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From the President

It is leaf blowing time again! Those darn leaves just keep on coming down! The good part is that we're also enjoying cooler weather, football games and it will soon be time for the cute little Halloween trick or treaters.



September's program was a delight. The co-founders of Annapolis Green entertained and informed us about how we can join in the effort to clean up and conserve the resources of both our local environment and our planet.

October's General meeting will feature Pat Howe, this year's Holly Ball Honorary Chair. Pat has been a longtime volunteer at CASA, and we look forward to hearing about her experiences working with the children in the CASA program. Membership will also be inducting several new members.

Jan Stewart and the Holly Ball committee are fully involved with Ball preparations. Items for the Silent Auction are being collected, raffle tickets have been distributed, invitations have gone out and the Whatsuptix site is active. Several workshops are scheduled in Nov. to make decorations, and the popular Theme Basket Party is coming up on Oct 30th. It's time to start thinking about "What will I wear?" purchasing your Ball tickets and getting up a table with fellow STCers or friends. Certainly, lots of details and information, so be sure to read the Holly Ball article to catch up on everything you need to know.

This month's Spotlight features Sandy Murray, a delightful lady who has given so much to our club. As like so many of our members, she has had a fascinating life filled with a wide range of fulfilling and interesting experiences.



Janet Morgan and I will be attending the Chesapeake District meeting this month. Our club has been selected to be the host for their Annual Meeting in June, and I will be issuing a formal invitation to all District members to join us for the event.

Fall is upon us so enjoy life and certainly all things STC!

Warmly,
Sheryn

Holly Ball

Jan Stewart

Lots of activities in preparation for the Holly Ball this month! Here's an update on what's needing to be accomplished.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return your sold ticket stubs and money to:
Brenda Biles at 852 Holly Drive South,
Annapolis, MD 21409 **OR** give them to
her at the October General Meeting on the 17th.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: If you are donating items for the Silent Auction, please send the completed Auction Donor form to Liz Elliott and make arrangements for delivery or pick up of the item(s).

SPONSORSHIPS: Please notify Jan Stewart or Bonnie Mulieri if you wish to be a sponsor.

HOLLY BALL DECORATIONS

The tables will have garlands on them. That means we need you to collect the foliage for us and drop them off at Stella's shop, One Petticoat Lane. She needs laurel, variegated laurel, varieties of evergreen fir, ivy, and silver spruce. If you can find foliage with red berries, that would be nice, too. Please contact Stella Breen-Franklin at 443-223-9192 if you can donate the foliage. She will also be having Garland Making Workshops. All are welcome to help!

November 15-17th: Drop off foliage at Stella's shop, One Petticoat Lane, 2 Annapolis Street, West Annapolis. There is a parking lot behind her shop.



UPCOMING DATES



Chesapeake District Meeting

Tues, Oct 16th 9:30 am
Fisherman's Inn,
Grasonville, MD

General Meeting

Thurs, Oct 17th 6:30 pm
Program: CASA Pat Howe,
Holly Ball Honorary Chair

Basket Making Party

Wed, Oct 30th 10 am
Sheryn Blocher's Home
RSVP by Oct. 27th

Board of Directors Mtg.

Thurs, Nov 7th 2:30 pm
Margene Kennedy's home

Holly Ball Greens:

All events at Stella's shop:
One Petticoat Lane,
2 Annapolis St
Nov 15-17: Drop off greens

Greens Workshops:

Nov 17th, 2-5 pm
Nov 19th & Nov 20th, 5-8pm

See article for details

HOLLY BALL

Fri, Nov 22th 6-11 pm
Annapolis Westin Hotel

No General mtg in Nov

Note: foliage can be left in bags on the front porch if the shop is not open. There is a parking lot behind her shop.



Garland Making Workshops:

Sunday, November 17th, 2-5 pm,
Tuesday, November 19th, 5-8 pm
Wednesday, November 20th, 5-8 pm

Holly Ball Basket Party

Wed, Oct 30th at 10 am
Sheryn Blocher's home
2032 Haverford Dr., Crownsville
RSVP to Sheryn by Oct 27th



Everyone is invited to the Basket Making Party! For the newbies or if you've forgotten how it works, this is what you will need to bring.

1. Your basket/container and all the items to be placed in the basket.
2. Decorative tissue paper, confetti or other materials that you can use to stuff, lift and stabilize the items in the basket.
3. Basket Form: You will need to make a detailed listing of your items and values. The Basket Form is attached to this email for your use.

We'll provide newspapers to stuff the unseen bottoms of your containers as well as scissors and tape. We can always use more scissors, so bring some along if you can. We can make festive bows and you can select your favorite ribbon for the bow.

You can do a solo basket or team up with someone to share the fun and expense. Once at the Party, we can assist with assembly if you'd like us to help.

After we've all worked up an appetite doing the baskets, we'll share a light lunch and lots of laughs.

The following people have already RSVP'd. If you don't see your name on the list and would like to join us, please rsvp to Sheryn by Oct. 27 so we will have a head count for supplies and lunch.



Ongoing Service Needs

Weinberg House –

- Journals
- Umbrellas
- Makeup
- Nail care items
- Pocket calendars/planners

Holly Ball –

look for items for 2019 silent auction (including basket contents).

Find businesses to sponsor, donate or place an ad in the program. Forms available on the STC website.

Rose Brice, Carol Cockey, Liz Elliott, Sherry Esenwein, Julia Fegley, Kathye Geary, Diane Holman, Mary Milan, Sylvia Mitchell, Janet Morgan, Bonnie Mulieri, Nancy Parsons, Sherri Pennock, Ellen Shiery, Jan Stewart, Carol Wilkinson



Hope to see you there!!
Sheryn

Membership

Liz Elliott and Diane Holman

We currently have 49 paid members with anticipation of adding a few more soon. At our October meeting we will hold the induction ceremony for the members that have joined this past year. Looking forward to seeing all there to welcome the newest members to the club.

We thought we would try something new to mix things up a bit in order to get to know some of the people we don't usually sit with. When you pick up your name tag, you will pick a piece of paper indicating which table you will sit at. The tables will be numbered. Let's give it a try.

October General Meeting

Margene Kennedy



A-P please bring an appetizer or salad.
R-Z kindly bring a dessert.

Wine: \$5

Please remember to bring exact change



October

- 03 Anne Burke
- 09 Bonnie Mulieri
- 15 Lucy Kay Weaver
- 18 Stella Breen-Franklin



November

- 02 Sandy Murray
- 04 Brenda Biles
- 07 Jan Stewart
- 10 Linda Saksa
- 22 Jenny Henry
- 29 Jane Giles

Spotlight: Sandy Murray

Sheryn Blocher



Sandy was born and raised in Muskogee, OK. Her dad was a dentist and her mother, a Jr. High Art teacher. Her childhood world included the nearby local Carnegie library, schools and city park. Sandy relates that she was able to freely roam the neighborhood, and feels that nurtured her developing love of reading, outdoor play/sports, creativity, independence and participation in clubs, scouting, the arts, accelerated classes, and Honor Society.

In addition to her studies at the Univ. of Oklahoma, she was a member of Tri-Delta sorority, was named Miss U. of Okla., and was selected as one of the top 10 freshmen women in academics & activities. She graduated early with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics/ Minor in Dance and a Secondary Teaching Certificate.



Sandy married Dee and began teaching H. S. math, while also cultivating her creative side by directing a school theatrical production. Dee’s job with Dupont took them to Waynesboro, VA where their children Stacey and Cullen were born. (Yes, our own Crier editor is Sandy’s daughter). Before long, Dee started the first of several entrepreneurial businesses and they moved to Wilmington, N.C. Sandy switched her focus to teaching dance at the YWCA. This also allowed her the time to complete a B.S. in Computer Science from UNC-W. She continued her love of theatre and dance and choreographed several musical productions for the Thalian Hall Theater.

The Murrays moved to Annapolis in 1984 and Sandy began life in the “computer world”. She worked for a small tech company that was acquired by Science Application International Corp. (SAIC) and continued with them until retirement. Beginning very soon as a Tech. Project Leader, she finished as V.P of Program Management. She also earned an M.B.A. at the Univ. of MD. While at SAIC, she managed technical staffs for an array of agencies such as the Nat’l Inst. of Health (NCI, NHLBI, NIAID), Nat’l Library of Medicine, EPA, and FAA. She said that her most “fun” job was working for former astronaut Ed Gibson at the Earth Resources Data Center U.S. Geographical Survey in South Dakota, mapping the earth from satellites.



Patti Nalley and Janet Morgan had often encouraged Sandy to join STC, and in 2010, as she edged toward retirement, she came on board. She soon was co-chair and then chair of the HB and was at the helm for the 50th Holly Ball celebration. She chaired the Silent/ Live Auctions several

years and is still a great resource in this area. She and Stacey have helped us to acquire and utilize software for the many aspects of the Ball. And in addition, Sandy has had an active role in assisting with, and then chairing the Youth Art Committee.

Sandy has been involved with numerous other organizations in Annapolis and served as President of the Board of the Ballet Theatre of MD. However, she feels that having her family here in Annapolis, being able to travel, garden, do photography, and spend time with husband Dee and friends are of the most importance to her. Sandy, we're so glad to have you at STC!!

Sharing and Caring



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

~CARING ~

Get well and fast recovery wishes go out to Paula Bartlett. She was on the losing end of a run-in with the leg of her coffee table. Result: a broken toe.



Very heartfelt condolences are expressed to Anne Lancaster. Her husband Ray very recently suffered a major stroke and died of complications from the condition.

~SHARING ~

Aida Cipriani had a great interview with Donna Cole at WNAV that aired on Oct 4th. She represented our club very well in presenting the mission and activities of Severn Town Club and promoting our upcoming Holly Ball. Kudos and thank you Aida!

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