

The Lantern



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Thank you to Sustainer, Dee Carraway and the
Hospitality Committee for hosting the League Tea to
welcome the 2017-2018 Provisional Class.

Mark your calendar for...

General League Meeting:

November 20, 2017 7:00 PM
First Baptist Church

January 22, 2018 7:00PM

First Baptist Church

Board Meeting:

November 13, 2017 6:30 PM

Hostess: Darla Dean, 601 Periwinkle Ct.

Co-Hostess: Amy Jones

January 8, 2017 6:30PM

First Baptist Church

Co-Hostess: Nancy Branham

Provisional Class:

November 6, 2017 6:30PM

Observing Placement Council

Location TBD

Treasurer's Budget:

Community Trust: \$39,850.26

Administrative Account: \$34,438.40

Lantern Deadline: December 16th

Welfare & Emergency Aid, United Ministries, Get Real About Violence. (Pictures immediately following November meeting.)

Admissions Application:

Agreement of Confidentiality Deadline: November 1

Return Deadline: December 1, 2017

Contact: Darla Dean (803) 236-4998 or
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Sumter Junior Welfare League General Meeting Minutes October 16, 2017

A drop-in tea was held on Monday, October 16, 2017 in honor of our new provisional members at the home of sustainer Dee Carraway. The weather was cool and fall-like, making it a lovely afternoon to enjoy the event.

President Molly Matthews, hostess Dee Carraway, and Provi-sional Chair Cindy Ardis greeted each guest as they arrived and introduced them to the provisional members. Provisional co-chair Vicki Singleton and Hospitality Chair Mary Baird also greeted the guests as they entered. The guests took in the beautiful artwork and décor while enjoying the delicious food. Gorgeous floral arrangements decorated the home.

One hundred and twenty-six active, provisional, and sustain-ing members enjoyed the lovely event.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Smith
SJWL Secretary



Our deepest sympathies are extended to sustainers, Vivian Kellery and Gwynn K. Ellis-Todd. Their father, Frank Kellery, passed away on September 16, 2017.

The Wishing Well by Whitney Dunlap

Thank you to everyone in the League for helping to make The Wishing Well a success. We are having a great year and it is because of each and every one of you. The League continues to use the funds generated by the Wishing Well to provide grants and placements throughout the Sumter community. Chair Whitney Dunlap, Co-Chair Julie Hobday, Gift Buyer Amy Stallings and Co-Gift Buyer Tiffany Davis spent three days selecting gift items at market in July and will be heading back in January.

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The gift shop is a flexible one-year placement that consists of a gift committee and a food committee. Renee Brown is the Food Buyer this year and Angie Gilley as the Co-Food Buyer. This year we have combined a group of great ladies who unpack, restock and organize the food and gift items. Committee members are Amanda Boykin, Heather Smith, Shelley Kile, Jenny Knopf, Elizabeth Lee, Meighan Price, Caroline Zintski, and Christine Kohl. We appreciate the continued commitment of these ladies, as the Wishing Well would not be successful without them. They have their work cut out for them and truly do an amazing job. We have a fantastic committee this year!

Business Manager Jennifer McMahon, Co-Business Manager Tiffany Rodgers and Bookkeeper Jessecia Lamb are 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 scene. Bronwyn McElveen serves as our Scheduler again this year. She carefully crafts the schedule by using the availability cards from league members. Trying to please the members while filling all of the shifts is no easy task and we appreciate all she does to make it work!



If you think you might be interested in one of these positions I encourage you to mark it on your interest indicator. Please talk to a current committee member to get a better idea of what is involved. The Wishing Well Committee will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, October 29th and anyone that wants to join in the fun is invited attend. Open House is scheduled for Thursday, November 2 and we are looking forward to a great Christmas season. Please come shop with us and encourage your friends to do the same. Each purchase from the Wishing Well is an opportunity to contribute to a greater Sumter community.



Happy Holidays from **The Wishing Well**

**Receive 30% off one gift item
with this coupon.**

Expires 12/31/2017.

Light News

Active, Vicki Singleton is now the Executive Director of Development and Alumni Services at University of South Carolina Sumter Campus. Congratulations Vicki!



Sumter County Jubilee Puppet Shows

By Ashley Melton

Once again the Sumter Junior Welfare League invited all third graders in Sumter County to our annual puppet show. This fall, despite Hurricane Matthew, we were excited to welcome 17 schools in to see our puppet show. We began our placement on September 6th. Our two teams of four puppeteers each practiced the show two mornings a week throughout the month of September. The first show was held on Tuesday, October the 4th. Our last show was held on October 28th.

We were also very fortunate to be able to replace two of our puppets this year. I enjoyed working with all these wonderful ladies this year: **Ashley Melton (Co-Chair), Whitney Dunlap, Caroline Motley, Darla Dean, Brenda Barnes, Jeanna Mahr, Anna Moorman, and Lisa Andrews.** All of these ladies worked extremely hard and made it such a wonderful year. I also want to give a special thank you to **Whitney.** Although her placement is as Gift Shop Chairman, she also volunteered her time as a full-time pup-peteer for us! I want to thank you all again for making this such a spe-cial year and for your hard work and dedication.



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