

---

**BARRY GLASSMAN**  
HARFORD COUNTY EXECUTIVE



**BILLY BONIFACE**  
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 15, 2017

For more information, contact:

Cindy Mumby

Director of Governmental & Community Relations

410-340-5376

[camumby@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:camumby@harfordcountymd.gov)

### **Harford County Parks & Rec Honors Longtime Volunteers**

**BEL AIR, Md.,** (June 15, 2017) - Harford County Parks & Recreation celebrated more than 50 longtime volunteers - plus two volunteers with over 50 years of service each - at their annual Volunteer Recognition Awards Dinner held June 9 at Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood. With a celestial theme of "Out of this World Volunteers", the event was hosted by the Emmorton Rec Council and drew nearly 250 attendees. Overall, more than 13,000 volunteers gave over 550,000 hours of service in 2016. County Executive Barry Glassman offered his thanks on behalf of the many citizens who benefit from programs and activities offered through the county's rec councils.

"From coaching sports and dancing, to rock climbing and swimming, you bring hours of enjoyment to Harford County citizens of all ages," County Executive Glassman said. "Without you, these opportunities would not be possible. Thank you for your energy, your enthusiasm, and your dedication to improving our quality of life."

Shortly after Harford County's rec councils were first formed, Lester "Earl" Lee and John Narvell began their respective 50 years of service.

Lester "Earl" Lee brought his talents to the Dublin/Darlington Rec Council, serving as a coach and chairman of the basketball program. He is a 2005 winner of the Mid-Atlantic Recreation &

Parks' Sports Alliance Sportsmanship Award, and still organizes the program, conducting registrations, recruiting coaches, setting up practice sessions and leading by example.

John Narvell serves in the Havre de Grace Rec Council, and began by coaching flag football for a program he started before the county's rec councils were formed. Over the years, he has coached soccer, men's basketball and has served for 30 years as the rec council's president. Among his many projects, he helped get lighting for the outdoor fields.

Volunteers with 30, 25, 20, 15, and 10 years of service were also recognized as follows:

**30 Years:**

Robert Hudson - Bel Air  
Diane Edwards Moore - Equestrian Center  
Shelly Sheppard - Equestrian Center  
Tim Battaglia - Hickory-Fountain Green

**25 Years:**

Joe Watters - Aberdeen  
Tim Brooks - Aberdeen  
Tressie Polek - Bel Air  
Marjorie Roberts - Bel Air  
Nelson White - Forest Hill  
Bill Plantholt - Forest Hill

**20 Years:**

Aubrey Edwards - Bel Air  
Cheryl Edwards - Bel Air  
Richard Hicks - Bel Air  
Charles Higdon - Bel Air  
Brian McLaughlin - Bel Air  
Glenn Shaw - Bel Air  
Katrina Smith - Bel Air  
Wendy Baur - Forest Hill  
Tom Barnaba - Hickory-Fountain Green  
Rich Siejack - Hickory-Fountain Green

**15 Years:**

Ellen Hickey - Aberdeen  
John Campo - Bel Air  
Billy Conley - Bel Air  
John Cooney - Bel Air

Lyndsay Davies - Bel Air  
Rudi Horner - Bel Air  
Rich Pfingsten - Bel Air  
Stacie Sawyer - Bel Air  
Sandra Sharnetzka - Bel Air  
Deborah Titzler - Bel Air  
Clare Owings - Equestrian Center  
Rob Hosza - Forest Hill  
Lewis Fillinger - Havre de Grace  
Sharyn Spray - Otter Point Creek

**10 Years:**

Jacinda Ewing - Aberdeen  
Rob Keesling - Bel Air  
Christopher King - Bel Air  
Randy Loiland - Bel Air  
Chris Redding - Bel Air  
Joan Schlegel - Bel Air  
Holly Keith - Churchville  
Tony Coscia - Forest Hill  
Scott Kalista - Forest Hill  
Lori Lagan - Forest Hill  
Mike Lechner - Forest Hill  
Chris Lynch - Forest Hill  
Shannon Hitchings - Havre de Grace  
Joe Cartelli - Hickory-Fountain Green  
David Brehm - Joppatowne  
Sherry Brehm - Joppatowne  
Bonnie Martin - Joppatowne  
Julie Ramage Huether - Joppatowne  
Deb Mosley - Otter Point Creek



Pictured from left: Harford County Executive Barry Glassman; Lester "Earl" Lee, 50-year Parks & Rec volunteer; Director of Parks & Rec Kathy Burley



Pictured from left: Harford County Executive Barry Glassman; John Narvell, 50-year Parks & Rec volunteer; Karen Green, retired Parks & Rec employee; Director of Parks & Rec Kathy Burley

###