

## **ASPIRE Community Leadership Awards - 2018**

ASPIRE honors community leaders who have been selected by a local organization on the basis of sustained, positive and visionary leadership with the organization, with the goal of serving the greater Severna Park Community.

### **Warden W. Bailey – Severna Park Elks Lodge #2642**

The Severna Park Elks Lodge #2642 is very pleased to nominate Warden W. Bailey for an ASPIRE Community Leadership Award. Warden was an employee of Westinghouse/Northrop Grumman for 39+ years. Most of his time was spent working as a technical illustrator at the Oceanic Division in Annapolis, Maryland.

After retirement, Warden took on the volunteer job of ordering food and beverages at the Severna Park Elks. He has continued that job since 1999, even to the point of putting all of the inventories into a digital database.

He has been an active member of the Severna Park Elks for 44 years. And on most national holidays, you will see Warden lining the Elk's driveway with American flags.

### **Linda Dennis – Partners In Care**

Partners In Care is thankful for the leadership of Linda Dennis. In her 15 years at Partners In Care, Linda's personal touch and professional advocacy have improved the lives of literally hundreds of people throughout the community.

She is a social worker through and through. It is in her DNA to help people. After a year of service to the country through the Volunteer Maryland AmeriCorps program, she started at Partners In Care. She has been instrumental in setting the warm, supportive tone that permeates every aspect of the organization. Through Partners In Care and in her work with county and community agencies, she has helped launch initiatives to improve the experience of aging and to empower older adults to remain engaged, active and independent. She is a mentor to staff and to our members, and leads by example every day.

## **Deborah Hannum – Severna Park Kiwanis**

The Kiwanis would like to recognize Debby Hannum for the Aspire Leadership Award. Debby has become an integral part of our club in just a few short years. She has a strong passion for working with children within the community which makes Kiwanis a great fit! By day, Debby works for Howard Bank in the Loans division. By night, she's an Active member of Kiwanis, working on projects such as Teen Court, National Night Out, our Mardi Gras Celebration, SPAN baskets, and the Kiwanis Teenager of the Year Scholarship Programs, among many others.

Debby is working on a Kiwanis Kids Corner at the Judy Center and has been our Kiwanis Secretary for the past 2 years. She is also an active member of the Chamber, leading one of the Small Business networking groups. Debby has been a Severna Park staple for over 20 years with loving support from her husband, Doug, and their two daughters.

## **Dr. Ronald A. Phipps – Orphan Grain Train**

Dr. Phipps graduated from West Virginia University with a Doctorate in Education and a minor in Higher Education Administration. He has held positions in Higher Education in Maryland at Salisbury State University and Frostburg State University, and in Alaska and Missouri, as well as active participation in many professional Boards and Commissions. He has published extensively in Academic journals.

With all these credentials he comes to Orphan Grain Train/Maryland Branch as a passionate, creative, hard-working, tireless, humble and very funny guy whose leadership skills are top notch. He makes my life as the Branch Manager easy because he is always there and has never said "No" to me. It is an understatement when I say from the depth of my heart, I could not do this without Ron. He deserves every accolade and every award and it still would not adequately thank him for all that he does and all that he is.

## **Lynne Rockenbauch – Severn River Association**

The Severn River Association nominates Lynne Rockenbauch for an ASPIRE Leadership Award. Lynne volunteers her time, wisdom and talents to many community organizations. She is an active member of the Ben Oaks Civic Association, and has served on its Board of Directors in several positions. She has worked to design and implement many community projects. She is also the Ben Oaks representative to the GSPC and is active in monitoring many issues that are of concern to our communities. Lynne has written articles, participated in roundtables and conferences, monitored local issues and participated in many activities.

As a Master Watershed Steward for the Severn River, Lynne has participated in stormwater management assessments, raingarden and native plantings plans and promoting other techniques designed to help individuals and communities learn how to reduce pollutants with “Bay Friendly Landscaping”. As President of the Severn River Association, and an active member for many years, Lynne has organized and participated in many projects designed to help educate and motivate residents of the watershed and to restore and preserve the river. As a community activist, Lynne is a leader in promoting and insuring that Severna Park and Anne Arundel County remain a wonderful place to live.

## **Chuck Roydhouse – Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce**

The Greater Severna Park and Arnold Chamber of Commerce is pleased to nominate Chuck Roydhouse of Clean Sweep Chimney Repair and Maintenance for the Aspire Community Leadership Award. Clean Sweep has been in business for 40 years as a full-service chimney company. He purchased it in the 1990’s and brought a wealth of experience on fire safety as a retired fire fighter with a degree in fire science. His vision has always been to keep our businesses and residents safe when using their chimneys and appliances.

Chuck is actively involved in two charities. One is the Local Anne Arundel County Professional Fire Fighters Burn Foundation, which aids children and adults who have suffered burn injuries. The group sponsors children to attend summer camp at Camp Letts, and off-duty firefighters help at the camp. He is the founder of International Sweep Away Cancer Foundation. He started the Foundation in 2015 to help fellow fire service people who are suffering from cancer, a terrible affliction common among firefighters. He raises money to offset bills, transportation costs and other treatment costs. Sadly, he has lost many friends in the fire field to cancer, and this is his way of offering a helping hand.

## **Holly Slack – Greater Severna Park Council**

Helen “Holly” Adkins Slack is the nominee from the Greater Severna Park Council. She is a native of Severna Park who attended local schools and then received a Master’s Degree from Towson University. She has experience as a public school teacher and as an administrator and office manager at the Maryland Judiciary. She brings these experiences to GSPC and is our Secretary.

Holly is also our Board member most in touch with the younger residents of Severna Park. A wife and mother of two, she is so devoted to GSPC that she patiently took minutes through our March meeting while in early labor! Her daughter, Ilona Mae, was born 14 hours after the meeting. She and her husband, Don, also have another daughter, Elsie. We are very pleased to nominate her for this award.

## **Russell B. Stevenson, Jr. – Magothy River Association**

Russ Stevenson grew up in Baltimore and has loved the Chesapeake Bay since he was a child. Forty years ago he bought a summer cottage on Dividing Creek, where he and his family spent many happy days swimming, boating and fishing. In 2002, he and his wife, Margie, built a year-round house on the site and have lived there ever since. After retiring as General Counsel of Ciena Corporation in 2009, Russ founded the Chesapeake Legal Alliance in hopes of using the law to help restore the Bay to health. He is a graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law School. In addition to serving as Chairman and President of the Chesapeake Legal Alliance, he has been a member of the full-time faculty of Georgetown Law School.

Russ has served as Vice-President for Government Affairs for the Magothy River Association since 2009. In that role he serves as an advocate for the Magothy River in matters of zoning and environmental law, and oversees the legal groundwork if and when such action becomes necessary. Knowledgeable and committed, he is always only a phone call away when the MRA needs legal advice or, for that matter, a common-sense opinion!

## **Jonathan Swain and Stephanie Swain – Shipley's Choice Community Association**

SCCA proudly submits this nomination of its Director, WebMaster and Chairman of Committees, Jonathan Swain and his wife, Stephanie Swain, a Past-Director, for this distinguished Award. Both have demonstrated sustained, positive and visionary leadership, improving our SCCA for several years, benefitting the Greater Severna Park Community. He established and maintains the Community's first web site, saving many dollars. It contains useful information and links, and serves as a model for others, receiving many compliments from residents and from pro's. Both were awarded the rare SCCA Certificate of Appreciation.

They led the Covenants Renewal Program, using an innovative and successful approach with much effort, collecting enough approvals to extend the covenants from the original 20 years to 30 years, protecting our community and the wider area and also saving many dollars. He chairs and they process our Covenants Applications. Both led the Annual Election with an innovative approach, attracting many more interested candidates than in the past, increasing resident's interest in the Association and in the Severna Park area. They have a young son and daughter. He works for the U.S. Government in an important national defense position.

## **ASPIRE Heritage Awards – 2018**

The ASPIRE Heritage Awards recognize individuals and small groups of individuals for playing a significant role in contributing to the character of Severna Park. While the recipients of these awards often demonstrate leadership and a dedication to community service, what sets these awards apart is that their efforts have noticeably improved the quality of life in Severna Park. The awards may be awarded to living residents (or former residents who have moved away) as well as posthumously. The selection of awardees is made by the ASPIRE Board of Trustees.