



The Severn Town Club, Inc.  
Annapolis, Maryland



# The Crier

Topics of Importance to the Severn Town Club Community

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## From the President

By Sheryn Blocher

*Greetings and welcome back to the Severn Town Club! I hope that all of you have had a wonderful summer filled with fun, family and friends.*

*It's time to kick off the 2018-19 STC season and we're 53 members strong. Let's all welcome each other back at our upcoming General Meeting; Thursday, Sept 20 at 6:30 pm. As always, we'll have lots of delicious savories and sweets, thanks to our Hospitality committee's efforts and everyone's culinary contributions. Our Program Chair, Jan Stewart, has lined up some great programs for the year. September's will feature our two high school HOBY recipients. It is always a treat to meet and listen to these engaging young people who will be the leaders of tomorrow.*

*The Crier newsletter is our main form of communication and you can expect to see it in your email box the second week of each month. This is a great way to keep you informed and up to date on everything that is happening with STC.*

*Here's a sneak preview of some of what is featured in this issue. You will find articles about our terrific Membership Cocktail Party, our member "Spotlight", an STC sponsored scholarship that benefits local college students, a salute to a red, white and blue member, our expanded web site and the latest Holly Ball update. And that's only some of this month's featured topics. So- READ ALL ABOUT It!!*

*As I begin my term as president of STC, I do ask for your input and assistance to help me lead the club to continued success. My goals are to encourage and implement new ideas that will have a positive impact for the club and its membership, and at the same time strengthen those programs that continue to be successful and relevant. And, just as importantly, that we enjoy the camaraderie of all of our wonderful and unique members. So welcome back and let's have a really good year!*

*Warmest regards,  
Sheryn*

*"The world is round so friendship may encircle it."*

## Upcoming Dates



**2018**

General Meeting  
Thurs., Sept. 20, 6:30 pm  
Champion Realty

Executive Board Meeting  
Thurs., Oct. 4 at 2:30 pm  
Sheryn Blocher's home.

General Meeting  
Thurs., Oct. 18 at 6:30 pm  
Champion Realty

Executive Board Meeting  
Thurs., Nov. 1 at 2:30 pm  
Bonnie Mulieri's home

Holly Ball Theme Basket  
Party  
Mon., Nov. 12 at 2 pm  
Debbie Mayer's home

HOLLY BALL  
Fri., Nov. 30 from 6-11 pm  
Westin Annapolis

## General Meeting

**September Meeting: Thursday, September 20, 2018 6:30 PM  
Champion Realty on Bestgate Road**

Remember if you arrive and the door is locked please call the number posted on the door. We promise to have someone come and let you in.

## Hospitality

This year the Hospitality Committee is planning to aim for "Healthy Eating", as suggested by several members. So rather than serving ham at our first meeting, we will be providing a variety of "wraps" and two desserts. We realize many women have not had time for dinner before the meeting. Realizing this we are asking that the members keep hardy, Healthy Appetizers and salads in mind. We will ask **A through N to bring hardy appetizers**, and **M through Z to bring healthy salads to share**. Anyone is always welcome to bring soda of your choice. We have an abundance of wine to share. Please do not bring additional wine this month. We thank you and look forward to our first meeting.

## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on August 15, 2018 to review the STC 2017-18 operating budget and the 2018-19 proposed budget presented by Treasurer, Bonnie Mulieri. The attached proposed budget will be reviewed by the STC Board and presented to the membership for approval. Debbie Mayer, Holly Ball chairperson, discussed the plans for the upcoming event including publicity, tickets and advertising. Notes of appreciation were received from three 2017 Holly Ball grantees: The Summit School, The Light House and Haley's Helping Hands. The Assistance League of the Chesapeake also thanked the STC for their March 2018 donation from the fundraising dinner.

The committee was updated on the Doris P. Troutman Endowed Memorial Scholarship established by the STC in 1994 at Anne Arundel Community College with an initial gift of \$1000. The most recent gift from the club was \$1000 in 2013. During the intervening years gifts to the endowed scholarship from the STC ranged from \$500-\$3000 annually. The current fund balance as of December 2017 was more than \$45,000. The scholarship amount awarded annually is market dependent. The 2018-19 award was \$1700. Each fall, the club receives a thank you note from the scholarship recipient. We should be proud of the 24-year history of this scholarship fund and the students that it has supported annually.



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### **Ongoing Service Needs**

#### **Arden House –**

New pillows  
New twin sheet sets  
New towels  
Toilet articles  
Purses  
Small suitcases

**Holly Ball –** look for items for 2018 silent auction (including basket contents).

## **Spotlight – JoAnn Kidwell**

This month's Spotlight is on longtime STC member JoAnn Kidwell. JoAnn is pictured here with her third great grandchild- this sweet boy is the newest member of JoAnn's family.



JoAnn began her wonderful 57-year marriage to Bill in the 1960s and had her children in less than four years- a son, daughter and two more sons. In the 1970s, when the children were all in school, JoAnn completed her business degree at Salisbury State University. To help pay for college expenses, she started her own Welcome Wagon business. From there she gravitated into a career in Real Estate.



After moving to Annapolis, JoAnn became involved in lifelong community interests. She was one of the 12 charter members who started New Annapolitans, and she volunteered for 15 years in the Emergency Room as part of the

AAMC auxiliary. Other memberships include the Annapolis Yacht Club, Garden Club of Annapolis, Annapolis Watercolor Club, Queenstown Ladies Golf, Sculpture Club and a Book Club.

JoAnn joined STC in the 1980s and as a diligent and dynamic leader, she has worn many hats in support of our club. She has served as Membership Chair, Hospitality Chair, Holly Ball Chair, President, Woman of the Year at the State Convention, member of the Finance committee and Finance Chair and has helped at Arden House.

Two of the highlights of her STC presidency in 2002-2004, were organizing a trip to the GFWC headquarters in Washington and getting the STC name and logo on the white Civic Sign located on Rowe Blvd.

As Holly Ball Chair, JoAnn was invited to the State House to meet and have a photo with Gov. Robert Ehrlich. She also handled the HB vendors for several years, solicits for auction items, creates theme baskets, purchases raffle tickets and helps with the Silent Auction set-up.

JoAnn has hobbies of traveling and art but says that she is most proud of her 57-year marriage to Bill, the long marriages of her children and the college degrees of her 12 grandchildren.

Our club is so fortunate to have such wonderful members as JoAnn!  
Thank you!!!



## June, July, August & September Birthdays

We know that the summer birthdays have past but we still wanted you to be recognized.

### June

- 13 Eileen Stisis
- 15 Mary Burris
- 18 Margene Kennedy

### July

- 06 Paula Bartlett
- 09 Maria Mercado
- 10 Viki Liscinsky
- 10 Ann Montgomery
- 25 Mary Milan

### August

- 08 Debbie Mayer
- 15 Linda McCarthy
- 20 Julia Fegley
- 30 Linda Gottfried

### September

- 01 Carol Wilkinson
- 08 Cathy Simon
- 13 Diane Holman
- 25 Sherry Esenwein
- 29 Janet Morgan

# Severn Town Club Website

[severntownclub.org](http://severntownclub.org)

By Sheryn Blocher

My husband Arch and I have been busy updating and adding to our club's website. This is a great source of information for members, but also for anyone who would like to learn about our organization. So, check it out! It's easy- just Google Severn Town Club or type in [www.severntownclub.org](http://www.severntownclub.org).

Here are some of the expanded features of the site. We've added lots of photos, so you just might see your smiling face! For example, there are drop down pages which contain write-ups and photos describing our May Installation dinner, the Youth Art competition, the first Chesapeake District meeting and the recent Membership Cocktail Party. And we'll certainly be adding text and photos of such upcoming activities such as General meetings, the Basket Party, Holly Ball, Christmas Party, Soup and Salad luncheon and our March mini-fundraiser.

The Holly Ball page details the activities at this magical event and gives you information about our major recipient. All the solicitation forms are accessible and can be printed for your use. By mid-October, the



invitation and reply card will be added as well as information for online ticket purchases. And of course, we'll have lots of pictures posted right after this year's event.

The web site gives the public and prospective members information on what we are all about and how to contact us if they are interested in membership.

Upcoming events are listed and all of the issues of the Crier and monthly minutes of our General meetings.

The Members Only section has a complete roster with contact information, a list of past presidents, member birthdays and our Bylaws. To access this section, enter the password SEVERN (all caps).

The web site is another great tool just like the Crier and one that allows us to display even **more information** and photos than we have space for in the newsletter. So, I repeat from my earlier statement- go check it out!

## Directory

A Severn Town Club Membership Directory for 2018-2019 will be distributed during the meeting on September 20th. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may ask a friend to pick one up for you. Otherwise we will mail your copy to you. The Membership Directory is also available on the club's website:

[www.Severntownclub.org](http://www.Severntownclub.org)

# Holly Ball

The Holly Ball Committee has been busy all summer preparing for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Holly Ball to be held at the Westin on November 30. The Silent Auction Committee has been hard at work soliciting new and exciting additions for our auction! This is the time that each of us needs to “pound the pavement” and touch base with any of the businesses that you frequent. A familiar face always has a better chance of success! Please coordinate your efforts with Nancy Parsons. We are also busy selling advertisements for the program. This is an important source of revenue for the event so please remember to touch base with any of your usual contacts. New ideas are always welcome and encouraged. Coordinate these efforts through Jan Stewart. It’s time to start thinking about “baskets”! Stella Breen-Franklin will talk about this at the September meeting. Mark your calendars for the “Basket Gathering” Event at 2:00 on Monday November 12 at my home. More details will follow. Most of all, let’s commit to each make a special effort to invite two new people to the Holly Ball! It’s such an amazing event...raising money for deserving organizations while affording everyone an opportunity to usher in the holiday season with a wonderful evening enjoying good friends, good food, great entertainment, and dancing!!

Invitations to the Holly Ball are in process of preparation. The mailing list of invitees will be circulated during the meeting on September 20th. Please would you let Liz Elliott ([liz.elliott101@gmail.com](mailto:liz.elliott101@gmail.com)) know of (a) people you know of that should be added to the mailing list, or (b) anyone that should be deleted from the mailing list.





# New Members Cocktail Party

Fun was had by all at the Membership Cocktail Party on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Rose Brice for hosting!



So, you want to be an STC member! Liz and Diane



I've got a great Silent Auction item for you – Sheryn and Nancy



Can she join the party? - Rose



Here's to STC! - Sherri and Sandy



Welcome back Sylvia and Ann, and congrats Janet, District President



That's a good one! - Aida and Emily



You won't believe how the Greater Federation can be! - Sheryn



You gotta join this great club! - Carol and Marie



What a line up! - Diane, Rose, Sheryn, JoAnn, Ann, Carol, Sherri

## Sharing and Caring

Sharing thoughts both joyous and despairing is having each other in thoughts and heart even when physically apart.

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**CARING** ~ Our thoughts and support go out to STC member Young Baker who has recently completed a second surgery for breast cancer. We wish her the best in her recovery.

**SHARING** ~ A patriotic salute to Stella Breen-Franklin! She became a United States citizen on Aug 1. Then to celebrate, she headed west and took an extended driving trip to explore her new country. Congratulations Stella!



Two sets of STC members made trips to visit former longtime member Vesta Phiel over the summer. First Rose Brice and Carol Cockey, and then a later second visit by Sheryn Blocher, Diane Holman and Sherri Pennock. Vesta and husband Jack are living in a beautiful home in the Senior Independent section of Willow Valley, which is just outside Lancaster, PA. We had such a fun time exploring the Amish countryside and catching up with Vesta. Sadly, Jack has developed dementia, but at present he and Vesta are enjoying life in their lovely home.



Congratulations to Brenda and Jim Biles! Their son is getting married on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>



CHESAPEAKE CHATTER  
*GF-Maryland Chesapeake District*

*Volunteering for a Sparkling Future*

Welcome members of the Chesapeake District to the preview issue of the District's newsletter, "Chesapeake Chatter"! This publication is meant to share both Club and District projects, events, successes, and other news among the 13 clubs of the Chesapeake District.

The District's first major event was its June 9 Installation of Officers, which many of you attended. The article reporting that event is on page 17 of The Maryland Clubwoman magazine and was ably written by Chesapeake Chatter editor, Barbara Weldon. Going forward, please send Club news directly to Barbara for inclusion in the District newsletter. Her e-mail is:

[bewell074@gmail.com](mailto:bewell074@gmail.com))

\*\*\*\*\***DRUM ROLL PLEASE** \*\*\*\*\***MARK YOUR CALENDARS**\*\*\*



The next District event is its inaugural Board of Directors meeting to be held Wednesday, October 17 at the Sparrows Point County Club in Baltimore. The Woman's Club of Dundalk is Hostess Club. The speaker is award-winning author and Annapolis resident Marcia Talley. The Call with additional details will be sent next week. Please plan on attending this important, first regular meeting of the Chesapeake District! Visit with old friends, meet new ones, learn about GF-Maryland programs and projects, and hear about future District plans.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. Janet Morgan, President, Chesapeake District**