



The Association of Retired Howard County Public School Personnel

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Heart of the Matter



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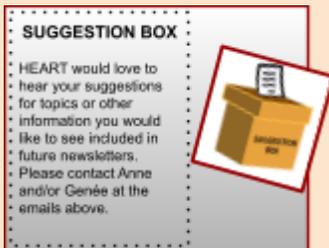
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From The Co-Presidents' Desks: Sue Mascaro & Addie Kaufman

Dear HEART Members, From the Presidents' Desk

Normally you would receive a welcome back to school letter in August; this year, you did not! Instead, you are receiving a newsletter from the Howard County Retiree Association otherwise known as HEART. It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to fall with all the beauty, nice weather, and celebrations over the next few months. Summer is often a slow time for HEART, and this summer was no exception. Most of us spent quality time with family and friends, post pandemic, and enjoyed both the summer heat and periodic cool mornings.

With additional cool mornings ahead, we are looking forward to spending more time outside and keeping ourselves actively involved in the organization. Our Executive Team met a couple of weeks ago to prepare for the fall luncheon and charity drive. We hope to see many of you at our first in-person luncheon/business meeting since the pandemic began; it is on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at noon. Ed Salazar, who runs the luncheonette in the HCPSS Board of Education building will cater the luncheon. Please see additional articles in this newsletter for more information. For those of you who attended the luncheon a few years ago with Estate Attorney, Susan Beasley, you probably remember her outstanding and witty presentation. We are happy to report that she is returning to share more information and to guide us through post-pandemic times.

Not only will we meet in person for the October luncheon, but we will also meet in-person at Turf Valley again in December. Thank you to JoAnne Horan for working with the venues on each lunch and thank you to Elise Jordan, Debra Dear and Gisela Cooke for spearheading the Holiday Luncheon Silent Auction. The money from this auction will go to the Scholarship Fund.

In addition to supporting the scholarship fund, HEART members are asked to continue supporting the Howard County Food Bank and Comfort Cases. We hope you will bring your items to the luncheons! Some of you may be wondering when and how to register for the luncheons. While we are continuing to accept checks mailed to JoAnne, we are also going to allow for online registration and accept checks and/or cash at the door. During this transition period, we are looking into the best way to accept credit cards, and we will keep you posted on this venture.

From The Co-Presidents' Desks continued:

Method of payment is not the only change for HEART. As you know, since the pandemic, costs are increasing in almost every sector of business. As a result, the cost of our lunches must rise. The price for the October meeting is \$23.00. This covers the building rental, as well as the food; however, it does not cover the cost of everything associated with the luncheon. This is an important piece of information of which you should all be aware. Thus, at the October luncheon, we are going to ask the attendees to engage in discussion about the future and finances of HEART. We hope you do not mind this change from our typical agendas; however, we believe that all our members should have input about the future.

With that in mind, please put on your thinking caps and begin formulating ideas for future marketing, membership, luncheons, meetings, etc. We are a strong organization, and we want to remain that way. We cannot do it without your help; therefore, we also need people to begin thinking about stepping up to volunteer. We have exceeded the term for the presidency, and we must begin to train new people and do some succession planning. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and engaging in conversation while socializing and catching up on the past few years!

Enjoy the remaining part of summer and stay healthy.

Addie & Sue

**HEART VACANCIES****Have a H~E~A~R~T.... HEART NEEDS YOU!**

By Corita Oduyoye

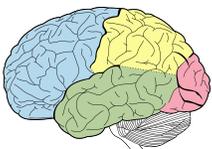
HEART is in need of candidates for **VICE PRESIDENT** and **BUDGET CHAIRPERSON** position. Please consider sharing your talents & expertise with our organization. Should you wish to tag a friend and serve in this role together... We welcome you both! The responsibilities are listed below. Contact any of us with your interest: Corita Odeyoye: saintjude8@icloud.com; Sue Mascaro: scmascaro@gmail.com; Addie Kaufman: addiekaufman@gmail.com

The Vice President:

- A. Shall act as assistant to the President (or Co-Presidents) and be involved in all activities of the Association.
- B. Shall perform the duties of the President (or Co-Presidents) in the absence of that officer.
- C. Shall be responsible for planning the programs for each of our general meetings.
- D. Shall assume the office of President (or Co-President) at the end of the President's (or Co-Presidents') 2 year- term

**The Budget Committee:**

- A. Shall request all Standing Committees' Chairpersons to submit a budget of anticipated needs.
- B. Shall prepare a budget for the coming year to be presented at the Executive Committee meeting at the beginning of the New Year.

**BRAIN STRETCH- Remember Order of Operations? Solve this! (Answers on page 6)**

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General Meeting Minutes 05/17/22

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Zimmerman, Secretary

The meeting was held in person at The Meeting House in Oakland Mills. The Jazz group from Mt. Hebron High School performed before the meeting. Joe Fischer is the Musical Director at Mt. Hebron.

Sue Mascaro, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm. **Ronnie Bohn**, Vice President and today's Meeting Coordinator, delivered the blessing of the meal. Ronnie provided several activities including an activity to connect with our colleagues. Eighty (80) members attended.

Health Care Benefits and Legislation: Gene Streagle: It was a slow year for legislation. The legislative good news: attempts to reduce election rights and attempts to modify curriculum all failed. An Alzheimer's/Dementia Council was established. A \$1,000 tax break for individuals over 65 or older with income of \$100,000 or less and a \$1,750 reduction for couples 65 or older with an income of \$150,000 or less also passed. The "new" \$1,000 is in addition to the current tax offset for people 65 and older or disabled. The current offset is \$34,300. Gene discussed the pension COLA to begin July 2022. The MRSPA website includes detailed information on the COLA. The Social Security (SSA) COLA for 2022 is 5.9%; it is predicted that 2023 SSA COLA may be as high as 7.6%.



Benefits: HCPSS is still working on the dental benefit. It did not transition as smoothly as anticipated. A Medicare Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP) for pharmacy benefits is being reviewed by HCPSS for 2024. Under EGWPs, Medicare pays the insurance company that manages a company's retiree Medicare benefits a fixed amount to provide benefits. A EGWP is less expensive for the school system to provide for us and the premium for us is reduced. Express Scripts is the best at this program. EGWPs must provide benefits that are the same or better than those offered by other Medicare plans. Gene told members not to panic, a EGWP is being reviewed. Gene clarified (1) we remain in the Medicare Program; (2) we have Medicare rights and protections; (3) we still have complete Part A and Part B coverage through the plan (plans may offer some extra benefits that Original Medicare does not cover (i.e. vision, hearing, and dental services)); and (4) out-of-pocket costs may be lower in a Medicare Advantage Plan. If so, this option may be more cost effective for members. Note: You may be charged copayments during the first 20 days. Nothing goes to the Board for approval unless it goes through our retiree benefits committee. **Gene** and **Jim Evans** are HEART's representatives on the committee. Gene will continue to keep HEART members posted.

General Business and Committee Updates:



Treasurer's Report: Ellen Hill, Treasurer, reported the following balances: Checking: \$22,000.91; Scholarship: \$2,011.22; Other interest-bearing checking: \$14,402.83.

Necrology: Kim Sullivan reported there are no HEART names to share at this point. **Please make sure you have a personal data form on file with HEART.** A blank copy is available on our website on the home page. If, at any time, you hear of the passing of one of our colleagues, contact **Kim** with the information. **Patti Neidig** sends cards to the family of our members who pass. The tradition of honoring the passing of our retirees will resume at this year's holiday luncheon meeting.

Membership Update: HEART protects our benefits; current benefits will continue. A congratulations letter was sent out in February to about 90 retirees. Last week another 200 letters were sent out to additional new retirees. On June 7 there will be a retiree celebration. **Sue** and **Genée Varlack** will attend to recruit new members. 64 people attended our last Happy Hour (*Spring Fling*). There will be another happy hour for new members at Turf Valley on June 23. Plans for a social event in fall have not yet been finalized.

Serving the Community: A Donation Drive By was held before the March meeting. Donations were given to **Comfort Cases** and the **Howard County Food Bank**. The Salvation Army has outdoor Food Drops and they are in need of individuals to help with the distribution. Please let Sue know if you are interested.

Socializing with HEART: Members attended *Spam A Lot* at Toby's. Tickets are available for *Rocky* on May 31. The September show is *Ghost*. Contact Sue for tickets.

George Denny, President and Wanda Twigg, Executive Director from MRSPA:

Wanda: We are lucky that **Gene** and **Jim** are members of the health insurance committee. Not all county school systems participate on the committee. On the COLA, many retirees in many states do not receive a COLA annually. All of this depends on the legislators we elect. This is an election year and it is important to find out if the candidate will look out for us as a retiree.

Wanda discussed MRSPA-approved trips for 2023. Wanda distributed *Legislative Priorities* and *Member Benefits* brochures. This information is also on the MRSPA website. The web address is also on our new membership card. Last week was the annual business meeting.

George: Howard County has five consecutive years of membership growth. All of the committees have been held via Zoom for the last two years and **Wanda** attended each one. Gene and Jim's legislative committee met twice per week during the legislative session. George thanked **Addie** and **Sue** for their leadership partnership with HEART. Addie chaired the Diversity Committee and the group developed a diversity statement for MRSPA. George distributed Leadership awards to **Sue, Addie, Ellen, and Janet** for serving.

JoAnne Horan, Luncheon Coordinator: Joanne spearheaded organizing the luncheon, assisted with set up, and purchased today's door prizes. JoAnne distributed today's door prizes. Payments by check will be deposited after the luncheon.

The next general meeting will be held in person on October 11, 2022 at The Meeting Place in Columbia.

IMPORTANT

Looking for the most up-to-date information from your organization?

Visit our website at <https://howardrspa.org>.Like us on Facebook: Search for HEART, *The Association of Retired Howard County Personnel*.**Upcoming General Meeting Date:** October 11, 2022 in person at The Meeting Place in Columbia**HEART's General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, October 11th- [REGISTER HERE](#)**

HEART is excited to kick off the new year with our fall General Membership Meeting/Luncheon on Tuesday, October 11th, beginning at 12:00 noon. This will be our 2nd, in-person meeting since the pandemic, hosted at The Meeting House in the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center (see address below). Members continue to give rave reviews to our new venue that features plenty of seating, ample parking, and an improved audio/visual set-up.

There is always important news to share at our membership meetings, and this meeting is no exception. As referenced in the Presidents' letter, we want our members to be involved as we address some critical issues for HEART, including succession planning and the organization's financial future. We are also excited to share our guest speaker for the meeting, Ms. Susan Beasley. Susan is a Catonsville attorney with over 40 years of experience in estate planning, estate and trust administration, and business and tax law. Many of you may remember Susan's presentation from several years ago; it was rated as one of our best! Be ready with questions and a pen to take notes; we are confident you'll learn quite a bit.

Finally, is your pantry and/or closet in need of a fall cleaning? Or perhaps you still need to spend an Amazon gift card awarded at one of our virtual meetings? Well, here's your chance... we will be collecting items for both Comfort Cases and the Food Bank. Please consider donating; items can be placed in one of the baskets located at the entrance to the meeting room.

Of course, the most important part of the program is always your participation. [Members can register online](#) (yes, you read that correctly) or by mail; reservation information is included elsewhere in this newsletter. We hope to see you in-person on October 11th!

Luncheon Location: The Meeting House | 5885 Robert Oliver Place | Columbia, MD 21045

In Memoriam

By Kim Sullivan



Michael E. Hickey

Michael E. Hickey of Columbia, Maryland, died on August 28, 2022, at age 84. Born 1938 in Iron Mountain, Michigan, his family moved to Walla Walla, Washington, in 1942 where he grew up. He was an Eagle Scout who joined the Marines following high school graduation. Following his honorable discharge from the Corps he completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Washington, taught high school English for two years and then returned to the U of W, completing his master's and then Ph.D. with highest honors in 1969. He was then recruited to work as the Special Assistant to the Superintendent of Seattle Public Schools where he led the team that

successfully desegregated the schools voluntarily and, at the age of 34, he was named the system's Deputy Superintendent. He served as Superintendent of St. Louis Park Schools in Minnesota from 1976 to 1984, leaving that position to become Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System in Maryland where he served for 16 years until June 30, 2000. His

career in education took a new course when he retired from the county position and joined the faculty of Towson University the very next day as a Professor and Director of the Center for Leadership in Education until his retirement in 2018. He was considered one of the foremost national authorities in public education leadership, and he devoted many years to helping to improve underserved populations and inner-city school systems.

Michael was an avid bicyclist, who enjoyed traveling with his beloved wife of 38 years, Nichole Hickey. For many years he volunteered at the Columbia Festival of the Arts, where Nichole was the Executive Director. He also loved Washington Husky football, Walla Walla wines, spending time with his grandsons, and outdoor grilling on the weekends with Nichole on their deck overlooking the pond in their backyard. He is survived by Nichole, his three children Michael E. Hickey Jr. (Denney), Kevin P. Hickey (Jodi), and Sean T. Hickey, and three grandsons, Kellen R. Hickey (Lindsay), Jack P. Hickey and Luke J. Hickey. He is also survived by his brother Patrick Hickey (Francis) and sister Mary Hunt. Predeceased in death by his son, Timothy F. Hickey and sister, Kathleen Hickey.

Celebration of Life to be held at the Harry H. Witzke's Family Funeral Home, 4112 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City on Thursday, September 15, 2022 beginning at 4pm.

GET SOCIAL with HEART



TOBY'S Dinner Theatre: Join us for Exciting New Shows!

Over the last several years we've enjoyed many wonderful performances at Toby's, including Grease, Kinky Boots, and A Christmas Story. Are you ready to sing, dance and laugh with your HEART colleagues? Well, you're in luck! We've secured tickets for three upcoming shows . . .

A limited number of tickets are still available for Ghost the Musical on Thursday, September 15th. Adapted from the hit film starring Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg, Ghost follows Sam and Molly, a young couple whose connection takes a shocking turn with Sam's untimely death. Desperate to communicate, Sam turns to storefront psychic Oda Mae Brown, who helps him protect Molly and avenge his death. Ghost the Musical is a poignant romance that builds comedy, suspense, and deeply felt emotion to an end that audiences will never forget.

And in keeping with the holiday theme, we've secured tickets for a second show, It's A Wonderful Life, on Thursday, December 8th. Based on the beloved 1946 film, this musical faithfully follows George Bailey's life from his childhood dreams to his midlife disappointments and beyond, as we all take a journey to discover whether his life has mattered at all. Toby's original adaptation breathes musical life into a familiar story, while retaining the warmth and humor of the original. A new holiday classic for subscribers and newcomers alike, tickets are going fast for Toby's It's A Wonderful Life.

The third show on HEART's schedule is sure to be hilarious. Join us at the theatre on Thursday, March 16th for Something Rotten the Musical. Set in the 1590's, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of a "Renaissance Rockstar." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, they set out to write the world's first MUSICAL! Critics and audiences alike went wild for Something Rotten, an outrageous, crowd-pleasing musical farce that received several Best Musical nominations and was hailed by Time Out New York as, "the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years."

Be sure to contact Sue via email (scmascaro@gmail.com) or cell (443-878-6883) to reserve seats today. Tickets for HEART members and their families are \$52 for Ghost and \$58 for It's Wonderful Life and Something Rotten. Please note that a \$10 gratuity for the wonderful waiters/performers is included in our cost. Both amounts represent a considerable discount over the new box office price. We hope to see you at the theatre!

Happy Retirement!!

It has been another year of record retirements. The very lengthy **List of Retirees** may be seen by following this link:

[Additional Retirees During FY 21-22](#)

RETIREE NEWS

HCPSS Retiree Information: Keeping you in-the-Know

The following links connect you with the Howard County Public School System. From time to time we will publish such links to keep you in the know.

- [HCPSS Retiree Benefits](#)
- [Workday Access for Retired and Former HCPSS Staff](#)
- [HCPSS News](#)
- [HCPSS Employment opportunities](#)



BRAIN STRETCH- $7 - 24 \div 8 \times 4 + 6 = 1$
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HEART's Team

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Secretary: Janet Zimmerman
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Committee Chairs

- AARP Liaison: Anne Ridgeway
- Archives: Jane Schuchardt
- Auditing: Gail Zitnay
- Budget & Finance: **Vacant**
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- Constitution: Gail Phillips
- Consumer Educ: Fran Donaldson
- Coordinator: Ronnie Bohn
- Facebook: Ellen Hill
- Health Benefits: James Evans;
Eugene Streagle
- Legislation: Eugene Streagle
- Luncheons: JoAnne Horan
- Membership: Donna Brackins
- Necrology: Kim Sullivan
- Nominating: Corita Oduyoye
- Newsletter: Anne Swartz;
Genée Varlack
- Pre-Retirement: James Evans
- Remembrance: Patti Neidig

SCHOLARSHIP

By: Fran Razmus and Donna Streagle

Every year, HEART sponsors at least two (2) scholarships for Howard County Public School graduates who are planning a career in education.

Funding for the scholarships comes from our silent auction each spring, individual donations from members, and donations in memory of a deceased member.

Please consider sending in a donation in honor or in memory of your loved one to sponsor a scholarship for a Howard County Public School graduate.

Last year's scholarship winners were:

- Jessica Hinkle -University of MD, College Park
- Karley Wines - University of Delaware
- Jack Rimmel - St. Mary's College of Maryland



[Scholarship Form](#)

Membership News

By: Donna Brackins



If you have not sent your renewal of membership form in.... it is NOT too late!

Our membership dues run from July 1 to June 30. HEART only membership is \$10.00 per year and the benefits are many.

HEART works to protect your biggest retirement assets - your pension and health benefits. HEART sends representatives to Annapolis to protect your rights. HEART sends newsletters to you to keep you informed. HEART offers quarterly luncheons that allow you to socialize with fellow retirees and keep you informed of the current issues. HEART has professional representatives who negotiate with the Board of Education for better retirement benefits. HEART also gives scholarships to worthy high school seniors pursuing a career in education.

If you wish to renew your HEART membership for the 2022-2023, please return your dues and the membership form attached to newsletter to:

Donna Brackins
 904 Roller Coaster Court
 Mount Airy, MD. 21771
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 301-703-5095

[HEART Membership Form](#)

SERVING with HEART



One of HEART's three goals is to provide service to those in our community who are in need. As we all know, the pandemic intensified the support needed by many individuals and families across the county and the state. To meet this need, HEART will continue its commitment to service through the collection of donations at our Luncheon/General Membership Meeting in October.

For several years, HEART members have supported The Marketplace, Howard County's community food bank, with their generous donations. For members who are interested, suggested items include dry cereal, breakfast bars, canned stew or chili, peanut butter, baby food, and juice and milk boxes. The Marketplace also accepts non-food items, including infant supplies and personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.). These items are in high demand and thus not always available to the store's clients.

The second charity supported by HEART is Comfort Cases, a state-based organization that supports foster children. This assistance is provided in two ways; first, by equipping police and social workers with new duffle bags so foster children can transport their belongings; and second, by including in those bags special "cases" filled with comfort and essential items to ease their transition into the foster home. New and gently used books, stuffed animals, PJs, journals, and personal care items are much appreciated by the organization.

HEART's ability to provide donations on a regular basis to both organizations is truly appreciated by those who benefit from their services, and we thank you in advance for your contributions at each HEART meeting. Members can drop their donations in the baskets located at the meeting Welcome Desk.

Consumer Connection (July/August 2022)

A Publication of the MRSPA Consumer Education Committee
Consumer Education: Fran Donaldson

Are You Traveling This Summer? Gas prices are high! Use these tips to save on gas....

Join a gas station rewards program • Get a warehouse club membership • Use GasBuddy.com or other gas price comparison tools • Carpool whenever it's convenient • Maximize your regular routes • Drive with fuel efficiency in mind • Buy a more



fuel-efficient car on your next car replacement cycle. • Keep your car tires properly inflated—making sure your tires are properly inflated can boost gas mileage by 3% according to the US Department of Energy. At current prices that could save you about 15 cents per gallon. • Drive the speed limit—especially on the freeway. Fuel economy drops sharply once you start driving faster than 50 mph. • Ease up on acceleration—"Jackrabbit starts" - when a car lurches forward very quickly are a major gas waster. • Consider bicycles, public transit and electric vehicles. Flying??? TSA recommends 2 hours in advance of domestic flights and 3 hours in advance of international flights. Pack your patience!

Happy and safe travels !!



On the Lighter Side



My five-year-old, Matt, worked with a speech therapist on the ch sound, which came out k. The therapist asked him to say chicken. He responded with kitchen. They tried again and again, but it always came out kitchen. Undeterred, she pushed him for one more try. Matt sighed and said, "Why don't we just call it a duck?" Pamela Spinney, Enosburg Falls, Vermont

This farmer's wife prayed to the Lord and asked him, "How old will I be when I die?" His reply was 96 years old. She said, "Hot diggity dog, I will have myself fixed up." She had everything lifted and tucked and was in the doctor's office, making the last payment on her reconstruction. She walked out of the doctor's office, started across the street, and was hit and killed. She gets to heaven and asks the Lord, "What happened? You told me that I would live to be 96." His reply: "Well, I just didn't recognize you!"

Hanging up with my 90-year-old mother, I sighed, then said to my 96-year-old uncle, "She's so stubborn." He shook his head sympathetically and warned, "You're going to have trouble with her when she gets old." Angie Kiem, Irwin, Iowa

Articles of Interest...

- [Who Should Get a Monkeypox Vaccine?](#)
- [Social Security Survivor Benefits: 10 Things Spouses Need to Know](#)
- [Travelers to Europe Will Soon Face a New Fee](#)

Interesting Facts that make you say Hhmmnnnn...

Fact: There are parts of Africa in all four hemispheres

Africa spans all four hemispheres and covers nearly 12 million square miles.

Fact: Kleenex tissues were originally intended for gas masks

When there was a cotton shortage during World War I, Kimberly-Clark developed a thin, flat cotton substitute that the army tried to use as a filter in gas masks. The war ended before scientists perfected the material, so the company redeveloped it to be smoother and softer, then marketed Kleenex as facial tissue instead.

Fact: Japan has one vending machine for every 40 people

Japan is thought to have one of the highest densities of vending machines in the world, with one for every 40 people in the country. While most sell various types of beverages, others feature ice cream, noodles, and disposable cameras.

Short and Small Tongue Twisters



1. Sally is a sheet slitter, she slits sheets.
2. Sally sells sea shells by the sea shore. But if Sally sells sea shells by the sea shore then where are the sea shells Sally sells?
3. Sam's shop stocks short spotted socks.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthdays should **NOT** be a bother. So why are so many names missing from the list? Bear with us as we try to align and update the birthday list. During the pandemic, HEART simply embraced all interested parties, included all on the birthday list, and sent the newsletter to everyone. The list this month reflects HEART members whose birthday we can verify. Please be sure to send in your updated membership forms so that we can celebrate together. If you have submitted your membership form and your birthday is incorrectly listed or not listed at all for these three months, please [CLICK THIS LINK](#) and let us know your birthday.

<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>
<i>Abernathy, Jere Allnutt, Dale Berwanger, Jay Brown-1, Sue Cooke, Gisela Croteau, Leigh Curtin, Nancy Ferretti-Shochet, Jodi Giordano Mitchell, Donna Goggin, Joanne Hale, Mignon Holmwood, Nancy Horan, JoAnne Janson, Nancy Komsa, Patricia Miller, Marti Sowders, William Stevens, David</i>	<i>Adelman, David Adkins, Sandra Bleiler, Barbara Cates, Andree Cornelius, Nancy Dear, Margaret Derreth, Laura Harris, Charlotte Klein, Deborah Leasure, Joyce Leslie, Kathleen Lohr, Mary Mayer, Theda Papathakis, Cathy Pfeiffer, Marianne Pratt, Marilyn Singleton, Jill Brown, Sue</i>	<i>Calvert, Barbara Conroy, Beverly DeJordy, Colleen Dougherty, Joyce Higdon, Sharon Lashinsky, Jacqueline Nowacek, Rhonda Orlando, Katherine Petrovich, Janice Shelton, Rebecca Thomas, Betty Von Paris, Linda Zurad, Michele</i> 

There are two great days in a person's life—the day we are born and the day we discover why.

William Barclay

A REQUEST...

Necrology Chairperson: Kim Sullivan
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It's important to keep up-to-date on changes in our membership. When you become aware of the passing of a HEART member, please get in touch with Kim Sullivan. Any information you're able to provide can be very helpful with the preparation of the written bios that are included in our newsletters.

Also, our **"Personal Data Forms"** are tremendous resources for the bios. Please make sure you have a completed "Personal Data Form" in our HEART files. If you've already done so, perhaps it's time to update your form. For your convenience, the "Personal Data Form" is linked [HERE](#) and also attached to the e-mail message that contains this issue of our newsletter. It can also be found on our website ... <https://www.howardrspa.org>. Completed forms should be mailed or scanned and e-mailed to Kim. Many thanks!

HEART PIECES - Our Demographics

What did HEART Members want to be when they grew up?

Actor/ Actress	Doctor	Scientist
Actuary	Fashion designer	Secretary
Airline stewardess	florist	Singer
Archeologists	Forest ranger	Speech Pathologist
Artist and Ballerina	Hair stylist	teacher
Athlete	Librarian	Veterinarian
Author	model	waitress
Baseball player	mommy	weather girl
Business owner	musician	White collar worker
cancer researcher	Nurse	wise, dependable, healthy person
Dentist	Oceanographer	Work for the railroad
Doctor	Pilot	

Volunteer Opportunity

A-OK Mentoring & Tutoring is looking for volunteer mentor-tutors this Fall to help Howard County Public School System elementary and middle school students succeed.



History: A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc. began in 2002 on a grassroots level and was entirely volunteer driven. After many years, in 2009, the program was incorporated and only recently has supported a small, part-time staff to administer the program. Volunteerism is the foundation on which the organization is built, and it is the consistency of an adult relationship that the volunteers bring that is the crucial ingredient to helping the students succeed in school. We are an official partner of the Howard County Public School System.

Our students:

- Can make good use of additional, dependable adult attention
- May need improvement in academics, behaviors, social development and/or self-esteem.
- May be dealing with a stressful life situation (e.g. a seriously ill family member.)

Our volunteers:

- Genuinely enjoy children and are interested in the success of all students.
- Are flexible, friendly and trustworthy adults (over age 21).
- Give 100% of their attention to the students when they are together.

Interested? Email aokmentor@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/aokmentors/posts/pfbid05WkuF68Lgv715fFXTw7BPexQykk8QXNT5KBAqJ5DifuiX567y3r98ektYTVu2vKml>

See flyer for additional information: [Mentoring Gives Volunteers a Sense of Connection](#)