

The Lantern



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Happy Valentine's Day!

- League Meeting:** February 15th, 7:00 PM, First Baptist Church
Mandatory Meeting/Election of Officers & Admissions Committee
Please be prompt. For security reasons, doors will be locked at 7:15 PM.
- Board Meeting:** February 8th, 6:30 PM, Hostess: Jackie Olsen; Co-Hostess: Nancy Lee Zimpleman
- Provisionals:** February 15th, Immediately following the General Meeting. Hospitality & Lantern
- Lantern Articles Due:** February 19th Placement Council, Vice President's Report, Sustainer Representative, and Community Research
- Admissions Committee Meeting:** March 8, 5:00 PM, Palmetto Health Tuomey
- SJWL Account Balances: Administrative: \$23,654.78; Community Trust: \$32,460.43**



LEAGUE DUES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1.

\$70.00—Actives

\$40.00—Sustainers

\$25.00—Non-Residents

(No charge for Sustainers 65 and over)

Dues may be paid at the February or March General meetings, or you may mail your dues to Assistant Treasurer Susan McGregor, 330 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, SC 29150.

Dues not received by April 1 will be considered LATE, and a \$10 fine will be assessed. Members whose dues are not paid by April 30 shall be removed from membership. The by-laws will be enforced.

Please submit your dues in a timely manner.

Congratulations to Active, Janelle Smith, on the birth of her baby girl.

Make a Difference!

DONATE TO THE PROVISIONAL CLASS

The 2015-16 Provisional Class Project is the **Sumter Pregnancy Center.**

The class will create a warm and inviting space for expectant mothers and their families at their new location on Barnette Street.

Please send your tax deductible donation to SJWL by Feb. 15.

Write "Provisional Project" in the memo.

Send to: Cindy Ardis, 42 Calhoun Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

((Or bring your cash/check to the mandatory February meeting.))

SJWL General Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2016

President Mary Geddings called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. She thanked everyone for being there especially on a day off for many. She also reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones. Katie Holloway shared a devotion about the example of Mother Theresa and how a humble woman like her could make such a difference. It was an encouragement for us all to consider how we can humbly serve in the roles in which God has placed us. The Lantern was emailed and should have been received by all. Everyone attending appeared to have received their copy. The minutes from the November general meeting were provided through the Lantern as well as those from the Tea in December. Valerie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Susan seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mary read a thank you note from the Sumter School district thanking the League for emergency fund donation. Vice-President Gretchen Meyers announced one proposed by-law change and provided copies for all to look over.

Article III-Membership, Section 2, Letter C, Section 6,

Reinstatement states:

Such a member upon reinstatement must pay a fee equivalent to sustainer dues times the number of years since resignation.

Proposed change:

Such a member upon reinstatement must pay a fee equivalent to sustainer dues multiplied by the number of years since resignation but not to exceed \$250.

Secretary Molly Matthews announced that there were additional directories available if anyone did not get one from the last meeting. She also announced one change of information to be noted in everyone's directories. Rebecca Montague Brogdon, 975 Oak Brook Blvd.; Sumter, SC 29150. She also reminded everyone that any changes in information should be sent to her in writing. Molly announced that Sustainer letters and change of status letters are due by February 1st. She also reminded everyone that each member should only sign in for herself. Never would it be appropriate for a member to sign in for someone who was absent. The account balances were read: Administrative Account: \$23,740.47; Community Trust: \$34,960.43. Assistant Secretary Valerie James announced that she has sent 1 birth note to Janelle Smith who had a baby girl, Natalie Susan. 1 condolence was sent to Summer Holmes (Sustainer) on the death of her mother. She announced eligibility lists are ready and asked everyone to please peruse them and make sure and consider being an officer.

Assistant Treasurer Susan McGregor announced that our members contributed \$515.38 to the Salvation Army through the kettle being passed around. She also announced that dues notices will be mailed out to Sustainers and Non-Residents in February. She will also have the dues notice posted in the Lantern. Dues are due for active members by April 1st. Admissions Chair Janelle Smith had no report. Community Research Chair Nancy Branham presented the grants as approved by the Board \$12,000 to give out: The Sounds of Grace, Sumter Pregnancy Center, Sumter Civic Dance Company, National Wild Turkey Federation-Sumter-Jakes Event, Alice Drive Elementary, Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, Sumter Feeds My Starving Children, The Advocacy Pregnancy and Parenting Center, American Red Cross-local chapter. Computer Chair Nancy Lee asked members to check their email addresses and make sure the information was correct. She also shared that the www.sumterjuniorleague.org is updated and live and invited anyone to let her know if there are any problems they notice. Gift Shop Chair Gretchen Meyers announced to make your reminder calls during your shifts and encouraged everyone to keep track of their own schedules. Becky Craft asked Gretchen to announce that there will be an updated food list by the register in alphabetical order. The Christmas season was great and new merchandise will be flowing in and Gretchen reminded the Wishing Well committee to be ready for shipments. Mary announced that the Wishing Well schedules were made available at the meeting and encouraged all to take a look at them. Hospitality Chair Amy Moss no report.

Lantern Editor Bronwyn McElveen announced the deadline for the February Lantern. She also announced several pictures to be taken and the deadline for the March Lantern articles is Feb 26. Placement Council Chair Cheryl Landstrom announced that her committee met on January 12th. She pointed out that everyone should have completed at least half of their hours at this point in the year.

Provisional Shelley Kile announced that the Provisional Class project will be with the Sumter Pregnancy Center and helping them with their upcoming move. They will be helping to decorate the Center's new lobby. They hope to make it warm and inviting for all the women they serve. Mary added that they will probably collect money so consider bringing some to contribute for the next meetings. Sustainer Representative Jackie Olsen had no report. Old Business: Mary announced a 40 percent off coupon for one of the provisional members. New Business: Mary encouraged the membership to put someone up for the "Above and Beyond" award. Mary announced that our next meeting would be Feb 15 and it is mandatory. She encouraged everyone to be on time and ready to get started. Mary adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Molly S. Matthews

Sympathy

The Sumter Junior Welfare League
extends sympathy to:

Sustainers Beth Cuttino and Ginger Jones on the death of their husband and
brother;

Sustainer Summer Holmes on the death of her mother;
And the family of sustainer
Joye Tucker Segars.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. - Psalm 116:15

“Cultivating Relationships: Crosswell Home for Children”

By Elizabeth Hyatt

“But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’” (Matthew 19:14) Time spent volunteering at Crosswell Children’s Home proves to be an investment in lives and relationships. From sharing meals in the dining room to playing games in the cottages, the opportunities for fellowship abound. The blessing, though, seems the richest for us.

Our placement group includes Renee Brown, Elyn Croft, April Geddings, Amy Jones, and Melissa Timmons. Each group member is assigned to volunteer within a cottage on campus. We celebrate each child’s birthday in the dining room with a special birthday cake, made to reflect the child’s preferences. In addition, group members are available to assist the office staff with sorting gifts and organizing supplies.

Throughout the year, our placement group organizes three events which include all children at Crosswell: a summer ice cream social, a Christmas party with ornament decorating, and an end of the year skating and pizza party. It is not uncommon to find league members listening to stories or playing with the children long after the food and party supplies have been put away.

The call to go and serve is often referenced in scripture. The prophet Isaiah’s commission from the Lord in Isaiah 6:8 states, “And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’” The love and excitement shown by the children at Crosswell is electric. Any attempt to fully capture in words time spent with these children will fall short; volunteering at Crosswell is best understood through the experience. Our times together are rich and meaningful.



Sumter Little Theatre

By: Chrissy Hutto

The Sumter Little Theatre is a non-profit organization that plays an important role in the Sumter community. The Theatre has been showcasing local talent and providing acting classes for children and adults of all ages for many years. Scholarships are also available to those in need of assistance with the cost of the classes.



This year the League members assigned to this placement are Stacey Reaves, Vicki Singleton, Janelle Smith, and Chrissy Hutto, Chair. As members of this placement we assist the SLT staff by making ticket reservations by phone and in person for season and non-season members, ushering before the show, working the box office during performances, selling concessions at intermission, and even helping backstage or with props when needed.

Call the SLT at [803.775.2150](tel:803.775.2150), or visit the website www.sumterlittletheatre.com for information on upcoming performances. If you have not been to the Sumter Little

Theatre lately, find a time to go and support our local talent and theatre...you will not be disappointed!

Sumter Gallery of Art

By Sarah Smith

The Sumter County Gallery of Art is enjoying a great year, and our members have been busy serving at summer camps, Second Saturday programs, and gallery receptions. In addition to these community events, the SCGA features traditional and contemporary art by local, regional, and nationally recognized artists. Art classes are offered year round for all ages.

Meg Hill and Sarah Smith completed their placement during youth art camps in the summer. The Gallery hosted a wide variety of camps ranging from Fun in the Mud pottery classes to Wild, Wild West themed mixed media classes. Amy Wilson and Sharon Chapman have enjoyed volunteering during gallery receptions and Second Saturday events on a monthly basis. All of the opportunities to serve have been enjoyable and educational!



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WE ARE UPDATING OUR SJWL RECORDS!

Please fill out the form below and email or mail back to secretary Molly Matthews,
mollyandshawn@yahoo.com or 99 Paisley Park, Sumter, SC 29150.

Last Name First Name Middle Name Maiden Name

Address City State Zip Code

E-mail Address

Date of Birth

Cell Phone

Home Phone

Work Phone

Spouse's Full Name (Last, First, Middle)

Provisional Year (if known)

SJWL Status: Active Provisional Sustainer
 Semi-Active Non-Resident

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