NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, May 19, 2020
12 NOON
The Meeting House
Oakland Mills

FYI…
❖ No meeting in May, “thanks” to Covid 19!
❖ Social Event changes
❖ Proposed Budget
❖ “Help Wanted/Needed” for HEART
❖ Welcome 22 new members
Presidents’ Message

From the Co-Presidents’ Desks

We hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy. I imagine you feel like we do; fortunate that you retired before COVID-19 hit, but concerned for your family and friends. Aside from the ease with which retirees can isolate themselves, we are also released from the stress of handling virtual learning. However, as educators, we never stop caring for those with whom we worked, our friends and family who are current educators, and HCPSS students. Please join us in keeping everyone, and in particular, the educators and educational staff working diligently to complete the school year in new ways, in our thoughts.

Given the unending nature of this pandemic, the Co-Presidents, in consultation with Luncheon/Meeting Chair JoAnne Horan and the rest of the Executive Team, have decided that it is in everyone’s best interest to cancel the May luncheon. JoAnne has been in touch with the staff at The Meeting House, and they have been quite gracious in their willingness to cancel our event. It is prudent for HEART to minimize interactions and limit the chances of spreading infection. For that same reason, we are cancelling our upcoming visits to the Howard County Food Bank (April 8 & May 6th), Toby’s Dinner Theatre (April 23) and Longwood Gardens (May 22). Plans are already underway for new activities this fall; details are included in this issue.

We would like to share a special “thank you” to our Newsletter Chair, Gail Phillips, for her work to get this edition of the HEART newsletter out to members. Due in part to the difficulty in printing (closed) and assembling the paper version (group event), this is our first “electronic-only” newsletter. We’ve also posted the full newsletter on the HEART website and provided a link on our Facebook page. That being said, many of our members prefer to receive a print copy and may not have an accurate email address on file with HEART. If you know of someone who falls into this category, please share your copy via email or encourage them to visit our website.

Once the pandemic is over and it is safe to socialize again, HEART plans on contacting Union Jack’s in Columbia to reserve a date for our 2nd Annual Not-Back-To-School Social/Happy Hour for members. By then, we will most likely have a great desire to be out and about with friends and former colleagues. Rather than talking about our summer vacation plans, we can share stories of what we did during the Pandemic of 2020.

In closing, it is our sincere hope that you and your family members stay well, practice social distancing, and of course, keep washing your hands. Zoom and other platforms have become great tools for seeing the faces of our loved ones and engaging in conversations. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces - in person - hopefully later this summer. We will keep you posted!

Warmest regards,

Addie & Sue

HAVE A HEART FOR H.E.A.R.T
Corita Oduyoye

Per our Bylaws, at the Annual Meeting, in even numbered years, HEART members elect the new Vice-President(s) and Treasurer. The Vice-President(s) will become President(s) after serving for 2 years in this elected position. The Treasurer serves for 2 years. This election has been moved to the October, 13, 2020 meeting.

Genee Varlack and Anne Swartz have agreed to run as Co-Vice Presidents. Ellen Hill has agreed to run for Treasurer.

Our H.E.A.R.T. organization also has three critical upcoming vacancies: Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, & Budget Committee Chairperson.
We are fortunate to have a plethora of talent in our membership. Please consider volunteering for one of the vacancies.

Contact: Sue Mascaro – President (scmascaro@gmail.com)
Addie Kaufman – Co – President (ahkl206@aol.com)
Corita Oduyoye- Nominating Committee Chair (saintjude8@icloud.com)

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL
March 10, 2020 General Meeting Minutes

Today’s general meeting was the first one held at our new location, The Meeting House in Oakland Mills in Columbia, Maryland. Ed Salazar from the HCPSS Board of Education café, catered the luncheon.

Pat Gordon celebrated her 96th birthday. Congratulations, Pat!

Business Meeting
(1) Addie Kaufman, Co-President, called the business portion of the meeting to order at 12:50 pm. (2) Janet Zimmerman, Secretary, reported the minutes from the December 10, 2019 general meeting were published in the February 2020 newsletter. Emily Hurd made a motion to approve the minutes; Fran Donaldson seconded the motion. The members approved the minutes. (3) Ellen Hill, Treasurer, reported the following balances in our H.E.A.R.T accounts: Regular Checking = $13,632.38; Savings/Checking = $18, 995.40; and Scholarship = $3538.78. (4) Presidents’ Report: 4a) Supporting Heart: Sue Mascaro reported that 132 members signed up for today’s luncheon. If numbers should increase The Meeting House has the capacity to accommodate larger gatherings. H.E.A.R.T. needs members to fill the following positions with volunteers: Website manager (Mary Teague willing to help the new volunteer); Newsletter Editor (Gail Phillips is retiring from this responsibility. Sue noted that members provide the articles for the editor; the editor does not write the articles.); Budget (Woody Swinson will help transition the new volunteer). Please contact a board member if you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions. 4b) Service and Social Opportunities: Connecting with Members: 55 members and friends attended A Christmas Story at Toby’s Dinner Theater; 70 attended Kinky Boots at Toby’s. The next performance at Toby’s is Shrek the Musical on April 23. A trip to Longwood Gardens is scheduled for May 27. We need about eight (8) more attendees for this trip. Transportation will be a coach bus with stops at the Airbus terminal in Glenelg and Long Gate Shopping Center. Contact Sue to sign up for the trip. Another Endless Summer Happy Hour for new members will be held before the end of this school year (date TBD). The Not Back to School Happy Hour will be held near the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year (date TBD). 4c) Community Service: H.E.A.R.T. will continue to sponsor the Howard County Food Bank. Upcoming Food Bank dates include April 8 and May 6. A limited number of volunteers are needed to assist customers as they shop. Contact Sue Mascaro to sign up. We will also continue to sponsor Comfort Cases. Our donations accepted at the December luncheon at Turf Valley completely filled a car.

Committee Highlights:
Gene Streagle, Legislative Committee, reported the MD Legislature introduced 2,760 bills this session. Some were for “vulnerable adults” such as the phone calls that try to solicit money. The penalty has changed from misdemeanor to a felony. Cognitive Impairment is being lifted up to recognize and treat by health care agencies. The Office of Attorney General will have a Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit.

Other proposed bills include a deduction for long-term care insurance, hopefully each year. Death with Dignity legislation has a chance to pass this year. The Governor’s bill of why people move from Maryland did not pass. It had 39 sponsors, all Republicans. It was to span a 5 year period where a person had to make $100,000 or less and would take off $10,000 as taxable income every year over 5 years. It would result in over 3 billion in lost revenue in the era of Kirwin. Lower cost for drugs/prescriptions now requires pharmacist to tell you whether or not a generic drug is available and the cost.

Kim Sullivan, Necrology Committee, stated that since our last general meeting, ten (10) H.E.A.R.T. members passed or H.E.A.R.T. became aware of their passing. They include: Donna Brown, Carl Doerr, Marion Entermann, Eleanor
Fowble, Susan Hansen, Forrest “Pop” Kelly, Hazel Mack, Francis “Lee” Noel, Barbara Patterson, and Charles “Chuck” Ridgeway.

**Guest Presentations:**
Joe DiMaggio, Senior Vice President of Kelly & Associated and Cory Easton, Partner at Confidio (manages pharmacy benefits for HCPSS) provided information on *HCPSS Benefits: The Past, the Present, and the Future.*

**Joe:**
Joe works with the HCPSS leadership team to evaluate our benefits every year. Overall, general costs keep going up and up. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) introduced “high deductible plans.” The minimum is usually $1,500 and can be as high as $6,000 per year. Kelly is the largest broker and administrator in MD. “Specialty Pharmacy” drugs tend to be expensive and increase costs significantly. “High Cost Claimants” also increase costs. Joe does not see it getting better. “Medical Inflation” trends increase costs. Some of the ways to mitigate high costs include increased deductibles and increased costs of contributors. Increasing costs needs to be done incrementally. More and more you hear of “virtual care solutions” such as “TelaMed” to talk with a doctor for a diagnosis and prescription(s). This helps drive down costs as opposed to an actual visit to a doctor. Joe discussed “Employee Cost Share Trends.” These costs are $6,500/year for an individual. A family is $18,000/year. Deductibles continue to rise. **Kelly works with our leadership to monitor and manage our plans to keep costs competitive and benefits comprehensive.** Carriers like having HCPSS as a client.

**Cory:**
Topics discussed: Navigating the shifting landscape in pharmacy, the ecosystem of pharmacy, and how can we as a society help to mitigate pharmacy costs. Consumer advertising on TV began in 1997. Samples of high cost medications have increased the demand for certain drugs and their costs vs. a “therapeutic alternative” drug. Generic drugs in the 1990s helped bring down costs.

Express Scripts is a pharmacy benefit manager. 76% is controlled by the top 3 health insurers (Cigna, Aetna, United Health Care). Generic utilization is about 88% for HCPSS. This is an excellent percentage that helps mitigate costs of drugs. The cost of drugs goes up annually about 11%. This is an increase of almost 1% per month. “Orphan Drugs” are for diagnoses of less than 200,000 per year and are extremely expense. A **biosimilar drug** is “a biological medicinal product that contains a version of the active substance of an already authorized original biological medicinal product.” Currently there are only nine such drugs (majority used to treat blood disorders) and all are manufactured outside of the U.S. Our current plan does not require the use of biosimilars. Over the next several years there will be discussions with HCPSS in using biosimilar drugs. A biosimilar drug is **not** the same as a generic drug. A **generic drug** is an exact replica of its brand counterpart.

Express Scripts vs. local pharmacy:
There was a question about using Express Scripts for prescriptions vs. our local pharmacy. Express Scripts pharmacists typically are **clinical pharmacists**; your local pharmacist typically is not. Clinical pharmacists understand the physiology of the drug.

It is far less expensive to go to an urgent care facility rather than the emergency room. This is another way to help mitigate the cost of insurance.

The 50/50 Scholarship raffle winner was Annette Szawan with a prize of $123.00. Congratulations, Annette!

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Zimmerman, Secretary

**Reminder – Due to the Covid 19 restrictions and concerns, the May 19, 2020 luncheon/meeting has been canceled!**
Program News for October

As shared in the Presidents’ message, due to the ongoing pandemic our membership meeting originally scheduled for May 19th is cancelled. However, plans are already underway for our fall meeting, so…

We hope you can join us at HEART’s next General Membership Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th. This will be the second meeting at our new location, The Meeting House at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center (see address below). If you were not able to join us in March, we think you’ll be quite pleased with the new venue. Over 95% of the 120+ members who did attend gave the meeting accommodations a top rating.

On that same evaluation, two potential topics for our next meeting garnered much support; estate planning and safety for seniors. Although it’s a bit too early for us to confirm our October speaker, we are currently investigating possibilities to address one of these topics in October. (Not to worry, we’ll be sure to investigate the latter topic at a future meeting.) We will also hold nominations and voting for a new slate of HEART officers. Finally, HEART Health Benefits Liaison Jim Evans will provide the latest news regarding our healthcare.

Due in large part to the virus and the inability for many in our community to find work, local food banks and pantries are in dire need of restocking. To help address this need, at the October meeting we will collect non-perishable canned goods and personal care items for the Howard County Food Bank. Please consider donating; items can be placed in one of the many donation baskets located at the entrance to the meeting room.

Of course, the most important part of the program is always your participation! Please join us on October 13th for what is sure to be an enjoyable membership luncheon.

Luncheon Location: The Meeting House
5885 Robert Oliver Place
Columbia, MD 21045

SERVING with HEART

To meet our goal of “serving,” HEART supports three local service organizations. These organizations, Comfort Cases, the Howard County Food Bank, and the Salvation Army of Howard County, provide much-needed support to children and families in both our local community and throughout the state.

All food banks and food pantries are experiencing a tremendous volume of customers due to the current health crisis, and are struggling to keep their shelves stocked. To help address this need, at our October meeting we will be collecting non-perishable food and personal care items for the Howard County Food Bank. Items of particular interest include cereal, dried pasta, peanut butter, healthy snack foods, and infant products (e.g. formula, baby food, diapers). Personal care items for adults are also popular (body wash, hair products, etc.).

HEART also sends volunteer teams to the Food Bank on a regular basis to sort donations and stock shelves. Unfortunately, our next two visits - scheduled for April 8th and May 6th - have been cancelled. The good news? We’ve already scheduled our first fall volunteer date for Tuesday, September 22nd. On the 22nd, our team will have the opportunity to assist customers shopping in the store. Unlike our “restocking” visits, these opportunities require a longer investment of time; specifically, we volunteer from 12:30 to 3:30/4:00 pm.

If you are interested in joining HEART on the 22nd, please contact Sue at scmaskaro@gmail.com or 443-878-6883. Volunteer teams are limited in size, so be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot.
GET SOCIAL with HEART

On Thursday, February 13th, seventy (yes, 70!) HEART members and their families enjoyed a sold-out showing of *Kinky Boots* at Toby’s Dinner Theater, in Columbia. Winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical and featuring a Grammy Award winning score by Cyndi Lauper, everyone had a blast!

Due to the current pandemic and the safety of our members, we have canceled our reservation for the April 23rd showing of Shrek, The Musical. We are hopeful that the restrictions now in place will be over by the fall. And, in keeping with this positive attitude, we hope you can join us for...

On **Tuesday, October 20th**, HEART has tickets for *Godspell*, a timeless tale of friendship, loyalty, and love. Led by the international hit, “Day by Day,” *Godspell* was the first major musical from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner Stephen Schwartz. The show features large doses of comedy, creative storytelling and an eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville to gospel.

To celebrate the holiday season, HEART has also reserved tickets on **Thursday, December 3rd** for *ELF the Musical*. ELF is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan who mistakenly crawls into Santa’s bag and is transported to the North Pole. Buddy’s size and poor toy-making abilities make him realize he’s actually human, and he embarks on a journey to discover his true identify. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf.

Seats for both shows are now available; contact Sue via email (scmascaro@gmail.com) or cell (443-878-6883) to reserve your seats today! Tickets for HEART members and their families are only $40, a significant discount over the box office cost.

**Longwood Gardens Bus Trip Postponed!**

In an abundance of caution for our members, their families, and our community at large, we have canceled our bus trip to Longwood Gardens, Pennsylvania. The trip was previously scheduled for **Wednesday, May 22nd**. The good news? We actually exceeded the minimum number of participants necessary to make the spring trip a success. And now for the better news? We will be rescheduling as soon as the gardens reopen, with plans for a visit in early December. Not only will we be able to view the beautiful indoor and outdoor gardens, but we’ll also be able to enjoy the lovely lights and fountains decorated for the holidays.

Once we have a new date scheduled for our Longwood Gardens trip, we’ll be sure to publish the information on HEART’s website, our Facebook page, and of course share the details at our October General Business Meeting/Luncheon. Until then, recruit family members and friends to join us in December so that we can once again reach the minimum number necessary to charter a tour bus.

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**Welcome:**   MK Bunting  Susie Karlheim  Lois Savar-Rock  Daniel Michels  Beverly Harryman  Colette Crandall  Liz Rehrig  Gregory Matthews  Sandra French  Christine Walker  Gisela Cooke  Ruth A. Pickrel  Mario Thomas Williams  Craig Powell  Lucinda Meyer  Janice Ford  Mary Keller  Deborah Bryan  Carol Tucci  Kathy Jacobs  Colleen DeJordy  Nancy Van Deusen

If you know anyone who is retiring, or has retired but not yet joined either HEART or MRSPA, please share this edition of the newsletter with them, or at least, give them a copy of this HEART membership application.  To join MRSPA, they need to contact MRSPA directly.  That can be done by going to their website: www.mrspa.org and clicking on “Member Services” or by calling 1-877-625-6782. (Their address is 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, MD, 21113 – 1508.)

There has been some confusion about the paying of HEART and/or MRSPA dues.  If you are a HEART only member, you will be billed, usually in May, for the $10 annual dues.  **If you are a member of both, when you pay your dues to MRSPA, your HEART dues are included.**  MRSPA will forward your HEART dues to our Treasurer.  Those dues are either billed to you by MRSPA, or taken from your July paycheck. **You do NOT have to pay an additional $10 to HEART.**  While the dues year runs July 1 – June 30, HEART counts the “emeritus” status (age 85) from January 1 – Dec. 31.  MRSPA (age 90) counts from July 1 – June 30, the same as the dues year.
In Memoriam

Rev. Carl Doerr, Jr.’s life began in Baltimore, MD, on June 2, 1942. He passed away at his home in Glen Mills, PA, on February 13, 2020, at the age of 77. He was a 1965 graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College. Later, he received a master’s degree in history from Morgan State University and an M.Ed. from Johns Hopkins University. In service to HCPSS, Carl taught history and geography at Mt. Hebron High School. From 1969 - 1970, he was President of the Howard County Teachers Association. After his teaching career, Carl became a higher education administrator working as the Director of Programs for Servicemen and Veterans of the American Association of Junior Colleges and then was an accreditation specialist for the Maryland State Dept. of Ed. Following his years in the field of education, he answered a calling to the ministry. As a United Methodist pastor, he served congregations in the Philadelphia, PA, area until his retirement in 2007. Carl is survived by his wife (Carol), three children and four grandchildren.

Marion Eltermann

Early in March, MRSPA informed us that Marion Eltermann passed away on July 13, 2018. According to her online obituary she was born on May 28, 1932, and was 86 years of age at the time of her death. Marion was predeceased by her husband (John Eltermann). Her two sons and four grandchildren survive her. An attendee at our March luncheon shared that Marion had been an elementary educator. During some portion of her service to HCPSS, she taught kindergarten at Atholton Elementary.

Additional information about Marion’s life is not known, as she had no “Personal Data Sheet” on file.

Linda Flanagan

On March 6, 2020, Linda Flanagan passed away at the age of 70. She was born in Minneapolis, MN, in 1950 and grew up in Boise, ID. Linda earned her BS and MS in speech pathology and audiology at the Univ. of Utah in Salt Lake City, UT. In addition, she held a master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University in “Technology for Educators” and earned an Administration and Supervision Certificate in the early 1990’s. Prior to coming to Howard County, Linda was a speech-language pathologist in Los Angeles, CA, and Atlanta, GA. Once here in Maryland, she worked in the Howard County Public School System for 34 years, including serving as an Instructional Facilitator in the Department of Special Education. Linda was predeceased by her husband (John “Jack” Flanagan) and is survived by two sons, her sister, her brother, six nieces and nephews.

Eleanor Fowble

At the beginning of March, MRSPA informed us that Eleanor Fowble passed away on April 10, 2019. From her online obituary, it’s known that she was born on February 5, 1925, and was 93 years of age at the time of her passing. Eleanor was predeceased by her husband (James Fowble). Her surviving family members include her three sons, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Without a “Personal Data Sheet” in HEART’s files, additional information about her life is not available.

Susan Hansen

Susan Hansen was born on October 11, 1945. She passed away in The Villages, FL, on December 30, 2019, at the age
of 74. After her graduation from high school, she began working at NSA. Susan was a graduate of Towson University and completed her graduate studies in early childhood development at Johns Hopkins University. In service to HCPSS, Susan worked in the Infant Toddler Program for 30 years. After retiring to Florida, she volunteered at an elementary school near her home. Susan is survived by her husband of 17 years (Bruce Hansen), a son, a daughter, a stepson, and three grandchildren. Her former spouse (Wolfger Schneider) also survives her.

Barbara Patterson

A month ago, MRSPA informed us that Barbara Patterson passed away in March of 2019. Having been born on September 13, 1933, she was 85 years old at the time of her passing. Unfortunately, without a “Personal Data Sheet” in our HEART files and her obituary not found, no additional information about Barbara’s life is available.

Charles “Chuck” Ridgeway

Charles “Chuck” Ridgeway was born in Cumberland, MD, on December 19, 1943. He passed away on February 27, 2020, at the age of 76. Chuck earned a BS in art education from Frostburg State College, a master’s degree in art education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and his master’s plus 30 from Loyola University. During his first 5 years as an art educator, he taught for four years in Baltimore County and one year in Washington County. Upon moving to Howard County, Chuck taught for a total of 27 years in the HCPSS at Wilde Lake Middle (3 yrs.) and Harper’s Choice Middle (24 yrs.). Also, he taught ceramics at Howard Community College. In addition, he was actively involved in HCEA (Vice President – 2 yrs.), NEA (Convention Delegate – 25 yrs), MRSPA (President – 2 yrs.), and HEART (President – 2yrs.). For his service and leadership in education and to a number of service and religious organizations, he will be fondly remembered. Chuck is survived by his wife (Ann Ridgeway – also a member of HEART), three children, and seven grandchildren.

(If you would like to honor any of the above, or anyone else, for any reason, please feel free to use the following form to make a donation to the HEART Scholarship Fund in their memory or honor.)

HEART Scholarship Donation Form

Enclosed is my donation of: $_________________ Date_________________

Name ___________________________ (Phone____________________)

Address _______________________________________________________

City________________________State_______Zip___________

Please designate: _____Honor of _____ Memory of:

Name of honoree or deceased _______________________________________

Special Occasion for honoree _______________________________________

Send acknowledgement to: Name _________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________

City________________________State_______Zip___________

Donation for Retirement years/ Other: ____________________________

Mail this completed with your check to Scholarship Committee Chair:

Fran Razmus 9221 Maple Rock Drive Ellicott City, MD 21042
Proposed 2020-2021 Budget
Revenue  Proposed 2020-2021 Budget

Dues 8,400.00
HEART Luncheons 11,520.00
Interest 15.00
Social Activities Events 12,120.00
MRSPA contribution 110.00
Membership Directories $50.00
Amount from Excess Funds $8,145.00

Total Revenue $40,360.00

Expenditures
Audit Committee 200.00
Luncheon Guests 200.00
Luncheon Participants 13,800.00
Luncheon Miscellaneous Expenses 1,400.00
Membership Committee 100.00
Happy Hour 600.00
Beach Bash 200.00
Passthrough Payment made to MRSPA 110.00
Mileage 75.00
MRSPA Donation 75.00
Publications/Directory Committee 4,200.00
Publicity/Website 70.00
Rememberance 75.00
Scholarship Donation 5,000.00
Deceased member donation 400.00
Social Committe Events 12,120.00
Not Going Back to School 200.00
Endless Summer 500.00
Supplies 460
Postage 200
Telephone 225
Outside Memberships 50
Meetings 100

Total Expenditures ($ 40,360.00)

Scholarship Fund  Revenue
Donations 1750
Necrology 400
Fund Raisers 350
From General Fund 5,000.00
Total Revenue $7,500.00

Expenditures
Scholarships 7,500.00
Total Expenditures 7,500.00

This proposed budget is to be voted on for approval at the (canceled) May 19, 2020 Annual meeting. It will be up for approval at the October 13, 2020 luncheon/meeting.
First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the folks who’ve made my 12+ years as Editor so fulfilling and enjoyable. My husband, Miles Smith, was the one who helped me fold, label, staple, and stamp all 400+ newsletters, when I first took on this task. Thank you, Miles. As the organization grew, and it became 600+ newsletters that needed to be prepared, he was the one that suggested that I ask for some help! So, once again, thank you, Miles. To all the HEART members who’ve helped with this task, over the years, thank you. Most recently, I would like to thank Barbara Doarnberger, Darlene Honaker, Linda Kreitlow, Kaye Pryor, Kim Sullivan, Sylvia Vinson, and Paula Woods. Jackie Lashinsky, Sue Ann Tabler, and Jane Schuchardt were also quite often part of the “Assembly Team”! Thank you to you, as well. I don’t know what I would have done without you. Thank you to all of the folks who got their articles to me, in a timely manner, each edition. Thank you to the folks who switched to the email version, and replied promptly, each time that they had received the newsletter and could open it.

I wish whoever takes on this task, the very best, and much success. To my knowledge, as of this writing, nobody has stepped forward. If you think you’d like to take on this 4x/year task for HEART, I would be happy to share my files, and experiences, with you. (I will still handle the printing of the Directory, each November.)

And - just because this is my last newsletter, and because the world/national news is so dire, here’s a happy, (safe), spring greeting, from my house, to yours! Stay safe and stay well. Do as the Bunnies, not as the doggies!

Gail