



Gary Ditto's Newsletter

Spring 2009

Jubilee Association of Maryland at Home in Old Town

By Antoinette Kranenburg

Right in the heart of Old Town Kensington, across from the train station, is the home of Jubilee Association of Maryland. Based on a belief in the value of all people, Jubilee offers community residential and support services to adults who have developmental disabilities, so they can live in and enrich their community while fulfilling their personal, family, and spiritual needs.

Jubilee was started by the Hyattsville Mennonite Church in 1977 as an alternative to the life-long institutionalization that was then still common practice. Jubilee offers group homes with live-in counselors and community living assistants. It also provides training and support for clients not living in group homes, teaches skills that enable them to make their own choices and assists them to become more independent.

Jubilee opened its first group home in 1978 and celebrated its thirtieth birthday in 2008. It now owns 15 residences and its 125 employees provide services to 105 adults who live in group homes, apartments or homes they rent in Montgomery County.

Most of us are aware of children with disabilities, but not much is known about them once they leave school. Adults with developmental disabilities are an aging population. Many live with elderly parents, who at an advanced age may be caring for their sixty year old son or daughter.

"I chose Jubilee because it has been an advocate for many years in local state and national task forces and advisory committees," said Chair of the Board Joyce Lipman. She explained that Executive Director Tim Wiens is up to date in best practices.

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Jubilee Association — continued

She is thrilled with three new initiatives: the Retiring at Home Program for senior clients; a program that teaches social skills and offers other services to young adult Individuals with High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders; and the Model Housing Project which is renovating a home in Silver Spring for three people with physical disabilities and equipping it with the latest Universal Design technology.

Our Kensington community can get involved in meaningful ways. Jubilee pairs volunteers with clients so that they can have friends and participate in community activities. Volunteer labor is welcomed to help with quarterly mailings, spring cleaning group homes, and the fall carnival.



State Senator Richard Madaleno and Tim Wiens discuss current renovations at a Jubilee Reception

Once a year, Jubilee honors an outstanding leader in Montgomery County. Kensington businesses are showing their support by buying program ads.

This year, Jubilee will be toasting Sid Kramer, a former Montgomery County Executive, Maryland State Senator, and President of Kramer Enterprises in Silver Spring. The Toast will be on Tuesday, April 28, at the Marriott Washingtonian in Gaithersburg.

Blair Lee will be Master of Ceremonies. Toasters include the Hon. Isiah Leggett, Lanny Davis, Hon. Sheila Hixson, the Hon. Ben Kramer, and Stewart Bainum.

Visit www.JubileeMD.org for more on Jubilee Association of Maryland Inc.

10408 Montgomery Avenue, Kensington, Maryland 20895. 301-949-8628

For information on volunteers – call Sharon Freedman – Ext 115

For information on the Toast – call Steve Allen – Ext 117

MOMS Club Meetings in March and April



Kensington Park MOMS Club (a national support group for mothers who primarily stay at home with their children) invites moms to attend the monthly meeting Wednesday, March 25th at 10:15 a.m. at the Kensington Park Library, 2401 Knowles Ave, Kensington, MD 20895. The March meeting will include a presentation and demonstration by Stroller Strides.

The April meeting will take place Wednesday, April 29 at 4 p.m. at the Old Town Kensington Firehouse, located at Connecticut Ave. and Plyers Mill Rd., Kensington. The meeting includes a tour of the firehouse.

This Club is open to moms whose children are zoned to attend Garrett Park ES and Kensington Parkwood ES. The group's activities include trips to parks, lunch and coffee get-togethers, playgroups and more. More information is available at www.kensingtonparkmoms.com or you may e-mail to kpmoms@yahoo.com.

Book Talk



FATAL LIGHT, Richard Currey's classic novel of Vietnam and its aftermath is being released in a 20th Anniversary Edition, with an introduction by the author. The author will be at The Writers Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda on Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m. to read from, discuss, and sign copies of the new edition, as well as answer questions. Currey will be introduced by Robert Aubry Davis of Sirius/XM Radio and WETA's "Around Town" arts program.

There will be a post-reading reception at Gaffney's Restaurant, in walking distance of The Writers Center at 7141 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda (next to the Montgomery Farm Women's Co-Op). Event parking across the street from The Writers Center or in the Co-Op parking lot on Wisconsin Ave. Further information: The Writers Center, 301-654-8664, www.writer.org or at the author's website www.richardcurrey.com/fatallight.htm.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School All Sports Boosters* Annual Mulch Sale—April 2009

High Quality Shredded Hardwood 3 Cubic Feet Bags, \$5.25 per bag includes FREE CURB SIDE DELIVERY \$6.25 per bag for delivery orders less than 10 bags. Delivery Dates: Saturday, April 11 after 9 a.m. Saturday, April 18 after 9 a.m. Walk-Up Sales: Saturday, April 25 during the Sports Booster Plant Sale. Come out and buy some beautiful plants and pick up your mulch. We will also have Montgomery County Master Gardeners on hand to answer any questions on your planting and mulching needs. Mulching is one of the most important ways to maintain a healthy landscape.

Pre-Order Your Pick Up or Delivery Order NOW!! Please send your order with a check, payable to B-CC All Sports Boosters to: Michelle Brown - PO Box 30205 - Bethesda, MD 20824 For more information or to place your order via e-mail, contact Michelle: Mishfromdc@gmail.com



THE UMM SPRING YARD SALE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The spring indoor/outdoor yard sale sponsored by the United Methodist Men (UMM), will be held on Friday, March 27th (8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Saturday, March 28th (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 10401 Armory Avenue, Heavener Hall and on the outside lawn at the corner of Fawcett and Mitchell Streets in Old Town Kensington. The boutique in the Dorothy Kirkley parlor will have the nicer fine and costume jewelry, china, silver, glass, art, antiques, and other collectibles.

Donations of sellable items (no computer equipment, exercise equipment or heavy upholstered furniture please) are welcome. They should be brought to the church on Thursday, March 26th, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Particularly welcome are costume jewelry, china, silver, antiques and collectibles for the boutique. Use entrance at corner of Mitchell and Fawcett Streets. For info: 301-933-7933

Gary Ditto's Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. The writers and editors are from Kensington Communications. Barbara Gressman and Antoinette Kranenburg helped with this issue.

Community Spring Fling and Flea Market

Saturday, April 25, 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The Kensington Baptist Church invites the community to a Spring Fling and Flea Market. Activities include: bake sale & refreshments, moon-bounce, face painting, fire dept K-9 unit, police and fire dept displays, ESL info, pet adoptions, Parent Encouragement Program info, and live entertainment throughout the day. Free. Flea market rain date: May 2. Location: 10100 Connecticut Ave. Information: Di George, 301-942-4400 or 301-984-8332.

Crib Crisis for Local Low-income Moms and Babies

A Wider Circle is receiving calls from agencies that can no longer provide essential items for young mothers and their babies. One local agency advises moms to put their baby to sleep in laundry baskets. Fortunately, A Wider Circle has been able to respond with cribs, changing tables, strollers, etc. We know there are enough gently used cribs in good condition in our homes.

Cribs and all baby items can be dropped off at our Center for Community Service, 9159-C Brookeville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or call 301-608-3504 to schedule a pick up of items that can't be dropped off.



13th Annual Caregivers Conference

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 — 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Countywide Educational Conference Sponsored by Interfaith Works (formerly named Community Ministry of Montgomery County), an interfaith charity that leads and engages Montgomery County's faith communities in serving the poor. Interfaith Works sponsors the Interfaith Clothing Centers and many other services.

www.iworksmc.org

Conference Theme: *We are our Strength ... Working Together To Meet the Need*

Conference Location: B'nai Israel Congregation, 6301 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland

Need a reference for an electrician, plumber, yard person, or any home maintenance job?

If so, please call me. I have a list of contractors that I have worked with over the years and I also have access to a vendor group established by Long & Foster Realtors.

— Gary H. Ditto

New E-Mail Updates from Gary Ditto—

Sign up for either or both of these updates:

- Our Monthly Sold Reports for 20895, sent via e-mail
- Our weekly "Open House" e-mail

You choose what to sign up for and you can always unsubscribe. Sign up on our home page **www.garyditto.com**.

For dates and news of more events, be sure to visit the *Community Activities Calendar* on the web site:

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9705 E. Bexhill Drive
 Kensington/Rock Creek Hills
 \$1,185,000



3947 Baltimore Street
 Kensington/Kensington
 \$1,150,000



9707 Old Spring Road
 Kensington/Rock Creek Hills
 \$959,000



9702 Hillridge Drive
 Kensington/Rock Creek Hills
 \$849,000



10304 Parkwood Drive
 Kensington/Kensington Estates
 \$839,000



4407 Woodfield Road
 Kensington/Parkwood
 \$825,000



9704 Hillridge Drive
 Kensington/Rock Creek Hills
 \$795,000



9833 La Duke Drive
 Kensington/Rock Creek Hills
 \$795,000



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 Bethesda/Parkwood
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3018 Greencastle Road
 Burtonsville/Fairland
 \$739,000



9707 Cedar Lane
 Bethesda/Rock Creek Highlands
 \$749,000



8912 Spring Valley Road
 Chevy Chase
 \$699,000



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 Silver Spring/Brook Grove
 \$699,000



3601 East-West Highway
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 \$685,000



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3414 Wake Drive
 Kensington/Kensington
 \$579,000



4304 Ambler Drive
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 \$559,000



2135 Clark Place
 Silver Spring/Belvedere Glen
 \$495,000



10918 Drumm Avenue
 Kensington/Kensington Heights
 \$459,000



4115 Warner Street
 Kensington/Kensington
 \$450,000