

# The Lantern



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*You are cordially invited to attend the  
Annual May Dinner  
Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
The O'Donnell House*

*Social Hour 6:15PM  
Dinner 7:00 PM*



## A Note from the President

During these uncertain times, we will continue the business of the League in the best way we can while keeping everyone safe. Please make sure to look for emails from the League. We will keep you updated as things change or if we need responses from the general membership. In the meantime, please keep yourself and those you love safe.

With Love, Vicki



## Provisional Project Update



The 2019-2020 Provisional Class has postponed the clothing drive. More information will be given at a later date.



### Sumter Opera House By Heather Cromer

The Sumter Opera House is a wonderful placement for anyone who would like to be involved in the arts in our community. This is a fairly new placement with 6 league members currently serving. Volunteer opportunities include ushering, scanning tickets, and providing baked goods for special events. There are many opportunities for obtaining hours with this placement. It is a fun and fulfilling way to serve our Sumter community.

*Many thanks to Meg White for the beautiful artwork on the cover!*

Please e-mail Beth Poag by  
**May 1st** if you are unable to  
attend the May Dinner.  
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### League Legends

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*United Ministries*  
Vivian Brogdon, (Chair), Lori Horton,  
Tammy Pannell, Sissy Bynum, Kim Galloway,  
Gail Carter, Nancy Clinkscales  
(Not pictured - Joanna Lathan)



*Broadcast for the Blind*  
Rose Rhodes, Susan Brabham, Janice Lathan,  
Brenda Brown, Kim Harvin,  
Beth Justice, Mandi Burnette,  
Leleah Carraway, Suzann Soave



*Placement Council Chair & Co-Chair*  
Audrey Shaw & Linda Moses



## **Admissions**

### **By Sarah Smith**

The Sumter Junior Welfare League has had the privilege and opportunity to serve our community for many years. I believe we have been successful because of the dedication and commitment required of its members. As League members, we are able to impact the community in a multitude of ways that better the lives of others and enrich our own in the process. This year, as in past years, the Admissions Committee has had the task of reviewing proposed candidates provided by sustainers and current League members. The committee was so impressed with the dynamic group of women that were proposed this year. It is exciting to think about the new energy and ideas that this new provisional class will bring to the future of the League.

It has been an honor to serve this year along with Ashley Melton, Admissions Co-Chair, and the other dedicated women that served on the Admissions Committee. We held our first meeting in December at Wise Drive Baptist Church.

I would like to thank each of our committee members for their dedication and confidentiality. Committee members were Sarah Smith (chair), Ashley Melton (co-chair), Brenda Barnes, Ann-Frances Brown, Christine Kohl, Shelly Stokes, Chrissy Hutto, Mary Beth Skey, Joni Walker, Susan Weber, Brittony Aycock, Marissa Deakin, Paula Stover (Sustainer), Brenda Chase (Sustainer), Tammy Bilton (Sustainer Alternate) and Jenny Knopf (Non Voting).

Applications for admissions for next year will be available between June 15th and November 1st and must be returned by November 15th. I am looking forward to making the Admission Committee's big announcement at the May Dinner and welcoming the Provisional Class of 2020-2021.



## **Solomon's Home**

### **By Joni Walker**

Solomon's Home placement is a super flexible placement that can work with any schedule. This was our first year working with the residents. We started out the year with ideas for making crafts and having parties, but as the year went on, we realized that what the residents' needed most was our time. They have been so appreciative and gracious for us just "being there". This year we have celebrated birthdays and holidays, made goodie bags, created cards, played Bingo, Scattergories, trivia, and most recently Uno along with Family Feud. Sometimes, we would just sit and talk. We learned so much about "the good old days" and really enjoyed listening to stories about Sumter from past decades. These women have not only been a pleasure to work with, but we have become great friends. We look forward to serving the residents of Solomon's Home in the future!

## **Mark your calendar...**

**League Meeting: April 20th, 7:00 PM First Baptist Church**

**\*MANDATORY\***

A group photo of all new sustainers will be taken immediately after the meeting.

**Board Meeting: April 6th, 6:30 PM at the home of Amy Stallings with refreshments provided by Sarah Smith.**

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**Hospitality  
Committee  
By Lillie Smith**

It has been a great year working with the members of the Hospitality Committee. Co-Chair Allyson Sanders, along with committee members Lisa Andrews and Shelly Stokes have been wonderful this year. They have been dedicated and willing to help in every way; which has made my job so much easier.

The tea was held at Laurie Merchant's beautiful home. The day was beautiful and a huge success. It was such a nice way to introduce the Provisionals.

We are currently finalizing our plans for our annual May Dinner to be held on Monday, May 18th at the O'Donnell House. The social will begin at 6:15 pm and dinner will begin at 7:00pm. The cost is \$35.00 and is due by May 1. Please contact me with any questions, or checks can be mailed to Cheryl Landstrom.

It has been an honor to serve as the Hospitality Chair. I could not have asked for a better committee to serve with. Thank you again for your dedication.

## **Wishing Well Update**

Dear SJWL,

As you know, The Wishing Well has been asked by Prisma Tuomey Healthcare to close until further notice. This took effect Monday, March 16th. Please rest assured that when we get notification that we are allowed to re-open, you will be given as much notice as possible. Please **DO NOT DISCARD** your Spring Schedules! As always, please know how much you are appreciated and loved! We will miss seeing you at "The Well", but know whole-heartedly this decision is in everyone's best interest. Stay safe, stay well!

Love from a distance,

**Amy Stallings**

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