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Club Meetings: 1ST. Monday, 6:30 pm, Radisson Hotel, 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, MD. * Board Meetings 2ND. Monday, 7:30 p.m., N. H. Yates & Co. Bulletin news due Friday after Board Meeting to Sue Cavanaugh (suecavanaugh@hotmail.com) 410 561 3048



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**To think of only the best, to work only for the best
and to expect only the best.**

February 6th Dinner Meeting

Joanne P. gave the invocation and our SOTM led the Pledge. Mark H. said 1052 people attended the Bull Roast. Missy Yates won the 50/50 for the 2nd year! There are still coupon books available @ \$25. Hereford Club is having a Bingo fundraiser March 18th. Call Ken Bollinger for details 410 357 5718. The Young Artist Showcase will be held March 1- 10 at the Towson Art Collectives on Chesapeake Ave. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the reception will be held on the last day while art works are being picked up. Please offer 1 -2 hrs. of your time to make goodies, assist hanging, covering the gallery and taking down art. Call Joanne P. 410 252 0694 or joanne@jpaul.com. The Frederick Club is having their annual Talent Show April 9th at Frederick Community College. Call Marcia Gamber for details 301 662 8760.

Faith Dore is a 5th grade student at Warren Elementary. She is a member of the Chess Club and is a member of the Black-eyed Susan Club - an after school reading group. In addition, Faith participates in the 100 mile Club of runners and walkers. She plays the cello in the school orchestra. Faith plays soccer and basketball and is a member of Springlake swim team. She is a volunteer at Nativity Church and volunteers in community activities. Faith is a straight "A" student and has been involved with pizza Bingo at school. Mr. Barnett, Principal, talked about how she is always looking after others. Her parents, brother and sister and grandparent attended the dinner. A plaque with her name, MD Assembly Citation and gift card were given, as well as a copy of the Optimist Creed to her parents. The school Optimist plaque, with her name included, was given to Mr. Barnett.

Our speakers were Jeff & Shirley Stupik. They are the current owners of the Emmart Pierpont Safe House in Randallstown since 1980. The house was built in 1791 and was in the Emmart Pierpont possession until the Stupiks bought it. Fortunately, there was surviving family to help the Stupiks garner the long history of the building in ownership of direct descendents. The

house has been moved twice and is currently located at 3523 N. Rolling Rd. It is listed as a Baltimore County Landmark and is now a non-profit 501(c)(3).

It's distinction from other "safe" houses is that the Emmart family used a "brick" with a raise icon to identify it as a safe haven for runaways while most didn't. This brick was passed around to the attendees.

During the Civil War, Baltimore City had 25,000 free blacks. "Safe" houses also known as "Stations" were roughly 20 mi. apart – this house was 18 mi. from the city. "Stationmasters" provided food, rest, protection and directions. There were also "Conductors", that helped runaways move safely on to the next location. Both knew only the one before and the one after their site. Caleb Emmart worked with conductor, Nicholas Smith, brother-in-law, who made barrels to hide runaways while transporting them to the next station. They also raised money to buy slaves freedom since there were several large slave holding plantations in the area. It is believed only Harriet Tubman knew all of them.

In 2006, Shirley Stupik received the Martin Luther King "Content of Character Award" and celebrate a Harriet Tubman Day of Remembrance.

Visitors are welcome by appointment. <http://emmartpierpoint.wix.com/mysite>. 410 655 7821

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