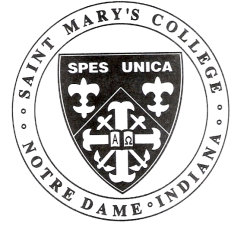


## Saint Mary's College Chicago West Alumnae Club



# Reconnecting with Saint Mary's

My name is **Bridget Murphy Cahill**, class of '89. I moved to Naperville, IL two years ago after being in North Carolina for eight years. I had never attended any alumnae club events in NC, but I made the decision when we moved to contact the local Chicago West Alumnae Club.

I called president, Alison Spohn. She was very kind and invited me to come to the next meeting. I enjoyed meeting all the local SMC ladies. Everyone was welcoming and friendly. I was excited to find out that many women meet monthly for book club. When we meet, we talk about any business and activities pertaining to the club, and then we discuss the book we read for that month. The group is very diverse in age, ranging from graduating in the 60's through the 2000's, thus making for some interesting book discussions.

If you are looking for a fun night out once a month, I encourage you to come to the monthly book club. You will join a wonderful group of women who do a lot for our college and our community, and you will have fun reading and discussing interesting books.

If you do not have time for books, the club has several other functions a year including dinners out, volunteering in the community, and Founders' Day events. Give it a try. You will be glad you did!



## Support Your Local Club

Every year we solicit dues in order to offer activities and mailings. Dues are a nominal fee to stay updated on club news.

**Dues are \$25 for the year.** Young Alums (graduation 2003 or later are \$20)

Dues paying members will receive additional mailings throughout the year.

Please complete the enclosed response form and mail with your dues

**THANKS for  
supporting your  
local club and SMC!**

## From the President...

Look at the many choices you have to participate in 2008! Our upcoming plans hope to include more of you. Clip and save the enclosed calendar to plan ahead. This year we are targeting certain eras for scheduled events. When you get the invite in the mail...join us! Reconnect with fellow alumnae.

Read (above) about a local alumna who moved to the area and took a leap of faith to reconnect with SMC. New friends were made! It is not too late for you.

We appreciate those members who participate by sending their dues each year. These dues pay for mailings and events. Be sure to include an email address on the response form. With the high cost of postage, additional notices and reminders are sent via email.

Thank you to those who contributed to the Chicago Scholarship Fund last year. Read the sincere letter of gratitude from our local scholarship recipient.

This student's letter made me reflect recently about why I choose to support Saint Mary's. A flood of college memories filled me up...

I traveled 800 miles from home to attend Saint Mary's College. I wasn't sure what I'd find, but I had hopes, and thought it would be special. Somewhere peaceful and spiritual where Catholic knowledge and friendships could grow. Somewhere I could be nurtured into adult life where I would learn how to fend for myself. Somewhere exciting and challenging: a real college life experience. Somewhere private and exceptional where the teachers would know my name. Somewhere I could find my path in life. Somewhere special.

We were the lucky ones. The women blessed with the opportunity to experience that special place. So now my "one hope" for Saint Mary's is for it to continue on in greatness...for daughters everywhere. I want to help my alma mater to thrive, in hopes that more young women can grow, like I did, in this special place.

For these reasons I give to Saint Mary's every year and hope you will consider giving too. I look forward to seeing you in 2008!

- Alison Spohn '93



Check out our website at [www.saintmarys.edu](http://www.saintmarys.edu)

For current calendar and club information click on Alumnae & Friends, Stay Connected, then Alumnae Clubs and finally Chicago West



# Response Form

Name (with maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address will be used for club news and website updates only.

## Comments? Ideas? Thoughts?

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## ***YOUR Donation Makes a Difference***

Thanks to those who contributed to the SMC Chicago Scholarship fund last year. The Chicago West Club donated \$1365 to the fund. Read this inspirational letter from **our local scholarship recipient**. We are making a difference!

*I am a freshman at Saint Mary's College this year. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for making it possible for me to attend this prestigious college. I truly appreciate your kindness and am grateful for your contributions. Because of your generosity, I have the opportunity to attend one of the nation's most honorable colleges, and that means so much to me. I've worked so hard these past four years in my academics, church, work, dance classes, and community. Due to these experiences I feel I am ready for whatever changes are coming my way. I am ready to be challenged at the next level. I want to have the chance to succeed in the world today and to take advantage of all things that come my way the next four years. I feel that Saint Mary's College will give me these opportunities and will allow me to grow not only socially and mentally, but also spiritually. To have this opportunity means the world to me. Thank you so much for your generosity. I appreciate all you do for girls like me and hope that one day, I can do the same.*

**-Scholarship Recipient St. Charles, IL**

Annual Dues (\$25) (Young Alums since 2003, \$20) \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to the SMC Chicago Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to Chicago West Alumnae Club

Please return this form to: Alison Spohn, 1338 Tara Belle Pkwy, Naperville, IL 60564

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**Chicago West Alumnae Club  
Alison Spohn  
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# **Saint Mary's College**

# **Chicago West Alumnae Club**



## Saint Mary's Athletics Offers Fall Events for Alumnae

The Saint Mary's College Athletic Department and teams are gearing up for an exciting 2009-10 school year. With a highly successful year in the rear-view mirror, the Belles look to improve upon several school-best performances in 08-09.

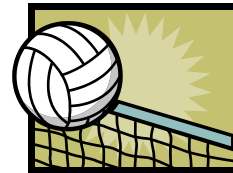
Come out and show your Saint Mary's pride by supporting our amazing women and their teams! Saint Mary's Athletics are great family events, so bring your kids for a fun time of competition. Also be sure to check out these exciting alumnae events this fall:

**Alumnae 5k - September 5 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Alumnae Softball Game - October 3 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Alumnae Tailgate at Soccer game - October 3 (Game begins at 10 a.m.)**

**Alumnae Volleyball Game - October 24 at 11:30 a.m.**



Please visit the Saint Mary's Athletic Department website at [saintmarys.edu/athletics](http://saintmarys.edu/athletics) for athletic schedules and more information on these alumnae events!

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SOUTH BEND ALUMNAE CLUB OF SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE  
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FALL 2009

A newsletter of the Saint Mary's College  
alumnae club serving the Saint Joseph Valley in  
Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan

## UPCOMING FALL 2009 EVENTS

### Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m.—Book Club

*The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards

Hosted by Mary Ellen Rusinek Koepfle

1605 SunnyMede Avenue

South Bend, IN 46615

(574) 232-8271

Please let Mary Ellen know if you are planning to attend.

### Wednesday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.—Light the Night 2 Mile Walk - Benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Location: Saint Mary's College

Check In: 5:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony: 7:00 p.m.

Walk Begins: 7:00 p.m.

Watch your email for more details!!!

### Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.—Book Club

*Left to Tell* by Immaculée Ilibagiza

Hosted by Marissa Runkle

1718 Sunnymede Avenue

South Bend, IN 46615

(574) 233-7029

Please let Marissa know if you are planning to attend.

### Thursday, October 15, Founders' Day Dinner

Location: Stapleton Lounge, Saint Mary's College

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

RSVP by returning the enclosed form by, October 10.

## Founders' Day

**Thursday, October 15**

**Stapleton Lounge**

**Saint Mary's College**

**Time: 6:30 p.m**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

Please join fellow alumnae to celebrate the founding of our alma mater. It is always a lovely fall event!

RSVP using the enclosed form no later than Saturday, October 10.

## RECENT CLUB EVENTS

### Freshmen Send-off

Our annual student send-off was held on Sunday, August 9. We had alumnae from the 1940s to 2008 there to wish our local students well as they begin their Saint Mary's experience. Alumna, Alice Osberger attended with her granddaughter, Jean. We also met our new scholarship student, Allison Tattay. The afternoon was a fun way to connect with some of our future South Bend alumnae and help introduce them to the College!

**South Bend Alumnae Club  
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2009-2010**

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*Ways and Means*

**OPEN POSITION**

*If interested in this position, please contact Wendy Chapman.*

*Don't forget to stay current on*

*events by logging onto:*

*<http://www.saintmarys.edu/%7Ealumnae/clubpages/INDIANA/southbend.html>*

*If you have any questions, please contact:*

*Wendy Chapman.*

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Alumnae,

Welcome to another active year with the South Bend Club. As the students prepare to return to campus, the club board is preparing a number of events to allow alumnae to reconnect to Saint Mary's. It is our hope to offer a variety of functions that will appeal to all or our local alumnae.

I hope that despite our hectic lives many of you will take some time to join us throughout the year. Please consider renewing your club membership today or if you have not been involved in the past, join us now, we are always happy to welcome new members. Your membership allows us to continue to support our Club's endowed scholarship fund. A portion of your annual dues are donated to the scholarship fund each year and then the College identifies local students to award the scholarship to through the financial aid office. I have had the privilege of getting to know our scholarship students over the last several years and our Club should be very proud. For me, they have embodied the ideals of Saint Mary's.

As you read this newsletter, please notice that Founder's Day is coming up shortly. I have made an effort to bring the cost down this year as many of you were concerned that we would lose participants due to the economic downturn. I hope you will all be able to join us for an evening celebrating the heritage of our beloved Saint Mary's.

If there is something you would like to see the Club do this year, please contact me, I am very open to suggestions.

Sincerely,

Wendy Betz Chapman '95

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**Would You Like to Get More Involved in the South Bend Alumnae Club?**

We still need a Ways and Means Chair and Co Chairs for Events and Community Service. If anyone is interested, please contact Wendy Betz Chapman!

**Membership Application**

*Your dues support the South Bend Club's Endowed Scholarship, subsidize costs for club events, and fund informational mailings.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to be a member of the South Bend Alumnae Club for 2009-2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ My dues of \$25 are enclosed. (Membership for alumnae from the Class of 2009 is free, however, please return this form with address information.)

\_\_\_\_\_ My senior discount dues of \$15 are enclosed. (This is for alumnae from the Class of 1961 and prior.)

I would like to make an additional donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the club's endowed scholarship fund.

**Founders' Day Reservation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be attending Founders' Day on October 15. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Entrée Selection: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Saint Mary's College South Bend Alumnae Club.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form by Saturday, October 10 to:**

**Molly Michalski '00**

**Attn: South Bend Alumnae Club • 54511 Hunters Ct, Elkhart, IN 46514**

Please note that only **Dues-Paying Members** will receive future club newsletters and special discount pricing at events.



**SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE  
LOS ANGELES ALUMNAE CLUB**

**Happy 2008!**

Although 2007 is quickly becoming a distant memory for most,  
it was another noteworthy year for the Los Angeles Alumnae Club.

In 2007, we asked for your support to endow our scholarship fund. Your response was overwhelming. We not only achieved our fundraising goal but exceeded it. With your generous support and a matching gift from Saint Mary's, we raised enough funds to endow the Los Angeles Club Scholarship. We have created a last legacy which will help students from Los Angeles for years to come.

On August 9, 2007, alumnae and current students met at the Cheesecake Factory in Redondo Beach to "send-off" new students from the Los Angeles area to Saint Mary's. New Students: Kendall Davis '11 and Sammy Bello '11 attended the event. Saint Mary's student, Megan Pelc '08 and alumnae were there to provide Kendall and Sammy with some pointers and helpful hints for their first year at Saint Mary's.

On October 27, 2007, the Los Angeles alumnae celebrated Founders' Day. Los Angeles alumnae and friends were graciously welcomed by Holy Cross priests who celebrated Mass at Saint Monica's Church in Santa Monica. After Mass, a luncheon was held at Marix Tex-Mex. Richard Baxter, Director of Special Events for Saint Mary's, was the guest speaker. Richard attended the beatification of Father Moreau in Le Mans, France on September 16, 2007 and shared his experience.

**Look what we've got planned for 2008!**

**Let's Do Lunch: Third Tuesday of the Month**

On the third Tuesday of each month, Los Angeles alumnae meet for lunch. This luncheon is not a hosted event. Alumnae meet at Il Moro in West Los Angeles (11400 W Olympic, 90064). If you are interested in joining us for lunch, please contact Susan Rice '61 at [sfrice@sfrconsulting.com](mailto:sfrice@sfrconsulting.com).

**Send-Off: July-August 2008**

This annual event brings alumnae and current students together to celebrate the start of the new school year. This event provides Los Angeles area students and their families the opportunity to meet and talk to students and alumnae about the Saint Mary's experience. If you would like to participate in the Send-Off event, please contact Pat Lechman '63 at [patlechman@gmail.com](mailto:patlechman@gmail.com) or 310/539-8907.

**Founders' Day: October-November 2008**

This annual event honors the founding of Saint Mary's College. To sustain our scholarship and have it benefit more local women, this event will be a fundraiser for the Los Angeles Club Scholarship Fund. If you would like to participate in Founders' Day, please contact Rose Maciejewski Farley '97 at [maciejewskir@ruderfinn.com](mailto:maciejewskir@ruderfinn.com) or 310/717-3005.

**Notre Dame v USC: Saturday, November 29, 2008**

Before the Irish take on the Trojans, the Los Angeles Alumnae Club will host a tailgate at the Coliseum. If you would like to participate in the Tailgate, please contact Rebecca Votto '93 at [rebeccavotto@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeccavotto@yahoo.com) or 310/597-9210.

**We are in the process of finalizing our calendar and revitalizing the club.  
We cannot do it alone; let us know if you are interested in taking an active role in the club!  
Contact Rose Maciejewski Farley '97 at [maciejewskir@ruderfinn.com](mailto:maciejewskir@ruderfinn.com) or 310/717-3005.**

**She's Saint Mary's**

Did you know that 27% of the Class of 2011 has an alumna connection to the College? Did you know that there are currently over 10 students attending Saint Mary's from the LA area? Endorse someone you know to apply to Saint Mary's (<http://www3.saintmarys.edu/student-app-endorse>).

Did you know that for the 2007-2008 academic year, Saint Mary's tuition and room and board was \$35,550? Ninety percent of Saint Mary's students receive financial aid in the form of scholarship, grants, work and loans. With the endowment of our scholarship fund, the Los Angeles Club will award a scholarship to at least one Los Angeles area student on an annual basis.

Did you know that for the first time ever, *U.S. News & World Report* gave Saint Mary's College a national ranking rather than regional? Saint Mary's ranks among the 100 best liberal arts colleges in the nation, of which there are 266. Saint Mary's breaks into the best of the nation at 91. Among the many criteria that *U.S. News & World Report* uses to rank colleges, one of them is alumni giving. Every gift matters – there is no gift too small, we encourage you to support Saint Mary's Annual Fund and the Club's scholarship fund. Your participation truly does help young women achieve their dreams of attending Saint Mary's College. To make a gift on-line, go to <http://www3.saintmarys.edu/giving>.

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**She's Los Angeles**

Please help us keep our records up to date by filling out this contact record request. We are also collecting dues for 2008. Dues are \$30 and help the Club pay for events and mailings. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, you may also do so. Please make your check payable to Saint Mary's College Los Angeles Alumnae Club.

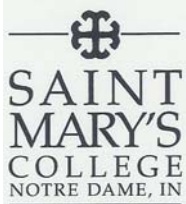
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact update and checks may be sent to:  
Rebecca Votto  
930 W Balboa Blvd #C  
Newport Beach, CA 92661

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# The Belle Bulletin

## Pittsburgh Alumnae Club

Fall 2007

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Nora Fischer '73

#### **Club Contact Info**

[PittsburghSMC@hotmail.com](mailto:PittsburghSMC@hotmail.com)

## FALL IS HERE!

We hope you enjoyed the first newsletter! We had nearly 45 attendees to the Spring Luncheon! We are continuing to focus on building the Saint Mary's Pittsburgh Alumnae Club and informing you of campus and local events. On that note, take some time to read through this latest newsletter and find out more about the **FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON**, how to **SPONSOR A SMC STUDENT** during finals week, take a **CHANCE TO WIN ND FOOTBALL TICKETS**, ways to help raise money for the **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND**, what's happening at SMC this fall, what's happening locally and much more!

## FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON!

The **Founders' Day Luncheon** is planned for **Sunday, October 28, 2007 with church service at 9:30am at St. Bernard's, Mt. Lebanon, followed by brunch at 11am at Atria's. The cost will be \$25 per person.** The menu will include Flame Grilled Steak Salad, Chicken Tomato Vodka Florentine or Chicken Marsala. The cost includes tax and gratuity. This is not exclusive to alumnae only. Our Guest Speaker is still in the works, so come and see who it is! We will also be looking for people who would like to "**Sponsor a Student During Finals Week**". To sponsor a student, you just donate \$10 to purchase a Starbucks Gift Card. This will then be sent to the student in a card signed with your name. (See more details in the newsletter)

**To reserve your seat, contact Colleen Miles at 412.400.8536, 2528 Hunting Ridge Trail, Bridgeville, PA 15017 or email her at [PittsburghSMC@hotmail.com](mailto:PittsburghSMC@hotmail.com). All checks must be made payable to SMC Alumnae Club of Pittsburgh.**

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The ND Club will be participating in a Winter Service Project – Appalachia clothing collection. Anyone interested in getting involved and volunteering should contact Colleen Miles at [cbmiles@hotmail.com](mailto:cbmiles@hotmail.com).

## **\*\* ND FOOTBALL TICKET RAFFLE! \*\***

Wouldn't you like to win (2) tickets to the ND vs. USC game on October 20<sup>th</sup> ? If you're feeling lucky, buy one, two, three, heck why not twenty chances to win the tickets! This raffle benefits our Student Scholarship Fund. Here's how it works:

- \$5 per chance to be entered into the raffle, so if you send us a check for \$25, your name will be put 'in the hat' 5 times
- You will not receive a ticket for your chance(s)
- The winner will be drawn on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- The winner will then pay the face-value (\$62 each) ticket price, which will go into our Student Scholarship Fund
- Kathy Martino (the donating party) will hold the tickets until the winner is drawn
- Raffle is open to the ND Club of Pgh as well

To purchase a chance, make checks payable to **SMC Alumnae Club of Pittsburgh** and send a check to Marcia Johnston, 131 Vernon Drive, Pgh, PA 15228. ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### **Club Dues Help Us To Give You More!**

As your Saint Mary's Pittsburgh Alumnae Club Board, we are committed in providing you with the very best. This year, we will have:

- Founders' Day Luncheon
- Student Scholarship Fund
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Local Events with ND

In order to do this we need to collect dues; please submit your year dues for the June 2007 – May 2008 club year. Due to the prohibitive postage costs, the club will only be able to send further mailings to dues-paying members. In addition, these members will receive special rates for club events. This year, the dues are **\$15** for members who graduated after 2000 and **\$20** for all other members; please make your check payable to:

**SMC Alumnae Club of Pittsburgh**  
C/O Marcia Johnston  
131 Vernon Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15228

~WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE CAN PROVIDE YOU  
WITH THE CLUB YOU DESERVE~

### **Saint Mary's College Happenings on Campus and Locally!**

#### **CAMPUS**

- Senior Dad's Weekend - October 5-6
- Fall Break - October 20-28
- Thanksgiving Break - November 21-25
- Last Day of Classes - December 12
- Final Exams – December 14,15, 17 – 19
- Fall Sports – check the SMC website!

#### **LOCALLY – Young Alums**

- ND Game Watch – Oct 13, Grill 36
- ND Game Watches at Harp & Fiddle in the Strip – Any weekend!
- Day of Caring with United Way - November

**Interested in attending any of these  
events or learning more about them?**

**Young Alums Just contact**

**Christina Reitano**

**([cmreitano@yahoo.com](mailto:cmreitano@yahoo.com))**

&

**Christina Scalo**

**([CNScalo@sisterson.com](mailto:CNScalo@sisterson.com))**

### ALUMNAE SPOTLIGHT

Know a Saint Mary's alum from Pittsburgh that should be noticed for her great works or her contribution to her church community, career, etc.? We'd like to know! We are looking for a woman that should be recognized and spotlighted for the "Alumnae Spotlight" section of the newsletter. Just email us at [PittsburghSMC@hotmail.com](mailto:PittsburghSMC@hotmail.com) with 'Alumnae Spotlight' in the subject line and send us why you think she should be, with a way for us to contact her. Who knows? Someone may suggest you!

### ***\*\*SPONSOR A STUDENT DURING FINALS WEEK\*\****

Wouldn't you have loved to receive a \$10 Starbucks Gift Card from someone during finals week while you were in school? Well, you can now be that person! Just make out a check to ***SMC Alumnae Club of Pittsburgh*** for \$10 – please write "Starbucks GC" in the memo line – and mail it off to **Colleen Miles at 412.400.8536, 2528 Hunting Ridge Trail, Bridgeville, PA 15017**. We will take care of the rest. When we receive it, we will sign your name to the card and send it off to the Pittsburgh Saint Mary's student. **HURRY!** There are only 32 students from Pittsburgh, so they will go quickly!

### Student Scholarship Fund

One of the programs we would like to establish, as a club, is a scholarship fund to benefit a local SMC student from the greater Pittsburgh area. Details of the scholarship and how it will be rewarded still remain to be determined, but we are beginning to collect money for the fund. If you would like to donate or have questions, please call Cathy Frischkorn at 412-561-8169.

### About the Saint Mary's College Pittsburgh Club...

- We serve many areas outside of the Pittsburgh area – if you know someone close to Pittsburgh, and they aren't receiving the newsletter, please email us and let us include them in future mailings.
- There are nearly 250 Saint Mary's Alumnae just in this area!
- There are nearly 35 current students from Pittsburgh!

Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club of Pittsburgh

*Membership Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in joining a committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed please find my June 2007-May 2008 Club dues

\_\_\_\_\_ Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the SMC Scholarship Fund\*

In order to cover our club expenses of postage, printing and events, please submit your year dues for 2007-2008. This year the dues are **\$15** for members who graduated after 2000 and **\$20** for all other members; please make your check payable to ***SMC Alumnae Club of Pittsburgh*** and mail it to us C/O: Marcia Johnston, 131 Vernon Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

*\* With your assistance we can provide more area students with scholarships to Saint Mary's College\**

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**Saint Mary's College**

Alumnae Club of Pittsburgh

### Twin Cities Alumnae Club Celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Year

This past 2006 the Twin Cities Alumnae Club celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Year. To commemorate this momentous occasion, the Club held an evening reception on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> with Saint Mary's College's President, Carol Ann Mooney '72 as the honored guest speaker.

The evening began with the guests mingling with President Mooney, vice president for College Relations Shari Rodriguez and Michelle Poepppe Egan from the Alumnae Relations Office. It was a great opportunity for many of the alumnae to connect with people from their own class.

President Mooney addressed the College's current and ongoing initiative to meet the ever changing needs of College women. She stated that today's Saint Mary's students would like to see a greater emphasis on sports, fitness and physical well being. The Angela Athletic facility has been updated to include a fitness center, with is greatly used by students, faculty, and staff.

The students have also expressed the need for different styles in the classrooms. President Mooney explained that renovation and new construction is the key to the College's ongoing success. Currently, the College is undergoing construction of a new classroom building. It will feature a revised approach to the traditional classroom, offering layouts more conducive to collaborative learning versus straight out lectures. The new building will be finished for fall 2008.

The Club would like to thank Jim and Colleen Ryan for hosting the event at the Ryan Companies headquarters in downtown Minneapolis. We greatly appreciate the beautifully catered light dinner - many return trips were made to the buffet with a large variety of hors d'oeuvres coordinated by Colleen.

As at all of our Twin Cities alumnae events, we all left feeling a renewed connection to our College, as well as to other area alums.



#### SMC TC Alumnae Club's Events Calendar

##### ***ND/SMC Social Hour***

*The First Thursday of Every Month*

For Details: <http://www.ndmn.org/#>

*Click on Calendar*

##### ***Student Send Off Mother/Daughter Tea***

*Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM*

Location: Home of Mary Beth Snyder  
12055 Gantry Court  
Apple Valley, MN 55124-6200

##### ***Founders' Day Brunch & Mass***

*Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>*

Brunch Location: W.A. Frost in St. Paul  
Mass Location: Cathedral of St. Paul

##### ***Holiday Epiphany Party***

*Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon*

Location: Home of Rebecca Jasper  
New Hope, MN

##### ***Afternoon Tea in April***

*Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1PM*

Location: TBA

## A Message from the SMC TC Alumnae Board

This past winter, the Board has been working hard to revitalize the Twin Cities Club. We believe that the 2007-2008 Club year will be rewarding and enjoyable to our local alumnae, current SMC students and to the College itself.

During this Club year, we have several goals:

1. To provide more social opportunities for our alumnae and friends
2. To provide more continuous support to our local SMC students
3. To provide educational and professional opportunities for our alumnae & students

In order to keep you up-to-date on the Club and its activities, we will send out monthly email updates and post all pertinent information on the Club's website.

If you would like to assist in the revitalization of the Club or if you have ideas/suggestions, please contact the Club via email at [smctcalumnaeclub@gmail.com](mailto:smctcalumnaeclub@gmail.com).

### Club Dues Help Us to Give You More!

In order to cover the operational costs of the Club (printing & postage for the annual newsletter and invitations for events), please submit your annual dues for the June 2007-May 2008 Club year. There are 3 types of membership: alumnae, parents of current/past students and friends of the College.

This year, the dues are **\$15** parents, friends of the College and for alumnae who graduated *after 2003* (2007 graduates, membership fee is waived) and **\$20** for all other alumnae. As a dues-paying member, you will receive a discount to events as well as mailed invitations to all events. Please make your check payable to:

SMC TC Alumnae Club  
c/o Ann Spiess Clark  
2812 Sun Terrace  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

## SMC TC Book Discussion Group

In order to reach more alumnae and friends, the Club has decided to host a Book Discussion Group monthly, with rotating schedule on location, meeting on 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7PM.

### Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2007

Book: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls  
Location: Marilou's Home

### Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2007

Book: *Secret Life of Bees* by Susan Monk Kidd  
Location: Borders in Richfield

### Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 2007

Book: *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold  
Location: Borders in Minnetonka

### Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2008

Book: *The Queen of Big Time* by Adrianna Trigiani  
Location: Borders in Roseville

### Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2008

Book: *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards  
Location: Borders Richfield

### Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2008

Book: *London is the Best City in America* by Laura Dave  
Location: Marilou's Home

### Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2008

Book: *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant  
Location: Borders Minnetonka

### Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2008

Book: *The Tenth Circle* by Jodi Picoult  
Location: Borders in Roseville

### Book Club Locations & Addresses

#### **Marilou Eldred's Home**

946 Fairmount  
St. Paul, MN 55105-3119

#### **Borders in Richfield**

800 West 78th Street  
Richfield, MN 55423

#### **Borders in Minnetonka**

1501 Plymouth Road  
Minnetonka, MN 55305

#### **Borders in Roseville**

866 Rosedale Center  
Roseville, MN 55113

### The ND MN Club's Partnership with the SMC TC Club

This past spring, the ND MN Alumni Club and the Board of the SMC TC Alumnae Club agreed to partner up to provide its members more opportunities to socialize. The partnership will include: monthly Social Hours, Game Watches, and Joint Service Projects. For more information, check out our website and sign up to receive our monthly email newsletter.

### The New Mommies N Tots Group

SMC TC Alumnae Club has created a group for the women who are mothers to young children. In addition to having regular play groups and story time, the group (which is open to all members) will host daytime Book Group and Ladies Night Out. For more information, email the Mommies n Tots Group Chair, Ann Spiess Clark (97) via email at [annsme@aol.com](mailto:annsme@aol.com)

### Long Distance Support to Local SMC Students to Continue

For the second year in a row, the Twin Cities SMC Alumnae Club provided long distance support to our 28 local SMC students during winter finals. With the assistance of generous local alumnae\*, the club was able to purchase 28 Starbucks gift cards for the students and on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, a small group gathered at the home of Charmaine Samaraweera Torma (1999) to write Christmas greetings to the students. The students received the cards during their study days and hopefully we were able to make finals week a little less daunting.

After talking with many of the students, the Club has decided to create a **Student Support Group**. The purpose of the group is to provide continuous support for our local students. We will begin by hosting a Student Send Off in the summer, pairing each student with a buddy who will keep in regular contact with the student during the academic year, to prepare and send care packages to the students and to provide graduation gifts to the seniors. If you are interested in being a member of this group, please contact the club at [smctalumnaeclub@gmail.com](mailto:smctalumnaeclub@gmail.com).

\*Special thanks to the following alumnae for providing us with the means to support our local SMC students:

Virginia Birskovich Anderson, 1972  
 Michelle Wenner Chestovich, 1996  
 Jennifer Todd Ellis, 1992  
 Maureen Callan Fisher, 1972  
 Erika Moen Januscka, 1995  
 Sandra Carpenter Mazza, 1982  
 Jane E. Cady Pirtle, 1994  
 Elizabeth McGie Robertson, 1992  
 Mary Beth Durnbach Snyder, 1980  
 Mary Kay Gaido Werner, 1990  
 Susan Shalgos Wolsfeld, 1964





### **Founders' Day to be held on October 26**

The Cleveland/Akron Alumnae Club invites you and your family to Mass in celebration of Founders' Day on Sunday, October 26 at 11:30 in the morning, at Saint Ann's Church. A reception will follow Mass at the Saint Ann's Rectory. Saint Ann's is located at 2175 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Please RSVP to Carrie Powers Powell '48 at 216-561-5142 or at [mom3305@aol.com](mailto:mom3305@aol.com) by October 20th. Hope to see you there.

### **Successful 2008 Student Send-off**

On August 6th, the Club hosted a gathering to welcome the Class of 2012. The event was held at the home of Cheri Petride Miller '79 and was chaired by Deborah Stancik Krawczyk '78.

Nine of the ten incoming freshmen were able to attend along with nine current students. Also in attendance were parents of the students and alumnae. The current students answered questions and provided much insight into life at Saint Mary's College. All students received 2008-2009 academic planner books as a "going away" gift. The Club wishes these new students the best of luck.

### **Cleveland/Akron Alumnae Club Scholarship**

Leah Brett is the recipient of this year's Club Scholarship. Leah is currently a sophomore majoring in psychology. She is from the town of Windham. Congratulations to Leah!

#### **Saint Mary's College Cleveland Alumnae Club 2006-2007 Membership Form & Directory Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Home and Work) \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

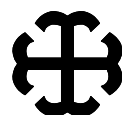
If you are interested in working on any of the following committees, please circle  
Exam Care Packages    Founders' Day    Book Club    Student Send-off

*Please send this form, along with your \$25 dues check made out to Saint Mary's Club of Cleveland to our treasurer, Kristen Ciofani, 2179 Murray Hill #4, Cleveland, Ohio 44106*

**SMC Cleveland/Akron Alumnae Club**  
**c/o Cheri Miller**  
**8922 Frost Lane**  
**Brecksville, Ohio 44141**



## Club Calendar



**Founders' Day – October 26**  
The Club will be holding a Founders' Day Mass and Reception on Sunday, October 26 at 11:30 a.m., at Saint Ann's Church in Cleveland Heights. For more information and to RSVP contact Carrie Powell at 216-561-5142 or at [mom3305@aol.com](mailto:mom3305@aol.com)

**Exam Care Packages – November 17**  
The Club will be sending exam care packages to SMC students from the Cleveland/Akron area again this year. The packages will be assembled on November 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Donna DeCrane Panzica '78. For more information, to make a donation, or to volunteer contact Donna at 440-248-3488 or at [ddpanz@yahoo.com](mailto:ddpanz@yahoo.com)

**Annual Spring Meeting/Event – April 2009**  
The Club will be holding their annual meeting along with an event in April 2009. This past April the annual meeting was held along with a book discussion and it turned out to be very well attended. Please contact Cheri Miller at 440-526-8966 or at [clmiller8457@earthlink.net](mailto:clmiller8457@earthlink.net) with suggestions for an event.

**Help Us Cut Costs – We Need Your E-mail Address!**  
The postal rate increases that continue to soar are putting a serious dent in our budget. We are exploring ways to deliver as much information as possible to our members via e-mail and our website while reducing our overall mailing costs. One way that you can help is to provide us or the college with your e-mail address if you have not done so already. Send your e-mail address to [alumnae@saintmarys.edu](mailto:alumnae@saintmarys.edu) or [clmiller8457@earthlink.net](mailto:clmiller8457@earthlink.net)