A Holy Cross Education, a sisterhood

In our busy lives time is a commodity. We have to use it wisely before it’s gone. At Saint Mary’s we received a Holy Cross education. How did your time at Saint Mary’s impact and shape the person you are today? Do we continue this education now? Do we care for our mind, body and spirit today?

If you work outside the home, your company has a mission statement and your actions are aimed at achieving that mission every day. The Sisters of the Holy Cross have been successfully focused on their mission for 175 years! We benefited from it while at school, and so I encourage you to examine your life and employ the concept again. (See page 2 to share a fond memory with the Sisters!)

Your alumnae club mission is to provide a foundation of sisterhood, just like when we were in school. We need your help to do this! Whether club activities or family time - spend your time wisely! Here are a few ideas:

- Engage with family—play a board game.
- Get physical!—ride a bike or pick a pumpkin!
- Nourish your spiritual soul—attend perpetual adoration or volunteer!
- Read a book or attend a lecture and return to your intellectual SMC roots.
- Invite a friend to an activity—and feed your emotional soul.
- Sit quietly and develop your inner calm.
- Share an idea with the club for a new activity (page 3).

May you find additional motivation in your newsletter, and remember we have our shared sisterhood to lean on in times of joy or crisis, a unique bond that is woven into our lives. Reach out and join us— you won’t regret it.

-Alison Spohn Kavulich ’93, Chicago West Club President

** Founders’ Day Dinner in Downers Grove **

If you like Chicago history and food, you will love the evening we have planned! Join us for a Saint Mary’s Founders’ Day Dinner with Mary Delaney Willer ’65 on Tuesday, Oct 25 at 6pm at Parker’s Ocean Grill (1000 31st Street, Downers Grove). Mary lives in Wilmette and taught high school for 30 years. She has been a docent for the Chicago Architecture Foundation for eight years and is currently a Chicago River tour guide. Mary will share her expertise on Chicago.

The cost is $40 per person. Raffle tickets to support the Chicago Scholarship will be available for $10 each. All dues-paying members will receive one raffle ticket at the door. You don’t need to be present to win—but we do need your support! Tickets available online or by check. Bring a friend and help us make this a success! RSVPs appreciated by Oct 21. Send inquiries to club email at smcwcalums@gmail.com. Hope to see you there! (See page 4 for online payment).
FALL & WINTER CLUB PROGRAMMING

**Founders’ Day Dinner/Speaker Event:** Dinner at Parker’s Ocean Grill in Downers Grove at 6pm on Tuesday, October 25th. $40 per person. RSVP helpful by Oct 21, walk-ins welcome. Pay your dues and get a $10 raffle ticket!! Send questions to smcwcalums@gmail.com and use online payment option to register http://cwacfoundersdaydinner.whindo.com.

**One Book, One Saint Mary’s 2016-2017:** Don’t forget to pick up a copy of All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr and check out the discussion questions on the SMC website. Watch for this book to be discussed at a club meeting in 2017.

**Book Club:** One remaining book club event for 2016 starts at 7:30pm on October 27th at Anne McDermott’s home in La Grange. We’ll discuss Americanah by C. N. Adichie. RSVP to Anne at stmcdermott@sbcglobal.net. Come with book ideas for 2017—and let us know if you’d like to host!!

**Sunday Mass & Dinner:** Let’s meet at St Joseph Parish in Downers Grove for the 5pm mass on Sunday, November 13th. Afterwards we’ll meet for a casual dinner at a nearby restaurant.

**Christmas Party:** On Thursday, Dec 1st, come celebrate the giving season at the home of Joanne Tracy Marsh ’69 at 7pm in Naperville. Please bring a donation for the PRC’s Share the Spirit Campaign and a non-perishable treat for student care packages (which we’ll prep while we visit!). More details to follow.

**First Book Club of 2017:** Thursday, Jan 26th. Watch for the book list at Christmas.

**Service Saturday:** Our next volunteer day at the PRC in Wheaton is January 28. We’ll work in the food & clothing pantries from 8:30-noon. Kids 12 & older invited. Casual lunch afterwards for those available!

**NEW Club Activity:** Watch for details to join us for “Paint The Avenue” at Pinot’s Palette in Naperville. This will be a painting class tailored for SMC Chicks with food & drink in early March 2017.

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**175 years for the Sisters**

In 2016 the Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate 175 years since their founding. As SMC sisters we enjoyed the gift of a Holy Cross Education. Saint Mary’s is where we educated our minds, bodies and spirit.

To offer thanks and share a special memory with the Sisters, [click here](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu).

We congratulate and celebrate the successful mission of the Sisters and strive to continue it! To learn more about the 175th logo above and about the Sisters’ mission, please go to [www.cscsisters.org](http://www.cscsisters.org).

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**Our Avenue**

For a great place to stay in touch, please check out your exclusive online community called **Our Avenue**. Sign-in at [http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu](http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu). By logging on and updating your profile, you will be alerted to information and events from the College, your **Chicago West Alumnae Club** and the Alumnae Association. We use this contact information for club mailings and email updates in the future, so it’s a great way to stay in touch with the college and for others to stay in touch with you!

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**REUNION 2017** will be held June 2nd-5th! (for class years ending in 7 or 2)
**Membership Form**

Name (with maiden) ____________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________

Class Yr ________

City/Zip ____________________________ Phone ______________________

Email ____________________________________  Receiving Emails now? □

We send emails on club news, event reminders, college emails & student requests. We may also

use Evite or Facebook. More news on club website http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu.

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**Survey**

How many SMC Alumnae club events will you attend in 2017?

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Who do you stay in touch with from Saint Mary’s?

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**Pay Your Dues!!**

Dues for 2016-2017 club year

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**Pay your dues by Oct 25th and receive a $10 raffle ticket for the Founders’ Day event!**

Club Donation/ Founders’ Day Raffle Tickets $10 each _______________

Total Amount Enclosed _______________

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**Dues Payment Options:**

1) Make checks payable to: SMC Chicago West Alumnae Club and return with membership form to: Kristin Newell at 5s546 Eugenia Drive, Naperville, IL 60540  **OR**

2) Use Chase QuickPay to send a payment to smcw-calums@gmail.com or email this address an amount to pay and we will generate a Chase QuickPay request to collect the amount  **OR**

3) Use Founders’ Day payment link “until Oct 21.

Thanks for supporting Saint Mary’s College!
Le Mans Hall - The 2016 Christmas Ornament - Available NOW

The Los Angeles Alumnae Club announces the second in series of collectible Christmas ornaments to honor the heritage of Saint Mary’s College. The 2016 Ornament depicts the Gothic front entrance of Le Mans Hall decorated for the Christmas season.

Made in the USA of brass, each ornament comes with a card sharing the special history of Le Mans Hall. For the last 90 years, Le Mans Hall has stood as the centerpiece of campus and serves as a symbol of Saint Mary’s College. Dedicated in 1926, Le Mans Hall invites all those who enter to contemplate, live, learn, and ultimately to journey out into the world and contribute to society in a meaningful way.

The 2016 Ornament is a special edition and supplies are limited.

http://www.saintmarys-laclub.com/ornament

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Saint Mary’s College Chicago West Alumnae Club
2016 Founders’ Day Dinner:
An Evening with Mary Delaney Willer ‘65

Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00pm; Dinner served at 6:30.
Parker’s Ocean Grill (1000 31st Street, Downers Grove), 630-960-5700

Join your SMC Chicago West Alumnae Club to support the future of Saint Mary’s College, reconnect with friends and learn the history of the Chicago River from an experienced docent!

Dinner includes salad, dessert and your choice an entrée (Herb-Roasted Chicken Breast, Cedar-plank Roasted Salmon or House-Made Vegetarian Ravioli).

Event Cost: $40 per person — pay online or at the door. Dues paying members will receive a $10 raffle ticket for this event!

http://cwacfoundersdaydinner.whindo.com (available until October 21).

**$10 raffle tickets available online or at the event with all proceeds supporting the Chicago Endowed Scholarship to benefit students in our area.**