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From the PRESIDENT . . .

Working with volunteer organizations can be great fun and provide an amazing service to a community. My own history of volunteering has involved running an adoption center for rescued cats for ten years in the Washington, D.C. area, being treasurer for my local HOA, and serving on the Board of The Ladies of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College for about five years now.

The willingness of individuals to donate their time has immeasurable value to local communities and society at large. Can you even imagine how our community and the nation would function without these most valuable volunteer services provided by caring passionate people?

Being in charge of volunteers is a remarkable experience too. I have made lifelong friendships with like-minded people. In fact, I can proudly claim to be written into many friends' estate plans to care for their cats (and a turtle)! Channeling the passions of dedicated people, in my experience, has always proven successful.

Is it difficult managing volunteers, you might ask? Sometimes. Finding passionate people can be a challenge, but once you find them, you are surrounded by an incredibly supportive and dedicated community. Women who seek connection and friendship find themselves forever learning and valuable contributors to society.

Fostering a positive attitude is imperative. Today, many organizations find themselves short on volunteers as people withdraw due to problems associated with issues such as Covid, religion, guns, abortion, climate change and partisanship. By building bridges on shared values, it's possible to navigate around these divisions and bring people together. We all have the capacity to disagree respectfully and move on together towards a cohesive goal. A hearty thank you to all who volunteer and dedicate themselves to being of service to others!

*Marcie Benjamin
President and Crazy Cat Lady*

Holiday Tea

Sunday, December 3, 2023
Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall
• Saint Mary's College
1:30 - 4:30 PM

High Tea catered by Sugarellas

Music provided by Harpist Meg Rogers

Please RSVP by November 26 to Jo Ann MacKenzie
<jam1910@comcast.net> or text/call 574-286-8270

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THE LADIES OF NOTRE DAME, SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE AND HOLY CROSS COLLEGE
2023-2024 PROGRAM

- November 16, 2023 *Newcomers & Visitors* - Brunch at Uptown Kitchen, 7225 Heritage Square, Granger
Thursday See page 5.
11:30 AM
- November 29, 2023 Presentation by Professor Wendy Angst on St. Bakhita's Girls School in Uganda
Wednesday Stayer Center, University of Notre Dame
4:30 PM Please RSVP by Sunday, November 26 to Barbara Ewing at 812-608-0128 (cell) or
<cwewin1@psci.net> (email). See page 3.
- December 3, 2022 Holiday Tea
Sunday Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall, Saint Mary's College
1:30-4:30 PM Join this special event in anticipation of our 90th anniversary,
featuring harpist, Meg Rogers and high tea catering by Sugarellas.
RSVP to Jo Ann MacKenzie, <jam1910@comcast.net>. See details below.
- December 6, 2023 Wreath Making at Roseland Garden Center, 125 South Dixie Way, South Bend.
Wednesday Cost is \$30 per wreath. All materials and holiday refreshments provided.
3:00-5:00 PM RSVP by November 29 to Carol Kraabel at 574-232-9688 (cell) or <ckraabel@com
cast.net> (email). See page 3.
- December 8, 2023 Volunteer Opportunity - Food Bank of Northern Indiana
Friday We will either help in the food distribution pantry, which is open that day, or
10:00 AM - noon with other sorting or packing tasks as needed.
RSVP to Liz Burman at <eburman.mail@gmail.com>. See page 9.
- April 2024 Get Ready to Celebrate! – Join us in April at a special event to celebrate our rich
90-year history. It will be a moment to honor our past, embrace the present and
set our sights on a bright future. We will also honor our four scholarship recipi-
ents who graduate this year. Watch your email and future newsletter for more
information.

Holiday Tea

Save the date! In anticipation of our 90th anniversary, we are hosting a very special Holiday Tea for all members on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at Stapleton Lounge, Saint Mary's College, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. High tea, inspired by our past celebrations, is being catered by Sugarellas, and I encourage you to visit their website <<http://sugarellascatering.com>>. They do a spectacular job! We will be using some of the silver pieces from years past to set the scene.

We have hired the harpist, Meg Rogers (Principal Harp, La Porte County Symphony Orchestra; Principal Harp, South Shore Orchestra; Assistant Principal, Rockford Symphony Orchestra) who

will play from 1:30-3:30 pm. Some of our own Life Members will present their memories of being a member of the Ladies for many, many years. This is planned to be moderated from 3:45-4:15 pm.

There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP by November 26 to Jo Ann MacKenzie, <jam1910@comcast.net> or txt/call 574-286-8270. Let us know if you need a ride when you RSVP.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to this very special event to start off the holidays.

Jo Ann MacKenzie
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From the PROGRAM CHAIRS...

The LND/SMC/HCC members enjoyed the first days of fall with an outing on October 6 to **Field to Vase U-Pick Flowers** in New Carlisle, Indiana. Everyone so enjoyed the beauty of fall as they picked a variety of flowers, especially everyone's favorite the zinnias, bursting with colors. The afternoon concluded with a Fall Dessert Picnic where everyone savored delicious desserts complete with apple cider. Field to Vase U-Pick Flowers was so fun that all in attendance agreed a return trip during tulip season is a must! Please watch for a spring date for the tulip outing to Field to Vase U-Pick Flowers.

Wine Down Time – Fall fun continued with “Wine Down Time,” an evening of wine tasting and fellowship at The Cellar Wine Bar and Kitchen in South Bend on Wednesday, November 8. Due to the newsletter deadline, we were unable to include photos of this fun time together at The Cellar. Please watch for a future newsletter featuring photos of our membership's smiling faces from “Wine Down Time.” Cheers!

St. Bakhita's Girls School, Uganda – Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 29 on the campus of The University of Notre Dame, as The Ladies of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College and Holy Cross College will join together for a very special presentation by Wendy Angst, Teaching Professor and Assistant Department Chair in the Management and Organization Department of the Mendoza College of Business. We look forward to hearing Professor Angst's story of empowering and enriching the lives of young girls in Uganda at the St. Bakhita's Girls School. The event will begin at 4:30 PM at Notre Dame's Stayer Center. Stayer Center is located across

from Legends, with convenient no fee parking beginning at 4:00 PM in the front of Legends.

Those attending will have an easy walk from the parking lots near Legends to Room 319 in the Stayer Center. This event is open to our membership and guests. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 26 to Barbara Ewing at 812-608-0128 (cell) or <cwewin1@psci.net> (email). A Mailchimp reminder will be sent to the membership containing details of the event. We may even include social time at Legends, following this event for anyone who would like to join together! Please do not miss this inspiring event, and consider how we might support these young girls from St. Bakhita's Girls School in Uganda. Thank you!

Wreath Making – Christmas holiday fun is in the air, as members are invited to gather for an afternoon of fresh evergreen wreath making at the Roseland Garden Center on Wednesday, December 6 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The Roseland Garden Center is located at 125 South Dixie Way, South Bend. The cost for those attending will be \$30.00 per wreath, payable at the event. Members do not have to bring supplies, only bring yourself to this fun holiday event! Holiday refreshments will be served for all to enjoy. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 29 to Carol Kraabel at 574-232-9688 (cell) or <ckraabel@comcast.net> (email). Let the Christmas holiday fun begin!

Program Co-Chairs

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From the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY...

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

SPEEDY RECOVERY WISHES

- Lisa Caponigri having surgery soon.
- Julie Nelson, LM, hospitalized in Denver.

SYMPATHY

- Family of Adine Paradis, LM, on her death.
- Sue Uhran, LM, on the death of her husband Prof. John Uhran, Jr. on October 2.
- Ann Sexton, LM, on the death of her husband Prof. William Sexton on October 17.
- Julie Nelson, LM, on the death of her husband Prof. Robert Nelson on October 20.
- Bobbie Corke on the death of her brother-in-law Robert Corke on October 13.
- Family of Geraldine Pierce, LM, on her death.

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
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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Shown here are three Christmas ornaments handwoven and designed by club member Nancy Brenner Sinnott. Each of these sells for \$30; \$10 of that price is a donation to the scholarship fund for local women to attend Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross, with the donations for Saint Mary's and Holy Cross funneled through our club. You can purchase them from Nancy at A Wee Bit Warped, Booths 135/137 inside the South Bend Farmer's Market on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 8-2, or contact her at 574-286-2502 or <nancy.sinnott@gmail.com>.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Thank you to all who made a recent donation to our Scholarship Funds at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross. Members have donated \$3,790 (\$2,060 to ND, \$1,295 to SMC and \$435 to HCC) so far this year, and contributions will continue to be accepted on an ongoing basis. Your generous support is helping to make a transformative education possible for young women from our community.

Member donations to the Scholarship Fund and the Remembrance Card program are currently the primary source of scholarship revenue. We are also grateful to families who name the LND/SMC/HCC Scholarship as a memorial option for loved ones.

For the past three years, we have had the pleasure of following three young women from Notre Dame and one from Saint Mary's in their educational journeys. At each year's Scholarship Luncheon, we have witnessed their increased poise, confidence, and academic growth. We are delighted to continue our support of the following LND/SMC/HCC Scholarship recipients, in their final year at each school. You will hear from each one personally in a future newsletter.

- Maeve O'Shaughnessy, sociology major, Notre Dame
- Julia Santiaguel, art studio major, Notre Dame
- Kelly Skwarczan, psychology major, Notre Dame
- Cindy Lam, nursing major, Saint Mary's

Established in 1983, the Scholarship Fund remains a priority of our organization. You can support the LND/SMC/HCC Scholarship with a check payable to the Scholarship Fund at the school of your choice. Please mail your donation/s to LND/SMC/HCC, PO Box 116, Notre Dame, IN 46556. If you wish to direct your support to more than one school, you must include a separate check for each scholarship, payable to the specific school. We will forward your check to the respective school/s, and you will receive a charitable donation receipt from the school. Donors will also be acknowledged in the LND/SMC/HCC newsletter. (A printable Scholarship Donation Form is available on www.lndsmc.org in the Scholarship tab.)

From the NEWCOMERS & VISITORS CHAIRS...

Our group has been growing since the Opening Reception, and we are so happy to see new faces as well as new members. In October some of the new members got together at the Chicory Café in Mishawaka. The Coffee and Conversation meet-up was a nice way to learn more about our new members. We had plenty of lively conversations and found out more about each other as well as our interesting community. We are planning to have another Coffee and Conversation in South Bend and possibly add in a visit to the Farmer's Market, etc. in the coming months.

Our next event will be brunch at Uptown Kitchen on November 16 at 11:30, so mark your calendars!

We are open to suggestions of things to do or places you would like to explore, so feel free to email or text any ideas. We are looking forward to having even more newcomers join in on our activities in the future!



Newcomers & Visitors Co-Chairs

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From the MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS...

Welcome to the 2023-2024 membership year – our 90th year as an organization committed to helping women in our tri-campus community connect in creative and fulfilling ways. As of November, we have a total of 194 members: 106 Life Members, 75 renewing members, and we are thrilled to welcome 13 new members this year!

We encourage all current members to actively participate as often as your schedule and health allows, and we'd also like to ask you to invest a little time this year to help grow our membership. Over half our membership is composed of Life Members, which means they've been the backbone of this organization for a long time. We'd love to share the joy this community brings each of us with a broader and more diverse group of women. In addition to those new to the area, the newly retired are a perfect match for our offerings. Please take a minute to think about those in your other circles that might be a good fit and tell them all about us.

The 2023-2024 Yearbook will be sent to all Life Members and current dues paying members in late November – in print or electronic format as

requested on your registration.

Remember that you have to be a dues-paying member to participate in Interest Groups or other events throughout the year and be included in the membership Yearbook. If you missed the October 31 deadline for inclusion in the Yearbook, you can still register online at <<http://www.Indsmc.org/welcome/membership/>> or complete the form on page 13 of this newsletter. When we receive your registration, you will be sent a directory and your name and contact information will be noted in a future newsletter.

Membership Co-Chairs

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OPENING RECEPTION

The Opening Reception for the 2023-2024 year was held September 26 in Foley's of O'Neill Hall. Members and newcomers connected and learned about various interest groups and events. The featured speaker was Geory Kurtzhals, Senior Director of Sustainability for the University of Notre Dame.

The Office of Notre Dame President, Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., generously provided the venue and refreshments. The Ladies of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College are very grateful for this significant support of the organization.



Special Message from the Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry

Thank you so very much for listing the Pantry for donations for your fall meeting. We really appreciate your help with donations and even delivery to our door. We were running low, and the drop off allowed us to finish the week before we had to make a grocery run!

We fed 29 families yesterday, and we average 5 people to a family. The need is so great but fortunately the laborers are doing fine!

Sincerely,
Nan Tulchinsky



Creative Cooking: Favorite Tailgate Recipes

September 2023



INTEREST GROUPS

CREATIVE COOKING

In September, we gathered at Sarah McDonald's lovely home and enjoyed Favorite Tailgate Recipes which included seasoned nuts, snack mixes, Italian salsa with bread, sweet and sour meatballs, chili, cornbread, vegetarian enchiladas, Greek salad, and baked chicken wings. Desserts were applesauce cake and chocolate mint brownies. Members dressed in tailgate attire and enjoyed the offerings.

October's theme was Tasty Asian Cuisine and was hosted by Susan Schilling at her beautiful home. We enjoyed chicken Chinese noodle soup, shrimp satay, stir fried rice, Thai cucumber salad and of course, plenty of colorful sushi and sake to sip. Desserts were mango pudding and mochi - an ice cream specialty. Members tried and enjoyed many new dishes that night.

Here are the upcoming meeting dates, usually the third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 PM.

November 14 - It's Chili Out! - chilis stews and cornbreads

December 12 - Regional Cuisine: Southern Charm

January 23 - Tasty and Healthy Vegetarian Dishes

February 20 - Comfort Foods

March 19 - The Spanish Kitchen

April 16 - Regional Cuisine: Committee's Choice

Please contact the chairs to become a member. Creative Cooking dues are \$50. Members serve on two committees as cooks or host one dinner.

We enjoy learning about new foods and cultures, and our dinners together are fun and lively.

Cheers!

Co-Chairs

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CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CALENDAR - FALL/WINTER 2023

Please join us at the following planned events and look for more details from our email list. To add your email, please email me at <LNDS-MCPlaygroup@gmail.com>.

November 9
Thursday
10:30 AM
Notre Dame Lakes Fall Walk
Let's take advantage of the warmer weather, watch some swans and ducks and take a toddler-paced walk along the lakes. Meet by the lake across from the Grotto (Our Lady of the Lakes World Peace Plaza). Look for parking in the D6 North Lot just south of the lakes.

November 15
Wednesday
10:30 AM
Battell Park, Mishawaka
Try out the new playground with friends! It is super for young children.

November, 28
Tuesday
10:30 am
Children's Museum of South Bend, 2632 S. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46614
Play and chat at the museum. Great for all ages. Check it out especially if you have never been there!

Playgroup Coordinator

Christy Medvivy

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Facebook: Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup

Creative Cooking: Tasty Asian Cuisine - October 2023

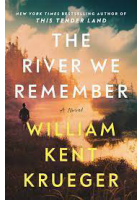


INTEREST GROUPS

ABC BOOK CLUB

The ABC (Afternoon Book Club) has selected its books through June 2024. Below are the titles we will discuss in the next few months.

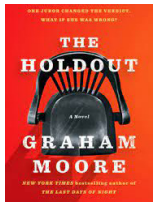
We meet 1:30-3:00 PM the first Thursday of each month at the Francis Branch Library on Ironwood just north of Cleveland Road. All are welcome to join us. We also have a Zoom link, which we are willing to share with those who ask.



December 2023
The River We Remember
by William Kent Krueger



January 2024
The First Ladies
by Marie Benedict and
Victoria Christopher Murray



February 2024
The Holdout
by Graham Moore

Happy Reading!

Co-Chairs

Val Bartels, <valreads@comcast.net>
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The Rosary Group

UPCOMING DATES
Friday, December 1, 2023
Friday, January 5, 2024
Friday, February 2, 2024

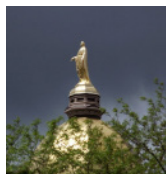


Photo by Adam Lamm

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, Notre Dame

Children are welcome
Convenient parking near the entrance

Chair: Ravini Fernando, 574-855-2199
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BUNCO

The newest interest group for The Ladies of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College is Bunco, formed in April 2023. Bunco is a fast-paced dice game, currently consisting of 12 players. Subs are often contacted for monthly play. If you would like to be included on the sub list, please contact the co-chairs. Playing on the fourth Tuesday of each month, Bunco players gather for an evening of fun, fellowship, good food and, of course, Bunco fun!

Co-Chairs

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

The Outdoor Adventures group had a gorgeous autumn day in early October for our hike at Potato Creek State Park. Member Chantelle Snyder, who worked at the park as a teenager, shared her knowledge of the trails with us. After a pleasant four-mile hike through the deciduous



forest, we enjoyed a picnic lunch near the Nature Center. We highly recommend Potato Creek as a destination for activities year round.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LND/SMC/HCC

2023-2024 Community Partners

- Near Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry
- Northern Indiana Food Bank & St. Joseph County Food Pantry
- A Rosie Place
- Ronald McDonald House
- St. Margaret's House

Past Events

Many thanks to all who came to our opening reception in September with food donations in hand for the Near Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry, the closest food bank to our three campuses. Pantry director Nan Tulchinsky, who is also a member of LND/SMC/HCC, was delighted to receive our large car-load the next morning!



In October, we spent time enjoying each other while packing school lunches at the Northern Indiana Food Bank and writing thank you notes at A Rosie Place.



Upcoming Opportunities

Enjoy fellowship with other members while making a difference in our community! Please register in advance for these activities – our hosts make important plans based on our numbers! RSVP for all opportunities to: <eburman.mail@gmail.com>.

Friday, December 8, 10 AM - noon:



Food Bank of Northern Indiana

We will either help in the food distribution pantry, which is open that day, or with other sorting or packing tasks as needed.

Monday, January 22, 10 AM - noon:

A Rosie Place for Children



Enjoy coffee and refreshments while writing thank you notes for A Rosie Place for Children.

Sunday, February 18, 2024, (time TBA):

St. Margaret's House Winter Walk



Join St. Margaret's House to celebrate 25 years of "walking a mile in her shoes!" New in 2024: the walk will begin at the beautiful Community Learning Center at the St. Joseph County Main Library and will end, like always, with refreshments at St. Margaret's House.

Saturday, March 23, 9 AM - noon:



Ronald McDonald House

Bake (good smells!) & decorate (fun!) Easter cookies at Ronald McDonald House, including any interested RMH guests, and leave cookies for all guests to enjoy.

Thursday, April 4, 4:30-7:00 PM:



Ronald McDonald House

Chefs for the Day

We will prepare and serve a simple home-style meal onsite for guests at RMH. Menu: Chicken burritos, green salad and ice cream cups.

Friday, May 4, 10 AM - noon:



Food Bank of Northern Indiana

We will either help in the food distribution pantry, which is open that day, or with other sorting or packing tasks as needed.

Volunteer Coordinators

Liz Burman

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June Wild

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From the ASSISTANT TREASURER...

Our scholarship program was created in 1983 to highlight our support of, and commitment to, distinguished local area female students who are pursuing their undergraduate education at the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Pursuant to changes in our by-laws, we are now funding scholarships at Holy Cross College.

To be tax deductible, your check should be made out to the specific school that is your designated choice for the scholarship fund. We will take care of sending your donation to the schools for our scholarship fund. You will get a letter from the school acknowledging your gift. Our practice is to forward the funds we have received at the end of each month.

You can contribute towards the scholarship fund in several ways:

- Make a Remembrance Card gift – The LND/SMC/HCC Remembrance Cards recognize special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, or the memory of someone who has passed. Those who have passed are also remembered in a Memorial Mass each May. The remembrance card packets contain a card and envelope to send the designated person notice of the donation and a card and envelope to send to our PO Box containing information regarding your donation and your check payable to one of the schools.

- Make a direct donation to the scholarship fund by mail Please remember to write check to the school and send checks to:

LND/SMC/HCC
PO Box 116
Notre Dame, IN 46656

- Make a donation in person at general meetings of the club (i.e., the opening reception, Holiday Tea, scholarship luncheon, annual business meeting). At those times, Remembrance Card packets will also be available.

To obtain Remembrance Card packets for future use, please contact the Assistant Treasurer.

IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

- John Uhran – Notre Dame (Julie Nelson)
- Robert Nelson – Notre Dame (Gloria Kim, Elaine Nicgorski, Carolyn Helman)
- Donald Buczynski – Notre Dame (Carolyn Helman)
- Ken Batinovich – Notre Dame (Elaine Nicgorski)
- John Lyon – Notre Dame (Elaine Nicgorski)
- Ronald H. Swirth – Notre Dame (Elaine Nicgorski)
- Rosemarie Keane – Notre Dame (Joni Williamson)
- Simone Ostric – Saint Mary's College (Elaine Nicgorski)

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

See back page of this newsletter.

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From the HERITAGE COMMITTEE...

Get Ready to Celebrate! Join us in April at a special event to celebrate our rich 90-year history. It will be a moment to honor our past, embrace the present, and set our sights on a bright future. We will also honor our four scholarship recipients who graduate this year. Watch your email and future newsletter for more information.

A logo for the 90th anniversary, featuring the number '90' in a large, bold, gold font with a horizontal line through the middle of the '0'. Below the '90' is the word 'years' in a smaller, gold, cursive font.

IN MEMORIAM

Adine Paradis

August 20, 2023

Born in Metairie, Louisiana, Adine became a passionate educator and art historian who read constantly. With an early education in nursing, she also had a serious interest in medicine. Wherever she lived she didn't hesitate to assist neighbors and friends who needed help or advice.

Adine reflected fondly on the many different places she lived and worked while her husband served during WWII as an Army doctor. While stationed in Iowa, she used her natural talent for drawing, along with her knowledge of human anatomy, to illustrate medical textbooks.

After settling in South Bend, Indiana in 1947, her passion for expanding and improving mental health services in her community led to her serving as President of the St. Joseph County Mental Health Association. During her tenure as president, she initiated a counseling program and oversaw building of a new facility.

In the 1960s, her talent and love of art ignited. At that time, she married artist and educator, H. James (Jim) Paradis. In 1970, she received her B.A. in fine arts at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, followed by several years of teaching art and art history at Divine Heart Seminary, Ancilla Domini College, and Culver Military Academy in northern Indiana. She also served a year as Dean of Men for Notre Dame University students in Rome, Italy.

In 1995, Adine and Jim moved to San Jose, California, where Adine was active in the Villages Retirement Community Art Club, hosting monthly lectures on art history. Over the years, she pursued many interests through classes in such varied topics as philosophy, psychology, nutrition, and Chinese brush-stroke painting. Her vast library, much of which she donated to local libraries in later years, reflected an even broader range of subjects. At The Villages in San Jose, she swam three to five times per week, a fitness habit she jokingly blamed for "keeping me alive past my due date."

Adine spent her last five years at Villa Siena Senior Living Community in Mountain View. With the assistance of Villa Siena staff members, she organized and conducted an art history program that included monthly presentations for fellow residents. She read several hours each day, consuming nonfiction books and periodicals, as she lived out her belief in education as a lifelong pursuit.

Adine was preceded in death by Jim Paradis, her husband of 51 years. She is survived by three children, four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and four stepchildren. A funeral service was held at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, San Jose, CA.

IN MEMORIAM

Geraldine Pierce

November 4, 1930 - October 30, 2023

Geraldine C. Pierce, 92, passed away peacefully Monday morning, October 30, while in the care of Hospice House in Mishawaka, IN.

Born November 4, 1930, in Nanticoke, PA, she was the daughter of the late John and Helen (Zedonis) Ustar.

On May 29, 1953, Gerry married the love of her life, Dr. Louis Pierce, who preceded her in death in 1991. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Nancy Pierce, in 2017.

Left to cherish her memory are children: Louis (Melinda) Pierce of Mishawaka, Jerry (Kathy) Pierce of Westminster, CO, John Pierce of Mishawaka, and Susan Pierce of South Bend. Grandchildren Amber (Kyle) Evenson of Lakeville, MN, Erin (Mike) Olson of Kohler, WI, Cari (Chris) Piha of Colorado Springs, CO, and Adam Pierce of Burnsville, MN. Great Grandchildren Stella & Grady Evenson, Corbin & Greta Olson, and Charlotte and Cooper Piha.

Gerry was a loving and devoted wife and mother. A heart for service, she obtained her BSRN from St. Alexis in Cleveland in 1950 and a Master's in Nursing from the College of St. Francis and worked as a Registered Nurse for over 40 years. She was a former member of the Harmonicats in Los Angeles, where she performed the piano. After her marriage to Lou, they traveled to Boston, where her husband studied at Harvard and obtained a Ph.D. in chemistry. Gerry was an RN with Boston General Hospital at the time. Dr. Pierce received an offer to become a Professor at the University of Notre Dame, and they moved to South Bend in 1956. Gerry was also an arbitrator for the BBB in South Bend. Never one for not having a sense of humor, Gerry once told her children that the first thing she would do when she saw their dad in Heaven was to punch him in the nose and then kiss him hard.

Gerry enjoyed bicycling around the country with her family in her younger years, often riding up to 100 miles per day. An avid crocheter, many an afghan were handed to family and friends. She was a lifetime member of The Ladies of Notre Dame and frequently hosted Bridge Games in her home. Gerry was an avid reader, consuming three or four books a week. She will be missed by the many lives that she touched over so many years.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

LND/SMC ELECTED OFFICERS

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