

An Evening of Howard County Storytelling – Nov 9, 2018

Storyteller Bios:

Bitia Dayhoff – CEO of Community Action Council of Howard County

Graham Getty - former: monk, bartender, southerner, and divinity school dropout — current: data geek, father, and preacher's wife. Graham lives in Columbia, MD with his spouse, two daughters, rescue dog, and the persistent belief that we must do better.

Woody Merkle - Lifelong resident of Howard County. Married with two children and one grandchild. Retired from State government. Currently a Volunteer Naturalist with the Howard County Conservancy and other non-profit groups.

Wendy Ng - Wendy spent 18.5 years in Hong Kong, moved on to 3.5 years in NYC, settled for 25 years in Rochester, NY, and then most recently meandered for 17 years in Elkridge, MD. During that time, she went from arts, to the sciences, and then back again to the arts. She has retired from the fields of pharmacology (not pharmacy), graphic design, homeschooling and teaching. She is now focused on being an artist, a volunteer at a couple of non-profit organizations, and the CDO (Chief Diversion Officer) of her family unit.

Randy Nixon – A third generation Howard Countian, Randy is the owner of Nixon's Farm on Rt 32 and serves as legal counsel for Gov Hogan.

Pauline Phillips – Has been a resident of HC for almost 25 years, 21 of which were spent as a counselor at Oakland Mills High School. She loves to cook much to the delight of her husband, Randy, their 2 adult children and 2 grandchildren.

Elaine Reid - A New York transplant, Elaine has lived in Maryland since 1971 and in Columbia since 1972. She has retired from HCPSS after 30 years of teaching and has four children and nine grandchildren who all live close by and provide lots of joy in her life.

John Shoemaker – Owner of Shoemaker country. He, his wife and baby have survived 2 floods in old Ellicott City

Greg Seidman – Data Management at CRISP. Lives in Columbia with his wife, son, daughter, and father.

Feli Solá-Carter - My life in public service includes a career with the Social Security Administration, ongoing executive coaching with the Partnership for Public Service, and many years of engagement with Howard County organizations. Proud of my Puerto Rican heritage, I am thrilled by 41 years of marriage to Bruce W. Carter, and humbled by our sons' Robert and David's accomplishments.

Ann Strozyk - I am a wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt, and cousin. I love to be outside and when I am not, I crave to be outdoors! She is the science liaison between the Conservancy and the HCPSS.

Monsignor Dick Tillman - retired after 35 years with St Johns Roman Catholic Church in Wilde Lake. He golfs, plays tennis, and fishes when not conducting services.