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WE'RE MOVING!



SEVERN TOWN CLUB HAS MOVED!!!!!!

Champion Realty has generously let us use space in their building since 2005. Unfortunately for us, Champion has now merged with Long and Foster, and the basement will be rented out which means that we will no longer be able to have our General meetings there.

However, I am very happy to report that we have secured a great new site. Our new "home" is a spacious room at the Elks Lodge. The Lodge is located off Solomons Island Road just south of the Harbour Center.

**Elks Lodge: 2 Pythian Dr., Edgewater.
General Meeting: Feb 21 at 6:30 pm.**

Directions from Annapolis going towards Edgewater:

Go south on Solomons Island Road.

Turn left at the 1st light past Harbour Center onto Pythian Dr
You will see a church in front of you. Continue along the road to the Elks Lodge.

Times change and STC is moving right along with them!!

Upcoming Dates



General Meeting

Thurs, Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm
Elks Lodge 2
Pythian Dr, Edgewater

Board of Directors Meeting

Thurs, Mar. 7 at 2:30 pm
Liz Elliott's home

RSVP/Check due

Thurs, Mar. 7
For Mini-fundraiser



General Meeting Mini-fundraiser

Thurs, Mar 28 at 5:30 pm
Café Mezzanotte
Speaker:
U.S. Secret Service Agent Spouses or guest invited
\$45- \$12 goes to donation
RSVP by Mar. 7

Spotlight – Sherri Pennock



February is the month for sweet things and Sherri Pennock fits the bill. Her warmth and sense of fun has been a wonderful addition to our club. We've been best buds for 28 plus years, so this feature was truly a fun one to write.

Sherri was born in the Aloha state where her father was stationed as a Marine Captain. She spent most of her childhood in West Virginia with her mother and grandparents. Her grandfather was the head psychiatrist at Weston State Hospital.

She graduated from Marshall Univ. with a degree in Elementary Education and taught 1st-3rd grades in rural West Virginia, Princeton, NJ, and Harrisburg, Pa. Sherri enjoyed teaching, but after her son Mike was born, she worked as a part time designer for Ethan Allen in York, Pa. She found that she loved the fashion and design field and she continued there for 12 years and then worked at Talbots in both York and Annapolis for another 15 years. Lastly, she used her design skills as a kitchen/bath designer at a local marble and granite firm.



After moving to the area in 1995 with husband Mike, now a retired aerospace engineer, Sherri became interested in history and was a docent at the Wm. Paca and Hammond Harwood Houses for 15 years. She enjoys reading, cycling and hiking with her son who is an elite mountain racing biker and orienteering expert. Also high on her list is shopping, time with friends and travelling. In addition to her son, who lives in Annapolis, Sherri has two stepdaughters, Wendy and Tracey and five grandchildren.

Sherri has been a member of the Rising Sun DAR, Greater Severna Park W.C., and is a longtime supporter of animal rescue groups and volunteered with Cats R Us. In fact, animals are Sherri's first and foremost passion. She has rescued several cats, and currently 3 cats are a big part of the Pennock household.

Sherri joined STC three years ago and has served on the Hospitality and Youth Art Committees for 3 years and was a big help with auction item solicitation this year.

Sherri's love of people and generous spirit make her a wonderful asset to our club. We are very fortunate to have her in our midst and thank her for all her service.



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).

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, Feb. 21st at 6:30 pm, Elks Lodge
2 Pythian Lodge, Edgewater, MD

Speaker: Senior Chief Dan Reynolds, 8th Company SEL, US Naval Academy

Thursday, Mar. 28th, 5:30 pm, Café Mezzanotte
760 Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park, MD
Cash Bar, Buffet and Speaker

Speaker: Dan Tramontana, Special Agent, US Secret Service

Spouses, Significant Others and Guests invited. Please reserve your spot by Mar. 7th. Please send check for \$45 per person to Bonnie Mulieri. Her address is 411 Martingale Lane, Arnold, MD 21012.

Hospitality

All of us are looking forward to our "New Home" at the Elks Lodge in Edgewater, so let's celebrate with delicious, healthy appetizers and desserts. The Elks site offers us many convenient amenities. Most important to know is that they will be providing us the opportunity to purchase 7 oz. "splits" of red or white wine. That would be equal to 2 glasses. The purchase price is a very low \$5.00. It is important to try to have the exact amount of cash for purchase. We will have a very limited amount of change available. Another plus is that coffee, water, and soft drinks will be available free of charge. The really good news is that no one will have to bring wine, water or soda!

Best of all the Elks group will do all our set up and clean up!

With all this in mind, I would like to ask the ladies from **A through M** to bring desserts and **N through Z** to bring appetizers. We are all looking forward to seeing, and enjoying, our future meetings at this warm and inviting new home.



February and March Birthdays



February

25 Phyllis Peter



March

08 Stacey Johnson
 13 Kathye Geary
 14 Marie Treanor
 16 Rose Brice
 23 Janet Sue Morgan
 27 Nancy Parsons
 29 Nancy Burns

Arden House

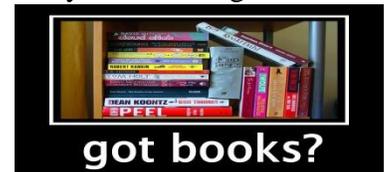


A huge thank you to everyone who brought donations for Arden House to the Soup and Salad luncheon. Phyllis filled up her car with everything that had been donated and took it over to Arden House. The ladies there were very appreciative of all the lovely new pjs, sweats, towels and undies.

B.I.G. – Books for International Goodwill

STC has taken on a new service project which falls under GFWC service categories: International Outreach and Education. The group that the Board voted to sponsor is B.I.G: Books for International Goodwill. This 20-year-old organization has collected and distributed over 8.5 million books to advance literacy and technology in underserved populations in 40 countries and in the U.S.

I visited B.I.G.'s new home on Defense Highway and had a great conversation with president Steve Frantzich. They were having a book sale and the place was full of adults and children, all happily looking for good books selling at bargain prices. I talked with one man who had driven 200 miles from West Virginia and had purchased 12



boxes of books to take back to his small hometown library. As a former teacher and avid reader, this warmed the cockles of my heart! In my talk with Steve and looking at their web site, these are some of the things I've learned. B.I.G. is totally staffed by volunteers. They choose hours on M-W-F or Saturdays. Jobs involve receiving, sorting, shelving and packing books for shipments, or working the periodic book sales. B.I.G. has shipped more than 300 containers overseas, but also send large shipments in the U.S. to such sites as Indian reservations, prisons, Veterans homes and hospitals. Some of the area recipients are the A.A. County Early Reading Coalition, Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Gov. Hogan's Literacy program, Tyler Heights Elem. School and Walter Reed Medical Center.

B.I.G. receives large lots of children's and adult textbooks, non-fiction and fiction books that are culled from library and school systems, the USNA, and individual donors. They ship mostly textbooks and non-fiction and some fiction. What is not shipped is offered at the public sales. Steve told me that they make about \$12 thousand at each sale. Pretty good, eh? However, a container shipment costs about \$3500 and B.I.G.'s rent is \$7000 per month.

Our participation with B.I.G. at present will be to donate books. April will be our first collection-so start looking at your bookshelves and stash some away. I would love to see our involvement expand, but for now, let's just collect books. However, I'm seriously thinking of volunteering, so if you'd like to join me, just let me know. The more the merrier!

Think B.I.G.!

Sheryn

A look *back*...
and a look *forward*

A Look Back at 2018!!

I recently compiled the 2018 GFWC MD Statistical Report. This is a formal way of saying that I pulled together a summary of everything that we in the Severn Town Club accomplished in 2018. In short, we had a busy year! Obviously, we spent many hours and raised a lot of money at the Holly Ball, but the number of volunteer hours spent on projects such as HOBY, Youth Art, and Arden House, not to mention Leadership is truly amazing. Our total volunteer hours came close to 5,000 in 2018 and we raised about \$50,000! It's time to congratulate ourselves, and to be inspired by these accomplishments and all that it means to our community. Together we can really make a difference!

Holly Ball

The Financial Committee met January 14 to determine the allocations for our grant applicants. The report can be found on the last page of the newsletter.



WHOLE FOODS MARKET BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND CRAB BISQUE

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Soup and Salad Luncheon. One of the favorites was Sandy Murray's soup! She has graciously provided the recipe below.

Yield about 4 quarts.

4 large cloves garlic, roasted (see note)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 1/2 to 2 pounds butternut squash, peeled and cubed
1 large yellow onion, diced
1 cup fresh carrots, diced
1 cup fresh celery, diced
1 quart chicken broth, divided use
1 tablespoon fresh sage leaves, finely chopped
1 cup heavy cream
8 ounces crab claw meat
Salt and pepper, to taste

- Roast garlic: remove papery skin, put in pan and drizzle with olive oil and a little water; seal with foil and roast in 400-degree oven for 40 min. Squeeze skins after roasting.

-In a large (at least 5 quart) soup pot over medium heat, add the butter and olive oil. Once butter is melted, add squash, onions, carrots, celery and garlic. Sauté 5 minutes.

- Add 3 cups of broth, reserving the rest. Cover pot and simmer until squash is very tender (about one hour).

- Add the cream and puree the mixture with a stick blender until very smooth (or blend in batches in blender and return to pan). Thin with remaining broth if needed.

-Fold in the crab meat and sage. Season with salt and pepper and serve.

From the President



'Tis the time for hearts and flowers. Be sure to send loving and kind wishes to your special Valentines: spouses, significant others, children and/or dear friends.

We've moved!! Come to our Feb 21st meeting at our new meeting place at the Elks Lodge. It's a great site and I'm sure that we're going to love it!

The Jan. Soup/ Salad Luncheon had 30 members enjoying some great soups! Our HB allocations were announced and approved. The list of allocations can be found in the Finance article.

You may have heard the great news that Jan Stewart is our new Holly Ball Chair. If you recall reading about her in Spotlight, you know that she is one capable lady. However, you'll have to read the HB piece to find out which very worthy organization the STC Board of Directors has voted to be our 2019 major recipient.

This month's Spotlight is a very dear friend and longtime pal- Sherri Pennock. She's found a niche in our group and her talents and generous spirit are so appreciated.

This Fall I suggested to our Board that it might be feasible to find a service project in the category of Conservation or International Outreach. I am happy to announce that the Board approved a new project in International Outreach.: B.I.G. Read more to find out about this local but far-reaching organization.

*For February meeting at our new location, we will have a Senior Chief assigned to the 8th Company at USNA to speak to us on leadership. He's had quite a range of military experiences and I'm really looking forward to the program. Find out all the details and also **your food allocation for our social time.***

*Be sure to mark your calendar for **Thurs, Mar. 28 at 5:30 pm. Our General Meeting will be at Café Mezzanotte.** Buffet dinner and a great speaker from the U.S. Secret Service. The Programs article will give you all the information you need.*

Whew- did I mention that we had a lot going on? So, enjoy your Valentines and hope to see you all at our Feb 21st General meeting. Remember Elks Lodge: 2 Pythian Dr!!

*Warmest regards,
Sheryn*

HOLLY BALL 2018 DISBURSEMENTS			
CHARITY	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	CATEGORY
SUMMIT SCHOOL	\$22,300	SERVE CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA	EDUCATION
52 1583669		AND LEARNING DIFFERENCES	
CREATING COMMUNITIES	\$2,000	ARTS TO LOW INCOME STUDENTS	ARTS
26-0631265			
MARITIME MUSEUM	\$1,500	EDUCATE ON CHESAPEAKE BAY	CONSERVATION
52-1664577		HERITAGE AND ECOLOGY	
LANGTON GREEN	\$2,024	SERVICES FOR ADULTS OF VARYING ABILITIES & NEEDS	HOME LIFE
52-1264071			
YMCA	\$1,000	YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	EDUCATION
52-0591699			
THE LIGHT HOUSE	\$910	SERVICES FOR HOMELESS	PUBLIC ISSUES
52-1671388			
YWCA ARDEN HOUSE	\$2,000	WOMENS SHELTER	
52-0591702			
HOBY	\$500	YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	
52-1269293			
YOUTH ART	\$500	STUDENT ART PROGRAMS	
52-6019593			
TOTALS	\$32,734		