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## President's Message

As we approach the spring it's hard to believe we are about to embark on yet another 2 Year Service Grant Project. It has been a privilege to mentor and partner with the Catholic Charities Angel's Watch Shelter over the last 24 months. We have met and helped some amazing ladies and children and this is all thanks to the amazing women of SMWL. So my hat is off to you!

Speaking of hats...Hang on to yours! We have a lot of fun instore for the club as we head to the final stretch of our calendar year. The Program Committee has a few tricks up their sleeves and I am especially looking forward to Mystery Birthday Bash! I encourage you to share the fun and excitement we are having at SMWL with your family and friends and invite them to a future event. I think the magic we make should be contagious!

Programs & Events | Laura Brown, Vicki Johnson and Mia Allen-Ayanian



### Important -- JOIN US TOMORROW!!!

Don't miss our next SMWL meeting at Prime Street Grille!  
Please join us as we come together to review and select our next 2 Year Grant Recipient.

Our Grant selection Committee has worked very hard in presenting to you three 501 (c)3 Organizations that have been selected through the detailed grant selection process.

Each award selection finalist will be given 15 minutes to present to our membership after dinner. Members will vote that evening on who the new **Recipient who will be awarded our foundation funds** for the next two years. We cannot stress the importance for each member to be present at this monthly meeting.

WHERE: **The Prime Street Grill**  
DATE: **Wednesday, March 2, 2016**  
TIME: **Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner Served at 6:30PM**  
Members **\$25.00 Guest \$30.00**

If you have not yet RSVP'd and still wish to attend to participate/vote, dinner will not be available as the reservations have already been submitted.

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*If you want something said,  
ask a man; if you want  
something done, ask a  
woman. -- Margaret Thatcher*



### We are...

An organization of women dedicated to promoting, strengthening and supporting women and issues of importance through fellowship, education, service and mentoring programs.

The **Southern Maryland Women's League** provides women with a wide range of opportunities to help each other succeed through the exchange of information, services, mentoring, charitable actions, shared experiences, friendship and motivational support.

We are a dynamic group of Southern Maryland business owners, entrepreneurs, managers, homemakers and people from all walks of life with a wide variety of life experiences.

We are dedicated to helping each other grow and support our community through fundraising, special events, volunteer efforts, shared experiences, and more.

### SMWL UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

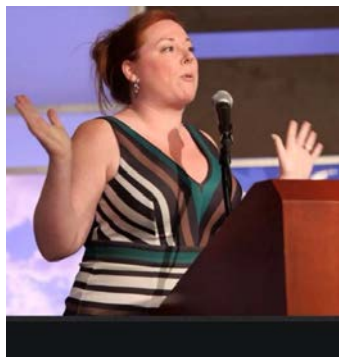
- March 2 Membership Social & Committee Updates - Prime Street Grill
- March 15 BOD Meeting – Wells Fargo
- April 6 Interactive Night, Guest Speaker DBD
- April 19 BOD Meeting – Wells Fargo
- May 4 Birthday Bash Celebration – *Shhh...It's A Secret!!!!*
- May 17 BOD Meeting - Wells Fargo
- June 1 Annual Business Meeting and Membership
- June 14 BOD Meeting: Transitional Meeting w/current/new BODs

**SMWL Auction Winner takes advantage of his winning bid for horse-back riding lessons!** This is Luke and he was the recipient of the riding lesson his mom bought at our silent auction. *Submitted by Brianna Bowling*



### Welcome NEW Members

Kadie Moffat and Anna Marie Galterio! Also a big WELCOME BACK to one of our Charter members Ann Rees! SMWL...Linked by more than community!



### Care Committee



The Care Committee is very happy to report that we have been a healthy group lately!

Vicki Johnson is on the mend and we hope to see her again soon.

If you know of a member in need of care, a kind word or any assistance, please be sure to drop me an email to let me know.

### Birthday Celebrations!

- January – Rebecca Cervino
- February – Terry Davis
- March – Brenda Lowe, Teresa Klopfer & Pam Frank

### Treasurers Report Lyn Bell



This has been a great year for the From the desk of the Treasurer: Don't want to worry about bringing cash or a check to our monthly meetings?

Please feel free to utilize our online pay in advance option for meeting reservations at our website: <http://www.smwl.org/#!membership--event-payments/ck7z>. You can pay in advance for you or your guest, check in at the door and no more worries about writing a check or getting cash. Our site is secure and payment option secure. See you in March.



Another hysterical Minute-To-Win-It Game Night with our SMWL's Sisters!

A good time was had by all! Thank you to the Programs Committee for planning and managing such a fun – yet very competitive – evening!



## Membership Report | Helen Heier

The latest Membership Directory, Membership Birthday List, and Membership E-mail lists dated January 31, 2016 were E-mailed to everyone on February 3, 2016. If you have changes to your information, please forward to Helen promptly. Please add these new lists to your Membership Binder since using a current list is how SMWL information is disseminated to our members.

Our total membership number as of today, February 24, 2016, is 46. Our current new member and rejoining member is:

New Member:

Kadie Moffitt – 01/06/16, Anna Marie Galterio – 2/29/16

Rejoining Member:

Ann Rees – 02-03-16

I have sent out several membership applications: the first one is in the Dues process; the second one is in the Voting process; the third one I am waiting on the return of the application to start the process for membership; and the fourth and fifth ones I sent out an application to get them started right away once they have met the 3rd meeting requirement. We also have more potential new members who will be applying for membership.

Our four Women of Impact (WOI) have been attending some of our meetings and will be considering joining us in membership after the third attendance. They are:

Martiza Davis - 0; Chrisie Mulcahey – 1; Christine Parker – 1; and Susie Rice -1

Each month, an e-mail of the announcements of our meetings go out to a list of ladies who have expressed an interest in our Organization to see if they would like to attend to learn more about our Organization. I currently have e-mailed information about our Organization to four interested ladies from our Website. If you have someone you would like to add to this running list, just e-mail me her name and e-mail address.

Brenda Lowe will be getting the new binders and name badges together for new members. Brianna Bowling will be doing the voting process on a prospective new member. Mia Allen-Ayanian continually helps with the check-in process and Heads & Tails game. Mia is also handling the next Diva's Dos & Don'ts event coming up this year.

If anyone would like a membership application, just let me know and I can E-mail one to you.

We look forward to even more growth of the membership in the following year.



*By-the-Way submitted by Lyn Bell*

## TRI COUNTIES OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND PARLIAMENTARY LAW DAY

Parliamentarians with the National Association of Parliamentarians gather to bring Parliamentary Law Day to the Tri Counties Of Southern Maryland so that attendees will improve their knowledge of Robert's Rules Of Order. Invitees include all members of non-profits, churches, Greek organizations, mass meetings, community meetings, etc. Parliamentary Workshops will be provided for Board Directors, Officers, Members, Community Leaders, etc. The event is FREE. Lunch will be provided. Register by April 8, 2016. Space is limited.

When you register, provide your name, organization, title (if any), contact number and email address.

If you have questions, contact Loreathea Fields via email, [fieldslc@aol.com](mailto:fieldslc@aol.com) or call 301 855-5453. (Not a library-sponsored event.)

### WHEN

Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM (EDT) - Add to Calendar

### WHERE

Calvert Library Prince Frederick - 850 Costley Way Prince Frederick, MD 20678 - View Map

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*By-the- Way submitted by Becky Hoffman*

## Saturday, March 12 – 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church & School Annual Wine & Cheese Social

Live and Silent Auction  
Tickets \$40/person \$45 at the door  
Souvenir glass for first 300 guests

Featuring Wines from local wineries, Cigars, Craft Beers,  
Acoustical Performance: [Franklin Square](#)  
Las Vegas Comedian: [Frank Del Pizzo](#)  
High-End hors d'oeuvres featuring: Thai Dumplings, Spring Rolls, Prime Rib Sliders,  
Raw Bar, Old Bay Wings, Cheese/Meat/Antipasta Charcuterie Trays, Decadent  
Desserts



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