

From the President . . .

My final letter as president. As the first 2-year president in our group's 90-year history, I feel honored to have worked toward ensuring our organization is set up for future success. And what a year this is proving to be! We have had our first two Heritage events with the Tea in December and tour of Father Hesburgh's office with lunch on the 14th Floor in February, including items presented by the Notre Dame archivists of our historic materials. Both were wonderful events thanks to our Heritage Committee and Jo Ann MacKenzie (Holiday Tea). Our big Heritage event is coming up in April and is not to be missed! Look for more details in this letter.

This organization has evolved over 90 years, but some things remain the same. Our members are a diverse group of accomplished women with various professional backgrounds, incredible life experiences and interests. The engagement of our members in volunteer activities is truly incredible! We also retain interest groups which host a wide variety of activities and deepen our connections.

Our scholarship funds are completely supported by individual donations which have a tangible impact on the lives of the local women we support. All of our scholarship recipients will be graduating this year, so next year we will get to meet a new group. Hopefully we will see our current recipients thrive in years to come.

Evolution of social organizations is inevitable, and we have proven time and again that we adapt because it's worth it to do so. Studies prove more every day that social support and connection not only improve the quality of our lives, but our longevity as well! I invite you to continue to support this organization through membership, engagement and scholarship. Encourage others to join as well. Thank you for your support these past two years. I now give a hearty welcome to our next president, Addie Cashore.

Marcie Benjamin President

2024 Annual Business Meeting and Mass

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Mass Annual Business Meeting

5:00 PM 6:00 PM

Saint Joseph Chapel Vincent Hall Atrium Holy Cross College Holy Cross College Notre Dame, Indiana Notre Dame, Indiana

All members are invited to join the mass to celebrate and give thanks for our 90-year history, to ask for blessings on our future as an organization and to remember those who have passed away.

Then light refreshments will be served during a brief social time, and the business meeting will follow. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend to vote in our new board, learn about future plans, and enjoy fellowship.



From the Corresponding Secretary...

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

GET WELL

• Dr. Toni Medaglia following surgery.

SYMPATHY

- Family of Anita McCollester, LM, on her death.
- Fr. Thomas Blantz, CSC, on the death of his brother, Fr. James Blantz, CSC in March.

CONGRATULATIONS

Nan Tulchinsky on being named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, a group of 12 women. She was employed by South Bend School Corporation for 43 years and the first woman athletic director.

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

From the Newcomers & Visitors Chairs...

Hello Ladies,

I think we are all looking forward to some warmer weather and need to have a reason to experience it! We plan to do a Basilica tour and/or a Game Night in mid-April. In May, there will be an end-of-the-year Newcomers Wine Night event. We will spend some time enjoying the weather while having some tasty food and drinks. There could be some fun games and prizes too! I look forward to seeing you at our spring outings!

Newcomers & Visitors Chair Kristi Preyer 615-525-3656, <kpreyer129@gmail.com>

the secretary of any life events involving LND/SMC/HCC members.

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

Proposed Slate of Elected Officers 2024-2025

APPOINTED BOARD AND OTHER POSITIONS

CHAPLAIN Father Doug Smith, CSC
E-MAIL COORDINATORSSarah McDonald
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Interest Group CoordinatorTeri Madden
Life Member ChairJo Ann MacKenzie
Life Member AdvisorGloria Kim
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Volunteer CoordinatorsLiz Burman
Digital Media GroupMary Gohsman
Kathy Morrison Susie Farrington
HistorianFelicia Caponigri



RUNWAY THROUGH TIM

> 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 Showl
Table seating will be provided for all guests
\$35 per person
Cash bar

Current and past members and their guests are welcome





RSVP

Today!



RSVP by April 15 to Addie Cashore.

Find form at Indsmc.org or on page 11 of this newsletter.



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

& Style show

Vintage fashions from the Casaday Costume Collection and present day fashions from Judee's Boutique, Granger modeled by LND/SMC/HCC members.

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

Professor "Pski" is an entertaining and informative speaker, a master dressmaker and hat maker, a collector of vintage pattern books, an expert on the history of fashion and author of *The Lost Art of Dress: The Women Who Once Made America Stylish.*

Recognition of LND/SMC/HCC Scholarship
Recipients

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.

From the Program Chairs...

In the middle of January's winter weather, members were out and about for the January "Cabin Fever Lunch" at PEGGS in downtown South Bend!

Cabin Fever Lunch...Greetings of warm hugs and hellos, partnered with lively chatter and the yummy food of PEGGS, made for a perfect setting as 24 of our members enjoyed the ever popular Cabin Fever Lunch. The downtown gathering also allowed the membership to support South Bend's Winter 2024 Restaurant Week, with a portion of the luncheon sales donated to Beacon Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone and PEGGS for making the 2024 lunch gathering a success!

Chemistry in Art...Mark your calendars, and plan to attend our April 11 Chemistry in Art program at 4:00 PM at the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art at the University of Notre Dame. Members will gather in the museum atrium for the program, as presented by Professor Bahram Moasser, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry of the University of Notre Dame.

Entry into the museum is free. Parking is available in the Walsh Architecture Visitors Lot, adjacent to the museum, and observes business hours until 4:00 PM. Additional parking is available along the Eddy Street Commons area.

Please RSVP to Carol Kraabel by April 9, as

Position Open

Newsletter Editor

LND/SMC/HCC is looking for a newsletter editor. Share your talents and contact Marcie Benjamin or Addie Cashore for more information.

Member Count

83 Members 99 Life Members 16 New Members

198 total

space will be limited. You may contact Carol by email at <ckraabel@comcast.net> or by calling or texting at 574-232-9688.

You may be asking, How does a person find chemistry in art? Join us on April 11 at this fun and interesting event for the answer!

Spring Tulip Time at Field to Vase U-Pick Flowers... What could be more lovely than a field of brightly colored tulips? Come see for yourself at our springtime program of Tulip Time at U-Pick in New Carlisle. For those of you who joined in the late summer outing at Field to Vase U-Pick Flowers, we will return for tulip picking fun!

Prior to setting a date for this event, we will be carefully watching for the arrival of springtime weather and the blooming of 50,000 tulip bulbs planted at Field to Vase! Please watch for a future email to the membership with all the fun details!

Program Co-Chairs Carol Kraabel <ckraabel@comcast.net>, 574-232-9688

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

WE REMEMBER...

The following people will be remembered at a mass offered by Fr. Blantz, CSC:

Carol Macura, LM Rosemarie Keane, LM James McGough, father of Catherine Kossler Adine Paradis, LM Prof. John Uhran, Jr. Prof. William Sexton Prof. Robert Nelson Robert Corke, brother-in-law of Bobbie Corke Geraldine Pierce, LM Michael Montalbano Jean Fuehmeyer, LM Isabelle Charles, LM Betty Yonto, LM Prof. Philip Gleason Anita McCollester, LM Rev. James Blantz, CSC Julie Nelson, LM

ABC - Afternoon Book Club Children's Book Drive for Uganda's St. Bakhita Girls School

Organized by the Afternoon Book Club and through the generosity of the entire membership, over 200 new and gently used children's books were collected during the months of January and February 2024 for the St. Bakhita Girls' School.

The book drive was the result of a November program given to our membership by Notre Dame teaching professor, Wendy Angst. Professor Angst shared the remarkable story of the development of the St. Bakhita Girls School in Uganda, a special project through the University of Notre Dame.

As a result, the book drive collection was conducted to support the St. Bakhita Girls School. In the photos, Notre Dame students are preparing backpacks to hand-deliver to Uganda over mid-term break. Of course, our children's book collection is included in the backpacks, bringing smiles to the students of St. Bakhita! In addition, the remaining children's books will be placed in the school library.

Thank you to each of you for your overwhelming support!!

ABC – Afternoon Book Club St. Bakhita Book Drive Chairs Barbara Ewing, Val Bartels, and Alison Levey







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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:



April 2024

Inheritance
by Dani Shapiro



May 2024
Women in White Coats
by Olivia Campbell



June 2024 Go as a River by Shelly Reed

Co-Chairs Val Bartels, <valreads@comcast.net> Alison Levey <abclevey@gmail.com>

BOOK SIGNING

Membership co-chair Alison Levey is excited to announce that her picture book collaboration with Coach Muffet McGraw is finally ready to share. Ray & Kay Decide What to Play: A Move With Muffet Book introduces our youngest athletes to all the fun they can have playing more than 20 different team sports. Mary Fran Kitz will be hosting a book signing with both Muffet and Alison on Sunday, April 21 from 3-5 PM. Watch for the Mailchimp with more details. The book is currently available on Amazon in both hardcover and paperback forms.



CREATIVE COOKING

In January, a determined group of women braved icy streets and driveways to attend the "Tasty and Healthy Vegetarian Dishes" themed dinner that was hosted by Mary Fran Kitz. Once safely inside the house, members enjoyed healthy offerings of roasted red pepper and artichoke spread; Boursin and roasted tomato bread; green bean, corn and carrot salad; red cabbage with blue cheese; ratatouille; eggplant parmesan; and vegan lasagne. The tasty meal was finished with delicious and slightly decadent toffee bars.

In February, we relaxed at Betty Gallagher's beautiful home with "Comfort Foods" as the themed dinner. Members wore comfortable attire and enjoyed old favorites like pigs in blankets, sour cream onion dip and chips, tomato soup, green salad with berries, shepherd's pie, mac 'n' cheese, rice congee with chicken, and for dessert, bread pudding with bourbon sauce, and chocolate chip cookies. What a comforting meal and evening!

The March dinner was hosted by Sibylle Livingston in her lovely and welcoming home with the theme of "The Spanish Kitchen." Members delighted in trying Spanish olives, Manchego cheese, vegetable platter, gazpacho, pollo al ajillo (garlic chicken thighs), albondigas (meatballs with mushrooms), tortilla Espanola (potato and onion omelet), and for dessert, pastel de Santiago (almond cake), and dulces hechos (Spanish candies). Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal while sipping sangria, and with the dessert, chocolate caliente. Ole!

Creative Cooking - February 2024 Comfort Foods









The remaining meetings for the year are on Tuesdays at 6:30 before we break for the summer: April 16 - Regional Cuisine: Committee's Choice - at Bridget Hubbards's

May 14 - Planning Meeting for next year's themes - at Betty Gallagher's

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

Mary Gohsman <mgohsman@umich.edu>, 734-395-0579

Creative Cooking - January 2024 Tasty and Healthy Vegetarian Dishes









Creative Cooking - March 2024 The Spanish Kitchen









OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

In November 2023, our Outdoor Adventures group hiked on the campus of Saint Mary's College. Our next outing will be to see the trilliums at Bendix Woods on April 26. In May we will be going to the Tolleston Dunes at the Indiana Dunes National Park. Watch for details for both of these outings in a future Mailchimp notice.

Chair Nancy McAdams <nocmc@comcast.net>

Outdoor Adventures Hike at Saint Mary's College



CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP CALENDAR

Members and their children are welcome to participate in our Children's Playgroup events. To join the email list, please email the playgroup coordinator at <LNDSMCPlaygroup@gmail. com>. Also find updates on our Facebook page: Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Playgroup.

Playgroup Coordinator Christy Medvigy <Indsmcplaygroup@gmail.com>

BUNCO

Happy First Birthday to the Bunco Interest Group and, with that, the bunco group began reorganizing for another year of bunco playing fun and fellowship through a Mailchimp sent to the membership on March 20. The Mailchimp notice allowed the membership the opportunity to join the Bunco Interest Group for another year, with the new year beginning April 1. The Bunco Interest Group consists of 12 regular monthly players, along with those players who are interested in subbing when needed.

We are happy to report that the regular monthly player slots are filled, but we continue to add names to the substitute player list. Substitute players are often called upon for monthly play. Those members who wish to join the substitute player list may do so by emailing co-chair Susan Brown at <a href="mailto:strongolder-substitute-substi

Bunco is a fun and fast-paced dice game. Those playing contribute \$3.00 per month to help defray the cost of prizes and supplies. Monthly play is held at the home of member Barbara Ewing on the fourth Tuesday of the month, with the exception of the month of December.

Co-Chairs Susan Brown
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The Rosary Group

UPCOMING DATES

Friday, April 5, 2024 Friday, May 3, 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 < ravinifernando@hotmail.com>

Volunteer Opportunities

We wrapped up our Winter and Spring volunteer calendar by participating in St. Margaret House's Winter Walk (with tours and yummy treats afterwards), followed by two fun afternoons at Ronald McDonald House – baking Easter cookies in March and then making dinner for resident guests early in April.

Many thanks to all who volunteered with us this past year, and we are grateful as well to this year's community partners who were so welcoming and appreciative!

Our 2023-2024 Community Partners included the following:

• The Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry

Located close to our three campuses, they strive to provide nutritious, balanced selections of food to our community neighbors and their families.

Northern Indiana Food Bank & St. Joseph County Food Pantry

A member of Feeding America, the Northern Indiana Food Bank partners with local and national manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, food growers, packers and brokers to procure food. In 2021, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana distributed 10.4 million pounds of food to its network of 125 member agencies in its six-county service area.

A Rosie Place

A Rosie Place for Children is Indiana's only licensed, not-for-profit, specialty hospital dedicated exclusively to serving the growing number of families with children who are medically fragile. Children who are medically fragile require a skilled level of care to meet their everyday needs. A Rosie Place serves all 92 Indiana counties.

• Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House programs, located near top children's hospitals, allow parents who are far from home to stay close to their hospitalized child and benefit from the comforts of home without incurring hotel and food costs.

• St. Margaret's House

A day center for women and their children, St. Margaret's House provides individual attention to their immediate needs (meals, private showers, clothing) and breaking the bonds of isolation through a number of community programs.

Volunteer Coordinators
Liz Burman
June Wild
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From the Membership Chairs...

Just a quick note from the membership committee. We completed our data collection for 6 months of activities and were impressed to discover that between September and February our organization hosted 41 different events attended by 588 members! We will continue to mine the data for helpful trends and information but want to reiterate that we are always open to welcoming more women into our friendly organization. Please encourage your friends and acquaintances to join us. Registration is open all year long.

Membership Co-Chairs Addie Cashore <acashore@saintmarys.edu>, 574-246-0496

Alison Levey <abclevey@gmail.com>, 574-807-4707

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

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Carol Shepherd (new member)

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Linda D'Arcy

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Ruth Schmitz, LM (new address)

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Addie Cashore (new address, phone number)

6412 Acorn Lane, South Bend, IN 46614 H: 574-807-8353

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

- Judy Armstrong Notre Dame (Carolyn Helman)
- Anita McCollester Notre Dame (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Jacques Robichaud Notre Dame (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- John Phillip Gleason Notre Dame (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Anne-Mieka Von Geusau Notre Dame (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Dr. Patrick LaVoy Tombeau Notre Dame (Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)
- Mary A. Carmola Biehl Notre Dame (Clay and Barbara Ewing)
- Julie and Bob Nelson Notre Dame (Kathy Johnson)
- Robert Nelson Notre Dame (Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Batill)
- Julie Nelson Saint Mary's (Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Batill, Walter and Elaine Nicgorski)

IN THANKSGIVING DONATION

 Fr. Edward Malloy – Notre Dame (LND/ SMC/HCC)

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

through March 18 of this fiscal year (including fundraiser funds):

University of Notre Dame \$4,200 Saint Mary's College \$1,920 Holy Cross College \$ 940

Marti Alworth, Assistant Treasurer <mtalworth@aol.com>, 847-209-8815

IN MEMORIAM

Anita McCollester

February 14, 1930 - February 3, 2024

Anita Sessner Hamada was born to Shozo Hamada (deceased) and Margarethe Sessner (deceased). The unlikely pair met in New York, and although they lacked a common language, they decided to build a life together. Anita had a younger brother, Tadashi Frederick Hamada (deceased).

Anita began school with a German accent and Japanese syntax. At an early age, Anita learned the importance of language in order to connect with others and to gain insight into another's culture. She was encouraged, supported and mentored by significant educators throughout her school years to pursue a college education and explore the world. Her adventurous spirit led her to snorkel with sharks in Tahiti, to hike through the Amazon jungle, and to sail in the waters of Key West, Vancouver, Maine, Long Island, Capri and Canada's North Chanel.

Anita graduated from St. Lawrence University (Go Larries!) in Canton, New York. Along with studying French and Spanish, she enjoyed many weekends on the ski slopes and has many tales to tell about her adventures. Anita attended Middlebury College Summer Language School, received an MA in French at University of Notre Dame, and went on to complete ABD (All But Dissertation) in her doctoral studies at the University of Chicago. While attending University of Chicago, she was also mother to five children in South Bend.

On April 4, 1953, Anita married Charles Winfield McCollester (POW), father to her five children. Charlie died on March 14,1999.

Mourning her absence and celebrating her life (as she requested) are children Dr. Margarethe (Mitsu) Chobanian and husband, Michael MD; Fran Striz; Carole McCollester; Andrea (Ludy) McCollester; Peter McCollester and wife, Deborah Nyikos McCollester. Her 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren are also missing her

and bending an elbow in her memory with her signature toast, "Cheers and beers!" She was preceded in death by her grandson, Peter Colin McCollester.

Along with travel, teaching was Anita's life passion. She taught French and Spanish at Notre Dame, Holy Cross College, and IUSB as well as ESL at Ivy Tech. Her final year of teaching was spent teaching employees and staff Spanish and English. She formed lasting friendships with many of her students over her six decades as an educator.

On February 19 2005, Anita married Edward Lynn Akins. Together, they cooked and hosted many family meals and traveled to France, Spain, and Costa Rica and took many trips throughout the USA.

Anita was proud to be one of the longest parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. Anita was active in serving the community in countless ways. She was selected by the South Bend Rotary Club to represent the group on a cultural exchange to Mato Grosso, Brazil. In addition, she served on the advisory Council of Real Services for more than 20 years. She even received the Golden Hoosier Award, which acknowledged her lifetime of service and commitment to the community. She also regularly provided and served meals at Our Lady of the Road, and she was an active contributor to Hope Ministries.

While many regard her as someone who could have lived forever, may we all carry on her contagious vivaciousness, gratitude, zest for life, and joy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on February 9, 2024 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame.

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Fashion commentary by Linda Przybyszewski, Ph.D.

Recognition of Scholarship recipients

RSVP by April 15 to

Addie Cashore 6412 Acorn Lane, South Bend, IN 46614 acashore@saintmarys.edu (M) 574-850-7698

YES, I will attend Runway Through Time.

I am enclosing \$_____ for _____ reservation/s.

Name ______

Guest/s name ______

Phone: Cell ______ Home_____

Mail this portion with your check to Addie Cashore • 6412 Acorn Lane, South Bend, IN 46614

Notre Dame, IN 46556 P.O. Box 116 **TND/SWC** Kaleidoscope

Tour of Father Hesburgh's Office









Members were privileged to receive a tour of Father Hesburgh's office and enjoy lunch on the 14th floor of the Hesburgh Library in February. Visitors are welcome to sit at his desk and even pick up a cigar he used! See Sarah McDonald at left.

Many thanks are extended to the Heritage Committee for organizing this and other events to mark our organization's 90th year. The best is yet to come! See pages 3 and 11 for information on Runway through Time, a revival of our spring fashion show!

