



*The Severn Town Club, Inc.*  
Annapolis, Maryland



# The Crier

Topics of Importance to the Severn Town Club Community

DECEMBER 2019

THE SEVERN TOWN CLUB, INC.

## Severn Town Club, Inc.

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs  
"Seeking to Serve"  
Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs

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

### BOARD MEMBERS

President –

Sheryn Blocher:

[sherynblocher@verizon.net](mailto:sherynblocher@verizon.net)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President –

Debbie Mayer:

[debbiemayer1@verizon.net](mailto:debbiemayer1@verizon.net)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President –

Jan Stewart:

[jfayestewart@msn.com](mailto:jfayestewart@msn.com)

Treasurer –

Bonnie Mulieri:

[bmulieri@aol.com](mailto:bmulieri@aol.com)

Recording Secretaries –

Brenda Biles:

[brenda.biles@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.biles@gmail.com)

Viki Liscinsky:

[clearspace15@gmail.com](mailto:clearspace15@gmail.com)

Paula Bartlett:

[pbartlett@cooperkirk.com](mailto:pbartlett@cooperkirk.com)

Corresponding Secretary –

Mary Milan:

[mmilan@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mmilan@ix.netcom.com)



## From the President



Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Tis the season to be jolly, and with the 56th Holly Ball now just a

very pleasant memory - we can hopefully relax a bit

and just enjoy those holiday treats and having fun with family and friends.

Yes, I know this can be a hectic and harried time of year, but let's never lose sight of the true meaning of the season.

Speaking of fun, the STC Holiday party is fast approaching on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Last year's party was an exceptionally jolly event filled with good food, laughter, warmth, and friendship. Mary and Tom Milan will be opening their beautiful home to us for a holiday spread and lots of good cheer. Be sure to read the article on the event to get all the details and to remind you as to what you are to bring. And be sure to RSVP!

Our recent Holly Ball was a delight and enjoyed by 30 STC'ers who were able to attend and all the other guests. I hope that you've had a chance to look at the great photos that KRR Photography provided. And I am so pleased that the reindeer and ALL the other 92 Silent Auction items that our members contributed or solicited for, were bid on and sold. We had a terrific selection of items- all those fantastic baskets, gift cards, children's items, and all that liquor were a big hit! Thanks so much to chair Jan Stewart, her committee and to all of you for your efforts and contributions!

Spotlight this month highlights Margene Kennedy, our Hospitality Chair and one delightful lady. As always, it is a treat to learn about the rich and diverse set of life experiences that our members bring to our organization.

Yours truly will also soon be featured in print. I was recently interviewed by What'sUp? magazine and was told that I would be the Towne Salute Volunteer in their January issue. Hopefully, I will represent STC well and forgive me in advance if I got any of the facts regarding our great club mixed up or in error.

Wishing you and your families a joyous holiday and wishing you all the best for the coming New Year!

Warmly, Sheryn



**SEVERN TOWN CLUB  
HOLIDAY PARTY  
THURSDAY, DEC 19 6:30 PM  
490 FERRY POINT RD, ANNAPOLIS  
HOME OF MARY AND TOM MILAN**

**SPOUSES OR FRIEND INVITED**  
**A-N BRING SIDES:**  
**SALADS, HOT OR COLD VEGETABLES**  
**M-Z BRING APPETIZERS**

**THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE BEEF,  
TURKEY, SALMON  
DESSERTS  
SODAS, WINE AND BEER**

**RSVP:  
PLEASE INDICATE WHAT YOU WILL  
BRING**

**[margene.kenna@gmail.com](mailto:margene.kenna@gmail.com) or 410-974-0432**

## **Directions**

Follow Forest Drive going East to Spa Road.  
Turn right onto Spa Road and continue on.  
Stay to the right and the road becomes Ferry Point Rd.  
When you pass Melvin Rd., start slowing down.  
There are two driveways on the right that are close together with 3 mailboxes.

Mary's driveway is the one next to the wooded area.  
Turn onto that driveway after you pass all three of the mailboxes.  
Drive up to the grassy area on the right. Please park in this area.  
If you have issues walking, you may go ahead and park up by the garage.  
If you have questions, Mary's number is 410-263-4490.

## UPCOMING DATES



**Board of Directors mtg.**  
Thurs, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm  
Mary Milan's home



## HOLIDAY PARTY

Thurs, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30pm  
Mary Milan's home  
Spouses/ guest welcome  
RSVP by Dec 12<sup>th</sup>  
to Margene Kennedy  
[margene.kenna@gmail.com](mailto:margene.kenna@gmail.com)  
[om](#)

**Board of Directors mtg.**  
Mon, Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm  
Sheryn Blocher's home



## Jan. Gen. Meeting Soup & Salad Luncheon

Thurs, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> at  
11:00am  
Phyllis Peter's home  
RSVP to Phyllis for food  
signup  
[kapustagirl@comcast.net](mailto:kapustagirl@comcast.net)  
Bring a book to exchange  
and items for the  
Weinberg Residence

## Weinberg House (Arden House)

*Phyllis Peters*

Just a reminder for those of you who are attending the Christmas Party at Mary Milan's, I'll be collecting any items you have to donate to the Weinberg House. The list has not changed at this time. The following are the most needed at this time:

toilet paper	dish towels
sports bras	washcloths
paper towels	journals
warm fuzzy sox	slippers

Thank you in advance for making the abuse shelter a part of your Christmas giving this year. You have always been so very generous in the past. Should you not be able to attend the party, feel free to bring your items to our Soup and Salad luncheon in January. May you all have a very blessed and happy season. Stay warm.

## Finance Committee

*Sharon Boettinger*

Holly Cole, Scholarship Specialist, at Anne Arundel Community College, shared that Jessica Smith was awarded the Doris P. Troutman Memorial Scholarship, endowed by the Severn Town Club. This is the second year in a row that Jessica has received this award. Holly Cole will be at the February STC meeting to discuss the scholarship and other happenings at the community college.

The Finance Committee will meet in early January to select recipients from the 2019 Holly Ball grant applicants. The deadline to apply is December 16, 2019.

## Membership

*Diane Holman*

The Membership Committee is happy to announce two new members. Please add them to your directory.

Elizabeth Robb  
21 Rockwell Ct.  
Annapolis, MD 21403  
Cell: 410-980-1725  
[Elizabeth.robbs@cbmove.com](mailto:Elizabeth.robbs@cbmove.com)  
Birthday: 31 March

Stephanie Foster  
1754 Birdbrook Trail  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Cell: 239-293-0058  
[Stephanie.h.foster@gmail.com](mailto:Stephanie.h.foster@gmail.com)  
Birthday: 28 November



### **Ongoing Service Needs**

### **Weinberg House**

**Toilet Paper**

**Paper Towels**

Washcloths

Dish Towels

Warm Fuzzy Socks

Slippers

Umbrellas

Sports Bras

Journals

## **Holly Ball**

*Jan Stewart*

We all came together and made this event such a fun night! The majority of our members participated in the gourmet food, the great band and our fantastic Silent Auction. We sold every basket you donated in the Silent Auction! There was a number of crowd-pleasing items, for example, lots of baskets with liquor and wine, an American Girl Doll Car, a Puppet Theatre, Lamar Jackson's Autographed Jersey and, of course, our lovable full-size reindeer. Everyone can access the pictures from that night on our website. Thank you to the Holly Ball Committee for all the hours and effort! We worked together like a well-oiled machine.



Unfold the Child Within!



## **Holly Ball Program**

There were several Angel Sponsorships that were inadvertently omitted from the Holly Ball program. We apologize and would like to recognize and thank these members for their support and generosity.

### **Angels:**

Aida and Al Cipriani:

In Honor of James Foley- Journalist  
Clyde Topping and Ray Lancaster

Janet and Jim Morgan:

In Honor of Holly Ball fans  
far and wide

Julia Fegley





### December

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



### January

- 08 Liz Elliott
- 23 Ada Cipriani

# Spotlight: Margene Kennedy

Sheryn Blocher



Margene began life in Denver, but her family headed to Virginia when she was 12. Nursing became her chosen profession. She graduated from a 3-yr. program at Portsmouth, VA and began her career working in Pediatrics at Fairfax Hospital.

Her career path became international as she learned Thai and spent 3 yrs. in Bangkok as a Peace Corps nurse. Margene was then selected by the U.S. State Dept. to run the Army 5th Field Hospital Emergency Room in Bangkok.



Once back home, she was the assist. head nurse at the Georgetown Univ. Emergency room, while also completing her B.S in Nursing at Georgetown. In 1975, she married Joe, who was a U.S. Secret Service agent. Joe traveled

constantly on Presidential details for Nixon, Ford, Reagan, Carter and Clinton, so Margene enrolled in the Univ. of MD Nurse Practitioner program. She began working at the Univ. of MD. Student Health Center and had their first child, Nicole. Two years later, Christine was born. Margene moved to Asst. Dir of Student Health at Catholic Univ. in D.C. and their third child, Brain arrived on the scene.

When the family moved to NJ in the 80's, Margene's career moved into research. First, as a Research Reviewer, and then back to D. C. working for a Cardiologist. She did a major Hypertension Research project that established guidelines for high blood pressure in high school students and published a teaching guidelines pamphlet. Over the next 23 years, Margene was Dir. of the Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Unit and managed budgets for numerous research studies in various medical departments. While at Hopkins, she also worked on numerous research publications by nationally renowned Hopkins physicians. Just prior to retirement, she directed the first clinical trial for a possible cure for HIV/AIDS.

Now retired, Margene is directing her talents toward volunteering. She has served at the Lighthouse Shelter, Pathways Rehab., AAMC Dare to Care, St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. John Neuman Church and Director of the Alateen program at Asbury Church. She joined STC in 2014 and is currently our Hospitality Chair. And, of course, she finds lots of time to spend with her six wonderful grandchildren.

Margene is one delightful lady and always has a smile on her face and is ready to help! Margene, we are so glad that you found your way to STC!