

ASPIRE 2015 Annual Community Leadership Awards

To honor community leaders who have been selected by local organizations on the basis of sustained, positive and visionary leadership within the organization with the goal of serving the greater Severna Park Community.

Martin Gorman, nominated by the Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce

Martin Gorman, owner of Ledo Pizza, continually strives for excellence in community service. In his position as the owner of Ledo Pizza, Martin offers local schools and non-profits regular fundraising opportunities at all three locations. On designated evenings from 4:00 to closing, the featured organization receives a portion of customer receipts. In 2014, Martin and Ledo Pizza of Severna Park generated more than \$9,000 in contributions toward the Severn River Lions Club alone. With eight to ten fundraisers per month at each restaurant, Ledo contributed nearly \$50,000 back into the community.

Martin just contributed four years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber, and has been active in their Shop Local program. He was recently named an Honorary Lions Club Member.

Judy Harris, nominated by SPAN

The staff and volunteers at SPAN are proud to nominate Judy Harris for the ASPIRE Leadership Award. For almost two decades, Judy has had the vision of helping our neighbors in need. Judy has been serving on SPAN's Board of Directors, representing Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, and on numerous committees, for over 16 years. Judy leads by example, and without expectation of any recognition. She is always ready to go above and beyond to make our community a better place to live.

Judy Harris' endless dedication enables SPAN to make a difference every day - a difference today that will last for many tomorrows.

Rachel Jacobs, nominated by Severna Park Kiwanis

Rachel Jacobs has grown up in the Kiwanis family and is a key member of the Severna Park Kiwanis Club. Over the past year, Rachel has led many of our service projects such as the Anne Arundel County Backpack program and SPAN Holiday Baskets. She is chairing a Mardi Gras Celebration fundraiser which will be held in March, and is working with our entire club to organize food, donations and entertainment.

In her spare time, Rachel is attending Graduate School, learning to become a Special Education teacher and work with special-needs youth in Washington, D.C. Rachel Jacobs is a great example of a young lady giving back to her community.

Arthur Timmons, nominated by the Greater Severna Park Council

It all began in a log cabin – when Art Timmons’ grandparents cleared land in the pine forest that was to become Carrollton Manor, and in 1934 built a log cabin from trees onsite. Art, born and raised in Baltimore, graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute with the skills that led, after a stint in the Army, to a career as a surveyor. In 1962, his family built a larger home on the riverfront in Carrollton Manor and Art moved to Severna Park. Fifty years ago, he married Joyce and they began married life in that original log cabin. They raised two daughters and are now enjoying an active retirement.

GSPC is fortunate to have Art, and his surveying background, helping us to understand land use, roads, and development. He has taken on the most time-consuming and difficult part of GSPC’s work, and we are very grateful for all of his leadership, skilled assistance and energy!

Deborah Tocknell, nominated by Partners In Care

Partners In Care is proud to nominate Deborah Tocknell for the ASPIRE Leadership Award. She is Chairman of the Jewelry Committee at their Boutique, located at Ritchie Highway and East-West Blvd. All types of jewelry items are donated to the shop and they must be sorted, tagged and priced. Her knowledge and faithful service are extremely valuable.

Debbie's husband, Phil, is the minister at Baldwin United Methodist Church in Millersville. Debbie serves as a Pastoral Assistant, Worship Chair, as a member of various committees and as Bookkeeper for the Finance Committee. Somehow she also finds time to help as the daily manager for the Montgomery County Hospital Thrift Shop, volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association and with animal rescue, and regularly visits her mother who is in a nearby assisted care facility. She was recently elected President of the National Commission on Equitable Compensation for the United Methodist Church. Congratulations, Debbie !!

Carl Treff, nominated by the Magothy River Association

Carl Treff has been the Magothy River Association Volunteer and Communications Coordinator for 15 years, maintaining the master database of 2200 records. He has led MRA efforts of Oyster Gardening, the CreekWatchers Program, and the Grasses for the Masses Program (planting and growing underwater grass).

He started an annual tradition at the now-closed Eagle Cove School for students to move oyster spat bags from truck to shallow water. His sons and that tradition have moved to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal School where he is helping to develop new environmental projects such as building osprey nest platforms and annual tree plantings at Beachwood Park on the Magothy.