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# Brookeville Times



Christmas is forever, not for just one day,  
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away  
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.  
The good you do for others is good you do yourself...

*Norman Wesley Brooks*

## Mark Your Calendars

### **Planning Commission Meeting**

January 6, 7:30 pm

### **Commissioners Meeting**

January 12, 7:30 pm

## **Announcements**

- ✚ **The Longest Night:** Sunday, December 21  
5:00 pm in the SUMC Sanctuary. A service for  
those experiencing grief, loss and sadness  
during the holiday season.
- ✚ **Christmas Eve Services:** "Receiving the Gift"  
Family Service 5:00 pm, Traditional  
Candlelight Service 7:30 pm
- ✚ **Epiphany Auction and Chili Cook-Off:**  
Saturday, Jan. 3 - Community Hall 6:00 pm
- ✚ **Bypass Update:** SHA OHD has worked out an  
adjusted alignment to minimize the  
environmental impacts. The adjusted  
alignment will be shared with the  
environmental agencies to seek the feedback.  
We hope to get the positive feedback and  
then start to work on the SWM concept based  
on the adjusted alignment.
- ✚ **Light Hauling:** Debbie Wagner can do light  
hauling to transfer station. She will take metal  
items for no charge. [dwagner0602@gmail.com](mailto:dwagner0602@gmail.com)

## Jingle the Bypass! - Walk and Update

Katherine Farquhar

The walk led by Commissioner Buck Bartley had 16 hikers on Sunday Dec. 14th. Buck began at his pickup truck, reviewing the preliminary map of the route for the Residents. Then we walked over to where the traffic circle will be constructed at the South end of the By-Pass. From there the warmly dressed Residents of all ages hiked through the woods and over the stream to the hilly north end of the By-Pass (which will cut through the hillside). From that hill, there are *lovely* views of Town that most of have never seen before. Take a look from that hill across Valley House up Market Street. We ended our walk on Brookeville Road, where we discussed the location of the traffic circle and likely flow of traffic at the North end of the By-Pass. We jingled the bells from time to time, and no deer attacked us during this walk.

Some key details are still in planning & discussion by the SHA and the other By-Pass partners. These include: what will be done about the drainage stream that is partially within the By-Pass route at the south end of town? Will there be noise abatement for the Syskis and others closest to the route? Where & how will the ByPass cross the stream behind Valley House? What will happen to the stretch of Georgia Avenue north of Dave Yinger's place, once the By-Pass opens? Will the "old" Rt. 97 that goes through town belong to the Town or the State?

The Commissioners plan to invite a speaker from the SHA planning group to come to a special Town Meeting or to a regular Commissioner meeting this January or February to brief everyone from Town and give Residents a chance to ask questions. We'll notify you as soon as that is scheduled. In the meantime, the Commissioners and the Brookeville Planning Commission are both sending a representative to each monthly SHA By-Pass Partners meeting in Baltimore. While this is a working session of state and county employees and we do not participate, we have been welcomed as observers and we do learn a lot.

For more information about the By-Pass, please have a look at the Town's Website, where the preliminary map is posted at:

<http://townofbrookevillemd.org/about/brookeville-bypass/>

## Pearl Harbor Remembrances

by Carmen Harding, 26 High Street

Carmen and Wayne Harding were in attendance at the SDPHS (Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Inc.) convention in Charleston, South Carolina. The convention coincided with the 73rd Anniversary of the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, which brought America into WW2. The Memorial Service was held aboard the carrier USS Yorktown where Major General James E. Livingston was the guest speaker, along with Louella M. Large, National President of the SDPHS. There was a Wreath Laying ceremony where memorial wreaths were cast into the water, the first being cast by the SDPHS and followed by approximately 80 other Veterans organizations. On the evening of the 7th, a banquet was held where the keynote speaker was Thomas Kimmel, a noted Pearl Harbor scholar and former FBI agent and eldest grandson of Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Commander of the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor during the attack on December 7, 1941. His grandfather had been accused of failing to prevent the Pearl Harbor attack and research has proved otherwise. To understand this more fully he has recommended the book, [PEARL HARBOR BETRAYED The True Story of a Man and a Nation Under Attack](#), by Michael Gannon. Also speaking at the banquet was Pearl Harbor Survivor, Jay Carraway (92), father of SDPHS National President, Rick Carraway. Jay was stationed on the USS Hulbert and gave a first hand account of what he, as a survivor had witnessed. Very interesting!

Carmen is active in the organization as the Editor of the SDPHS National Newsletter, *The Offspring*. Her father, Robert Van Druff was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack and witnessed it first hand aboard the destroyer, USS Aylwin, DD355. Mr. Van Druff and his wife Helen, both 95, still reside in Brookeville. It is quite an honor to be in the presence of these men (and women) who were present at this tragic yet amazing time of our history. Dad has always said, "We lost that one, but if it hadn't happened, and America hadn't been drawn into the war, we would probably not be free.... and we all might be speaking German now". Think about it.



### Flo Johnston

by Reverend Sue Shorb

Florence M. Johnston, 92, of Brookeville, MD passed away on November 23, 2014. She was the daughter of the late Harry and Marie Panuska Linton. Flo was predeceased by a son, Harold B. "Ben" Johnston and survived by a daughter-in-law, Jackie Johnston, as well as a granddaughter, Kerry Preston, a great-grandson, Ryan Preston. her sister, Anna Unglesbee also of Brookeville, MD.

Flo was born here in Brookeville to Harry and Marie Panuska Linton. Flo with her two brothers, Sumner and Frances who are now deceased, and her one sister, Anna, grew up in this quiet historic town. She went to school in the building next store which the church now owns. Now called Orndorff Hall. In fact, Flo lived most of her life here except for a short while when she lived in Olney over Clyde and Anna's store. Flo was married for a short while to Harold Johnston. Together they had a son, Harold, known as Ben. With the help of family, Flo raised Ben as a single mother. He predeceased his mother this past February. Flo is survived by her daughter-in-law, Jackie, one granddaughter, Kerry Preston and one great-grandson, Ryan. Along with Ben, Kerry and Ryan were the joy of her life. Over her lifetime, Flo worked for the American Red Cross and as a secretary for North Bethesda United Methodist Church. It was in front of this altar rail that Flo's parents brought her for baptism. As a child of an age of accountability, Flo promised to serve Christ her whole life as she confirmed the vows her parents took for her. And she did. Salem was her church home. She served her faithfully in so many

of our ministries. She sang in the choir, served in the kitchen, participated in spiritual formation classes such as Disciple Bible Study, Adult Bible Study, and Upper Room as well as others. After her retirement from North Bethesda, Flo volunteered to help produce our weekly worship bulletin. She also did other volunteer work in our community such as volunteering in the Hospital's Gift Shop. Flo loved music whether it was singing it, listening, or dancing to it. Her non-judgmental manner, her smile, and her wit have been missed for the past three years.

### Annual Holiday Party

The annual Holiday Party was held at the Academy on Dec. 6. The event was well attended but many were missed. Katherine Farquhar and Buck Bartley presented gifts to Sandy and Duane Heiler and the Brookeville staff for their hard work on the bicentennial. Karen Montgomery was honored for her service as Maryland State Senator.

We also took time out to remember friends and neighbors who passed away this year. Flo Johnston passed away in December and Margaret VanGelder last January.

### Resident Services



Tune-n-Forks

Great Cuisine and a Singer on the Scene!

Let us host your next dinner party!

Enjoy a catered, customized meal

&

Entertainment by a

singer-meet-ukulele player duo

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## *Salem UMC Community Events*

*Free and Open to All*

### **The Longest Night**

Sunday, December 21

5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

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experiencing grief, loss and sadness  
during the holiday season.

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Traditional Candlelight Service 7:30 pm

### **Epiphany Auction and Chili Cook-Off**

Saturday, Jan. 3

Community Hall 6:00 pm

Donate your "pass-along" gifts for  
an auction like you have never seen!

Enter the chili competition

~or~

Just come for the fun!

Proceeds support the

Appalachian Service Project Crews  
during their July work week in Kentucky.



### **Six Tips for Year-End Gifts to Charity**

If you're thinking about making a charitable donation during the holiday season this year and want to claim a tax deduction for your gifts, you must itemize your deductions. This is just one of several tax rules that you should know about

before you give. Here's what else you need to know:

1. Qualified charities. You can only deduct gifts you give to qualified charities. Give us a call if you're not sure if the group you give to is a qualified organization. Remember that you can deduct donations you give to churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and government agencies.

2. Monetary donations. Gifts of money include those made in cash or by check, electronic funds transfer, credit card and payroll deduction. You must have a bank record or a written statement from the charity to deduct any gift of money on your tax return. This is

true regardless of the amount of the gift. The statement must show the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. Bank records include canceled checks, or bank, credit union and credit card statements. If you give by payroll deductions, you should retain a pay stub, a Form W-2 wage statement or other document from your employer. It must show the total amount withheld for charity, along with the pledge card showing the name of the charity.

3. Household goods. Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances and linens. If you donate clothing and household items to charity they generally must be in at least good used condition to claim a tax deduction. If you claim a deduction of over \$500 for an item it doesn't have to meet this standard if you include a qualified appraisal of the item with your tax return.

4. Records required. You must get an acknowledgment from a charity for each deductible donation (either money or property) of \$250 or more. Additional rules apply to the statement for gifts of that amount. This statement is in addition to the records required for deducting cash gifts. However, one statement with all of the required information may meet both requirements.

5. Year-end gifts. You can deduct contributions in the year you make them. If you charge your gift to a credit card before the end of the year it will count for 2014. This is true even if you don't pay the credit card bill until 2015. Also, a check will count for 2014 as long as you mail it in 2014.

6. Special rules. Special rules apply if you give a car, boat or airplane to charity. For more information about this and other questions about charitable giving, please contact our office.

**Bell & Frech**  
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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Olney Farmers and Artists Market**

At the

Sandy Spring Museum

Winter Market Begins Jan. 11

More than 25 vendors!

<http://www.olneyfarmersmarket.org/>  
MedStar Montgomery Medical Center Thrift Shop  
at the corner of Prince Phillip and Rt. 108.

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