**Death of MCP Police Officer Commemorated**

The Montgomery County Police Department recently commemorated the fatal accident that took the life of Patrolman Webb S. Hersperger on Sunday morning, June 18 at approximately 7:30 a.m. in 1933. Officer Hersperger was married to Virginia Hersperger, who later became the first female principal in Montgomery County Public Schools. Hersperger Lane in Poolesville is named in her honor.

The accident occurred on the Rockville-Darnestown Road near Quince Orchard. The thirty-one-year-old patrolman had left his home in Poolesville operating his police motorcycle and was traveling to work at the Bethesda substation when a passing vehicle coming towards him confronted him, and he collided head-on with the automobile. Hersperger was killed instantly when he was thrown through the windshield of the automobile. The other driver was transported to Montgomery General Hospital for treatment and was ultimately charged with manslaughter and reckless driving by Officer John Butts who had come along within minutes. Ironically, Officer Hersperger knew the operator of the car. Officer Hersperger had been commended often for outstanding service, including a time when he leaped on the running board of a getaway car from a moving police car and arrested two men who had been preying on motorists in Rock Creek Park.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Town of Poolesville: The Community Economic Development Committee is made up of three members each from business, government, and resident. They currently have an opening for the residency position. The committee seeks to identify those things that can foster a strong community spirit and help expand economic opportunities for business within the town. They meet once per month at the Poolesville Town Hall. Call Town Hall at 301-428-8927.

Senior Citizen Work: The Gathering Place Senior Activity Center is seeking to expand participation on its Steering Committee. The committee meets once per month and acts as an advisory board for development of this group that provides day trips and other social and educational events for senior citizens throughout the area. Call Executive Director Valaree Dickerson at 301-349-2799.

History Enthusiasts: This is especially attractive to those with a passion for history, in general, and the Civil War, specifically. The Historic Medley District, Inc., guardians of the John Poole House Trading Post and the Poolesville Old Town Hall Bank Museum, are seeking volunteers to host their facilities on Sunday afternoons. Volunteers are asked to host the John Poole House or the Museum for two hours every other month. Training is provided. Call Executive Director Rande Davis at 301-509-9232.

Civic Groups: The Monocacy Lions Club and the International Order of the Odd Fellows (IOOF Lodge #97) seek new members to join them in their service to the community. Monocacy Lions Club has dinner meetings twice a month and various service functions throughout the year. The Odd Fellows has an evening meeting monthly and provides various services primarily for seniors throughout the year. For the Lions, call Bill or Frank Jamison at 301-428-8200. For the IOOF, call 301-972-8007.

**Summer in Dublin**

Poolesville High School graduate Elaine Clayton is in Ireland this summer as an intern at the U.S. Embassy in Dublin. Elaine just finished her first year as a graduate student in International Communications at American University, and also works part-time at the State Department during the school year.

During her time in Dublin, in addition to her regular official duties, she has assisted with a visit from First Lady Michelle Obama and the Obama daughters. The embassy hosted Caroline Kennedy and a number of other Kennedy family members to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of President John F. Kennedy’s visit to Ireland. Elaine also went to the Irish White House to help record a video about the Kennedy ceremonies with the president of Ireland. Over July 4, the embassy hosted a visit from former ambassador to Ireland Dan Rooney (owner of the Pittsburg Steelers football team) and Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. In her free time, Elaine has been able to tour Ireland and Scotland. She can be followed on Twitter @eclayto or at Travelaine.org.