

The Lantern



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*The Sumter Junior Welfare League requests
the pleasure of your company at the May Dinner
as we commemorate the 2024-2025 year.*



*Monday, the nineteenth of May
The O'Donnell House
Social Hour 6:15 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM*

Hospitality Committee

by Stacy McDuffie

The Hospitality Committee has the honor of planning the October Tea, May Dinner, and snacks and beverages for the monthly general meetings. My co-chair this year is Mary Beth Skey. The October Tea was held at the beautiful home of Wendy McLeod and Leigh McLaurin provided the most beautiful floral arrangements. Our caterer, Malley O' Jennings, served delicious hors d'oeuvres, and we introduced a class of 12 wonderful Provisionals.



We are currently planning the May Dinner which will be held at the O'Donnell House on Monday, May 19th with the social beginning at 6:15 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 which is due no later than May 1st. Please mail checks to the SJWL, P.O. Box 626, Sumter, SC 29151, and be sure to write "May Dinner" on the memo line. We will welcome 12 new members and honor the 12 women going sustainer. Thank you, sustainers, for your time and willingness to serve the Sumter community for the past ten years! A special thank you to Nicole Norris, sustainer, and Meg White, active member, for the beautiful artwork featured on this year's October Tea and May Dinner invitations. It has been my honor and pleasure of serving as the Hospitality Chair this year. Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work, time, and effort in making it a wonderful year!

Community Research

by Hillary Griffin

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as Community Research Chair. I have learned so much about different organizations and the needs in our community through the grant applications. The submitted grant requests totaled over \$20,000.

The grant money is funded by our annual Deck the Doors wreath fundraiser. Thank you to everyone for participating in the fundraiser, helping us raise over \$11,000 to donate back to these community grants. The Sumter Junior Welfare League made a difference in many lives thanks to the hard work and dedication of its members. Special thanks to the Community Research Committee; Dixie Hardy (Community Research Co-chair), Jessica Fralick (Vice President), Susan Donahoo (Treasurer), and Katie Leblanc (Placement Council Co-chair).

The following organizations are recipients of the grants this year; Alice Drive Elementary School, Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, Services of Hope, Sumter Christian School, Sumter Green, Temple Christian High School, Thomas Sumter Academy, Transforming Lives Community Development Center, and Wise Drive Baptist Church. It is a privilege to partner with these organizations as they support our community.



March Meeting Minutes

The March meeting, typically held in person, was held as a drop-in meeting at Lollibear Children's Boutique in Downtown Sumter. Active members came by to sign-in and review the budget for next year. Along with Lollibear, The Wishing Well and Silverpaper joined in to make it a fun event for the Junior League and provided special discounts to active and sustaining members.



The Wishing Well



On behalf of the Wishing Well Committee, Active Member, Mary Kathryn Hulme (Co-Owner, Lollibear) and Sustainer, Kristi Bohnen (Owner, Silverpaper), thank you for your support of our downtown businesses and for your service to the Sumter community!

Sumter Opera House

by Heather Smith

The Sumter Opera House is a vibrant cultural hub that brings the community together through live entertainment and the arts.

Hosting an array of events, including live theater, concerts, dance recitals, comedy shows,

acoustic case shows and summer movies, this historic venue offers something for everyone. The placement members Kelly Wescott and Ashley Dickerson served as ushers for events and laundered table linens as needed for receptions. The women of SJWL are truly appreciated by The Sumter Opera House for the hours volunteered to help support our community. We had a fun year and look forward to continuing to serve.



SUMTER OPERA HOUSE

WE'RE CLOSING FOR RENOVATION!

JOIN US FOR OUR LAST MAIN STAGE SHOWS, FINAL EVENTS, & GRAND CLOSING BASH JUNE 13

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Congratulations

*The Sumter Junior Welfare League congratulates Katie Shaw on the birth of her daughter,
Ella Burns.*

Condolences

*The Sumter Junior Welfare League sends its sincerest condolences to Hillary Griffin on the
passing of her grandmother and to Sustainer Kim Johnson on the passing of her
grandmother, Ruth Ann Brown.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Board Meeting:
April 7th at 6:30PM

General League *Mandatory* Meeting:
April 28th at 7:00PM at First Baptist Church
Sustainer photo to be taken.
Placement & WW cards to be filled out.

Provisionals:
April 28th, following the General Meeting at First Baptist
Church

Dues [due 4/1]:
Active Member: \$100
Sustainer: \$45
Non-Resident: \$30

May Dinner [due 5/1]: \$50
SJWL

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*Add "May Dinner" to Memo Line

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phone, or name changes to Larsen Cline at sjwlsecretary@gmail.com