



President's Message | Terry Davis & Laura Forbes-Brown

## Outgoing and Incoming...



As my term as president ends, I am grateful to the entire League for your support and friendship. It has been an honor and privilege to serve such a multi-talented group of women.

This year has been full of new friendships and the joy of working together to accomplish more than each of us could do alone. United we have raised enough money to buy new cots for Lifestyles of Southern Maryland to support their care for the homeless. One of my personal highlights was walking as a club in their "Walk to End Homelessness." We were also able to help Angel's Watch Shelter with new washers and dryers, flooring, and a new DVR and security camera in October. Just recently we provided much needed updating to their security system.



The College of Southern Maryland Scholarships were given this year to three worthy recipients and we made a deposit into the Community Foundation of Charles County.

In addition to these large donations, we granted numerous small grant requests. The non-profits we supported included but are not limited to: Children's Aid Society, the Katie Murray Scholarship Drive2Survive Program, the Mike Davis Foundation, the Side Out Foundation, the Zonta Rave Walk, Wayside Food Bank, Indian Head Center for the Arts, Lions Camp Merrick, the Christmas Connection, and the Community Christmas Project.

In closing let me thank especially the Board Members who served with me this year. Everyone on the Board was dedicated and sincere in trying to do what was best for the Southern Maryland Women's League and our community. -- continued, page 4

Programs & Events | Rona Kelley

## Overview of our last meeting...

**MEETING DATE: JUNE 6, 2012 | LOCATION: Martini's Prime Rib Room**



Terry Davis lead our meeting and we began with committee reports:

- Membership stands at 50 members and we have many guests working toward their membership requirement. Membership dues invoice have been emailed, please send your payment in ASAP, or give to Rona.
- Program Committee: A short review of past programs and many good comments about Mystery Night. The new committee already begun on next year's calendar and is starting off with a summer social hosted by Tessa. Rona stated that she would be taking the RSVP's from the club again next year, and asked everyone to please RSVP – even if it's a no, so we can get a good headcount for caterer's/ restaurant. See the complete Calendar of Events located on page 5 of this newsletter.

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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, determined citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead*

### 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 next event...



**NO BOYS ALLOWED!**

You won't want to miss our next

**FAB-U-LOUS**

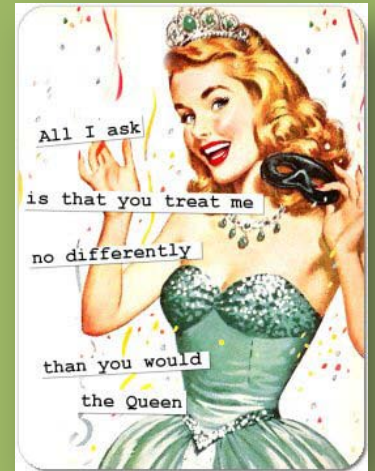
get-together!

Tessa Echols-Henderson has graciously offered to host our Flip-Flops & Cocktails Summer Social at her beautiful home in at Potobac Landing in Port Tobacco. The party begins at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing YOU there!

**BRING DONATIONS:** To help **Angel's Watch** and the local **Food Bank**, we ask that you bring a few canned goods items and cleaning supplies! And, **Shelley Reed** is putting together a care package for her nephew, as he was badly burned in an explosion in Afghanistan. Please bring a gift item to share.

This is our first event of the new SMWL year, so let's come together to make it great!!

Happy Birthday to our SMWL Sisters!



**JUNE BIRTHDAY'S**

- June 6: **Brianna Bowling**
- June 8: **Sybil Alger**
- June 11: **Mary Sue Greisman**
- June 11: **Cindy Lantz**
- June 17: **Robin Magoon**
- June 18: **Pam Roberts**
- June 19: **Cathy Pette**
- June 20: **Sherrie Sanders**
- June 21: **Evie Hungerford**
- June 23: **Donna Ellis**

**JULY BIRTHDAY'S**

- July 8: **Jane Staples**
- July 13: **Helen Heier**
- July 14: **Sheila K. Draper**
- July 22: **Joan Curley**
- July 25: **Ruth Mudd**

Southern Maryland Women's League

# Flip Flops & Cocktails Summer Social

Pool Party at Tessa's  
Wednesday, July 11th  
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
8115 Potobac Landing, Port Tobacco

\$25 Members/\$35 Non-Members  
Fine Food, Drinks & Shared Laughter

RSVP to Rona Kelley by 7/2/12  
[rona@heatbyfire.com](mailto:rona@heatbyfire.com)

Sundress, Bathing Suit & Flip Flops

Bring cleaning supplies for Angels Watch & canned food items for the Food Bank

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Help us prepare properly... RSVP NOW, to Rona Kelley: [rona@heatbyfire.com](mailto:rona@heatbyfire.com)

Message from the Editor | Andy Sanford

Welcome to our New Newsletter



As you can see, it's filled with news, information, special dates, and much more! We've decided to publish and distributed by the fourth Wednesday of each month. By selecting this publication date we can include important updates from our Board meetings (generally held the third Wednesday of each month), along with information from our Committee Chairs, and from YOU – our cherished members!

Please note... this is YOUR newsletter and YOUR club, so if there is something that YOU would like to see included, or expanded, please contact me directly. Oh, and I need pictures. Yes, pictures! Everyone loves photos in newsletters, on Facebook, and within our website – so be sure to send them to me. Captions or brief description are also much appreciated as it helps to inform the reader and to archive the history of our activities.

I hope you enjoy the new newsletter format, and I look forward to your submissions! Please send them directly to: [asanford12@gmail.com](mailto:asanford12@gmail.com)



Check out our Southern Maryland Women's League FACEBOOK PAGE!

It's the perfect place to check for upcoming events, post committee needs, news, and much more! If you need help creating your own Facebook page, or wish to learn more, contact me -- Andy Sanford and I'll be happy to help you get started!

# Supporting Our Community...



Not only are we a fantastic group of gorgeous women who get together at least once a month to meet, greet and eat -- but we are **HUGE supporters** -- of many programs and services within our community!

As a member of the **Southern Maryland Women's League**, you may know that we are an organization of women dedicated to promoting, strengthening and supporting women and issues of importance through fellowship, education, service and mentoring programs.

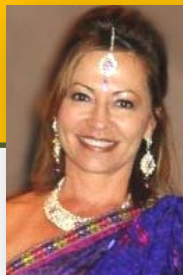
A non-profit, 501(c)3 organization, the funds raised by our one major **Annual Auction Event** sponsor grants, scholarships and programs in support of women and children within our community.



This year, 321 guests attended our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Live & Silent Auction: A Bollywood Celebration**, and we successfully raised over **\$35,000.**

Many local organizations have benefitted from our grants and scholarships including:

- Angel's Watch Shelter
- Black Box Theatre
- Charles County Public Library
- Charles County Commission for Women
- Children's Aid Society: various programs
- Children's Learning Center
- Civista Foundation Honor Roll of Women
- Civista Health Foundation: various programs
- College of Southern Maryland's Children's Learning Center
- College of Southern Maryland: Scholarships
- Hospice of Charles County
- Katie Murray Scholarship/Drive2Survive Teen Drivers Safety Program
- Living Waters of Charles County Ministry
- Melwood
- My Sister's Keeper
- No Greater Sacrifice
- Safe Nights Program
- Sheltering Tree Woman's Ministry



- Sisters at Heart: Cancer Survivors
- Sisters Lifting Sisters Ministries
- The Catherine Foundation
- The Zonta Fund: R.A.V.E. Walk
- Wayside Food Bank
- WCCCA Western Charles County Community Association

### By-the-Ways....

**Katie Murray Foundation 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**  
Friday, August 3, 2012 at Swan Point Yacht & Country Club. To sponsor/play contact, Andy Sanford 301-399-0583

**CSM Foundation 21st Golf Classic**  
Thursday, August 16, 2012 at Swan Point Yacht & Country Club. To sponsor or play, contact the CSM Development Department at 301-934-7647

**Southern Maryland Hoe-Down**  
August 29, 2012 at Serenity Farms, Benedict. Horseshoes, Cornhole, Cow-Pie Bingo, Sam Grow Band. To sponsor or attend, Connie Fuksa 301-643-2100.

**Dylan Raymond Foundation 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**  
Friday, August 31, 2012 at Swan Point. Contact Andy 301-399-0583

**Send your By-the-Ways or Pet Projects in to the editor, and they may be included in our next newsletter! Space is limited, so expect editing and entries are first come-first served.**



**HOT!!! Check out our brand new Hot Pink SMWL Tote Bag!! If you missed our last meeting -- you missed out!! Be sure to RSVP now and attend our Summer Social at Tessa's -- and we just may have a one for you!!!**

## Member Spotlight!

To help us learn more about our SMWL Sisters, we will randomly select (pick names out of a hat!) one lucky member to highlight each month! Watch your emails -- you may be next!

*For July 2012, we are excited to highlight 4-year SMWL member...*



## Dawn Howdyshell

Spouse: **Roy Howdyshell II**

Kids: **Holly Ann Kurtz (Kevin Kurtz) and Christopher Howdyshell**

Employer/Business: **HR Coordinator, AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust; AND Owner of River's End Marine Supplies in the La Plata Safeway Shopping Center**

What do you want to be when you grow up? **A successful owner of Marine Store and happy with the choices I've made in my life.**

What is the one thing that your SMWL sisters may be surprised to learn about you? **I'm a die-hard Caps fan!**

What is your favorite sweet treat? **Chocolate**

Birth order: **First Born**

Eyes **Brown**; Tattoos **No**

Something most proud of? **My Children**

What is your favorite meal? **Anything I don't have to cook**

What motivates you to succeed? **Knowing one day I'll retire**

What TV character best describes you? **Lorelai Gilmore (Gilmore Girls)**

If you could play hookie for one day -- where would you want to go? **The Beach!**

**OUTGOING & INCOMING...**

Amazing women uniting in a common goal has made a lasting impact on our community. I am looking forward to supporting President Laura Brown and our new Board members in leading us in making this year even better than the last.

*Terry*

**Terry Davis**

*Southern Maryland Women's League  
Outgoing President*

**A message from Laura...**

Sisters of SMWL, Can you believe we are already entering into our 7th year as the Southern Maryland Women's League? I remember my first meeting I attended at league sister, Sherrie Sanders home. I will never forget how nervous but at the same time curious I was feeling. As entered into Sherrie's home I was warmly welcomed and embraced by one of founding sisters, Candice Kelly. Mingling through the evening I was careful with every word I spoke and was sure not to drink too much wine!!!! LOL!! As the introductions began, I remember looking around Sherrie's great room that evening thinking - I was surrounded by the most intelligent, strong minded and influential women in Southern Maryland. How in the world did I end up here?

Here I am 7 years later given the privilege to serve SMWL as their President. This is a true honor, and I vow to work together with our elected board and membership throughout this year as we continue the success of SMWL. My goal for the upcoming year as SMWL President is to focus on "you" our members. I am always here to listen, help and support you in all your needs and concerns. I welcome your phone calls and emails! Without your support and membership, SMWL would not exist.

*Laura*

**Laura Forbes-Brown**

*Southern Maryland Women's League  
Incoming President*

**OUR LAST MEETING...**

- **Nominating Committee:** We held elections for the new board members. Congratulations to the newly elected board members: **Laura Brown, Brenda Lowe, Doris Folineo, Shelly Reed, Vickie Johnson, Rona Kelley, Helen Heier, Diana Rucci, Carole Lewis, Donna Ellis, and Andy Sanford.**
- **Past president pins** were presented to past presidents in attendance: Rona, Diana, Doris, Terry; **Terry Davis** was presented with her **past president's plaque.**
- **Acknowledgements of past board member** service and dedication was shared with special emphasis on **Patty Harris** and **Heather Zeolla** as they completed their two-year terms.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The checkbook balance is \$3,408. **Due's statement for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 were distributed via email to all members. They are due June 30, 2012. Please remit in a timely fashion.**
- **Fund Raiser:** See report in this newsletter – But we need a committee chairperson for this committee to going forward next year.
- Thank you gifts were handed out to all members – It's a bright **SMWL PINK TOTE BAG!** If you didn't get one, be sure to attend our next meeting!!
- **By-the-Ways (BTW's):**
  - Bonnie Grier advised us that this is the *last* year for **Hospice Festival of Trees.** She made a great suggestion that Trees can be purchased for the Hospice House as the goal being a tree for every room. Contact Bonnie at [bonniegrier@mris.com](mailto:bonniegrier@mris.com)
  - **Shelley Reeds nephew was badly burned in an explosion in Afghanistan.** We are gathering items for a care package to send to him. Please, pray for her family, and bring donated items to our Flip Flop & Cocktails Summer Social.
  - **Angels Watch** needs donations of cleaning supplies and paper goods and the **So MD Food Bank** is in need of food: Please bring donations to our SMWL Summer Social.
  - The **Katie Murray Foundation** presented SEVEN academic scholarships (instead of one) to the LPHS Class of 2012 graduates. Thank you SMWL for your support of Drive 2 Survive program and fundraisers that raised over \$32,000 since Katie's passing in February.

Membership Report | Helen Heier



*Our Numbers...*

Our membership numbers have not changed since last reported at the June 6, 2012 meeting.

At June 1, 2011, our membership number totaled 49. Starting June 2, 2012 through June 6, 2012, five members have resigned, one past member rejoined (Shelia Draper), and we have accepted five new members:

- Martina Arnold
- Joan Curley
- Becky Hoffman
- Cindy Lantz
- Rebecca Martin

With the addition of the above listed members our membership now totals 50.

**Perspective members:** We have eight members who have attended three meetings, but are not yet ready to join; and we have fourteen members who have attended two meetings, and need one more for consideration.

We have five SMWL membership notebooks and name tags that are ready to be distributed to the new members at our next regularly scheduled meeting.



**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!**  
Rona Kelley sent notice via email a few weeks ago, if you have not received your notice, please contact her directly. Or, send your \$100 dues payment out today to:

**SWML  
P.O. BOX 2511  
WALDORF, MD 20601**

# 2012/13 SMWL Calendar of Events...

## Wednesday, July 11

SMWL Summer Social at Tessa's, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Sundresses & Flip Flops, Swimsuits. \$25 members/\$35 non-members. Great meeting for prospective members!

## Thursday, July 19

Diva's Do's and Don'ts, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hosted at the home of Diana Rucci

## Wednesday, July 25

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100 Building

## Wednesday, August 1

SMWL Meeting at the Blue Dog Salon Cocktails 5:30, Dinner and Meeting at 6:00 p.m. \$25/members; \$35/non-members

## Wednesday, August 15

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100 Building

## Wednesday, September 5

SMWL Meeting at Swan Point Yacht & Country Club, Golf and Social Event. More information to come.

## Wednesday, September 19

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100 Building

## Wednesday, October 3

SMWL Meeting at Martini's: Promote Your Business Event! Cocktails 5:30, Dinner and Meeting 6:00 p.m., \$25/members; \$35/non-members

## Wednesday, October 17

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100 Building

## October or November

Spa Night at The Galleria with Dr. Chiaramonte, Date/Details TBD

## Wednesday, November 7

SMWL Meeting w/Special Guest Speaker \$25/members; \$35/non-members, Location/Details TBD

## Wednesday, November 21

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100 Building

## Wednesday, December 7

SMWL Christmas Party, more info to follow

## Wednesday, December 19

BOD Meeting (subject to change)

## 2013: Wednesday, January 9

SMWL General Meeting, \$25/members; \$35/non-members, Location TBD

## Wednesday, January 23

BOD Meeting, Re/Max 100 Building

## Wednesday, February 6

Event for National Heart Month, Celebrate Body, Mind & Soul More information to follow

## Wednesday, February 20

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100

## Wednesday, March 6

SMWL Meeting: Minute to Win It at Martini's, \$25/members; \$35/non-members

## Wednesday, January 24

Diva's Do's and Don'ts, Hosted at the home of Rona Kelley

## Wednesday, March 20

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100

## Wednesday, April 3

Decoration Workshop for Fundraiser

## Wednesday, April 19

Annual Fundraiser

## Wednesday, April 25

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100

## Wednesday, May 1

SMWL's Mystery Night

## Wednesday, May 15

BOD Meeting, 5:30pm Re/Max 100

## Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Annual Business Meeting @ Martini's

## Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

BOD Meeting: Transitional meeting of current and new BODs



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