



Diana Rucci

President's Message

As we approach the end of our SMWL Calendar year I am very excited about our new partnership with The Jude House for Women. Our volunteer liaisons are Lyn Bell, Terry Davis and Rebecca Cervino. Lyn and Terry had the pleasure of meeting with Mary Logsdon to start the ball rolling and our club is under way with our new project. I know they will have a lot of information and volunteer opportunities to share so stay tuned.

We are also about to approach our 10th Year Anniversary and I could not be more energized over the SMWL Birthday Bash on May 20th. The Program Committee has been hard at work to create a night we will not forget. I hope all of you will be able to join in the fun.

With fun and giving also comes "fundraising." The board is in full support of our 2nd Annual Women of Impact event and the early planning has begun. Keep your eyes open for a chance to participate in this wonderful event. I promise that you will get the most out of your club membership when you step up to help on a committee or with an event. It's where the magic of our club is formed!

The board has also agreed that I might be time to have a "mini" fundraiser to help raise additional funds while keeping the Women of Impact event the more classy awards ceremony it is meant to be. So keep your eyes open for more details on a Comedy Night in the spring of 2017!



We are blowing up balloons and icing the cake. There is a Big Birthday Party, we hope you can make! Wear your heels, boots or flip flops just as long as you are there! Come Join Us and celebrate SWML'S 10th year!!

SMWL 10th Anniversary and Birthday Bash
6 PM - 10PM

RSVP by May 16th to laura_forbes@comcast.net
Location: Bliss in the Barn
117700 Charles St., La Plata, MD, 20646
Tickets for members \$35, Guests are \$40
Birthday Gift Exchange Optional and Anonymous. Limit is \$25
Pay on-line www.SMWL.org go to membership and event payments
OPEN BAR, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, DJ, DANCING, GAMES, BULL RIDE AND MORE

We can't wait to see you this weekend!
Friday, May 20, 2016
6:00 to 10:00 pm
Bliss at the Barn
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\$35 Members/ \$40 Guests
BUY TICKETS NOW: www.smwl.org
Don't forget your Birthday Gift Exchange
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"I've always believed that one woman's success can only help another woman's success."
■ **Gloria Vanderbilt**



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.

Nominating Committee | Rona Kelley

Mark your calendars for our Annual Elections June 1st. We have 8 wonderful SMWL Members who have been nominated to fill 6 openings for our 2016/2017 SMWL Board of Directors. Nominations will also be taken from the floor prior to voting. We also have a special treat in store for everyone! You won't want to miss this night!



Membership Report | Helen Heier and Mia Allen-Ayanian

UPCOMING DIVIA'S DOS & DON'T'S

The Membership Committee is also planning for the upcoming Divas Dos & Don'ts Event schedule tentatively for June 23, 2016. More details will be emailed to all new members as soon as the Committee has everything together.

This is a wonderful event for new members to learn more about SMWL while getting to know each other better. We are excited about this upcoming event.

We are an organization of women dedicated to promoting, strengthening and supporting women and issues of importance through fellowship, education, service and mentoring programs. We leave NO DIVA BEHIND!

ANNUAL EVENT | Women of Impact Awards Ceremony & Dinner

The Women of Impact Program Event Chairs held their first review and planning meeting last Wednesday evening and are excited to share the tentative date for this year's event is Friday, November 4, 2016.



If you're interested in sharing your talents to serve on a specific Committee, please contact: Andy Sanford, Rona Kelley or Pam Roberts. Committee support may include (but not limited to): Overall Event Marketing, Nomination Packet Distribution, Nomination Review & Awards, Sponsorship Development, Program Book Ad Sales, Facilities Management & Planning, Decorating, Silent Auction, Script Development/Timing/Writing & Editing, Ticket Sales & Management, Fundraising, Corporate Partnerships and much more!

Last year we basically put together this event in a very limited time frame, we urge members to contact us now to volunteer and help us expand upon last year's success. We are Women of Impact, and together we can accomplish anything!

Care Committee



The Care Committee is very happy to report that we have been a healthy group lately! Kadie Moffat & Laura Forbes are back in action. Vicki Johnson is also on the mend and we hope to see her again soon. Sadly Rona Kelley suffered the loss of her father and Brianna Bowling suffered the loss of her grandmother and received our condolences.

Birthday Celebrations!

April – Tessa Echols, Suzanne Wible, Kadie Moffitt

May – Ann Rees, Michelle Jones

June – Brianna Bowling, Cindy Lantz, Robin Magoon, Pam Roberts, Sherrie Sanders, Evie Hungerford, Donna Ellis

Treasurers Report Lyn Bell



Great Spring Day!
It's the SMWL 10

Year Birthday this month and we want you to have a speedy check-in at the birthday bash on May 20th.

Please visit (and share with your guest) our link to pay in advance for your ticket to the 10 year birthday bash! See you there.

SMWL UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17: BOD Meeting - Wells Fargo

May 20: 10th Anniversary Celebration
& Member Birthday Bash

June 1: Annual Business Meeting and
Membership Appreciation

June 14: BOD Meeting: Transitional
Meeting w/current/new BODs



Hello Ladies - I think we are truly being teased with this weather. One day in the 80s, and the next in the 30s. What the heck is happening? Anyway, I sure hope that we start getting that wonderful weather we had on the first day of spring.

The WOI fundraiser has finally been closed out and the total deposits made were \$37,910.95.

The fundraiser expenses totaled \$14,395.52. Our fundraiser proceeds are \$23,515.43. That is really good for a fundraiser, and it really recognized individuals in the community that should be. There is talk that SMWL might do it again this year along with another fun fundraiser, but more will follow. In addition, the SMWL CD came due in February and the Board of Directors approved \$9,994.54 to be deposited into the Foundation Account in order to pay the obligations that we have such as Hospice, CSM, etc. The current balance for the Foundation is \$26,281.93. A new CD in the amount of \$31,000 was reinvested and it already accrued \$63.08 in interest. The amount in the Community Foundation of So. Maryland is \$37,169.03. I should be receiving the updated amount sometime this month (April) and will report the new amount in the next newsletter.

The last membership meeting was just so much fun. The comedian was just fabulous and we all laughed so hard that the next day my face hurt from laughing. We had 28 in attendance, but it would be so nice if even more would have come out. Hope to see everyone at the birthday bash! Sounds like it will be a really fun evening.

Membership Report | Helen Heier and Mia Allen-Ayanian

The latest Membership Directory, Membership Birthday List, and Membership E-mail lists dated February 29, 2016 were last E-mailed to everyone on March 21, 2016. No new additions/changes since then. 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, May 1, 2016, is 49. Our most current new and rejoining members are:

Most Current New Members: Anna Galterio – 02-26-16, Ann Seely – 02-26-16, and Kim Rosenfield – 02-26-16

Most Current Rejoining Member: Ann Rees – Charter Member – Rejoined 02-03-16

I have sent out two new applications recently for membership to start the voting process. One of those is in the voting process. Still waiting on the other one and also one other application to be returned to start the process for membership and have some potential members to meet the 3rd meeting requirement. As of our last SMWL event/meeting on April 6, 2016, our four Women of Impact (WOI) have attended the meetings as listed on the attached paper. They 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 attend our meetings and learn more about our Organization. If you have someone you would like to add to this running list, just e-mail me her name and e-mail address. Also, I recently sent out an e-mail to an interested lady from the SMWL website requesting information about our Organization. Our Membership Committee stays very busy which is great for Membership! Brenda Lowe has been getting the new binders and name badges together for new members. Brianna Bowling has been doing the voting process on prospective new members. Mia Allen-Ayanian continually helps with the check-in process and Andy with the Heads & Tails game. Mia is also heading up the next Diva's Dos & Don'ts event coming up this year. I personally would like to thank all these ladies for all the help they have given this Committee. THANK YOU!!!!!! If anyone would like a membership application, just let me know and I can E-mail one to you.

2-YEAR GRANT PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP

Jude House for Women has several Volunteer Opportunities

- Exercise coach or instructor - A couple of ladies that can lead or teach an exercise or yoga class once or twice a month.
- Make-up and Hair - An instructor that can hold a workshop on make-up application and/or hair styling, coloring or cutting.
- Career/Resume - An instructor to assist the ladies in preparing for work in resume writing, interviewing skills and appropriate dress for interviewing/work.
- Motivational - An instructor or coach or hold upward motivational classes to promote positive thinking, positive review and reflection of self.

Please contact the house director, Mary Logsdon at [\(240\) 230-2988](tel:2402302988)

CSM SPLASH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS EVENT



We are happy to report our \$3,000 Scholarship Donation that we give annually to CSM really received a great “bang for the buck” this year.

Erika Abell asked if we would be interested in paying it a little early this year to become a “Lifeguard Sponsor” for their “Splash for Scholarships” that was held on Saturday, May 7th at their Leonardtown Campus.

We agreed to do this as long as it met our Annual obligation to them. And it did! Our sponsorship went for the main bar and several of the ladies of SMWL attended: Kim Rosenield, Mia Ayanian, Pam Frank, Suzanne Wible, Tammy Semega, Evie Hungerford, Erika Abell and Andy Sanford.

It was reported that they raised over \$45,000 in profit. We were happy to have been able to help with this! We were listed on their website, facebook page and on the actual event signs. And our League name was bannered across the Main bar as sponsor. Just another way that SMWL comes together to give back to our own community! We are Women of Impact, and we are proud to share our overall success.

Check out our very own [Pamela E Roberts](#)... Steppin' Out with the ladies on a Wild Wild West Dance Tour at a Senior Center near you!



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