

# **2018-19 Saint Mary's College Association of Retired Staff & Faculty Annual Report**

## **Launch year summary**

(adapted from final report submitted to President Donahue)

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## **Accomplishments 2018-19**

- Activated a retirees list serve with approximately 150 e-mail addresses (special thanks to Ann Kelly who researched many staff personal e-mails)
- Created a website with OPT in for Bulletin feature with 47 people opting in (thanks to Mike McAlpin of College Communications)
- Held four events and circulated an invitation to a summer play
- Gratitude Retreat, December 5 /Br. Bernie LoCoco (15)
- Engaging our Aging, February 26/Jim Briggs (21)
- Reliance, Illinois, April 25/Mary Volmer (24)
- Siena Garden Reception, May 15/President Jim Donahue (15)
- Witch Hunt (a play), July 14/Professor Emerita Carol Lashof (5)
- Significant Impact for Retired Staff and Faculty
  - Approximately 50 retirees have engaged in events, bulletin “op ins”, or e-mailing requesting to “staying on the list!”
  - Lots of good will expressed at each gathering
  - Many notes of appreciation before and after events
  - “SMC should have done this a long time ago, but happy SMC is now bringing back staff”
  - “Glad this association isn’t a fundraising operation,” several feared that would be the case
  - Grateful to see friends and colleagues and to learn from one another
- Talent emerging from within: Penny Washbourn, Carol Lashof, Br. John

O'Neill all offering 2019 fall events. Margaret Brown-Salazar volunteering to create an informative, functional website that will be regularly updated (meeting with Mike McAlpin, June 25)

## **Plans for 2019-20**

### **Fall 2019**

#### **Mont La Salle Retreat**

September 10-12 (2 night option)

Featuring, swimming, hiking, bird watching, meditation, prayers and more...

Br. John O'Neill is hosting and underwriting the Novitiate rental

#### **Embracing our Aging, Steps Toward Finding our Spiritual Center**

October 16, 10-1:30

Penny Washbourn, Professor Emerita

To be followed by a 30 minute organ concert with Br. Martin Yribarren

#### **Dreams and Spirituality**

November 12, 10-1:30

Br. Bernie LoCoco, SMC Trustee

Winter/Spring 2020 (some ideas in the works)

**Exploring Space** with Professor Brian Hill at the Observatory

**Book Conversation** with English faculty

**Optional field trips** created by Margaret Brown-Salazar, Librarian Emerita