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Southern Maryland
**WOMEN'S
LEAGUE**

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President's Message | Suzanne Wible

There are a few very important items I'd like to share with the club.

1. As you are aware, Vice President Ann Seely resigned from the Board of Directors due to family obligations, caring for her elderly parents in Oklahoma. One September 17, 2019 the Board unanimously voted Candice Kelly to serve on the Board and be Vice President of the SMWL. Candice is also serving as the Boards Parliamentarian.

2. The new member orientation that was previously scheduled for September 26 has been postponed to a later date (TBD).

3. The planning for our 'Motown Magic' fundraiser is in full swing and to date we have raised approximately \$21,000 in sponsorships. That is absolutely amazing!

We are 6 weeks out from our fundraising event (Nov 9th) and we have a couple of requests for the membership:

Please bring the following to our Membership meeting next Wednesday, October 2nd at Grille 13.

- Money from tickets you have sold
- A bottle of cheer to donate to the 'Yeti/Wagon of Cheer'
- A gift card (at least \$10.00) for auction baskets

Have a fabulous day and I look forward to seeing you Wednesday.

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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.



Wednesday, October 2, 2019

3016 Waldorf Market Place, Waldorf, MD 20603

Join us starting at 5pm for registration and business networking!

5:30pm brief meeting

6pm Heads or Tails - \$5

6:15pm served dinner with a choice of:

Roast Beef and Gravy, Grilled Chicken, or Grilled Shrimp
salad – potato – vegetable – dessert – non-alcoholic beverage

Members - \$25 Guests - \$30

SMWL BOD 2019/20

President: Suzanne Wible
Vice-President: Candace Kelly
Treasurer: Pam Frank
Foundation Treasurer:
Rona Kelley
Secretary: Lynette Ashton

Chairs for the Standing Committees are:

Program: Becky Hoffman
and Carole Lewis Co-Chairs
Membership: Open
Newsletter: Lynette Ashton
Fund Raiser: Pam Frank
and Teresa Klopfer Co-chairs.

PAST PRESIDENTS

League

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

Foundation

2006-2007 Candice Kelly
2007-2008 Candice Kelly
2008-2009 Mollie Gieseman

Annual Crab Feast | By Becky Hoffman



If you can get to only one crab feast in a season, the SMWL crab feast is the one you do not want to miss! SMWL and our guest enjoyed a great spread, put out by Celine and her staff at Capt. Billy's. Sissy, the head cook presented a delicious meal of Maryland steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, hush puppies and a decadent dessert table. Each guest was presented with a SMWL Logo crab knife as a memento of the evening.



In President Suzanne Wible's absence, due to family matters, Becky Hoffman conducted a brief meeting. Candice Kelly took minutes because the secretary was not present. Members were excited to hear and report on committee activity in reference to the upcoming fundraiser Motown Magic! The next program/meeting was announced to be held at Grille 13 on October 2. This meeting and the meeting in November will be designated to fundraising prep. Membership orientation was discussed. The orientation will be on September 26 with more details to follow from Membership Chair, Rona Kelley.



The Heads and Tails prize was won by Donna Ellis - \$50 gas card, cardigan, bottle of wine and bracelet!

Candice Kelly set up a table during our event to remember the POW MIA's. September is National POW MIA Recognition Month. The empty chair and place setting represented the Americans who were or are missing in action. This was a wonderful tribute to our service men and women. Candice explained the symbolism of the ceremonial table and we respectfully granted a moment of silence in remembrance of those heroes.

If you didn't make it this year, make sure you attend next year. Special thanks to the program committee for an event well done!

Carole Lewis, Donna Ellis, Tequila House, and Becky Hoffman. Program Committee members in attendance.





MOTOWN MAGIC

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 9, 2019
7:30pm
Tickets: \$75 each**

Waldorf Jaycees Community Center
3090 Crain Highway • Waldorf, Maryland

**FOOD STATIONS
CASH BAR
LIVE AUCTION
RAFFLES
DANCING**

Contact any SMWL member or
visit smwl.org
for tickets & sponsor info

hosted by
Southern Maryland
**WOMEN'S
LEAGUE**

featuring all your favorites
by *Free Spirit*

**GROOVIN'
ALL THRU
THE NIGHT!**

Fundraiser Report | By Pam Frank

Hope everyone by now has seen the Facebook advertising our Motown Magic Fundraising event. Please make sure to spread the word on all your social media!

Our Committees are all hard at work and we have made great progress.

The Sponsorship Committee has finished and they did an outstanding job -- we raised \$22,750 in sponsorships!!!

The November Meeting (November 6) will be held at Becky's House to put the finishing touches on the auction items and to make sure we are all set. Please plan to participate!

If you did not sign up for a Committee (remember -- it is the only mandatory requirement of the League) fear not -- because we will need you the day of the event! It will be all hands on deck for Saturday at the Jaycee Hall.

A huge thank you to all of the Committees and Chairs - you guys have worked very hard to make this event successful and A LOT OF FUN!!!

Events Overview | By Natalie McKinney

Happy Fall SMWL!

Wow, the summer season flew by fast! A few highlights of the SMWL summer activities:

Our annual Pool Party was awesome! It was a team effort on many fronts. The Program Committee coordinated and managed all of the logistics, food and fun activities. The Membership Committee provided Ambassadors to greet and assist members as they checked in and our lovely host Darlene Breck was kind enough to open her home to us, provide an open bar, serviced by 'Celebration of Spirits', Vicky Johnson and fun was had by all.

Several of our SMWL members participated in the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Sip & Swing, which we co-sponsored with Zonta. The funding we provided for this sponsorship goes directly to the CSM scholarship fund in our name.

Our annual Crab Feast as always, was an awesome event. What a great surprise to receive our very own SMWL crab knives, nice touch Program Committee!

This is your SMWL Newsletter!

Please share your good news, By-the-Ways, special events and more today!
Newsletters are generally published each month and shared before the our general meetings.

Email info to Newsletter Chair Lynette Ashton: davelynette@comcast.net:

Special thanks to
*Lynette Ashton
& Andy Sanford*

Treasurers Report

By Pam Frank

Welcome to our new members for 2019/2020:

- Beverly Brown
- Mollie Sue Greisman
(welcome back!)
- Melanie Harvey
- Becky Humbert
(welcome back!)
- Kelly McCormack

Currently, we have 42 paid members. That's 95% of our membership!



Don't forget to pay your invoices for missed meetings.

Questions? I'm just an email or phone call away

pam@phfservices.net
or 202-361-5300.



Care Committee News

| By Natalie McKinney

Hi Beautiful SMWL Sisters

We have had a busy summer in the Care Committee. Over the past few months we have mailed over 10 Birthday cards, 3 Sympathy cards, 2 Get Well cards and 6 Thinking of You cards to various SMWL sisters. And it looks like we need to welcome some adorable grandchildren to our family. Welcome shout-outs go to Becky Hoffman and her two handsome grandsons and Andy Sanford for her adorable first grandchild.

As your new Care Committee Chair, I would love for you to email me if you know of a special event a SMWL sister is experiencing or if a SMWL sister just needs a little "pick me up".

nsmckinney@verizon.net

Happy Birthday!

OCTOBER

- Carol Lewis - October 11
- Rona Kelley - October 14
- Paige Gillentine - October 14
- Maryanna Lanham - October 21

NOVEMBER

- Kelly McCormack - November 6
- Buffy Giddens - November 13
- Kimberly Roper - November 27



Cute Alert...

Hello World!
We'd like to introduce you to Nolan Fisher Sanford!



Membership Committee

| By Rona Kelley

New Policy: We have made a policy change for new members: New members must include their dues payment when they turn in their application for membership. (That is after they meet the minimum 3 meeting requirement)

Membership Update: Our current paid membership stands at 41. We've had 6 resignations for this current year: Tammy S, Evie H, Ivonne G, Jill S, Anna G & Ann S.

We have three potential new members who have been given applications, but have not returned them as of yet.

Our condolences go out to three of our members who have lost loved ones:

- Bonnie Grier on the loss of her husband
- Kim Rosenfield on the loss of her father
- Rona Kelley on the loss of her brother

Message from Vice President

By Candice Kelly

It was indeed an honor and pleasant surprise to be elected to the Board and then appointed as Vice President at the September Board of Directors Meeting. I am very grateful to the Board for the confidence placed in me and will do my best to be a supportive and productive member of the Board.

My election and appointment runs for the remainder of Ann Seeley's term which expires in June. My goodness, we will miss Ann. She was a dedicated member of SMWL. Nevertheless, her Facebook posts show that she is in her "happy place" surrounded by family and especially her darling grandchildren. I hope that she will return for frequent visits.

The Bylaws do not require very much of the Vice President, except to act in the absence of the President. Luckily, our President is quite energetic and reliable!

Each Board Member is expected to chair or serve on a committee, and of course, the President appoints all Committee Chairpersons. President Suzanne Wible, appointed me Chair of the Two-Year Grant Committee. Our focus just now is on Motown Magic, but it is appropriate to note, that all of this hard work makes it possible for the membership to select a recipient for the Two-Year Grant in April.

You will be receiving information the first of December on the grant process. I encourage every member to get the word out to non-profits that could benefit from our work. Also, remember, eligible non-profits may apply for a small grant any time during the year. If the amount is \$1,000 or less, the Board can approve, and if more, the membership votes. So many of you are involved in important community service, so please don't hesitate to seek assistance from your SMWL sisters.

Thank you again for the honor of serving SMWL. I will do my very best.



Foundation Treasure Report

By Rona Kelley

In the first quarter of our fiscal year the following small grants were made:

Dream Queen Foundation \$200
submitted by: Maryanna Lanham

Ainsely Angeles Sponsorship \$100
submitted by: Andy Sanford

Mike Davis Foundation \$500
submitted by: Terry Davis

At the end of last fiscal year, the Board of Directors approved a policy of making a \$100 donation in honor of a death in the immediate family to a 501(c)3 organization: That includes Parents, Siblings, Children, Grandchildren and Spouses. Money was set aside in the Foundation Budget under Special Grants for this purpose.

The following Special Grants have been made:

Keith Grier Memorial Scholarship at CSM-
\$100 in memory of Keith Grier (Bonnie's
husband)

Birthright Israel Foundation - \$100 in
memory of David Cramer (Rona's brother)



Scholarship Committee Report

SMWL Scholarship Committee reviewed 98 applicants essays and have concluded and awarded seven applicants a total of \$9,500.00.

The Committee members were Brenda Lowe, Pam Frank, Erika Abell, Linda Sullivan Cox and Lynette Ashton.

SMWL Calendar of Events

SMWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019-2020

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.*

OCTOBER: 10/2/19

Meeting/Program/Fundraiser Prep at Grille 13 in Waldorf, Maryland. See flyer on page 7 for details

NOVEMBER 11/6/19

Meeting/Fundraiser prep at Becky Hoffman's House address and details to follow

DECEMBER 12/14/19

Annual Holiday Party at the home of Evie & Vincent Hungerford, Indian Head, MD. Time/details to follow

JANUARY: 1/8/20

Chinese Gift Auction at Hunan Star in LaPlata
General meeting and additional details to follow

FEBRUARY: 2/5/20

Meeting/Program - *exciting details to follow*

MARCH: 3/4/20

Meeting/Program – *exciting details to follow*

APRIL: 4/1/20

Meeting/Program – *exciting details to follow.*

MAY: 5/6/20

SMWL Scavenger Hunt - Mark your Calendars now!

JUNE: 6/3/20

Member Appreciation Night/ Election of Officers/
Committee member sign up.

BOARD MEETINGS (3RD TUESDAY)

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

OCTOBER 15, 2019

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

DECEMBER 17, 2019

JANUARY 21, 2020

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

MARCH 17, 2020

APRIL 21, 2020

MAY 19, 2020

JUNE 16, 2020


Calendar subject to change.

Center for Children 2 Year Grant Recipient

Thank you to the SMWL members who decorated and shared personal messages for the young women enrolled in the Center for Children's Teen Abuse Counseling Program. Your creativity and shared messages of love and resilience were very much appreciated by all. This very specialized course helps young women who have suffered mental and sexual abuse and is an ongoing program. If you would like to donate your time and talents to decorate and share your strength, additional journals are always available and in need. Thank you from the staff and participants at the Center for Children for your continued support and devotion to our mission to serve children and families throughout Southern Maryland and beyond.



**THANK YOU SMWL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN
SUPER HERO'S FOR KIDS RED CAPE GALA AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.**



**Southern Maryland
Women's League
Program and Meeting**

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OCTOBER 2, 2019
Grille No. 13**

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**MOTOWN MAGIC FUNRAISER UPDATE AND PREP NIGHT!
BRING A BOTTLE OF CHEER TO ADD TO OUR RAFFLE PRIZE!
LOTS OF UPDATED INFO AND FUN THING TO DISCUSS WITH COMMITTEE
CHAIRS!!! DON'T GET LEFT OUT AS WE BRING THIS NEW
FUNDRAISER TO LIFE!!!**

**RSVP by September 30 to
Helen Heier helen@bridgett-mock.com**