



Brenda Lowe

President's Message

It is with excitement that I write my first President's Message to SMWL! First of all, "Thank you" for having the confidence in me to vote me in as your leader! I will certainly try not to disappoint you and live up to your expectations.

Feeding off of what Laura stated in her last letter about maintaining the sisterhood and the unity and balance of our Organization... as President, I will always keep this in the forefront of my mind and act accordingly. I will attempt to have more communication with the membership as a whole and include all members in any invites to community functions, press release photograph opportunities, etc... because it is a team effort all along the way.

We are in the middle of an exciting Fundraiser – selling tickets for some lucky person to win a brand new Mini Cooper and giving a \$1,000 Cash Second Prize. I do hope all will participate and keep in mind that the fundraiser is part of the mission of this grand Organization. The old saying..."It takes a Village..." is so true in this situation. October 11th is right around the corner...and we not only want to have enough tickets sold to purchase the car from the dealership...but also be poised to fulfill our obligations to Angel's Watch Homeless Shelter and other wonderful non-profits we support.

This will be an exciting year and I look forward to leading this wonderful Organization. I feel blessed to be a part of such a lovely (inside and out) group of ladies!

Programs & Events | Mary Lilly & Vickie Johnson

Program Committee News

JULY & AUGUST OVERVIEW...

Well what a super time everyone had on Mystery Night this year! It really was a lot of fun planning and keeping secret until 'show time'! The departing bus ride couldn't have been more fun, and with a few clues Teresa Klopfer guessed that we were heading to National Golf Club, formerly Tantallon Country Club... and the reward for her brainpower – none other than a bottle of 'Little Black Dress' wine.



The staff presented a fabulous buffet and the steamed mussels seemed to disappear as soon as the pan was filled! Next up was Kier – a musician/comedian that entertained us with great impressions and songs. We never knew that Connie was such a good harmonica holder... such great things emerged as the evening progressed. If someone could just explain the forest of trees behind the corner table... go Kentucky!?! Even after that craziness, we cheered on Kier enough that he came out for an encore and shared a song he wrote. What a trooper he was – flying in from Vegas to perform for us and a number of members from National Golf Club. He is a true first class act. Our thanks go to Becky Hoffman & Rebecca Martin for the suggestion.

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You can tell who the strong women are. They are the ones you see building each other up instead of tearing each other down.



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

SMWL ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

SANDERS RESIDENCE • 7661 Brentland Road • Welcome, MD

Check-in & Mingle 5:30-6:00 • Dinner at 6:00 • Open Bar Members \$35 // Guests \$45

Many thanks from your program chairs—Vickie Johnson & Mary Lilly

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, October 1st - Meeting at Martini's Prime Rib Room
- Wednesday, November 5th - Meeting at Martini's Prime Rib Room
- Saturday, December 6th - SMWL Christmas Party at the Legends Club



CARE COMMITTEE | Lyn Bell



Happy Birthday to all of our August, September and October Birthday Sisters!

AUGUST:

- Bonnie Baldus Grier : August 1**
- Vickie Johnson: August 16**
- Lyn Bell: August 17**
- Mary Lilly: August 25**
- Carla Rayne Kemp: August 28**

SEPTEMBER:

- Diana Rucci: September 2**
- Sue Greer: September 3**
- Laura Brown: September 8**
- Lorrie Johnston: September 8**
- Rebecca Hoffman: September 16**
- Tammy Semega: September 26**

OCTOBER:

- Amy Eastburn Gallo: October 1**
- Carole Lewis: October 11**
- Rona Kelley: October 14**
- Martina Arnold: October 16**
- Jami Keyes: October 28**

IMPORTANT NEWS – OUR ANNUAL SMWL FUNDRAISER NEEDS YOU!!!!

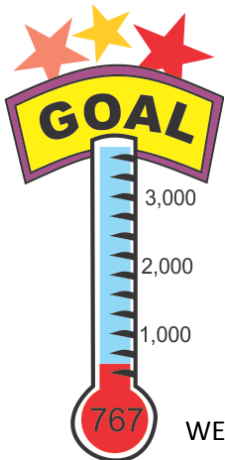
Okay Ladies, we are literally only 6 weeks away from our prize drawing date -- and we've only sold 767 of the required 3,000 tickets!

Therefore, we need your help to:

- 1. SELL YOUR 40 ASSIGNED TICKETS RIGHT NOW!**
Call your friends, your family, your doctor, your neighbors, your co-workers and get it done!
- 2. Join us at the Regency Blue Crabs Stadium to sell our SMWL tickets to the public:**
 - Friday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m
 - Saturday, September 6 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, September 18 at 5:30 p.m.

We need up to 6 members each night to staff the table, sell raffle and 50/50 tickets. This has been a good venue for us to sell tickets in a short amount of time (last week we sold 70!). The stadium announces our location and we provide door prize drawings. It's working! Please let Rona know what day you can help out ASAP !!!

- 3. FACEBOOK BLITZ: ONLY 6 WEEKS – 40 DAYS -- REMAINING TO SELL ALL OUR TICKETS**
Everyone please share the Raffle information through your Facebook pages. Make sure you include the event brite portal information so they can buy on-line.
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/smwl-wheels-heels-car-raffle-tickets-11188768909>.



4. E-MAIL BLITZ: An easy way to reach a lot of people is to send them the Raffle Flyer (the one with the credit card information listed on the bottom of the flyer) Send your e-mail list with a cover letter about how we are trying to raise money for the shelter, and see if you get any bites. Email Andy (asanford12@gmail.com) if you need another copy of this file.

5. Join us and bring your friends to our upcoming *Night of Hope Fundraiser* at Martini's Thursday, September 11 from 6:00 to 9:00pm. \$25 entrance fee provides you and your guests with a raffle ticket, great food, door prize opportunities and more!

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW! SMWL SISTERS WORKING TOGETHER!

TREASURERS REPORT | Rona Kelley

Movin' on up...



It is with great pleasure that I announce that Lyn Bell will be the new Club Treasurer effective Sept. 15th. She will Send out the bills for meals and keep track of Club funds.

There are still a few of you who have not yet paid your annual dues (due July 1st!). Please remit your payment ASAP!

It has been an honor to have been entrusted with keeping the books over the past few years, and I am sure my successor will do a great job as well!



Foundation News

This will be my last Foundation Treasurer's Report as Tammy Semega is the Foundation's new Treasurer.

During the month of July we selected our CSM Scholarship recipients and sent the money for the scholarship. Deposits for the sale of Raffle Tickets are a very busy part of this position at this time...and we are hoping that the totals will grow quickly...so we know we are in good shape to purchase the Mini Cooper, pay the \$1,000 Cash second prize and have plenty of funds to support the Angel's Watch Homeless Shelter as our two-year project....as well as the other non-profit organizations we will give grant money to.

Thanks to all of the wonderful ladies who comprise the Southern Maryland Women's League who have had confidence in me to support this Treasurer's position! You are awesome!



Membership Report Helen Heier



The last Membership Directory, Membership Birthday List, and Membership E-mail lists were updated and sent out to everyone on August 6, 2014. If you have changes to your information please forward to Helen promptly. Please add these new lists to your Membership Binder. It is important that you use these current lists because changes have been made to some addresses and phone numbers, etc.

As of today, August 20, 2014, we have 45 members. We have 8 members who have resigned for various reasons, such as moving and some taking a year off because of their busy schedules. We hope to see them back in the near future.

We have added 3 New Members:

Mia Allen-Ayanian
Sponsored by Lyn Bell

Pam Frank
Sponsored by Evie Hungerford

Suzanne Wible
Sponsored by Cindy Lantz

We have 1 prospective member that we are just waiting on her dues before officially announcing her as a member. I have also sent out applications to 9 that have attended 3 meetings (2 returned on hold and 7 awaiting for return of application). Also, waiting on many applicants to attend their 3rd meeting before sending them an application to join. We have approximately 8 interested ladies who will be attending meetings for the first time as we go through this year.

Our July & August Events (continued from page 1)

Back on the bus and still heading north at 9:30 p.m. Where oh, where could we be going at that hour... the wheels on the bus go round and round was the next clue and almost simultaneously, the colorful Capital Wheel came into view at National Harbor. We had some concern about this segment but Mother Nature cleared the forecasted thunderstorms and it was an absolute 'high' note to help draw the adventure to a close. Not quite yet though as there was one more surprise... LARGE little black dress sugar cookies drenched in dark chocolate from the Wildewood Pastry Shop to enjoy with our last beverages.



So for those that weren't able to make it, we hope you can envision what we enjoyed and hope that you can make it next time! Sisters of SMWL – you were all smashing in your little black dress attire! Thanks for enjoying yourselves and entrusting us as your program planners.



Looking ahead...

- September's meeting is the Crab Feast hosted by Sherrie & Ed Sanders
- October we will meet at the Prime Rib Room at Martini's
- November details will be announced at a later date
- December brings our Christmas Party at the Legends Club at the Blue Crabs Stadium

We want to send a great big thank-you to Mark and Lisa Wills and their children. They are the ultimate hosts all the way around. From fabulous hors D'oeuvres prepared by Mark (they returned from vacation the day before) to the outdoor paradise at their home... what a spectacular setting. Unfortunately, a storm blew through and wreaked havoc thus turning a poolside event to an indoor party. The evening continued on seamlessly and when there were breaks in the weather, we were able to run outside and bring in the bar! The main dinner selections were provided by Rucci's – good food, good drink and fantastic hosts made for a wonderful time regardless.



2013/14 SMWL Calendar of Events...

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
SOCIAL EVENT: CRAB FEAST

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1
Martini's Prime Rib Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Martini's Prime Rib Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 11
Wheels & Heels FUNDRAISER
October 11, 2014

at Martinis Prime Rib Room
(Change in Venue...Please Note!)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
Christmas Party – Legend's Club
At Blue Crabs Stadium

This is your newsletter!

Send your information, By-the-Ways or Pet Projects in to asanford12@gmail.com and we may include them in our next newsletter! Space is limited, so expect editing and entries are first come-first served.

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

It's the very best place for news and information about upcoming events, member success and much more! Feel free to post photos and share with perspective members!

NO POLITICAL ZONE:

As strong (A-type) women, we are passionate about many things and occasionally love to talk about these things to the group to gain support. However, in order to maintain unity and love throughout our members, please be reminded that we should refrain from speaking politics and the support of one or more candidates to the club as a whole. Thanks so much for your understanding and cooperation.

We need YOUR help.... Join us at our next fundraising event – Pay \$25 and join us!!!



SOUTHERN MARYLAND WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESENTS

A Night of Hope

TO BENEFIT THE ANGEL'S WATCH SHELTER

What is Angel's Watch?

Angel's Watch Shelter is located in Charles County, MD. The shelter is a source of safety and new beginnings for women and their children fleeing domestic violence or homelessness in all of southern Maryland. They protect the location and identities of their residents and work one-on-one with them to guide them to an independent life free of abuse.

Thursday, September 11, 2014
Martini's Restaurant & Lounge
6:00pm to 9:00pm

\$25 Donation includes:

- One Chance to Win a Mini Cooper
- Complimentary Buffet
- Door Prizes Drawn Every 30 Minutes!
- Fabulous Fun & Live Entertainment



By the way...

SMWL Sister Brianna Bowling has written a new blog "When Your Parent is Dying" You may find some very helpful Information on this page!
<http://whenyourparentisdying.com/>



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WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Linked By More than Community

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