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*Thank you to Sustainer,
Melissa "Boo" White
and the Hospitality Committee
for hosting the League Tea to
welcome the
2018-2019
Provisional Class.*



Mark your calendar for...

General League Meeting:

November 19, 2018 7:00 PM
First Baptist Church

January 21, 2019 7:00PM
First Baptist Church

Board Meeting:

November 13, 2018 6:30 PM
Hostess: Gretchen Meyers, 890 Andiron Dr.
Co-Hostess: Julie Hobday

January 14, 2019 6:30PM
First Baptist Church
Co-Hostesses: Cindy Ardis & Lisa Andrews

Provisional Class:

November 6, 2018 6:00PM
Observing Placement Council
Location Palmetto Health Tuomey

Treasurer's Budget:

Community Trust: \$35,587.41
Administrative Account: \$37,308.91

Lantern Deadline: December 14th
Welfare & Emergency Aid, United Ministries, Get Real About Violence.
(Pictures immediately following November meeting.)

Admissions Applications:

Admissions Forms Pick-Up Deadline: November 1
Return Deadline: November 19, 2018
Contact: Jennifer McMahan (803) 840-3215 or
jmcmahan2@gmail.com

Grant Applications Deadline:

November 1, 2018

New Placement Recommendation Deadline:

November 1, 2018



A Note from the President

1 Thessalonians 5:11 states, "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing."

It's official...Happy fall y'all! I have always loved this time of year. This season, I am involved with a Beth Moore Bible study. I love her passion for women and for our Lord, it's contagious! In the beginning of the study, she states, "do only what blesses and not what burdens." I immediately thought of the league. There is much to do in our community and we aren't promised a tomorrow. We need to enjoy our moments while we can. Remember to be thankful for all that you have and to be gracious with forgiveness this holiday season.

The league gives us the chance to use our lives to touch someone else in a positive way. Sometimes it's a simple smile or donation into the Salvation Army kettle. Other times, it's approving assistance requested at United Ministries or riding a roller coaster with a child who's learning to cope with their disease. Whatever your passion may be, use it. If you haven't found your passion yet, keep looking. The league offers so many opportunities to build, to bless, and to grow. Be the blessing that you want to see in the world.

Speaking of blessings, we had almost 120 women present at our annual Tea. The Provisionals were presented at Boo White's beautiful home and garden. We were graced to have Kipper Ackerman, Sounds of Grace, playing magnificent music, as we mingled and sampled the delicious food. Gretchen Meyers and the Hospitality committee did a phenomenal job! I'm so thankful for all of you. If you see a member of this committee, please build them up.

Warmly,
Valerie

*Our deepest sympathies are extended
to the families of:*

*Lila Skinner Mann Charles Cobb
Arthur Stone Bahnmuller Buddy Skey
Erma Lorraine Prescott Stanley Welch*

Congratulations to:

*Amanda Boykin
on the birth of her son, Nolan

Hillary Griffin
on the birth of her son, Elias*

The Wishing Well

By Julie Hobday

Thank you to everyone in the League for helping make The Wishing Well a success! We are having a fantastic year so far and it is all because of each and every one of you. When you work a shift or make a purchase, you help generate funds that provide grants and placements throughout the Sumter Community.

The Gift Shop is a flexible yearlong placement that has many different options in which to serve. The Buying Committee manages day to day operations and selects merchandise at The Atlanta Gift Market to feature in the store. This year's members are Julie Hobday (Chair), Amy Stallings (Co-Chair), Tiffany Davis (Gift Buyer), and Caroline Zitzke (Co-Gift Buyer). Angie Gilley and Amanda Boykin are serving as the Food Buyer and Food Co-Buyer and are responsible for ordering snacks and drinks that keep the hospital employees and visitors happy. The Food/Gift Committee members are responsible for unpacking, pricing, organizing and restocking items as they come in. Lauren Barkley, Amber Frye, Hillary Griffin, Shelley Kile, Jenny Knopf, Christine Kohl, and Meighan Price do an outstanding job on keeping up with the deliveries. Business Manager Tiffany Rogers, Co-Business Manager Renee Brown, and Bookkeeper, Jessica Lamb are all dedicated League members who help with the financial side of The Wishing Well. They count money, pay bills, make deposits and deal with all of the other necessary aspects of running a business. They keep us all in line from behind the scenes. Kelly Mills is serving as the Scheduler this year. She carefully crafts the schedule by using the availability cards that the League members fill out. Filling all the shifts while trying to please members is no easy task and we appreciate all that she does to make it work!



If you think you may be interested in one of these positions, I encourage you to mark it on your interest indicator for next year. Please talk to a current committee member to get a better idea of what is involved.

Our annual Christmas Open House is being held on Thursday, November 1st. Please come shop with us this holiday season and encourage your friends to do the same. Each purchase from The Wishing Well is an opportunity to contribute to a greater Sumter community.

Sumter County Jubilee Puppet Show

By Brenda Barnes

Once again the Sumter Junior Welfare League invited all third graders in Sumter County to our annual puppet show. I enjoyed working with all these wonderful ladies this year: (Co-Chair) Becky Altman, Whitney Dunlap, Darla Dean, Jackie Hicks, Caroline Motley, Chrissy Hutto, and Ashley Melton. All of these ladies worked extremely hard and made it such a wonderful year. I want to thank you all again for making this such a special year and for your hard work and dedication.



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Sumter Junior Welfare League General Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018 Amy Jones

A drop-in tea was held to honor our new provisional members at the home of sustainer, Melissa “Boo” White. Afternoon sunshine and wonderful weather assisted us in welcoming our newest members. President Valerie James, hostess Boo White, and provisional chair, Stacey Montgomery greeted each guest upon their arrival. Many Active and Sustaining members had the opportunity to individually introduce themselves and speak with the new Provisionals. Provisional co-chair, Lauren Locklear and Hospitality chair, Gretchen Meyers were also present to greet members as they arrived. An immaculate landscape, along with pristine weather, were the backdrop for this event, held both indoors and out. The afternoon consisted of lovely floral arrangements, serene music by harpist, Kipper Ackerman, and delicious food and beverages our enjoyment. One hundred and eighteen active, provisional, and sustaining members enjoyed this exquisite event.



Happy Holidays
from
The Wishing Well

Receive 30% off one gift item
with this coupon
Expires 12/31/2018

Our Provisional Class is collecting donations (monetary, American Girl dolls, Amazon gift cards) for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Classroom at Millwood Elementary School. Please bring any donations to our November meeting or drop them off at Waterworks Pools and Spas by December 15th

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