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Southern Maryland
**WOMEN'S
LEAGUE**

*Linked by More
than Community*



President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy New Year SMWL!

I hope you and faring well through the chilly, snowy weather we've been having.

It has been almost a year since we have had a program for the membership to physically meet and catch up with one another and make new friends/acquaintances at a monthly meeting. Despite all of that, it has been amazing how much we have been able to assist people in need in our community!

As you know, the Board of Directors have continued to meet via Zoom on our regularly scheduled meeting dates. At our last meeting, the Board continued a discussion on the goals for 2021 and we all came to the conclusion that we need to hear more from the membership. We have developed a **survey** and we would appreciate your candid thoughts and ideas for the continued success of our great organization, made up of you phenomenal woman! (See page two for the SURVEY link).

We Miss You! | PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

*Submitted by: Becky Hoffman, Co-Chairs: Becky Hoffman and Carole Lewis
Committee Members: Tequila House, Natalie McKinney, and Diana Rucci*

To say this has been a very trying and difficult season in the life of the SMWL board and its members would be an understatement. Each and every one of us has had a personal experience with the COVID season or can relate to any and all of the repercussions.

We are a compassionate and understanding group of women. If you need someone to talk to or are experiencing any difficulty, please remember to reach out to your sisters at SMWL.

Things have been quite for the programs committee. We miss being able to create meetings that are interesting and fun. With the COVID regulations, we have been restricted and have not been able to make plans or get together. You can be sure that we have lots of great ideas for upcoming meetings. Once we receive input from the survey, we hope to have a plan for upcoming months.

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

In closing, we pray that each and everyone of you stay safe and healthy. Hoping we are all together soon!

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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 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
 2007-2008 Rona Kelley
 2008-2009 Diana Rucci
 2009-2010 Diana Rucci
 2010-2011 Doris Folino
 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
 2018/21 - Suzanne Wible

Foundation

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

A Letter From Your Board of Directors

Greetings SMWL Sisters,

To say the least, it has been a very unusual 2020, complete with masks, social distancing, satirizer stations and much more. We have navigated a new way of tele-commuting, discovered just how essential we are, and unfortunately lost family and friends to this unforgiving pandemic.

Shared in the Covid-19 Policies in the May edition of the *SMWL Connections* newsletter (<https://www.smwl.org/newsletters>), due to financial uncertainties, the Board suspended the 2020 Membership Dues until further notice. And because of government restrictions limiting groups of 10 or more from assembling, the Annual Meeting & Elections were also postponed until the restrictions are lifted and it is feasible to conduct a safe Annual Meeting and Election.

However, with these restrictions over the past year, your Board has continued operations with monthly virtual meetings, Care Committee reaches, informative emails and Newsletters, a Virtual Party, League and Foundation financial overview and management, and grant submission reviews with monetary distributions to many local and worthy causes including:

- Scholarships: College of Southern Maryland (CSM) - \$3,000
- Grant: Big Hair Ball/LifeStyles Sponsorship - \$2,500, Sponsor: Anne Rees
- Grant: Special Olympics - \$250 - Sponsor: Suzanne Wible
- Grant: Families in Recovery/Charles County Drug Court - \$700, Sponsor: Candice Kelly
- Grant: Hospice of Charles County - \$500, Sponsor: Rona Kelley
- Grant: Spring Dell - \$500, Sponsor: Rona Kelley
- Grant: Port Tobacco Players - \$500, Sponsor: Rona Kelley
- Grant: The Arnold House - \$1,000, Sponsor: Diana Rucci
- Grant: KidSTREAM, Inc. - \$1,000, Sponsor: Darlene Breck
- Grant: Charles County Literacy Council - \$1,000, Sponsor: Ruth Mudd
- Grant: Southern Maryland Carousel Group - \$500, Sponsor: Lisa Case
- Grant: Lifestyles, Inc. - \$1,000, Sponsor: Ann Rees
- Grant: Maryland Crime Victims Resource Ctr. \$1,000, Sponsor: Laura Forbes
- Grant: Wayside Food Bank - \$500, Sponsor: Ruth Mudd
- League Funds: Boxed Lunches for Community Homeless - \$500, Sponsor: Teresa Klopfer

From your entire Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, we are honored to have the opportunity to serve together on behalf of you - our member, our community, and the mission we serve.

Suzanne Wible, Candice Kelly, Pam Frank, Rona Kelley, Kelly McCormack, Becky Hoffman, Carole Lewis, Andy Sanford and Natalie McKinney.

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Share Your Thoughts

As we have entered 2021, we are planning the new year with great optimism, and the possible use of greater technology to expand our communications and meeting efforts. However, before we focus on these tasks and possible additional expense, we would love to hear your thoughts.

Take the quick and easy survey [HERE](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DMCH5R) now!

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Care Committee

| Natalie McKinney & Pam Frank

Happy New Year Ladies,

2020 was a tough year for many. And for our league specifically – a cherished member passed, along with an amazing spouse, and several loving parents. We'd like to take a moment to share that your SMWL Care Committee is much more than just sharing birthday greetings, we are here to help you when help is needed. Please don't hesitate to reach out to simply "have someone to talk to", for food deliveries, transport to medical appointment or more.

We know there may be members who are going through struggles alone, and we'd like to ensure you, that we are here to help in any way we can! Reach out to our President, Suzanne or our Care Committee Members - Natalie and Pam and they'll be happy to help.

JOIN US IN WISHING THE FOLLOWING AMAZING WOMEN A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY

- Beverly Brown - January 21
- Tequila House - January 26
- Melanie Harvey - January 29
- Lisa Case - January 31

FEBRUARY

- Terry Davis - February 12



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Treasurer Reports

LEAGUE: Pam Frank FOUNDATION: Rona Kelley

LEAGUE: Greetings everyone! Hope that everyone is doing well and is navigating this snowstorm well. We have **\$2,882.43** in the League Bank account.



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 DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WILL BE SENT OUT AS UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE.**

- January 6, 2021
- February 3, 2021
- March 3, 2021

- April 7, 2021
- May 5, 2021
- June 2, 2021 – MEMBERS APPRECIATION ELECTIONS – MEMBERS ONLY

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS (3RD TUESDAY)

FEBRUARY 16, 2021, MARCH 16, 2021, APRIL 20, 2021, MAY 18, 2021, JUNE 15, 2021.

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This is your SMWL Newsletter!

Please email us to share your news... including special family announcements, business information and SMWL specials, charitable organizations or drives that are near and dear to your heart, By-the-ways and more! We'd love to include the information to share with our SMWL Sisters.

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