

**LMB Annual Nightly Meeting 2011  
Award Winner Narratives  
April 20, 2011**

**Introduction:**

The Board and Staff of the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board have a great privilege. We get to meet many people in our community who work extraordinarily hard for the advancement of children and families in Queen Anne's County. 2011 is the sixth year that the Local Management Board gets to recognize some of those who we believe are working to improve the system.

The awards fall into three categories: Service Superstar Award, Extraordinary Service Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. There are many more who deserve recognition and we are sorry we can not recognize them all.

Board members were asked to nominate people who have done extra for children and families in Queen Anne's County.

[ASK ELECTED OFFICIALS TO HELP HAND OUT AWARDS]

When we call you up please stay for a photograph.

**Service Superstars**

***Kent Island Storm 2010 U-13 Lacrosse Team (Don't read this part – build suspense)***

This group of young men not only plays together on the Lacrosse field, they also recognize the importance of giving back to the community. Some of the programs they have been involved in are Homes for Our Troops, MD Special Olympics, Polar Bear Plunge, Ferry Point Park Cleanup, Living Water Food Band, gathering supplies for Our Haven Homeless shelter and delivering holiday turkey dinners to our local families in need. For those reasons and more we would like to recognize the Kent Island Storm 2010 U-13 Lacrosse Team.

They are:

Contact: Susan Sweitzer

Dylan Abplanalp

J.D. Beck

Stone Boone

Will Carlson

Nathan Dulaney

Conner Ellis

Luke Fromert

Tyler Gabarra

Canaan Gebele

Zachary Goodrich

Bobby Guiffreda

Cameron Harrell

Justin Kane

Mark McCaslin

Michael McCaslin

Justin Messersmith

Evan Phoenix

Zachary Poe

Michael Quinn

Casey Schneck

Zachary Smith

Matthew Sovero

Alex Sweitzer

Zachary Thomas

Kennard Advanced Ecology Students

“These are remarkable young people.” is a direct quote from the nomination form for the fourth and fifth grade advanced ecology students of Mrs. Lee Franklin .

This group stays after school one, and sometimes two days a week, to work on projects that they know will affect their school community and the community at large. Through a rigorous planning process the members of this group set goals, ask questions, create a list of jobs and responsibilities, implement their plans and evaluate their accomplishments. Each student has complete ownership of their own project.

This year's advanced ecology students' projects include:

- Building a native habitat garden
- Building a rain garden
- Stenciling storm drains
- Raising oysters
- Headstarting diamondback terrapins
- Painting rain barrels
- Promoting waste -free lunches
- Recycling
- Building and putting up bird feeders
- Testing water quality
- Convincing the town to "marry" recycling receptacles and trash cans
- Collecting data on resident amphibians and reptiles at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center for the Department of Natural Resources

It is clear that the commitment of these you people is to make the world a nicer place to live. They've set out to make a difference and they have.

The members of this group are:

Leader: Mrs. Lee Franklin	Kevin Schmidt
Breanna Funk	Eli Ensor
Emma Ziegler	Henry Schnaekel rhymes with nikel
Matthew Medina	Jason Thomas
Ian McGrory	Leah Hellwege
Caroline Draper	Bailey Riggs
Jesse Goodman	Aryelle Miles
Caitlin Sell	Michael Hendrix
Tanner Ways	Cameron Chase
Daejour Phillips	Megan Deitterick
Quale Sarracco	Maisie Meehan
Callie Crawford (Callie's mom won an ward from us last year)	Kylee Mills-Cradlin
	Aaron Rovenolt

The Symphony Sneakers

Susan Davis, from Kennard Elementary School reports that this Service Superstar Award winner supports the school in tremendous ways. They provide financial support and volunteer numerous hours. They are the backbone of the Pastries for Parents Program which provides a book and a quick breakfast for parents and their child. Because of their work parents and students get the opportunity to sit and read their child's new book together before the school day begins. During the holiday season members from this group volunteer for the school's canned food drive. Each year, they adopt several families providing them a better Holiday season. We would like to thank all the members of the Symphony Sneakers for caring about our children. Your time, hard work and generosity will have an impact for many years.

Accepting the award on behalf of the group is Karen King and a guest

Kent Island and Queen Anne's High School Hockey Team

Adopt-A-Bear is a previous award winner and a program that provides wrapped gifts to children from our local communities during the Christmas holidays. The program was designed to be an "invisible pipeline" for individuals, groups and businesses to reach out to these children and their families during the holiday season. The program has grown to serve over 2,000 area children each season. The work is very important and requires a lot of support from many volunteers. The person who submitted this nomination believes one group really stands out. They are affectionately known as "Fred Christie's Hockey Team." They actually represent two teams from Kent Island and Queen Anne's High Schools. They go every year, and work the inventory site. They stay until late at night for the 2 weeks leading up to the delivery of gifts making sure that every child in the program has received a suitable bundle of gifts. They do this with diligence, direction respect and caring. The Hockey Team Members are:

## Kent Island HS

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Coach: Fred Christie  
 Asst. Coach Amanda Houck  
 Jeff Christie  
 Christian Blake  
 Steven Helgesen  
 Chris Conlon  
 Cameron Sewell  
 Konnor DePol  
 Lee Balduzzi  
 David Sheilds  
 Jarrod Nagy  
 Aaron Murray  
 Chase Kelm  
 Mikey Arntz  
 Dalton Brown

## Queen Anne's HS

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Coach: Matt Biehl  
 Evan Toth  
 Tyler Knapp  
 Levi Porter  
 Max Milutinovich  
 Nick Panor  
 Kade MacGregor  
 Payne Yoder  
 Colton Biscoe  
 Sam Jenkins  
 Adam Rovenolt  
 Nick Willis  
 Collin Marshall  
 Lawrence Benfield

## **Extraordinary Service Awards**

### **Beverly Churchill**

The Local Management Board is charged with developing a comprehensive system of care for Queen Anne's County. An important part of any system of care is to ensure that it is culturally competent. To that end the LMB cultural competence committee developed a training to be attended by workers who provide services to families in this County. The goal was to help people who interact with others in the community learn how they can be more responsive to participants from all cultures. Ultimately a "Train the Trainers" style class was set up in which participants were asked to attend our training and then go back and implement it in their organization. Beverly Churchill took this request and ran with it establishing an active committee and a plan to implement the training through out Queen Anne's County Government. Beverly thank you for your commitment to such an undertaking.

### **Cheryl & Rodger Vorhauer**

Hunger is increasing in Queen Anne's County while resources are declining. Many feel overwhelmed and not sure of next steps. The next two candidates have made a huge impact despite these problems. Working through the Centreville United Methodist Church, Cheryl and Rodger Vorhauer have created the "Backpacks for Kids Program." They serve 50 children between Centreville and Kennard Elementary Schools by giving them backpacks full of food every week. Additionally, they oversee the Mobile Food Pantry which most recently helped 101 families. Through their organizational skills, ingenuity and desire to help others they have developed a turn-key operation in which the "Backpacks" program can be implemented with the help of other religious organizations at all of the elementary schools throughout Queen Anne's County.

### **Karen Talbott from BB&T Bank**

BB&T Bank and branch manager Karen Talbott did an extraordinary thing for children this year. Ms. Talbot learned that some parents at Kennard elementary school were struggling to pay for the school supplies from the required list. Bank members collected school supplies for these students and provided them with a new book bag to begin the year. They packed the bags making sure that each bag had the correct supplies for their age group. Due to confidentiality the bank members did not have the opportunity to see the students' faces light up when they realized they would have the same supplies as their classmates.

### **Lois Hoffman**

The nominator of the next award winner wrote a 2 page single spaced 931 word passionate essay jam packed with evidence as to why Ms. Lois Hoffman should receive an extraordinary service award. In the essay she stated "I am sure that by the time you read this, the list below will double." Mrs. Hoffman is a generous, kind, and giving volunteer who always puts the children first. She truly loves volunteering at Churchill elementary school to help and be with the children! Her face lights up when she sees them growing, learning, and loving school. No task is too small or large for her. She often spends the entire day at the school making copies for the Kindergarten teachers, filling Monday folders and working with the students one -on -one, in small groups, and with the class as a whole. It was only by doctor's orders that she now limits her time in school to a half day. Even while at home Ms. Hoffman has refurbished a doll house for the class and built toys for the children. Stated succinctly in her recommendation, Kindergarten Teacher Tamara Forte says: "Mrs. Hoffman is a jewel to our school as her heart is always giving!"

Monica Kaye

The next award winner was nominated twice. Ms. Monica Kaye is a mentor, coach and volunteer for children at Churchill Elementary School. She volunteers weekly to lead the before school jump rope club. The students respect not only her knowledge but the time she has dedicated to the jump rope team. She also established a Step Club which she continues to oversee, though her own children have moved on to middle school. Her goals through these programs are to encourage the students to develop personal fitness, build character and work on becoming good citizens. She performs these duties with a smile and a great sense of balance. Her commitment is helping to develop great children and that is why she is an extraordinary service award winner.

Roe Squire & Michelle Johnson

I have mixed feelings about the last two Extraordinary Service Award winners. In the 3 years I have been on the LMB these two people have devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort to ensure that the LMB was successful. They have served willingly on numerous committees and constantly made intelligent, worthwhile suggestions on how to improve our programs while managing their own families and professional careers. They are also the reason I'm standing here as the LMB President. Unfortunately, both Roe Squire and Michelle Johnson's terms of duty are up on July 1. I've campaigned to amend our bylaws to let them serve longer but I don't think they agreed. They will be missed greatly and represent the very nature of why the Extraordinary Service Award was established.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Dorothy Carpenter*

I've been told that many chefs' have a recipe that they think is the perfect one. This year's award winner has all the ingredients for the perfect lifetime achievement award winner. Those ingredients are: lifetime dedication to children, personal commitment to help others succeed in spite of anything, ability to see the big picture and how it all fits together, collaboration, common sense, creativity, advocacy, respect for other professionals, caring, kindness and a hunger for results.

Dorothy Carpenter was instrumental in developing the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board 15 years ago. While some feared the concept of Local Management Boards as an organization that was going to come in and take over all family services and leave no resources for others, Dorothy saw another side and embraced the concept. She fostered a culture in which the LMB was a place to come together, develop strategies considering the entire community and achieve results for children. Ultimately many more people in the County benefited and our children have better and more comprehensive services.

Before the LMB was started, Dorothy helped oversee and develop the LMB's first needs assessment and strategic plan entitled "Fabric". She was the LMB's first president and one of the founders of the after school program. She has been a tremendous supporter of early childhood programs through her work with infants and toddlers, the Children's Council, the Early Intervention Committee, Early Childhood Legislative Breakfast, the Judy Center Partnership and most recently as the Director of Family Support in Queen Anne's County (A Judy Center Partner). Give her half a chance and she will brag endlessly about her Grandson tucker.

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Those who know Dorothy know that she treats her birthday not as a day but as a season. The festivities can last for a couple of weeks. I'm sure she doesn't think she has had enough birthdays to qualify as a "lifetime" award winner. I would also imagine that she doesn't look at herself as someone whose time it is to sit back and reflect. That is because there is no doubt that she plans to accomplish so much more. And she will.