



# The Crier

Topics of Importance to the Severn Town Club Community

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THE SEVERN TOWN CLUB, INC.

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## From the President



*Remember the delightful song from The Sound of Music- My Favorite Things? You know the one..."Raindrops on Roses and whiskers on*

*kittens"...*

*Well, think the tune, but sing-song these words "Holly Ball gowns and elegant black tuxes, Bidding on goodies and dancing to Oracle. HOBY high schoolers and Youth Art creators, these are a few of my favorite STC things."*

*"Meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays and great speakers to heed, Arden House donations and helping those in need, wonderful club friendships and support for all, these are a few of my favorite STC things".*

*Okay, Rogers and Hammerstein, I'm not, but hopefully it evoked a smile and a chuckle and some warm holiday spirit.*

*Our 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Holly Ball was another magical evening enjoyed by all in attendance. Our great HB Chair Debbie Mayer will fill you in on all the highlights. Thank you, thank you to all who assisted in so many ways. Couldn't have done it without you!!*

*Be sure to have your calendars marked for our **Holiday Party on Dec. 20 at 6:30 pm.** Hospitality has been working hard to make it a lovely evening with holiday decorations and shared food and drink. Spouses or a guest of your choice are most welcome. **Please check Margene Kennedy's Hospitality article** for all the details and how you can contribute.*

*This month's "Spotlight" is a super gal who is relatively new to our club. We are so fortunate to have this talented and delightful woman to help carry on the legacy of STC's ideals and join in the STC circle of friendship.*

*So, in this sometimes-hectic time of year, please sit back and feel the warmth of the season and count your many gifts and blessings... And I wish you peace and joy.*



*A Merry Christmas hug and the happiest of New Years!  
Sheryn*

## Upcoming Dates



**2018**

**STC Holiday Party**  
Thurs., Dec.20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Champion Realty

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Thurs., Jan. 3 at 2:30 pm  
Sheryn Blocher's home

**Soup and Salad Luncheon**  
Thurs., Jan.17 at 11 am  
Phyllis Peter's home –  
MORE INFO TO COME!

**District Youth Art Contests**  
MORE INFO TO COME!

## Hospitality

Christmas is coming, and we all want to share the Holiday Spirit. Please join us for our **Christmas Party, 6:30PM, Thursday, Dec.20th, at Champion Realty.** As always, we welcome spouses, and significant others, to join us for the festivities. The Hospitality Committee continues to aim for "Healthy Eating" but Christmas is a time to enjoy a few sweets. We, the Hospitality committee, promise to bring delicious, desserts to share. The STC will provide the "protein", ham, and beef. We ask the members, from **A through L to bring, hardy appetizers, and M through Z to bring hardy sides to share.** We would also like to ask all members, who attend, to bring a wine, of their choice, to donate. If bringing white wine, please bring the bottle chilled! We have plenty of soda and water.



Please RSVP, Margene Kennedy at: [margene.kenna@gmail.com](mailto:margene.kenna@gmail.com) if you are attending, the number attending, and what you plan to bring as a share. We look forward to seeing all of you for a "Jolly good time!!" Thank you so much, The Hospitality Committee!

**Remember if you arrive and the door is locked please call the number posted on the door and someone will come and let you in.**

## Arden House

It's once again time to provide some much-needed items to our community service project, Arden House. Their move to the new house has been delayed at this time until February 1,2019. As the house will be supplied at the outset with pillows, sheets etc., I'll be calling back after that date to see what items were NOT supplied that we could help with. Until that time, however, the current house needs:

- Towels
- Socks
- Slippers
- Jammie bottoms or sets
- Panties (all sizes)
- Sweatpants and tops
- Bras (especially A, B, and C cups)

The best deals on bath towels are at Kohl's.

Should you decide to make Arden House a part of your Christmas giving, please bring items to the Christmas Party, or call Phyllis Peters and we can make other arrangements. Thank you ever so much for your support of our community service project.



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

**Ongoing Service Needs**

**Arden House –**

- Towels
- Socks
- Slippers
- Jammy bottoms or sets
- Sweatpants and tops
- Bras (especially A, B, and C cups)

**Holly Ball –** look for items for 2019 silent auction (including basket contents).

## Spotlight – Jan Stewart



Jan has only been a member of our club for a couple of years. However, she jumped right in from day one and has been such a wonderful addition to our group! She is the 2<sup>nd</sup> V. P. in charge of programs and obtains speakers for our monthly meetings. Jan was also on the 2018 Holly Ball committee and did a wonderful job handling all of the program ads.

Childhood for Jan was spent in the Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida region, and she made her way to Maryland some forty-five years ago.



Finally, she moved to the Annapolis area from Rockville twenty years ago.

Her educational experiences centered on accounting; receiving an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and an MBA from Loyola University.

Jan’s professional life has included positions in both the private and public sectors. In private business; she worked in the fields of advertising, non-profit, government contractor, banking and legal. While employed with the government, Jan worked as an audit manager in both the legislative and executive branches. In the legislative branch, she was a General Accounting Office Audit Manager and her employment in the executive sector included audit manager positions for the Departments of Labor, Forest Service, Navy and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

After her retirement, Jan volunteered for three years as a legislative assistant for the Maryland General Assembly, working for both Senators and Delegates. Not one to let any grass grow under her feet, she obtained a Medical Billing Associates Degree from Anne Arundel Community College and was also an assistant organizer; planning and managing events for a local social events group.

Jan has a daughter living in Naples, Florida who is an interior designer.

Seeing the world is one of Jan’s favorite pastimes, and she had traveled to countries in Europe and Central and South America, Thailand, Greece, and several of the Caribbean islands.

Jan, we’re so glad that you found your way to STC! And we look forward to many more years of friendship and service with you in our club.



## December and January Birthdays



### December

- 15 JoAnn Kidwell
- 17 Carol Cockey
- 23 Young Baker
- 25 Anne Lancaster
- 31 Sharon Boettinger



### January

- 08 Liz Elliott
- 23 Aida Cipriani

## Conservation: Protect and Preserve so all can prevail

Conservation, the protection and preservation of our natural resources and the environment, is another one of the GFWC service categories. This one is near and dear to my heart- I'm a huge outdoor enthusiast and have a brother who had a career with the National Park Service.



**So, here's the Conservation Quiz: see how you do, and send me (Sheryn) your responses!!**

1. What was designated as the first National Park and in which year was it established?
2. Which President was one of the first champions of the National Park movement?
3. How many tons of plastic enter our waterways each year?
4. How much of that is plastic water bottles?
5. Nike has a program that makes playground surfaces from what recycled product?

## Membership Directory

Please add the following updates to your Membership Directory:

- 1) We have a new member. Her details are: Jane Giles/Phil, 1190 Cavalier Road, Arnold, MD 21012. Home phone 410.544.2321. Cell phone 914.649.1540. E-mail: janegiles16@gmail.com. Birthday 9/29.
- 2) Please add Kathy Geary's birthday 3/13.



Drumroll please!!

We doubled our response to last month's The Arts quiz! Two responded to questions about Van Gogh. Both missed one question. After trying again – both had a perfect score!

Congrats to Carol Cockey and Janet Morgan!

Answers:

1. The Potato Eaters was painted while V.G. lived in Holland.
2. Paul Gaughin was the only artist to join the Artist Collective.
3. V.G. produced about 2000 works, 900 of them paintings
4. V. G. was most known for Impasto, the laying on of thick layers of paint.

## Holly Ball



The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Holly Ball is now history! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Club members who helped on the Committee, those who joined in to help on the day of the event, our generous sponsors, everyone who donated to the Silent Auction, and each and every one of you who gave me support and encouragement throughout the year of planning and organizing! I hope everyone had as much fun at the Holly Ball as my family and me! We in the Severn Town Club are so lucky to have the opportunity to enjoy such a wonderful event every year while raising money for so many deserving organizations! The administration from the Summit School has asked me to convey their deepest appreciation to our Club. The Finance Committee will meet soon after the New Year to determine the other grant recipients. Now it's time to enjoy the holiday season!!

Thank you again to all!! And, mark your calendars for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Holly Ball on November 22, 2019!

Debbie



## Sharing and Caring

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

~CARING ~

Thoughts of best wishes and a speedy recovery go out to Jan Stewart who had hip replacement surgery on Dec. 3. Surgery went well and now she's busy with some rigorous physical therapy and also some resting up so she can fully get on the mend!

~SHARING ~

Wonderful recognition and kudos to Patti Nalley who has just finished up a 50 year career in education with the Anne Arundel County Schools. Patti has been the longest-serving county school board member in recent years, serving both as a President and member. Prior to her membership on the Board, she taught for many years at the elementary school level, was an assistant principal at two schools and was also a principal. Our county's children have been in very good hands with Patti's lifelong educational commitment. Congratulations Patti!

**We are an active, diverse group. Please let me know what interesting things are happening in your life so I can share them with our group.**



# MARYLAND YOUTH ART PROGRAM

**Eligibility** - All students between the sixth and twelfth grade are eligible. Entries must be submitted through a local GFWC-MD Woman's Club and judged at a District level before going on to GFWC-MD State judging.

Work will be judged in two classes:

**Art:**

Class 1 - Grades 6, 7, and 8

Class 2 - Grades 9, 10,11, and 12

**Photography/Computer Art:**

Class 1 - Grades 6, 7, and 8

Class 2 - Grades 9, 10,11, and 12

**Awards** - Local level - Clubs and Districts may set dates and present awards at their discretion. State level - GFWC Maryland offers two first place, two second place, and two third place awards in the Class 2 division and one first place, one second place, and one third place award in the Class 1 division.

**Deadlines for Submission** - All District-winning entries must be received by **March 26, 2019** for the state contest. Judging of artwork will then take place. Winning artists will receive their awards at the GFWC-MD State Convention to be held in April 2019 at the convention location where the original works will be displayed. *Contact TinTin Raschid at 301-633-3381 or tintinraschid@gmail.com or Debbie Winkles at 301-694-6960 or dwinkles56@gmail.com with any questions regarding the state contest.*

**Guidelines -**

- All entries should be original, done by the student between 3/1/18-3/1/19.
- Rearrangements of existing work to create a new composition are accepted but judged considering age-appropriateness and creativity, especially with computer-enhanced photography and graphics.
- Work may be of the following media: Oil, lead pencil, ink, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, acrylic, mixed-media, photography, or computer art. If necessary, the work may be sprayed with fixative.
- Entries must have firm backing of heavy cardboard or foam core. **Maximum size not to exceed 24" x 36" in it's entirety**, including computer graphics. Canvas

may be stretched or mounted. **No frames or glass.**

- Each entry must have an entry card** (see next page) securely attached to the back with info. Each card must have the student's name, email, complete home address, phone number, grade, school, and media type. **Entries without cards will not be judged. Entries with school information rather than personal will not be judged.** You must use the included entry card (see next page).
- Each local club or District shall establish rules to determine how many entries each student may submit.
- For the state program - Each district may submit three winning works each for Class 1 and 2 in art, and three winning works each for Class 1 and 2 for Photography/Computer Art.

GFWC Maryland Youth Art Program Entry Card  
Print clearly | Include *personal* information | No school emails/addresses | Affix to back of art entry

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Media: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_