



The Claiborne Clarion

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President's Message

Mary Gregorio

Hello friends and neighbors,

Our next general meeting for the Claiborne Village Association will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. We'll gather for a brief meeting and a potluck supper starting at 6:00pm. We will send a full agenda prior to the meeting.

During that meeting we will review a plan for use of funds generously donated by **Patti Cruickshank-Schott**. A vote to approve the plan will be taken at the general meeting. According to the by-laws, paid members may vote.

Thanks! and Happy Spring!!

Mary Gregorio

How Did We Get Here?

*(Several years ago the Claiborne Clarion introduced an occasional column that encourages community residents to tell their stories about how they discovered Claiborne. This month's column is written by **Alan Wright**)*

The Eastern Shore was not a place I really thought about growing up even though I loved the water. I had waited until I was 26 to cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to visit Salisbury State College to finish college. On the drive to Salisbury I saw nothing but beauty and the water I love. I was thinking on that long drive I could live here. Years later when my wife, Karen, and I were working on the celebration of our first wedding anniversary the first place that came to mind for me was the Eastern shore. I don't think Karen was excited about it but she went along with it. We stayed at the Inn at Perry Cabin and we both fell in love with the area. Several years later that I wanted to celebrate my birthday at Inn at Perry Cabin. The day before we left for our trip we talk to a couple at dinner that had just visited St. Michael's and they suggested 201 Talbot for dinner. The next night we ate burgers and drink milkshakes at 201 Talbot. While waiting for the van and take us back to the hotel I walked across the street I looked at the ads for home sales at one of the realtors. When the van came I told Karen I thought it be fun just to go out and look at homes the next day. The next morning bright and early Karen and I were in the realtor's office with no intentions of buying anything we were there just to have fun. The

Claiborne Association Spring General Meeting and Potluck

Saturday, April 23 – 6 pm
Bring your best dish and
beverage choice

Village Hall Work Day

Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 AM.
Contact **Jake Flory** for
information

April Birthdays

Martha Hamlyn - 4/10
Linda Harper 4/23
Terry Babb 4/30

CLAIBORNE CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, April 17 at 5 PM.
Performance by Laura Baron and Pat Quinn followed by a wine and cheese reception (or your beverage and snack of choice). As always a \$10 - \$15 per adult contribution is appreciated. See more at: www.LauraBaronMusic.com



Movie Nights

Every Wednesday 7 PM.
Cartoons at 6:30, through most or all of April,

day was beautiful and looking at the homes was just what I thought something fun to do. We looked at six homes several too large, a couple too small, but most too expensive. The realtor stated she had one more for us to look at before we left for the day. When we were following the realtor to the house Karen and I were asking ourselves where in the world is she taking us. I was thinking this is a waste of time. I want get back to the hotel maybe I can get another cheeseburger tonight. Then we drove to the house my wife was instantly in love. When we walked into the house the first thing Karen said is, "This is our house". I tried hard not to pay her any attention about that house for the rest of the day but it was hopeless when every conversation was about that house in Claiborne. She talked about even selling her house in Washington DC to buy this office. I said let me have a week to think about this because this house is a big expense. She said I won't be happy if someone buys this house from under us. Karen said, "I don't ask for much". That night after a lengthy conversation I caved in and the rest is history. We both love the neighborhood, unending beauty and most of all our neighbors.

A Caring Place

*(Another occasional column in the Clarion has focused attention on how we volunteer our time. In past issues we've heard about **Jack Harold's** work with the Talbot Interfaith Shelter and **Libby Moose's** work with the Miles River Yacht Club's Jr. Sail Program and the Marlins Swim Team. This month we hear from **Edward Schaefer and Pat Flory**)*

Edward Schaefer

I have been involved in scouting for six years with this being my first full year as a Boy Scout. We have done multiple volunteer activities including food drives and road clean ups. I find the food drives rewarding because people that have been hungry can have the food they need to help them survive. It makes feel like I am important to society when I can help these people. I find the road clean ups rewarding because I can help keep the wildlife from eating the garbage. It also makes our community a beautiful place. Through volunteering at school, I helped the Kindergarten learn about bullying. I hope I was able to teach them how not to be a bully and how to stop bullies. I like volunteering in my community because it makes me feel happy that I can help.

Pat Flory

Over the past 15 months I have been involved in two volunteer programs in Talbot County – The Shared Table and Talbot Village Connections, Inc. As I was thinking about what to compose for the Clarion, I Goggled the question - Why do people volunteer? According to one article I read there are three levels of motivation to volunteer. The basic level meets the volunteer's needs such as business, friendship, or a sense of belonging. The second level is relational drive – you may be recruited by a friend. The third level is the strongest level and is a commitment to the cause. Friends introduced me to both projects. Patti Cruickshank-Scott asked me join her in attending a countywide presentation about Aging in Place in November 2014. This was part of our Claiborne Aging in Place discussions.

The Shared Table is a program based out of St. Michael's with the mission to "Break Bread, Build Community" by sharing meals on a regular basis. Our goal is to build relationships between various communities and create the sense of belonging to the larger community in the Bay Hundred Area. We organized six dinners and served over 400 meals during October – December.

Get Ready -- May Birthdays

5/2 - Abby West Cureton
5/5 - Tom Beaver
5/7 - Lynn Marr
5/11 - Alice Sewell
5/13 - Beth Ellen Dawson
5/14 - Barbara Reisert
5/16 - Melissa Connelly
5/17 - John Fellingner
5/20 - Owen Connelly
5/26 - Carrie Gould Kabler

Meals were prepared by local chefs. Claiborne Village was very well represented at the dinners and in the discussions.

One of the recommendations from the dinners and conversations is to build community bulletin boards in St. Michaels as a way to inform people of meetings, events, and community news. We are in the process of planning our next steps which we hope will include: community bulletin boards, summer dinners, and partnering with the St. Michaels's Community Center and the Farmers Market to promote healthy eating.

The Talbot Village Connections (TVC) is the outcome of the Aging in Place discussions throughout Talbot County. I am on the Board of Directors and currently serving as secretary for the board. Our mission is to assist members of the TVC to live independently in an age friendly environment. More to come about this later this summer.

Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of either of these projects. I will enjoy recruiting my friends to join me!

Get Out The Vote

Maryland Primary Election

When: April 26, 2016, 7 am until 8 pm

Where: At the Easton Fire Station – Creamery Lane

Early Voting for the Primary Election

When: Thursday, April 14, 2016 through Thursday, April 21, 2016

From 10 am until 8 pm.

Where: Easton Fire Hall 315 Aurora Park Drive Easton MD 21601

To view a sample ballot:

http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2016/primary_ballots/Talbot.pdf

Maryland State Board of Elections

<http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2016/index.html>

Almost...

This editor begrudgingly acknowledges that there are readers of the *Claiborne Clarion* who occasionally augment their news by reading other publications (*Talbot Spy*, the *Star Democrat* and the *Washington Post*, *mon dieux!*). Those readers may have seen that Hollywood has discovered, once again, the charms of the Eastern Shore. The cast and crew of the upcoming motion picture, "Jackie," starring **Natalie Portman** as **Jackie Kennedy Onassis**, filmed several scenes for the movie last week at two locations in Talbot County, one of which was the Easton Airport, standing in for the *Dallas Love Field* (*that's really cool, but this editor is most interested in knowing whether the stardom will result in raising the price of the lunch menu at Easton Airport's Sugar Buns Airport Café*).

The Almost...? *Washington Post's* **Emily Heil** in her March 4 *Reliable Source* Column, reported that, "According to the tipster, the nearby Claiborne Landing boat ramp is also serving as a backdrop for the onscreen Kennedy clan." Oh well...

What the.....?

(Another occasional column of the Claiborne Clarion)



Second row from the top: Claiborne Ambassadors Mike Kuperberg and John Scott participating in the National Library of Medicine's Environmental Health Information Partnership meeting hosted by Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas.