

Greater Patapsco Community Association
General Meeting
May 11, 2009

The meeting was opened by President, Ralph Wright at 7:40pm.

Secretary Cathy Wolfson read the April 13, 2009 general meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Those present were asked if there were any objections to recording the proceedings to aid in the transcription of the minutes. Hearing none, the meeting was recorded.

There were 24 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Marty Kelley was unable to attend the meeting and no report was submitted.

GPCA MD Dept. of Assessment and Taxation Personal Property Return was filed on April 6, 2009.

GUEST SPEAKERS – Local Entrepreneurs

1. Michelle Fewer – Pet Lane Pet Advisor
Michelle's background with pets includes the management of a pet sitting business which had a nine person staff prior to the strain on the economy and the birth of her two young children. Pet Lane is a company which offers the convenience of in home ordering for pet supplies and caters to the needs of individual pets and their owners through in home parties and individual consultations. Pet Lane foods are all natural, of high quality and includes no "by-products". Products are available for all types of housepets. Michelle may be reached at 410-336-3582 or michelle@stayathomepets.com The Pet Lane website is www.petlane.com/stayathomepets .
2. Pam and Greg Pahl – Pahl's Farm Greenhouses
Located at 4223 Bedford Road across from Sudbrook Magnet Middle School in Pikesville, the greenhouses are open Monday – Friday 11-6, Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 10-2. Currently they are offering bedding plants, vegetable and herb plants. Produce from The Pahl Farm on Melrose Avenue in Granite is available at the Baltimore City Farmers Market on Sunday mornings as well as the 33rd St. Farmers Market in Hampden and the Towson Farmers Market. The Pahl's also participate in MD's Community Supported Agriculture program and offer co-op type shares of produce. Shares of seasonal fruits and vegetables for a family of

4 are available for \$625. Half shares are also available. The produce may be picked up on Mondays from 3 pm to 7 pm at the Pahl farm from June to October. For more information call 410-484-0142 or email pfarmgranitecsa@aol.com

3. Tim Ball – State Farm Agent

Tim has lived in Granite since 1985 and has occupied his Ellicott City office for 29 years. While he offers all types of insurance about 80% of his business is car insurance, 15% homeowners and 5% life and other types. There are three parts of every insurance transaction, the agent who intercedes for the policyholder, underwriters who assess the risk and determine the premium and the claims department who determines the appropriate compensation in the event of damage or loss of property. Acknowledging that everyone wants lower rates he cautioned that the only way to reduce premiums is to reduce benefits or raise deductibles. He noted that insurance is complex and encouraged the group to get to know their agent so that he or she can make sure that they are adequately covered. Tim may be reached at 410-461-3277 or email at tim.ball.bvk5@StateFarm.com

4. Debra Baker – Dona Style Fitness Trainer

A certified fitness trainer, Debra offers personal fitness training to her clients so they can achieve the maximum benefit from working out. She is recertified every two years to insure that she is using the most current fitness strategies. Debra cautions people not to fall for phony promises in infomercials; there is no substitute for exercising and a 30 minute walk per day is enough to keep you fit. A personal fitness program starts with establishing a baseline which considers your medical history, weight, lifestyle and diet. She uses this analysis to design a personalized program to meet her client's goals. Debra may be reached at 410-922-2098 or by email at debrab@debrabakerfitness.com

5. Pastor Bob Whiting – Health Ministries

Pastor Whiting first heard about Health Ministries in North Carolina through testimonies of people that were cured of cancer, arthritis and other painful diseases by lifestyle changes. Bob had a long history of heart disease and is currently on only 1 medication since adhering to the Health Ministries program which promotes healthy living with a dietary regimen that includes 85% raw vegetables, 15% cooked, only organic meats, no processed foods and a minimum of dairy foods. In the course of one year every cell in your body is replaced. Eating healthy foods promotes healthy new cells.

6. Ulyssia Williams – Foot Soothers

This business specializes in total, routine footcare, from basic nail trims to extra rich moisturizing sessions at reasonable prices. Insurance is accepted for medically eligible clients. Treatments required outside of the scope of Foot Soothers are referred to podiatrists. Ulyssia recognized the need for routine footcare services during her work with assisted living patients, many of whom were unable to perform basic foot care for themselves. Foot Soothers combines clinical care with pampering to promote healthy feet. More information is available at 410-336-6139 or at www.footsoothers.com

7. Allima Institute – Gerald Rasheed

Gerald and his wife, Elaine established the Allima Institute located in Mount Vernon in 2007. Allima is Arabic for knowledge and their philosophy is to make the world better by making man better. Building on their extensive backgrounds in information technology they provide technology based training and basic job skills to at-risk boys and young men ages 16 -24 during fall and spring sessions. Allima Institute is a non-profit organization which relies on donations and welcomes volunteers. More information may be found at www.allima.org/.

Old Business

Carole Link reported that the Spring Cleanup went well and expressed her gratitude to all who helped make it a success.

Cathy noted that a Public Input Meeting addressing the Rural Areas Amendment to the Master Plan would be held on 05/19/2009 at St. Thomas Church in Owings Mills. The current Master Plan expires in 2010. She encouraged the membership to make a strong showing and stated she sent a mass email to the membership with the meeting details.

New Business

Claude Libis reported that he filed IRS 990N electronically on behalf of GPCA on May 5, 2009. The 2008 990N has been accepted by the IRS. He returned to the treasurer, Marty Kelley a folder giving the details of this act. The 990N must be filed annually by non-profits with less that \$25,000 annual income by the 15th of the fifth month after the end of their fiscal year. For GPCA the 2009 filing is due after 12/31/09 and before 05/15 /2010, unless there are changes made by US Treasury.

Ralph asked for further comments. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and accepted. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.