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President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy Spring SMWL! You know the saying "April showers bring May flowers" - well I guess we're going to have lots of flowers.

We held our April membership meeting earlier this month and Chelsea Brown, Director of Development at CSM joined us to give us an update on the scholarship agreement between SMWL and CSM. She also shared thank you letters from the recipients that received scholarships from us. If anyone would like to serve on our scholarship committee, please let Chairman Brenda Lowe know of your interest. We get a lot of applicants and it's an interesting (fun) process of choosing the recipients.

Mystery Night is coming up soon! Please see the Program Committees newsletter article for final details and clues. I look forward to seeing you there!

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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.

SMWL MYSTERY NIGHT

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

DETAILS:

6 PM - La Plata Park & Ride - Return by 10 PM

Out of State Bound - Wear Black & Fringe

Bag of Goodies & Libations on the Bus

New Clue: Kenny Chesney is connected to this?

Room for 50 - Last Chance - Sign up & Pay Now!

WE ARE GOING TO WOW YOU!

For all the Members who have signed up to go to the Mystery Night event on May 1, 2019, please make sure you have paid. Also, if you have a guest, make sure your guest is paid for. The money is due by

APRIL 24, 2019. You can pay by check or on line:

<https://squareup.com/store/SMWL>



SMWL BOD -2018/2019

President: Suzanne Wible

Vice President: Ann Seely

Secretary: Michelle Jones

Treasurer: Pam Frank

Foundation Treasurer: Pam Frank
and Rona Kelley

Program Chairman: Becky
Hoffman and Carole Lewis

Membership Chairman: Teresa
Klopper

Care Chairman – Carla Kemp
Newsletter/Media Chairman
Rona Kelley

CSM Scholarship - Brenda Lowe

2-Year Grant - Tammy Semega

Nominating Committee - Ann
Seely

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-Ananyan

Foundation

2006-2007 Candice Kelly

2007-2008 Candice Kelly

2008-2009 Mollie Gieseman

April Meeting | By Becky Hoffman



Our April meeting was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Kaow Thai Restaurant in LaPlata. 28 members and 8 guest were in attendance. The Southern Maryland Women's League Mission Statement was recited and introductions were made. What an opening question: If you could be in a movie, what movie would you chose and what character would you play? You can only imagine some of the answers to that question. And if you missed the meeting you won't want to miss the next go round!!! We moved on to a game of Heads or Tails with a fabulous prize of jewelry, pool décor wine glasses, and a summer pillow.



We then introduced our guest, Chelsea Brown from the College of Southern Maryland. Chelsea thanked our organization for the continued support of CSM and explained the need to amend our Scholarship MOA. This update was received with positive feedback and will be reviewed by the board before the next round of applicants have to meet CSM's deadline.



Board Buzz | By Ann Seely

The SMWL Board met on April 16, 2019 at Babe's Boys Tavern. Board members Pam Frank, Becky Hoffman, Rona Kelley, Carol Lewis, and Ann Seely were in attendance.

We started off with the Foundation Board meeting this time. Rona reported that our current Certificate of Deposit valued at \$32,175.05 has been renewed with a maturity date of February 19, 2020 at an interest rate of 2.42%. Some checks for the Comedy Night have not yet cleared and we will follow up with those vendors.

We did receive a small grant request from an individual requesting funds for an educational trip abroad. We will follow up with her to clarify that our by-laws mandate that we can only give to a registered 501(c)3.

This year's distribution from the Community Foundation was directed to go to support our Two Year Grant Awardee, The Center for Children. We are working with the Center for Children to determine what their additional needs are, and will share this, as well as any volunteer opportunities, with the membership. We will be working with the Center for Children to determine additional needs and how we can support those.

Nominations are about to open! Members in good standing (current paid membership and participation in club activities over the last 12 months) are encouraged to think about throwing their hat in the ring. Remember: SELF nominations are encouraged! If you are nominating someone else, please be sure that you have their consent to do so.

The Board held an electronic vote to approve the proposed changes to the Memorandum of Understanding with the College of Southern Maryland. These changes will help widen the

applicant pool and help more women to further their education. The changes are:

- Make financial need a preference instead of a requirement
- Opt to make scholarship renewable for a second year
- Reduce the credit requirement from nine credit hours per semester to six credit hours
- Flexibility to award a range of scholarship dollar amounts

To prepare for a smooth transition to the next Board, current Board members will be working on a "continuity book." Board will be working on this to get ready for July!

This Club year was difficult for many of our members who lost loved ones, and, of course, we lost charter member Tessa Echols. When one of our club members has a loss of an immediate family member, the Care Committee will reach out to determine which 501(c)3 charity they would like to select and a donation from the SMWL Foundation will be made in their honor. Carla Kemp, Care Committee Chair, will be contacting members who have experienced a loss to determine their preference. Going forward, this practice will be captured in the SMWL Foundation Budget as an established practice of the Care Committee.

The bulk of "business" goes on in the Foundation Board meeting; but there is lots going on the "club" side as well!

If you haven't signed up for Mystery Night, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! And don't forget to pay.. We can accommodate more on the bus so don't think all is lost if you haven't signed up yet. It's going to be AMAZING!

Board Buzz *continued*

A gentle reminder: You are responsible for the cost of an event if you RSVP'd that you would attend and then didn't. We must turn in a count to the venue several days in advance to guarantee food. If you call the day of event to cancel, we are still liable for the cost of your food. That adds up quickly, and the club simply does not have the funds to float non-payment.

Don't forget to attend the Comedy Night review on April 24 at Rona's. We will review what worked, what didn't, how can we improve, and thoughts about what we want to do for next year's event. Contact Rona at rona@heatbyfire for more info.

The Board will meet on May 21, 2019 at 6 PM at Babe's Boys Tavern in Waldorf. As always, members are welcome to attend. If you have anything you would like added to the agenda, please contact Suzanne.



Anne Rees - May 3
Joan Rosier - May 12
Michele Jones - May 21

Nominating Committee

By Ann Seely

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the June 18, 2019 meeting. The election will be for four (4) members to be elected and/or re-elected to each serve a two-year term.

To be eligible for election to the Board, a member of SMWL must meet the following qualifications:

1. Membership dues paid and current
2. Be an active member for twelve (12) months prior to the election

Self-nominations are completely acceptable and encouraged! If you are thinking about nominating someone else, please make sure that they are on board with being nominated and are willing to serve.



Our Cherished SMWL Membership - 44 Members

Erika Abell
Lynette Ashton
Darlene Breck
Linda Sullivan Cox
Terry Davis
Tessa Echols
Donna Ellis
Laura Forbes
Pam Frank
Anna Marie Galterio-Keselyak
Ivonne Garcia

Buffy Giddens
Paige (Blankenship) Gillentine
Bonnie Baldus Grier
Helen Heier
Rebecca Hoffman
Tequila House
Evie Hungerford
Michelle Jones
Rona Kelley
Candice Quinn Kelly
Carla Rayne Kemp
Teresa Klopfer

Maryanna Lanham
Carole Lewis
Brenda Lowe
Robin Magoon
Natalie Sneed McKinney
Kadie Thames Moffitt
Ruth Mudd
Larisa J. Pfeiffer
Katie Pierce
Ann Cipriano Rees
Kimberly A. Roper

Kim Rosenfield
Joan Rosier
Diana Rucci
Sherrie Sanders
Andrea Sanford
Ann Seely
Tamrah (Tammy) Semega
Tracey L. Stinnett
Torri N. Turner
Suzanne Wible

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018-2019

By: Becky Hoffman & Carole Lewis, Chairs

GENERAL MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS ARE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED - \$25 members \$35 guests

4/24/19 Wrap up for the FundRaiser at Rona Kelley's house in Port Tobacco

5/1/18 MYSTERY NIGHT - pay now! See page 1 for details!

5/19/19 Board Meeting at Babe's Boys, Waldorf

JUNE: 6/5/19 @ 5:00 check-in, Rucci's / Member Appreciation Night/ Election of Officers/ Committee member sign up. Please RSVP Yes or NO. Flyer invite to come!

6/21/19 Board Meetings (3rd Tuesday) at Babe's Boys, Waldorf

JULY - BREAK - New committee begins



SMWL Sponsors the Big Hair Ball

The SMWL sponsored the Big Hair Ball held in March, which was a fund raising event to benefit Lifestyles.

SMWL was well represented by your Board and many league members. Our sponsorship model, Michelle Jones beautiful daughter Julia, was a glamorous Jellyfish and she rocked the stage with SMWL spirit!

Are you a Hero for Children?
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for the

Center for Children

30TH ANNIVERSARY

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

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This year's theme, "Heroes for Children", is a reminder of the important role our more than 19 programs play in supporting over 4,500 children and families annually. We, however, could not accomplish these goals without continued support for SuperHeroes like you!

By becoming a Center for Children SuperHero for Children, you will provide support for many boys and girls and their families surviving traumatic life experiences. As a Center for Children SuperHero, your contributions will help our continued efforts to provide treatment for young victims of mental and physical abuse. You and/or your company will be recognized as a SuperHero for Children within our community before, during and after this special event.

With sponsorship opportunities to fit every budget, each contribution truly makes a difference. Here's how you can become a SuperHero for Children now:

- Review the attached sponsorship flyer to choose your SuperHero level of participation
- Donate a Silent or Live Auction item
- Purchase tickets for the SuperHero Red Cape 30th Anniversary Gala - \$75pp
- Volunteer your time and talents to help manage, set-up, during and after-event
- Share this event on your social media, with friends, family, coworkers
- Visit our website: <https://center-for-children.org/>
- Visit and share our event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/362525534599493/>

Thank you in advance for your SuperHero support! Please contact **Andy Sanford** (asanford12@gmail.com) or **Danielle Jones** - djones@center-for-children.org 301-609-9877 x 129 | www.center-for-children.org with any questions or if you'd like to volunteer, sponsor, or drop off/have a silent auction item picked up!

