

From the PRESIDENT . . .

Our celebration of 90 years of heritage is off to a wonderful start thanks to the incredible Heritage Committee volunteers who have been working hard to make this year special. Ninety years is an impressive milestone when you consider the changes to women's roles over this time period. As roles have evolved, so too has our organization, and yet we continue to thrive as a group for women who support our motto of Friendship, Community and Service.

Our first big event of the year was the Heritage Holiday Tea in December. For those who missed it, it was magnificent! Our beautiful polished silver was the star of the event elegantly serving punch and cookies. High tea was catered by SugarElla's, and we were entertained by one of the area's premier harpists, Meg Rogers, in the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's College. We were honored to have this lovely event underwritten by a most gracious anonymous donor.

The next two events will be equally special. In February, President Emeritus Father "Monk" Malloy will join us for a tour of the upper floors of the library and the President's office. This event will include a box lunch and promises to bring back memories for many members as our opening reception was hosted in that space for many years. Newer members (myself included) will enjoy learning some history from the archivists and seeing the beautiful view.

April will offer us another big event at the Morris Park Country Club including fashions from the past 90 years! You will find more details in this newsletter and upcoming emails so please watch, and be sure to get these events on your calendar!

*Marcie Benjamin
President*



Father Hesburgh's Office and 14th Floor President's Suite

Friday, February 23, 2024
Hesburgh Library – University of Notre Dame
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Tour Father Hesburgh's office on the 13th floor, and enjoy a box lunch at the 14th floor President's Suite where you can take in unsurpassed views of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and the city of South Bend. The 14th floor penthouse was the site of the Ladies Opening Receptions from 1969-2012 and is now rarely open to the public. The President's Office has graciously opened this space for the Ladies in tribute to our 90-year history and in honor of our legacy as University hostesses. Father Malloy will join us briefly in the President's Suite and share a few reflections about his involvement with the Ladies during his tenure. Free parking, carpooling and other accommodations are available. For more information and to RSVP, see page 13.



From the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY...

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

CONGRATULATIONS

- Jean and Jim Fuehrmeyer on the receipt of the *Spirit of Holy Cross Award*.

GET WELL

- Denise Brenner following surgery.

SYMPATHY

- Sue Montalbano on the death of her husband Prof. Michael Montalbano.
- Prof. Bob Williamson on the death of his wife Joni Williamson, LM.
- Family of Jean Fuehrmeyer, LM, on her death.
- Sister of Dr. Isabel Charles, LM, on her death.
- Family of Betty Yonto, LM, on her death.
- Family of Julie Nelson, LM, on her death.
- Maureen Gleason, LM, on the death of her husband Prof. Philip Gleason.

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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From the NEWCOMERS & VISITORS CHAIRS...

Hello Ladies,

Happy February! In December, the newcomers enjoyed meeting at Cloud Walking Coffee and then moved on to the South Bend Farmers Market. Nancy Sinnott, one of our new members, is a vendor there and gave us a tour that better introduced us to the Market. Nancy makes Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College ornaments that she gives a portion of sales to our scholarship fund. It was interesting to see her beautiful products as well as what the other merchants provide to our community. Cloud Walking Coffee was also a great place to visit; we had a good-sized group and enjoyed some fun conversations. Thanks to all that attended, and to those who attended our January 30 dinner

event at Rocky River Tap and Table. We enjoyed spending the evening chatting and partaking in some excellent food.

Watch your emails for future events such as, touring the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and several other social outings in the coming months.

*Newcomers & Visitors Chair
Kristi Preyer
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From the MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS...

Additions to 2023-2024 Yearbook

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Corrections to 2023-2024 Yearbook

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Member Count

79 Members
101 Life Members
14 New Members
194 total

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From the PROGRAM CHAIRS...

The Ladies of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College members enjoyed time together with a variety of programs leading into the holiday season and the welcoming of 2024.

The Cellar Wine Bar and Kitchen – Our evening together at The Cellar in downtown South Bend proved to be a fun time together, with conversation and laughter, partnered with wonderfully delicious offerings from The Cellar. Cheers to the fun and fellowship, as well as The Cellar's hospitality!



St. Bakhita Girls School – Joining together on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, those present learned of the university's program in Uganda as presented by teaching professor Wendy Angst of the Mendoza College of Business. Through the work of Professor Angst and Notre Dame students, the St. Bakhita Girls School project began in 2019 and continues today. Throughout this time, young girls have been presented opportunities which empower and help develop their lives, far better than previous generations of Uganda females who lived in captivity.

As a result of this event, the members of the Afternoon Book Club are currently collecting new and gently used children's books which will be donated to St. Bakhita. Please consider donating children's books during the months of January and February, which will be delivered to St. Bakhita in March 2024. Please contact the

program chairs or ABC members regarding your donation. Thank you for your support and a special thank you to Professor Angst!

Christmas Wreath-Making Fun – Gathering at the Roseland Garden Center, members enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas wreath-making fun! Fresh evergreen wreaths were decorated by our talented members, resulting in welcoming holiday wreaths to be enjoyed in their homes. We extend a thank you to the Roseland Garden Center for welcoming each of us to a fun and creative event!



Cabin Fever Lunch – With the new year upon us, members gathered on January 26 for the traditional Cabin Fever Lunch, with this year's event being held at PEGGS during downtown South Bend's Winter 2024 Restaurant Week. Please watch for photos in our future newsletter, as members not only enjoyed delicious offerings from PEGGS but time together, as well!

Spring Membership Programs – Please watch future Mailchimp notifications on spring programming, such as Tulip Time at Field to Vase U-Pick Flowers and much more!

Also, please support the Heritage Committee in celebrating and attending the exciting 2024 events being planned, which mark 90 years of the Ladies of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College.

Program Co-Chairs

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Save
the
Date!

RUNWAY THROUGH TIME

Heritage Event
90
years

Sunday, April 28, 2024

4:00-6:00 pm

Morris Park Country Club

Celebrate our 90th Anniversary
with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a Style Show!

We're traveling through time to revive one of our
most popular and enduring programs.

Runway Through Time will feature vintage fashions from the Casaday Costume Collection and current fashions from a local retailer. Commentary on the fashions will be provided by Linda Przybyszewski, Ph.D., concurrent professor of history and law at Notre Dame. She is a master dressmaker and hat maker, collector of vintage pattern books, an expert on the history of fashion, and the author of *The Lost Art of Dress: The Women Who Once Made America Stylish*. We will also recognize and bid farewell to our three graduating scholarship recipients from Notre Dame and one from Saint Mary's whom we have supported for the last four years.

Who are the models? You! All the models in the show will be our Ladies, and we need more volunteers! Have you always loved fashion? Imagined yourself as a 1920s siren? Remember the days of the 1980s power suit? Model your favorite vintage look on the runway! We'll also have contemporary fashion – use this as a great excuse to discover unique boutiques in our area! For more information and to volunteer, contact Heritage Committee member Addie Cashore, <acashore@saintmarys.edu> or 574-246-0496.

✿ Vintage fashions from the Casaday Costume Collection

✿ Fashion Commentary from
Linda Przybyszewski, Ph.D.
Concurrent Professor of History and Law
University of Notre Dame

✿ Recognition of LND/SMC/HCC Scholarship Recipients

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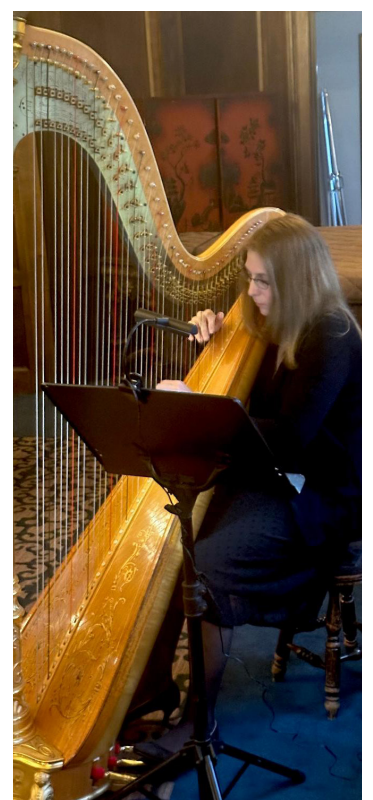


HOLIDAY TEA

As a prelude to the 90th year celebrations of The Ladies of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College, the Heritage Committee organized a Holiday High Tea with many special touches. At the Stapleton Lounge of Le Mans Hall at Saint Mary's College, members were greeted with music from harpist Meg Rogers and assorted holiday foods from SugarElla's. Tables sparkled from the display of the silver and glassware from The Ladies' collection as well as holiday decorations.

President Marcie Benjamin introduced Felicia Caponigri, a third generation member and head of the Heritage Committee, who moderated a panel of members who shared memories from their years in the organization. Joan Hofman, Marge Marley, Kate Murphy and Elaine Nicgorski all shared stories of how they initially joined the group and how its place within the tri-campus community has evolved. They fondly recalled the efforts to welcome newcomers and help them settle in South Bend, and they celebrated that even during challenging times or when members disagree (such as about the organization's name), the group has always stayed true to its mission of building bridges and supporting one another. The friendships formed within The Ladies become family ties, and having enjoyed the benefits of such close friendships, the women continue to reach out to others with a welcome that is distinctly their own.

Special thanks go to Matt Cashore, Senior University Photographer for the University of Notre Dame for taking photos and video of the event.



INTEREST GROUPS

CREATIVE COOKING

In November, we gathered at Carol Kraabel's spacious party room for the autumn themed dinner, *It's Chili Out!*. Committee members presented a lavish spread of different styles of chilis, including chicken chili, vegetable chili and Northern Indiana Historical Society chili. Accompanying dishes were cheesy jalapeno cornbread, grilled cheese sandwiches, corn tartlets, veggies with dips, and tasty desserts like apple bundt cake with caramel glaze and pumpkin bread. Members sampled all the delicious and satisfying dishes and enjoyed the company of the women around them.

In December, Donna Cox hosted us in her home which was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Committee members prepared some delicious "Southern Charm" specialties including Mississippi pot roast with carrots, Texas braised collard greens, baked mac and cheese, corn pudding and for dessert, moist coconut cake and salted caramel bourbon Kentucky butter cake. Eggnog with bourbon or rum was offered as well. It was decided by the members that all the "Southern Charm" dishes that we sampled were both delicious and charming.

Our upcoming monthly meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30:

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 below if you are interested in joining the Creative Cooking group. Members are asked to serve on two committees as cooks, or to host one dinner.

Cheers!

Co-Chairs

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Creative Cooking: It's Chili Out! November 2023



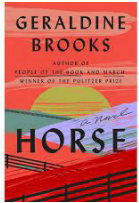
Creative Cooking: Southern Charm December 2023



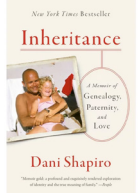
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ABC BOOK CLUB

The ABC (Afternoon Book Club) meets every first Thursday of each month at the Francis Branch Library. We begin at 1:30 PM, and all are welcome to join us. We also have an active Zoom group which meets the needs of members near and far. If you would like to join us that way, please email Val Bartels <valreads@comcast.net>. Upcoming books include:



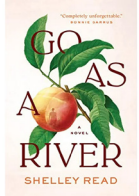
March 7, 2024 (*Note: Date change*)
Horse
by Geraldine Brooks
Note: Location change to German Township Library



April 2024
Inheritance
by Dani Shapiro



May 2024
Women in White Coats
by Olivia Campbell



June 2024
Go as a River
by Shelly Reed

The ABC doesn't just read books, but we also party! Our annual Christmas party was held on December 19. We ate, laughed, exchanged book presents, ate and laughed some more! We also took up a collection for the orphans in Uganda. See pictures below and on the back page of this newsletter.

Happy Reading!

Co-Chairs

Val Bartels, <valreads@comcast.net>
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ABC – Afternoon Book Club

The Rosary Group

UPCOMING DATES
Friday, February 2, 2024
Friday, March 1, 2024
Friday, April 5, 2024

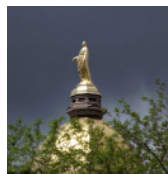


Photo by Adam Lamm

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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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A big thank you to the members who joined us in November at Ronald McDonald House to prepare and serve a hot dinner. Ronald McDonald House allows parents to stay close to their hospitalized child and benefit from the comforts of home without incurring hotel and food costs.

We also enjoyed much talk and laughter as we worked together at Northern Indiana Food Bank and St. Joseph County Food Pantry in both November and December. The Northern Indiana Food Bank distributes over 10 million pounds of food each year within its six-county service area.

Upcoming Opportunities (Winter/Spring 2024)

Sunday, February 18, 2024, afternoon 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

Cooking/baking activity TBA.



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

Ronald McDonald House: Chefs for the Day

We will prepare and serve a simple homestyle 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.

You may RSVP for any activity listed above: <eburman.mail@gmail.com>

Volunteer Coordinators

Liz Burman

<eburman.mail@gmail.com>

June Wild

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CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CALENDAR WINTER 2024

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>.

February 7
Wednesday
10:30 AM
Playdate and Mom's Chat
at Christy's House
RSVP <clmedvigy@gmail.com>

February 19
Monday
10:30 AM
Main Library, South Bend
Children's Section
See the new children's
"town" in the library!
304 S. Main St., South Bend

Playgroup Coordinator

Christy Medvigy

<lndsmcplaygroup@gmail.com>

Facebook: Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup

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

- Joni Williamson – Notre Dame (Bob Williamson, Gloria Trueax, Carolyn Helman, Maryann Keating, Gloria Kim, Elaine Nicgorski, Paul Hemmeter, Sarah Paul)
- John Lucey – Notre Dame (Maryann Keating, Julie Nelson)
- Jean Fuehrmeyer – Notre Dame (Carolyn Helman)
- Kenneth Kinslow – Notre Dame (Elaine Nicgorski)
- Bob Nelson – Notre Dame (Bobbie Corke, Marti Alworth, Pam Chipman)
- Julie Nelson – Notre Dame (Denise Brenner)
- Julie Nelson – Saint Mary's (Carolyn Helman, Pam Chipman, Gloria Kim, Bobbie Corke, Marge Marley, Marti Alworth)
- Bernard Schuld – Notre Dame (Elaine Nicgorski)
- Ruth Eileen O'Brien – Notre Dame (Elaine Nicgorski)
- Bill Sexton – Notre Dame (Julie Nelson)

ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Saint Mary's College	\$220
Holy Cross College	\$70

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

*through January of this fiscal year
(including fundraiser funds):*

University of Notre Dame	\$3,710
Saint Mary's College	\$1,770
Holy Cross College	\$ 940

*Marti Alworth, Assistant Treasurer
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IN MEMORIAM

Joni Kay Williamson

July 12, 1941 - November 23, 2023

Joni Williamson, 82, loving wife and sister, passed away peacefully with her husband Bob at her side on Thursday, November 23.

Joni was born on July 12, 1941, in Valparaiso, Indiana, to Morley and Helen (Esserman) Lindale. On September 7, 1963, she married Robert Williamson at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church in South Bend, Indiana.

Joni received an undergraduate degree in teaching from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, a master's in teaching from Indiana University South Bend, and a master's in Nonprofit Administration from the University of Notre Dame. She taught elementary education in South Bend for 30 years, retiring in 1995.

Joni is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert; her sister Noreen McClendon of Knoxville Tennessee; and her brother Hal of Chicago, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Mary Jean Ludwig.

Joni loved to travel, sail, golf, read, attend plays and concerts, and talk with family, friends, and everyone else—she knew no strangers. She is remembered as upbeat, cheerful, pleasant, and caring, with a bubbly personality and bright smile, a delight to be around.

Joni was an active member of the Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College before moving to Arizona. Her smile and positive attitude graced many of our interest groups' meetings and general activities. As a life member, Joni kept in contact with our organization through the newsletter and never failed to support our scholarship program. She would look at the newsletter photos searching for all of her many friends before emailing them to say, "I saw you in the *Kaleidoscope!*"

IN MEMORIAM

Jean Fuehrmeyer

August 19, 1951 - November 25, 2023

Jean Fuehrmeyer of South Bend crossed over on November 25, 2023, after a long journey with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Preceding her in death were her parents, Elizabeth (McHale) Bitunjac and John G. Bitunjac, as well as her in-laws, Lorene (Emig) Fuehrmeyer and James L. Fuehrmeyer Sr.

She leaves behind her husband of over 50 years, Jim; daughters, Erika Fuehrmeyer Myette and Katie (James Webb) Fuehrmeyer; son-in-law, Michael-John Myette; brother, John (Nyla) Bitunjac; sister, Janice Bitunjac Kirschenbaum; grandchildren, Michael, Jacob, and Maggie Myette; many fond nieces and nephews; grandnieces; and grand-nephews; as well as loving and supportive friends who were as family to her.

Jean's last years were blessed by the consolation of her faith lived out in the care, compassion and support of Jim "the best husband ever", her daughters, family, caregivers, and friends who never failed to let her know how much she was loved and that her life here mattered.

Jean would say she was grateful for her full life - a wonderful childhood, fulfilling career and community life, a strong marriage and fulfilling relationships with her daughters, grandchildren, siblings, and extended family - all anyone could ask for. Jean would also say she is grateful for the many opportunities and experiences of her life as well as all those who welcomed, nurtured, and guided her.

Fully aware of her blessings amid the challenges of her disease, she was grateful to her family, friends, and care team who went the distance of her journey with her. She was grateful for all their support, prayers, and countless acts of kindness and for the lessons learned and wisdom gained.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Notre Dame. Cremation followed, and burial will take place at Cedar Grove Cemetery located on the campus of Notre Dame in the spring.

IN MEMORIAM

Isabel Charles

March 10, 1926 - November 26, 2023

Marie Isabel Charles, distinguished academic and trailblazer in higher education, passed away peacefully at Holy Cross Village in South Bend, Indiana, on November 26 at the age of 97. A devoted educator and administrator, Dr. Charles played a pivotal role for women in higher education, particularly in the realms of international studies and gender equality. Throughout her more than 60 years in education, Dr. Charles was guided by her Catholic faith and a deep love of family and a multitude of friends.

Born on March 10, 1926, in Brooklyn, NY, she was the eldest of seven children born to the late Isabel (Roney) and James P. Charles. Raised in Columbus, Ohio, she attended St. Mary of the Springs Academy and entered the Dominican Nuns in 1945, professing on August 14, 1946. As a Dominican sister, Dr. Charles began her teaching career in several Catholic schools in New York and Ohio and earned a BA in English and French from Manhattanville College in Riverdale, NY in 1956.

Returning to Columbus in the 1950's, Dr. Charles served at Ohio Dominican College. She earned her master's and doctoral degrees in English from the University of Notre Dame in 1960 and '65, respectively, and pursued postdoctoral studies at the University of Michigan's Center for the Study of Higher Education. In 1969, Dr. Charles was appointed executive vice president and academic dean at Ohio Dominican College, now Ohio Dominican University. Dr. Charles was thrilled to return to the University of Notre Dame in 1973 to become UND's assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters just a year after undergraduate coeducation was introduced and when less than 10% of the faculty was female. She would go on to spend the rest of her life in South Bend. Notably, she was appointed the first female dean of any college in the history of the university in 1976 and served in the role until 1982. Dr. Charles received a dispensation from the Dominican community in 1975.

In the 1980s, Dr. Charles assumed the role of Notre Dame's assistant provost and director of international studies, where her visionary leadership significantly expanded the university's global footprint. Under her stewardship, the number of study abroad programs grew from 6 to 16 with student

participation growing accordingly, solidifying Notre Dame's reputation as a hub for international education. She retired from the role to emerita status in 1995.

While an administrator, Dr. Charles maintained her scholarly interest in the American novelist Willa Cather, on whose works she has written and lectured widely. She also taught and researched existentialism in modern literature and American fiction of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Dr. Charles's tenure at Notre Dame was remarkable for the high academic standards she invariably maintained. The sometimes tough decisions she made throughout her career played an important role in spurring Notre Dame's growth as a major university. Her contributions to the school were widely acknowledged, including a gift to establish the Isabel Charles Endowment for Excellence in Music as well as her inclusion, in 2018, on the university's Wall of Honor. Established in 1999, the Wall of Honor recognizes "men and women whose contributions to Notre Dame have been lasting, pervasive, and profound."

Dr. Charles is survived by her beloved sisters Joanne (the late Richard) McGinnis, Sara (the late Eugene) Kennedy, and Patty (Burton) Went and sister-in-law Kathryn Charles; her adoring nieces and nephews and many grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Isabel, her dear brothers James Junior, William, and Peter and by two sisters-in-law, JoAnn and Patricia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, December 4 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame. Interment followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Yonto

December 19, 1927 - November 29, 2023

Betty Yonto died November 29, 2023, in Memorial Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Betty was born December 19, 1927, in South Bend, Indiana and raised in Michigan City, Indiana. She attended St. Paul's Lutheran School and Church and graduated from Elston High School. After high school, she was proud to work for Long Beach Realty as a receptionist. Betty also worked at her parents' business, Syl's Diner, where she met her future husband, Joe Yonto.

Joe and Betty were married on June 4, 1949, in Michigan City, IN. They returned to South Bend, in 1964 and raised their six children. Betty loved their home and continued to live there for almost 60 years.

Betty is survived by her brother, Robert Rose of Michigan City and six children: Mary Jo (Pete) Sullivan, Carol (Jim) MacDonald, Tony (Kathy) Yonto, Bob (Leslie) Yonto, Terri Scott, and Joe (Theresa) Yonto.

Betty is also survived by 19 grandchildren: Kirk (Mary Pat) Sullivan, Katie (Matt) Mammolenti, Anne (Jeremy) Pifer, Jo Sullivan, Jennifer (Jason) Kuefler, Scot P. MacDonald, Carey (Craig) King, Allison (Jeff) Rau, Danny Yonto, Kevin (Elena) Yonto, Caitlin (Kyle) Young, Anthony Yonto, Michaela (Dan) Spanner, Melissa (Kim) Scott, Sean (Ellen) Scott, Chris (Laura) Scott, Joe Yonto, Gabe Yonto and Anthony Yonto.

Betty is also survived by 14 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Joseph F Yonto (August 2008); her parents, Syl and Mary Rose; her brother, William Rose; her sister, Shirley Leach; son-in-law, Tim Scott; and granddaughter, Colleen Scott.

Betty enjoyed spending many summers at her parents' cottage at Saugany Lake, Rolling Prairie, Indiana, along with many fun adventures across the country.

Betty's favorite hobby was spending time with her children and grandchildren and enjoying Notre Dame football. She is a long-time devoted member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Private funeral services and burial were held December 5. A memorial mass and celebration of life luncheon will take place at a later time.

IN MEMORIAM

Martha Julia Nelson

June 11, 1944 - December 28, 2023

Martha Julia Nelson, formerly of South Bend, Indiana passed away in Denver, Colorado on December 28, 2023. She was born on June 11, 1944 to the late John Joseph and Loretta (Fetters) O'Connor. On June 24, 1967 in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Kansas City, Missouri she married Robert Charles Nelson who preceded her in death on October 20, 2023. She was also preceded in death by her sister Loretta O'Connor.

Julie is survived by two sons, Joseph (Anne) Nelson of Denver, Colorado and Robert (Stephanie) Nelson of Denver, Colorado, four grandchildren, Connor, Mia, Janna and Ted Nelson, two brothers, Edward Patrick O'Connor and William (Elaine) O'Connor both of Kansas City, Missouri and one sister-in-law, Marsha O'Connor of Prairie Village, Kansas. Julia was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mary and Kathleen O'Connor, two brothers, James and John O'Connor.

Julie loved to play tennis and racquetball with her many friends. She was an accomplished bridge player and enjoyed her time hosting and playing in bridge tournaments. Julie and Bob enjoyed visiting countries all around the world and they were able to work and have extended stays in Germany, Sweden, Spain and London. She was able to host many of her friends and family on these overseas adventures and allowed all of us to share in the cultural experience. Working at the South Bend Public Library she helped introduce people to the great resource of knowledge available to them. She will be remembered as a great mother, wife, sister, aunt, friend, grandmother and the ultimate hostess.

Julie earned an undergraduate degree from Saint Mary's College and a master's degree from the University of Notre Dame business school in non-profit business. Julie was President of the Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College in 2004-05, and was an active member of our organization for many years.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Pius X Church, Granger, Indiana on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Burial followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

90th Anniversary Special Event

Experience Rarely Seen Spaces at Notre Dame

Friday, February 23, 2024

Hesburgh Library

10-11 am – Tour Father Hesburgh’s Office

Take elevator to 13th floor.

After retiring as University president in 1987, Fr. Hesburgh moved into a booklined office on the 13th floor of the library named after him. Marty Ogren, Fr. Hesburgh’s longtime personal driver, will guide us through this living museum of history, art, and memorabilia ranging from photos with presidents and popes to an Olympic Torch and Presidential Medal of Freedom.

11 am-12:30 pm – Box Lunch in President’s Suite on 14th floor

The 14th floor penthouse was the site of the Ladies Opening Receptions from 1969-2012. The President’s Office has graciously opened this space for the Ladies in tribute to our 90-year history and in honor of our legacy as University hostesses.

- Experience a space now rarely seen by the public.
- **Father Edward Malloy, C.S.C., President Emeritus, will greet us and share a few reflections about his involvement with the Ladies during his tenure.**
- Historical items from the Notre Dame Archives about the Ladies will be on display.
- Enjoy unsurpassed views of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross College, and the city of South Bend!

Box Lunch Selections

(includes kettle chips, cookie, bottled water)

Herb Chicken Salad Sandwich

(chicken pesto salad, avocado dressing, cucumber, tomato, field greens)

Hummus Plate

(hummus, black bean and corn salad, pita, assorted vegetables)

\$20

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PARKING

- Carpooling is encouraged. We can drop you off and pick you up at the Library Circle, upon request.
- If you do not have a Notre Dame faculty/staff hang tag, Father Malloy’s office has made it possible for us to provide a special “Diamond Pass” which allows you to park in the Bulla Lot without a fee.
- The ND shuttle runs from 6-10 am from the Bulla lot to the Library.

Please RSVP by February 12. Make your check payable to

LND/SMC/HCC and mail to:

Addie Cashore ▪ 1323 E. Ewing Ave ▪ South Bend, IN 46613

acashore@saintmarys.edu ▪ Cell 574-850-7698

return this part with check-----return this part with check

Hesburgh Library Tour and Box Lunch ▪ Friday, February 23, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____

Please select box lunch: _____ Chicken Salad Sandwich _____ Hummus Plate

_____ I would like to carpool.

_____ I need a parking pass for the Bulla Lot.
(off Twyckenham Drive, east of Library)

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ABC – Afternoon Book Club Children’s Book Drive



The Afternoon Book Club is collecting new or gently used children’s books during January and February in support of Notre Dame’s St. Bakhita Girls School Project in Uganda.

You may have children’s books sitting on your bookshelf that are no longer being enjoyed. Please help them find a new home! Donated books may be brought to any LND/SMC/HCC program or event and given to a member of the book club. All books collected will be delivered to St. Bakhita Girls School in March 2024.



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