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**Women's Division  
Hampton Roads Chamber of  
Commerce-Chesapeake  
(WDHRCCC)  
Organized 1967**

P. O. Box 15328  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23328

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#### Ways and Means

TBD

Jackie Moore, Editor

## Message from the President

Let me begin by again saying "thank you" for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president for the 2012 year. When I look at some of the ladies who filled this position before me, I am truly humbled and honored to be here. I would also like to say how much I appreciate Jackie's leadership and mentorship through the last year. She did a phenomenal job serving us last year, and left us in a position to continue serving our wonderful city.

The WDHRCCC's purpose is to promote stronger bonds between the HRCC and to build a better community by promoting cultural, educational, and civic activities. Getting ready to enter our 46<sup>th</sup> year as an organization, I would like us to consider the life cycle of an organization as seen below.

- Startup. (or Birth)
- Growth. This is sometimes divided into an early growth phase (fast growth) and maturity phase (slow growth or no growth). However, maturity often leads to
- Decline. When in decline, an organization will either undergo
  - Renewal or
  - Death

Those of you who may have been members for some time have certainly seen this cycle play itself out over the years, and we know that moving forward and change is often so difficult. However, Benjamin Franklin said, "*Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.*"

My theme this year, "**Bound Together and Strengthened through Service**" was chosen because it so strongly symbolizes the strength we find when we come together. It will truly take all of us with our combined efforts and ideas working together to ensure we are in a constant state of "renewal". I am looking forward to binding together with each of you, streamlining our focus, and moving forward with a renewed sense of togetherness as we continue to proudly serve our city.

*Valerie Rodriguez*

President  
Women's Division Hampton Roads  
Chamber of Commerce Chesapeake

*"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."  
Ecclesiastes 4:12*

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# Committee News...



## WDHRCCC Important Dates

- Wednesday March 7, 2012 – 6:00 P.M. Board Meeting @ Monarch Bank
- Thursday, March 15, 2012 – 6:00 P.M. Membership Dinner Meeting @ Marriott Chesapeake. Please see the detailed information below.



## Membership Dinner Meetings

All Membership meetings will be held at the Marriott Chesapeake Restaurant for 2012. The dates are listed below with time and cost. If you have any questions please contact Susan Rowland by either texting or call, 757-714-1533 or email, [susanjrowland@aol.com](mailto:susanjrowland@aol.com)

Dates:

- March 15<sup>th</sup>
- May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup>
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

Time and Cost:

- 6-6:30 social; 6:30 dinner
- \$20.00

RSVP MUST be sent to Susan Rowland at least 2 days prior to event, including names of any guests attending!!!!

Email Susan @ [susanjrowland@aol.com](mailto:susanjrowland@aol.com)  
Text or call 714-1533



## Public Relations

Phyllis Krasnoff will place any WOY notifications in the Clipper. Please contact Phyllis Krasnoff by phone or [arts4mom@aol.com](mailto:arts4mom@aol.com) if you have any information to submit.

**Phyllis Krasnoff - Public Relations Chair**

## Birthdays



March		April	
2	Karen Gawne	4	Alvene Buckley
4	Ella Ward	14	Betty Barrett
5	Ann Wiggins	18	Irene Perkinson
11	Carolyn Bernard		
11	Kelli Jordan		
22	June Vinson		
27	Jan Garner		
27	Lucinda Harris		
31	Debbie Ritter		



## Committee Responsibilities

Listed on the following pages, are the duties and responsibilities of each committee chair and officer. This information is in the By-laws and will also be on the web.

Any member wishing to serve on any of the committees can email the chairperson, or sign up at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Membership Dinner meeting.

We are currently in need of members interested in becoming a 2012 Board Member and serving as Chairperson for the following Committees:

### Shipmate Ways and Means

Please email Valerie Rodriquez @ [portlockmom@cox.net](mailto:portlockmom@cox.net) if you are interested in serving on the Board this year.

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 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 or electronic copy as chosen by the member.
- C. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

II. **Communications** – The Communications Committee shall:

- A. Be chaired by the editor of the “Shipmate.”
- B. Edit the “Shipmate” as the official communication of the division and send copies to all members. Distribution may be by printed or electronic copy as chosen by the member. When necessary, the Editor of the Shipmate will poll the membership for their choice of distribution method.
- C. Submit to the President for approval the final proof of the “Shipmate” prior to production.
- D. Coordinate with Board of Directors to communicate information to the general membership, including the formulation and distribution of the annual Membership Directory, which may be distributed either by printed copy or electronic copy.
- E. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

III. **Community Services** – The Community Services Committee shall:

- A. Plan activities beneficial to the city and its citizens to include, but not limited to, collection and distribution of articles to recognized groups, or individuals, in need.
- B. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- C. School supplies collected at the September membership meeting shall be given to Chesapeake Title I Public Schools in order of rotation:
  - 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

IV. **Cultural** – The Cultural Committee shall:

- A. Work on projects promoting the cultural and fine arts developments within the city of Chesapeake.
- B. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

V. **Education** – The Education Committee shall:

- A. Provide recognition of an “Outstanding Student.” The “Outstanding Student” shall be chosen annually. The selection shall be conducted on a rotating basis among the city’s public high schools and the Chesapeake Center for Science and Technology. Selection shall be according to the guidelines attached to these policies.
- B. Annually award a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 or more to the “Outstanding Student.” The scholarship recipient is presented at the September membership meeting.
- C. 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 membership meeting.
- D. Be responsible for presenting small, donated items to each new teacher as a token of “Welcome” from the Women’s Division. Items of a political nature are not to be included. This will take place at an appropriate event or be which is given at the beginning of each new school term.
- E. Recognize Chesapeake School system’s Teacher of the Year honorees with a small token of congratulations.
- F. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

VI. **Historical** – The Historical Committee shall:

- A. Collect and organize a history of the Women’s Division since its inception and shall keep same updated annually. This history shall include lists of all officers and directors (provided this information is available). The Chair of the Historical Committee will be responsible for storage of this material.
- B. Take appropriate pictures of persons, activities, and events for the Immediate Past President’s “Activities Book” and for the historical record of the Women’s Division.
- C. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

VII. **Hospitality** – The Hospitality Committee shall:

- A. Make all arrangements for the Women’s Division membership meetings, held in March, May, September and November regarding:
  - Specific dates, times, locations and costs, invitations, table arrangements, seating, name tags, place cards, decorations, and social hours.
- B. Any member may bring a guest to any membership meeting provided prior notice has been given to the Hospitality chairman.
- C. The Hospitality Committee shall support the First Vice President in preparation for the annual meeting.
- D. Keep custody of all hospitality properties of the Women’s Division articles including the Clipper ship and the Women’s Division banner. At the expiration of the chairman’s tenure, these items shall be given to the next Hospitality chairman for custody.

- E. Cooperate and coordinate with other committees for any special events and activities of this body which require food services, including food provided at meetings of the Board of Directors.
- F. Up to five (5) of the following will receive complimentary dinners at the meetings:
  - Scholarship winners and one guest per winner
  - Miss Chesapeake
- G. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- H. Shall oversee the Sunshine Committee

VIII. **Local Government** – The Local Government Committee shall:

- A. Recognize recipients of “Chesapeake Business Beautification Award” according to guidelines attached to these policies.
- B. Encourage all members to be registered voters.
- C. Organize voter registration drives in Chesapeake high schools in conjunction with the voter registrar’s office.
- D. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

IX. **Membership** – The Membership Committee shall:

- A. Actively recruit members for the Women’s Division with target audiences of women employed in business, industry, the professions and government.
- B. Accept dues and forward to Treasurer. Provide names, addresses, place of business, telephone numbers and, when appropriate, e-mail addresses of new members to the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Communications Chair/“Shipmate” editor.
- C. Prepare a “Welcome Aboard” packet for all new members; this is to include Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce developed publications and a copy of the Women’s Division, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Chesapeake Bylaws and Policies and a membership roster.
- D. Recognize new members at membership meetings.
- E. Recognize Miss Chesapeake with a one-year honorary membership at the May meeting.
- F. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

X. **Public Relations** – The Public Relations Committee shall:

- A. Provide articles, announcements, etc., to the news media regarding special recognition of members, Woman of the Year, Outstanding Student, and news of activities and events of the Women’s Division.
- B. Acquire information regarding special recognition of any member and provide the editor of the “Shipmate” with articles regarding same (such as recognition/honors related to job, community, or organization accomplishments) and recognize these members at membership meetings.
- C. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

XI. **Telephone** – The Telephone Committee shall:

- A. Be responsible for contacting board members prior to each board meeting.
- B. Be responsible for contacting members as directed by the board for special needs.
- C. Coordinate with Communications Chair and other Board Members as necessary for information regarding the individual member's choice of contact by telephone or electronic means.

XII. **Ways and Means** – The Ways and Means Committee shall:

- A. Be responsible for all fund raising activities of the Women's Division and shall involve the membership in the same.
- B. Have its chairman serve as a member of the Budget Committee.
- C. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Duties of Special Committees**

I. **Audit Committee** – The Audit Committee shall:

- A. Be appointed by the President in January and shall audit the financial records of the Women's Division and report to the board at its March meetings. The audit report shall reflect activities for the previous year ending February 15.

II. **Budget Committee** – The Budget Committee shall:

- A. Have as its chairman the Treasurer and as its members the Assistant Treasurer, Immediate Past Treasurer and Ways and Means Chairman.
- B. Obtain a proposed operating budget from each committee chairman and each officer by March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Shall prepare a line item budget based on these committees' and officers' requests and on the projected income of the division.
- D. Submit the proposed budget to the board at the April board meeting for any necessary adjustments and for final approval.

III. **Nominating Committee**

See Article IX of Bylaws – Nominations and Elections

IV. **Sunshine Committee**

- A. Be chaired by the Hospitality Committee Chairman or designee
- 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 WDHRC member upon death.

- C. Recognize members who have distinguished themselves, including those who have made outstanding community contributions, those who have been promoted or recognized for outstanding work, those who have significant milestones in their lives, and those who are retiring.
- D. Submit to the Shipmate prior to publication names for a Happy Birthday column.
- E. Prepare a proposed committee budget and submit it to the Budget Committee prior to March 20<sup>th</sup>.



*2012 Theme: Bound Together and Strengthened Through Service*

Love and Blessing from your  
Chaplain, Paula Slagle



*“Write on your heart ♥ – every day is the best day of the year.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Read-a-Book Leave-a-Book Program**



Linda Daniels (Parliamentarian)

We are now collecting paperback and hardback books for the Women’s Shelter at the Union Mission. You may bring them to the March membership meeting.

If anyone has a bookcase they might want to get rid of, please let me know.

Also, readers are still needed for the children at the Shelter. We go every Tuesday from 5:10 until 5:30. Give me a call (560-3115), or email me at bhandlinda@cox.net.

**Thank you for your support!**

**Community Service Committee**  
Faye Mitchell

There is a wonderful opportunity for us to partner with the Guardianship Program operated under the auspices of the Chesapeake Human Services Department, Cookie Palacios, Director. Seventeen (17) adult individuals who reside mostly in Chesapeake’s assisted living facilities, nursing homes, or group homes have basic needs that we collectively may be able to address through liberal donations at our March 15<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. To avoid major duplications, it has been suggested that we donate in categories by last name.

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Suggested Donated Items</u>
A – B	nail polish & remover, toy guitar (for adult), shampoo, soap, deodorant, t-shirts (L, XL) socks (XL), sports magazines, depends (pull-ups M, L, XL), soap, shampoo
F – H	toothpaste, puzzles-50 pieces, coloring books, crayons, T-shirts (L, XL)
I – K	socks (XL), honey buns, radio/cd player, toy drum (for adult), shampoo, perfume coloring books, crayons, depends (pull-ups M, L, XL), body wash, soap
O – R	shirts (XL, 1X), toothpaste, country music, gospel music, soap, snacks, socks
S - Z	snacks, book bag to secure on wheel chair, lotion, body wash, water flavor packs, depends (pull-ups M, L, XL)

**Thank you to all members for opening up your heart to bring some joy to needy hearts! Please consider volunteering as a mentor in this guardianship program.**

## March 15<sup>th</sup> Dinner Menu and Program



Marriott Chesapeake (Greenbrier)

### Time and Cost:

- 6-6:30 Social
- 6:30 Dinner
- \$20.00



**girl scouts**  
1912-2012

celebrating 100 years  
of girl scouting

**March 15<sup>th</sup> Dinner  
Meeting Speaker:  
Tracy Keller**

At the time of printing this newsletter, the dinner menu has not yet been completed. For further information, you can Text or Call **714-1533** or Email Susan @ [susanjrowland@aol.com](mailto:susanjrowland@aol.com)

*Volunteers aren't paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!*

Thank you for all that you do each and every day to make our Chesapeake community a better place to live and grow!

## 2011WOY Banquet Officer and Board Installation

Our thanks to everyone for making the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet such a success! We had over 200 people in attendance and we are looking forward to getting started on the 2012 banquet soon!

Special thanks to the Grassfield High School Orchestra for providing the pre-dinner music. What an exceptionally talented group of young men and women!

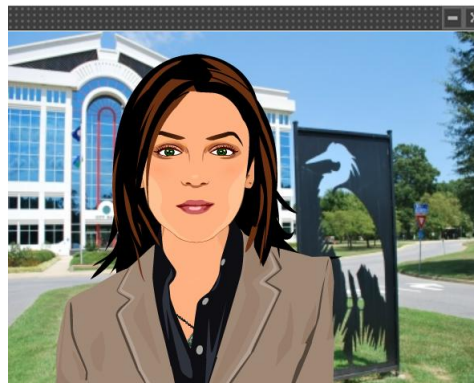


### Website

<http://wdhrccc.org>

Many changes are taking place on our website in the next few weeks as we transition over the 2011 material to make room for the 2012 information.

The new avatar on the screen can be moved, minimized or closed by clicking on the X on the top left of the box. The message will change throughout the year.







USS Chesapeake

**Women's Division  
Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce – Chesapeake  
2012 Dues Invoice**

Your 2012 membership dues are now due!

Annual dues are **\$30.00**. Please make your check payable to **WDHRCCC**.

Please detach the form below and mail your check and form to:

**WDHRCCC P.O. Box 15328, Chesapeake, VA 23328**

**\* Officers and Board members being installed at the February 4<sup>th</sup> WOY Banquet should pay dues prior to the installation. Thank you!**



**WDHRCCC**

**2012 Dues Remittance & Personal Information Update Form**

**PLEASE UPDATE TO ALLOW FOR ACCURACY OF RECORDS AND SMOOTHER TRANSFERRING OF INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE!!!**

My check for \$30.00 is enclosed and made out to WDHRCCC, and my updated information is below.

I have included my updated e-mail address and would like to receive *The Shipmate* via e-mail along with electronic updates and communication as needed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ day

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues are \$30.00 - Thanks for your support!**

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