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# The Lantern



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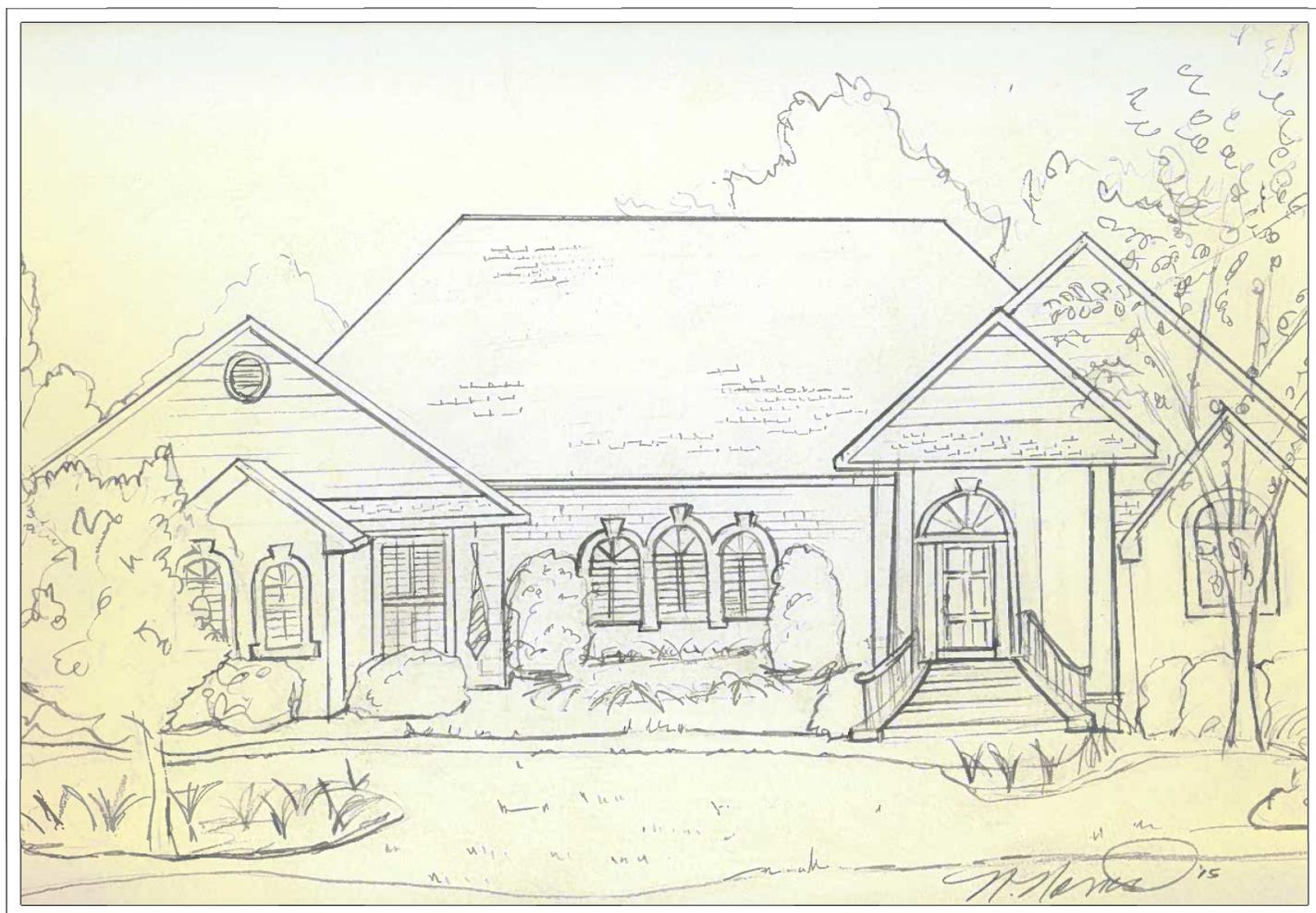
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*The Sumter Junior Welfare League requests the pleasure of your company  
at a tea honoring the  
2015 - 2016 Provisional Class*



*Monday, the twelfth of October  
from four until six o'clock  
at the home of Jackie Olsen  
3030 Lowfalls Lane*

# Mark your calendar for...

## League Meeting: The League Tea

October 12, 2015, 4:00-6:00 PM  
3030 Lowfalls Lane

## Board Meeting:

October 5, 2015 6:30 PM  
Hostess: Valerie James, 85 Paisley Park  
Co-Hostess: Lisa Andrews

## Provisional Class:

September 29, 2015 at 6:00pm  
Sumter County Museum

## Placement Council:

November 10, 2015, 6:00 PM  
Location TBD

## Treasurer's Report:

Balances as of August 31, 2015

Administrative Fund.....\$30,417.78  
Community Trust.....\$21,940.20

## Lantern Deadline: October 16, 2015

Wishing Well  
Puppets

## Admissions Application:

Agreement of Confidentiality Deadline: November 1, 2015

Return Deadline: November 15, 2015

Contact: Janelle Smith (803) 968-5497 or  
janelledeluco@yahoo.com

## Sympathy

The Sumter Junior Welfare League extends sympathy to:

The Family of Sustainer, and former SJWL President, **Martha McElveen Horne** on her passing.

Sustainer **Liza Griffin** on the death of her mother.

Provisional **Keonna Porter** on the death of her father.

## Attention Sustainers:

Copies of the League Directory will be available at the League Tea. To update your address or phone number, please complete a correction form at the Tea. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Matthews (803)236-9001 or mollyandshawn@yahoo.com.

**Grant Applications** are due by  
**November 1st.**

Please contact Nancy Branham,  
at (803) 938-3010 or  
nancybranham@gmail.com for more

To nominate someone for the  
"Above and Beyond Award",  
please contact Nancy Branham at (803) 938-  
3010 or nancybranham@gmail.com

## New bundles of joy

Congratulations to...

Active **Elizabeth Hyatt** on the  
birth of a baby boy.

Provisional **Lindsey Bozeman**  
on the birth of a baby girl.

Provisional **Stacy Montgomery**  
on the birth of a baby girl.



Salvation Army Kettles will be passed around at the November meeting. Cash and checks (payable to the Salvation Army) will be graciously accepted. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

SJWL General Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2015

**President Mary Geddings** called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. She welcomed everyone including the Provisionals and reminded all to sign attendance sheet. Amy Jones shared the devotion called "God Uses Ordinary People Like You and Me." God does not call the equipped, He equips the called. She emphasized that you don't have to be important to make a difference and encouraged us all in our service this upcoming year. Mary introduced the **guest speaker, her mother, Jackie Olsen**. Ms. Olsen shared that she had been President 21 years ago. Everyone is like a piece of the puzzle and everyone plays their own part. She explained that this is a working club not a social club. You may need to step out of your comfort zone at times to serve. What higher call do we have than to serve those less fortunate? What a witness of God's love to be a smiling face. To serve is a privilege, she continued, and it's not about counting our hours, it's not about us, it's about what we're doing for the community and in effect for our children. She shared how much the League has changed through the years. In 1986, 90% of the membership was nonworking and 10% working. In 1996-90% was working, 10% was nonworking. We change and adjust even though the mission stays the same-service through volunteering. The Lantern was emailed and should have been received by all. Everyone attending appeared to have received their copy. The minutes from the May general meeting were provided through the Lantern. Nancy Lee Zimpleman made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Cindy Ardis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary shared several thank you notes were sent over the summer. **Vice-President Gretchen Meyers** had no report. **Secretary Molly Matthews** announced that the new directory was available for everyone to take and she reminded all that any changes to their information should be sent in writing to her. Molly also reminded everyone of the valuable information that can be found in the directory as far as the calendar, by-laws, and contact information. She encouraged all members to look and plan ahead on their calendars for league meetings and try and make arrangements ahead of time for childcare. She also reminded the membership that everyone is allowed 2 absences and there are 2 mandatory meeting months, February and April. Mary shared no guest speakers. **Assistant Secretary Valerie James** announced that she has sent 8 birth notes and 2 condolences.

**Treasurer Cindy Ardis** announced the bank balances: Administrative Account: \$30417.78; Community Trust: \$21940.20. **Assistant Treasurer Susan McGregor** had no report. **Admissions Chair Janelle Smith** encouraged the membership to put up potential new members. The deadline for obtaining an application is November 1 and they must be returned by Nov 15. **Community Research Chair Nancy Branham** took a moment to explain the role of Community Research. Grant applications are due by November 1<sup>st</sup> and new placement recommendations are also due November 1<sup>st</sup>. **Computer Chair Nancy Lee** asked all members to send any changes to their email addresses to her and she also explained that the SJWL Website is being revamped and should be up and running in the next couple of weeks.

**Gift Shop Chair Gretchen Meyers** announced the following regarding the Wishing Well:  
Whitney, Rebecca, Julie and I had a fantastic trip to market in July. We have new products arriving weekly and several new displays.  
We are phasing out the large cards and carrying only small insert cards.  
Cost of Helium has increased and therefore we had to increase our balloon prices. (\$4.95/\$6.95)  
Chick-fil-A one sauce policy  
If you are unable to make contact with the worker for the next shift please text me or call me.  
Please do not announce to the customers that we are there. We are trying to get work done or on lunch break.  
Please do not be offended if we are working in the back and do not socialize much.  
Thank you to the awesome gift committee.  
Thank you to the new actives for the Sumter Living Advertisement.  
The last three months we have been in the red. Jennifer McMahon will discuss some ways to help with transactions.  
Gift committee: please make a note that we will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, November 1.  
Open House will be held on Thursday, November 5. All Christmas items will be 20% off, gourmet food samples and sidewalk sale.

**Hospitality Chair Amy Moss** announced that the League Tea will be October 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm at the home of Jackie Olsen. **Assistant Lantern Editor Leslie Day Caughman** announced whose pictures were to be taken and whose articles are due for next month's Lantern issue. Anything going in the October issue is due tonight, and anything going in the November issue will be due October 16. **Placement Council Chair Cheryl Landstrom** encouraged the membership to work their hours. **Provisional Chair Lisa Andrews** announced and introduced 23 "amazing" Provisionals. **Sustainer Representative Jackie Olsen** had no report. Old Business: Mary announced a door prize. Becky Craft won. **New Business:** Nancy Branham announced the "Above and Beyond" award for Amy Moss.

The next board meeting will be Monday October 5 and the next general meeting will be the Tea on Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

### Camp Scamp By Amanda Tindal

Camp Scamp is an exciting week for about 75 asthmatic children of Sumter to learn how to manage their asthma all while still having fun. The camp starts about 8 every morning at Crosswell Elementary School where the children learn about their asthma. They are educated on asthma triggers, medication, and preventative measures to prevent asthma attacks. The children are also given and educated on a tool to help them better manage their asthma. The children range from 5-12 years of age. These children have a blast all week long with a different activity every day. As league members, we serve as camp counselors and we too have a blast all week long. We go bowling, skating, have a sports camp at one of the local high schools that involves some of the football, basketball, soccer players and cheerleaders. We watch a movie, go to the water park at Fort Jackson, and then spend one full day at Carowinds. Katie Holloway and I had so much fun with 6 sweet 11 and 12 year old girls. These girls made the week fly by. Camp Scamp is sponsored by the Tuomey Foundation but would not be possible without the Tuomey staff, the volunteers, and the Sumter Community.



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## Computer Committee

By: Nancy Lee Zimpleman

With technology being such an integral part of our lives these days, it makes sense that so much of the information we rely on as members of the League is easily accessible on our website. With the click of a button, you can check your Wishing Well schedule, read current and past issues of the Lantern, and access the League membership directory. You can also find out who serves on the Board and on our various committees and placements. Visitors to the site can see the benefit we provide the community by reading our mission statement, viewing the grants we provide, and seeing what's new in the Wishing Well gift shop. The website is currently in the process of being completely redone and will hopefully be up and running this fall with a completely new look.

As the only member of the Computer Committee, it is my responsibility to update all member information in the League database, to make changes and updates to the website, and to send Wishing Well Schedules and Lanterns electronically. I work closely with our secretary, Molly Matthews, to make sure our records are current and that any address or e-mail changes are made in the computer database so members continue receiving League information in a timely manner. Please remember to notify Tammy or me if any of your information changes during the year. It is my hope that the League website and e-mails make your life a little easier, and I look forward to a great year for the Sumter Junior Welfare League.



**The 2015-2016 SJWL Executive Board.**  
From L to R: Gretchen Meyers (Vice President), Mary Geddings (President), Cindy Ardis (Treasurer) and Molly Matthews (Secretary).

Visit us online at [www.sumterjuniorleague.org](http://www.sumterjuniorleague.org)  
to view the Membership Directory,  
Wishing Well Schedule, and much more!

Wishing Well

Open House

Thursday, November 5th

All Day!

20% off all Christmas Items

\*Sidewalk Sale &

Gourmet Food samples\*\*

Come shop for yourself or get a head  
start on Christmas gifts!

## Introducing the 2015-2016 Provisional Class

By Leslie Day Caughman

The Sumter Junior Welfare League is proud to introduce the following twenty-three women as the new Provisional Class. These ladies will bring a realm of unique personalities and talents to the League as we serve our community.



**Mrs. Amanda Prescott Boykin** is married to James Daniel Boykin, III, and they have one daughter, Daley Lynn. Amanda is a Sumter native and works at Palmetto Adult Medicine as a nuclear medicine technologist. Amanda is a member of Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church. She enjoys running and is currently training for a 200 mile relay run. She

also enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends.



**Mrs. Laura Weaver Jervey** is married to Mark Christian Jervey, and she is originally from Orangeburg, SC. Laura works as a newborn nurse at Palmetto Health Baptist. Laura and Mark's children are Luke Christian and Olivia Lauren, and they are members of Alice Drive Baptist Church. Laura en-

joys photography, being outdoors and playing with her children.



**Mrs. Lindsey McGee Bozeman** is originally from Manning, SC and is married to Jerry Michael Bozeman Jr. The couple has two daughters, newborn Allison Grace and Caroline Amanda. Lindsey is a member of Northside Baptist Church, and she loves crafting, helping others, children and ministry.



**Mrs. Kristine Nicole Kazmierski-Hinson** is married to Steven Paul Hinson and is originally from Milwaukee, WI. Kristine is a member of Wise Drive Baptist Church and works there as Secretary. She and her husband have a daughter, Krista Kay. Kristine enjoys ministry, books, organization and sports. She is also a committee and planning member of Simply Women Ministry and a volunteer with Crossroads youth camp, Wise Drive, Miss Libby's and Westside Christian Academy.



**Mrs. Mandi Windham Chiappone** is a native of Sumter, and is married to Joseph Michael Chiappone. Mandi has two children, Mary Claire and stepson, Nathan. Mandi is a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and she works as Marketing Director of Jet-Vac. Mandi enjoys art, graphic design, web design,

baking and cooking. Mandi's sister, Anna Elmore is also a member of the League.



**Mrs. Sherri Hernan Kennedy** is married to Cameron Hornor Kennedy and their children are Logan Joseph and Noah. Sherri works at First Presbyterian Church as a teaching assistant. She and her family are members at Alice Drive Baptist church, and she enjoys travel, reading, cooking and Crossfit.



**Mrs. Heather Peebles Cromer** is married to Samuel Rutledge Cromer and is a native of Sumter. She works at NHC as Director of Rehabilitation, and is a speech-language pathologist. She is also a member of ASHA. Heather and Samuel's children are Stella Lane and Samuel Rutledge Cromer, Jr. Heather enjoys cooking and being outdoors with family, and she is a member of

Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church.



**Miss Shelley Dawn Kile** is originally from Upper Tract, WV and works for the City of Sumter as Communication Director. She enjoys photography, music and swimming. Shelley's sister, Stephanie Ford has been a SJWL member. Shelley is activity involved with Young Professionals of Sumter, National Association of Photoshop Professionals, Public Relations Society of America, Chamber of Commerce and SC Travel and Tourism Coalition.



**Mrs. Marissa Hansen Deakin** is originally from Havelock, NC and is married to John "Jack" Fredrick Deakin, Jr. The couple has one daughter, Marit Addison. Marissa is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and enjoys gardening, reading, cooking, eating new foods, scuba, hiking, being outdoors, swimming, beach time with family and loves to travel. She

works at SafeRock and is a Zeta Tau Alpha. Her mother-in-law is a League Sustainer, Mary Deakin Byrd.



**Mrs. Jenny Stephens Knopf** is married to Kelly Ray Knopf, Jr and is originally from Turbeville, SC. She and her husband are members of Alice Drive Baptist Church, and she works for Sumter School District at Crosswell Drive Elementary School as a speech-language pathologist. Jenny recently had daughter, Jenna Lane this August. Jenny enjoys photography, volunteering, DIY projects, children's ministry and being at the beach and the lake. She is also a member of ASHA and is ADPi Advisor at Francis Marion University.



**Mrs. Angie Adams Gilley** is married to Everett Mark Gilley and is originally from North Myrtle Beach, SC. Angie works for Tuomey Healthcare System in the radiology department. Angie and her husband have two children, Landon and Peyton. She enjoys spending time with family at the lake, visiting her father at the beach, hanging out with friends, going to the YMCA and

watching her children play sports.



**Mrs. Christine Windam Kohl** is a native of Sumter and married to Justin Fisher Kohl. She attends Trinity United Methodist Church with her family and enjoys being outside around water, volunteering at church and Clemson football. Christine and her husband have two children Cameron Wynan and Mary Lauren. Christine's sister, Anna Elmore is also a member of SJWL.



**Mrs. Amanda Drose Hardee** is originally from Manning, SC and is married to Jerry “Jason” Hardee, Sr. The couple has three children, Jerry Jason Hardee, Jr., Mary Beth and William Johnston. Amanda is a member of Bethesda Church of God and works as a part time licensed esthetician at Colonial Aesthetics.



**Mrs. Stacy McDuffie Montgomery** is married to James “Jay” H. Montgomery IV and is a native of Sumter. She works at Ivystone Group as a sales representative and is a member of Graham Baptist Church. She and her husband Jay have daughter Molly Riles born this May. Stacy enjoys being a new mom, painting, crafting and church activities.



**Mrs. Tina Audrey Patterson** is a native of Sumter, is married to James Andrew Patterson and they have one son, Noah. Tina works for Tuomey Healthcare System as Office Coordinator at Outpatient Rehabilitation. She enjoys music, spending time with friends and family, cooking, baking and reading. She takes part in Sumter Chapter of SC MGMA.



**Mrs. Tiffany Merry Rodgers** is married to L. Wayne Rodgers, Jr and the couple has three children-“Larry Wayne”, Logan Ray and Addison Blair. Tiffany is a native of Sumter, SC and works as Office Manager for First Presbyterian Preschool and Kindergarten. Tiffany is a member of Northside Memorial Baptist Church, and she enjoys reading, the beach, pedicures and movies. Tiffany is also a Notary Public and is the Treasurer for Sumter Christian School’s Booster Club.



**Mrs. Candi Marie Payne** is originally from Erie, PA and is married to Christopher Mark Payne. The couple has one son, Christian Andrew and they are members at St. John United Methodist Church. Candi works as faculty at Central Carolina Technical College and as a registered nurse at Tuomey Healthcare Systems. She enjoys running, reading, studying and volunteering.



**Mrs. Felicia “Heather” Smith** is a Sumter, SC native and is married to Clarke Alan Smith. The couple recently had their son, Greyson this September. Heather works at Davant Orthodontics as an orthodontic assistant. Clarke and Heather are members of Alice Drive Baptist Church, and Heather enjoys reading, shopping, teaching 3 year old Sunday School, volunteering, going to the beach and the lake, working out and spending time with her family. Her mother-in-law,

She is also a member of American Nurses Association, Sumter Community Band, volunteer at United Ministries Health Clinic and member of Friendship Circle-St John UMC.



**Mrs. Keonna Nichelle Porter** is married to Detric Shawn Porter and is originally from Dayton, Ohio. The couple has two children-Kayla and Kaleb. Keonna and her family are members of Rediscover Church, and Keonna enjoys singing, sports and helping others. She is also a member of Moms in Prayer



**Mrs. Joni Broadway Walker** is married to Matthew William Walker and a native of Sumter, SC. Joni works for Tuomey Healthcare System as a cancer registrar. The couple has one daughter, Emily Shay and their family attends First Church of God. Joni enjoys working out, watching Emily play softball and traveling.



**Mrs. Meighan Rogers Price** is a native of Sumter, SC and is married to John “Jay” Thomas Price. She and her husband, Jay have two children John “Peyton” and Charles “Drake”. Meighan works for Walgreens as Pharmacy Manager McCray’s Mill. She and her family attend Crosspoint Church, and Meighan enjoys photography and sports-basketball and baseball. She is also involved with Relay for Life.



**Mrs. Mary Margaret White** is originally from Spartanburg, SC and is married to Richard Michaux White, III. Meg and Richard have one daughter, Anna Pierce and they attend Westminster Presbyterian Church. Meg is a Registered Nurse and works at Wesmark Ambulatory Surgery Center. She enjoys reading and book club, running, being outside and painting. Her mother, Nancy Long Pierce is a sustaining League member of Spartanburg, SC.

Many thanks to  
**Provisional Chair**  
**Lisa Andrews (right) and**  
**Co-Chair Rebecca Brogdon (left)** for introducing these Provisionals to the Sumter Junior League



Not Pictured: **Ms. Deanna Smith**

**Picture Reminder**

The following placements will have pictures and articles featured in the November *Lantern*:

**Wishing Well**

**Puppets**

\*\*Please see Bronwyn McElveen immediately after the October meeting to have your picture taken.