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# The Lantern



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*The Sumter Junior Welfare League requests the pleasure of your company  
at a tea honoring the*

*2019-2020 Provisional Class*



*Monday, the twenty-first of October  
from four until six o'clock  
at the home of Laurie Merchant  
26 Paisley Park*

# Mark your calendar for...

**League Meeting: The League Tea**  
October 21, 2019  
4:00-6:00 PM  
26 Paisley Park

**Board Meeting:**  
October 14, 2019  
6:30 PM  
Hostess: TBD  
Co-Hostess: Mary Kolb

**Provisional Class:**  
October 21, 2019  
League Tea, 26 Paisley Park  
3:45PM

**Treasurer's Report:**  
Balances as of August 31, 2019  
Administrative Fund.....\$39,134.54  
Community Trust.....\$29,273.58

**Lantern Deadline:** October 18, 2019  
Wishing Well: Amy Stallings  
Puppets: Jackie Hicks

**Admissions Application:**  
Nomination Forms Pick-Up Deadline: November 1, 2019  
Return Deadline: November 18, 2019  
Contact: Sarah Smith (803) 305-8444 or  
s.eaves.smith@gmail.com

## A Note from the President



Fall is here! Have you noticed a nip in the air on an early morning walk? Felt a change coming? Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens." We are not all in the same season of life. Some of us are just starting our families. Others are sending kids off to college and caring for elderly parents.

Collectively, though, we share this season of service to our community. Let us stay focused on our common goal during this season and work together to see it through joyfully and successfully.

With much love,  
Vicki

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



## 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 Beth Poag (803)468-3953 or drbeth@poag.net

## Congratulations to the following



**League members:**



- ◆ Brenley Davis on the birth of her son
- ◆ Jessica Fralick on the birth of her daughter
- ◆ Sarah Kathryn Marlowe on the adoption of her son
- ◆ Mollie McMillan on the birth of her son
- ◆ Caroline Motley on the birth of son
- ◆ Mollie Oswald on the birth of her daughter
- ◆ Ashley Reddick on the birth of her son

## Sympathy

The Sumter Junior Welfare League extends sympathy to:

Beverly Gulledge on the death of her father-in-law  
Cheryl Landstrom on the death of her step-father  
Suzann Sears on the death of her father

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### Camp Scamp

The second week in June, Katie Shaw, Amber Frye, Katherine Brogdon and Stefanie Durham participated in the annual Camp SCAMP. Camp SCAMP is funded by The Tuomey Foundation and is free to all campers. It is a weeklong camp that teaches children ages 5-12 all about their asthma. Each day started with the campers learning how to check their peak flow, how to predict an asthma attack before it happens and other ways to better take care of themselves. They learn about the different medications that they take and why they take them. In the afternoons we all loaded on buses to go have fun. We took the campers skating, bowling, to Swan Lake, and even to Carowinds! On Friday, the campers show off their new knowledge to their parents in a show all program. After a long and exhausting week, I am sure that all the counselors would agree that we love our placement with Camp SCAMP. We develop relationships with the campers and look forward to seeing them again next year.



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

Please contact  
Nancy Lee Zimpleman  
at 803-236-4851 or  
nancylee@swordlilly.net  
for more information.

Wishing Well  
Open House  
November 5th  
9am-4pm

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

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# SJWL General Membership Meeting Minutes

## September 16, 2019

**Call to Order:** President Vicki Singleton called the meeting to order at 7:00, welcomed everyone back, and invited the members to enjoy refreshments.

**Devotion:** Chrissy Hutto gave our devotion. Esther 4:14 is the scriptural passage. God's hand is always guiding us, even when we don't know it. He is always moving us to where we want to be. God's providence is always steering us in the correct direction. This is all part of His plan for us.

**President's Remarks (Vicki Singleton):** Sustainer and past President, Mary Kolb, was introduced as our speaker for this evening. She spoke about her time in the League, and what it meant to her to be part of the Junior League. Remember that we have a huge impact on our community, and she learned so much about the different things we do in our community to serve others, and what these organizations do to support Sumter. Remember that the gift of service, time, and volunteering is the most important gift we have to give. When we volunteer together, we get more done. Volunteering gives hope to others. Giving to others shows our faith, and shares our faith with others. Let your light shine!!!! Vicki thanked Jenny and Ann-Frances for the Lantern. No one indicated lack of receipt. Motion to approve the minutes for the May Dinner. Motion by Whitney Dunlap, seconded by Bronwyn McElveen. Minutes were approved as written. Correspondence: Prisma Health Tuomey and Sumter United Ministries sent notes of gratitude for the donations that have been sent.

**Vice President (Bronwyn McElveen):** Request for any by-law changes are due in writing to Bronwyn by January 1, 2020.

**Secretary (Beth Poag):** Sign in sheets are on the table by the door. Please sign in every month to assist with keeping attendance. Final directory change requests are due. Please place a check next to your information to show it is correct. If no check is done, I will assume that you have no changes to the directory, and it will publish as is. Provisionals please also review the information sheets for the directory and make any needed corrections. Please send an email if you will be on the 5th grade DC trip during the Tea for attendance purposes.

**Treasurer (Cheryl Landstrom):** Community trust account \$29,273.58 Administrative Account \$39,789.78 Any reimbursement requests, please bring to Cheryl with a receipt.

**Assistant Secretary (Day Caughman):** 7 birth notes, 3 Condolences. Asked for the assistance of the membership with communicating births or losses for Day to respond.

**Assistant Treasurer (Shannon Boykin):** No Report

**Admissions (Sarah Smith):** Packets for admission applications are available from Sarah, and will be sent via e-mail this week. They are due by the November general meeting. She encourages us to consider putting someone up for membership.

**Community Research (Nancy Lee Zimpleman):** No report.

**Computer (Ashley Melton):** Encouraged the members to make sure their email mailboxes are not full. Also, she does not know if the email bounces back, where it comes from. Please check in with Ashley after the meeting to verify email addresses.

**Wishing Well (Amy Stallings):** Void Procedure: Hit print receipt, and you can void later if needed. Employee badge purchases. Please make sure that you follow all prompts. Print the receipt for each employee. Extra time on your hands, please restock the food and drinks. Questions, please call Amy. Renee Brown is in the hospital and the Business Manager.

**Hospitality (Lillie Smith):** The October Tea will be held Monday, Oct 21 at the home of Laurie Merchant, 26 Paisley Park, from 4-6 pm. The Tea counts as a meeting for attendance purposes.

**Lantern (Jenny Knopf):** Tonight taking pictures of WW committee and Three in One.

**Placement Council (Lisa Burke):** Placement chairs should be in contact with their members. Please inform Lisa of any needs or struggles with regards to getting hours.

**Provisional Chairman (Lauren Locklear):** Lauren introduced the new provisional members to the general membership. First provisional meeting is Next Monday night for Puppets, Sept. 23.

**Sustainer Representative (Mary Kolb):** No Report.

**New Business:** Above and Beyond recommendations are requested for Above and Beyond. These nominations can be made to Shelly Stokes. Next Board meeting will be Monday, Oct 14: location TBA, Mary Kolb will provide refreshments. The October Tea will be held Monday, Oct 21 at the home of Laurie Merchant, 26 Paisley Park, from 4-6 pm. The tea counts as a meeting for attendance purposes.

**Old Business:** Door prize for WW coupon went to Whitney Brown.

**Adjournment:** Vicki adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

The 2019-2020 Provisional Class  
By Ann-Frances Brown

Welcome to the Sumter Junior Welfare League!

We are so pleased that you have chosen to volunteer your time and efforts to give back to our community.



**Mandy Starnes Baibak** is originally from Lancaster, SC. She is married to James Thomas Baibak. They have two children, Katelyn and Thomas. Mandy is the Assistant Vice President for Electronic Services at SAFE Federal Credit Union and a member of Westminster Presbyterian. Mandy enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with her family. She is involved in the Stillwater Homeowners Association where she serves as secretary and Wilson Hall PTO where she serves as Fundraiser Chair.



**Carolyn Brunson Hodge** is originally from Isle of Palms, SC and married to Raymond Larry Hodge, Jr. They have three children, Abigail, Betty, and Sullivan. She is an ER nurse at PRIS-MA Tuomey Health and a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church. Her grandmother, Betty Lee Brunson, was an active member in the SJWL. Carolyn enjoys reading, concerts, the beach, spending time with family and friends, and cooking! She also owns and operates Savor the Flavor, which packages and sells rice and grits products all over the country.



**Lori Elizabeth Berger** is originally from Sumter, SC and is married to Matthew Daniel Berger. They have two children, Riley and Harry. Lori is partner at Art Bradham CPA and a member of First Presbyterian. She enjoys reading, travel, time with family, yard work, cycling, and cooking. Lori's mother-in-law, Robin Lipham Shaw, is a sustaining member of the SJWL.



**Jill Dickerson Horton** is originally from Sumter, SC and married to Anthony Lawrence Horton. They have four children, Joseph, William, Anna, and Preston. She works at Miss Libby's School of Dance and is a member of Northside Baptist Church. She enjoys attending her children's sporting events, teaching dance, decorating, and community service.



**Monique Jacobs Brunson** is originally from Winnsboro, SC. She is married to Will Brunson. They have one daughter, Morgan Elizabeth Brunson. Monique is a nurse at Dorn VA Medical Center and a member of Bible Way Church of Atlas Road. She enjoys traveling, reading, shopping, and spending time with family. She is excited to serve in



**Brittany Cannon Huckeba** is originally from Sumter, SC. She is married to Drew Ryan Huckeba and they have one child, Millie. She is a teacher at Alice Drive Elementary and a member of Alice Drive Baptist. Brittany enjoys spending time with family, traveling to new places, and antique shopping! She is excited to serve in the league this year.



**Madison Ruth Cox** is originally from Sumter, SC. She is a first grade teacher at Alice Drive Elementary and a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Her mother, Robin Cox, is a sustaining member of the SJWL. Madison enjoys being a teacher. Above teaching, she enjoys growing her faith through her church family and with her wonderful life group. She also enjoys spending time with her family, running, and going to the beach! Madison is an active member of her church, serving on several committees and serves on the Sumter Teacher Forum as a lead teacher in the district.



**Rebekah Elaine Killen** is originally from Sumter, SC. She is a Special Education teacher at Sumter High School and a member of Christ Community Church. She enjoys gardening and walking her dog, Watson. She is an avid Clemson fan and loves traveling to away games. Go tigers! Her favorite summer spot is Edisto Beach. She is a Sumter Young Life Leader. She is passionate about serving the special needs youth community in Sumter and serves as a Capernaum leader for special needs high school students.



**Brenley Elizabeth Davis** is originally from Greenville, SC. She is married to Richard Wayne Davis. They welcomed their first child in August of this year, William "Pryor" Davis. Brenley is employed at Wells Fargo Advisors working as an FT Registered Client Associate and is a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church. She enjoys boating, exercising, walking her dog, Tiller, cooking, Bible study, and spending time with her family.



**Lisa Marie Pinto** is originally from Sumter, South Carolina. She is married to Vijay Paul Pinto and has two children, Gemma and John. She is a member of Christ Community Church and enjoys her church life group, serving in the children's ministry, reading, traveling when possible, and children's books and literature! She is also a member of the South Carolina Medical Alliance.



**Abbye Durant Price** is originally from Sumter, SC. She is married to Mathew Ryan Price and they have two children, Nora and Amelia, with one on the way, expected January 2020! Abbye works at Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands and is a member of Christ Community Church. She enjoys spending time with her family, exercising, and reading.



**Jennifer Alfrod Reimer** is originally from Sumter, SC. She is married to Seth Johnathon Reimer and they have two children, JT and Kinslee. Jennifer works at Miss Libby's as an Artistic Director and is a member of Wise Drive Baptist Church. She serves as the Children's Director at Wise Drive Baptist Church and as a volunteer for Wilson Hall's music department.



**Kate McElveen Price** is originally from Sumter, SC. She is married to Nicholas V. Price. Kate works as the Community Development Director for the Tuomey Foundation. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church. She enjoys spending time with her niece and nephew, walking, shopping and playing tennis. Kate is involved with Shaw Sumter. Kate's mother, Kathy McElveen, is a sustainer of the SJWL and her sister-in-law, Bronwyn McElveen, is an active member.

*League Flashback  
2013 League Tea  
at the home of Dotty Kolb*



Please send photos to [jennylaurenstephens@gmail.com](mailto:jennylaurenstephens@gmail.com)



Many thanks to Provisional Chair, Lauren Locklear and Provisional Co-Chair, Jenny Knopf for ensuring that the 2019-2020 Provisional Class learns all the beneficial aspects of the Sumter Junior Welfare League.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Computer Chair this year. As Computer Chair I help manage the SJWL website, manage our Facebook pages, help with technology related tasks, send emails and continue to store and update contact information. Most importantly this role allows me to communicate with all our fabulous members and sustainers! Information technology is quickly evolving, and my goal is to both uphold worthy traditions within the league as well as keep our organization up to date with new technology and communications.

In addition to the computer chair responsibilities, one of my favorite parts of being Computer Chair is that I am part of the board of directors. I enjoy meeting with this wonderful group of women monthly, and I am inspired by their passion for serving others. I enjoy learning more as I hear about all the aspects of the league and the personal investment each member contributes. I appreciate this opportunity, and I am excited to be a part of the 2019-2020 SJWL year as we continue to make a difference.

Ashley Melton

