

# **ASPIRE Community Leadership Awards**

## **2012**

### **Nick Codd - Severna Park Community Center**

We are proud to nominate Nick Codd for the ASPIRE Leadership Award. Nick is the inspiration behind the Severna Park Community Center special events including the Gala and the Haunted Holy Grounds. He has been active at the Center in many ways, serving on the Board of Directors for 6 years, the past 3 as the Chairman. Truly Nick Codd has made a significant contribution through his commitment and dedication to the mission of the Center: to provide programs and activities that enhance and enrich family life, community life, and individual development in a Christian environment open to all. We all thank Nick for his time, enthusiasm and steadfast support to this organization and the greater Severna Park Community.

### **John Dawson - Greater Severna Park Watershed Action Group**

John Dawson is the epitome of a tireless activist and educator for a great cause! He is not only a very active member of our organization, but he is also a member of the Watershed Stewards Academy through Arlington Echo. Last Fall, John led a local soil test campaign and spoke to the Fair Oaks community about the results. Now he has been asked to lead more of these workshops. If your community is interested in this, please let John know! You can also talk with John at this year's Earth Day event, held once again at Severna Park Middle School on April 21<sup>st</sup>. For all his work improving our local environment, we truly applaud John!

### **Tom Hampton - Magothy River Association**

A long time member of the Magothy River Association, Tom Hampton is the secretary of the MRA and a member of the Board. He serves as chairman of the Friends of Dobbins Island and has been instrumental in planning our annual Magothy River Day. He also heads up the Stormwater Committee and has organized and led several stream cleanups, is a key member of the Friends of Beachwood Park, and finds time to maintain the web page. Tom is able to quickly identify the key elements of issues and present them in a clear, concise manner. He brings extraordinary energy to everything he does, and the MRA and the community are lucky to have him!

### **Marjorie S. Holt - Linstead Community Association**

Marjorie Holt, a resident of Linstead since 1952, became an attorney in Florida and then in Maryland. She was appointed to the AA County Board of Election Supervisors, then was elected Clerk of the Court of AA County. In 1972 she ran for Congress, won, and was re-elected 6 more times, serving 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives where she served on the House Armed Services Committee and on the Budget Committee. Over the years she volunteered at SP Elementary School, chaired some events for the YWCA, helped Woods Church with their project to start Sunrise, helped to start the Community Center and worked as a Hospice volunteer at Chesapeake Treasures. Linstead is very proud to claim Marjorie Holt as a part of their community.

### **Marty Horich - Severna Park Elks Lodge**

Marty Horich has been active in various organizations in Severna Park for the last 35 years. He served as President of the Hollywood on the Severn Improvement Assoc. and represented his community on the Greater Severna Park Council and the Severn River Association. He has also served as President of the Friends of Kinder Park, and received the Ron Blake Award for Outstanding Volunteer from AA County Rec. and Parks. He was also on the AA County Citizens Advisory Board for Solid Waste Planning. He has been an active member of the Severna Park Elks Lodge and was elected Exalted Ruler of the lodge. Marty is always ready to “step up” and help whenever necessary!

### **Al Johnston - Greater Severna Park Council**

Al Johnston has given many years to working on Planning & Zoning issues, including as a past president and Board member of the Greater Severna Park Council. He also served on the Board of Directors of Woodwise, a corporation which provided us with the Sunrise facility in Severna Park. He has been on the Board of ASPIRE, the Severna Park Small Area Plan, and the AA County General Development Plan. In 2009 he received an award from AARP for his many years of community service. GSPC honors Al tonight for the many hours and miles he has logged over a 50 year period representing the 60 communities in the Council, and especially for his most recent efforts on the Comprehensive Zoning Bill.

### **Margaret Kaylor - Partners in Care**

Partners in Care is proud to nominate Margaret Kaylor as an extraordinary community leader. After a career at Waverly Press in Baltimore, Margaret managed the Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Severna Park. When the Cancer Society moved, Margaret helped transform the store into the Upscale, Resale Boutique, which now generates 25% of Partners in Care's budget. She has a practical, hands-on leadership style, a wry sense of humor and endless energy! She has also spent years helping the Salvation Army, driving for Meals on Wheels and actively working in her church. She is in the AA County Volunteer Center Hall of Fame and was our Premier Partner in 2011. She is our hero!

### **Chris Mowry - Greater Severna Park Rotary Club**

The Greater Severna Park Rotary Club nominates Christopher Mowry (Chris) for the ASPIRE Leadership Award. A Rotary member for many years, Chris arranged and coordinated two recent fundraisers on cruises out of Baltimore Harbor. Funds were raised for the burned down Cicso Center in 2010. Then in 2011 funds were raised for Cora Dalik, a baby girl living in Glen Burnie who had a rare bone marrow disease. Through ticket sales and matching funds from our club, we were able to help Cora's family offset a very expensive surgical procedure. Chris's energy and dedication has helped to keep our club together. He is an asset to Severna Park. We thank ASPIRE for honoring Chris Mowry.

### **Mike Whittles - Greater Severna Park Chamber of Commerce**

Mike Whittles is no newcomer to volunteerism and leadership. He started coaching youth football in Wheaton, MD in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and has not stopped since. He is famous as an award-winning Green Hornets Football Coach as well as Head Coach at Archbishop Spalding High School, but he also coached Green Hornets boys and girls lacrosse, girls' softball and boys' basketball. His business, Servpro of Severna Park, has sponsored the Moonbounce at our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade for many years, which he also chaired and judged. He has been a popular announcer for the annual St. John's School Student/Faculty Basketball Game for 20 years. Mike has enriched the lives of Severna Park youth, always with a sense of humor and unending energy.