

**St. Mary County Commission For Women  
Minutes  
February 15, 2005; 5:30pm**

**Attendees:** Norma Pipkin, Patricia Friend, Jessica Kriss, Susan Wolfe, and Debbie Greco.

**Staff Support:** Cynthia Brown, Division of Community Services.

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Frances Eagan, MD State Commission for Women.

The meeting was convened at 5:40pm.

**Guest Speaker:** Ms. Eagan stated she was recently appointed to the State CFW as the representative for St. Mary's County and has attended one meeting so far. The meetings are held in Annapolis on the second Thursday of each month and are open. The State Commission is currently working on the Women's Hall of Fame, which highlights the achievements of Maryland women throughout the state. The State Commission is also working to raise funds for the Maryland Heritage Center, which is a center to showcase the unknown contributions of women. The State Commission strongly encourages all women to become politically active and aware. Ms. Eagan complimented the St. Mary's County Commission for Women for the work it has done in the past, particularly regarding domestic violence, and offered support to the commission on its current and future endeavors.

**Website:** Susan Wolfe asked Commission members to please take time to review the information she compiled for the website and to offer feedback.

**Proclamation:** Commission members agreed to request a proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners recognizing March as Women's History Month.

**Pass Activities:** Norma Pipkin, who had served on the commission a few years ago and has recently been re-appointed, shared some history about previous activities of the commission, like the Women's History Banquet, outreach activities to high school girls and the Domestic Violence Forum. Members present stated another Domestic Violence Forum is needed (the last one was very well attended but occurred more than 5 years ago).

**Monthly Meetings:** Some members present expressed the commission would be more effective if they met monthly rather than bi-monthly.

The meeting adjourned 7:10pm

**Next meeting:** March 21, 2005; 5:30pm, Russell Room, Carter State Office Building in Leonardtown.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Brown