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Southern Maryland
**WOMEN'S
LEAGUE**

*Linked by More
than Community*



President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy Spring SMWL!

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and Spring blossoms.

One of the greatest occasions to celebrate in the Spring is Mother' Day. As we celebrate our mothers, take time to reflect on what your mother means to you.

Mothers are true blessings of God. They teach you to believe in yourself, to treat people the right way, to love generously, to work hard and never give up. Mothers go out of their way to make things easier for you. They are the sweet voice you need to hear, the comforting shoulder needed to cry on. They are the one you turn to for love, guidance and good advice because you know thy will love you unconditionally, be there when you need them most and always give you hugs that make us feel like coming home.

Love and cherish your mother always!

Ready to Meet and Support a SMWL Sister?

Program's Committee

Co-Chairs: Becky Hoffman and Carole Lewis

Committee Members: Tequila House, Natalie McKinney, and Diana Rucci

We miss our SMWL sisters and if the consensus is correct, WE ARE READY TO COME TOGETHER. This is so exciting! It has been way too long. Here are just some of the things that have been suggested and investigated for our upcoming programs and meetings.

A "Meet and Greet" on May 19 at 6pm at "Grille 13" with our very own Katie Rose and her revamped restaurant and bar. DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

- SMWL Crab Feast – Celine at Capt. Billy's misses us!
- Villa de Alpacas Farm – descendants of Laura Forbes.
- Running Hare for Ladies Night – Slushies OH MY!
- Live Out Loud Yoga – watch those moves LOL!
- Annual Holiday Party – "Holiday Cheer and Bling"
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And we have lots more wonderful surprises in store.

Send your comments and suggestions to Becky Hoffman at bhoffman@growingwithgrace.org

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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



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Rona Kelley
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2006-2007 Rona Kelley
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2008-2009 Diana Rucci
2009-2010 Diana Rucci
2010-2011 Doris Folineo
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2012-2013 Laura Brown
2013-2014 Laura Brown
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2015-2016 Diana Rucci
2016-2017 Diana Rucci
2017 Mia Allen-Ananyan
2018/21 - Suzanne Wible

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2006-2007 Candice Kelly
2007-2008 Candice Kelly
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Honoring MOM



Our Hero!

Brenda/Mom/Gigi/Gam'maw – Words can't express how much you mean to us. You are the rock that truly holds us together! You have such a kind and gentle heart; will do anything for anyone and are always willing to lend a hand. You were raised very humbly and became such a strong, impactful woman! You are so smart, beautiful, and our Hero! We LOVE you. Happy Mother's Day!
Love from Paige, Eric, Bradley, John, Brittany, Amber, Nick, Chase, Payton, Bryce, Ashlynn, Gene, Roman, Dominic and Bentley

Ms. Marie

ELIZABETH MARIE RIDGEWAY DENNIS
She was a "spit-fire!" She loved to cook and bake and had a minimum of 13 different dishes for Sunday dinner! She served in the local elementary school cafeteria for many years and the kids always went to her and said, "Ms. Marie...can I have extra tater tots? I'm hungry!" And she would load up their plates until they were overflowing. I miss her so much! Her favorite saying to people who ticked her off: "You can kiss a Cat's A__!"
– Brenda Lowe

The Best Mom...

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Miss you everyday.
– Rona Kelley

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Honoring MOM



My Mom and Grandmothers

Here is my favorite picture of my mom and two grandmothers.

I love this picture because it was the last photo taken of the three of us. My mother had the patients to bring my

grandmothers down from Boston for my graduation. One grandmother had the beginning stages of dementia the other one had Leukemia and died 2 months after this picture. My other grandmother passed away in 2019. I know today I wouldn't be where I am if it weren't for them. – *With love from Kelly McCormack*



My Lovely Mom

This is a picture of my mom and sisters .. my mom and I share a birthday. This was our last time going out together to celebrate. A very SPECIAL memory of mine! Happy Mother's Day Mom I miss your words of wisdom everyday

♥ *Darlene Breck*



My Mother

My mother Carolyn Moroney was born in St Johns Newfoundland she was the oldest of 13 children. At the age of 16 she married a local fisherman William Nolan they moved to Boston Massachusetts. They had five beautiful children. When their youngest was just 2 years old William was pulled overboard and never recovered. She was left to raise her children by herself, she was a farm girl with little experience on how to make a living to support her children. Social Services suggested foster care but she refused, instead she worked as a waitress and continued her education. I am proud and honored to call her my amazing Mother. – *Carole Lewis*

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Honoring MOM



My Guiding Light

Allison Wible - you're still the one I turn to for love, guidance and good advice!♥
- Suzanne Wible



Honoring Mom

My mom was one of 13 children, born Elsie Veronica Posey, and raised in Washington, DC, with roots in St. Mary's County. She met my dad, Joseph John Rasimowicz of New Jersey, while he was stationed in Washington, DC. at the Washington Navy Yard. Married, and raised four daughters, 17 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and the list goes on.

There are not enough words to describe what a wonderful mother, Mimi, friend, and Christian my mother was. She helped everyone, never said a cross word, and was the true definition of a "strong woman. She was loved by everyone. She held a master's degree in housewife/mothering. I miss her each and every day and she has been gone for almost 20 years.



I adored my mother and I place lavender flowers on her grave every Mother's Day. I lay on the ground beside her in the plush green grass and remember our long talks, great guidance, and her kind and compassionate heart. Happy Mother's Day MOM!
- Becky Hoffman

The One and Only Evie

Happy Mother's Day, love you
- Pam Frank

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Care Committee | Natalie McKinney & Pam Frank

Welcome May! Lots of showers, the flowers are starting to show their magnificent colors, trees are budding, people are starting to get out, and we are hoping to get together in person in August this year to see everyone's beautiful face. It has been a long year....a really long year and its time to get out and enjoy the weather with friends and family. The time has come for us to do what is necessary so we can have some normalcy back in our lives. We have missed everyone so much and we have some new alliances to forge and renew. So, let us start by celebrating these amazing sisters and let us get back to having fun.



Ann Cipriano Rees – May 3

Joan Rosier – May 12

Michelle Jones – May 21

Linda Cox – May 27

If you know of a sister that is celebrating a milestone, experiencing a difficult time or just needs a smile. Please reach out to me so we can reach out to her. The Care Committee cares and family connection that we share is awesomely amazing!!

Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS ARE NORMALLY SCHEDULED FOR 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 UPDATES AND BREAKING NEWS!!

Regular Schedule for meetings are:

- January 6, 2021
- February 3, 2021
- March 3, 2021
- April 7, 2021
- May 5, 2021
- June 2, 2021 – Member Appreciate/Elections
- July 7, 2021
- August 4, 2021
- September 1, 2021
- October 6, 2021
- November 3, 2021
- December 1, 2021

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS (3RD TUESDAY)

MAY 18, 2021, JUNE 15, 2021, JULY 20, AUGUST 17, SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 19, NOVEMBER 16, DECEMBER 21.



This is your SMWL Newsletter!

Please email us to share your news... including special family announcements, business information and SMWL specials, charitable organizations or drives that are near and dear to your heart, By-the-ways and more! We'd love to include the information to share with our SMWL Sisters.

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