

Connections

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President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy Day SMWL!

We hope you and your families are all doing well. Throughout this pandemic, the SMWL Board has continued our monthly meetings (via Zoom) and we have recently made some decisions in regard to the 2020 - 2021 year.

1. Membership Dues - We have decided not to collect dues for the 2020 – 2021 year. We do not want to put any financial pressure on our members during these unprecedented times.
2. Annual Fundraiser - We will not host a fundraiser during the 2020 – 2021 year. Businesses are struggling, and it may be difficult for people to give at this time.
3. Bi-annual Grant - due to Covid-19 restrictions on meetings, we are not able to receive presentations from grant applicants and vote. We will suspend approval of the bi-annual grant until further notice.
4. Scholarships – The Board budgeted \$3,000 in the 2020 – 2021 budget for our annual contribution to the College of Southern Maryland for scholarships. We will proceed with disbursing allocated funds as needed.
5. Big Hair Ball (BHB) – SMWL budgeted funds for the BHB in our 2019 – 2020 budget. We have received confirmation that the BHB will still convene on 25 September at Running Hare Vineyard (see flyer, page 3). We will disburse funds in August to follow through on our commitment to Lifestyles.

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SMWL MISSION STATEMENT

To promote, strengthen and support women in our community through fellowship, education, service and mentoring programs.

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

Serving Southern Maryland and its Communities.

"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing – that's why we recommend it daily." — Zig Ziglar, Author

"Optimist: Someone who figures that taking a step backward after taking a step forward is not a disaster, it's more like a *cha-cha*." — Robert Brault, Author

"Change is not a four letter word... but often your reaction to it is!" - Jeffrey Gitomer, Author

"Try to be like the turtle – at ease in your own shell." — Bill Copeland, Poet

SMWL BOD 2020/21

President: Suzanne Wible
Vice-President: Candice Kelly
Treasurer: Pam Frank
Foundation Treasurer:
Rona Kelley
Secretary: Kelly McCormack

Chairs for the Standing Committees are:

Program: Becky Hoffman and Carole Lewis, Co-Chairs
Membership: Suzanne Wible and Linda Cox, Co-Chairs
Public Relations: Andy Sanford
Fund Raiser: Pam Frank
Care: Natalie McKinney

PAST PRESIDENTS

League

2006-2007 Rona Kelley
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2008-2009 Diana Rucci
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2010-2011 Doris Folino
2011-2012 Terry Davis
2012-2013 Laura Brown
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2014-2015 Brenda Lowe
2015-2016 Diana Rucci
2016-2017 Diana Rucci
2017 Mia Allen-Ananyan
2018/19 - Suzanne Wible

Foundation

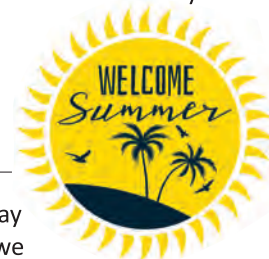
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Board Membership Updates

Lynette Ashton and Teresa Klopfer have resigned from the Board of Directors for personal reasons. They each had an additional year on their Board term and the Board of Directors unanimously voted to appoint Andy Sanford and Kelly McCormack to fill the vacant positions through the 2020 – 2021 term. Congratulations and Welcome Aboard Andy and Kelly!

Welcome Summer

Even though COVID-19 is creating havoc on our summer, we will stay healthy and cool inside. Our new normal is coming into view and we are still celebrating birthdays and all occasions as they occur. It is a bright sunny hot season, but we will make our summer fun. Maybe you can create a movie theatre in your back yard or maybe you can create new views with pictures on various windows and doors in your house. Or maybe you can turn your yard into a beautiful garden where you can stroll and relax. Let me know some of the fun things you came up with. It is always fun when we make it fun! As always, wear your mask, practice social distancing and try not to gather in groups of more than 10 people as much as possible. Please stay safe and keep your loved ones safe as well.



Our following beautiful SMWL sisters are celebrating a birthday this month; lets recognize these amazing women:

– August 1 – Bonnie Baldus Grier – August 16 – Vickie Johnson
– August 8 – Darlene Breck – August 24 – Candice Quinn Kelly
WOO-HOO!! SMWL and the Care Committee love celebrations!!

Send your Care Committee News to: Natalie S. McKinney nsmckinney@verizon.net and/or Lynne O'Meara lynneomeara58@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS ARE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED – There is a cost for members and guest. Additional information will be shared as we get closer to each month's event. Watch your emails for special invitations & announcements. **INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WILL BE SENT OUT AS UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE.**

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| - August 5, 2020 – POOL PARTY | - February 3, 2021 |
| - September 2 or 9, 2020 – CRAB FEAST | - March 3, 2021 |
| - October 7, 2020 | - April 7, 2021 |
| - November 4, 2020 | - May 5, 2021 |
| - December 5 or 12, 2020 – HOLIDAY PARTY | - June 2, 2021 – MEMBERS APPRECIATION |
| - January 6, 2021 – CHINESE GIFT EXCHANGE | ELECTIONS – MEMBERS ONLY |

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS (3RD TUESDAY)

JULY 21, 2020, AUGUST 18, 2020, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, OCTOBER 20, 2020, NOVEMBER 17, 2020, DECEMBER 15, 2020, JANUARY 19, 2021, FEBRUARY 16, 2021, MARCH 16, 2021, APRIL 20, 2021, MAY 18, 2021, JUNE 15, 2021.

BIG HAIR BALL *the* OUTDOOR SOCIAL DISTANCING EVENT *of the* YEAR!



September 25

(Rain Date October 2nd, 2020)

In support of
Lifestyles of
Maryland, Inc.



- VIP Tent and Cocktail Hour with Hors d'oeuvres
- Catered Food, Dessert Station and Cigar Bar
- BHB Show on the Big Outdoor Screen
- Live and Pre-Recorded VIP Interviews



- Enjoy Running Hare Wines, MD Beer and Cocktails
- A Unique Opportunity to Support our Community

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