

# Hannah More fundraiser includes Capitol Steps

**Hannah More School:** For its annual major fund(ing) raising event this year, the school sponsored at the Gordon Center for Performing Arts the popular Capitol Steps comedy and musical group, known for its political satire.

The Capitol Steps originally was established by a group of Senate staffers focusing on the latest political headlines and issues, plus celebrities in the news. Included in their program is an interesting segment of backward talk. Not an easy feat! An added bonus is the great keyboard background music!

A real winner, everyone enjoyed the five-member cast, 90-minute performance!

Biddle Street caterers did a great job catering the pre-show reception for generous contributors. Pearl Biddle, Hannah More School's culinary instructor, and her students prepared the yummy tasty desserts.

Prior to this show, talented Hannah More students Bria Griffin and Evan Bertrand musically entertained the audience. Liz Steffen was a student volunteer usher.

Jay Richardson chaired this very successful event. Mega thanks to all the generous donors, as sponsors, ticket purchasers, HM board members, HM staff, and Biddle Street Caterers and the entertaining Capitol Steps performers for the success of this event.

The Hannah More School is a special education day school that provides academic, therapeutic and vocation programs for middle and high school students with physical disabilities, autism, specific learning disabilities, and health impairments whose behaviors have unfortunately hindered their ability to be successful in public schools.

The Hannah More main campus is located in Reisterstown. Three additional schools are located at Chesapeake High School, Severn River Middle School and Severna Park in Anne Arundel County.

The Reisterstown campus opened in 1978 as a residential facility with 26 students. The current enrollment in all of the Hannah More Schools now totals 131 students.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities including student government, yearbook, newspaper, peer mediation, cheerleading and an annual fun/junior/senior program.

There are four sports teams: flag football, volleyball, basketball and softball. Students play other local nonpublic schools.

Hannah More provides educational services in grades nine through 12. Its program approximates a public high school environment. Students may select from a variety of elective courses including physical education, technology education, computer science, journalism, drama, music,



**Bev Fine Serpick**  
Social Circle

art or the Decker Program.

The Decker Career and Technology Education Program provides students with hands-on training designed to lead to employment or advanced training upon graduation.

This program is named in honor of Alonzo G. Decker Jr., former chairman of Black & Decker Corp. for his support of Hannah More. The Decker Program is recognized as a model for the state!

This program links state academic requirements to vocational training and is designed to help Hannah More students find meaningful employment after graduation! Students leave this program with portfolios that show their mastery of their skills and equipment! Great!

With a high-level academic agenda, the school is committed to providing programs in a nurturing and educationally challenging environment so that students may develop individual talents and reach their fullest potential.

Both Lori Thalheimer and Laurie Zimmerli are principals at Hannah More School.

Mark Waldman is president. Charles Klein Jr. chairs the foundation board of trustees. Shirley Smith is secretary. Lou Perez is treasurer. Board members include: Gary Dowell, Anette Goelet, Chris Holt, Jay Richardson, Sandy Smith, Jack Steil and Carla Surdin.

Ken Higgins chairs the board of directors. Fred Rich is vice chair. Robert Siems is secretary. Chris Holt is treasurer. The board of directors includes David Allison, the Hon. Vicki Ballou-Watts, Kathryn Bristol, Andrew Cook, Sandi Haertig, Gary Harris, Norm Harrison Jr., Neela Kosaraju, Paul McDermott, Jayne Moore.

And Joanne Perez, Linda Prucino, Alan Reed, Jay Richardson, Michael and Patrick Ritchey, Lisa Setzer, Lori Simpson and Jack Steil.

Joan Drebing is director of development.

Special thanks to Bonnie Henson, Andrew Aldrich and Carolyn Hoor for their involvement with this fund(ing) raising event that garnered \$38,825 to benefit Hannah More School.

Among the 300 Capitol Steps party revelers were James T. Smith Jr., Baltimore County executive and wife Sandy; Claude and Judge Vicki Ballou-Watts; Judge Norris and Mrs. Virginia Byrnes; Chris Holt, executive vice president,

Susquehanna Bank and wife Terri; Jack Steil, president, Wilmington Trust, and wife, Wendy; Alan Reed, president, GWWO Inc./Architects and Terry Squires.

Also Mark Waldman, president, Hannah More School; Joan Drebing; Jay Richardson; Charlie Klein, chair, Hannah More School Foundation; board of trustees and wife Nancy; Ken Higgins, president, Hannah More School board of directors and wife Debbie; Kathryn Bristol, Mike and Patrick Ritchey, board members; Carla Surdin, foundation board member and husband Dr. Ron Surdin; Mike Kerins, director of education; Carolyn Martin, admissions director.

The Hannah More School Foundation has established the Rev. Frederick J. Hanna Scholarship to be awarded annually to a student who has achieved high standards of academic achievement, worked collaboratively with others, has shown an interest in the well-being of their peers in and outside the school, and who needs financial assistance.

**Lifecycle celebrations**

A very happy and a few belated birthday greetings to family, friends, co-workers and neighbors celebrating 30-something, more or less. Also a sprinkling of kids, tween/teens, young adults and seniors (recycled).

Dr. Steve Sharfstein, Marvin Specter, Linda Finer, Jill Kamenez, Marsha Garamer, Larry Marks, Joy Fine, Joe Ewitt, Hlene Mackler, Debra Sober, Karen Adashek, Art Adler, Bruce Goldman, Dr. Ilene Briskin, Lois Herling, Jerry Chiat, Steve Block, Beth Rubin, Emily Levin, Lauren Perlin, Joe Levin, Scott Cooper, Rebecca Weksberg, Michele Brill, Dave Silberman, Dr. Bryan Katz.

And Florine Steinbach, Sharon Bass, Bob Cohen, Steve Venick, Norma Levin, Tina Fischer, Gary Greenberg, Ruth Lipsets Audrey Sperr, Sophia Liskovich, Bea Hirsch, Marilyn Goldstein, Risa Gottlieb, Larry Eller, Herb Kruger, Sara Glik, Mimi Erdman, Alan Shapiro, Jason Wolf, Joe Askin.

A fab triple-digit happy centenarian birthday to youngster Sylvia Krieger. Happy kids birthday to Jenna Crain.

Happy happy birthday to each and everyone and those celebrating birthdays not listed. Hope you all enjoyed oodles of ice cream, cake and goodies. Especially the goodies!

**Engagement congrats:** Rebecca Sacks to Ted Lyons.

**Marriage:** Best wishes



The Hannah More School had a major fundraising event featuring the political satire group the Capitol Steps at the Gordon Center for Performing Arts in Owings Mills. Pictured, from left: Fred Rich, Hannah More School board member; Mark Waldman, president of Hannah More School; and Charlie Klein, chairman of the Hannah More School Foundation.

for wedded bliss to Alisa (Amsterdam) and Glenn Tolchin.

**Newborns:** Welcome to this trio of adorable precious, bundles of joy: A daughter, Mia Lillian, to Rachel and Jim Starner.

A son, Spencer Noah, to Sara and Robert Golden.

A daughter, Dalaya Aylet, to Yonat and Jason Lurie.

Mazel Tov to all! Enjoy with oodles of hugs and kisses and a few loveable squeezes on your tushes!

**Anniversaries congrats:** A gorgeous (diamond) 60th to Erika and Joe Greenblatt, and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gordon. Wow, two 60th anniversaries! Fantastic! We all wish the Greenblatts and Gordons many, many more wonderful anniversary celebrations with good health and happiness! Yest!

A lovely (emerald) 55th to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvia Bluestein. An enjoyable 51st to Ida Jean and Melvin Sweren. Ringing in their (golden) big 5-0, half-century anniversary are Rona and Dr. Larry Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Green-spun.

An attractive (sapphire) 45th to Dianne and Dr. Stan Zwebach, Judy and Alan Gillis. A lovely (ruby) 40th to Esther and Ben Dubin, Eve and Jerry Lurie.

A very happy 37th to Arlene and Harry Fox. An attractive (coral) 35th to Dr. and Mrs. Dan Morhaim. A fab 32nd to Carla and Dr. Ron Surdin.

A wonderful 29th to Sandy and Stan Kirsh. An enjoyable 27th to Scarlett and Dr. Ron Sherman, a very happy 26th to Jaci and Dr. Richard Schoen. Celebrating their (silver) 25th quarter-century anniversary are Linda and Judge Michael Finer, Lynn and Dr. Pete Hoffman. A happy 20th to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Chernoff.

A beautiful (crystal) 15th to Susanne and Barry Braverman.

Happy anniversary to all of the above and those celebrating anniversaries not listed! May you all enjoy many, many more wonderful anniversary celebrations!

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**Shannon and Taylor Stern, teen/teen**

**young-adult and under-30 social columnists:**

Your choice of awesome cool/hot happy double-digit birthday cha, cha, cha to Meredith Dittor, Jordan Dinkin, Matt Pourfakhrai, Josh Rosenbaum.

**Bar Mitzvah:** Mazel Tov to Hannah Baron and Alexandra Kuntz.

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Happy young-adult birthdays to Jenn Rotenberg, Abi Sussan, Zach Friedman, Rafi Pangini.

Happy 20-something and under-30 birthdays to Melissa Weinstein, Lauryn Goode, Aaron Reichel, Marc Snyder, Elliot Ruddle. Happy milestone birthdays all!

**Holiday:** Sunday, July 4, our nation celebrates its 234th birthday. Have fun and enjoy this holiday weekend!

**Memo:** Shabbat candle-lighting time, Friday evening, July 2, is 8:20 p.m. Have and enjoy a terrific week!



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