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President's Message | Suzanne Wible

Happy Fall SMWL!

We hope you and your families are all doing well and getting outside to enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

As you may recall, last Fall SMWL voted to donate \$2,500 to LifeStyles in support of their annual Big Hair Ball (BHB) fundraiser. Funds from the BHB go towards assisting women and children in crisis throughout our community. Due to the COVID pandemic, the BHB was rescheduled from March to September 25, 2020. SMWL Board members attended the event at Running Hare Vineyard. As always, LifeStyles put on a great event and SMWL was very proud of our long time member and beautiful model Helen Heier!

Throughout this pandemic, the SMWL Board will continue monthly meetings via Zoom, communicating with our members and we encourage all of you to stay safe and stay beautiful!

Virtual Party | Andy Sanford

It was great to see everyone at the first-ever SMWL Virtual Party! This was a unique opportunity to Zoom together to share a few interesting stories, learn about the importance of financial organizing, and catch-up on personal news and upcoming events.



Thank you to Maryanna Lanham Jones for allowing us to put you on-the-spot as our first virtual member educational highlighted speaker. We hope we can get more members to share their expertise and help us navigate a wide variety of programs, needs, and services in the future. We have so much talent within our group, it's really great to have the opportunity to learn from one another!

During Maryanna's presentation she shared a *Life-Folio Financial Organizer*, the *Creating Financial Independence Guide*, and the *Five things Every Woman Should Know About Finances* flyer. If anyone would like a copy of these informative documents, or are in need of financial planning services, please email Maryanna directly. I know she'll be happy to meet and sit down with you to help navigate the tough stuff with honesty, humor, and integrity!

Linda Cox, thank you as well, for sharing updates and the unique opportunity to support the CSM Annual Golf Tournament and its fundraising efforts. The *small group play* sounds fun and is the perfect way to still play golf and support CSM.

Thank you again for those who were able to join us. It was such a treat to see your beautiful smiling faces as we've missed them so!

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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.



FYI: Our spicy question for the first SMWL Virtual Party was...
What is the nicest thing your "Old Bae" has ever done for you?

SMWL BOD 2020/21

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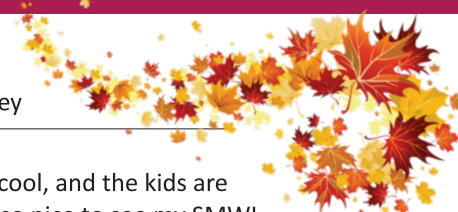
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Foundation

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Care Committee | Natalie McKinney



Happy Fall Ya'!!! The air is crisp, the nights are cool, and the kids are back to school (physically or remotely). It was so nice to see my SMWL sisters on the Zoom call last month, but we do miss not being able to meet in person. I know we will be able to get back together, but until then lets "Zoom the night away". Ok, I will stop...I just had to get that out. Anyway, I am so happy to report that we have been a healthy group lately, so let's continue to stay healthy, wash our hands, try not to gather in large groups and practice social distancing. Maybe get out and go for a walk or spend some time in your back yard, you could set it up like a drive-in theater or movie night for the family. We can get through this together!

As always, if someone knows of a SMWL sister needing a card or assistance for any reason, please send me an email or call me. You would be amazed how a little card or phone call can really brighten someone's day.

Here are the birthday shout outs for our fabulous September Sisters

- Diana Rucci – September 2
- Michelle Kelly – September 4
- Laura Forbes – September 8
- Rebecca Hoffman – September 16
- Lynette Ashton – September 28



Here are birthday shouts for our awesome October Sisters

- Carole Lewis – October 11
- Paige Gillentine – October 14
- Rona Kelley – October 14
- Maryanna Lanham – October 21

For all sisters celebrating a birthday, here is a hand clap and a shout WOO-HOO!!
 Email care news to: nsmckinney@verizon.net

Grant Committee Update | Candice Q. Kelly

Because of Covid-19, we suspended our Bi-Annual Grant distributions and fundraising, however, we honored our commitment to sponsor the Big Hair Ball at the \$2,500 level.

We are proud to support the Big Hair Ball and important work of Life Styles during this difficult times.

In addition, a Small Grant in the amount of \$250.00 was approved for the Annual Special Olympics Torch Run.

Small Grants are available for qualifying non-profits.
 Here is the link: <https://www.smwl.org/small-grants>

Have a great October and stay safe!

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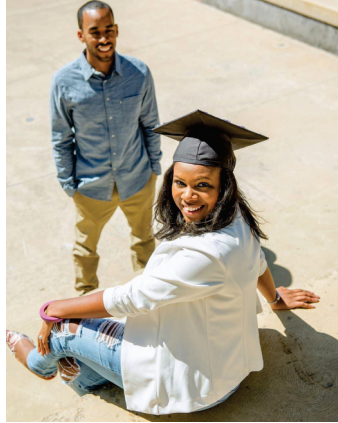
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Member Spotlight | Andy Sanford



We are excited to share a little bit of fun information to help you get to know more about our Highlighted SMWL Member of the Month. *Introducing the fabulous...*

Tequila is in the House

Tequila graciously answered a few of our interview questions. See her comments below:

Do you have any children? If so, can you share their names?
Yes, two sons Zaire and Zain.

What do you do now for a living?
I am a financial manager for the Department of the Navy.

What do you want to be when you grow up? *I want to be happy and financially free when I grow up.*

What is the one thing that your SMWL sisters may be surprised to learn about you?
I am sensitive and shy at times.

Do you have a tattoo? *No*

What is your favorite sweet treat? *Brownie*

In your birth order, are you first/second/third...? *I am second.*

What is something you are most proud of? *I am proud of being a mother to two amazing, smart, strong, handsome, talented..... sons!*

What is your favorite meal? *My favorite meal is crispy whole red snapper with hot spicy sweet and sour Hunan sauce.*

What motivates you to succeed? *At a young age, being told that I can't and will not be anything...motivates me to succeed.*

What TV character best describes you? *I have no clue LOL maybe Wonder Woman, Harriet Tubman and Lucy Ricardo... LOL*

If you could play hooky for one day -- where would you want to go?
Any tropical beach when the weather is perfect.



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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.

smwlog@gmail.com



Programs Committee | Becky Hoffman & Carole Lewis

Carole Lewis and Becky Hoffman Co-Chairs; Committee Members: Diana Rucci, Donna Ellis, Natalie McKinney, and Tequila House

Hello SMWL!!! WE MISS YOU!!! HOW ARE YOU HOLDING OUT!!!
NO EVENTS, NO MEETING, NO FUN PLANNING!!!
HOW LONG CAN THIS GO ON???
WELL, WE JUST HAVE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!!!

Send your ideas to one of the committee members. We are open to any suggestions that can bring some sort of togetherness to SMWL.

YOU MUST HAVE SOME IDEAS UP YOU SLEEVE OR BEHIND THAT MASK!!!
Stay safe and healthy!

League Treasurer | Pam Frank



Hey everyone! Hope you and your families are staying healthy, safe and sane (I'm a little iffy on the last one...lol!).

We have **\$3,382.43** in the League Bank account... not much activity!

I miss seeing all of your beautiful faces...hope to see you soon!

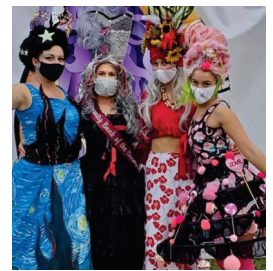
Calendar of Events

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. **INFORMATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WILL BE SENT OUT AS UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE.**

- November 4, 2020 - covid continues
- December 5 or 12, 2020 – HOLIDAY PARTY?
- January 6, 2021 – CHINESE GIFT EXCHANGE?
- February 3, 2021
- March 3, 2021
- April 7, 2021
- May 5, 2021
- June 2, 2021 – MEMBERS APPRECIATION ELECTIONS – MEMBERS ONLY

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETINGS (3RD TUESDAY)

OCTOBER 20, 2020, NOVEMBER 17, 2020, DECEMBER 15, 2020, JANUARY 19, 2021, FEBRUARY 16, 2021, MARCH 16, 2021, APRIL 20, 2021, MAY 18, 2021, JUNE 15, 2021.



Photos - yes we had on masks and removed for photos! Left - Our beautiful Ziegfeld sponsored model - Helen and Natalie. Center: a few members of the SMWL Board (Becky, Andy, Carole, Suzanne, Helen, Kelly, Natalie). Right: the Flapper, Sandy Washington - LifeStyles of Maryland, Executive Director and Helen; Helen and Suzanne; and a group of additional Big Hair Ball models - Starry Night, Mrs. Maryland, Carmen Miranda and the Shirley Temple/Candy Girl.

The Southern Maryland Women's League (SMWL) is committed to projects and services in support of women, and families in crisis within our community and beyond. Here, board members are attending the Big Hair Ball at Running Hare Vineyards in support of LifeStyles of Maryland. Congrats to our very own SUPER MODEL Helen B. Heier... the most fabulous SMWL sponsored Ziegfeld Folly!

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Center for Children *Be a Hero for Kids* On-Line Pre-Holiday Auction

Wanted... auction items! Gift certificates, weekend get-aways, theme baskets for families, teachers and children, crafts and artwork, and anything you may have at home that you'd like to share and think someone may buy! We'll pick up or you can drop off to the Center for Children in La Plata. Andy Sanford 301-399-0583, asanford12@gmail.com