



# Saint Mary's College Guild

Supporting student scholarships for 84 years

## A Message from your Guild President, Cynthia Kelly

Spring has sprung!

The grass is greener, fruit trees are flowering and our clock has sprung forward.

Our St. Patrick Day dinner was a huge hit. We all enjoyed each other with food, dancing, music and laughter. I glanced around the room and only saw smiles and happiness.

As I look back over the year, our greatest success is in the involvement of our membership. This commitment shows us how strong we are now. Our membership and fundraising has increased since Fall, but still needs improvement. As your President, I cannot tell you enough how thrilled I am with the improvement.

Remember, we are not making a new path. We are following the path laid out for us for 84 wonderful years.

## One Day, One SMC

The College's biggest donation day of the year is coming up on April 17-18. This year, the Guild has our own way of sharing in this special day. By clicking on this QR code



(or going to [stmarys-ca.edu/oneday](https://stmarys-ca.edu/oneday) and choosing the Guild Fund) you can make a contribution directly to the scholarships provided by the Guild each year. Please consider making a donation to help our students.

## Spring Concert May 14<sup>th</sup> Double Treble

Come join in for chef inspired luncheon and a concert put on by Double Treble, a clarinet and trumpet duo that has performed around the bay area. It is destined to be a delicious and entertaining time. This is a good time to bring your friends and introduce them to the Guild.

A flyer is attached. Please respond by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## IMPORTANT! All Member Meeting: May 7, 9 a.m.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend an All Member Meeting of the Guild at the SMC Rheem campus on May 7. The SMC Rheem campus is located adjacent to Round Table in the Rheem Center.

The purpose of the semi-annual meeting is to vote in new officers, and report the state of the Guild. We need all of you to come, vote, and give us your ideas for the coming year. Coffee and a snack will be served.

## The Guild Needs Your Help

Many of you have been members of the Guild for years and we continue to need your support. Once upon a time, the Guild had 400 members, now we are down below 100 and we need your help to increase that number. Not only does the membership pay annual dues that increase our scholarship support, but they also add to the viability of our events by attending, bringing friends, and participating in the hard work of putting on these fun events for our members. Please

spread the news to your friends, young and older. We are hoping to double our membership by next year, which will go a long way to build back the donations that we have made to student scholarships over the years.

## St. Patrick's Day a Big Hit, Again!

Seventy people enjoyed an evening of music, good food and fun at the St. Patrick's Day dinner, on March 16. There was a silent auction basket (complete with wine tasting for 6, dinner at La Finestra, wine and assorted other goodies). There was a raffle with 6 baskets, and there was the first Millie McCormick Memorial Pot of Gold Raffle for \$300 in cash. The Rohan Murphy Irish Dance Academy performed for us and Johnny and the Camaros played old and new songs alike.

The event raised over \$2,000 to be added to the other event proceeds for the annual Guild donation to student scholarships at Saint Mary's College.

We would like to thank all those who helped make this event a success:

Thank you to **La Finestra in Moraga** for the donation of the dinner for the live auction!

Thank you to **Canyon Club in Moraga** for the Gael Ale!

Thank you to **Concannon and Bogle Wineries** for the wine tasting certificates!

Thank you to our sponsor **UCU** for the basket they contributed, complete with two SMC mens' basketball tickets.

Finally, thank you to all the members of the Guild who worked tirelessly to make this event a success and those who came in support of the Guild. We can only meet our goals for student scholarship with your help!!



**We thank University Credit Union for the sponsorship!**



## Upcoming Events:

**May 7 All Guild Member Meeting**

**May 14 Spring Concert**