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Message from the President

It is with great pleasure that we announce the candidates for the 2011 Woman of the Year: Karen Gawne and Debbie Hunley-Stukes.

These amazing women are dedicated to serving their Chesapeake community. Please read over their bios provided in this newsletter, and then cast your ballot either in person, or at our November 10th Dinner meeting at Cotton's Bistro. You may also mail your vote to Valerie Rodriguez. If your ballot is mailed, it must reach Valerie no later than November 9th. Please remember that all ballots must be in a sealed envelope, or they will not be counted. Envelopes will be provided at the dinner meeting.

The Woman of the Year Banquet will be held at the Chesapeake Conference on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at the Chesapeake Conference Center. We hope that you will be able to attend this wonderful evening with us.

In these difficult economic times, we all struggle to stretch our budgets as carefully as we can. The Women's Division is no different. We committed to the 2011 Program of Work to benefit our Chesapeake community, and have been diligently working for ways to fund this commitment. One of those efforts was to offer an opportunity for the Past Presidents and Women of the Year to be a sponsor at the Woman of the Year Banquet. We had a few concerns about the level and naming of the donation. After careful consideration, we are opening up this offer to any interested party, and will be happy to accept donations in any denomination. Although we will still have Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorships available, we will also have a category named Friends of the Women's Division. If the sponsor is a past Woman of the Year, there will be * next to their name, a past President will have ** next to their name, and a woman who has been both a past President and a Woman of the Year will have *** next to their name. The Sponsorships will state that the contributions help to support the Women's Division Program of Work.

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday season:

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.

Remember -"Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!"

Thank you again for your support!

Jackie Moore

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Committee News...



WDHRCCC IMPORTANT DATES

- Wednesday, November 2, 2011 Board Meeting
- Thursday, November 10, 2011 – WDHRCCC Membership Dinner
- Thursday, November 10, 2011 – Sealed WOY ballots due
- Thursday, November 10, 2011 – WDHRCCC WOY Voting at membership dinner
- Friday, November 11, 2011 – WDHRCCC WOY Notified
- Friday, December 16, 2011 – Handel's Messiah
- Saturday, February 4, 2012 – WOY 2011 Banquet



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Ladies, if your birthday is not listed, please notify Debbie Ritter, our Membership Chair, or me, Blanca Ansbro; to ensure your name is not left off in the future.

November

- 15th – Joyce B. Harlan
- 16th – Lois Richardson
- 22nd – Pam Myers
- 27th – Barbara B. Head
- 30th – Jeanette Whitfield

December

- 1st – Lucy G. Varker
- 8th – Pamela R. Greene-Stewart
- 10th – Blanca Ansbro
- 16th – Catherine Howland
- 21st – Patricia I. Powers
- 24th – Lillian King Everett
- 25th – Teresa C. Peters
- 28th – Barbara P. Thrasher
- 31st – Debbie Rountree

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Dear WD Friends,

Thanks to you, Camelot Elementary School received a large donation of school supplies. Several cases of supplies were presented to the school to assist students in need. Principal, Dr. Karen Cooper-Collins was very touched by the generosity of our members.

Our next service project is our annual collection of food items for the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia. *We will collect items for the food bank at our November 10, 2011, dinner meeting.

Please consider donations of the following items:

Protein, Meat and Fish

Peanut butter, tuna, canned ham, canned chicken, beans

Fruits and Vegetables

Canned fruits and vegetables, 100% fruit juice, instant potatoes, fruit preserves dried fruit

Grains

Cereal, oatmeal, rice, whole grain crackers

Complete Meals

Pasta and sauce, boxed meals, chunky soups, stews

Baby Products

Powdered formula, baby food, diapers, wipes

Non-Perishable food in non-breakable containers, please

*If you have any questions or would like to schedule pick up or drop off of your donation, please contact Kim Olcott at 482-9440.

Thank you for your continued support of our Community Service Program.

Committee News...



You are invited to the Fifth Annual



Chesapeake Community Messiah
Production
Handel's Messiah

Hosted at
Great Bridge Baptist Church
640 S. Battlefield Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Friday, December 16, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Admission is free and open to the public,
doors open at 6 pm.

For additional information:

www.greatbridgebaptist.org

or call June Vinson at 421-9567 or GBBC
Music Department at 482-2111



NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP DINNER



Nov. 10th

Cotton Southern Bistro
644 Grassfield Pkwy, Ste. #12
Chesapeake, VA 23323
609-3156

Menu:

Prime Rib with 2 sides
Tea/Water/Coffee
Assorted Deserts
\$16.00

Please have all RSVPS to Susan Rowland
by Nov. 8th.

(Payable at the dinner)

COMMUNICATIONS



Remember if you would like to receive the
Shipmate via e-mail please send me an email
merjai07@yahoo.com or call me at 344-4457.

Blanca Ansbro
Communications Committee



PUBLIC RELATIONS



Upcoming events, announcements or a
reminder that is what
Public Relations is here to do.

Remember to contact Phyllis Krasnoff at 547-
8446 or arts4mom@aol.com with any
upcoming events that you would like posted in
the newspaper and/or local TV.



Cultural

*2nd Annual Chesapeake Virginia Wine Festival -
October 29, 2011*

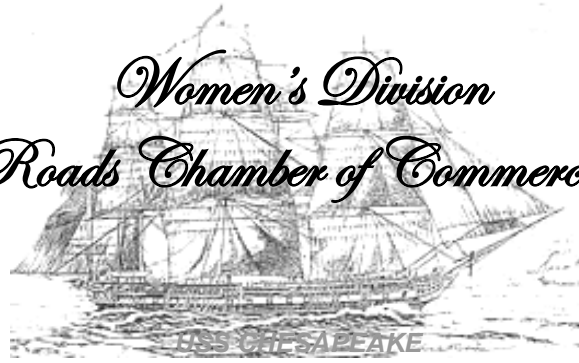
December 3 – Chesapeake Christmas Parade

*December 4 – Chesapeake Regional Medical
Center Tree Lighting with music provided by the
Hampton Roads Metro Band*

*December 12 – South Norfolk Women's Group –
Holiday Home Tour, 4 to 8 p.m. South Norfolk
Baptist Church, Tickets \$10 Adults - \$5 children
under 12*

Alvene Buckley
Cultural

Women's Division
Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Chesapeake



The Women's division of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Chesapeake will be hosting the 45th Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers. In addition, the Woman of the Year will also be recognized. This spectacular, sold-out event will be held **on Saturday, February 4, 2012**, at the **Chesapeake Conference Center**. Be part of these festivities by becoming a sponsor. The following sponsorship opportunities are available.

Platinum - \$1,000

Platinum Benefits:

- Recognition at event
- Featured in correspondence, newsletters and publicity
- Complimentary dinner for two
- Framed print of the USS CHESAPEAKE

Gold - \$500

Gold Benefits:

- Recognition at event
- Featured in correspondence, newsletters and publicity
- Complimentary dinner for one

Silver - \$250

Silver Benefits:

- Recognition at event
- Featured in correspondence, newsletters and publicity

Bronze - \$100

Bronze Benefits:

- Recognition at event

Checks should be made payable to **WDHRCCC** and mailed to:

Karen Gawne
c/o Monarch Bank
1034 South Battlefield Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23322
Phone (757) 842-6042



WDHRCCC WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE RESUME

Name: **Karen L. Gawne**

CURRENT POSITION

May 2002-present Monarch Bank, Chesapeake, VA
Senior Personal Banker/Assistant Vice President

Promoting bank products and services to meet clients' financial needs
Building client trust and confidence by exhibiting an enthusiastic and caring approach backed by expert product knowledge
Referring clients to mortgage and/or investment professionals within the company
Training new managers and personal bankers on the Bank's products, services and procedures
Providing leadership support to the branch staff

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, George Mason University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/EXPERIENCES

Virginia Notary Public

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chesapeake Crime Line	Board member June 2001 - present, Secretary Dec 2005 – present
Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation	Member of Blue Ribbon committee Sept. 2011 -
Chesapeake Division of Widowed Persons Group	Board member Oct 2001 to present
Pilot Club of Chesapeake	Member since Jan 2007, Secretary July 2007-June 2009, President July 2009 to present, Club's liaison to the two HS sponsored Anchor Clubs we sponsor July 2008 to present, Virginia District Anchor Chair July 2009 to present
Religious Education Program Teacher at Little Creek Chapel	Sept 1990 to present
WDHRCC Chesapeake	Member since Feb. 2006, Hospitality Chair Feb. 2007 – Feb. 2009, Assistant Treasurer Feb. 2009- Feb. 2011, Treasurer Feb. 2011 to present

AWARDS

Three time winner of Customer's Experience Leadership Award
For success in annual national sales contests, awarded trips to Olympics in Atlanta, San Francisco, Acapulco, and Tucson.
Million Dollar Honor Roll Award for Trust referrals, trip to the Greenbrier.
Mortgage Referral Leader, won trip to the Bahamas.
Top Personal Banker in Concierge Service, won a paid day off.
VA District Pilot Club President April 2010

* Name: Karen L. Gawne * Email Address: KGawne@MonarchBank.com
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* Phone (H) 757-464-0207 (C) 757-515-5505



WDHRCCC WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE RESUME

Name: **Debbie Hunley-Stukes**

CURRENT POSITION

- Director of Middle Schools for Chesapeake Public Schools

EDUCATION

- 1978 Graduate of Petersburg High School
- 1982 Graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University (BS Degree in Marketing in Distributed Education)
- 1989 Graduate of Norfolk State University (Master Degree in Educational Administration)
- Currently enrolled in Doctoral Program at Virginia Tech

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP/EXPERIENCES

- Member of Virginia Middle Schools Association
- Member of The National Association of Secondary School Principals
- Member of TOP Ladies of Distinction Chesapeake Chapter
- Member of the State Board of Education Adult Education of Literacy Board
- Member of Chesapeake Branch of the NAACP
- Member of City of Chesapeake Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Member of the Virginia Milken Educators Network (Former Vice-Chair)
- Former Television Host of Chesapeake Local program "Growing Up in Chesapeake"
- Served and currently serving on numerous educational committees for Chesapeake Public Schools
- Worked with local businesses and churches to assist in identifying residents without a high school diploma and offering GED services to the citizens of Chesapeake.
- As a part of a previous job assignment as the Program Administrator for Chesapeake Public Schools Adult and Continuing Education Program worked to expand and enhance the adult and continuing education program offerings by over 300% for the citizens of Chesapeake.
- Former member of the Chesapeake's Volunteers for Advocates for Chesapeake Youth (VACY) Board, the Chesapeake Court Conference Committee, the Hampton Roads Principal Center Board of Directors, and former Co-Chair of the Virginia Teacher of Promise Institute

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Volunteer for Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (annually feed the homeless)
- Member of the Usher Board and Missionary Society of Lee's Chapel AME Church, and former Trustee Board Member
- Chairperson of Lee's Chapel AME Church SWAT (Church Growth Initiative Program)
- Former Volunteer Host (10 years) of Local Cable Show " Growing Up In Chesapeake"
- Planned and organized the First Patricia D. Gadson's Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament to provide scholarships to deserving Chesapeake Public Schools GED graduates.

AWARDS

- Who's who Among American Educators and Executives
- Outstanding Alumnus Award for Petersburg High School
- Vocational Education Outstanding Service Award
- Appreciation/Service Award presented by the Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Chesapeake Public Schools Administrator of the Year (1999)
- Recipient of the Virginia's and Chesapeake's first National Outstanding Educator's Award presented by the Milken family Foundation(1999)
- Recipient of the 2005 Celestyne Diggs Porter Distinguished Educators Award

Name: **Debbie Hunley-Stukes** * Email Address: stukes34us@aol.com
Address: **4020 Cedar Grove Crescent** * City: **Chesapeake** * State: VA * Zip Code: **23321**
* Phone (H) **757-465-5916** * (C) **757-620-1124**

PROPOSED WDHRC 2012 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President – Valerie Rodriguez (Up from 1st VP) - Valerie has lived in the Portlock section of Chesapeake for 29 years where she raised two daughters and has one granddaughter. She began her community involvement serving as PTA President of Portlock Primary and G.W. Carver Intermediate School. She began college for the first time after her husband of 17 years was killed in a motorcycle accident. She graduated TCC with honors and served as chapter treasurer and then President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at the campus and regional level. She then moved on to graduate with honors from Regent University where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership and Management and served as Treasurer for Regent's Undergraduate Council. She has spent the last 13 years as a Chesapeake Public School employee serving in the classroom as an assistant, the computer lab for instruction and assistance, and most recently as the bookkeeper at Truitt Intermediate School. Valerie has served twice on the Site Improvement Planning Council for Portlock Primary and on SIPE Acton Committees for Portlock Primary and Oscar Smith Middle School. She has previously served as the Communications Director, Treasurer, and 1st VP for the WDHRC.

First Vice President – Midge Woods (Up from 2nd VP) - I am a wife of 35 years and a mother of three grown children, Debbie, Ian and Lacy, each of which make me very proud. I also have 5 grandchildren, 3 of which are triplets. We moved here from California in 1993 and I have tried to be involved in the community since then. I started working with Chesapeake social services as a volunteer and realized early on that I am the one that benefits the most from anything that I have ever done for others. The sense of purpose and fulfillment that comes from giving is very humbling and rewarding. I have been very blessed in my life and giving back is my way of demonstrating my appreciation. I work full time running my husband's office, Woods Financial. We are very proud of our company and what we have been able to do for our clients. My favorite leisurely thing to do is decorate, much to my husband's dismay, because I am always finding things to re-decorate....when I run out of rooms at my house ...I do my friends! I enjoy exploring esoteric ideas and have been teaching a dream interpretation class for over ten years. I love to read, work in the garden and travel with my husband. I have come to feel a sincere fondness for the chamber ladies; they are caring, interesting, delightful women that I am proud to be associated with.

Second Vice President – Blanca Ansbro (was Communications Director) - I am a wife, mother and grandmother of twin boys. I am married to a wonderful man, James Ansbro. We have been married for 6 wonderful years. I have two children, Jaime and Mercedes. My son and daughter in law, Courtney currently live in Kanas City with my grandchildren, Parker and Eli. My daughter, Mercedes is a Sergeant in the United States Army and currently is stationed in Alaska. I am extremely proud of both my children and what they have accomplished. I feel very blessed for what God has given me, my husband, children, grandchildren, family and friend that love me. I moved to Chesapeake about 6 years ago. Currently I work for CHIP; Children's Health Investment Program a non-profit agency in the South Norfolk area of Chesapeake and currently I am attending Virginia College. I will complete my education in 2012 with a Bachelor in Health Services and a Masters in Business Administration. I have been a member of WDHRC for four years, on the board for two and have seen firsthand how they open their hearts to help different organizations in Chesapeake. I am proud to be a part of this organization.

Corresponding Secretary – Dr. Ella Ward (2nd Year Returning) - Dr. Ella P. Ward, a retired Assistant Principal from Portsmouth Public Schools, has served 5 and 1/2 years on Chesapeake City Council. She served 8 years on the Virginia State Board of Education, where she served as Vice President for 5 consecutive years. Prior to her election to City Council, she was a member of the Chesapeake School Board for six years. Dr. Ward taught English and Journalism for 23 years and served as an assistant principal for 12 years for a total of 35 years prior to her retirement in 2004. She holds both a B.A. and an M.A. degree from Norfolk State University, an M. S. degree from Old Dominion University, and two degrees, a CAGS and a doctorate from Virginia Tech. She is an active member of many organizations, including Chesapeake Rotary Club, Chesapeake Sports Club, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, NSU Alumni, Deep Creek's PTA and Band Parents' Association, GFWC Women's Club of South Norfolk, Riverbend and Dunedin Civic Leagues, and Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church. She has received numerous awards, including the YWCA Women of Distinction Award (2010), the "Strong, Smart, Bold Women" Award and the ODU Outstanding Alumnus Award. She has been happily married to Herman L Ward for 46 years, and they have one son, retired NAVY Commander Tory Ward. "I will be happy to serve on the Board, if elected, because it will once again allow me the opportunity to serve with an organization of women who are dedicated to keeping Chesapeake a city in which we can live, work, and raise a family."

Treasurer – Karen Gawne (2nd Year Returning) - Raised in Northern VA outside DC, I moved to VA Beach in 1989 where I reside with my husband, John and two children, Patrick (23) and Meghan (20). I am also a proud stepmother to 5 children ranging in age from 45 to 27, and eleven grandchildren! Awesome Irish Catholic family! Although I majored in elementary education at George Mason University, life took a different direction career-wise: I will celebrate 35 years as a banker in December. I currently serve as a Personal Banker for Monarch Bank in Chesapeake, VA, and truly love what I do. Guiding clients through all aspects of their financial service from establishing that account for the newborn to resolving the estate matters of a loved one allows me to be the trusted, caring professional

they rely on. I value the opportunity to serve in my community, as well. In addition to my role with Anchors, I am serving a 2nd term as President of the Pilot Club of Chesapeake. I also work with the Chesapeake Crime Line, the Widowed Persons Board, the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, and 3rd graders at my church. My husband is a cruise specialist and takes me places I never thought I'd see, so, 4-5 times per year we set sail for the Caribbean, Europe, you name it, creating memories for a lifetime. When I'm not at sea or fulfilling a Pilot project, I can be found riding my bike or taking a walk along the VA Beach Oceanfront. Deeply spiritual, I love this Bible verse and utilize it as my theme with my Pilots: Shining our Pilot light:

Let your light so shine that they may see your good works and praise our Father in heaven.

It's my goal to touch the lives of others and make a difference. Let us all shine!!

Assistant Treasurer – Gladys Wilfore (2nd Year Returning) - Gladys is very active in our city. She is very involved and passionate about the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Historical Foundation. She serves in several clubs and organizations such as the Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission, a sports club and the Pilot Club. She serves on the advisory board for the Chesapeake Lifestyle Center and is currently serving her second year as the Assistant Treasurer. Gladys has a long history with the WDHRCCC having served in many positions. She served as the Club's president in 1988.

Community Service – Faye Mitchell (New) - Faye W. Mitchell, a native of North Carolina, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. In the court management system environment, she has held the positions of deputy clerk & manager of the Clerk's Office Criminal Department, Clerk of Court of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, and in 2004 was elected Clerk of Circuit Court in Chesapeake. Faye has a heart for public service and community involvement. She is a member of the Chesapeake Rotary Club, serves as a host facilitator for an Internship Program for Legal Studies programs with several cities, member of WDHRCCC (Ways & Means subcommittee), and serves as a board member of the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic. Faye has received numerous professional and community awards but one of her proudest recognitions has been as mother of two Great Bridge High School graduates and grandparent to three precious grandchildren. She enjoys spending leisure time with her husband Bud.

Cultural – Ann Myers (new) - Ann holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree from Old Dominion University. She is a retired educator from Chesapeake Public Schools with 32 years of service. She attended the Management Academy of Public Health this past summer at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where she and a team of three others wrote a business plan hopefully to be implemented in our city called the "Senior Care Integrated Planning" program. Ann has served on the Board of Directors of the Women's Division in numerous capacities and has served as President. She has been honored as Chesapeake's Woman of the Year, Chesapeake's Teacher of the Year; Chesapeake's Mother of the Year and has received the Athena Award for Leadership presented by the Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Chesapeake Avenue United Methodist Church, The Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Sister Cities Committee, the Chesapeake Human Services Advisory Board, the Chesapeake Luncheon Pilot Club, the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society, the Chesapeake Retired Teachers Association, and serves on the GALA Committee for the Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. She has two lovely married daughters who have given her two wonderful grandsons.

Education – Angela Smith – (New) - Angie works as the school librarian at Hickory Elementary where her children, Jacob and Emma, currently attend. Prior to her work as a school librarian, Angie worked as a first and second grade teacher in Chesapeake. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from James Madison University in 1997 and a Master's degree from Regent University in 2001. She received her training as a school librarian through Longwood University. Angie currently attends The George Washington University where she is working on her doctoral degree in Educational Administration and Policy Studies. She has been honored to represent Norfolk Highlands Primary as their Teacher of the Year in 2001 and their Reading Teacher of the Year in 2004. She was recognized as Hickory Elementary School's Reading Teacher of the Year in 2009. She is a member of the Chesapeake Reading Council, the Virginia Educational Media Association, the American Association of School Librarians, and the Beta Theta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She serves as the Remembrance chairperson for Beta Theta, and the Remembrance co-chairperson for the Chesapeake Media Specialists. Her husband, Danny, is a firefighter with the Technical Rescue Team at Station 15 in Chesapeake.

Local Government – Christie New Craig (new) - Christie serves our city in a very significant way. She is one of our city council members working hard to make decisions that give our city a chance to function in a way to best benefit all citizens. Christie is new to our board and is looking forward to serving with the WDHRCCC.

Public Relations - Phyllis Krasnoff (2nd Year Returning) - I have been a member of the Women's Division of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce for over 9 years. I have served as Cultural Arts Chair from 2008 - 2010. I am married to Mayor Alan P. Krasnoff for 37 years and have 2 children, Matt and Amanda, and one granddaughter, Leighton. I have been working as the office manager at Krasnoff Chiropractic Center but have a Master's degree in Education from Brooklyn College of the City of New York where I taught school for 3 yrs. before moving to Illinois. I have lived in Chesapeake for the past 30 years. Before going back to work I served on several PTA councils, was in the Great Bridge Women's Club, was in the Greenbrier Circle of the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, was a member of the Friends of the Library and was a school volunteer. I am currently a board member and chair of the Women's Club of So. Norfolk, am on the board of The Chesapeake Christian Women's Club, and am a member of the Chesapeake General Hospital's Auxiliary, The Central Chesapeake Republican Women's Club, and Chesapeake Friends of the Arts where I served on the board for 4 years. I have been back on the board for this past year and truly love working the women who serve our community so well. It will be a pleasure to be a member of the board again and to lend my help to this great organization.

By-laws – Jackie Moore (Outgoing President) - Jackie is a graduate of the University of Akron, and holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Education. She has taught Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade in Ohio and Virginia before moving to the Department of Information Technology for Chesapeake Public Schools in 1999. She is currently an Application Systems Analyst for IT, which allows her to combine her love of teaching with technology. Jackie and her husband Mike will soon be celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary. They were blessed with 2 wonderful children, Keri and Tim. Jackie has been active in the Women's Division for over 11 years. She has served as President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Communications Chair, and Historian. She has also served on the WOY Committee, Education Committee, Hospitality Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Membership Committee, and anywhere else she was needed. Jackie has also created the online web page for the Women's Division <http://wdhrccc.org> and has developed new brochures, tickets, flyers, membership cards and other technology resources for the Women's Division. Jackie feels that it is not only an honor to serve with the amazing women of the Women's Division for our Chesapeake community, but also an extreme pleasure.

Communications – TO BE DETERMINED (New) -

Telephone – June Vinson (2nd Year) - June has a B.A. degree in English from West Virginia Tech University and a M.S. degree in Education from Old Dominion University. She is a retired teacher from the Chesapeake Public School System. June is a member of ADK-Sigma Chapter, Phi Kappa Phi, Hickory United Methodist Church, CPRC, The Hickory Ruritan Club, and the Pilot Luncheon Club of Chesapeake. She is an active member of the WDHRCCC and has served on many committees and is currently chairman of the Telephone Committee. She was also honored as a past Woman of the Year.

Recording Secretary – Marie Hobbs (New) - I have served as Chaplain, Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer of the WDHRCCC. I am a retiree of Chesapeake Public School after 28 years of service. I am currently serving as a Sunday school teacher for ladies 45-94 at my church, Great Bridge Baptist. Presently I am serving as a volunteer for the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation. All of the above are so very important to me but one of my favorite things is having the opportunity to keep my two grandchildren, Trey, who is five and in kindergarten at London Bridge Baptist and Grace, my two-year old granddaughter who is in pre-school at the same church. My husband, Bill, is always by my side no matter where my jobs take me as are my two daughters, Pamela and Jennifer.

Ways and Means – Pamela Greene-Stewart (2nd Year Returning) - I am a former educator (on collegiate, middle school, and elementary levels. During my tenure at Norfolk State University I served as the director of the Summer Scholars academic enrichment program for elementary students, a Danforth Project Research Assistant, and an Academic Reviewer for the Virginia State Board of Education. Additionally, my former board participation includes Kid's Voting and Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Chesapeake Women's Division as the Education Committee Chair.

Historian – TO BE DETERMINED (New) -

Membership – Debbie Ritter (2nd Year Returning) - Debbie Ritter has previously served in several capacities with the Women's Division including the honor of being President in 2008. She is a member of the Chesapeake City Council and also an active Board member with the Elizabeth River Project, the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways History Foundation and Sister Cities Chesapeake. As a member of the Chesapeake Rotary Club she co-chaired the 2010 First Citizen Dinner and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Chesapeake Wine Festival. Debbie is married to Ron Ritter. They are the parents of three grown daughters and the grandparents of three active grandsons.

Hospitality – Susan Rowland (2nd Year Returning) - Susan is a lifelong resident of the city of Chesapeake. She serves as the Chief of Staff to Delegate Lionell Spruill, Sr., Susan is a member of the Chesapeake Board of Zoning Appeals and serves on the board of the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic. She is the Chairperson for the Virginia 4th District Democratic Committee, and a Life Member of the Virginia PTA/PTSA. She is a member of the South Norfolk Civic League and the South Norfolk Women's Club. Susan is also a member of the 2008 Electoral College. This will be Susan's second year on the WDHRCCC as the Hospitality Chair.

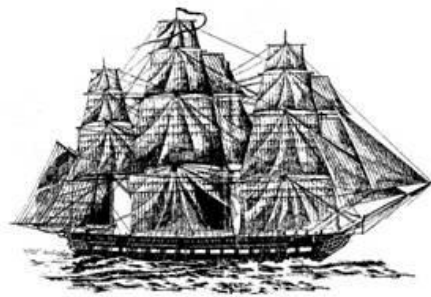
APPOINTED POSITIONS

Parliamentarian: Linda Daniels (new) - Linda is retired from the Chesapeake Public School system where she taught for many years. Since retiring, Linda has not stopped. She is involved heavily with her church and several areas of the city. Linda has been with the WDHRCCC for several years and has served in many capacities. In her tenure as president, she incorporated the "Read a Book, Leave a Book" program at a local women and children's shelter. Linda works hard at all she does and was our most recent Woman of the Year honoree.

Chaplain: Paula Slagle (2nd Year Returning) - I am retired from Chesapeake Public Schools. It was a great career. Now I spend many hours teaching yoga and Pilates. It is so much fun listening to my students tell their stories of how their bodies have improved as a result of their practice. This is such a blessing to me and I love what I have "retired" to. My best half, Norm, and I have raised two children. Spending time with them and their families is what puts big smiles on our faces. I joined the chamber the year that I retired from Chesapeake Schools. I love working with our members and being part of an organization that contributes so much to our community. I have learned so much from the great leadership of this group of hard working individuals and am so grateful to be a part.

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Proposed Changes To Bylaws, Policies & Attachments

Committee Members: Kelli Jordan (Chairman); Blanca Ansbro; Betty Barrett; Jackie Moore; Midge Woods

All items being omitted are crossed out with a line.

Any item that is being changed is crossed out with a line and the suggested change is bolded.

Changes to Bylaws:

Article IV – Dues

Section 1. Annual dues for all members shall ~~be twenty five (\$25.00)~~ **thirty (\$30.00)** dollars per year, payable prior to March 1 of the current year. Members who fail to pay dues within thirty (30) days from the due date shall be subject to suspension.

The Treasurer shall mail to any members whose dues are in arrears, a copy of this section of the By-laws together with a statement of account. Any member who has not paid prior to May 1 shall have her name removed from the membership roll.

Dues notices to the membership shall be placed in the "Shipmate" annually in the month of January. ~~New members joining between January-June shall pay the full year's dues of twenty five (\$25.00). Members joining July-December will pay prorated dues of fifteen (\$15.00).~~

Article V – Board of Directors

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, the immediate past president, ~~and a Chaplain, and a Parliamentarian.~~

Article VIII – Committees

After a two (2) year term, a director of the Board of Directors shall be ineligible for reelection to the Board for at least one (1) year. The exception shall be a director moving into an officer position. A retiring officer must leave the board for at least one (1) year before returning to the board in an elected or appointed position. **In addition, the By-laws Chairman shall serve their one (1) year term and then shall be ineligible for reelection to the Board for at least one (1) year.**

Article IX – Nominations and Elections

Section 2.

Upon approval by the Board of Directors, the ballot shall be included in the November newsletter to the membership with notice to members of their right to add to the list of nominations. Members may return their sealed ballot to the First Vice President prior to the November membership meeting or may cast their sealed ballots at the membership meeting. The **sealed** ballots shall be counted by the First Vice President and two Board Members to be appointed by the President.

Changes to Policies:

II. Annual Meeting

H. ~~After all orders have been satisfied, the photo album created from the annual banquet shall be given to the outgoing President.~~

I. Bylaws – The Bylaws Committee shall:

A. Annually, or as needed, review the bylaws and policies and propose any changes deemed necessary. The review and amendment should be conducted to present any proposed changes at the ~~September~~ **November** meeting of the membership.

B. Be responsible for the printing and distribution of copies of the bylaws to all members. Distribution may be by printed ~~copy~~ or electronic copy as chosen by the member.

II. Community Services – The Community Services Committee shall:

C. School supplies collected at the September membership meeting shall be given to Chesapeake Title I Public Schools in order of rotation:

- ~~2010 Treakle Elementary School~~

- 2011 Camelot Elementary

- 2012 Truitt Intermediate

- 2013 Rena B. Wright Primary

- 2014 Georgetown Primary

- 2015 Thurgood Marshall Elementary

- 2016 Carver Intermediate

- 2017 Sparrow Road Intermediate

- 2018 Portlock Primary

- 2019 Southwestern Elementary

- **2020 Treakle Elementary School**

III. Education – The Education Committee shall:

D. Annually award a scholarship in the amount \$500.00, or more, to a woman returning to college at Tidewater Community College or another accredited college, technical school or specialty school such as nursing. This scholarship should be given to a Chesapeake resident, be need based and coordinated with the chosen institution to choose the recipient. The scholarship recipient is presented at ~~the May~~ **September** membership meeting.

IV. Hospitality – The Hospitality Committee shall:

F. Up to five (5) of the following will receive complimentary dinners at the ~~May~~ membership meeting **meetings**:

Scholarship winners and one guest per winner

Miss Chesapeake

H. Shall oversee the Sunshine Committee ~~in conjunction with the Ways and Means Committee Chair~~

II. Sunshine Committee

B. Responsibilities

- a. Sending flowers and cards to members admitted to hospitals.
- b. Sending a card for members with extended illness at home.
- c. Send a plant, fresh flowers or food to a member who has a death in her immediate family. Immediate family includes spouse, children, parent, or grandchild.
- d. Send a plant, fresh flowers, or food to the family of a WDHRCCC member upon death.**

Changes to Attachment B

How the Program Works. Citizens are invited to nominate businesses by calling the Special Programs Office of the Parks and Recreation Department (382-6411). ~~Gail Bradshaw, Coordinator of Special Programs for the City and a member of the WDHRCC, is the contact person.~~ The deadline for nominations is September 15. That office maintains the list of nominations. The following occurs:

- The Special Programs Office prepares, distributes, and pays for a *Business Beautification Award* brochure.
- The Special Programs Office prepares and distributes news releases about the *Business Beautification Award*.
- The Special Programs Office sends a letter to each of the nominated businesses letting them know that they have been nominated and that they will be contacted to set up a time for their property to be judged.
- One person from each of the sponsoring organizations is recruited to act as the liaison for each organization (WDHRCC and the CEIC).
- Then one or two other individuals from each organization are recruited to serve on a judging team.
- The judging team decides who will call the nominated businesses to advise the nominated companies when their property will be judged. This is done as a courtesy so that the nominated company can have their property prepared for judging if they wish (cutting grass, etc.).
- The judging team decides how they wish to judge the properties. Some judging teams decide to view the properties individually and then get together as a group to make a decision. Other judging teams have decided to view the properties as a group.
- The CEIC representative calls ~~Gail Bradshaw~~ **The Special Programs Office of the Parks and Recreation Department** (382-6411) and lets her know which business has been chosen to receive the award.
- ~~Gail Bradshaw~~ **The Special Programs Office** prepares a letter to be sent to the business that has been chosen, as well as the businesses that were not chosen. The letter is signed by both the Chairperson of the CEIC and the President of the WDHRCC the winning business is invited to attend the November WDHRCC meeting to receive the award.
- ~~Gail Bradshaw's Office~~ **The Special Programs Office** prepares and pays for a framed certificate.

- At the November WDHRCC meeting, the framed certificate is presented to the winning business. Sometimes the WDHRCC also presents a framed rendering of the *Chesapeake* clipper ship. The WDHRCC representative introduces the representative from the winning business and all CEIC representatives present at the meeting. The WDHRCC representative says a few words about the winning business—or asks the CEIC representative to do so. This is decided before the meeting so that remarks can be prepared. ~~Gail Bradshaw takes photographs at the meeting.~~ Normally the WDHRCC pays for the dinner of the winning business. The CEIC pays for the dinner of the CEIC representatives at the meeting.
- ~~Gail Bradshaw~~ **The Special Programs Office** prepares and distributes a news release and photographs of the winning business.

Previous Winners: The following businesses have been awarded the *Business Beautification Award*.

2010 -

- 2009 – Mitsubishi Kaguka Imaging Corporation, 401 Volvo Parkway
- 2008 - HSBC, 1421 Kristina Way
- 2007 – Bank of the Commonwealth, 1217 Cedar Road
- 2006 – Towne Bank, 137 Mt. Pleasant Road
- 2005 – Greenbrier Towers I & II, 860 & 870 Greenbrier Circle
- 2004 – Battlefield Corporate Park, 501 Independence Parkway
- 2003 – Chesbay Distributing Company, Inc., 3928 Cook Boulevard
- 2002 – Chesapeake General Hospital, 736 N. Battlefield Boulevard
- 2001 – Greenbrier Towers I and II, 860 and 870 Greenbrier Circle
- 2000 – A Place for Girls, 912 Cedar Road
- 1999 – Leitch, Inc. 920 Corporate Lane
- 1998 – Johnson Controls, 3824 Cook Boulevard
- 1997 – QVC, 1553 River Bend Run North
- 1996 – Jefferson National Bank, 672 N. Battlefield Boulevard
- 1995 – 411 Building, 411 Cedar Road
- 1994 – Julia’s Home for Adults, 940 George Washington Highway

Changes to Attachment C

B. Order of Rotation:

- ~~2009~~ Indian River High School
- ~~2010~~ Oscar Smith High School
- 2011 Western Branch High School
- 2012 Chesapeake Center for Science and Technology
- 2013 Deep Creek High School
- 2014 Grassfield High School
- 2015 Great Bridge High School
- 2016 Hickory High School
- 2017 Indian River High School
- 2018 Oscar Smith High School**

Changes to Attachment E

Framed Clipper Ship Prints

- ❖ Inventory: Current count, 9/11, 1 print and plaque

**Women's Division Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Chesapeake
Woman of the Year 2011**

Thanks to our members who nominated the following qualified and respected women as the "2011 Woman of the Year". The nominees' resumes are included in this newsletter in alphabetical order. They are as follows:

**Karen Gawne
Debbie Hunley-Stukes**

Please give thoughtful consideration to each lady when making your selection. A ballot is included below. Ballots must be cast by sealed envelopes with your return address included. Members may send their sealed ballots prior to the November 10th meeting to:

**Valerie Rodriguez
1313 Portlock Road
Chesapeake, VA 23324**

Members may also cast their sealed ballot at the November 10th membership meeting. The First Vice President and two Board Members (to be appointed by the President) will count the ballots. Following the count, the nominee receiving the greater number of votes shall be named "Woman of the Year". The announcement will be made no earlier than the following day, after the nominees have been notified. The nominee selected will be honored at the annual banquet on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at the Chesapeake Conference Center.

***Women's Division Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce Chesapeake
Woman of the Year 2011***

***Ballot
Vote for one***

_____ Karen Gawne

_____ Debbie Hunley-Stukes

**PROPOSED WDHRCCC 2012 SLATE OF OFFICERS
Ballot**

President – Valerie Rodriguez (Up from 1st VP)

First Vice President – Midge Woods (Up from 2nd VP)

Second Vice President – Blanca Ansbro (Up from Communication Director)

Corresponding Secretary – Dr. Ella Ward (2nd Year Returning)

Treasurer – Karen Gawne (2nd Year Returning)

Assistant Treasurer – Gladys Wilfore (2nd Year Returning)

Community Service – Faye Mitchell (New)

Cultural – Ann Myers (New)

Education – Angela Smith – (New)

Local Government – Christie New Craig (New)

Public Relations- Phyllis Krasnoff (2nd Year Returning)

By-laws – Jackie Moore (Outgoing President)

Communications – To Be Determined

Telephone – June Vinson (2nd Year)

Recording Secretary – Marie Hobbs (New)

Ways and Means – Pamela Greene-Stewart (2nd Year Returning)

Historian – To Be Determined

Membership – Debbie Ritter (2nd Year Returning)

Hospitality – Susan Rowland (2nd Year Returning)

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Parliamentarian: Linda Daniels (New) / (Bio is currently unavailable)

Chaplain: Paula Slagle (2nd Year Returning) / (Bio is currently unavailable)

_____ I accept and vote yes to elect this proposed slate of officers to the 2012 board of the WDHRCCC.

_____ I reject and vote no to elect this proposed slate of officers to the 2012 board of the WDHRCCC.

_____ I accept and vote yes to elect this proposed slate of officers to the 2012 board of the WDHRCCC with the following corrections. _____

