Carolinas Club
In early August, the Saint Mary’s Carolinas club kicked off their revitalization with a Send Off Brunch honoring three rising first year students from Charlotte, NC. The brunch was hosted in the home of Christina Vellucci ('93) and Dennis McDonald (ND '93). We are happy to have a Charlotte representation going to South Bend. Our new students are Olivia Burnett, Kristhel Torre and Glaubirsel Figueroa. With two pursuing engineering paths and one, communication studies, alumnae shared stories and wished the three young women very well on their educational journey ahead. In addition to Christina, the SMC alumnae in attendance were: Barbara Borchers Bernath ('66), Jody Jennings Letourneau ('97), Mary Sue Dunn Curry ('85), Cassie Callon ('08), Kathryn Schwille ('74), Christa Debbout, Beth Miller ('02), Beth Bowman Zuhosky ('90), Marti Russo ('68) and Ali Costanzo ('11).

Christina Vellucci and Jody Jennings will be the new co-presidents of the Carolinas club and would like to welcome any alumnae in the Carolinas to reach out and reconnect with the Club. Contact: csvellucci@gmail.com and jody.jennings@gmail.com.

Chicago West [PICTURE]
Another great year to celebrate for the Chicago West Club! We welcomed our newest SMC sisters during our Student Sendoff at the home of Christin Yesknik Fairchild '04 & husband Michael. Held at their home in Naperville on August 5, it was a lovely dessert reception providing incoming freshmen and their parents a chance to make connections. Two young ladies were set to become roommates and were able to meet for the first time at the event! Students and parents alike appreciated a relaxed environment to socialize and ask questions prior to the start of school.

In honor of Founders’ Day, the club’s 2nd annual wine tasting event was held on Oct 23rd at SavWay Fine Wines & Spirits in Hinsdale. Many thanks to our chairperson, Meaghan Grimes Barrett ’90 for her work to coordinate the event. Funds raised from the raffle supported the Chicago Scholarship Fund, which grants scholarships each year to young ladies in the club boundaries of the Chicago East, Chicago West and Chicago North alumnae clubs. Another successful event!

Other events kept our members busy this year including A Day at the Park when we met at Cantigny Park in Wheaton for a beautiful day in June. This was an affordable event with a chance to walk through the gardens and enjoy lunch while catching up with friends. Book club continues to be our primary meeting opportunity each month and we want to thank all the hostesses this year for opening their homes to us. The 2015 book list will be uploaded to the club website as soon as it is available. The club’s Evening of Sharing, our annual Christmas gathering, will be held at the home of Patty Piercy Cushing ’90 in Naperville on Dec 4. We will have treats to fill care packages and send to our first year students before exams as well as gift cards and toys for the PRC’s Share the Spirit campaign. What a great way to wrap up the year by sharing our gifts.
If you didn’t receive the club’s annual newsletter in September, please contact the alumnae office and make sure to update your mailing address. You can join the club anytime. And if you’d like to get more involved in 2015, please contact Alison Spohn Kavulich ’93 at irishannie93@yahoo.com or call 630-640-8156. We welcome your participation!

**Cleveland**
On Tuesday, August 5, the Club hosted a gathering to welcome the Class of 2018. The event was held at Mavis Winkles Restaurant in Independence. Five of eight incoming freshmen attended along with upperclassmen. All students received a gift certificate from Papa John's. The Club wishes all the students a safe and successful academic year.

The weather was outstanding while the Club enjoyed lunch at the West End Bistro in Chagrin Falls on Saturday, June 14. Kathy Friday Sobanski ’78 arranged a delicious lunch and get-together with alumnae who had the chance to reminisce about college days.

We hope recent SMC graduates from the Class of 2014 will join the Club at upcoming events. Contact Cheri Petride Miller ’79 at smcosu@earthlink.net to get involved.

**Columbus [PICTURE]**
The Columbus Belles are very active and ingenious!

Our Spring Luncheon was held outside at Katie Vincer Sears' ('03) lovely home in Clintonville. We had a record attendance and everyone enjoyed the weather and the comradery of friends. That afternoon our membership decided that they would like to work toward being able to give a larger scholarship amount to an incoming local student from our Columbus Club. So we had a Challenge for our members, similar to the 24-Hour Donor Challenge that the College did in the spring, to increase our Scholarship Fund. We called it the "614 Challenge" (our area code).

The challenge was placed by one generous Columbus Belle that if 35 local Belles would donate (any amount) in June 2014 (6/14, hence another reason for the Challenge name), she would donate $1000. It was a great motivator. We put the word out by email and on our Facebook Page and by the end of June we had 37 donors and with the challenge gift we raised $2,886 to increase our Columbus Scholarship Fund!!

We are switched up our Founders Day event this year for a Tailgate Party during an ND football game. Change is good.

Dues ($30) are welcome as the year nears an end. Attend our Fall Tailgate, or the Christmas Mass cosponsored with Columbus ND Club, or mail them to Amy Mundt.

Oh yes...Please visit us on Facebook at: Saint Mary’s College Alumnae Club of Columbus
It REALLY helps, because it seems to be easier to communicate with our friends through Facebook these days!!! Thanks and hope to see you soon.

Fort Wayne [PICTURE]
On August, 5th, the Fort Wayne Saint Mary’s Alumnae Club partnered with the Fort Wayne Notre Dame Club to throw a Send Off for incoming and current students at the Solomon Farms. With over 90 students, family and club members in attendance, the clubs were able to send off 12 incoming SMC/ND freshman and 14 current SMC/ND students at the event. Our club also had a wonderful Founder's Day celebration on November 10th at Biaggis from 2 p.m. – 4p.m.

Coming up: we have our annual December mass with the Notre Dame Club, more information to come. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Fort Wayne Alumnae Club, please contact the club president, Maria (Didier) Schroeder at mdidie01@gmail.com.

Grand Rapids
On August 7, the Saint Mary's College Grand Rapids Club hosted our annual First Year Send Off reception at the home of Club President, Lucinda Staples McCall ’78. Recent Saint Mary's graduates, Madeline Martin '14 and Nicole Wojciakowski ’14 as well as current student, Francine Rizzo ’15, contributed to the lively discussion for the incoming class of 2018 and their parents. This event was attended by Ally Nowak McCall '08, Janie Eaton Boeschenstein '89, Nicole Dugan May ’92, Tara Melichar Millar ’90, Maureen Miller Salerno ’94, Rachel Silgo '96, and Maria Vogel '96.

We continue to meet every other month for our book club and most recently enjoyed our gathering at the home of Nicole Dugan May ’92 when we discussed The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt. We welcome more alumnae to join us for our book discussions and hospitality. If you are interested in upcoming Grand Rapids Club events please contact Lucinda Staples McCall ’78, smchk78@yahoo.com or (616) 949-7166.

Houston
The Saint Mary's College Houston Alumnae Club officers met in early June to start planning events for this fall and winter. The club kick started the 2014-2015 year with a happy hour at Crisp Houston where members enjoyed appetizers and wine. It was exciting to catch up with existing members of the Houston Alumnae Club, as well as meet new Saint Mary’s women in the Houston area.

Mary Borden King ’07 hosted the annual Student Sendoff at her home on Sunday, August 3rd. Priscilla Karle Pilon ’86, Emily Pernotto Raley ’05, Anne Spyhalski ’07, Ashley Fant ’07, and Sara Montelongo ‘10 shared stories and memories with current sophomore Ally Karaffa and her mother. We wish Ally and all of the Houston area Belles a wonderful academic year.

If you are new to the Houston area, email us at HoustonSMC@gmail.com to join our mailing list. You can also follow us on Twitter @HoustonSMC, Instagram
@HoustonSMC or on Facebook @ facebook.com/houstonsmc. We really look forward to hearing from any new alumnae in Houston! Current members, please remember to check your email for invitations to the great events we have planned for the rest of the fall. If you have any ideas for ways to get the club together, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Indianapolis
The Indianapolis Club has had a tremendous summer! We had a beautiful evening for our Freshmen Send-Off in August. Many thanks to Tara Land Dewitt (SMC 2002) for hosting and Betsy Burke (SMC 1985) and Jeannine Ritter (1980) for organizing and executing this beautiful event. With over 63 guests in attendance, alumnae shared their story of Saint Mary's with a dozen incoming first-year women and their parents. It was a great way to send the first years off in style!

Our young alums have become very involved with club initiatives. Most recently, Taylor Cornett (2011) has organized another chapter of the Indianapolis SMC Book Club (the original club has been going strong for over twenty years!) The book club has selected "The Orphans of Race Point: A Novel" by Patry Francis as their first book. The first discussion will be held in September.

The Indy Club is gearing up for an exciting fall, including a professional networking event in October, elections for a new board this fall, Founder's Day, and a holiday party where we will make care packages for our first-year students. Make sure that you follow us on Facebook at "Indianapolis SMC Alumnae" for all of the news. It is wonderful to see so many new faces at our events, cheers to another great season together!

Los Angeles
On Sunday, August 10, 2014, the Los Angeles Alumnae Club hosted a “Student Send Off Party” Honoring Class of 2018. Included at the event were current students, parents and alumnae. Class of '88 alumna and Class of 2016 parent Katy Kronenberg Penna hosted the gathering in her lovely home.

Visit http://www.saintmarysLAcub.com to find upcoming LA Club event information, membership, and contact information. Follow the LA Club on Facebook (Saint Mary's College Los Angeles Club).

If you are new to the area, want to join the Club, or to get involved, send an email to: saintmarysLAcub@gmail.com. Don't forget to pay your 2014 Club Dues.

LA Belles of the Last Decade: follow us on Facebook (Saint Mary’s College Los Angeles Club -Young Alumnae) for information regarding upcoming events.

N. New Jersey
Please join me in welcoming 3 North and Central New Jersey first-year students to Saint Mary’s: Molly O’Rourke, Grace McGurn and Theresa McSorley. Best of luck, ladies! Saint Mary’s Women’s Choir, under the direction of Dr. Nancy Menk, will be performing at Lincoln Center on Saturday, November 29th, at 7pm. The tri-state area Clubs are organizing group tickets to the performance as well as a pre-performance get-together at a nearby restaurant. If you’re still interested in purchasing tickets and attending a pre-performance gathering, please email Dawn Parker Santamaria ’81 (dawn@sistersundersail.org). Additionally, Dr. Menk and the choir will be spending Thanksgiving in New York City. The tri-state area clubs would like to sponsor their dinner on Thanksgiving Day. They’re a large group! Please help support this memorable event for our students. If you are not receiving our regional e-news updates, please contact Dawn at the email listed above.

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**Twin Cities**
The Twins Cities Club is looking for a new leadership team! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Kellyroles@comcast.net