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Southern Maryland  
**WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE**

*Linked by More  
than Community*



## President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy Summer SMWL!

We are so glad that the SMWL has been able to get together for Meet & Greet gatherings. It has been great to get out and see your faces, live and in-person and see your beautiful smiles. If you missed the first two events, you can join us at the July and August Meet & Greets.

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, starting September 2021, the SMWL will officially resume official business and regular activities. On September 2nd we will kick off with elections for the Board of Directors and have our first official meeting. Election details are included here on pages 3 and 4.

The Program committee has worked very hard to set up fun and exciting meetings. Please refer to the Program Committees section of the newsletter to get the latest dates and details of scheduled events. Please note, it's important that you RSVP as soon as possible to help the Programs Committee plan accordingly!

We can't wait to see you at the July Meet & Greet!

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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

## July meet & greet

  
Southern Maryland  
WOMEN'S LEAGUE



*Make a custom project  
in our DIY Class at  
AR Workshop in La Plata  
\*Important, visit the link  
below to choose your project!*

Thursday, July 15 at 5:30 pm  
AR Workshop in La Plata  
317 Charles Street, La Plata, Maryland

RSVP to Becky Hoffman by the July 12, 2021  
[bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org)

IMPORTANT - USE THIS LINK NOW...

\*<https://www.arworkshop.com/event/?loc=laplata&ev=245587>

Programs committee: Becky Hoffman, Carole Lewis,  
Diana Rucci, Natalie McKinney and Tequila House

## Ready to Meet & Greet and support another SMWL Sister?

Join us for the SMWL July "Meet and Greet"

July 15, 2021 starting at 5:30pm at AR Workshop in La Plata

Southern Maryland Women's League Social Event. Click the link below if you wish to make a custom project in a DIY class

<https://www.arworkshop.com/event/?loc=laplata&ev=245587>

Please feel free to bring a snack to share. AR offers spirits and bar services for guest over 21 years of age.

PLEASE RSVP to [bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org](mailto:bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org) by July 12, 2021

## 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 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  
 2018/21 - Suzanne Wible

### Foundation

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

## In Honor of Donna Ellis

In Celebration of her life -- and on her birthday (June 23rd) -- we were deeply honored to announce the creation of the Donna Ellis Memorial Scholarship.

In keeping with our commitment to donate up to \$1,000 to a 501c3 in honor of a SMWL member who has passed, and with additional donations shared in her memory, we will provide an initial \$2,000\* to establish an annual memorial scholarship in Donna's honor. (\*\$1,000 SMWL initial donation + the SMWL Foundation received \$400 in donations from friends of Donna + \$100 from Brenda Lowe, and \$500 from Donna's husband, Stromie).

If you wish to donate to Donna's scholarship, it has been added to the CSM Foundation website.

To donate, please visit <https://www.csmd.edu/foundation/give> then under designation select the Donna Ellis Memorial Scholarship (it is in alphabetical order).

To make a donation by check, please write the check out to the CSM Foundation and put the Donna Ellis Scholarship in the memo line.

Mail to CSM Foundation, P.O. Box 910, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD 20646



## Treasurers Report | Pam Frank

Hello all -

Are you ready to get back to the new normal?  
 We sure are - we have missed you all!

Our goal is to get the League up and running again, therefore membership dues will begin again. But, with a discounted rate of only \$125.00 for 2021/22.

Notices will be sent in the next couple of weeks. Due date October 1st, 2021

I hope you have stayed safe during the last year and half.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Pam Frank ([pam@phfservices.net](mailto:pam@phfservices.net))

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## Notice of 2021 Elections | Back to Business

Southern Maryland Woman's League, Inc.

Special Post Covid-19 Nominating Committee Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Approved: June 24, 2021

**1. The President is the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.** The Chairperson/ President shall determine the composition of the committee. The President shall recuse herself from the committee if her name is in consideration for the Board, and the Vice President, shall proceed as chair. If both the President and Vice President recuse themselves, the next available member of the Board of Directors shall serve as chair.

### 2. Objectives

- a. To encourage, solicit, and accept nominations for Board of Directors
- b. To present a list of qualified candidates to serve/fill Board positions.

### 3. Qualifications of Nominees

member in good standing who was an active member in good standing on March 23, 2020 is eligible to serve on the Board. A member is in "good standing" if membership dues and all outstanding invoices were paid in full on that date.

### 4. Composition of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) active members. Unless the President has been recused, the President shall count as one of the five (5) active members. No member of the Nominating Committee should be a candidate for the Board of Directors. A majority of the Nominating Committee shall constitute a quorum. A member of the Committee shall record minutes of meetings, recommendations and conclusions, and shall deliver a copy of such minutes to the Secretary of the Corporation.

**5. Members shall be elected to all nine (9) Board positions with terms as follows:** Five (5) two (2) year terms September 2, 2021 – June 30, 2023 and four (4) one (1) year terms September 2, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

### 6. Committee Calendar/Time Line

Immediately upon approval of this Special Post Covid-19 SOP, and within ten (10) days, the Committee Chair will appoint Committee members. The Annual Meeting will be held on September 2, 2021.

**By July 15:** The Committee shall conduct an in person or conference call at a time when all Committee members are available to attend. During this meeting the Committee will draft an email to the membership that describes the responsibilities and obligations of Board members, and the email will seek nominations for one (1) and two (2) year terms.

**By July 23:** The Committee will transmit agreed upon email and this SOP to the membership with a deadline for submission of nominations of August 6, 2021. This newsletter will serve as Notice of the Annual Meeting to elect the Board of Directors which is scheduled for September 2nd to allow for 30 days' notice of the SOP (per Bylaws).

**Between July 15 and August 13:** The Committee will

- a. Review all nominees and biographies prior to being presented to the Board of Directors
- b. Nominees who are not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors shall receive written notice as to the reason for their ineligibility.

**By August 20:** Present a slate of nominees to current acting Board of Directors.

**By August 26:** Send email to Membership with names and biographies of proposed Board of Directors before the Annual Meeting and encourage members unable to attend the Annual Meeting to cast their vote in writing via email prior to the meeting.

- a. Prepare ballots for distribution at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- b. Ballots will list the nominees in alphabetical order
- c. Blank lines will be included on the bottom for write in nominations or nominations from the floor.

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### LISA CASE

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### Holiday special for SMWL

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## Notice of 2021 Elections Continued

### Voting at the Annual Membership Meeting:

- o Sufficient copies of the ballot will be available to take at least three (3) votes.
- o Sufficient pens will be made available for members' use
- o Sufficient copies of the by-laws and these procedures will be made available at the meeting.
- o The names of those nominated will be read by the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Nominees will briefly introduce themselves. If a nominee is unable to be present, she may designate a proxy to present her qualifications.
- o A call for nomination from the floor will be made.
- o A member of the Nominating Committee shall instruct the membership present to add any nominees from the floor.
  - The Treasurer and Membership Chair shall verify that the member is eligible
  - Affirmation from the nominee that she accepts the nomination from the floor and is willing to fulfill the duties of a Board Member must be accepted by the Nominating chair via phone conversation, text, in person or email.
- o If there are no nominations from the floor, and the number of candidates is equal to the slots open for election, the chair can take a voice vote, or can declare the nominee is elected, thus effecting the election by unanimous consent or 'acclamation'. (Roberts Rules of Order PG 35).
- o If a ballot is required, the procedures listed below will be followed:
  - Ten (10) minutes will be given to answer any questions regarding the voting process.
  - Once a member has voted, she will personally hand her folded ballot to a member of the counting team
  - The counting team will consist of three (3) members, one being the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and two (2) other members who did not serve on the nominating committee. These members will be selected from membership at large present at the election.

### Absentee Votes via email:

- o Absentee Votes must be sent to the Nominations Committee Chair no later than midnight of the day prior to the election (example: election is to be held April 2, ballots are due by 12:00 AM on April 1).
- o Each emailed vote will receive a confirmation of receipt from the Nominations Committee Chair.
- o In lieu of printing a ballot, marking the preference, scanning, and returning the ballot, absentee voters may list the candidates for whom they are voting within the body of their email.
- o The received ballots will be printed by the Nominations Committee Chair and presented to the counting team.
- o Should a member who voted electronically be able to attend the meeting, her electronic vote will be voided.

### Counting Votes at the meeting:

- o The ballots will be counted three (3) times by the counting team and recorded on the ballot sheet after each count.
- o After the final count, the winners will be declared, and the ballot certification will be signed by the counters. The certification will become part of the minutes of the meeting.
- o The Chair of the Nominating Committee will announce to the membership at large the results of the election.
- o The non-elected candidate receiving the most votes shall be called upon to serve any Board of Directors position that becomes vacant during the next two-year term.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE, PLEASE CONTACT SUZANNE WIBLE - LEAGUE PRESIDENT, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON - [sfwible@hotmail.com](mailto:sfwible@hotmail.com)**



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## Care Committee | Natalie McKinney | nsmckinney@verizon.net

Welcome late Spring/Early Summer! The humid days and warm summer nights seem to be upon us. The 2020-2021 physical school year and remote learning are a distant thing of the past or close to being over. It is time to reconnect with family and friends and get back to normal or the "new normal". I was unable to join you at the last Meet and Greet at Grill 13, but I heard everyone had a great time.

The Program Committee is busy planning Meet & Greet and upcoming regular meetings. I am looking forward to seeing smiling face. So get out and go for a walk or spend some time in your back yard; with our imaginations we can do anything. Or just be \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank).

Our beautiful sister Carole Lewis is having a tough time dealing with grief and she is spending time with family. If you would like to contact Carole, please contact me for the information.

As always, if someone knows of a SMWL sister needing a card for any reason, please send me an email or call me. You would be amazed at how a little card or phone call can really brighten someone's day.

Here are the birthday shout outs for our fabulous July Sisters

**Tori Turner – July 6 | Helen Heier – July 13 | Ruth Mudd – July 25**

For all sisters celebrating a birthday, here is a hand clap and a shout WOO-HOO!! Enjoy your special day!!

## Programs Committee | Co-Chairs: Becky Hoffman and Carole Lewis Committee Members: Tequila House, Natalie McKinney, and Diana Rucci

Thank you, Katie, for your hospitality at our May "Meet and Greet" at the newly remodeled Grille 13. Just beautiful!! Over 25 members RSVP'd for the event. We socialized, and talked, we dined, and talked, we had door prizes, and talked... we showed just how much we have missed getting together with our SMWL sisters.

Such a pleasure to be at our June "Meet and Greet"! The Charles' Sunroom was the perfect location for fare, libations, and socializing. If you have not visited the Market at the Charles, take time to explore all the wonderful items this local market has to offer. Door prizes were awarded during the evening. A very teary-eyed discussion about our dear sister, Tessa Echols Legacy Jackie Jacket, and the wonderful gift that donation is to women with cancer. Many thanks to The Charles and Jake Greer for their hospitality and great wine specials.

Please join us at our next "Meet and Greet" on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at AR Workshop. (Details on page 1).

The program's committee has been meeting and have come up with a wonderful array of "Meet and Greets" scheduled from July to August of 2021. Our regular programs / meeting for the 2021 - 2022 year will resume in September on the 2nd at Capt. Billy's with elections of officers. If you have any ideas for venues or programs, please contact any of our program committee members. We are always open to suggestions!

## 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.

asanford12@gmail.com  
smwl@gmail.com

## Calendar of Events

### MEET AND GREET SCHEDULE 2021

- THURSDAY, JULY 15 – AR Workshop 6pm
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 – Running Hare Vineyard (LADIES NIGHT) 6pm

### DATES FOR MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS 2021 - 2022

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED – *Additional information will be shared as we get closer to each month's event. Watch your emails for special invitations & announcements.*

- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 – Capt. Billy's 6pm – ELECTIONS
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021 – VENUE TBD 6pm
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021 - SPECIAL EVENT VENUE - Villa de Alpacas Farm  
*More information to follow*
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021 – Foster's Grill 6pm
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 – Holiday Party at the home of Candice Kelly
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 – Mystery Night
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 – MEMBER APPRECIATION AND ELECTIONS
- \*\* Live Out Loud Yoga still on our radar.

### BOARD MEETINGS (3RD TUESDAY): Now in -person at Babes Boy's in Waldorf

- TUESDAY – AUGUST 17, 2021
- TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
- TUESDAY – OCTOBER 19, 2021
- TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 16, 2021
- TUESDAY – DECEMBER 21, 2021

*Here's to strong Women*

May we know them. May we be them. May we raise them.