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Call for 2017 Women's History Month Award Nominations

Nominate an outstanding St. Mary's County Woman or Girl for Commission for Women's Awards

Leonardtown, MD - One of the most rewarding aspects of members serving on the Commission for Women is honoring St. Mary's County women and girls who exemplify the best of the best. Each year the commission solicits nominations for the *Woman of the Year*. This award recognizes a woman for her outstanding charitable and civic service to the St. Mary's County community.

The commission also honors *Tomorrow's Woman* – a young woman who is a current high school student (in grades 9-12) and is already making a difference through her advocacy, leadership, or service.

The commission seeks the help of the public by submitting nominations of an exceptional woman or girl known through your community or workplace, place of worship or through school or community activities.

To request a nomination packet visit the Commission's website at www.co.saint-marys.md.us/voluntr.women.asp. You may also email the commission at commissionforwomen@stmarysmd.com or call 301-475-4200, ext. *1849. The awards criteria are straightforward. Winners must have made a positive impact on our community, be a current St. Mary's County resident, have a completed Nomination Form submitted by January 25, 2017, and commit to attend the Women's History Month banquet on March 15, 2017 to receive the award in person. The theme for the 2017 dinner is "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor & Business."

The commission asks members of the public to share this information and Nomination Form with friends and family, neighbors, coworkers, faith community and on social networks. Knowing how many talented and effective women and girls there are in St. Mary's County, the commission looks forward to receiving many nominations for *Woman of the Year* and *Tomorrow's Woman*.

Members of the St. Mary's County Commission for Women are appointed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and champions women's issues and concerns.

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