

What is happening in CPWN for November 2023!

From The President



FROM THE PRESIDENT – Shobita DuBois

As CPWN's first Indian President, I am honored to share some of my culture with you. November was a very auspicious month for Indians when they celebrated Diwali on November 12th. Diwali, also called Deepavali, means row of lights in Sanskrit. It is celebrated over a 5-day period and each day calls for special rituals such as cleaning the house to prepare for the celebration; sharing gifts and sweets; lighting diyas (oil lamps) and making rangolis leading up to the home. Rangolis are intricate designs using colored sand.

The story of Diwali is one of good versus evil. After Rama, a well-revered Prince, is exiled and not allowed to take the throne, he and his wife, Sita, leave Ayodhya (their home town). While they are in exile, many things happen. During this exile, Sita is kidnapped by an evil ruler and Rama, with the help of his brother and an army, rescue her. Rama defeats the evil ruler and brings Sita back to their home in the forest. At the end of their 14-year exile, Rama and Sita return to Ayodhya. The people welcome their return by lighting a path to the town using diyas. The people decorate the town with rangolis and light fireworks to signal their return and Rama's rightful place on the throne.

Today, Indians all over the world continue this celebration with gifts, sweets, parties and fireworks. Families get together in a similar fashion as we do for Christmas. Whether we celebrate our own cultural or religious traditions in a similar or different manner, I think we can all agree on one thing – spending time with loved ones is something we all have in common. **HAPPY DIWALI!**

What You MISSED

WHAT YOU MISSED – Shobita DuBois

Board Member Wendy Miller sat down for an intimate conversation with Keyanna Brown, who is a designer, tv-host, and photographer. We got to hear about her journey from a small town on the Eastern Shore to Magnolia Network. If you missed the meeting, click the link below to watch a clip from the interview from the comfort of your home or desk. Be sure to join us in December for our Annual Holiday Party at The Liriodendron.

[Click here to watch a condensed version of Wendy's interview with Keyanna!](#)

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Come and join us as we spread some holiday cheer to some of our local organizations!!

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
The Liriodendron Mansion
502 W Gordon St, Bel Air, MD 21014

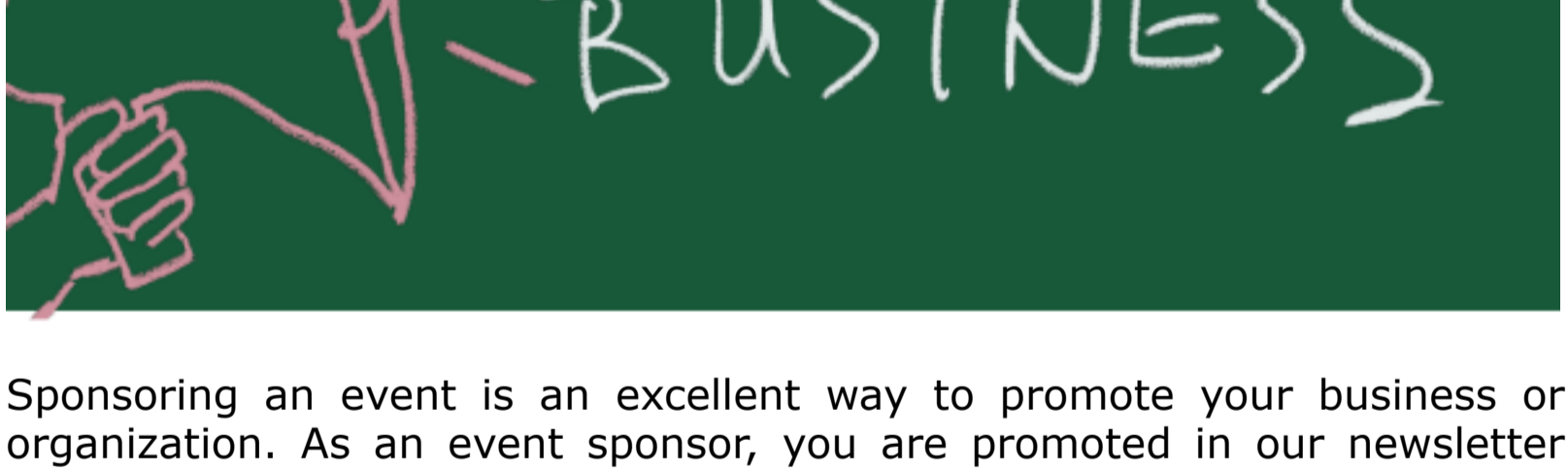
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Registration ends on **12/7/2023**

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Please take [this quick survey \(click here\)](#) about the Fashion Show, whether you attended or not. Thank you!

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We need your talents! Please consider joining one of our committees. You can find out more by reaching out to the Chair or Co-Chair of the committee that interests you:

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Jodi Davis	12 Years
Kelly Wagner	2 Years
Victoria Semanie	1 Year