

WID Chesapeake Bay – December 2013 Newsletter

## **Greetings from your new 2013-2015 Chesapeake Bay Chapter of Women In Defense (WID) Board!**

Although this is the first communication you have received from our board, we have been busily preparing for an event-filled year. I want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing board under the leadership of Shelly Evans for all of their efforts!

My goal for the upcoming year is to foster a spirit of collaboration both amongst chapter members at events and between our chapter and other local professional organizations to hold special events. We are currently in the planning stages for an event in March to celebrate Women's History Month. More information will follow soon.

Our chapter is trying to join the social media era and plan to start utilizing Facebook and possibly LinkedIn in the near future. At our monthly Networking Events, we are planning to bring a short presentation (10-15 mins) of an interesting topic to our membership. We will start with learning tips about saving and investing from PNC Bank in January. We are open to suggestions/ideas from you, so please drop us a note at [WIDChesapeakeBay@gmail.com](mailto:WIDChesapeakeBay@gmail.com).

The new board plans to meet monthly, alternating in-person meetings with teleconferences. If you are interested in dialing into the next teleconference, please let us know and we will send you the dial-in information. Here is our new slate of members. We still need someone to take on the Sponsorship role. Please feel free to reach out to any of us via an email to us at [WIDChesapeakeBay@gmail.com](mailto:WIDChesapeakeBay@gmail.com).

- President – Chris Chase
- Vice President – Linda Czarzasty
- Secretary – Katrina King
- Treasurer – Tracy Medford
- Scholarship – Melinda Brown
- PR/Graphics/Social Media – Adrienne Derby
- Events Coordinator – Katie Sanchez
- Membership – Leighann Gray-Smith and Leslie Heimer
- Historian/Social Media Co Chair – Regan Chainay
- Run/Walk – Katie Alvey
- STEM – Cam Donohue
- Sponsorship – TBD

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. We wish you the best in 2014!***

*Chris Chase,*

## **President CBC WID**

### **Upcoming Events**

1) ***WID January Networking Event: January 15, 2014 from 4:30-6:30 pm***

Join us at The Tides Restaurant in Lexington Park to network with your fellow WID members. We will also be featuring guest speaker Will Sterling from PNC Bank to give us helpful tips on saving and investing. Appetizers will be provided by PNC Bank.

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2) ***STEM Expo: Tuesday, January 14 at the Tech Center in Leonardtown from 4-7 pm (Snow day is January 28.)*** WID will be manning a table with program info and WID scholarship info for distribution. We need volunteers to sit at the table. If you are interested, please contact Cam Donohue @ [Cam.Donohue@jsf.mil](mailto:Cam.Donohue@jsf.mil). Thank you!

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3) ***St. Mary's County Science Fair: Saturday, February 1 at GMHS??***

Volunteers are needed to help organize and facilitate the annual St Mary's County Science Fair. The Educational Office (Holly Kellogg or Terry Chase) and/or School Liaison (Scott Johnson) can be contacted to coordinate volunteer hours.

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4) ***5<sup>th</sup> Annual SOMD Jeopardy Tournament: Friday, January 17, 2014 6:30 pm at GMHS***

Local businesses are being asked to sponsor an employee with a minimum \$100 entrance fee. The employee will compete in a preliminary jeopardy round in which the top two finishers will advance to a final round. The winner of the final round will receive a trophy, as well as bragging rights for your company for a full year. Each company will be recognized in the program and will receive a certificate of appreciation. Finally, as an incentive, for contributions of \$250 or more, the company logo will be proudly displayed on all of the GMHS Engineering Club contest entries. Proceeds for this event benefit the Great Mills High School Engineering Club. This year the Engineering Club is participating in AUVSI's Student AUS competition, the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, Southern Maryland VEX Robotics League, and Botball Robotics. The club will use funds for registration fees, for the purchase of equipment and to pay for travel and lodging at competitions.

Our WID chapter would like to sponsor a member in this event. All interested participants, please notify us at [WIDChesapeakeBay@gmail.com](mailto:WIDChesapeakeBay@gmail.com). If there are multiple members interested in participating, we will conduct a random drawing to determine WID's representative.

Note: If you are not interested in receiving monthly updates from CBC of WID, please opt out by replying to this message with "Please Remove Me from This Distro."