very special event for our organization this year. The tea was held December 4 in Stapleton Lounge, the beautiful space in Le Mans Hall on Saint Mary's College campus. The Cooking Group provided delicious finger foods to accompany our tea and hot cider beverages. Fifty members attended to welcome in the holiday season, recognize our Life Members, and meet our two new life members, Peg DeBoer and Maryann Keating. Musical entertainment was provided by Louis MacKenzie who played the piano and sang for us.

This year was marked by honoring Wini Caponigri-Farquhar who died this past summer and had been the longest living member having joined around 1952. Her daughter Lisa and granddaughter Felicia were special guests who shared their memories of Wini and the Ladies. Elaine Nicgorski eloquently paid tribute to Wini and recognized Joan Hofman as the current longest living member.

Marcea Benjamin, president, conducted a brief business meeting at the tea to vote on welcoming Holy Cross College into the Ladies and to vote on changing our name to the "Ladies of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College". Both passed unanimously.

Members are looking forward to being together in 2023 and celebrating with our new members from Holy Cross College. All the best to you for the New Year!

*Life Member Chair*  
*Jo Ann MacKenzie*

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





## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Peg DeBoer

For the first 22 years of my life, I considered either Baltimore, where I was born and went to college, or northern New Jersey, where I was raised, as my home. But now that I have lived in the South Bend area for 48 years, this is home.



With a suitcase in one hand, a make-up case in the other and my winter coat draped over my arm, I arrived at Notre Dame's Lewis Hall—then a graduate women's dorm—via an airport shuttle the Sunday night before classes were to start for the 1974-75 school year. That first morning, I knew nothing about the campus or its surrounding neighborhoods, but I knew I needed food. So, armed with directions to the local Kroger—now Studebagels—on South Bend Ave, I walked off in what I thought was that general direction, only to end up at the A&P—until recently the Robinson Center—on Eddy Street. That adventure set the pattern for my first semester and perhaps my life. I would wander around the campus, both literally and figuratively, getting lost, finding new ways to new places, always using the Golden Dome to get my bearings.

Being a first-year English graduate student was intimidating and exciting. I soon realized how much I had to learn about literature and life and how comforting Mass at what would become the basilica could be. I also met many people who were to become lifelong friends, including a young man from Holland, MI who was in my Renaissance Poetry class. When we first met, neither of us was particularly impressed with the other. But as a lark, in the fall of '75, I accompanied Ken DeBoer home for Thanksgiving, and then over fall break of '76, we married.

A few weeks before classes started for the spring semester of 1978, I decided I would probably never finish my Ph.D., and I should investigate taking a few classes toward a teaching certificate at Saint Mary's. When I met with Sister Maria, the chair of the Education Department, she con-

vinced me that I could complete all my education classes and student teaching that semester. By the fall of '78, I was teaching at Marian High School, and Ken was working as an academic advisor at the First Year of Studies at ND.

I did not know anything about the Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's until we bought a house in a little neighborhood on the river that next summer, and Alice Henry, our neighbor, invited me to join. But I couldn't see how I would have the time since I had just taken on the responsibility of the school newspaper. Later when our sons, John and David, were young, I taught part-time first at Saint Mary's and later at Notre Dame, and even later when the boys entered middle school, I returned to teaching full-time at Memorial High School in Elkhart. During those years, planning lessons, grading papers, and supporting the boys in their activities—school, sports, theatre, and more—took up almost all my free time. Finally in 2015, I retired from Memorial, and my good friend Mary Malloy encouraged me to join the Ladies. So I did, serving as recording secretary for four years, joining Creative Cooking, taking part in Outdoor Adventures, and enjoying receptions, teas, luncheons and other activities.

I haven't made it to many events this year due to a fall filled with travel. I did, however, make it to the November Creative Cooking dinner. And I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed being there. The food for the Big Fat Greek Wedding was, of course, wonderful, but the company was beyond wonderful. And I am so happy to be here with all of you today for our Christmas Tea sharing these deliciously sweet and savory treats, and, more importantly, celebrating the friendships you have offered these last years. Thank you for welcoming me as a late-in-life Life Member.

*New Life Members Not Pictured*

**RITA AFFLECK-GRAVES**

**MARTHA DUNN**

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Maryann O. Keating

I am delighted to be recognized as a longtime member of the Ladies.

Born in Philadelphia, I was the only child of Irish immigrants. After attending and working with dairy cattle at Grailville, an institute sponsored by a Catholic lay women's movement in Loveland, Ohio, I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and studied in Guadalajara Mexico on a Fulbright. Further graduate work took place in economics at the University of Texas and Notre Dame with a year or so in the American Republics Division of the U.S. Dept. of Commerce in D.C. I taught Principles of Economics for most of my career at several colleges and universities.

Barry and I are blessed with three adult children, presently living in Indianapolis, Cincinnati and New York City and 10 grandchildren.

Forty-four years ago, Marge Marley drove me to the Opening Reception of the Ladies. To me and, I believe, many others, the Ladies, a group of mature responsible women, offers encouragement and friendship to those maintaining a household and perhaps raising a family and working on the banks of the St. Joe, a location in which they might not have personally chosen.

The Ladies is without a doubt one of the best-managed organizations with which I have even been associated. Consider the newsletter, directory and online link. The membership talent is and has been extraordinary; its events are somehow deeply satisfying even given a very modest budget.

With fond memories of so many and under the mantle of Our Lady on the Dome, I hope we continue to support women of every race and nation as members of the Ladies of Notre Dame.



## From the MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS...

### Additions to the 2022-2023 Yearbook

Gail Maguire NM  
300 East LaSalle Street  
South Bend, IN 46617  
(727) 278-2881  
<gmaguir2@nd.edu>

Amy Rolfes NM  
1219 Napoleon Street, #208  
South Bend, IN 46617  
(734) 845-6000  
<amyrolfes@yahoo.com>

Chris Wang NM  
51491 Stratton Court  
Granger, IN 46530  
(574) 386-2266  
<cwang@saintmarys.edu>

Felicia Caponigri  
402 East Angela Blvd.  
South Bend, IN 46617  
<feliciacaponigri@gmail.com>

Catherine Kossler  
1020 N. St. Peter Street  
South Bend, IN 46617  
(614) 596-0802  
<kosslerfam@gmail.com>

### Corrections to the 2022-2023 Yearbook

- Elaine Baumbach address and phone:  
70 Estates Terrace North, Manhasset, NY 11030  
(574) 229-3199
- Brigid Edmonds zip code: 55439
- Dona Malan address: 8515 Costa Verde Blvd,  
Unit 1810, San Diego, CA 92122
- Cheryl Periton email: <peritonc@gmail.com>
- Chantelle Snyder email: <chantellesnyder823@gmail.com>

Membership Co-Chairs

Addie Cashore

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

Alison Levey

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

# INTEREST GROUPS

## 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. Newcomers are always welcome!

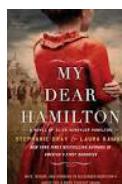
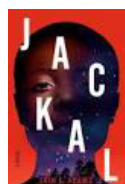
### Upcoming Book Discussions

February 2	<i>Things We Cannot Say</i> by Kelly Rimmer
March 2	<i>Jackal</i> by Erin E. Adams
April 6	<i>My Dear Hamilton</i> by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
May 4	<i>The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell</i> by Robert Dugoni
June 1	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i> by Daniel James Brown

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



The Afternoon Book Club held its first annual holiday gathering in December!



### UPCOMING DATES

Friday, February 3, 2023  
Friday, March 3, 2023  
Friday, April 7, 2023

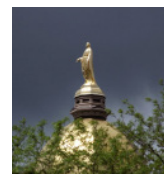


Photo by Adam Lamm

**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>



### CalloUT FOR Off the Beaten Path AND INTEREST GROUP IDEAS!

In the past, *Off the Beaten Path* trips have taken LND/SMC/HCC members to Michigan art exhibits, an Indiana glass factory, Chicago food tours and more! If you can chair this group or have a trip idea, contact our Interest Group Coordinator. Also, if you would like to start an interest group, she can help you get started!

Mary Fran Kitz, Interest Group Coordinator  
<mfrkitz3@gmail.com>, 630-750-8849



# INTEREST GROUPS

## CREATIVE COOKING

In November, we toasted a fun-themed “My Big Greek Fat Wedding” at the warm and inviting home of Sarah McDonald with ouzo cocktails that tasted of licorice. Appetizers were homemade layered hummus with veggies, tzatziki sauce and pitas. Dinner dishes included pastitsio, shrimp saganaki, Greek rice, fasolakia, and a huge colorful Greek salad. For dessert were traditional baklava and a new favorite, orange honey cake. The members exclaimed, “Opa!”

In December, we celebrated “Christmas Around the World” at the beautiful and festive home of Susan Bowyer. Many members gathered to enjoy whipped ricotta with honey on endive (Greece), and bruschetta (Italy) appetizers. Soup was avgolemono, a Greek chicken and rice soup, Yorkshire pudding (England), Korean beef bulgogi lettuce wraps, and creamy garlic shrimp (US). For dessert we enjoyed a beautiful Buche de Noel, a traditional French Christmas chocolate yule log cake and assorted cookies.

Planning for January’s “Pandemic Palate Pleasers” is well underway. February will feature the theme “We Love Ukraine” for the menu. Thank you to the many Creative Cooking participants!

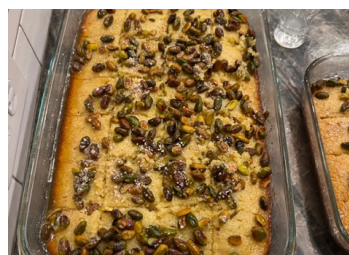
*Co-Chairs*

*Mary Fran Kitz*

*<mfkitz3@gmail.com>, 630-750-8849*

*Mary Gohsman*

*<mgohsman@nd.edu>, 734-395-0579*



# INTEREST GROUPS

## CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CALENDAR - WINTER/SPRING 2023

We have had a successful couple of playdates these past months. We have enjoyed running around St. Patrick's park, bouncing around Joy's Gymnastics and even squeezed in a Mom's night cookie exchange. We have some fun upcoming events, so please join us!

February 6 Monday, 10: 00 AM	Merrifield Park - 1000 E. Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka. Please dress warm, and come enjoy the park with us.
February 24 Friday, 10:00 AM	History Museum - Kid's Area - 808 West Washington Street, South Bend. When you get there, let them know you are part of the LND/SMC/HCC playgroup, and they will waive your fee. The Kid's Area is located in the basement.
March 3 Friday, 10:00 AM	Central Park - 295 E. Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka. We will play on the playground and walk around the Mishawaka Riverwalk.
March 20 Monday, 10:00 AM	St. Patrick's Park River Ramble Natural Playscape 50651 Laurel Road, South Bend. There is water and sand here, so bring extra clothing.
April 5 Wednesday, 2:00 PM	Howard Park - 219 S. St. Louis Boulevard, South Bend.

**If you have any questions, please reach out to Meghan Reed.**

*Playgroup Coordinator: Meghan Reed*  
<lndsmcplaygroup@gmail.com> or Facebook page: Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup

## From the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY . . .

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

### SYMPATHY

- Family of Nancy Fehlner, LM, who died in November 2022.
- Carolyn Helman, LM, on the death of her husband Wm. Phillip Helman in November 2022.
- Prof. Hafiz Atassi on the death of his wife Maria Atassi, LM, in November 2022.
- Family of Elizabeth Henderson, LM, who died in December 2022.
- Family of Barbara Baumer, LM, who died in December 2022.
- Sue Uhran, LM, on the death of her brother Steve Holke in December 2022.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- Happy 94th Birthday to Elaine Tracy, LM.
- Congratulations on completion of Master's degree to Angie Cavalieri.

Please contact these individuals 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/HCC members.

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



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Valentines & Cookies

Sunday, February 12, 2-4 PM

920 N. Notre Dame Avenue, South Bend, IN 46617

Limit: 14 participants (vaccinated and symptom-free, please)

RSVP by Feb. 8 to Liz Burman

<eburman.mail@gmail.com>

Come enjoy coffee, cookies and a chat while signing valentine cards for ~50 residents of the Sisters of St. Mary's Assisted Living community. Coffee, tea, cookies and some cards will be provided. We can never have enough valentines, however, so please bring more if you can!

### Cultivate Food Rescue

Late March and Early May - Watch your email for details!

1403 Prairie Avenue, South Bend, IN 46613

Contact: Liz Burman, <eburman.mail@gmail.com>

Come join us to put together frozen lunches for a school backpack program. Volunteers form an assembly line to scoop prepared food into containers which are then sealed and labeled with heating instructions. No lifting or bending required, but does require standing. Drinks and snacks are provided. Volunteers must wear long pants and sleeves, closed-toe shoes, and a hat (or you may use hairnet provided). Please join us to help make a difference for children in our community.



### St. Margaret's House Winter Walk & House Tour

Sunday, February 19, 2:15 PM

County-City Building, 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601

To Participate:

(1) Register (free) as a walker at <https://stmargaretshouse.org>

(2) Let us know you're coming! RSVP Liz Burman <eburman.mail@gmail.com>

"Walk a mile in her shoes." Join us for a one-mile solidarity walk with the women and children of our community - many of whom are unsheltered and also outside doing a lot of winter walking at this time. We'll meet just



outside the lobby of the County-City Building at 2:15 (Lobby doors open at 1:30) The walk starts promptly at 2:30 PM, and we'll walk together the one-mile route loop through downtown, ending at St. Margaret's House for a celebration with homemade cookies and hot cocoa. The staff at St. Margaret's house would love to take us on a tour at this time also, so let Liz know if you'd like to stay for that, also!

### Christ Child Society Tour & Diaper Drive

April - Date TBA - Watch your email for details!

2366 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka, Indiana 46545

Contact: Liz Burman, <eburman.mail@gmail.com>

Since 1947, the primary project of the Christ Child Society in South Bend has been to provide new winter clothing to economically disadvantaged children from newborn through age fourteen without consideration of religion or ethnic factors. Our local chapter serves thousands of children every year with services including layettes, winter clothing for children, clothing and other items for children entering foster care, and a number of educational services. Join us on-site for a tour of their amazing new facility, and (optional) bring contributions for their annual diaper drive.



Liz Burman, Volunteer Coordinator  
<eburman.mail@gmail.com>





IN MEMORIAM

Maria Atassi

November 12, 2022

Maria Asuncion Atassi nee' Balda Murugarren passed away in Bradenton, Florida on November 12, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Michael, her son and his wife, Oliver and Ana, three grandchildren, Daniel, Maria and Oliver and two sisters Dolores and Victoria.

Maria was born in a white stone house in Oiz de Santesteban, a charming picturesque village in the Pyrenees hills of Navarre, Spain bordering France. From those pastoral beginnings, she went to study and work in Spain, France and the United States and impressively became fluent in the languages of all three countries. She met her future husband, Michael, while studying in Paris and after four years got married at Saint Sulpice in Paris. After a few years in Paris and Oxford, the Atassis settled in the United States first at Cornell University and then at the University of Notre Dame. Their son, Oliver, was born in South Bend, Indiana. She continued her studies in art and education and taught French and Spanish at the local high schools.

Her marriage to Michael was joyful and adventurous as they traveled extensively through Europe, North and South America and Asia. They retired in Longboat Key, Florida. Maria also developed a great passion for painting and sculpture, an art she would commit to for the rest of her life.

Maria will be remembered for the beautiful paintings and sculptures she created and her talent for cooking a wide array of French, Spanish and Middle Eastern dishes. With her effervescent, generous, and kind personality she had an international circle of friends.

Maria was greatly loved as a mother, grandmother and sister. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Baumer

August 21, 1943 - December 26, 2022

Barbara (Marshall) Baumer passed away peacefully Monday, December 26, 2022, at the age of 79.

Barb was born August 21, 1943, in New York, New York, to Robert D. and Mary Louise Marshall. She graduated from Lakeland High School and earned a nursing degree from St. Vincent's Nursing School in Jacksonville, Florida. She married Frederick H. Baumer, Jr., on November 21, 1966, in Lakeland, Florida. Barb and Fred moved to South Bend, Indiana in 1967, and that became their home for the next 55 years.

Barb worked in the home for a number of years, working with Fred to raise their three sons, all while volunteering around South Bend, including at Christ the King School and Parish, the University of Notre Dame, Healthwin Hospital and the Brothers of Holy Cross Community. She eventually re-started her nursing career, working at Regency Place Nursing Home, Dujarie House and eventually as a hospice nurse at Hospice for St. Joseph County for over 15 years. As a nurse, Barb comforted many in the community as they faced their final days of this life, and she benefited from that same generous service as her battle with Alzheimer's disease progressed.

Barb was fearless, adventuresome and loving throughout her life. She water-skied from a young age in ski shows at Cypress Gardens. She took her sons on a 7-week camping excursion (without Fred) to our country's National Parks across the west; fished for walleye, muskie and bass, and cross-country skied; co-coached baseball teams for her sons with another school mother; traveled to Europe with friends to show devotion to Blessed Mother Mary; regularly hosted and life-guarded neighborhood children at the Baumer family pool; regularly served as a ready-to-help nurse for neighbors and friends; and served as a second mother to a multitude of her sons' St. Joseph and Notre Dame classmates with football tailgates and parties, home-cooked meals, nursing and reflexology skills and laundry services. She liked a tidy house and could be found raking leaves and cleaning garages and gutters at her sons' homes. She was a voracious reader, loved to garden and was an avid card-shark.

Barb is survived by her husband, Fred; sons, John (Mollie), Steve (Maureen) and Brian; 7 grandchildren; and 2 siblings. She was preceded in death by her father and mother and 2 siblings.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Christ the King Catholic Parish, South Bend, IN. Burial was at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Notre Dame, IN.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Mary Ann Cerny

May 1, 1930 - September 9, 2022

Mary Ann “Marian” (Cunningham) Cerny, passed away peacefully at home September 9, 2022 at the age of 92. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, William “Bill”; their children, Elaine (Bob) Raccuglia, Jean (Danny) James, Mary (Bob) Green and Carol Cerny; 13 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and sister Jane MacLagan. Marian is preceded in death by her parents, Grant and Marie Cunningham and by 10 days, her loving sister, Grace Holland.

Marian was born May 1, 1930 in New York City where she graduated from St. Catherine Hospital School of Nursing in 1951. She subsequently earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Arts from St. Francis College in 1979.

Marian was a skillful and dedicated nurse, but most important to her was loving and caring for her husband, Bill, her daughters and their families. She conveyed to all her delight in flowers, sewing, cooking, hummingbirds and in particular, orangutans. After witnessing a zoo’s inhumane confinement of an orangutan named Pongo, she was moved to write a children’s book, SAVE ME, PLEASE.

Visitation and a Memorial Mass were held Saturday, November 26 at St. Jude Parish, South Bend, IN.



Photo by Adam Lamm

## IN MEMORIAM

### Elizabeth Henderson

December 16, 1938 - December 17, 2022

Elizabeth Ann Hathaway Henderson was born in Pontiac, Michigan on December 16, 1938, the only child of Charles Robert Hathaway and Janet Weber Hathaway. As a child, she and her family would move several times including stops in Okinawa, Japan, and California before settling in Dayton, Ohio.

Elizabeth enrolled in Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, where she graduated with an Associate in Arts degree in 1958. She then enrolled in Ohio University in Athens where she was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity and graduated with a degree in theatre arts in 1960. At Ohio U she met her future husband, Clayton, who was the accompanist for a theater performance, and, when he heard Elizabeth sing for the first time, he knew he had to meet her. They performed together many times, including when the Democratic Party asked Elizabeth to sing and Clayton to play the national anthem at a campaign rally for Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy, who was running for president. On the drive to a performance in Maine, Clayton proposed. They were married August 8, 1959 in Kennebunkport, Maine and remained happily together until Clayton passed away January 7, 2018.

Elizabeth’s was cast in several operas, plays, and musicals. She also sang in many church and community choirs, including the South Bend Symphony chorus for nearly 30 years. This love of music and theater was handed down to her children, who appeared on stage with her in many shows.

While her children were growing up and participating in sports and recitals, she became their number one fan, helping them relax before a performance, (“breathe through your bottom”) or cheering her support from the stands (“swim like ‘Jaws’ is chasing you!”). She loved staying home to help raise them. Her love of books (especially mysteries) and information later led her to a job with the St. Joseph County Public Library where she retired as a reference librarian. She was also a member for over 50 years of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), an organization dedicated to helping women seek higher education.

Elizabeth leaves her 5 children: Gregory (Janet); Jennifer Brandyberry (Mark); Christopher (Holly); Ethan (Gretchen); and Joshua (Katie), 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. In addition to Clayton, she was preceded in death by her parents and son, Aaron. Services were held at the Cathedral of St. James Episcopal, South Bend, Indiana and committal in the Cathedral columbarium.

**2022-2023 Supporters of the  
LND/SMC/HCC 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:

**General Scholarship Donations to Notre Dame**

- Joan S. Hofman and Thomas Hofman
- John E. Derwent and Mary Lou Derwent
- James J. Lyphout and Rose L. Lyphout
- Brian R. Levey and Alison K. Levey
- Robert W. Williamson and Joan K. Williamson
- Mary Kay Welle and John P. Welle

**General Scholarship Donations to Saint Mary's**

- Meg Mitzel and Patrick Michael Regan
- John E. Derwent and Mary Lou Derwent
- Carol A. Regan
- James J. Lyphout and Rose L. Lyphout



**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT THANKS...**

Dear Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's,

I would like to thank you so much for helping me make my sophomore year at Notre Dame memorable. Due to having a more Covid-19 restricted first-year undergrad experience, I truly feel as if I got to experience what college is actually like this year. With all the opportunities that were available this year, I got to meet new people and form new relationships with them as well and it really helped me feel as if I belong at Notre Dame. Thank you again for being supportive towards the students in the tri-campus community and I cannot wait to make more memories here.

Sincerely,

Julia Ysabel Santiaguél  
Class of 2024



**From the ASSISTANT TREASURER . . .**

The LND/SMC/HCC 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/HCC Memorial Mass each May.

Remembrance Card gifts are fully tax deductible. All monies raised through the Remembrance Card program support the LND/SMC/HCC Scholarship for Local Women at either Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College or Holy Cross College. If you would like to have one of these cards on hand, contact the assistant treasurer.

**IN MEMORIAM**

- Maria Atassi (Andreas Krainer)
- Maria Atassi (Barry P. Keating and Maryann O. Keating)
- Maria Atassi (Janet B. Cady)
- Maria Atassi (Jean and Evelyn Bataille)
- Maria Atassi (Joanne Brooks Burgoon)
- Maria Atassi (John W. Lucey)
- Maria Atassi (Judith A. Brodtkin)
- Maria Atassi (Lisa P. Weiland and Andy Weiland)
- Maria Atassi (Robert C. Nelson and Martha J. Nelson)
- Maria Atassi (Ronald S. Schimel and Gail I. Schimel)
- Maria Atassi (Susan B. Dinatale and Charles Dinatale)
- Mary Ann Cerny (Walter J. Nicgorski and Mary E. Nicgorski)
- Mary K. Tilman (Walter J. Nicgorski and Mary E. Nicgorski)
- Mary Jones (Walter J. Nicgorski and Mary E. Nicgorski)
- Phil Helman (Anthony M. Trozzolo)
- Phil Helman (Barry P. Keating and Maryann O. Keating)
- Phil Helman (Charles R. Crowell and R.A. Crowell)
- Phil Helman (Carol A. Porter and Dean A. Porter)
- Phil Helman (Daniel M. Chipman and Pamela J. Chipman)
- Phil Helman (Janina Goetz)
- Phil Helman (Jerry J. Marley and Margaret A. Marley)
- Phil Helman (John E. Derwent and Mary Lou Derwent)
- Phil Helman (Judith A. Lehner and John J. Lehner)
- Phil Helman (Louise M. Fessenden)
- Phil Helman (Marie K. Johnson and James F. Johnson)
- Phil Helman (Pierina Ravotto)
- Phil Helman (Robert C. Nelson and Martha J. Nelson)
- Phil Helman (Robert W. Williamson and Joan K. Williamson)
- Phil Helman (Susan Gatewood and Thomas Gatewood)
- Phil Helman (Susan L. Tschida)
- Phil Helman (Walter J. Nicgorski and Mary E. Nicgorski)
- Tom Mueller (Robert C. Nelson and Martha J. Nelson)

*Erin Huang, Assistant Treasurer*  
<chuang25@nd.edu>, 810-803-8258



## **LND/SMC ELECTED OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

Marcie Benjamin  
marcea.benjamin@gmail.com, 518-527-2894

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Open

### **PAST PRESIDENT**

Betty Gallagher  
gallagherbj@yahoo.com, 312-961-1137

### **PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS**

Crickett Gibbons  
crickettgibbons@gmail.com, 919-306-1244

June Wild

junevwild@gmail.com

### **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Meg Mitzel  
mmitzel55@gmail.com, 607-797-3065

### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Marge Marley  
mamarley57@gmail.com, 574-289-9134

### **TREASURER**

Carol Kraabel  
ckraabel@comcast.net, 574-232-9688

### **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Erin Huang  
chuang25@nd.edu, 812-803-8258

### **MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS**

Addie Cashore  
acashore@saintmarys.edu, 574-246-0496

Alison Levey

abclevey@gmail.com, 574-807-4707

## **APPOINTED BOARD AND OTHER POSITIONS**

### **E-MAIL COORDINATORS**

Sarah McDonald  
sarahmcdonald316@gmail.com, 616-402-4655

Nancy McAdams

nocmc@comcast.net, 574-273-2555

### **INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR**

Mary Fran Kitz  
mfkitz3@gmail.com, 630-750-8849

### **LIFE MEMBER CHAIR**

Jo Ann MacKenzie  
jam1910@comcast.net, 574-286-8270

### **LIFE MEMBER ADVISOR**

Gloria Kim  
gloriakimnd@gmail.com, 574-288-3730

### **NEWCOMER & VISITOR CO-CHAIRS**

Barbara Ewing  
cwewin1@psci.net, 812-609-0128

Carolyn Kitz

cmkitz@gmail.com, 248-727-3201

### **NEWSLETTER CIRCULATION**

Bobbie Corke  
rjcorke5@gmail.com, 574-277-7098

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Linnea Lannon  
clanlannon@yahoo.com, 574-300-1783

### **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Elaine Nicgorski  
nicgor@yahoo.com, 574-234-5157

### **PLAYGROUP COORDINATOR**

Meghan Reed  
meghanreed99@gmail.com, 586-995-0215

### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Liz Burman  
eburman.mail@gmail.com

## **APPOINTED BOARD AND OTHER POSITIONS**

### **CHAPLAIN**

Father Thomas Blantz, C.S.C.  
631-5066

### **DIGITAL MEDIA GROUP**

Susan Farrington  
susiefarrington@gmail.com, 203-554-3030

Mary Gohsman

mgohsman@nd.edu, 734-395-0579

Dated material. DO NOT forward

Kaleidoscope  
LND/SMC  
P.O. Box 116  
Notre Dame, IN 46556

## DUELING WINE BARS - PART 2 THE CELLAR

During the wine tasting at The Cellar Wine Bar and Kitchen, we enjoyed trying a variety of wines and some food. The Cellar owners Lisa and Shawn Todd welcomed us and explained a bit about their establishment.



## ALADDIN'S EATERY

Finding warmth among friends in the winter, a large group gathered for lunch in January.

