

What is happening in CPWN for December 2023!

From The President



FROM THE PRESIDENT – Shobita DuBois

What a whirlwind trip to India! We spent two full weeks traveling from city to city, exploring the landscape, seeing the sights, visiting with family, soaking up the culture, and enjoying some beach time. The trip started with visiting one of the Seven Modern Wonders of the World – the Taj Mahal. It was even more magnificent than the pictures show. To see up close and personal the precious gems that were intricately laid into the walls was fascinating to me. Next, we visited a lesser known place called the Andaman Islands, which are owned by India but sit in the Andaman Sea next to the Bay of Bengal. These islands were known to Indians as Kala Pani, which means black water or death water. Freedom Fighters in India were sent to the Cellular Jail in Kala Pani for a life of hard labor, never to return to their loved ones back on the mainland. The sheer size of the jail was daunting and could cause fear in even the bravest of men. However, the survivors of the jail fought to preserve it as a standing memorial for the men who were tortured and died there, all in the name of India's freedom. It was on a neighboring island that we found paradise and relaxation – Havelock (known to Indians as Swara) Deep). I have been to a lot of gorgeous beaches and this one ranks among the best. The tail end of our trip took us to Chennai (my Dad's hometown), where we explored Mahabalipuram, one of the oldest Hindu temples. We saw engravings from hundreds and hundreds of years ago still standing the test of time.

Sure, it was quite the culture shock for my family, but we found a way to see the beauty in our differences and appreciate our similarities. We may drive a different way, or eat different foods, or dress differently. But, we are still ONE people. We have the same basic needs to eat, drink and love. We want the same things for our families and ourselves – love, good health and happiness (no matter how you define it). As we say goodbye to 2023 and look forward to 2024, let us focus on seeing the beauty in one another, let us honor our differences, and let us empower each other to rise to heights unseen.

What You Missed

WHAT YOU MISSED – Shobita DuBois

Our December Holiday Party was a wonderful event at The Liriodendron in the heart of downtown Bel Air. The place was beautifully decorated with holiday lights, garland and trees. The fireplaces kept us warm and cozy. We talked and laughed and ate delicious food catered by Crossroads Bistro. The highlight of the evening was distributing the Fashion Show proceeds to local nonprofits who intend to use the funds to assist women entering, advancing, pursuing or changing careers in the workforce. I left you with a mantra to take into 2024, so I offer it to you once again.

Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year, make a resolution to BE yourself.

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Join Us for Next Month's Meeting!



Setting goals is an essential step toward success in any endeavor. However, not all goals are created equal. To ensure maximum effectiveness and productivity, it is crucial to set SMART goals. We will explore the concept of SMART goals, their importance, and how to effectively implement them for optimal results.

Happy New Year!!!
New Year, New Goals!!
Come and join us for our January networking meeting and learn about how to set SMART goals in the new year!!

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Richlin Ballroom
1700 Van Bibber Rd, Edgewood, MD 21040
RSVP by Thursday, January 4, 2024

[Register For This Event](#)

Thank you to This Month's Sponsor, Denise Rodriguez!

Denise Rodriguez is a Financial Advisor with Moran and Associates in the Towson, MD Merrill office and has been in the financial services industry for over 25 years. Denise works with dedicated professionals juggling careers and family. She believes clients want guidance to help make sure they are on track in pursuing their personal and professional goals. She starts by creating a Personal Wealth Analysis to help provide clarity and direction. Next, she develops an investment strategy that seeks to preserve and grow their wealth. Last, her clients become part of a community that provides ongoing education while enhancing their ability to make informed financial decisions.



Denise is a graduate of the University of Florida and currently lives in Phoenix, MD with her husband of 22 years and their two teenage children. She can be reached at denise.m.rodriguez@ml.com or 410-321-4323.

Note: When we are able to take walk-ins, an additional \$10 fee will be added to your registration.

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For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mary Ann Bogarty at mbogarty@jarrettsvillefederal.com.

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Karen Hilton	1 Year