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**WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE**

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## President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy Summer SMWL!

What a great year-end membership meeting we had on June 5<sup>th</sup>. As always, the Program Committee organized a wonderful program and we cannot thank Diana Rucci enough for the use of the private room and the exceptional meal portions. I made three meals out of my lasagna!

For those of you that were not able to attend the meeting, a quick re-cap: The membership voted on 5 new Board members: Lynette Ashton, Rona Kelley, Teresa Klopfer, Natalie McKinney and Suzanne Wible. Rona, Teresa and I are starting another term, but Lynette and Natalie are new to the Board and I want to congratulate and welcome them. Thank you to outgoing board members Michele Jones & Carla Kemp for their 2 years of service to SMWL.

The membership approved the proposed changes to the by-laws, and the Foundation Treasurers report. We also launched the announcement of our 2019 – 2020 fundraiser. Everyone was excited that we are bringing Motown to Southern Maryland!

As we are wrapping up the 2018 – 2019 year, I would like to thank you – the membership for your continued support of this organization. As your President, I truly appreciated the guidance from seasoned member and suggestions from newer members. You are all phenomenal woman and together we make a dynamic group, dedicated to helping make Southern Maryland a better place for all.

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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.



## Join us for a Pool Party!

Wednesday August 7th @ 5:30pm  
DRINKS, FOOD, FRIENDS & SUNSHINE!

Darlene Breck and Mike Kepferle are hosting this event at their home: 8210 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco  
Members \$25 | Guests \$35  
Specialty Brick Oven Pizzas, Hors d'oeuvres, Garden Salad, Beer & Wine and more!

## SMWL BOD 2019/20

President: Suzanne Wible

Vice-President: Ann Seely

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: Rona Kelley

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

## Member Appreciation | June Meeting



Well, Southern Maryland Women's League members always keep us on our toes and at the edge of our seats. Our June meeting was filled with heated interaction both pro and con. We couldn't expect anything less from such a strong-willed, compassionate, and dynamic group of women.



Our June program meeting was held on Wednesday June 5th at Rucci's in White Plains. The event was well attended with approximately 13 guests and 35 members. We also welcomed many new and returning numbers that evening. Guest bags were given to all of those guests attending their first meeting. We played a game of heads or tails with a prize of a decorative bracelet and bottle of Crown Royal donated by Becky Hoffman.

The evening was filled with a wonderful dinner presented by Rucci's, thank you Diana, Bobby, and staff, and donated decadent cookies by Heavenly Creations and Events by Grace.



We reviewed the bylaw changes and voted positive to the changes stated. A slate of board members for the 2019-2020 season was presented and voted on unanimously. Officers will be selected at the next board meeting to be held on Tuesday June 18th.

Pam Frank announced that she would be the co-chair along with Teresa Klopfer for the upcoming Motown Night Fundraiser event. Pam shared some of the details and everyone was very excited to be on board.



Suzanne Wible our league president presented each member with a membership appreciation gift. Thank you Suzanne for the wonderful pink logo tumbler and bag tag.

Congratulations to our member Tracy Stinnett on the beautiful mural she painted that now adorns the wall at Rucci's.



The Programs / meetings committee and SMWL members will take a summer break for the month of July. Hope to see everyone at the residence of Darlene Breck for our summer social pool party on Wednesday August 7th. Be on the lookout for the email invitation for the pool party and the crab feast at Captain Billy's on Wednesday September 4th. Please mark your calendars for all the upcoming 2019 - 2020 Southern Maryland Women's League calendar of events.

That's all for now. Hope all of you have a wonderful and safe summer. Thanks again for a great year from the program's committee.



## Fundraiser Report

**Motown Magic - that's the theme of our November 9, 2019 Fundraiser.**

Planning activities and the Committees are in full gear. We are so excited about this event. Free Spirit is the Band - many have seen them perform before and are super excited as well. This will be a night of groovin - so start planning your outfits now!

For those of you that have not signed up for a Committee, please do as soon as possible.

### Here are the Committee Chairs:

Decorating - Ann Seely  
Live/Silent Auction - Theresa Klopfer  
Logistics - Carole Lewis  
Yeti - Michelle Jones  
Tickets - Becky Hoffman and Helen Heier

Remember - ALL members are to participate in this event. Lots of information to come at the August Pool party at Darlene's -- see you there!

## Board Buzz

Current and newly elected board members met on Tuesday June 18 at Babes Boys Tavern in Waldorf, where elections were held for the incoming 2019-2020 Board of Directors. This meeting addressed closing out the 2018-2019 year and passing the baton so to speak to the new board. The slate of officers for 2019/2020 is as follows:

- **President: Suzanne Wible**
- **Vice-President: Ann Seely**
- **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: Rona Kelley**
- **Director of Care: Natalie McKinney**
- **Newsletter: Lynette Ashton**
- **Fund Raiser: Pam Frank and Teresa Klopfer Co-chairs.**

The Fund Raiser committee will be meeting soon, and committee chairs will be contacting members to confirm "who is where." If you haven't signed up yet, take a minute to think about what you would like to help with and be ready to let the committee know.

The program committee is hard at work setting up for the next club year and we will kick off the year with a Pool Party at the home of Darlene Breck (THANK YOU DARLENE!) on August 7. Lots more info about this will go out so start looking at your calendar NOW so you will be ready with your RSVP.

There are three (3) new members pending which will bring our membership to 50!

The next Board of Directors meeting will be July 16, 2019 at 6 PM at Babe's Boys Tavern in Waldorf.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN AUGUST!

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 our general meetings.

Email info to Newsletter Chair, Rona Kelley: [rona@heatbyfire.com](mailto:rona@heatbyfire.com)

Special thanks to  
**Rona Kelley &  
Andy Sanford**  
for our SMWL Newsletter!

## Treasurers Report

By Pam Frank

### No more early bird specials!

It's after July 1 and Dues are due  
- at the rate of \$160.00.

Invoices will be distributed to  
those who did not take  
advantage of the special.

And just a reminder, interest gets  
added starting August 1. Send  
your checks in now! Hope  
everyone is having a great  
summer!!!

## Happy Birthday!

July 6 - Torri Turner

July 13 - Helen Heier

July 25 - Ruth Mudd

August 1 - Bonnie Grier

August 5 - Erika Abell

August 8 - Darlene Breck

August 24 - Candice Kelly

August 28 - Carla Kemp

## Membership Committee News

The committee just met last week for the first time. We had a lively discussion and some great new ideas.

**New Member Orientation will be in September** - All new members and any member who has not attended should plan on attending. Thursday Sept 26 Save the date - more details will be forthcoming.

**Watch out for our Ambassadors at every meeting.** They will assist with welcoming everyone, making sure you have a name tag and help with seating.

The committee is going to schedule optional fun get-togethers called **Girlfriend Gatherings!** The intention is to get to know you in a more relaxed setting and create some fun memories. More details on that will be forthcoming.

Any prospective new member must now submit payment with their application.

Natalie McKinney is the chair of Care Sub-Committee.

Current membership is 47 with 18 members who haven't paid their dues. They are due on July 1st which is the beginning of our fiscal year.

A great way to get to know the other members is through committees. Committees are the operating system of an association. They offer the opportunity for group problem solving. You are encouraged to actively participate in one of the following standing committees: Membership, Program, Public Relations/Newsletter and Fund-raising. If interested just contact the committee chairperson to participate. All members participate on the Fund-raising Event.

## Welcome New Members

**Beverly Brown** - Sponsored by Maryanna Lanham & Carla Kemp:  
Travel advisor and owner of Chesapeake Travel Lives in Great Mills.

**Buffy Giddens** - Sponsored by Helen Heier: Works at St Mary's County State's Attorney office  
as domestic violence prosecutor. Lives in Hollywood, MD.

**Melanie Harvey** - Sponsored by Michelle Jones: Retired from Maryland State Police  
and now works as a realtor for Baldus Real Estate. Lives in Swan Point

**Kelly McCormack** - Sponsored by Natalie McKinney: Works at Department of  
Justice in human resources. Lives in La Plata

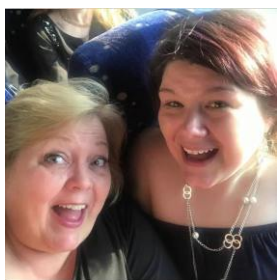
Welcome Back to SMWL Mary Sue Greisman & Becky Humbert

## Mystery Night Trip | By Becky Hoffman

Well it was a Mystery Night until the group saw the Festive Headbands the Program Committee displayed as part of their attire...LOL. Not to mention the clues already out to the membership: Wear black and fringe (not cowboy fringe), Kenny Chesney is connected to this, and out of state bound!

The group guessed right away that we were on our way to DC to Cuba Libre.

47 members and guests attended this year's Mystery Night. The attendees were greeted at the La Plata Park and Ride with sign in, goodie bags, (logo stadium cups, water, snacks, Cuban bubble gum cigar, and a festive fan), and libations (beer, wine, and sangria).



Our coach bus chartered through Keller Transportation was our ride of choice and the festivities on the way to Cuba Libre were enjoyed by all. Once at the venue we were greeted by a wonderful staff that presented the cocktail reception.

The reception included a cash bar, passed Cuban Fare, and decadent desserts. Candid framed photo shoots were taken through-out the evening with Cuban props and the photos are priceless. Our night was highlighted by the performance by the Cuban Salsa Dancing Partners. They were amazing and the group enjoyed the lessons, also!

Well, here's to a great Mystery Night and looking forward to the Scavenger Hunt next year as we continue to rotate the two events.

Thanks to the Programs Committee for all their time and effort making this year's events a great success. Carole Lewis, Tequila House, Natalie McKinney, Donna Ellis, Diana Rucci, and me!!!

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To share your photos for posting email: [asanford12@gmail.com](mailto:asanford12@gmail.com)

## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST

Wednesday, August 7: Summer Social Pool Party

Tuesday, August 20: Board of Directors Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 4: Crab Feast at Captain Billy's Crab House. Spouses and Guest Invited

Tuesday, Sept 17 Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, Sept 21 Center for Children Heros for Children Red Cape Gala. Waldorf Jaycees

Thursday, Sept 26 Sister Code of Conduct (formerly New Member Orientation)

### OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 2 – Meeting/Program to be determined

Tuesday, October 15 - Board of Directors Meeting

### NOVEMBER

November 6 – Membership Meeting to be determined

Saturday, Nov 9, 2019 - Motown Fund Raising Event

Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

### DECEMBER

December – Christmas Party & Gathering  
Home of Evie & Vince Hungerford, Indian Head  
Date & Time to be determined

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

### JANUARY 2020

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – Meeting/Program

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

### FEBRUARY

February 5 – Meeting/Program to be determined

### MARCH

March 4– Meeting/Program to be determined

### APRIL

April 1 – Meeting/Program to be determined

### MAY

May 6 – Meeting/Program to be determined

### JUNE

June 3 – Annual Business Meeting and Membership Appreciation Night

Calendar subject to change.

# Get Cracking!

Come join the SMWL  
for our annual

## CRAB FEAST

Capt. Billy's Restaurant

Wednesday, Sept 4, 2019 - 5pm till 9pm

Crabs, shrimp, hushpuppies, fried chicken,  
potato salad, slaw, green beans, cookies, brownies, & beverages

\$30 members \$35 guests - CASH BAR

5pm registration - 5:30pm brief meeting

6pm heads & tails \$5 - 6pm Feast

RSVP by Sept 1 to  
Helen Heier [helen@bridgett-mock.com](mailto:helen@bridgett-mock.com)

