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Upcoming Dates

April General Meeting:

Thurs, April 15th, 6:30 pm

Zoom: Debbie Mayer to send invite

Program: STC member Kathye Geary Virtual Home Garden Tour

Headshots due to Jane Giles

April 30th

May Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom: Thurs, May 6th, 3 pm

May Social

Thurs, May 20th, 4 pm

Sheryn Blocher's deck: 2032 Haverford Dr, Crownsville

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From the President

Hello Ladies!

I hope that you all had a Happy Easter and were able to enjoy the beautiful weather. It was truly a day to celebrate new beginnings as we continue to emerge from our very unexpected journey.

This month we will be treated to a tour of Kathye Geary's beautiful property on the Magothy River during our General Meeting on Thursday, April 15. I am sure that this will serve as another boost to all of spirits, as emerging gardens and flowers are always a reminder of the good days ahead.

That being said, I am cautiously optimistic that we can start to plan some outdoor, in person gatherings for the Club. As many of us have been vaccinated, I know that it would be wonderful if we could gather together once again. Thank you to Sheryn Blocher, who has graciously offered to host our May meeting in her yard! She will be working with Margene Kennedy to organize all of the details, being mindful of social distancing and all appropriate protocols. More details will follow!

Take care and stay well,

Debbie

General Meeting: Thurs, Apr 15th, 6:30 PM

By Sheryn Blocher

Spring has sprung! The trees and bushes are leafing out and we're seeing some colorful blooms. After this stressful year of all things related to Covid, it is especially joyous to see a return and rebirth of something as normal as Spring.

And that is a perfect segue into the description of this month's program. It will be presented by fellow member Kathye Geary who has a wonderful Green Thumb. She and husband John have a property on a cove off the Magothy River. It is a veritable oasis with lush unique plantings and whimsical art objects that peek out at you from all sorts of unexpected places!

Kathye will be giving us a virtual tour of this magical site, and I have no doubt that all the club gardeners will get some great ideas and inspiration. And even if you are not inclined to be a digger of the dirt, everyone likes to see nature choreographed into beautiful arrangements and patterns.

So, please join us online at 6:30 on April 15th! Watch for Debbie's email for the invite/ link.



Spotlight: *Kathye Geary*

Meet Kathye Geary, our speaker this month.

Kathye considers herself a Virginia native, even though as an Army brat, she moved many times before her tenth birthday. She attended Fort Hunt High School in Fairfax County, VA along with her future husband, John, although they didn't know each other well until his Plebe year at the Naval Academy. They dated for four years, and following graduation/commissioning, they were married in the USNA Chapel and will celebrate their 44th anniversary this June. While John was at the Academy, Kathye attended Mary Washington College, graduating Suma cum Laude with a BS in Chemistry.

John's 27-year career in the Navy began in San Diego where he was stationed aboard USS TOWERS DDG-9. During that time, Kathye attended the University of California, San Diego, earning an MS in Inorganic Chemistry. John became an Engineering Duty Officer, and the family moved from coast-to-coast several times (including two long-distance moves during both pregnancies) with tours in San Diego, Long Beach, and Monterey, CA; Bath, ME; and Washington, D.C., finally settling in Northern Virginia where John began his second career. Their most exciting move started in Maine and ended in California six weeks later, with lots of family visits, sightseeing, and car trouble, plus two anxious tweens, a dog, a cat, and two guinea pigs.

Each duty station brought the chance to make new friends; volunteer in the community, church, and school; sing in the church choir; and learn the arts-and-crafts project du-jour (basketry, calligraphy, and smocking, to name a few). Her most rewarding school involvement was as President of her son's Middle School PTA, which was honored with three state awards, including the National PTA Advocates for Children Award for the most outstanding PTA in California. With that recognition came the opportunity to speak at the state convention about the PTA's work in gang intervention, a serious issue even at the middle school level. Kathye developed a chemistry and physics enrichment program for gifted elementary students

and facilitated the school science fairs. She also created a Parent-to-Parent Committee and acted as liaison between the high school parents and guidance department. Other volunteer positions include Girl Scout Leader, Soccer Coach, Band Boosters President, member of the School Superintendent's Council, and President of several Naval Officers' Wives Clubs.

In addition to volunteering, Kathye actually got paid a few times, including work as a research chemist, Naval Research Lab; college math and science tutor; Executive Director, Northern Virginia Summer Academy (an interdisciplinary program for high school seniors to explore the relationship between biomedical technology, genetics, and public policy); Financial Administrator, Canon Law Society; and Legislative Aide for a Virginia State Delegate. In that capacity, Kathye developed community outreach projects, student exchange programs, and student leadership conferences.

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Kathye and John's son, Rob, lives with his girlfriend in Cambridge, MA, where he is enrolled in a Harvard-MIT PhD program in neuroscience. Their daughter, Meredith, lives in Springfield, VA with her husband and five-year old daughter. In addition to STC, Kathye was active in Federated Women's Clubs in San Diego, CA and Alexandria, VA. Currently, she is a member of the Naval Academy Spouses Club and serves as treasurer of the Greater Severna Park Women's Club and the Naval Academy Garden Club. She loves to garden, study birds, paint, walk her dog, sing with Encore, and share "Gram-time" with Natalie.

May Social

By Sheryn Blocher



And a big drum roll, please!!!!

We are incredibly excited to announce that we will be meeting in-person for our May meeting!! Most, if not all, of our members will have been vaccinated and the meeting will be outside on a large deck.

**Thursday, May 20 at 4 PM, Sheryn Blocher's deck
2032 Haverford Dr., Crownsville**

As our treat to all of you, and to promote safety protocols, we will provide individual dinner boxes, wine, and beverages.

This will be a time to reconnect and recharge with everyone whom we've only been able to see via Zoom or not at all for over a year. We highly encourage that all get vaccinated, and masks and hand sanitizer will be available as desired.

Please rsvp to Sheryn Blocher:
sherynblocher@verizon.net

Reminder to Submit Your Photo

By Jane Giles

Take advantage of the extended deadline to include your picture alongside your listing in the Members Only section of the STC Web site. This is a great way to get acquainted with new members and refresh our memories after so many months' apart. Email a recent color headshot of yourself to Jane Giles

- janegiles16@gmail.com - jpeg preferred. Or send as an attachment in a text to Jane at 914-649-1540. New deadline: April 30.

*Happy
Birthday!*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

13	Lisa Elder
26	Carolann Marone

Doris P. Troutman Memorial Scholarship

By Sharon Boettinger

At our March 18, 2021 General Membership meeting it was reported that the value of the Doris P. Troutman Memorial Scholarship is \$52,179.87. The current recipient is Allana D. who will graduate in Fall 2021. She plans to transfer to Salisbury University and major in social work to pursue a career in Child Protective Services. We hope to meet Allana next fall.

If anyone wishes to contribute to the scholarship, please go to aacc.edu/foundation or contact the AACC Foundation at 410-777-2515

B.I.G. – Books for International Goodwill

By Sheryn Blocher

Well, it is definitely Spring clean-out time- would you believe that club members have donated **771** books to B.I.G. this year!!!

Debbie Mayer is leading the charge with a whopping 260 books! Many are children's literature and textbooks, which are greatly needed and desired by B.I.G. for both their shipments and public sales. Liz Elliott is fast on her heels with 210 books, although Liz said that she quit counting at 150 when loading up her trunk with the second of two batches. And Bonnie Mulieri follows very closely behind with a tally of 195. Wowser and fantastic!!! Several others have donated as well; Sharon Boettinger gave 29 books, Janet Morgan-51, and yours truly-18.

B.I.G. is such a wonderful organization and benefits so many people in underserved populations both internationally and here in the U.S. Thank you for all your efforts and keep those books a 'comin'!!

