

The Lantern



Printed monthly for members and friends of the Sumter Junior Welfare League, Inc.

Sumter, South Carolina

Volume 84- Number 2

October 2023

*The Sumter Junior Welfare League requests the
pleasure of your company at a tea
honoring the 2023-2024 Provisional Class*



*Monday, the sixteenth of October
from four until six o'clock
at the home of Mrs. Robert Melvin Branham
605 Antlers Drive*

2023-2024 Provisional Class

This year we have 20 ladies that will be joining our long-standing group of women who are dedicated to serving our Sumter community. Welcome to the Sumter Junior Welfare League, Ladies!

By Catherine Gibson



Morganne Anderson, a Sumter native, is married to Brady Anderson. Together, they have one child, Tindal Kate (7). Morganne holds a license in cosmetology, but currently enjoys keeping busy as a stay-at-home mom. She and her family attend Christ Community Church. In her free time, Morganne enjoys shopping, working with children, substitute teaching, going to the beach, and spending time with family. Morganne's aunt, Mary Anne Scott, is a sustaining member of SJWL.



Holly Scott Barnes is from Sumter, SC is married to James Williamson Barnes and attends Alice Drive Baptist Church. Holly has a Masters of Science in Nursing and currently works at Tandem health in the Women's Health Unit. Holly's cousin, Ashley Scott, sister-in-law, Lucion Scott, are active members and mother-in-law, Sarah Barnes, is a sustaining member of the SJWL. In her free time, she enjoys shopping and hanging out with her friends and family.



Sydne Rae Barnes is a native of Sumter, SC and is married to Charlie Barnes. They have one child Campbell (2) and attend Cross Point Baptist Church. She holds a BS in Health Science and works remote customer services for a clothing company. In her free time, she likes to attend baseball games, personal training, pickleball, and golf. Sydne's mother-in-law, Sarah Barnes, is a sustaining member of the SJWL.



Christine Oliver Brogdon is originally from Monks Corner, SC and is married to William "Turner" Brogdon, IV. Together, they have two children, Brinson Lillis (14 mo) and William Turner, V (3 wks). Christine and her family attend Graham Baptist Church. Christine has her doctoral degree and currently works as a pharmacist at Brunson's Pharmacy in Manning SC. Christine's mother-in-law, Connie Brogdon, is a sustaining member of the SJWL. In her free time, Christine enjoys reading, walking, and spending time with her friends and family.



Jane Elizabeth Goodson is from Sumter, SC and is married to James Arthur Goodson, IV. They have one child, Addie Phifer (1), and attend Christ Community Church. She has a BA and currently works as a registered nurse at Wesmark Ambulatory Surgical Center. Jane's mother, Nicolle Segars, and grandmother, Louise Segars, are both sustaining members



Dixie Hardy, a Sumter native, is married to Travis Hardy. Dixie has a BA in Sociology from Clemson University. Currently, she is employed as the Managing Director of Operations at Liberty STEAM Charter School. Dixie and her husband attend Wedgefield Presbyterian Church. They are expecting their first child, a girl, in March. Dixie is also a member of the Rotary Club of Sumter, and the Young Professionals of Sumter. Dixie's cousin, Eddy Hyder, was also a member of the SJWL. In her free time, Dixie enjoys reading, traveling, and event planning.



Brittney Harrington is originally from Mount Vernon, Illinois. Brittney has a BA in social work and currently works as a recruiter for Thompson Construction Group. In her free time, she enjoys working out, reading, and visiting breweries across the state. Brittney is also an active member of the Young Professionals of Sumter.



Logan Lee Ingram, a native of Sumter, SC, is married to Logan Ingram. They are expecting their first child, a baby boy, in January. Logan has a BA in Early Childhood Education and is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Oakland Primary School. Logan and her husband attend First Baptist Church. In her free time, she enjoys going to the beach, walking her dogs, and grabbing dinner with friends. Logan's mother, Tandra Alderman, is a sustaining member of SJWL.



Kristi Keller is a native of Sumter, SC and is married to Chase Keller. They have two children together, Laney (8) and Wyatt (6), and attend Sumter First Church of God. Kristi has a BSN in Nursing and currently works at Prisma Health Day Surgery. In her free time, she likes to read, spend time with family and friends, and travel to the beach.



Olivia Lowery is from Gable, SC and is married to James Lowery, Jr. They have one child, Trey (4), and attend First Baptist of Sumter. Her mother-in-law, Sondra McLeod, is also a sustaining member of the SJWL. In her free time, she likes to play tennis, go to USC games, and hang out with friends.

2023-2024 Provisional Class



Kayla Brunson Matthews is originally from Sumter, SC, and is married to Kenneth "Graison" Matthews. Together, they have two children, Grai (6) and Brooks (3mos). Kayla and her family attend Graham Baptist Church. Kayla has a BA and MA in Speech Pathology and currently works at Toumey Outpatient Rehab as a speech language pathologist. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, camping, cooking and traveling.



Tierra Spann is originally from Sumter, SC and currently attends St. Mark United Methodist Church. Tierra attended the University of South Carolina and is currently the Shaw Branch Manager for Safe Federal Credit Union. In her free time, she likes to travel and spend time with friends and family.



Julie Pedersen is originally from Augusta, GA and is married to Eric Pedersen. Together, they have two children, Luke (17) and Livie (14). They attend Christ Community Church. Julie has a BA in Business Administration and Marketing and currently works as a realtor at ReMax Summit. In her free time, Julie enjoys cooking, walking, interior design, and decorating. She is an active member of the Sumter Board of Realtors.



Dorothy Shuttleworth Ouzts is originally from Dillon, SC and is married to Michael Owen Ouzts. They have one child, Sawyer (2), and they attend Trinity United Methodist Church. She has a BS in Biology and Nursing. In her free time, Dorothy likes to spend time at church, with family, shopping for antiques, gardening, and reading. She also maintains professional memberships with the Garden Club Manning, Azalea Ball, and Local Book Club.



Lauren Pritchard is originally from Sumter, SC and is currently married to Shane Evenich. Together, they have one child, Darby (8), and attend Bible Fellowship Baptist Church. She has a BS from the University of South Carolina and currently works as a customer service representative at the Bank of Clarendon. In her free time, she enjoys reading, exercising, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends.



Jenilyn Bouyea Stevens is a native of Sumter, SC and is married to Micheal Stevens. They have one child, Landyn (18), and they attend the First Church of God. Jenilyn is a realtor at ReMax Summit. In her free time, she enjoys spending time near water, whether that is the lake, ocean, or the pool. She also enjoys spending time with her family, and shopping. She is a member of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, GBN and Sumter Lunchtime Leaders.



Emily Hendrix Robinson is from Sumter, SC and is married to Mackenzie Robinson. They have one daughter, Nora Ann (5mos), and attend Christ Community Church. Emily has a BA in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and is currently a first grade teacher at Walker Gamble Elementary School. Emily's mother, Joy Hendrix, is a sustaining member of the SJWL. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis, singing, exercising, playing pickleball, and watching movies.



Kendall Brogdon Watford is a native of Sumter, SC and is married to Samuel Watford. They currently attend Christ Community Church. She has a BA in Psychology and Hospitality Management as well as a MA in Health Administration. She currently works at MUSC Health as a Senior Campaign Manager for human resources. Kendall's mother, Connie Brogdon, and mother-in-law, Alison Watford, are both sustaining members of the SJWL. In her free time, she enjoys reading, listening to audio books and podcasts, spending time with family, friends, and her dogs, and working out. She is currently a member of Carolina's Health Care Public Relations and Marketing Society.



Caroline Rogerson is originally from Rock Hill, SC and is married to Evan Rogerson. Together, they have one child, Ellington (3), and attend the First Church of God. She has a BS from Clemson University. Currently, Caroline works for Employ Prince George's as the Coordinator of Program Integrity and Data Administration. Caroline's sister-in-law, Hillary Griffin, is an active member and her aunt, Marsha Somheil, is a sustaining member of the SJWL. In her free time, she enjoys being with family, visiting Lake Junaluska, or going down to Pawley's Island.



Melissa Shaw is originally from Columbia, SC and is married to Will Shaw. They have two children together, Miller (4) and Olivia (1), and attend Christ Community Church. Melissa has a BA in Mathematical Sciences and is currently a Consumer and Sales Coordinator for South State Bank. Melissa's sister-in-law, Katie Shaw is an active member and her mother-in-law, Jeanne Shaw, is a

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes by: Mary Beth Skey, Secretary

Date: 9/18/2023 Phone: 803-968-0827

Location: FBC Fellowship Hall

Call to order

Called to order at 7:00 Lauren welcomes us. In an effort to shorten the meetings, hospitality will only include drinks. Grab drinks and have a seat on a normal basis.

Devotion Given by Jenny Knopf- Devotion on Gal 6:6-9. What we harvest depends on what we planted. What we pour into matters. Plant healthy seeds which will lead to healthy fruit. Do not give up, God will meet us with strength and grace.

Speaker: Laurie Noonan Merchant - Don't underestimate the impact your time and attention have on the community. Things that feel small make large impacts in the lives of the people around us. What you do with the league impacts people and places that you may never see or possibly even hear about. So thank you for showing up and keep showing up.

President's Remarks: Lauren Locklear Everyone received their Lantern.

Vice President: Jenny Knopf: No report

Secretary: Mary Beth Skey: No Report

Treasurer: Susan Weber:
Administrative account \$19,286.93
Community Trust account \$25,092.69

Assistant Secretary: Larsen Cline: no report

Assistant Treasurer: Mandy Baiback: Salvation Army Kettle will be passed at November general meeting.

Admission Committee: Jessica Fralick: Admission packets will be ready at Sept general meeting. Deadline for return will be at November general meeting.

Community Research: Stacey Montgomery: Grant Applications due November 1st. Anyone who needs grant contact Stacy

Fundraiser: Mary Kathryn Hulme: Everyone received Deck the Door packets. Orders Due October 17th. Pick up will be December 2nd at the Pink Century House. Everyone has a goal of selling 10 wreaths.

Hospitality: Anna James: Tea will be held at the homes of Nancy Branham, October 16th from 4-6. Formal invitation will be sent out via email and in the next lantern.

Placement Council: Tiffany Rogers: Everyone should have their placements, if not please contact Tiffany to clarify.

Provisional Chariman: Lisa Furse: 20 new provisionals! Sept 16th puppet show, Stacy to give history. Provisional meeting will take place after general meetings. Lisa is very proud and excited for this coming year!

Sustainer Representative: Lee Ann Bostic: No report.

Communications: Hillary Griffin: Please take pictures at the Tea and share with Hillary via text or email. Also take pictures as you are working your placement hours and send those in as well.

Wishing Well: Christine Kohl: Please make sure you are showing for your shift. The reminder text is a courtesy so don't rely on it to remind you if you are working. Please send reminder text and if you don't hear from them follow up with the person and Christine if it continues to be an issue. Things have been busier which is great for us and increases our ability to give back to the community so show up to your shift ready to work you may find you have less time to do things like read or catch up on outside work. And please make sure you are staying on top of restocking. If everyone works to do that it makes it easier for everyone.

New Business

Above and beyond nominations go to Mollie Oswald. 25% off coupon for anyone with a birthday June- September.

SJWL Tshirts are available. If you want one contact Lauren by the end of the week. Proceeds from shirt sales will be used as a donation to First Baptist Church as a thank you for allowing us to use their meeting space free of charge.

Puppets

by Jennifer Reimer

Puppets are in full swing! The puppeteers have spent the month of September preparing for the *Sumter County Jubilee* puppet show. Local schools have been invited to attend this 30-minute puppet production and learn fun facts about South Carolina and the history of the backcountry. The students are then guided through a tour of the museum to learn more about the history of Sumter County.



This Seasons Puppeteers are: (From left to Right)

Jennifer Reimer (Chair), Katie Shaw (Co-Chair), Mary Peton Clepper, Katie Stafford, Mary Katherine Aronson, Amy Barrineau, and Kate Price.

Admissions

by Jessica Fralick

The Sumter Junior Welfare League has been serving our community for decades. The commitment and dedication of our members is what has allowed us to continue to grow and be successful. As League members, we get to enrich our own lives through our volunteer work, while seeing the difference we make in our community. The Admissions Committee has the privilege of reviewing proposed candidates provided by sustainers and current members. The committee is honored to take on the task of vetting new League members as we know continued growth is key to ensure the ongoing success of the Sumter Junior Welfare League. We so look forward to learning about all of the women who will be nominated this year!

The deadline to pick up admission nomination packets is November 1st. The deadline to turn in admission nomination packets is at the general meeting November 13th.

I would like to thank each of the committee members for their willingness to serve this year. I look forward to working with you all. Committee members are Anna James (co-chair), Leslie Horton, Ashlee Lloyd, Mollie Oswald, Katie Shaw, Caroline Zitzke, Lisa Furse, Hillary Griffin, Mandy Baibak, Brittany Huckeba, Whitney Brown, Valerie James (sustainer), Wynn Tesenair (sustainer), Jana Jackson (sustainer alternate), and Brenley Davis (non-voting).

The Communications Staff:

Chair: Hillary Griffin, hillarygriffin07@gmail.com, 803-972-1178
Co-Chair: Katie Gibson



Sumter Junior Welfare League's
Deck the Doors

Please see below our selection of live wreaths and garlands!

Fraser Fir Options:



Wreath
24" – \$30
30" – \$38



Garland
25ft – \$35



PACKAGE DEAL
30" wreath & 25ft garland
\$70



Cross Wreath
\$45

Mixed (Fraser Fir and Boxwood) Options:



Wreath
24" – \$35
30" – \$45



Garland
25ft – \$40

Local Delivery Options: available for an additional \$10 or FREE on orders over \$100!
Contact: Mary Kathryn Hulme (803) 225-0209 or Abbye Price (803) 972-1917

Sumter Junior Welfare League
P.O. Box 626
Sumter, South Carolina 29151

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
SUMTER, SC
PERMIT NO. 25

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

General League Meeting:

The October Tea will serve as the General Meeting on October 16th.

Board Meeting:

October 9th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Hostess: Lauren Locklear | Co-Hostess: Jenny Knopf

Provisionals:

The October Tea will serve as this meeting.

October Tea:

October 16, 2023 4pm-6pm

Admissions Application:

Nomination Packet Pick-Up Deadline: November 1, 2023
Return Deadline: November 15, 2024
Contact: Jessica Fralick

Contact Information Send any updates for contact information including email, address, phone, or name changes to Mary Beth Skey; secretarysjwl@gmail.com