

# Kings Park Gazette

**A PUBLICATION OF KINGS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

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## **2011 Potluck Dinner & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**March 19, 2011**

### **HAVE YOU CONTACTED ME YET?**



*By: Marie Cullerton*

Give me a ring or send me an email if you haven't done so already and RSVP'd for the Potluck Dinner! We are celebrating big at this years Dinner. You don't want to miss out especially since it is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Kings Park.



So come out and join your neighbors at Lake Braddock Secondary School on March 19, 2011 at 5:00 PM. Enjoy food brought by you and your neighbors, do a little dancing to the music of the Kings Park Band, get lucky and win a door prize, meet new people and enjoy the friendship of your neighbors.

This is a family event so bring the kids; they will have a great time. They have their own play room and also have the opportunity to win prizes of their own. Double door prize tickets will be given to all households who register and have paid their dues by March 14.

Email me at [marie@cullerton.com](mailto:marie@cullerton.com) or call 703-426-4904. Remember early registration ends on March 14 and only residents who have paid their 2011 dues are eligible for door prizes.

Please RSVP (pre-register) so that we know how many people to plan for. If you pre-register you also avoid standing in line to register the day of the Potluck. Hope to see you on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **KPCA Calendar of Events**

- March 9 **KPCA Board Meeting** 7:00-9:00 Braddock Hall KP Library
- March 17 **KPCA Community Meeting** 7:30-9:00 Kings Park Elementary School
- March 19 **Pot Luck Dinner** 5:00-9:00 Lake Braddock Secondary School
- March 22 **Book Club** "Cloud Atlas" by David Mitchell 7:30 RSVP to 703-978-1072
- April 10 **Youth Committee Carnival** 1:00pm Kings Park Park
- April 13 **KPCA Board Meeting** 7:00-9:00 Braddock Hall KP Library
- April 17 **KPINES** Pane e Vino Restaurant 11:00am
- April 21 **KPCA Community Meeting** 7:30-9:00 Kings Park Elementary School
- April 23 **Earth Day Storm Drain Clean Up** 10:00am Trafalgar Entrance of Kings Park Park
- April 30 **KPCA Yard Sale** Pre-register to Susan Metcalf to be included on map of participants and to receive balloons marking your house

See [www.KPCA-PARK.org](http://www.KPCA-PARK.org) for a complete calendar of KPCA events.

***From the President:***

Kayleen Fitzgerald

**Just Another Bump in the Road....**

The number to report potholes is 703.383.8368. You can also go to the VDOT website to file a report: <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp>. This website is also useful if a plow or car wiped out any signs when the roads were bad, drainage issues or dead animals.

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### 50th Anniversary Photo Schedule at the Potluck Dinner, March 19th

As part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration, Jenifer Morris, KP resident and professional photographer, has generously volunteered to take group photos. Please join us to commemorate the occasion. The schedule for the photo shoots is listed below. The pictures will be taken at the Potluck Dinner, in the LBSS cafeteria, by the windows. It is important that each group arrive on time, so that we can cover everyone.

Photos will be posted on the website and some will be published in a history booklet that is being developed. Individuals may purchase copies at a nominal charge via a web link. Information on how to purchase the photos will be available at the Potluck dinner and later on the KPCA website. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Cudahy at [cacudahy@gmail.com](mailto:cacudahy@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

- 4:30 PM Potluck and Celebration Committees
- 4:45 PM KPCA Board
- 5:15 PM Original Owners
- 5:30 PM Kids Contest Entrants; Current and Past KPCA Presidents
- 5:35 PM Second Generation Residents (including any of their kids and parents who want to be in the picture)
- 6:30 PM Residents who have lived here 25 or more years
- 6:35 PM Residents who have lived here 11-24 years
- 6:40 PM Residents who have lived here 1- 10 years
- 6:50 PM New Residents (less than one year)
- 8:00 PM KP Kids in attendance; Former residents, guests and anyone who missed their earlier shot

### Thank You

By: Your Pot Luck Committee

Can you believe we are having another great year in finding sponsors for our Potluck Dinner. The following businesses and individuals have opened up their cash registers and donated to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Potluck Dinner and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Kings Park. Please remember them when you are out and about and give them a big THANK YOU and consider them when doing business. These businesses help make our Potluck the best party around.

Home Solutions, Joe & Linda Camacho, **Ryan's Landscaping**, Kwaik Auto Body, Hunan West Restaurant, Topkick Martial Arts, Bruce S. Wyman, DMD, **KC Automotive**, Reid Voss - Avery Hess Realtors, Duane Johnson of Window World, Mr. Gutter, **Peter K. Cocolis, Jr, DMD**, Judy Ryan of Fairfax, Mowing and Towing, **Total Building Concepts**, **Susan Metcalf - Avery Hess Realtors**, AAA Tree Service, AAA Recycling & Trash Removal, **Hoffman Home Improvement**, Claws Carpets.

Parliament Pool is again donating a free summer membership to a lucky non-pool member and Twinbrooke Chiropractic is donating a "Health Check".

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Student Art and Essay Contests**

*By: Pam Cudahy*

Kings Park is loaded with creative children and youth. To celebrate all that talent, the KPCA will kick off its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with art and essay contests for students. Students, grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>, who live in Kings Park, are invited to submit art (suitable for hanging) and essays based on the theme, “**Kings Park – A Great Place to Live.**” The KPCA will award prizes for the best entries at the Potluck Dinner on Saturday, March 19, 2011.

Eligibility: Any student in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> who lives in the Kings Park subdivision.

Entries: You may enter either one or both contests. Each student is limited to one entry per contest.

Art Contest Submissions: May be done in any medium, as long as the art lies flat enough to be hung on the wall. The art will be displayed at the Potluck Dinner.

Essay Contest Submissions: Can be hand-printed, typed, or word processed. Please use a 12 point easy-to-read font. Essays are limited to one 8.5” x 11” page or one Primer tablet page, as age appropriate.

Deadline for Submissions: Monday, February 28, 2011.

Information to Include on the Back of Your Submission (or with your email):

The artist’s or writer’s name, age, address, and grade in school

Parent or guardian’s name and phone number (s)

A permission statement signed and dated by the parent or guardian. (“I give my permission for (insert child’s name) to enter this contest. I understand that this work may be displayed, published, or reproduced at the discretion of Kings Park Civic Association.”)

You can add a second page with this information to your essay, if it makes it easier to produce.

Where to Submit:

Art and hard-copy essays go to Lucy Daris. Please call 703-978-1072 to arrange drop-off.

Essays may be submitted via email to Pam Cudahy at [cacudahy@gmail.com](mailto:cacudahy@gmail.com). In the subject line, please put “Essay Contest.”

Other Things to Know:

Once a piece is submitted, it becomes the property of the Kings Park Civic Association.

Submissions may be displayed, published or reproduced at the discretion of the Kings Park Civic Association. (We’ll want to show off all that great work!)

Prizes will be awarded by the following grade clusters: K-3; 4-6; 7-8; High School.



### **Membership Dues Due**

By: Marie Cullerton

Do you still have that bright colored paper that was in the last Gazette? If so, that could mean that you haven't paid your Civic Association Dues. As a member of a community you benefit from having a Civic Association. The Association is run by volunteers—maybe your neighbor, or someone your child goes to school with in the Youth Committee. Your support makes a difference. Without dues, the Association cannot pay to have the entrance areas mowed, plant flowers, have Holiday Parties, print the Gazette, etc. Please help improve your neighborhood by paying your dues. Dues are only \$25 a year or \$20 if you are a senior citizen.

Remember only dues paying members will receive the Kings Park Directory or be eligible for door prizes at the Potluck Dinner on March 19.

#### **Send your check to:**

KPCA  
P.O. Box 1243  
Springfield, VA 22151



### **Neighbors helping Neighbors**

By: Your Kings Park Neighbors

The January snow and loss of electricity was a time when the neighbors in the 8800 block of Victoria Rd received help from other neighbors. Jim Sobecke and Rob & Kathy Hales own snow blowers and cleared the sidewalks for much of the street. When the lack of electricity prevented us from cooking Kathy Kales brought hot carry out food home to two neighbors who were not able to get out. Thanks for being great neighbors!

To Gaye Stone, Lloyd Johnston, and Cris Beveridge: Thank you for helping me with the snow this winter. From your neighbor Shirley Verdi.

Thank you Susan Payne for removing the box springs from the anonymously left mattress/box springs debris on Southampton near Thames the weekend of 19 February.

From the Beautification Committee, thank you to the all the workers who helped in removing the fallen pine tree at the entrance to Kings Park on Southampton Drive. They are Henry Cullerton, Joe Camacho, Diane and Bill Hoffman, Paul Hoffman, Susan Malmberg, Rita Faudale, Jim Viel, Cheron Rhodes.

The Metcalf Family would like to thank Brett and Patty White (also for organizing the meals), Kristen and Mark Huber, Sandy and Brad Hunter, Rita and Joe Faudale, Nina and Gene Hodges, Karen and Dan Moran, Pam Caswell, Mary and Steve Hasty, Jill and Douglass Eisemann, Nancy and Jim Worfolk, Carolyn and Kent Fasana, Laura Conover, Ginna and Pat Tyler, Claire and Walter Boland, Arlene and Basil Decina, Megan Donohoe and Brian Gottlieb for bringing over meals during Don's recovery. We live in a fabulous neighborhood. Thank you for your support.

### **Neighborhood News**

By: Diane Hoffman, Durham Court Block Captain

Long time residents of 8522 Durham Court, John, Janice, and son Jamie Green moved on January 7th, 2011 to Altadena, CA to be closer to their grandchild and family members. They were very active in the community. We will surely miss them!

On January 8th, we welcomed Emily Crimmons to 8522 Durham Court. Emily formerly lived in Alexandria, Va. She is a wonderful addition to Durham Court!

### **Annual Senior Luncheon**

Save the date, the annual senior luncheon sponsored by the KPCA for senior members will be held at the Hunan West Restaurant in the Kings Park Shopping Center on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Chopsticks optional!

### **New Street Message Boards**

By: Joe Sobecke

Three new portable KPCA Message Boards have been placed on Southampton, Kenilworth and Parliment at the curb just after you turn into Kings Park off Rolling Road. The new message boards will be in place before monthly meetings and special events for the benefit of residents who don't get to see the permanent message displays at the two Braddock Road entrances. The A-frame message boards have two faces. The back side facing outgoing traffic will show a message about an upcoming event (e.g., Community Potluck Dinner on March 19) or a community reminder.

The KPCA has been trying for years to keep the residents informed about meetings and special events in the community but there were just no permanent solutions for putting up Kings Park signs or message boards to get the attention of residence entering the community from Rolling Road. This solution offers a way of getting the word out in a simple way. The Message Boards won't be there all the time – just when there is an upcoming event or an important notice for the community.

The boards are secured to the sign posts and should not be affected by the weather. The Message Boards are “available for adoption” by any resident in their immediate vicinity. Let the Board know what you think about the new Message Boards. Thank you to the residents near the signs for keeping an watchful eye on the signs.



### **Annual Community Yard Sale**

This year's annual community yard sale is set for both Saturday, April 30th and Saturday, May 7th from 8 AM -12 PM. KPCA is advertising the 2 weekend dates in order to compensate for potential bad weather, plans for other activities and folks who could use 2 separate days to unload items to a greater number of shoppers. Advertising has been arranged through the Washington Post, Craig's List, as well as signs posted out on Braddock and Rolling Roads and, of course, our message boards.

We will be printing maps of Kings Park with all registered yard sales listed on the map. We will provide copies of these maps and balloon markers to all registered yard sale homes to be handed out to every yard sale shopper until they run out. The purpose of the map is to let all potential buyers know where all of the yard sales are located. This way KPCA residents on the tucked away streets and cul-de-sacs will have exposure.

To register, call Susan Metcalf at 703-472-6512 or email at Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net by April 28th. You do not have to register to participate, only to be on the map and to receive balloons marking your house.

### **Neighborhood Watch is Looking for YOU**

Please volunteer to be a driver or run shotgun for the Neighborhood Watch Program. A few hours for a circuit around our neighborhood is all it takes to help maintain the safe community we live in. Please contact Eldon Christensen at ejcbbdb@yahoo.com or 703-425-6155. And, of course, a heartfelt thanks for those who already volunteer.

### **Treasurer's Note\$**

By: Henry Cullerton

The budget year for our KPCA runs from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011. We are now at the half way mark. The KPCA Board of Directors held a mid-year review, and made some revisions to the budget and expenses on 9 February, 2011.

The Treasurer presented the revised budget and expenses at our 17 February, 2011 monthly Community meeting. Based on our expected revenue, your KPCA will be able to fund all anticipated expenses and end the year with a positive balance. A copy of the budget is available at our web site -- www.kings-park.org.

**KPCA CLEAN UP DAY**

By: Roy Warner

On May 21st, Fairfax County will send large trucks to the parking lot of Kings Park Park at Kings Park Drive and Trafalgar Court. Note this date differs from the date on the website and calendar included with your January Gazette. KPCA will rent U-Haul trucks that will be used to collect large items such as old sheds, couches, large appliances and other things **that do not get picked up by your trash company.**

We need volunteers to help neighbors remove items from their homes. This is always a wonderful experience of neighbors helping neighbors. Many of those who are helped are seniors who could not otherwise get rid of large items that have accumulated. Unless you are unable, you will need to help us load the items from your house since we are not able to provide labor to remove the items from your home. This is an opportunity to get rid of old, large items and also to get to know some neighbors who may also have such items who are willing to help you if you help them.

This clean up effort has happened once a year for the last twenty years and has been well supported by our neighbors. We need as many as two more drivers for the trucks. Our young adults have provided invaluable service and we ask them again to consider lending their muscle. Those who cannot pick up heavy items are invited to call. We will try to get help. We will not take construction items such as drywall, glass, bricks, etc. Call first before you put things outside to be sure the items will be accepted by the County. Call Roy Warner at 703-250-5328. To avoid being missed do not wait until the last week. This service is provided between the hours of 8:00 am and Noon on May 21st. Call Now.

**Kings Park Storm Drain Cleanup**

By: Beverly Boschert

Please join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kings Park Storm Drain Cleanup on Saturday, April 23. We're meeting at the Trafalgar entrance to Kings Park Park at 10:00 AM. Wear work clothes and gloves. Bring a rake and your own cleanup tools, bags for pickup will be provided.

Watershed cleanup starts at home. The more we can keep out of the storm drains in Kings Park the less we contribute to pollution in all the nearby waterways. In 2010 volunteers cleaned about 150 storm drains in the neighborhood and picked up 22 bags of debris from the storm drains. This effort keeps trash and debris from our waterways. Our streets drain to the Accotink, then the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay and again the cleanup work begins at home!

We need many volunteers to help with the cleanup. Everyone can help by keeping the storm drains on your street cleaned of leaves and debris regularly. Only rain down the drain because every day is Earth Day!

This event is organized by the Environmental Awareness Committee for Earth Day. See you on Saturday, April 23. Please contact Beverly Boschert by email [terry.boschert@verizon.net](mailto:terry.boschert@verizon.net) or phone 703 425 3478 with questions.

**Environmental Matters**

The stream running from Kings Park Park to Lake Accotink and passing between Durham Court and Thames Street is getting littered with Christmas trees, leaf piles, and other debris. Please do not dump any items there.

**Youth Committee**

The Kings Park Youth committee is having a carnival for our Kings Park younger residents Sunday April 10 at 1:00pm at the basketball court in Kings Park Park. All ages are welcome. Some of the activities will include sack races, sand art, face painting, cake walk, duck pond, and whatever else our wonderful youth committee thinks up. Call Susan Metcalf at 703-472-6512 for more information.

**Enjoy Fairfax County’s Farmer Markets**

As spring approaches, so does the opening of the Fairfax County Farmer Markets. Sponsored through Green Spring Park, and coordinated by volunteer market masters, these markets run from the beginning of May until the end of October or later depending on the market. The markets offer a wonderful range of delicious fresh produce grown on local farms and orchards within a 125 mile radius of Fairfax County. Other products offered include bread and other bakery items, meat and eggs, ice cream, cheese, salsa, honey, plants and flowers, all produced by local vendors. Markets within the Braddock district include the Wakefield and Burke Markets. Others on the edge of the Braddock District include the Fairfax, Vienna/Oakton and Annandale Markets. Details on the locations, dates and times of these markets can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm). We will publish the hours and days in the next issue of the Gazette.

**Block Captains Are Off to an Enthusiastic Start**

By: Kathy Cameron and Marie Cullerton

The KPCA Membership Committee held a meeting of the Block Captains on January 22. While enjoying much needed hot coffee on a cold winter morning, the eager group – consisting of several new Block Captains as well as residents who have served as Block Captains for many years—discussed Block Captains’ roles and responsibilities and plans for 2011.

The Block Captains agreed that the basic responsibilities are to welcome new residents to the community and encourage residents to join the KPCA. In addition, other activities were discussed that Block Captains can do, such as organize block parties and National Night Out gatherings, share important news with residents, and inform the KPCA of happenings in their blocks.

In late February the Block Captains will visit neighbors who have not yet joined the KPCA and ask them to join. The KPCA Board and Membership Committee very much appreciate the time and effort that the volunteer Block Captains are giving to the community.

Several blocks in Kings Park still need a Block Captain. If you live in one of the following blocks and are can serve as a Block Captain, please contact either Kathy Cameron Young at 703-425-8633 or Marie Cullerton at 703-426-4904.

<b>Block Captains Needed</b>	<b>For These Blocks</b>
Burke Lake Rd	8917-8943
Cromwell Dr	8646-8660
Cromwell Dr	8661-8712
Grantham St	5216-5223
Kenilworth Dr	8601-8620
Kings Park Dr	5200-5300
Lancashire Dr	8511-8521
London Ct	8600-8614
Margate St	5500-5517
Rolling Rd	5249-5407
Rolling Rd	5409-5521
Rolling Rd	5523-5627
Southampton Dr	5502-5518
Southampton Dr	5611-5631
Thames St	8608-8628
Trafalgar Ct	8800-8820
Ventnor Ln	5500-5514
Ventnor Ln	5529-5609
Victoria Rd	8614-8622
Victoria Rd	8626-8635
Victoria Rd	8916-8931
Yorkshire St	5506-5518

### KPINES



Do you like to eat out? Would you enjoy getting to know your Kings Park neighbors better? If the answer is yes, then please join us for KPINES, "Kings Parkers In Need of Eating Somewhere." Everyone is welcome, including the kids.

On Sunday, April 17, 2011 we will meet at Pane e Vino at 9020 Lorton Station Blvd at 11AM. Their web site is [www.paneevino-ristorante.com](http://www.paneevino-ristorante.com). The cost is \$18.99 (instead of \$20.99) for adults, includes one mimosa or OJ, and \$10.99, including OJ for kids ages 3-10. Coffee, tea, soda and milk is extra.

KPCA tries to have an outing every 3 months or so. Generally, the neighbors who attend regularly, prefer a late morning buffet brunch. However, we will try to accommodate those who may sleep-in or attend Religious services by having a lunch at 1 PM or so at one of our future outings. Hopefully, more people will join us.

We will select the June/July restaurant at a later date. Please RSVP to Susan Metcalf by Friday April 15 at 703-503-0176 or [Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net](mailto:Susan.Metcalf@verizon.net).

We are always looking for suggestions on where to go. Also, we are looking for someone to help select and arrange the outings. If you are interested in helping or have a suggestion on where to go please let us know. This should not require a lot of time on your part.



The Brunches/Luncheons are a fun time and a great way to meet or reconnect with your neighbors. If you need a ride or wish to carpool, please let Susan know. Otherwise we will see you at the restaurant at 11 AM.

*New Kings Park residents Jesse Auten and Carlos Hinojosa and their children joined the KPINES bunch at Paridiso. We would love to have other Kings Parkers join us.*



### Book Club

We'd love to have new members – why don't you join us and suggest a favorite book or author?

Here is the book club's schedule for the next few months:

February 24: "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak

March 22: "Cloud Atlas" by David Mitchell

April 26: "The Stand" by Stephen King

May 24: "The Ninth: Beethoven and the World in 1824" by Harvey Sachs

June 28: "The Girl Who Played With Fire" by Stieg Larsson

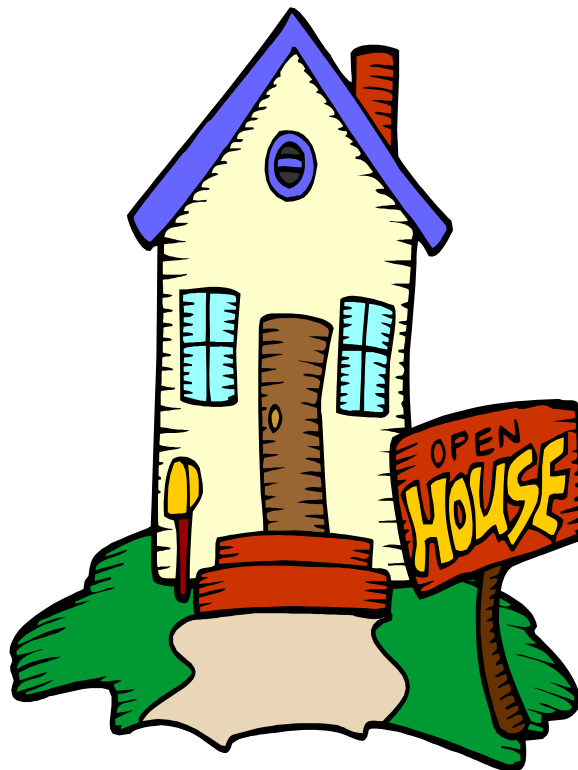
Call Lucy Daris at 703-978-1072 for more information.



## Real Estate Corner

### Active Listings

Style	Address	List Price
DUKE	8455 THAMES ST	\$389,000
DUKE	8632 CROMWELL DR	\$420,000
DUKE	5517 ROLLING RD	\$449,000
PRINCE	5509 VENTNOR LN	\$399,900
PRINCE	8419 THAMES ST	\$430,000
PRINCE	8409 THAMES ST	\$439,000
PRINCE	8411 DERBY CT	\$444,888
QUEEN	5507 ROLLING RD	\$390,000
QUEEN	5514 EASTBOURNE DR	\$439,888
QUEEN	5536 CALLANDER DR	\$459,888
QUEEN	8605 KENILWORTH DR	\$459,888
QUEEN	5518 CALLANDER DR	\$459,900
QUEEN	5520 CALLANDER DR	\$478,500
QUEEN	8412 DERBY CT S	\$529,900



### Under Contract Listings

Style	Address	List Price
KING	8518 DURHAM CT	\$449,900
DUCHESS	8612 THAMES ST	\$375,000
DUKE	8939 BURKE LAKE RD	\$399,000
DUKE	8816 TRAFALGAR CT	\$648,500
QUEEN	5526 CALLANDER DR	\$335,000

### Sold

No Kings Park properties have sold since date of last Gazette

***Provided by Susan Metcalf, Avery Hess Realtors 703-472-6512***

If you're considering buying, selling, or renting real estate, if you know anyone who is, or if you have any questions, please give me a call!

This is a paid advertisement.

### **Tribute to Donna Stecker**

By Karen Vahouny

Every time you drive along Kings Park Drive, you may not be aware that you're witnessing one of Donna Stecker's (many) contributions to our community. Back when I co-chaired the Kings Park Youth Community Service Committee, one of our projects was to beautify Kings Park Drive, and Donna offered to let us dig up perennials from her beautiful yard. The flower beds before and after the Victoria Road intersection (just before Braddock Road) are abundant with the perennials from Donna's garden.

To me, this is a fitting tribute to someone so active in our neighborhood and so generous with her time and ideas. Her flowers will live on, returning every year to add beauty to our community and reminding us of her generous spirit.

My experience with Donna, a long-time Kings Park Civic Association volunteer, is that she always thought about ways to make her world a better place. No offer or job seemed to be too large – or small. In this case, she picked up the phone one day, after reading about our committee's plans to spruce up the neighborhood, and suggested we come over and pick out whatever we wanted. She pointed out the plants she thought would look the best, and she helped us dig them out.

#### ***Want to join me in an (active) salute to Donna's memory?***

Donna died of ovarian cancer, so I thought we could organize a Kings Park "team" to participate in this year's Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer. My mother-in-law has faced -- and beaten -- ovarian cancer not once but twice, so I'm familiar with the Walk to Break the Silence; it is the largest fundraiser and awareness event for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. The event includes either a 1 mile walk or a 5K run; take your pick.

The Walk to Break the Silence takes place on Saturday, May 14, at 8 a.m. at the Reston Town Center. Organized by local chapter volunteers, this event celebrates survivors, remembers those we've lost to ovarian cancer and increases awareness about ovarian cancer. Registration fees include a t-shirt and access to all activities on the day of the event.

If you can walk a mile, you can do this. I'd be happy to organize a gathering place at the event, so that Kings Park residents could walk (or run) together. If you are interested, I would appreciate it if you would call or email me, so I can organize our Kings Park team. Also, please register for the event by going to the website: <http://nocc.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=461941> My phone number is 703-503-6653 and my email address is kvahouny@qorvis.com.

Thank you!

Karen Vahouny and her husband Dan Mondloch have been Kings Park residents since 1984, and both their sons (Eric and Evan) were members of the community service committee.