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Southern Maryland Women's League

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Mia Allen-Ayanian

President's Message

The Christmas Spirit is the Christ Spirit, That Makes Our Hearts Glow Sisterly Love and Friendship and Prompts Us to Kind Deeds of Service.

I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to those who worked diligently to support the SMWL Comedy Night back in November and giving generously of their time and resources.

The SMWL Board has been amazing, but especially this year, demonstrating enormous integrity and strength. It has been a pleasure to serve each and every one of you over the last few months and I look forward to what SMWL will accomplish in the upcoming months.

Let's be grateful for our blessings, especially in trying times, and let's not forget to reach out to each other that may be in need of your time, empathy and friendship. Reach out to those sisters you haven't made a connection with and let them know, you care and encourage them. In the spirit of giving let's engage in relationships and be reminded of how good it feels.

Season's Greetings, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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"I've always believed that one woman's success can only help another woman's success."

■ Gloria Vanderbilt



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.

Friday
NOVEMBER
10
2017
@6:00pm

Southern Maryland Women's League **PRESENTS A NIGHT OF... Comedy, Cheer & Community Support!**

FEATURING 2 LIVE COMEDIAN HEADLINERS | FOOD - Open Bar - ADULT HUMOR | LIVE AUCTION & the YETI-OF-CHEER RAFFLE

COMEDY NIGHT

Jaycees Community Center
WALDORF, MARYLAND

Tickets **\$75** Per person

SMWL Comedy Night ... WOW - what an amazing night! Thank you all for your hard work to make this event a raging success for SMWL. The final amount raised was \$27,706! The incredible auction committee hit it out of the park with the packages that sold like hot cakes - without even being auctioned! The "buy it now" option worked out perfectly! The room looked amazing, the food was great, the comedians hysterical, and we all came together to raise money for our next grant awardee.

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Program Committee/Event Chairs

Becky Hoffman, Michelle Jones, Teresa Klopfer

Calendar of Events: *information may change, updates will be shared.*

DECEMBER: 12/10/17 @ 3:00 pm, Hawthorne CC | SMWL Annual Christmas/Holiday Party

JANUARY: 1/10/18 @ 6:00 p.m., Szechuan Gardens, Waldorf | \$25 Chinese Gift Exchange

FEBRUARY: 2/7/18 @ 5:30 p.m., Jaycees, Waldorf | B-I- N-G- O at the Jaycees

MARCH: 3/7/18 @ 5:30, Prime Street Grille | MINUTE-TO- WIN-IT

APRIL: 4/4/18 @ 5:30, Kaow Thai, La Plata | General Meeting w/CSM Grant Candidate Meet & Greet

MAY: 5/2/18 @ 5:30, Facchina Building | SMWL SCAVENGER HUNT, Facchina Building

JUNE: 6/6/18 @ 5:30, location TBD | Member Appreciation Night and Election of Officers

UPCOMING PROGRAM DETAILS

Wednesday, December 10, 2017 at 3pm

SMWL Annual Christmas/Holiday Party for members and guest at Hawthorne Country Club. See the invite in this newsletter for details! RSVP to Becky Hoffman at bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org

You won't want to miss this event. Eat, drink, and be merry and get into the holiday spirit with libations, fun, great food, and dance!!!

Wednesday, January 10, 2017 at 6pm

Chinese Gift Exchange at Szechuan Gardens. \$25 gift exchange

\$25 for members and \$30 for guests – *This is always a great event to kick off the new year!*

Wednesday, February 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm

BINGO at the Jaycees in Waldorf

\$25 for members and \$30 for guests

Come and play BINGO!!! Cocktails, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and much more!

Wednesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Minute to Win It at Prime Street Grill

\$25 for members and \$35 for guests

Need we say more? Brush up on your skills – these women are competitive!!!

Information on the additional upcoming meetings and events in the next newsletter!

Care Committee



The Care Committee needs YOU! We need you to let us know who needs care! We want to know who is not feeling well, who needs encouragement, and/or who has something to celebrate so we can reach out. Please send your Care information to Ann.Seely@yahoo.com or call 240-416-0428.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Larisa Pfeiffer – 12/2

Mia Allen-Ayanian 12/4

Andrea Sanford 12/25

Becky Humbert 12/27

Ann Seely 12/31

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Anna Galterio-Keselyak 1/22

Tequila House 1/26

Rebecca Cervino 1/30



We do want to also thank our amazing sponsors - and the committee who worked so diligently to bring them to the table:

- Prime Lending - Diana Rucci
- Waldorf Ford/Toyota
- Teresa Klopper, Re/Max 100 and James E Farmer, PA
- Old Line Bank
- College of Southern Maryland
- Hammad S Matin, PA
- Laura Forbes, Realtor for DeHanas Real Estate SVC
- Southern Maryland Floor Company
- Cooper Construction
- Zen Rocks Yoga
- CJK Services
- Apperson Plumbing and Home Improvements
- Dr. Karl Smith, DDS
- Jane Staples, State Farm
- Shymansky's Restaurant
- Bill Dotson
- Evergreen Disposal
- Metropolitan Exteriors
- Advanced Residential Management
- Dessie Walker Herbert – FitzGerald Financial Group

We want to thank everyone for all you did to contribute to the night from selling Yeti of Cheer tickets to decorating, to donating, to showing up with friends and family. You made it a night to remember!

Diana Rucci and Ann Seely
Event Co-chairs

Check out our facebook page and website for more photos!



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SEE YOU THIS SUNDAY!

You're invited to join us



This Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 pm

Hawthorne Country Club

Cocktails - Hors d'oeuvres - Dinner Buffet - Back Fin Band

Members \$0 – Guests \$75

Bring a gift card to send to the children at the Jude House for Christmas and be entered for a door prize!

Girls: Gift Cards for: Foot Locker, Forever 21, Old Navy, Verizon or AT&T, Movies, Ulta, Charming Charlies, Target, Walmart or fast food places.

Boys: Gift Cards for Old Navy, Modell's, Foot Locker or CHAMPS, Verizon or AT&T, Game Stop, Fast Food places or Walmart.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to CSM on #GivingTuesday

SMWL had 18 donors and raised \$2,381.00


TONIGHT!



Connections Literary Magazine Publication Reading
7:30 p.m.
La Plata Campus
BI Building,
Room 103

Photographs that have been chosen for the fall 2017 magazine are on display in the BI Building Lobby on the La Plata Campus.

Connect with Us!



Thank You for Making Your Impact on #IMPACTuesday!

Thank you for uniting as a community on #GivingTuesday in support of CSM scholarships, programs, and athletics. This was CSM's sixth and most successful Giving Tuesday yet, and we could not have done it without the generosity of donors like you. Your investment will transform lives, inspire success, and influence careers in our Southern Maryland community and beyond.




CSM Foundation scholarship recipients and La Plata Campus Student Association officers led one of the La Plata Campus Giving Tuesday thank you stations.

CSM Foundation Chair Nancy Hempstead and CSM Foundation Immediate Past Chair E. Rame Franklin (far right) with CSM Foundation scholarship recipients at the Prince Frederick Campus.



Jacqueline Dyson, Test Center Manager, (left) makes her impact at the Leonardtown Campus. Giving Tuesday thank you station was led by Beverly Russell, Lead Student Success Coordinator and Impact Champion, and student volunteers.

Top Designations on #ImpactTuesday	Donors	Dollars
General Scholarship Fund	53	\$9,506
Cox Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship	39	\$3,426
Peter Cangelosi Memorial Scholarship	27	\$2,841
Hawk Feeder	18	\$1,105
Southern Maryland Women's League (SMWL) Scholarship	18	\$2,381
Softball	17	\$1,115
Nyce Annual and Endowed Scholarships	15	\$4,567
Athletics General Fund	14	\$1,531
Diane Kaufman Fredette Memorial Scholarship	13	\$3,646
Mary I. Shasho Memorial Endowed Scholarship	12	\$6,710
Sidney John Francis Waugh Sr. Memorial Scholarship	11	\$1,925
Hempstead Family Scholarship	10	\$1,802
STEM	10	\$5,077



YOU DID IT!
With your gift we were able to raise:
\$119,673



GOAL:
300 Unique Donors
Total number of unique donors are:
366



CSM PROUD:
Percentage of Donors:
39% Faculty/Staff
27% Friends
15% Alumni
8% Students
7% Board Members
4% Parents



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OUR 2017/2018 SMWL Board of Directors

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Carla Kemp

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Michelle Jones, Teresa Kolpher and Becky Hoffman

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Ann Seely

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Carla Kemp

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Ann Seely & Diana Rucci

CSM Scholarship Chair

2 Year Grant Committee Chair

PAST PRESIDENTS League

2006-2007	Rona Kelley
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2008-2009	Diana Rucci
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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

Foundation

2006-2007	Candice Kelly
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2008-2009	Mollie Gieseman



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Thank You

for making our Comedy Night a Success!

With your generous support
we were able to raise:

\$27,706

The funds raised will help us help families in need within our community. Our mission is to promote, strengthen and support women and families in our community through fellowship, education, service & mentoring programs. We support these efforts by distributing funds in the form of Grants, Scholarships and a 2-Year Service Project from the 501(c)3 SMWL Foundation. Over the past 10 years we have donated over \$225,000 in support of this mission. To learn more or join, visit www.smwl.org



Thank you to our Major Sponsors:

Lucille Ball \$1,500 Level: Prime Lending - Diana Rucci, Waldorf Ford/Toyota.

Betty White \$1,000 Level: Charles Regional Medical Center, College of Southern Maryland, Old Line Bank, Teresa Klopfer - REMAX100 & The Law Office of James Farmer

Wanda Sykes \$500 Level: Apperson Plumbing & Home Improvements, CJK Services - Cathe Pette, Cooper Construction, HM Law - Hammad S. Matin, PA, Laura Forbes - DeHanas Real Estate, Southern Maryland Floor Company, University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, Zen Rocks Yoga - Tessa Echols.

Carol Burnett \$250 Level: Advanced Residential Management, Bill Dotson Candidate for MD State Delegate District 28, Buyer's Title, Evergreen Disposal, Dessie Herbert - Fitzgerald Financial Group, Karl Smith DDS, MS Periodontics & Implants, Metropolitan Exteriors, Michael Lukas Charles County Board of Education, State Farm Insurance - Jane Staples



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