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President's Message

As we come to the end of our 10th year as the Southern Maryland Women's League I continue to be inspired by the great things our club has accomplished. This year marked some new beginnings and opportunities for us to grow as a club. Some of our biggest successes for the year include our 1st Annual Women of Impact Awards Ceremony, our new found partnership with Jude House for Women, the Celebration of our 10th Anniversary, functioning under a General Membership approved set of by-laws and revamping our 2 Year Grant Process! I am still in awe of the success of our Women of Impact event. We truly left a mark on Southern Maryland that night in honoring so many incredible women in our communities. Our new partnership with the Jude House is also a new turn for our club. Our liaisons and club members are grasping this new relationship and I see many memories being made in the process. Lastly our Program Committee came together to close out our year with a bang...and a bull! It has truly been an amazing year with committee work and fellowship to accomplish so many challenging yet excited goals. I will be sending out the committee request sheets in the next few weeks for our upcoming 2016-2017 year. I encourage all of you to sign up for a committee to truly capture the essence of our club and build relationships that will last a lifetime. As I conclude the Presidents Message for 2015-2016 I want to share some of your quotes shared on **"If the whole world were listening...what would you say?:"**

- Look at your family, grandchildren and friends and make it a better place for them.
- Success will be achieved when the need to succeed is greater than a failing.
- If you can imagine it – you can achieve it.
- If you have MADE UP YOUR MIND that you intend to ENJOY the very best life for you, then you must realize that it begins with you. Aggressively expect good things!
- Tell everyone you love them every day, because you never know when those loved ones will leave you.
- Love and love today – because you may not have tomorrow!
- The arts are the foundation for creative thinking.
- You may say I am a dreamer, but I am not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one. – John Lennon
- I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony. I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.
- Love each other. And drink the good wine. ☺
- Love everyone and talk to them. You never know what you'll learn or whose life you'll touch and make happier.
- Always smile.
- Whether you believe in God or not, just pray to God to help this world and everyone in it to be kinder to each other.
- Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change world are the ones who do – Steve Jobs
- Treat others the way you would like or desire to be treated!
- Never do your hair at home! Use good shampoo!
- John 3:16
- Smile at a stranger and say "hello" because you may change their whole day. You never know the life they lead.
- Surround yourself with positive people. Don't look in the rearview mirror you may miss something great right in front of you.
- When someone says not to you, do it anyway. If someone uses you and turns against you, just know it's their problem not you because your actions were done with a pure heart!
- Never put yourself in a position that anyone could say that you did.
- May peace be with you.
- Be Passionate, No matter your age!
- Work hard and Be Nice!



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A leader is one that knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.

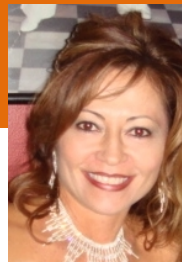
We are...

An organization of women dedicated to promoting, strengthening and supporting women and issues of importance through fellowship, education, service and mentoring programs.

The **Southern Maryland Women's League** provides women with a wide range of opportunities to help each other succeed through the exchange of information, services, mentoring, charitable actions, shared experiences, friendship and motivational support.

We are a dynamic group of Southern Maryland business owners, entrepreneurs, managers, homemakers and people from all walks of life with a wide variety of life experiences.

We are dedicated to helping each other grow and support our community through fundraising, special events, volunteer efforts, shared experiences, and more.



The CSM Scholarships Committee has been busy reading essays and requests for tuition help from 31 applicants! That is the largest amount of applicants we have ever had. Obviously, there is a great need in this Southern Maryland area for tuition assistance.

My wonderful committee consisted of Laura Forbes, Lyn Bell, Pam Frank, Suzanne Wible, Donna Ellis, Evie Hungerford and Erika Abell participated in an advisory capacity.

I forwarded the essays from the 31 applicants in early June to each committee member. Members were asked to read over each essay and pick their favorite three applicants. Erika provided a scoring guide to help with understanding the financial need of each applicant and each applicant's expected family contribution to the applicant's tuition.

On Tuesday, June 28th, the committee met to discuss everyone's Top Three picks and to ultimately decide on the final three applicants who will receive \$1,000 each in tuition assistance.

The final three were:

- 1) A 27-year old single parent from Mechanicsville, Maryland who is in the Nursing program at CSM after being raised by a single mom and surviving two abusive relationships. We trust our scholarship will help her reach her goals.
- 2) A 31-year old single parent from Waldorf, Maryland who has two children, one of them suffering from a generic central nervous system disorder, and struggles to overcome financial and mentally abusive results from a failed marriage to the children's father. She is striving to ensure that she gets educated and finds a career stable enough to break the cycle of financial and emotional strain. Our scholarship will help to that end.
- 3) A 25-year old from Mechanicsville, Maryland who was raised by a single parent, who has had to work a full-time job and try to complete her college education; and ended up losing all Federal Funding help because she was working and could not complete her degree in a timely manner. Her major is Nursing AS and she continues to work part-time. Hopefully, our scholarship will help ease some of the demands on her.

And lastly, I donated \$500 to Giving Tuesday for the CSM Impact Campaign back in December of 2015. I designated that I would like for it to go toward an SMWL Scholarship. In reading the growing number of financial hardships that all of the applicants experienced, I made the decision to go ahead and award the \$500 to one of the 31 applicants at this point. The \$500 SMWL scholarship was awarded to a single parent of a baby girl from Lusby, Maryland who got pregnant in her junior year of high school. She decided to have the baby and continue on in school even though people around her were telling her differently. She was a Ben Carson scholar, a recipient of the prudential spirit of community award and was third in her class. She has a G.P.A. of 4.0 and will receive a Welding Certificate at the Career & Technology Academy in Prince Frederick. She works full time and goes to school and she will pay for her way at CSM. But she feels it will be a struggle with a little baby. She wants financial assistance to help make her dreams come true of becoming a Labor & Delivery Nurse. This \$500 will help her a little along her way.

OUR NEXT MEETING

SMWL PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL POOL PARTY AT THE LOVELY HOME OF STEVE & BRENDA LOWE!

Friday **AUGUST 5, 2016**

TIME - 5:00PM

Please bring a friend/guest.

Members \$35/Guest \$40 (See attached flyer page 5 for directions and details). PLEASE RSVP to LAURABROWN@WILDBLUE.NET OR LAURA_FORBES@COMCAST.NET

Treasurers Report Lyn Bell



Sisters,

Our bank balance is 4.024.00. Dues for 2016-17 membership is currently due. The \$5.00 discount ends June 30th. Please make sure your discounted mailed payment is post marked no later than June 30, 2016. Feel free to use our secure online payment option located on our website. As of July 1, 2016, dues are 160.00. Your dues are used to supplement our programs/social activities, care committee, and administrative costs (tax preparation, P.O. Box, liability insurance). Get those in as soon as possible!

With rising costs, it's getting challenging to get a venue that serves dinner with tax and gratuities for 25.00. We may experience a small increase for some of our meetings. Any social event that includes an open bar will definitely run in the 35.00 range.

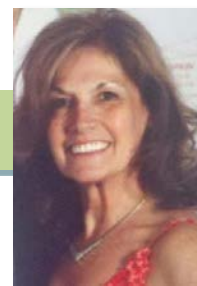
See you soon at the pool social!



Hello Ladies - I served two years as the Foundation Treasurer and decided not to rerun for another term. However, I truly enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors and having the opportunity to learn the inside scoop of the SMWL organization. It is truly interesting and I recommend that if you haven't done so as of yet, that you run for the Board of Directors during the next election process. I feel that it is important to change these positions and to bring new thoughts and insights into the club. Things that stay the same become stale, and we need new ideas all the time.

During my tenure, we had two fabulous fundraisers, with last year's bringing in \$37,910.95 with expenses we profited \$23,515.43. The June report shows a balance in the Foundation checking account of \$20,190.30. The proposed budget for 2016/2017, Revenue \$71,562.17 and Expenses \$42,479.50, which means we need to do well with the next fundraiser to meet all proposed expenses. The balance for the CD as of June 30, 2016 is \$20,190.30, and the Community Foundation of So. MD is \$31,094.67. Since the beginning of time, the SMWL has donated \$211,321.41, and that is something to be proud of. That is why it was an honor to serve on the Board of Directors. I continue my membership and will assist in any area that I am needed, as I feel this organization is one great group of ladies that do good charitable work, and we have a lot of fun doing it.

So I leave my position as Foundation Treasurer as a better person with a greater appreciation for being a member of SMWL. I am definitely proud! Thank you for allowing me to serve.



Membership Report | Helen Heier and Mia Allen-Ayanian

I would like to start off by thanking all the SMWL members for their participation in bringing in new members. This is part of what makes our Organization a success.

Membership information was updated and sent June 30, 2016. If you have changes to your information please forward to me promptly. Please send the new lists to your Membership Binder. It is important that you use these current lists because this is how our SMWL information is disseminated to all our members.

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, so far we have had 2 rejoining members, 9 new members, and 7 deletions through the year with membership, and our final membership number as of today stands at 52. We still have some potential new members waiting to attend their third meeting before applying for SMWL membership. Each month when we have an event, I email the announcements of our meetings to a list of ladies who have expressed interest in our Organization to see if they would like to attend to learn about our Organization. I have also sent out information so far this year to seven (7) ladies on our Website who have requested information about our Organization. If you have someone you want on this running list, just e-mail me her name and e-mail address. We have four (4) Women of Impact (WOI) who have been attending some of our events and will possibly be joining our Organization later.

For this fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, our 2 Returning Members are: **Becky Humbert** and **Ann Rees** And, for this fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, our 8 New Members are: **Tara Brinkley, Cheri East, Vickie Grow, Anna Galterio, Kadie Moffitt, Larisa Pfeiffer, Kim Rosenfield, Ann Seely, Anne Wood.**

The Membership Committee consists of myself with Mia Allen-Ayanian (plans the Divas, Dos & Don'ts Event and helps with check-in); Brenda Lowe (makes the SMWL Binders and gets Name Badges for the new members when they officially join); Brianna Bowling (helps with the e-mail process for voting and the e-mail process for welcoming a new member).

These ladies have done a tremendous job on this Committee this year and I thank them for all they have contributed. If anyone needs a membership application I have some here with me, or I can e-mail one to you. I look forward to even more growth of the membership in the following year! We look forward to even more growth of the membership this year and in the following years.

Save the date: This year's event is scheduled for **Friday, November 4, 2016** at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center. It is our goal to fill the room with 400 guests and Women of Impact!

SMWL
**Women
of Impact**
Awards Ceremony and Dinner

Emails have been sent with complete event packets, a list of the ladies who have graciously volunteered to lead the wide range of committees, along with the type of assistance they may need. Please review the email and contact the person who is Chairing the area that you'd like to volunteer your talents. We really need everyone to come together to ensure a success.

Our website has been updated with the event packet information – and the nominations will open Monday, July 18. **We need all members to:**

- Share the nomination information with friends and businesses
- Donate one \$50 Silent Auction item (Paige will contact you, bring to next event)
- Donate a bottle of wine & a bottle of liquor for the Wagon of Cheer (Anne Wood)
- Help sell program ads to businesses and well-wishers
- Help obtain Sponsors (materials are in your packet and on website)
- Sell 8 Tickets – fill a table with your friends and other Women of Impact

For more info contact Event Chairs: Rona, Pam and Andy

By The Ways

Vicki Johnson's oldest daughter is going on a mission trip again this year, last year they went to Kingstown, St. Vincent. This year they are going to the Appellation Mountains in West Virginia. They have committed to at least 50 book bags with supplies. They leave August 1st. They can use book bags, pencils, crayons, lunch boxes, pens, paper, colored pencils, binders, canned food, and plastic pencil boxes. If you can donate to any of the above please send her an email at vjohnson7775@aol.com.

Join Evie at the Black Box Theater for an evening of Laughter and Wine!

July 22 or 23... Comedy at the Black Box in Indian Head. Tickets are only \$10 or come to the door at 7:00 pm Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine, and have a before or after supper at Mama Stella's with 15% off entrees. Support the arts and the young, local artists who will make up the cast of this fun comedy. For more information about the play and happenings at the Indian Head Center for the Arts, go to our website. www.indianheadblackbox.org. or call [301.743.7453](tel:301.743.7453).

Enjoy the TWILIGHT FREE PERFORMANCE SERIES at CSM with Larisa...

July 12 – August 4 FREE PERFORMANCES AT ALL THREE CSM CAMPUSES! For tickets and show schedules visit, www.csmd.edu/Twilight
Produced in part through grants provided by the Maryland State Arts Council and the St. Mary's County Arts Council. (See flyer page 6)



Southern Maryland
WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Linked by More than Community

2014/2015 SMWL Board of Directors

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Diana Rucci, 2006/2008

Rona Kelley, 2004/2006

Candice Quinn Kelley: Foundation

Mollie Gieseeman: Foundation



SMWL Summer Social Friday, August 5th "Aloweha Oasis"

At Home of
Brenda & Steven Lowe
14665 Evening Star Court
Hughesville, MD 20637

Enjoy Rucci's
DELI Food!
Open Bar
Corn Hole Games
Swimming or
Just Relaxing

Members - \$35
Guests - \$40

Cocktails begin flowing
5:00 p.m.

Dinner Served 7:00 p.m.

Bring your swimsuits, towels

Please RSVP to Laura Forbes at
laura_forbes@comcast.net
no later than July 31st

Bring your spouse,
significant other
or lady guest....
your choice!



Directions:

Route 5 South to Hughesville, Exit at Old Route 5, (Harley Davidson Dealer), go to stop sign, take right on 231. Go one mile and left into Lake Jameson subdivision. Go 1/2 mile, 1st left onto Evening Star Court, go all the way to end to cul de sac. 1st house on right in cul de sac. 301-274-4191



From La Plata: Take Route 6 to Oliver's Shop Rd, Left. Turn slight right onto Route 231. Go 4 miles. Make right into Lake Jameson. See <

Care Committee Update



Ladies, Join us in big congratulations to Rona Kelly on the birth of her new Grandson Anthony Ray Evangelista.

Anthony was born June 12th at 7lbs and 1 oz. Rona is one proud Grandma!

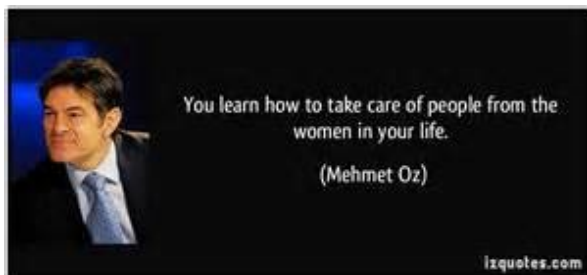
We also want to send Laura Forbes congratulations on her new home back in Southern Maryland. She is all moved in and she and her children couldn't be happier!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Brianna Bowling – June 6th
- Cindy Lantz – June 11th
- Robin Magoon - June 17th
- Pam Roberts – June 18th
- Sherrie Sanders – June 20th
- Evie Hungerford – June 21st
- Donna Ellis – June 23rd

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Helen Heier – July 13
- Marcia Keeth – July 20
- Ruth Mudd – July 25
- Leslie Clair – July 31



Have you visited the SMWL website or Facebook page? Go to www.smwl.org and www.facebook.com/SoMDWomensLeague

Let us help you share your news and information, SMWL photos, by-the-ways and much more – send your newsletter submissions to asanford12@gmail.com

at the College of Southern Maryland

SUMMER 2016

TWILIGHT

FREE PERFORMANCE SERIES

Leonardtown Campus
TUESDAYS, 6:45 P.M.

JULY 12 Dave Chappell Band	JULY 19 Afro Bop Alliance	JULY 26 Coastline
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AUGUST 2
CSM Children's Theatre Presents:
*Spirit of Hispania: Hispanic Tales**

La Plata Campus
6:45 P.M.

CHAUTAUQUA
MASTERS OF THEIR CRAFT

JULY 12 Duke Ellington	JULY 13 Gwendolyn Brooks	JULY 14 Ernest Hemingway
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Chautauqua is presented by the Maryland Humanities Council, Inc. in partnership with College of Southern Maryland. Illustrations by Tom Chalkley.

Prince Frederick Campus
THURSDAYS, 6:45 P.M.

JULY 21 Jennifer Cooper and GrooveSpan	JULY 28 US Navy Band Sea Chanters	AUGUST 4 CSM Children's Theatre Presents: <i>Spirit of Hispania: Hispanic Tales*</i>
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*Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

25TH ANNUAL CSM FOUNDATION ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
SWAN POINT YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB ISSUE, MD

AUGUST 18, 2016

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 7:30 A.M.
SHOTGUN START: 9:00 A.M. CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

GRAB YOUR CLUBS AND TEE UP FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Join the CSM Foundation and Grand Tournament Sponsor, **Marrick Homes**, at our 25th Annual Golf Classic! Our tournament has become a signature event or CSM raising more than \$700,000 for our students and programs.

This year's tournament **supports scholarships** for CSM credit and continuing education students, as well as **CSM Athletics programs**.

Join us as a sponsor or golfer and help make an **IMPACT** in our community and in the lives of our students.

Back again this year are Sip & Swing and Alumni Row! Sip & Swing for an IMPACT is an event is for those that want to have fun and play a little golf. \$75 until July 31st (\$100 after July 31st)

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