



WCSM SPRING NEWS



2026

Welcome Spring!

Let's embrace the sunshine and fresh beginnings that Spring brings to our community!

Taste of Spring!

Spring's fresh flavors are perfect for sharing with friends and family. Plan to bring a favorite Spring recipe to share with our members at the May General Meeting!

Spring into Fun!

Mark your calendars!

- **April 26** - 5-7 pm La Dolce Vita, - Cocktail Party (spouses and friends welcomed)
- **June 3** - Annual Luncheon, Installation of Officers, and Scholarship Recipients 11:00 am Miles River Yacht Club

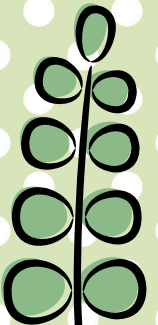
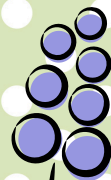
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Events



Save the Dates!!!

La Dolce Vita our Spring Soiree

Date: Sunday, **April 26th** at the Woman's Club Clubhouse

Time: 5:00 t o 7:00 p m

Cost: \$30.00 Per Person or Credit (add service fee \$32)

Spouses and Friends welcomed

Please bring a favorite Italian inspired dish to share.

Direct Questions to: Janice Vitale (jvnpr55@gmail.com) or

Michele Cosby (michele_cosby@msn.com)

The Annual Scholarship June Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, **June 3rd** at The Miles River Yacht Club

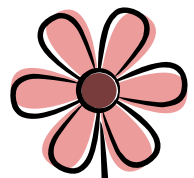
Time: 11:00am with lunch being served at noon

Cost: \$55 person if paying by cash or \$58 if paying by credit card

Scholarship awards and introduction of the new Board for WCSM

2026-2027 will begin approximately at 11:30. Lunch will be a plated salad with a dessert, tea, coffee, water, rolls and butter. A cash bar will be available via credit card or MRYC membership account (no cash accepted) at the bar.

Direct Questions to: Susan Lenfest (sblenfest@gmail.com)



Updates

Career Community Connections (CCC)

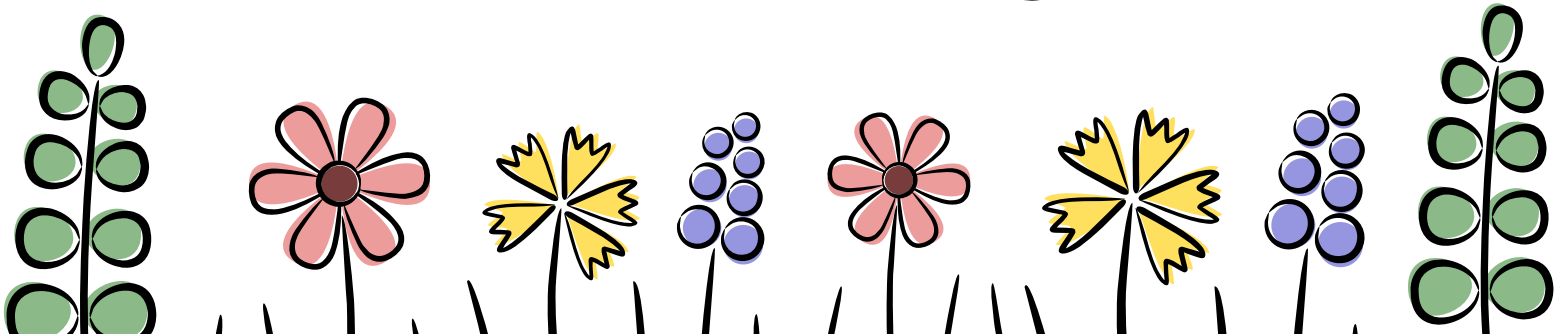
This Spring, our talented CCC Mentors have been busy meeting with all students in both the Sophomore and Junior classes at St. Michaels High School, and we are looking forward to meeting with the Seniors in late April. At that time, Mentors will conduct supportive, instructive 'mock interview' sessions that will help prepare the soon-to-be graduates in their quests for college, vocational school, and employment opportunities.

CCC Mentors have received a special invitation to participate in a unique happening on April 14th from 5-7 PM at St. Michaels Middle High School. The evening will include a Student Showcase followed by a vitally important program concerning talent, economic competitiveness, and the future of work in Talbot County that will be conducted by nationally recognized educator, Mark Perma. Registration is online via Eventbrite and is free of charge.

Our final spring program will be the SMHS Senior Breakfast on May 15th. Our Woman's Club of St Michaels serves as a sponsor, and this year's event will include a special celebration. Mentors, please hold open this date (8-10 AM) and mark your calendars; it is not to be missed!

Thank you so much for all your dynamic, dedicated mentor activities to support the high school students in our community

Sharon Yateman , Chair, CCC



Updates

Chesapeake Forum Organization for Life Long Learning Spring Session

This year the Women's Club speaker's theme is emphasizing the places and activities the Eastern Shore has to offer. Lynn Randall executive director of Chesapeake Forum, an Academy for Lifelong Learning that provides affordable courses and discussions on a wide variety of topics as well field trips, was a speaker. The purpose of Chesapeake Forum is to bring people together to learn and share. The spring session has just begun. You can go to chesapeakeforum.org to see the course offerings and signup for courses that are of interest to you.

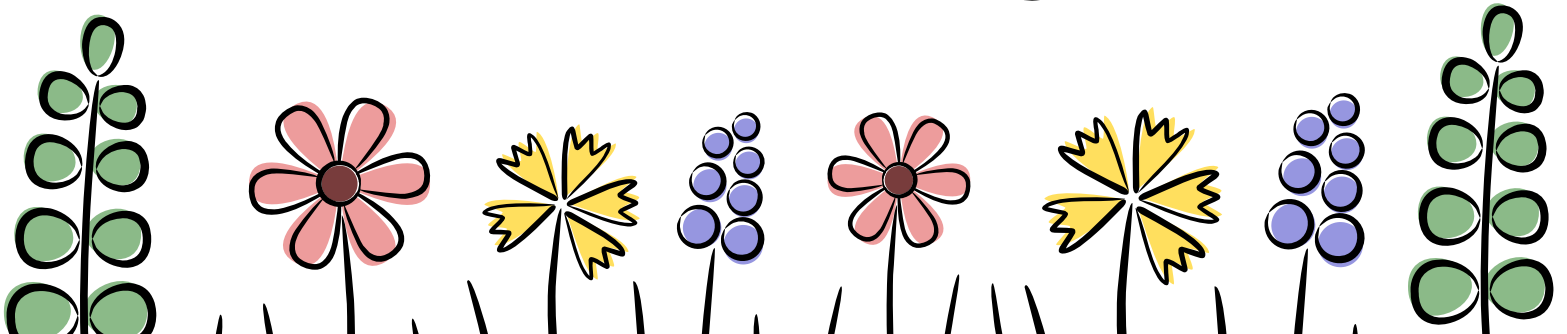
Exploring Eastern Shore

As we gear up for our speaker adventures next year, we will be continuing exploring areas of the Eastern Shore. If you have a favorite spot or area that you think we should cover, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Maggie Jarboe. Your input is valuable in planning our upcoming excursions.

Contact: Maggie Jarboe

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Dessert Games – Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

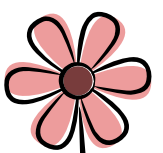
All new members are encouraged to drop and in and play your choice of games/cards (bridge, Mahjong, Canasta, Mexican Train, Rummikub, just about any game you can think of). To sign up or for more information call: Judy Shepard (410-745-6380) or Carol Elliott (410-745-5778)

Tuesday Games – Meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Join this fun loving group for an afternoon of bridge, canasta, Mahjong, Hand and Foot, etc. For more information contact Carole Baltzell (chmbaltzell@gmail.com) or Nancy Garner (nhgarner@verizon.net)

Mahjong – Meets every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Most of our 38 American Mah Jongg players have been receiving their 2026 MahJongg cards. We were able to play with both the 2025 cards at 1 table and the 2026 cards at the other tables. Everyone should have their new cards! For more information contact Karen Thomas (karenthomas43@gmail.com)



Updates

Book Group

If you enjoy reading (or listening) to books, consider joining our monthly meetings. We have stimulating and engaging conversations centered around each book we read from September through June with 20+/- attendees. In May, our book is *Finding Margaret Fuller* by Allison Pataki described as “a sweeping novel of America’s forgotten leading lady, the central figure of a movement that defined a nation”. We will have fun in June at our summer picnic reading the book *I Feel Bad About My Neck and Other Thoughts About Being a Woman* by Nora Ephron.

Preparing for our 2026–2027 season, we are asking members for Book Suggestions by Monday, May 4, AND volunteers to assist in the selection. We ask that you have read the book, provide a brief summary (3–4 sentences) and other information including Title, Author, Number of Pages, Category (Fiction, Historical Fiction, or Nonfiction). We also need suggestions for a short read for our December Holiday Luncheon selection and a short movie (2 hours or less) to accompany our September book. We’re asking for volunteers to participate in a Book Selection Committee that will meet for a couple hours in May (TBD) to select titles.

Our June picnic is always a highlight, and we’re thrilled that Marianne Mann has offered to host this event again this year on Wednesday, June 10, at her home just outside St. Michaels in Martingham. We’re working on the details but will be circulating a signup list for those who plan to attend, what food or beverage you will bring to share, and the fee for incidentals for the event. We also need volunteers to assist to help set up and clean up for the picnic.

Finally, Monica DeMarco will be rotating off as Co-Chair for the Book Group, and we’re happy to report that Linda Hamilton has graciously agreed to be a Co-Chair. We would like to have another member join as Co-Chair to share the responsibilities of organizing the Group and having at least one of us available to host each monthly meeting.

We have a lot of fun and always welcome new members and guests to attend our meetings. If you attended our February meeting, where our book was *The Briar Club*, you will recognize this “Candle Stick Fruit Salad,” assembled to represent a lit candle, and popular from 1920–1950’s.





The Slate of Candidates

Proposed 2026–2027 Woman’s Club of St. Michaels Board

Cheryl Albus – President

Kit Damonte – First Vice President

Maggie Jarboe – Second Vice President

Julie McCahill – Recording Secretary

Carol Chisholm – Corresponding Secretary

Susan Lenfest – Treasurer

Angela Lane – Assistant Treasurer

Directors

Elaine Bednarz

Nancy Garner

Joan McNamara

Monica Penwell

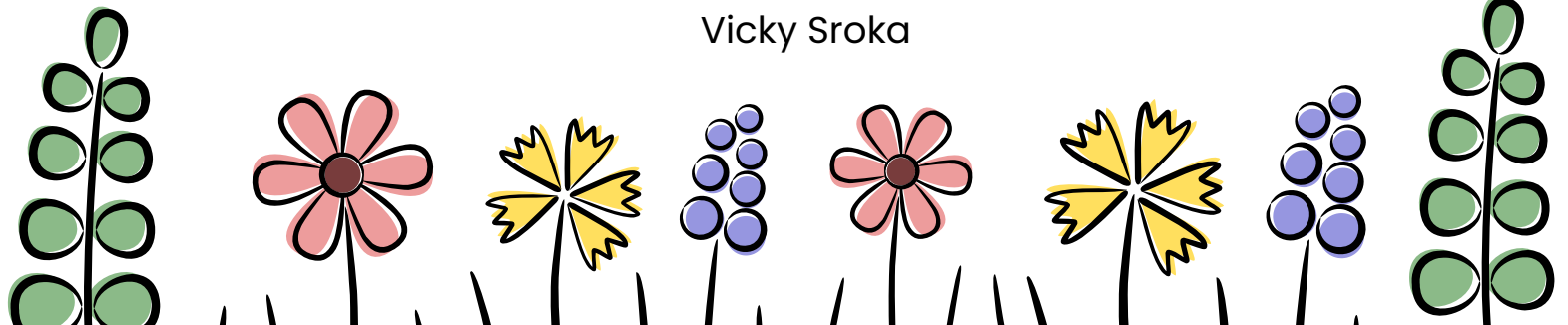
Sharon Yateman

Board Advisor

Rayona Bennett

Parliamentarian

Vicky Sroka





Letter from the President

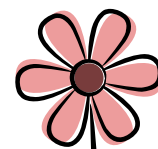
Dear Esteemed Members,

As we approach the end of another remarkable year, I can't help but reflect on the incredible journey we've had together as a club. The past months have been filled with enriching experiences, thanks to the insightful speakers who have graced us with their wisdom and the engaging discussions that have broadened our perspectives on life here on the Eastern Shore. It's truly been a year of growth and camaraderie. I want to personally thank Maggie Jarboe for all her hard work in getting such wonderful speakers!

We have made significant progress in enhancing our services by now allowing the use of credit cards for events, with plans underway to streamline the process for paying membership dues online in the near future. These advancements aim to make your experience as members more convenient and efficient. A special thanks to Nora Beck-Tan and Susan Lenfest for taking on this challenge.

Moreover, I am delighted to announce the formation of a Fund-Raising Committee within our club. I want to thank Michelle Koll and Carol Killebrew Meyers for agreeing to co-chair this new committee. This committee will play a crucial role in exploring various avenues to raise funds for our scholarships and ensure that our cherished club house is well-maintained for generations to come. Your participation and support in this endeavor will be invaluable, so I encourage you all to get involved and contribute your ideas.

To our newest members, I extend a special invitation to step forward and take on active roles within the club. Your fresh perspectives and energy are vital in shaping our future endeavors. Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of our community to explore how you can make a difference.



Letter from the President - continued

As we look ahead, I am eagerly anticipating seeing each one of you at our upcoming Sunday (4/26) La Vita Dolce event and our annual luncheon (6/3). The luncheon provides us with an opportunity to celebrate our student scholarship recipients, honor their achievements; as well as an opportunity to welcome the new board for the upcoming 2026-2027 year.

Thank you all for your unwavering support and dedication throughout this year. Together, we have achieved so much, but there is still much more we can accomplish as a united community. Let's continue working hand in hand towards making our club even stronger and more vibrant.

Warmest regards,

Cheryl

