



Brenda Lowe

President's Message

My Dear SMWL Sisters...

Happy Spring! Finally! It seemed as if it would never get here! Enjoy the sunshine, warmer weather and the green and blossoms everywhere!

Before we know it, the end of the Fiscal Year will be here. However, these last couple of months will be chock full of good things!

In May we will do our Mystery Night... which is always a good time! Mary & Vickie have a wonderful, fun night planned for everyone. Make sure you RSVP as soon as the notice goes out. The Bus fills quickly! Then in June we will have our Membership Appreciation Night where we honor and recognize all members...as well as reflect on the accomplishments of the year.

As we wind down this year, please recognize and take care of any outstanding debts you may have to the League...any missed meetings, payments for guests for events, etc. I know our Treasurer, Ms. Lyn Bell would love to have the books balanced prior to fiscal year end. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with this.

This past month we used our annual distribution from the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland Endowment Fund to pay approximately half of the quarterly salary payment for the Angel's Watch Shelter Part-Time Residential Counselor. We did a Big Check Presentation at the April Meeting and a Press Release and Photo appeared in the newspaper on April 22 (See page 4). It is a wonderful feeling to be able to support the organizations that help women in need. Thanks to all of you for helping to make this possible!

Programs & Events | Mary Lilly & Vickie Johnson

Program Committee News

We began the month of April with one of our favorite annual meetings -- MINUTE TO WIN IT was a blast! Everyone was a winner as members and guests competed in a wide variety of fun and interactive games.

Our March meeting featured a fabulous guest appearance by Julia Child portrayed by Mary Ann Jung. We are deeply honored to have this award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar perform for our League. *(Continued, page 2)*



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"Passion is energy. Feel the power that comes from focusing on what excites you."
— Oprah Winfrey



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.

Don't miss our upcoming events

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We all enjoyed learning fun facts about Julia along with several cooking tips and tricks! Thank you to Mary Lilly & Vickie Johnson and their Programs Committee for working so hard to bring us such amazing opportunities for fun and fellowship!



Our next meeting is this Wednesday, May 6!
We're soooooo excited to participate in this year's

SMWL Mystery Night!

By now, we hope that you have responded positively to the email invitations from Mary Lilly and made your final dinner selection of either Seared Atlantic Salmon or Braised Baby Back Pork Ribs.

Members \$70 • Guests \$75

Meet at the Jaycee's parking lot at 5:15 p.m.

Depart promptly at 5:30 p.m. • Return around 11:30 p.m.

Dress tastefully casual. Weather depending, you may want to bring a jacket for later in the evening.

Many thanks from your program chairs—Vicki Johnson & Mary Lilly
Please note, if you reserve a space/dinner you must pay whether you attend or not. The League pays for your participation in advance.

Mark your calendar now for the next two SMWL meetings:

Wednesday, June 3rd

Membership Appreciation Night

Babes Boys Tavern • 2890 Old Washington Road • Waldorf, MD

Wednesday, July 1st

Summer Fun Night

Bring a spouse, friend or significant other!

Pool party at the Lowe Residence

CARE
COMMITTEE |
Cindy Lantz



Hello League Sisters!

I hope that you are all taking care of yourselves and enjoying this wonderful Spring ...almost Summer weather! The Care Committee really "cares" that you all stay healthy and safe during these season changes.

The following ladies celebrate their birthdays in May and June: HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!!

May 21 – Michelle Jones

June 6 – Brianna Bowling

June 7 – Cathy Secor

June 11 – Mary Sue Greisman

June 11 – Cindy Lantz

June 17 – Robin Magoon

June 18 – Pam Roberts

June 20 – Sherrie Sanders

June 21 – Evie Hungerford

June 23 – Donna Ellis

During the last couple of months, I have sent cards for the sicknesses of some of our members, sent expressions of sympathy for those who had deaths in families, or friends; and sent a "Thinking of You" card to those sisters who simply need that "pick me up" greeting from someone who cares.

Please remember to email me if you know a Sister is in need, under the weather or just feeling down. As always, if you know something great that one of our sisters has accomplished, whether it be running a marathon, a new job, a new home purchase or any other special event, we want to know!! clantz2@verizon.net

SMWL Members please visit and LIKE our Facebook page. It's important that members take the opportunity to connect and share information! Feel free to post your SMWL event photos and messages to share!



The following information is being reported for the month of April and will provide Expenses that were approved by the Board, as well as the current balance in the Foundation account:

In March, there was an administrative expense in the amount of \$750.00 that was paid to Bridgett, Mock and Associates for acctg/tax services. In April, an administrative expense in the amount of \$679.50 that was paid to Edward Sanders, for general liability insurance for the directors and officers of the league. In addition, the first installment of four was paid to Catholic Charities for the Angel Watch Shelter in the amount of \$1420.09. Normally, the payment is \$2,860.00 but The Community Foundation paid the other portion as directed by the league due to an annual distribution available from the account we have with them.

Lastly, the MOU between the SMWL and Catholic Charities was renewed and resigned by all parties in order to continue to fund the part-time residential counselor for Angel's Watch Homeless Shelter for another year.

If there are any questions concerning the information provided, please feel free to contact me. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mystery night! Happy May!

Membership Report | Helen Heier

The last Membership Directory, Membership Birthday List, and Membership E-mail lists were updated on January 31, 2015 and e-mailed to everyone on February 7, 2015. If you do have changes to your information please forward to Helen promptly.

It is important that you use these current lists because changes have been made to some addresses and phone numbers, etc.

Our total as of March 18, 2015, has not changed and stands at 48 members. We still have many prospective members needing to attend their 3rd meeting before sending them an application to join. We also have several interested ladies who will be attending meetings for the first time as we go through this year. Each month when we have our meetings, I have a list of names with e-mails that I send out the meeting announcements to. If you have someone who might be interested in our Organization, let me know and I will send them a summary of what our Organization does and the process of joining and what is required of them as a member. Or, if you have someone you would like me to send the announcements to, just give me the name and e-mail address.

I will be giving Brenda the Master Membership Binder after this busy season for me so she can finish the Membership Binders for the newest members. Brenda Lowe and Diana Rucci have requested to be on the Membership Committee. If anyone else would like to join this Committee, please let me know as soon as possible, so we can get a meeting together. Also, if I have not given you an SMWL badge or a binder, please let me know promptly.

If anyone needs a membership application, let me know and I will e-mail one to you. I look forward to even more growth of the membership in this following year.



Public Relations & Marketing | Andy Sanford

New SMWL event information coming soon...

Ladies get ready for a **SMWL WOMEN of IMPACT** special event. We're going to need all-hands-on-deck very soon to help plan and implement our new special event and fundraiser. More information and specific details to come.



Treasurer's Report | Lyn Bell

Happy Spring my dear league sisters. As treasurer it is my job to account and collect money for the league.

Our budget year is closing at the end of June. There are many outstanding missed meetings that are owed. Please be reminded... When you reserve dinner for yourself or a guest, the league has to pay the vendor on your behalf whether you attend or not. I have invoiced you by email with no response. Unfortunately, I will have to call you as I realize that the emails may go to your spam folders.

Please do not take offense as it is important for the league account to be accurate and balanced.

When contacted, please remit your outstanding balance as soon as possible.

Our wonderful League of women made the *Maryland Independent* Newspaper news on Wednesday, April 22, 2015...a Press Release submitted by Gretchen Heinze-Hardman of the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland. It was our Big Check Presentation at our April General Membership Meeting to Dora Carter of Angel's Watch Shelter to help fund the Part-time Residential Counselor there.



SMWL is in the process of purchasing chairs to replace the broken, dilapidated ones in the kitchen at the Angel's Watch Shelter. These should be delivered soon. In addition to that, the Board is looking to help "spruce up" the entire kitchen area by painting and simple cleaning and decorating. If any of you are interested in helping in this effort, please contact Laura Brown at 703-928-2235 or email her at Laurabrown@wildblue.net.

Also in the works....Chaney Enterprises has graciously offered to provide the funding for a Storage Unit for three full years for SMWL to store donated furniture items and other living items donated to the ladies in transition from the shelter out into housing of their own. We are so appreciative of Chaney partnering with us to assist these ladies as they attempt to start a new life for themselves. So, stay tuned...soon we will be asking if anyone has gently used furniture that they would donate to this effort...and now we will have a place to store the items, so they will be readily available as the ladies move into their new housing.

And about those ladies in transition....Our sisters Terry Davis and Laura Brown have lead the effort to get three ladies out of the shelter and set up in affordable housing with basic living items. A fourth lady is due to move on Friday. Terry has rounded up a microwave and a dining room set. If anyone has items to donate, please contact Terry at 301-233-0586 or tdavis9051@aol.com.

Thanks to everyone for the very generous donation of your time and materials. You are awesome!



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