

From The President



FROM THE PRESIDENT – Shobita DuBois

Did you know that Women's History Month started out as Women's History WEEK? It was a small movement in Santa Rosa, CA that started in 1978. In February of 1980, President Carter declared by Presidential Proclamation that the week of March 8th would be Women's History Week. As part of his message, President Carter said:

"From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

Since 1995, each President has signed a Proclamation designating March as Women's History Month. Each year, Women's History Month has a theme and this year, we celebrate women who advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion.



In an effort to highlight the diversity of our membership, I want to shine a light on another amazingly colorful Indian holiday – Holi. This year, Holi was celebrated on March 25th, the last full moon of the month according to the Hindu lunar calendar. Among other things, Holi is a celebration of the end of winter and the beginning of spring. People dress in all white, but not always, and then throw colorful powder on one another, all the while dancing to festive music, eating delicious food and rolling with laughter. I was thrilled to hear that Harford County's very own Harford Day School was having a Holi celebration for their children this week! May the colors of Holi bring you joy, love and happiness.

What You Missed

WHAT YOU MISSED – Shobita DuBois

Our March lunch meeting was at The Vandiver Inn located in the scenic Havre de Grace, Maryland. The setting was gorgeous and the food was so tasty! Alison Imhoff from SARC spoke to us on a topic that many of us have heard about but most likely didn't know existed in our backyards – human trafficking. Alison shared some startling facts and opened our eyes to thought-provoking scenarios that we didn't realize rose to the level of human trafficking. Thank you, Alison, for sharing your knowledge and experiences with us! Join us next month as we kick some axes! See below for more information.

Join Us for Next Month's Meeting!

Join Us For April's Networking Meeting!

Come out and join us for our annual self-defense refresher with Rick Harding from Caliber 7!

Tuesday, April 9, 2024
 5:30-7:30
 Crabby Axe Throwing
 331 Baltimore Pike Suite 6, Bel Air, MD 21014

Members - \$30 | Guests - \$40

Registration ends on **4/4/2024**

[Register For This Event](#)

**This Month's Sponsor: April Cheatham
 Director of Community and Business Relations for Extreme Family Outreach**



April Cheatham is the Director of Community and Business Relations for Extreme Family Outreach. After living in poverty herself, April has dedicated herself to providing tools to low-income families. April was given the opportunity to volunteer at Extreme Family Outreach and fervently accepted with the intent to give back to the organization that changed her life. She later stepped into the role as the One-by-One Child Partnership Specialist and eventually succeeded in her current role as the Director of Community and Business Relations. She chaired the "Rewrite a Child's Story" fundraising event in 2022 and 2023, and with the help of a dynamic team, record-breaking funds were raised for the organization. Additionally, April created a social media page to share resources to those in need. April works daily as an advocate for women and families in the community at large to bring public awareness to the needs of underserved communities. She currently serves on the Maryland Center for The Arts Event Committee, and volunteers with Welcome One Shelter and Anna's House. She graduated as the Class Speaker from the Harford Leadership Academy in 2022 and received an award for Outstanding Past Student in 2023. She received her ACES Certification of Completion as well as her Harford County Social Services Supporting Childhood Adversity certification. April is a student at Harford Community College, where she continues to pursue her passion for uplifting the community and helping others become self-sufficient and thrive.



Note: When we are able to take walk-ins, an additional \$10 fee will be added to your registration.

New Members!

CORRECTION: In the previous version, we incorrectly labeled this photo of Kristen Cavey as Sarah Fink. We apologize for the confusion!

Please Welcome our New Members!

Kristen Cavey of [Kristen's Kosmetics](#) (pictured)



& Sarah Fink of [All Day Chiropractic!](#)

2024 Sponsorship Opportunities Are Now Available!



Sponsoring an event is an excellent way to promote your business or organization. As an event sponsor, you are promoted in our newsletter and on our social media channels. You are also given five minutes to speak at the event, and the ability to place marketing materials at every place setting. Get everyone talking about your business! 2024 Event Sponsorships cost \$200, which includes registration for one person.

New! In 2024, we are also offering the opportunity to be a Newsletter Sponsor. Newsletter Sponsors may provide one short (700 words or fewer) educational/informative article to be published in the monthly newsletter and emailed to our membership. The article must provide useful, relevant information about a topic on which you're an expert, and we reserve the right to edit for length or clarity or to fix errors in grammar or spelling. Newsletter Sponsorships cost \$50 and include a brief bio and link to your business's website or social media channels.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Mary Ann Bogarty at mbogarty@jarrettsvillefederal.com.

Committee Members Wanted!

We need your talents! Please consider joining one of our committees. You can find out more by reaching out to the Chair or Co-Chair of the committee that interests you:

Membership, Jane Hardwick
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Marketing, Dinah Bertholdt (Committee full)
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Fashion Show, Wendy Miller
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Co-Chair, Erika Decocco
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Sponsorships, Mary Ann Bogarty
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Anniversaries



24 Years
 Deborah Williams - [APGFCU](#)

18 Years
 Wendy Lee - [Susquehanna Spine & Rehab](#)

11 Years
 Monica Worrell - [APGFCU](#)
 Tony Giangiordano - [AAG Insurance](#)

8 Years
 Tricia Miller - [Crabby Axe](#)
 Angela Rose - [Harford County Chamber of Commerce](#)

5 Years
 Lauren Moseley - [Salt Works Spa](#)
 Elizabeth MacLeod - [Four Green Fields](#)

4 Years
 Holly Erickson - [The Epicenter](#)

3 Years
 Kelley Pugh - [APGFCU](#)

2 Years
 Debra Hanley - [Brightview Senior Living](#)
 Angela Heydt - [Apple Insurance Services](#)

1 Year
 Ashley Schnitker - [B and M Cabinetry Plus](#)