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Southern Maryland  
**WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE**

*Linked by More  
than Community*



## President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy Summer SMWL!

To kickoff the beginning of the SMWL 2018 – 2019 please congratulate your new Board of Directors for the positions they have been elected to serve.

- 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 Klopfer
- Care Chairman – Carla Kemp
- Newsletter/Media Chairman – Rona Kelley

We have an exciting year planned for the SMWL and I encourage you to sign up to be a part of a committee. As part of a committee, you have the opportunity to share your ideas and get to know your fellow League sisters, while continuing to support women in need in our community.

See Page 3 of the newsletter for a list and full description of our committees. Please email your interests at [sfwible@hotmail.com](mailto:sfwible@hotmail.com).

The Program Committee had planned a fun Pool Party for August 1st. Please join us and bring a friend! Wishing you all a happy and safe summer!

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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.

## AUGUST SOCIAL: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 at 5:30 PM

You look cool in your sunglasses...  
So wear them to our

# SMWL POOL PARTY

### DRINKS, FOOD, FRIENDS & SUNSHINE!

Becky Hoffman is hosting at 4870 Leonardtown Road in Waldorf  
Wednesday, August 1st at 5:30 p.m. | Members \$25 guests \$35

Specialty drink, beer, wine and cocktails

Sushi, spring rolls, dumplings, pork BBQ, pineapple chicken and tropical desserts.

RSVP Immediately to [bhoffman@growingwihgrace.org](mailto:bhoffman@growingwihgrace.org)





## TREASURERS REPORT

### Membership dues are now due!

Our new year starts on July 1st, 2018 and thanks to all who have already paid, but for those who haven't - what are you waiting for - *lets get 'r done!*

Dues paid by check can be mailed to:

**SMWL**  
P.O. Box 2511  
Waldorf, Md. 20604

Or, by Credit Card  
Call Pam Frank 202-361-5300 and she'll be happy to help you pay with your credit/debit card by phone. Please note, there is a \$5.00 transaction fee for this option.

### REPORT ON SMWL FOUNDATION ACCOUNTS

Checking Account  
\$24,637.21

Investment CD  
\$31,874.78

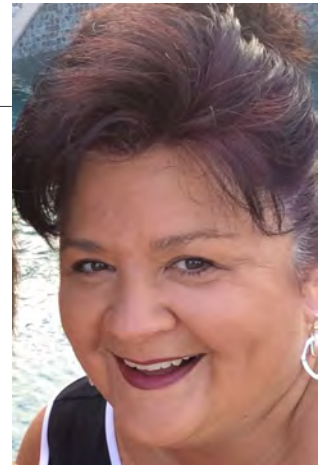
Community Foundation  
\$40,783.95

*Welcome* | Our Newest Member

## Kimberly A. Roper

Sponsored by Teresa Klopfer

- Born and raised in Southern Maryland
- Four children: Brett - 22, Tabitha - 19, Joshua - 17 and Chase - 14)
- 32 years' experience in Banking
- 29 years of experience in management
- Business Banking Branch Manager with PNC Bank
- Treasurer on Board for Life Journeys Writers Guild
- Past Board Member, Treasurer for Westlake Youth Athletic Association Inc.
- Partner with Lifestyles & The Fuller House to present Financial Literacy Workshops for local men transitioning from incarceration back to society
- Now that her kids are getting older, she would like to become a foster parent!



We're excited to have Kim join SMWL - be sure to say hello and introduce yourself!



SOMETHING NEW! The first SMWL Meet, Greet & Mingle at Grille 13 was so much fun and a great way to get together just for fun. Let's do it again -- Mark your calendars now!

**Wednesday, August 15 5:00 - 7:00pm at the Grille 13 in Waldorf**

Stop by, have a happy hour cocktail - or not. Have a bite to eat - or not. Just chat time. Meet someone new, invite a friend

**NOVEMBER 7th MEETING**  
Grille 13, Waldorf, MD  
5:30 cocktails, 6:00 dinner  
Meeting to follow

**DECEMBER - ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Saturday, December 1st  
at the home of Darlene Breck  
in Port Tobacco, Maryland

## The Importance of Committees By Rona Kelley | Linked by more than community

Committees are the operating system of an association. Committees involve members in the development and formation of the specific activity in which they are assigned. They offer the opportunity for group problem solving and can be a forum for multiple point of views. Committees create a sense of belonging and are also the training ground for future leadership.

Standing committees serve an ongoing, continuous function and operate indefinitely. Their function usually deals with organizational and operational procedures. These are the standing committees:

**Program Committee** – This committee is charged with developing, scheduling and planning the program calendar for 12 – 18 months. 2018/2019 Chairperson: Becky Hoffman

**Membership** – This committee is charged with the development of new members, promoting retention among existing members and identifying new possible members. This includes planning an initiation overview for all new members on an annual basis. 2018/2019 Chairperson: Teresa Klopfer

**Care** – Reaching out to members in times of joy, happiness and sorrow by sending cards and other activities as needed. 2018/2019 Chairperson: Carla Kemp

**Public Relations:** This committee seeks to create attention for the association and development through press releases, public relations and publication of the newsletter. 2018/2019 Chairperson: Rona Kelley

**Fundraising** – Developing fund raising event with budgets, concept, establish sub committees for every facet of the event and every club member is expected be on a committee and participate in the event. 2018/2018 Chairperson: Ann Seely

A special committee, can sometimes be referred to as an ad hoc committee is assembled with a specific purpose in mind and a specific time frame. These are the special committees:

**By-law's** – This committee is responsible for reviewing the association's bylaws. If bylaws changes are required, the bylaw committee formulates them and submits them to the board for approval prior to submission to the membership. 2017/2018 Chairperson: Pam Frank

**Nominating Committee** – This committee is charged with developing the slate of potential board members to be presented for election by the members.

**2 year Grant Committee** – every other year, solicits and reviews applications and brings top 3 to club for voting.

**CSM Scholarship Committee** - reviews the applications and selects our recipients

Being a committee member is an excellent personal development activity. Yes, there is a time outlay but there is also a potential to learn many things.

The benefits of volunteering for a Committee include:

- Developing and implementing organization strategic and operational plans
- Gain a greater understanding of budgeting and financial management processes
- How to develop policy and procedure
- What is involved in planning, promoting and managing events

Our SMWL members come from all walks of life and offer a wide range of skills and expertise. We'd love for you to share your time and talents with your SMWL sisters. Please contact a Board member for more information and to sign-up for a Committee today.

**GET INVOLVED!**



*One Woman Can Make a Difference.  
But Together We Can Rock the World!*





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Torri Turner - July 6  
Helen Heier - July 13  
Ruth Mudd - July 25  
Leslie Cooper - July 31

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie Baldus Grier - August 1  
Erika Abell - August 5  
Darlene Breck - August 8  
Candice Quinn Kelly - August 24  
Carla Kemp - August 28

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Diana Rucci - September 2  
Kim Rosenfield - September 4  
Vickie Grow - September 6  
Laura Forbes - September 8  
Becky Hoffman - September 16  
Tammy Semega - September 26  
Lynette Ashton - September 28

Special thanks to  
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and League Webmaster  
Thank you for always  
sharing your time  
and talents!

## Our Members Have Been Very Busy...



### GROWING WITH GRACE GOLF OUTING

SMWL would like to send out a big THANK YOU to Carole & Marv Lewis and Bill & Becky Hoffman for donating their Grace Lutheran Golf Tournament foursome to our SMWL members; Rona Kelley, Michelle Jones, Teresa Klopfer, & Ann Seely. The league was represented at the tourney by our team members and with a Tee Sponsorship donated by Becky Hoffman. The outing was a great opportunity to promote our SMWL within the community.



### SMWL WEDDING! PAIGE IS MARRIED

Paige Blankenship married Eric Gillentine on July 14 and mom, Brenda Lowe is so proud of her beautiful daughter!

*Paige posted to her Facebook page: "We're married!! Had a fantastic time in Antigua (aka paradise) for our honeymoon! Eric and I can not be more appreciative for all of the love, support, blessings and kind words that each and every one of you have given us. The wedding was perfect and will never forget what an amazing day that was saying our vows and accepting God's blessings with our friends and family by our side. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for all you've done for us! We're so excited to start our journey as one. Big shout out to our parents, our backbones! We love you!!"*



### It's official... CANDICE HAS GRADUATED

Grandmother and Law Student, Candice Kelly earned her Juris Doctor Degree from the University of District of Columbia David A Clarke School of Law.

*Candice posted to her Facebook page: "It's official! I received a Juris Doctor degree this afternoon. Next step - Maryland Bar Exam. To my family and fiends, thank you and God bless you - in those darkest moments you believed in me. You cheered me on - you were and are the "wind beneath my wings." Happiness and blessings to all. Words cannot express my gratitude!"*



**Your amazing Program Committee is always working hard to ensure you have a great time at our monthly meetings and special get-togethers! Have an idea for a meeting place or special activity send Becky Hoffman and email today!**

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 the Monday before our general meetings. Email info to Newsletter Chair, Rona rona@heatbyfire.com

## SMWL BOD - JULY 2018

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 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-Ananyanian

### Foundation

2006-2007 Candice Kelly

2007-2008 Candice Kelly

2008-2009 Mollie Gieseaman

## Annual Meeting and Elections

Our last meeting on June 6th was our SMWL Annual Membership Appreciation Meeting and Board Elections. It is the meeting where we recap the year, elect new board members share a special gift of appreciation with our members.

Hosted by Kaow Thai Restaurant in La Plata, members enjoyed a lovely cocktail hour featuring refreshing drinks, laughter and fun conversations between friends. Dinner was delicious with a wide variety of traditional Thai and American fare with a lovely strawberry cheesecake for dessert.

Our opening question, "What will you be doing this summer and/or going for summer vacation?" helped us learn about travel plans which were varied and envy worthy!

Having no nominations from the floor, membership voted and we then proceeded to welcome our newly elected Board of Directors: Carole Lewis, Pam Frank and two returning board members Ann Seely and Becky Hoffman.

After committee reports, we were treated to the grand finale as President Wible distributed our new beautiful SMWL pink and black travel beach bags that are a perfect match for the large beach towels shared last year! We thank everyone who came out to vote and attend this important meeting. As always, your support of your League is very much appreciated! See you in August!

## Care Committee News



Best wishes to our SMWL President Suzanne Wible. Nicely coordinated tape matches the color of your broken toe and foot. Laundry is dangerous stuff!



Get well wishes for beautiful Tessa Echols as she begins her next round of treatment! To send your SMWL Sister a note of encouragement, mail to **Tessa Echols**  
**8115 Potobac Landing**  
**Port Tobacco Md 20677**



Oops she did it again.. Best wishes to Becky Humbert as she recovers from a bad fall while traveling in her RV. Yes, we'll keep you safe in bubble wrap!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

8/1/18 5:30 Pool Party and new year kick off

8/15/18 5:00 to 7:00 pm Meet, Greet & Mingle Grille 13 in Waldorf - *Stop by for a cocktail – Just chat time – no program.*

8/21/18 5:45 Board Meeting  
Babes Tavern/Lions Club Meeting Room

### SEPTEMBER

9/5/18 5:30 General Meeting  
and Crab Feast @ Captain Billy's

9/18/18 5:45 Board Meeting  
Babes Tavern/Lions Club Meeting Room

### OCTOBER

Tentative date: Friday October 5.

This is in the works: *Steel Magnolias at Port Tobacco Players. This is a perfect woman's play about how women are strong and the heart of the family. Working on a backstage tour at the local theater prior to the play. More information to follow.*

10/16/18 5:45 Board Meeting  
Babes Tavern/Lions Club Meeting Room

### NOVEMBER

11/7/18 5:30 General Meeting  
Grille 13 5:30 Cocktails 6:00 Dinner  
Meeting to Follow

11/20/18 5:45 Board Meeting  
Babes Tavern/Lions Club Meeting Room

### DECEMBER

Saturday December 1 - Annual Holiday Party at the home of Darlene Breck in Port Tobacco, MD

12/18/18 5:45 Board Meeting  
Babes Tavern/Lions Club Meeting Room

2019 - Calendar under development  
watch here for updates.

## RSVP Yes or No? | By Rona Kelley

In the context of social invitations, RSVP is a process for a response from the invited person or people. It is an initialism derived from the French phrase Répondez s'il vous plait meaning "Please respond".

In recent years, the use of RSVP in the English language has spread outside of the discourse of highly formal correspondence and commonly figures in group emails. In this context, the acronym seems to have loosened its tie to its original meaning and is often understood simply as an abbreviation for "reply". Some writers therefore routinely use the phrase "RSVP please".

How many members out there have a planned a party or a dinner, and you never hear back from your invited guests if they are attending or not? Then you wonder, did they get the invite and you have to call and ask the awkward question – hey you coming to the ?? on such and such? Because you need to know much food to buy, how much paper products to have on hand, etc. Well it's the same situation for SMWL Programs every month.

We need to know if your attending or not – we need your RSVP yes or no. Then we know you got the invitation, we can prepare enough meals, have enough chairs, print enough papers, etc. It's a courtesy for the hard working committee to know what's up.

So, to help hosts everywhere, the next time you get an invitation...  
JUST be a great responder!  
JUST don't forget to respond if the invitation requests you to  
JUST email you're coming or not  
JUST DO IT!

And hosts everywhere will thank you for being a perfect responder and for making this aspect of party hosting a breeze!

## By the Ways

August 9, 2019 Sip & Swing @ Swan Point  
Event by College of Southern Maryland

Sunday, September 23, 2018 Bounty of the County  
at Weatherly Farm in Newburg.

This special event will include a delicious "Farm and River to Table" feast highlighting local chefs and local dining selections. Sponsored by the Charles County Chamber of Commerce

September 29, 2018 Diamond Decade Mania  
College of Southern Maryland Celebrating 60 Years

