



Southern Maryland

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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Spring Newsletter

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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 women from a diverse professional and personal background 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.

Diana Rucci

A Final President's Message

Wow how time flies! It seems like only yesterday we were hosting our initial Meet & Greets as we created this amazing group of women in 2006.

It's hard to believe that my time as President has once again come to an end. It has truly been a pleasure to lead SMWL through our 2015-2017 years.

I was blessed to have two incredible boards with dedicated volunteers that were committed to making our club thrive. These ladies dedicated countless hours behind the scenes to do the work of the club and keep us moving forward.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Membership Appreciation Meeting on June 7th so that we can recognize yet another successful year as we pass the gavel forward to our new President and Board of Directors.

2017 SMWL Fundraiser

Please mark your calendars for our 2017 Fundraiser. As you know we will be rotating the Women of Impact Awards Dinner and Ceremony with a light-hearted fundraiser each year. This year we will host a Comedy Night on Friday, November 10th, 2017. Anticipate a great show and lots of fun including a "Yeti of Cheer" raffle. If you are interested in working on the fundraiser please let me know. The more the merrier, I always say!

Brenda Lowe

CSM Scholarship Committee

The \$3,000 Scholarship commitment for fiscal year July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017 is paid in full.

\$1,000 of it was given as a Power Hour Sponsorship for Giving Tuesday on November 29, 2016. This sponsorship not only gave us exposure on all of the website and Public advertising; but it resulted in other SMWL Members and the outside public donating another \$1,025.00 that day. So, this year, SMWL can grant (4) four \$1,000 Scholarships to needy CSM students instead of (3) three. Thanks to everyone that contributed!

The remaining \$2,000 was paid this month to be a Foreman Sponsor of the "Celebrating a Career Building Futures" event to be held on Saturday, June 3rd at the newly opened Center for Trades and Energy Training (CTET) on the new Regional Hughesville Campus. This event will celebrate the retirement of the college's fourth President, Dr. Brad Gottfried, and showcase one of his many visions realized...to have a campus that focuses on non-degree, trade and certificate-oriented students.

Erika Abell will gather all SMWL Scholarship Applications after the May 31st deadline; ensure they meet all qualifications and will send the CSM Scholarship Committee the essays written by qualified applicants by June 15th. The committee members will read and score the applicants' essays and will choose the four scholarship recipients prior to July 1, 2017. Andy has recently updated the SMWL Website with some of the scholarship recipients' names.

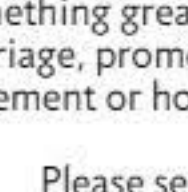
Dr. Lyn Bell

Treasurers Report

Sisters, thank you for actively utilizing our online payment option. A gentle reminder that annual dues are now due.

Please take advantage of the early pay discount; pay your dues by June 30th and get \$5.00 off your membership.

Please, forward a check postmarked by or before June 30th for \$155.00 to SMWL, P.O. BOX 2511, Waldorf, M.D. 20604 or use the online option at www.smwl.org. Dues are \$160.00 on and after July 1, 2017. Loving regards.



Suzanne Wible Care Committee

The Care Committee wants to let you know that we care about you. Please let us know when something great is happening in your life, i.e: birth of a child/grandchild, graduation, marriage, promotion, retirement, etc. Or let us know when you need a word of encouragement or how we can keep you and/or your family and loved ones in our prayers, for any reason.

Please send all requests to Suzanne Wible at swible@hotmail.com



Brenda Lowe

Membership Committee

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As our fiscal year winds down...we have 51 official members. I am happy to say that we are well on our way to having 56 members in our club! This is awesome! A big shout-out to our newest member, Brenda Carignan! Plus Maryanna Lanham and Natalie McKinney have been voted in and will pay their dues to start in the next fiscal year.

There are a few others interested that will go through the voting process and probably be members at the beginning of July: Marla Ballard, Terry Cord and Tequila House. So, keep an eye out for the voting emails. We want to send out a BIG WELCOME to all!

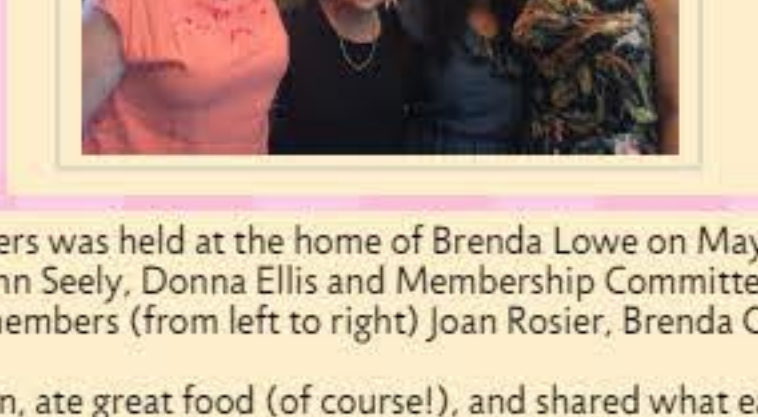
Helen Heier continues to be diligent about answering inquiries on our website, sending out applications to those ladies who have completed their three meetings requirements and most diligently sends out our latest SMWL Directory and Birthday Lists. Please take a moment to look at your information on these lists. If anything is incorrect, or needs to be changed, please notify Helen as soon as possible. Awesome job Helen!

Our Diva's Do's and Don't's was held on Thursday, May 18th at my house. Good food, fun times and wonderful company was experienced by all! Mia Ayanian and Ann Seely planned this event...and it was a lot of fun and very informative to our new members present. Thanks to all the committee members who make Membership in this Club pretty streamlined and enjoyable!

I hope in the coming fiscal year...SMWL Membership will grow to 60 Ladies!!!! Hugs!

Laura Forbes, Ann Seeley, Mia Allen - Ayanian

Programs and Special Events



Diva's Do's and Don't's for new members was held at the home of Brenda Lowe on May 18, 2017. Current Board Members Brenda Lowe, Mia Allen-Ayanian, Lyn Bell, Ann Seely, Donna Ellis and Membership Committee Member Helen Heier joined with Sponsor Tammy Semega to welcome new members (from left to right) Joan Rosier, Brenda Carignan Tequila House, and Torri Turner.

The group had a "speed dating" session, ate great food (of course!), and shared what each committee does and the expectations of our new members present. Bylaws, dues schedules, and meal payments were also discussed.

Thank you again to Brenda Lowe for opening your beautiful home to SMWL for this event!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Elections on June 7, 2017.

We have some wonderful SMWL Members who have been nominated to fill the five openings to serve on the board for a two-year term July, 2017, through June, 2019.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor prior to voting.

This is our Annual Membership Appreciation Meeting - you don't want to miss this evening!



LADIES COME OUT AND JOIN US NEXT WEDNESDAY FOR SMWL'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION & BUSINESS MEETING!!!!

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 5:30 p.m.

We will be returning to the Kaow Thai Restaurant

Address: 68 Drury Drive, La Plata, MD 20646

TO HONOR OUR MEMBERS, YOU WILL RECEIVE TWO FREE DRINK TICKETS!!!!

MEMBERS \$25.00 GUESTS \$35

As we come to an end of this fiscal year, the board would like to update you on the upcoming year (2017-2018) and also thank our outgoing board members and welcome new board members in. We also want to show our appreciation to our out-going President, Diana Rucci.



*****Ballots will be presented and nominations will be accepted on the floor*****

Ladies- Don't forget - It's almost time to renew your dues, you can bring a check, pay online or see Lyn Bell to swipe your card!!!



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MYSTERY NIGHT 2017



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

Tessa Echols
Suzanne Wible
Kadie Thames Moffitt

MAY

Ann Cipriano Rees
Joan Rosier
Michelle Jones
Cheri East

JUNE

Brianna Bowling
Cindy Lantz
Robin Magoon
Pam Roberts
Sherrie Sanders
Evie Hungertford
Donna Ellis

IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY



CHEERS