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Southern Maryland
**WOMEN'S
LEAGUE**

*Linked by More
than Community*



President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy Fall SMWL SMWL!

We are just 2 weeks away from our Motown Magic Fundraiser and I want to thank each and everyone of you that has put an effort into making this event a success. So far we have raised over \$27,000 in

sponsorship, so we are off to a great start to finish big!

An update on the Board of Directors, Teresa Klopfer and I will be co-chairs of the Membership Committee. After the fundraiser, we will set up a meeting with the Membership Committee to plan a way forward.

I look forward to seeing you at Motown Magic on Nov 9th!

Don't miss our next Meeting!



**Wednesday,
NOVEMBER 6TH
MEETING & PROGRAM
Fundraiser Preparation!
Auction Item Assembling
Décor Creations – Designated
Timing and Duties - and
much much more!**

According to our By-Laws, all members of the SMWL are to participate in our Fundraiser. Therefore, everyone should make an effort to attend this meeting/program and help us prepare for our greatest fundraiser yet!

PLEASE BRING YOUR AUCTION ITEMS, BOTTLES OF CHEER, GIFT CARDS, AND FINAL TICKET SALES – NOV 6, 2019 5PM – CHECK-IN 5:30PM
MEETING 6:00 PM DINNER at the Home of Becky Hoffman
4870 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601
MEMBERS \$25 GUESTS \$30

DINNER INCLUDES GARDEN SALAD – ROTISSERIE CHICKEN LASAGNA – GARLIC BREAD. NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND DESSERT! BYOB
RSVP NOW to Helen Heier at helen@bridgett-mock.com

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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.

We look forward to seeing everyone this Wednesday at Becky Hoffman's house to help get ready for this weekend's special SMWL event!

SMWL BOD 2019/20

President: Suzanne Wible
Vice-President: Candice Kelly
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: Suzanne Wible
and Teresa Klopfer
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

October Meeting & Fundraiser Prep | By Becky Hoffman



Southern Maryland Woman's League Program/Meeting and Fundraiser Prep. Thank you, Katie Pierce, Grille No. 13 for your outstanding hospitality!

The members of the SMWL enjoyed an evening of great food, socializing, and preparation for our big event coming on Saturday, November 9, 2019, Motown Magic. 26 members were in attendance and 3 guests. Thanks to Helen for handling check-in and to Linda Cox for taking care of documenting the item donated for the fundraiser. Rona Kelley was there to take all credit card payments and the volunteers and Programs Committee made the evening go off without a hitch.

Thanks to Katie Pierce, we enjoyed complimentary fresh chips and beer cheese as we arrived. The served meal – Roast Beef and Gravy, Grilled Chicken or Grilled Shrimp - was wonderful and then we enjoyed desserts presented on displays. Thanks to Rona Kelley for donating a wonderful scented diffuser to accompany the \$50 gas card for Heads or Tails. Tequila House said she would win and guess what? SHE DID! The Fundraising Committees gave their reports and we are in good shape for our upcoming fundraiser. Signup sheets were filled in and we are thankful to have such great members at SMWL. Grille No. 13 proved to be a great place for our meetings, and we will be sure to schedule again in the future.

The next Program/Meeting is on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the home of Becky Hoffman, 4870 Leonardtown Rd., Waldorf, MD 20601. This meeting will be in preparation of the upcoming fundraiser. Please bring all auction items, gift cards, bottle of cheer, and final ticket sales.

Program Committee: Chairs Becky Hoffman and Carole Lewis. Committee Members: Natalie McKinney, Tequila House, Donna Ellis, and Diana Rucci.

If I missed anyone, or if you would like to join the Program Committee, please give me a call 301 751 1167





MOTOWN MAGIC

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 9, 2019
7:30pm
Tickets: \$75 each**

Waldorf Jaycees Community Center
3090 Crain Highway • Waldorf, Maryland

**FOOD STATIONS
CASH BAR
LIVE AUCTION
RAFFLES
DANCING**

Contact any SMWL member or
visit smwl.org
for tickets & sponsor info

hosted by
Southern Maryland
**WOMEN'S
LEAGUE**

featuring all your favorites
by *Free Spirit*

**GROOVIN'
ALL THRU
THE NIGHT!**

Fundraiser Report | By Pam Frank

Hope everyone by now has seen the Facebook advertising our Motown Magic Fundraising event. Please make sure to spread the word on all your social media!

Our Committees are all hard at work and we have made great progress.

The Sponsorship Committee has finished and they did an outstanding job -- we raised \$27,000 in sponsorships!!! The November Meeting (November 6) will be held at Becky's House to put the finishing touches on the auction items and to make sure we are all set. Please plan to participate!

If you did not sign up for a Committee (remember -- it is the only mandatory requirement of the League) fear not -- because we will need you the day of the event! It will be all hands on deck for Saturday at the Jaycee Hall.

A huge thank you to all of the Committees and Chairs - you guys have worked very hard to make this event successful and A LOT OF FUN!!!



Treasurers Report

By Pam Frank

News from the Treasurer:
As of September 30, 2019 the Southern Maryland League has \$7,002.05 in the League account.

Don't forget to pay your invoices for missed meetings.

Questions? I'm just an email or phone call away
pam@phfservices.net
or 202-361-5300.

New! Community Projects Committee

By Natalie McKinney

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors have organized a new Community Projects Committee and I am the Chair and my wonderfully-awesome Co-Chair is Teresa Klopfer.

Each month, beginning in January 2020, we will be looking for different ways to support various organizations or perhaps spearhead a charitable service project within our community. I have a few ideas, but I would like to know if you have ideas as well. Lastly, if you would like to help out with this wonderful endeavor, please reach out to Teresa or myself.

Teresaklopfer03@gmail.com | Nsmckinney@verizon.net



Care Committee News | By Natalie McKinney

Hi Beautiful SMWL Sisters

Our Care Committee truly cares about you! Please remember to share your good news so we can celebrate together, and share anytime that you may need help, or if your hear a sister is in need. We are all here to help encourage and lift-up each others in good times and bad. We are celebrating three (3) birthdays in the month of November and of course we will reach out to all members if needed. Since the cooler months are definitely upon us, I thought it may be helpful if I threw out a cold-weather tip.

Remove any attached hoses outside and drain any residual water out of each faucet. Inside the home, usually near the main water shutoff valve or the ceiling of the basement, locate the individual shutoff valve for each supply line leading to an outside faucet. Turn the water off at the shutoff valve. Go outside and open the faucet and some water will drain out, wait a few minutes and then close the faucet

Here are celebratory Happy Birthday shout outs to our awesome November sisters:

Happy Birthday...

Kelly McCormack - November 6

Buffy Giddens - November 13

Kimberly Roper - November 27

Welcome New Babies!

Congratulations to Becky and Bill Hoffman – they are blessed to welcome grandchildren #12 and #13! Julian James Knudsen was born on July 28, 2019, and William (Liam) Peter Hoffman born on September 10, 2019.

We are celebrating with Teresa Klopfer as she welcomes her new grandson, his name is Howard Joseph Klopfer and he was born October 14, 2019. Daddy Joseph and Mommy Brandi Klopfer are doing great!

Congratulations to our very own -- Paige Gillentine! Bradley Hayes Gillentine was born on Friday, October 25th at 11:46 a.m. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 11.6 oz. And 20 inches long. Paige, Eric and Bradley are home as of Monday, the 28th and are doing well. Gigi Brenda is beyond in love with her baby grandson.

As always, I would love for you to email me if you know of a special event a SMWL sister is experiencing or if a SMWL sister just needs a little "pick me up". We care! Email me your news! nsmckinney@verizon.net

Welcome
Howard
Joseph
Klopfer



Welcome Julian Knudsen
(Left) and
William (Liam) Peter
Hoffman (right)



Welcome
Bradley Hayes
Gillentine

Sponsorship Committee and Grant Committee

By Candice Kelly, Vice President

\$27,000 in Sponsorships Raised!!

Thanks to the support and efforts of Fundraiser Chairpersons, Pam Frank and Teresa Klopfer, Sponsorship Committee Members Ann Rees, Diana Rucci, volunteer non-member, Doris Folineo, the SMWL Board and all SMWL members, we substantially exceeded our goal of \$20,000 and as of October 16th, raised \$27,000!

I think this may be a record! Great job everyone and thank you very much.

Nevertheless, there is much to do and ticket sales are essential. You will likely read all about ticket sales, raffle ticket sales, and silent auction support, not to mention decorating and preparation the day of the event, elsewhere in the newsletter. Because of your efforts in bringing in sponsors, we have a great foundation and Motown Magic can only get better!

Why do we do this?

A large portion of the funds raised are contributed to a non-profit selected by the membership that supports women and issues in the areas of health, education, economic and other related issues. The selection will be made in April, 2020 for a two year period. In addition, small grants are distributed, and of course, the College of Southern Maryland scholarships are awarded annually.

You will receive regular updates beginning the end of November asking you to identify and encourage local non-profits that qualify for funding to apply. In addition, please identify and encourage non-profits to apply for SMWL small grants.

Motown Magic will be a blast, no question, but it will also be a lot of work. SMWL makes it possible for your hard work to make a tangible difference in the lives of women ... and I guess that's what it's all about.

Thank you again for all you do to support SMWL.



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 Lynette Ashton: davelynette@comcast.net:

Special thanks to
Lynette Ashton
& *Andy Sanford*

SMWL Calendar of Events

SMWL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019-2020

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.*

OCTOBER: 10/2/19

Meeting/Program/Fundraiser Prep at Grille 13 in Waldorf, Maryland. See flyer on page 7 for details

NOVEMBER 11/6/19

Meeting/Fundraiser prep at Becky Hoffman's House address and details to follow

DECEMBER 12/14/19

Annual Holiday Party at the home of Evie & Vincent Hungerford, Indian Head, MD. Time/details to follow

JANUARY: 1/8/20

Chinese Gift Auction at Hunan Star in LaPlata
General meeting and additional details to follow

FEBRUARY: 2/5/20

Meeting/Program - *exciting details to follow*

MARCH: 3/4/20

Meeting/Program – *exciting details to follow*

APRIL: 4/1/20

Meeting/Program – *exciting details to follow.*

MAY: 5/6/20

SMWL Scavenger Hunt - Mark your Calendars now!

JUNE: 6/3/20

Member Appreciation Night/ Election of Officers/
Committee member sign up.

BOARD MEETINGS (3RD TUESDAY)

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

OCTOBER 15, 2019

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

DECEMBER 17, 2019

JANUARY 21, 2020

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

MARCH 17, 2020

APRIL 21, 2020

MAY 19, 2020

JUNE 16, 2020

Calendar subject to change.



ALL HANDS-ON-DECK!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL EVENT...

JOIN US... THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH FOR THE FINAL MEETING BEFORE OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

AND THEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH FOR THE FUNDRAISER SET-UP, AND THEN THE SPECIAL EVENT!