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LEAGUE**

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President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy New Year SMWL!

I trust everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

The SMWL has been quite busy the past few weeks. The league gathered for our January Membership event at Hunan Star Restaurant and we had our annual Chinese gift exchange. What a great night of fun and laughter!

At our January membership meeting we discussed and voted on a request from LifeStyles to donate \$2500 towards the Big Hair Ball fundraiser in March. With the \$2500 the SMWL will sponsor one of the models in the fundraising event. Funding will go towards assisting woman and children in need in our community. The memberships majority vote was in favor of donating the \$2500 and it was agreed that we would choose the attire for the model. The Board has unanimously voted on the model's attire and agreed for Rona Kelley to serve as the SMWL representative on the Big Hair Ball planning committee.

The planning for our Love & Laughs Comedy Night Fundraiser is in full swing! Becky Hoffman graciously hosted a fundraising planning meeting at her home (thank you Becky for your hospitality). This was a great evening of communication as we discussed budgets, made decisions and finalized details. We have another fundraiser committee meeting scheduled at Becky's home on Thursday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m. We would love to have you join us!

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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.



OUR NEXT MEETING...

Mexican Fiesta & Bingo

Wednesday, February 6 2019

BLUE DOG RESTAURANT | 7940 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco, Maryland
5pm check-in, 6pm meeting, 6:15 Mexican Buffet | Members \$25/Guests \$30

One complimentary Specialty Blue Dog Margarita - compliments of Chef Gary! Ladies this will be our last meeting before our fundraiser. Please be in attendance! We need your support. Bring a bottle of win or other spirits for our Yeti of Cheer. Be prepared to play Heads or Tails!
RSVP now to Helen Heier: helen@bridgett-mock.com

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

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Foundation

2006-2007 Candice Kelly

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2008-2009 Mollie Gieseman

January Meeting Overview | By Becky Hoffman

Happy New Year and what a great Chinese Gift Exchange it was!!!

On Jan. 2, 2019 with 35 members and guests in attendance, we started the year of right, with a wonderful meeting and buffet at Hunan Star in La Plata. The owner Sue, manager Ben, and staff were excellent host.

We had a private room and a wonderful buffet. The evening started off with a complimentary cocktail. Then we played a great game of Heads or Tails with the prize being a beautiful bracelet from Josán's.

A time for prayer and remembrance was shared as we honored our sister Tessa Echols.

At the end of our meal we geared up for the Chinese Gift Exchange. This exchange was one of the most fun filled and back and forth stealing that the club has seen is a long time. So, hats off to the great program committee that I have the pleasure to work with.

I hope everyone is excited about our next upcoming meeting (Mexican and Bingo) on Wednesday, Feb. 6. 2019 at the Blue Dog Saloon in Port Tobacco.

President's Message Continued

Fundraiser remembers: If you have auctions items, please contact Teresa Klopper as soon as possible. If you have information regarding a sponsorship, please contact Diana Rucci as soon as possible. If you need more event tickets contact Helen Heier. If you need more Yeti tickets contact Michele Jones or Lynette Ashton

Thank you all for your participation in planning what I know will be a successful fundraising event!

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 the our general meetings.

Email info to Newsletter Chair,

Rona Kelley: rona@heatbyfire.com

Special thanks to

Rona Kelley

and

Andy Sanford

for our SMWL Newsletter!



In Memory of Tessa Echols

A person can learn a lot from Tessa through her words and actions. She fought a brave and strong battle and it is an unimaginable loss of a friend to cancer at the young age of 54.

Tessa-isms

1. Parties should have a theme
2. You don't need a holiday or a reason to have a party - just have one
3. Gorgeous flower arrangements are always appreciated
4. Strive to have a full table
5. Give gifts
6. Be thoughtful
7. Be generous
8. Use your mother's and/or your grandmother's china
9. Go big
10. It's good to be part of Tessa's Tribe of Friends
11. Laugh often
12. Love always
13. Have more friends than you can count
14. Be a friend to all
15. Love your family
16. Love your spouse
17. Love your friends
18. Love your pets
19. Be good to the Humane Society
20. NEVER place your purse on the floor (it might drain your wealth)
21. ALWAYS use LOL appropriately - and it's Laugh Out Loud... not Lots Of Love (OMG!)
22. The only time a woman should be running is when she's being chased with a knife
23. Shopping can be an art
24. Some people just have a flare for fashion and decorating
25. Have a fun closet where you keep your accessories & decorations
26. Love your mom
27. Love your dad
28. Treat your family and friends well
29. Catering is really the way to go
30. RSVP
31. Always arrive "with bells on"
32. "They're only boobies"
33. Rucci's can do anything
34. Be an amazing hostess
35. Have games and prizes
36. Presentation matters
37. Live large
38. Make change happen
39. Support causes
40. Support others
41. Be part of committees - and make them fun (even the Itty Bitty Committee)
42. Buy Girl Scout cookies
43. Make a big deal over people
44. Convertibles are fun
45. Beware of Alls - Alcohol Indused Injuries
46. When you're 3, it's okay for dresses to be reeeeealllly short
47. When you're 15, the early biscuit shift is the best
48. Get a job as a teen
49. Babysit - you'll have good stories when you're older
50. Work hard
51. Play harder
52. Travel
53. Love the Salt Life
54. Laugh some more
55. Be ready
56. Be brave
57. Be bold
58. Be fierce
59. Be free
60. Be kind
61. Be you
62. Enjoy the view

Our Cherished SMWL Membership - 43 Members as of 12/1/18

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| Erika Abell | Paige (Blankenship) Gillentine | Maryanna Lanham | Kim Rosenfield |
| Lynette Ashton | Bonnie Baldus Grier | Carole Lewis | Joan Rosier |
| Darlene Breck | Helen Heier | Brenda Lowe | Diana Rucci |
| Linda Sullivan Cox | Rebecca Hoffman | Robin Magoon | Sherrie Sanders |
| Terry Davis | Tequila House | Natalie Sneed McKinney | Andrea Sanford |
| Tessa Echols | Evie Hungerford | Kadie Thames Moffitt | Ann Seely |
| Donna Ellis | Michelle Jones | Ruth Mudd | Tamrah (Tammy) Semega |
| Laura Forbes | Rona Kelley | Larisa J. Pfeiffer | Tracey L. Stinnett |
| Pam Frank | Candice Quinn Kelly | Katie Pierce | Torri N. Turner |
| Anna Marie Galterio-Keselyak | Carla Rayne Kemp | Ann Cipriano Rees | Suzanne Wible |
| Ivonne Garcia | Teresa Klopfer | Kimberly A. Roper | |



Are you ready for some Love and Laughs! We are!

By Pam Frank

The Committees have been working hard in preparation for our Love and Laughs Comedy Fundraiser on Saturday, February 9 at the Jaycees Hall in Waldorf.

The menu is set (YUM), the bar will be hopping and the Comedians ready to go.

The comedians we have booked are Robert Mac and Ali Cherry. Please get on UTube and check them out. I think you will like the direction we are going this year - fun for everyone!

AND to date - our Sponsorship Committee has obtained \$10,000 in sponsorships...YEAH!

Speaking of the Committees, I'd like to thank everyone for signing up -- but your are not getting away with just signing up...lol! We need your active involvement in order to make this event a success. Remember - this is where we make our money to provide for our chosen charities and they depend on us. Please contact your Committee Head (the one you signed up for) and give them the support they need!

The Committees and Heads are:

- Auction: Teresa Klopfer and Carla Kemp
- Decorating: Ann Seely, Kim Rosenfield
Ann Rees, Maryanna Lanham
Buffy Giddens, Tammy Semega
Joan Rosier, Robin Magoon
Ruth Mudd
- Talent Entertainment: Michelle Jones
- Venue Logistics: Carole Lewis, Becky Hoffman
Suzanne Wible
- Ticket Sales: Becky Hoffman, Carole Lewis
Helen Heier, Tammy Semega
- Sponsorship: Diana Rucci, Tracey Stinnett
- Yeti of Cheer: Michelle Jones
- Advertising: Tracey Stinnett, Evie Hungerford

I'd like to give a big shout out to all of our generous Ladies for the contributions to the Yeti of Cheer as well as the gift cards, donations of goods and services -- you all are amazing!

**Join us -- the Next Fundraising Meeting is January 31st
6pm at Becky Hoffman's house, 4870 Leonardtown Road**



Upcoming Annual Fundraiser - February 9, 2019 - We need your help!

SELL TICKETS: A ticket packet was sent to all members in December. Please be sure to sell your allotted tickets to friends, family, and co-workers as soon as possible. Turn in your ticket stubs to Pam Frank ASAP! (Pam@phfservices.net) Ticket sales are also available online at our website: www.smwl.org

SELL YETI OF CHEER TICKETS: The ever-popular Yeti-of-Cheer is well on the way to being another successful and fun aspect of this fundraising event. Many members were able to start selling these \$5 chance tickets at the January meeting. Contact Michelle Jones 301-752-2813 to get your Yeti-of-Cheer tickets! This is a popular item for SMWL and the prize is so awesome these tickets are a hot commodity!

DONATE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: Each member is required to provide an auction item for this annual event. We ask that you look around your house/office and gather those unwanted Christmas gifts or donate something you have that is NEW, such as purse, jewelry, wine, alcohol, sunglasses, etc. If you have or know of anyone who has a weekend rental place available for auction or a salon, spa, botox, beauty services - these are perfect auction items! Items can be dropped off at Teresa Klopfer office at Remax 100 in White Plains

DONATE A \$10 GIFT CARD: We also ask that each member donate a \$10 gift card to anything (gas, coffee, restaurant, Walmart, etc.). One of the auctioned basket will feature multiple gift cards and we need your support. To drop off your auction items, please contact Teresa Klopfer via email: teresaklopfer03@gmail.com

SHARE OUR EVENT INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Post or share the event information on your Facebook page, your Instagram, Snapchat and more! Help us spread the word and fill the seats! Visit our SMWL Facebook page (@SoMDWomensLeage) to copy, paste and share.

VISIT AND SHARE OUR WEBSITE: Visit www.smwl.org (home page and Comedy Night 2019 page under "Events" tab) to buy tickets, learn more about this event, download and pay for sponsorship information, and download the event flyer.

SPONSOR THIS EVENT: Highlight your business by sponsoring this special event. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$1,500. Visit the website www.smwl.org to download the sponsorship form/pay for sponsorships. For more info, contact Diana Rucci: diananrucci@gmail.com or Tracey Stinnett: tracey@tangerineartphoto.com

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

FEBRUARY: 2/6/19 @5:00 p.m. check-in., MEXICO at The Blue Dog – General Meeting and B-I- N-G-O. Last meeting before fundraiser!

MARCH: 3/6/19 @ 5:00 check-in, Prime Street Grille, General Meeting - MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT Center for Children Night – Director for the Center for Children will present an update on how the Grant is being spent and the progress that is being made. Volunteer opportunities discussed.

APRIL: 4/3/19 @ 5:00 check-in, Kaow Thai, La Plata / General Meeting w/ CSM Grant Candidate Meet & Greet??? CSM is invited to give a presentation.

MAY: 5/1/18 @ 5:00 check-in, meeting place TBD / MYSTERY NIGHT

JUNE: 6/5/19 @ 5:00 check-in, Rucci's / Member Appreciation Night/ Election of Officers/ Committee member sign up.

THEN WE ARE BACK TO JULY BREAK

BOARD MEETINGS (3RD TUESDAY) BABE'S BOYS

JANUARY 15, 2019

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

MARCH 19, 2019

APRIL 16, 2019

MAY 21, 2019

JUNE 18, 2019

*A
Special
Gathering*



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Anna Marie Galterio-Keselyak - January 22

Tequila House - January 26

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Terry Davis - February 12



Angels Watch Shelter Dedication.

Gov Hogan's wife and Dora the shelter director along with a few SMWL members.

Condolences to:

Tammy Semege on the loss of her Mom

Becky Hoffman on the loss of her pet

Tammy Semega on the loss of her pet

