

MARYLAND  
**WOMEN'S  
HALL *OF* FAME**  
2014 INDUCTION CEREMONY

*Standing on  
the Shoulders of Giants:  
Paving a Path of  
Excellence for  
Maryland's Future*





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## **MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

The Maryland Commission for Women (MCW) was created in 1965 and established as an independent agency by an act of the Maryland General Assembly in 1971, is a 25 member diverse group of citizens appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate from among persons interested in the improvement in the status of women and girls. The Commission's membership represents the geographical regions and diversity of the state. Members are appointed for terms of four years. The Commission is housed in the Maryland Department of Human Resources under Secretary Ted Dallas.

### **MISSION**

The Commission works with Maryland State Government to advance solutions and expand social, political, and economic opportunities.

### **VISION**

All Maryland women have full social, political, and economic equality.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Honorable Patricia Cornish, Chair**

Mythili (Lee) Bachu  
Tanesha Boldin  
Lillian Cruz  
Susan Elgin  
Julia Glanz  
Helen Holton  
Velvet Johnson  
Varsha Mathur  
Ginger Miller

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Anita Riley  
Debbie Risper  
Cara Tenenbaum  
Roseanna Vogt  
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A. Diane Williams  
Wandra Ashley-Williams

**Induction Ceremony**  
*Presentation of honoree plaque*  
**2014**  
**Maryland Women's Hall of Fame**

**Honorees**

**Dorothy Bailey**

*Nominated by Oretha Bridgewaters-Simms, Treasurer, 1000 Maryland Women*

**Agnes Kane Callum**

*Nominated by Maya Davis, Research Archivist, Maryland State Archives*

**Renee Fox, M.D.**

*Nominated by Jay Perman, President, University of Maryland Baltimore*

**Susan Goering**

*Nominated by Meredith Curtis, Communications Director, ACLU of Maryland*

**Henrietta Lacks**

*Nominated by Chandra Walker Holloway, President, Montgomery County Commission for Women  
Kimberly McLurkin-Harris, President, Jack & Jill of America, Montgomery County*

**Ann Cipriano Rees**

*Nominated by Kimberly Rosenfield, Immediate Past President, Zonta Club of Charles County*

## Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Honorees

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1985 through the efforts of the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland. The purpose of the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame is to honor Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural and social life of the state and to provide role models of achievement for our future women leaders. The annual ceremony acts to enhance the visibility of women's contributions to the communities they serve, the state of Maryland and to the wider world.

Each year the Maryland Commission for Women and Women Legislators recognize women of achievement through the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. The selected honorees' contributions have made significant and lasting impressions in all areas of achievement, including areas such as the environment, science and technology, education, the arts, social justice, civil rights, the armed services, and religion. Through the creation of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, the Hall of Fame has a home. The exhibit will provide a face and access for all Marylanders to get to know the Maryland Women who have contributed so much to society and the world.

### 1985

Margaret Brent \*  
Rachel Carson\*  
Rita C. Davidson \*  
Gladys Noon Spellman  
Harriet Ross Tubman\*

### 1986

Lillie Carroll Jackson \*  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton\*  
Henrietta Szold\*  
Jeannette Rosner Wolman  
H. Margret Zassenhaus, MD

### 1987

Clara Barton\*  
Frances Ellen Watkins Harper\*  
Juanita Jackson Mitchell  
Mary Shaw Shorb, PhD  
Helen Brooke Taussig, MD\*

### 1988

Barbara Ann Mikulski  
Sadie Kneller Miller \*  
Mary Eliza Risteau \*  
Martha Carey Thomas \*  
Verda Freeman Welcome

### 1989

Bertha Sheppard Adkins \*  
Eugenie Clark, PhD.  
Lavinia Margaret Engle\*  
Lena King Lee  
Estelle R. Ramey, PhD.

### 1990

Lucille Maurer  
Enolia Pettigen McMillan  
Pauli Murray\*  
Adele Hagner Stamp \*  
Mary Lemist Titcomb\*

### 1991

Rita R. Colwell, PhD  
Mary Elizabeth Lange\*  
Claire McCardell\*  
Bessie Moses, MD\*  
Alta Schrock, PhD

### 1992

Annie Armstrong\*  
Anna Ella Carroll\*  
Rose Kushner  
Margaret Collins Schweinhaut  
Carmen Delgado Votaw

### 1993

Rosalyn Blake Bell  
Lucille Clifton  
Elizabeth King Ellicott\*  
Jean Spencer\*  
Martha Ellicott Tyson\*

**1994**

Rosalie Silber Abrams  
 Mary Elizabeth Banning\*  
 Harriet Elizabeth Brown  
 Constance A. Morella  
 Mary Adelaide Nutting\*

**1995**

Jill Moss Greenberg  
 Mary L. Nock\*  
 Amanda Taylor Norris, MD\*  
 Nettie Barcroft Taylor  
 Euphemia M Goldsborough Wilson\*

**1996**

Madeleine L. Ellicott\*  
 Ethel Llewellyn Ennis  
 Mary Digges Lee\*  
 Brigid G. Leventhal, MD\*  
 Barbara Robinson

**1997**

Diane L. Adams, MD  
 Sol del Ande Mendez Eaton  
 Catherine R. Gira, PhD  
 Helen L. Koss  
 Rosa Ponselle\*

**1998**

Constance Ross Beims  
 Mary Katherine Goddard\*  
 Elaine Ryan Hedges\*  
 Mary Carter Smith

**1999**

Florence Riefele Bahr\*  
 Lillian C. Compton\*  
 Edith Houghton Hooker\*  
 Elizabeth Fran Johnson  
 Bernice Smith White

**2000**

Constance Uriolo Battle, MD  
 Lois Green Carr  
 Sonia Pressman Fuentes  
 Josephine Jacobsen  
 Rosetta Stith, PhD  
 Sandra W. Tomlinson, PhD

**2001**

Kathleen Feeley, SSND.  
 Misbah Khan, MD.  
 Charmaine Krohe, SSND.  
 Eunice Kennedy Shriver

**2002**

Mabel Houze Hubbard  
 Florence P. Kendall  
 Mary Young Pickersgil\*  
 Lorraine Sheehan

**2003**

Virginia Walcott Beauchamp  
 Edith Clarke\*  
 Kathryn J. DuFour  
 Ruth L. Kirschstein, MD  
 Etta H. Maddox\*  
 Deborah A. Yow

**2004**

Emily Edmonson\*  
 Nancy Grasmick, PhD.  
 Esther McCready  
 Margaret Byrd Rawson  
 Vivian V. Simpson\*

**2005**

Shoshana S. Cardin  
 B. Olive Cole\*  
 Susan R. Panny, MD.  
 Edyth H. Schoenrich, MD, MPH

**2006**

Susan P. Baker  
 Liebe Sokol Diamond, MD  
 Bea Gaddy\*  
 Marilyn Hughes Gaston, MD  
 Rebecca Alban Hoffberger  
 Grace Snively\*

**2007**

Colonel Annette M. Deener  
 Sally T. Grant  
 Prasanna Nair, MD., MPH.  
 Karen H. Rothenberg, JD., MPA  
 Audrey E. Scott

**2008**

Eleanora Fagan, “Billie Holiday” \*  
 Ramona McCarthy Hawkins, RPh.  
 Ellen Moses Heller  
 Pauline Menes  
 Toby Barbara Orenstein  
 Emily Wilson Walker, MD\*

**2009**

Ilia Feher\*  
 Diane Griffin, MD., PhD  
 Harriet Legum  
 Allyson Solomon  
 Anne St. Clair Wright\*

**2010**

Claire M. Fraser-Leggett, PhD  
 Anne Catherine Hoof Green\*  
 Irene Morgan Kirkaldy\*  
 Dr. Bernice R. Sandler

**2011**

Lucy Diggs Slowe\*  
 Carol Greider, Ph.D.  
 Barbara Holdridge  
 Dr. Ligia Peralta, M.D.F.A.A.P.,  
 F.S.A.H.M  
 Gertrude Poe  
 June Willenz

**2012**

Dr. Maureen Black, Ph.D.  
 Margaret Dunkle  
 Honorable Diana Gribbon Motz  
 Treasurer Nancy Kopp  
 Dr. Alice Manicur  
 Gwendolyn Rooks

**2013**

Helen Delich Bentley  
 Jean B. Cryor\*  
 Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes  
 Hon. Ellen Sauerbrey  
 Linda Shevitz  
 Beatrice Tignor, Ed.D.

*\*Denotes Posthumously Inducted*

## Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly, Inc.

**W**omen Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly, Inc., better known as the Women's Caucus, was established in 1972 to foster cooperation among women holding state legislative office and to increase the participation of women in politics. Key to the organization's success is its framework, wherein issues can be debated and policies refined, without losing sight of the overall mission: *to improve public policy that affects women's lives and increase the number of women elected and appointed to public office in Maryland.*

The mandate of the Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly is: **to research and develop legislation assisting women; to encourage the greater participation of women in Maryland government; and to communicate and cooperate with other women's organizations.**

We are currently **57 members strong**, comprising **30.3% of the General Assembly**. We were the **first Women's Caucus in the Nation**. Please log on to our Website: [womenlegislatorsmd.org](http://womenlegislatorsmd.org) to learn more about our organization and our foundation.

Delegate Kathy Afzali  
Delegate Susan L.M. Aumann  
Delegate Gail H. Bates  
Delegate Pamela Beidle  
Senator Joanne Benson  
Delegate Liz Bobo  
Delegate Aisha N. Braveboy  
Delegate Jill P. Carter  
Senator Joan Carter Conway  
Delegate Bonnie Cullison  
Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais  
Delegate Addie Eckardt  
Senator Jennie Forehand  
Delegate Barbara A. Frush  
Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines  
Senator Lisa A. Gladden  
Delegate Cheryl Glenn  
Delegate Melony Griffith  
Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez  
Delegate Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio  
Delegate Nina Harper  
Delegate Anne Healey  
Delegate Sheila E. Hixson  
Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard  
Delegate Jolene Ivey  
Senator Nancy Jacobs  
Delegate Mary-Dulany James  
Delegate Sally Jameson  
Delegate Adrienne A. Jones

Senator Verna Jones-Rodwell  
Delegate Anne Kaiser  
Delegate Ariana Kelly  
Senator Delores G. Kelley  
Senator Nancy J. King  
Senator Katherine Klausmeier  
Delegate Susan W. Krebs  
Delegate Susan C. Lee  
Delegate Mary Ann Love  
Delegate Susan K. McComas  
Delegate Maggie McIntosh  
Delegate Aruna Miller  
Delegate Heather R. Mizeur  
Senator Karen S. Montgomery  
Delegate Shirley Nathan-Pulliam  
Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk  
Delegate Shane Pendergrass  
Senator Catherine E. Pugh  
Delegate Barbara Robinson  
Delegate Kelly Schulz  
Delegate Donna Stifler  
Delegate Nancy Reter Stocksdales  
Delegate Kathy Szeliga  
Delegate Veronica Turner  
Delegate Kris Valderrama  
Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith  
Delegate Cathy Vitale  
Delegate Mary Washington

**Maryland Commission for Women**  
***2014 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame***

**Honoree Reception at Government House**

Hosted by:  
Governor Martin O'Malley  
First Lady, Judge Katie O'Malley

**Opening Sue Palka, Mistress of Ceremonies**

**Welcome & Introductions**  
Patricia Cornish, Chair  
Maryland Commission for Women

**Greetings & Presentation of Women's History Month Proclamation**

Ted Dallas, Secretary  
Department of Human Resources

**Message from U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Barbara Mikulski**

Joyce Leviton, Assistant to Senator Ben Cardin  
Molly Martin, Assistant to Senator Barbara Mikulski

**Introduction of the 2014 Women's Hall of Fame Selection Committee**

Lillian Cruz & Velvet Johnson, Co-Chairs  
2014 Maryland Women's Hall of Fame

**Introduction of Honorees & Presenters**

<b>Honoree</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
Dorothy Bailey	Oretha Bridgewaters-Simms
Agnes Kane Callum	Maya Davis
Renee Fox, M.D.	Dr. E. Albert Reece
Susan Goering	Sally T. Grant
Henrietta Lacks Ann	Chandra Walker Holloway & Linda Amendt
Ann Cipriano Rees	Kimberly Rosenfield

**Presentation & Acceptance of Plaque to Maryland Women's Heritage Center**

Senator Nancy J. King, President  
Women Legislators of the Maryland General Assembly, Inc.

Jill Moss Greenberg  
Maryland Women's Heritage Center

**Closing Remarks**

Patricia Cornish, Chair



**SUE PALKA**, WTTG Fox 5 News, Washington D.C.

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Sue Palka is responsible for the 6:00, 10:00 and 11:00 weather forecasts on WTTG Fox 5 and frequently contributes on-location reports for the 5:00 news. She's been with Fox 5 since 1985 and is a six time Emmy award winner for outstanding weather forecasting.

Sue is a member of, and certified by, the National Weather Association and holds their seal of approval. She is also a member of the American Federation of TV and Radio Artists, the Screen Actor's Guild, and the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

In 1997, Sue was named Broadcaster of the Year by the National Weather Association. She was featured on the cover of Washingtonian Magazine in March 2004, and the cover of the Washington Post TV Week in July 1997 with an extensive article profiling her career. Sue received the Distinguished Alumnae Award from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 2005.

In addition to her interest in forecasting, Sue is especially passionate about experiencing and reporting the weather firsthand. Some of her happiest memories are from broadcasting live in Wilmington, North Carolina when Hurricane Bertha made landfall. Sue witnessed the eye of Bertha passing overhead and filed reports for the morning and evening news for several days. Sue flew into the eye of category 4 Hurricane Edouard with the famed Hurricane Hunters to show viewers how the information is used in forecasting. Tornado chasing in Texas and Oklahoma with scientists from PROJECT VORTEX provided thrills and new insights for her report on how supercells and tornadoes form. The total eclipse of the sun in Curacao in 1998 provided an opportunity to share the incomparable excitement of darkness in the middle of the day while surrounded by world-renowned astronomers.

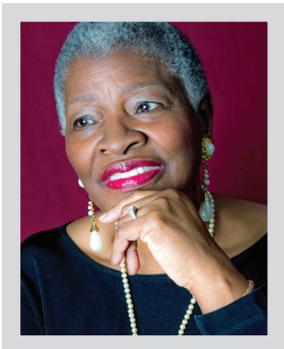
When Sue isn't working, she enjoys theatre, yoga, biking, walking and reading. Best of all is spending time with her husband Joe and daughters Elizabeth and Nora.

Sue is a native of Erie, Pennsylvania and now lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

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## THE HONORABLE DOROTHY F. BAILEY

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The Honorable Dorothy F. Bailey, a resident of Temple Hills, Maryland for over 35 years, is a leader with extraordinary vision, dedication, compassion and faith. Dorothy Bailey has an esteemed reputation, a host of accomplishments and an extraordinary record of service to the residents of Prince George's County, the State of Maryland, the Washington Metropolitan area, and our Nation.

Bailey's career has taken her from the public school classroom to the University of Maryland's Upward Bound Program. Then from 1983-1994, she served as a senior-level official at various Prince George's County government agencies, including the Consumer Protection Commission, the Department of Family Services and the Office of the County Executive. In 1994 Bailey was elected to the Prince George's County Council and during the her eight years as a Member, she led the Council for five years, serving as Vice Chair for three terms and Chair for two terms.

Recognized by *Washingtonian Magazine* as one of the area's most powerful women, Bailey is a passionate visionary and woman of service. Her civic involvement on local, state, national and international levels has benefitted communities, institutions and an infinite number of individuals. Instrumental in founding many noteworthy organizations and initiatives, she remains intimately involved with The Harlem Remembrance Foundation of Prince George's County, The LEARN Foundation, Kiamsha Youth Empowerment Organization, and the Royal Bafokeng (South Africa) Sister City Friendship Committee. Bailey, an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Hunter Memorial AME Church, has served on the national and local Boards of the National Council of Negro Women. In 2011, she was elected to the National Executive Council of the Association for the Study of African Life and History (ASALH) and is also President of a local chapter.

Dorothy Bailey's invaluable contributions have been acknowledged with hundreds of certificates of appreciation and awards for outstanding service. A few include: the Gladys Noon Spellman Award for Public Service, NAACP Image Award for Political Activism, National Council of Negro Women's Bethune Recognition Award, North Carolina Central University's 2013 Alumnus of the Year, National Women's Hall of Fame 1996 *Book of Lives & Legacies!*, and induction into the Prince George's County Women's Hall of Fame.

In 2011, Bailey's award-winning book, *In a Different Light: Reflections and Beauty of Wise Women of Color*, was published. This exquisite photo essay celebrates and illuminates the beauty, strength and wisdom of 90 well-lived women—all from the state of Maryland or with strong ties to the region.

A native of Dunn, North Carolina, Ms. Bailey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from North Carolina Central University, where she first became involved in civil rights advocacy. As a postgraduate student, she studied education and gerontology at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Maryland. In 1991, Bailey received an honorary doctorate from Riverside Baptist College and Seminary and is a 1998 graduate of the Leadership Greater Washington.

Dorothy Bailey and her husband Lionel have two treasured children, three extraordinary grandchildren and a terrific grandniece.



## **AGNES KANE CALLUM**

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Agnes Kane Callum, historian, genealogist and researcher, was born in Baltimore, the fifth child of 12 to the late Phillip Moten and Mary Kane (nee Gough) of St. Mary's County Maryland. She was educated in Baltimore City Public Schools. At age 44 she returned to school and earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Social Sciences degrees from Morgan State University in 1973 and 1975 respectively.

In 1973, she was designated a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar and studied at the University of Ghana at Legon. As an undergraduate she wrote a paper for a Black History class titled "The Acquisition of Land by Free Blacks in St. Mary's County Maryland." The research enabled her to begin to investigate and document the genealogy of her family. In 1979, Dr. Callum published her first book, "Kane- Butler Genealogy – History of a Black Family." She founded edited and published a black genealogical journal for 25 years, "Flower of the Forest", named after a tract of St. Mary's County land that the Butler family members owned for nearly 125 years.

Her paternal grandfather, Henry Kane, was born a slave on the Sotterley Plantation in Hollywood, Md., in 1860. She joined the Board of Trustees of The Sotterley Plantation in the mid 1990's. Her research of slave life on the plantation is presently used as the basis for the hands on educational program "Slavery to Freedom" at Sotterley. In 2012 she was designated a Trustee Emeritus.

Much of what is known about the history of Historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in East Baltimore is the result of work. St. Francis, the first and oldest Catholic parish officially established, in 1863, for Negroes. Henry Kane, her paternal grandfather joined the parish in 1896. His descendants have been continuous members for 118 years.

A frequent columnist for The Catholic Review, She has written about Colonial Maryland and the role played by people of African descent, including Mathias de Sousa, one of nine indentured servants brought by Jesuit missionaries on the Ark when it arrived in St. Mary's River in March, 1634.

A tenacious researcher, she produced additional books, including "7th Regiment USCT of Maryland (United States Colored Troops) colored troops who served in the Civil War 1863-1866; "Slave Statistics"; "Black Marriages of St. Mary's County 1800-1890" and "Black Marriages of Anne Arundel County Maryland."

In 2006, a complete collection of her work, 19 volumes, was donated to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in Baltimore.

She is a founding member of the Baltimore Afro American Historical Genealogic Society (formerly BAAHGS). This was renamed the "Agnes Kane Callum" chapter in her honor in 2007. In 2008, she received an honorary doctorate degree in history from St. Mary's College.

A widow, a mother of five children, two of whom are deceased. Her youngest daughter Martina P. Callum, M.D., Family & Emergency Medicine Physician, Agnes C. Lightfoot of Palm Coast Florida, and Martin J. Callum of Baltimore, Md.



## **RENEE FOX, M.D.**

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Dr. Renee Fox is executive director of the Institute for a Healthiest Maryland, a joint initiative of the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene which connects academic partners from Maryland's higher education institutions and public health practitioners to improve the health of Maryland residents and transforming communities, critical for success of health reform.

Dr. Fox is an associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She is a graduate of Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences and received her M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. She remained in Rochester to complete her pediatric residency at the University of Rochester, later joining the fellowship program at the Joint Program for Neonatology at the Harvard Medical School.

In 1986, she joined the faculty at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. She has held many leadership roles in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine including; head of the Division of Neonatology, medical director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the University of Maryland Medical Center, and medical co-director of the Maryland Regional Neonatal Transport Program, (a joint program of the University of Maryland Medical Center and the Johns Hopkins Children's Center.) Dr. Fox served as chairman of the Perinatal Advisory Committee for the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System. During her tenure as chair, this committee developed the initial review processes for levels of perinatal care for the state and transport services for newborns that remain in use today. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Federal Government Affairs and served on several state committees focusing on the health of newborns and mothers.

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Fellow (2007-2010), she was selected as the first Health Policy Fellow to work in the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). This experience gave her an unparalleled view of health care economics for a physician. She was previously a fellow in the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women.

Following her year at the CBO, Dr. Fox returned to the University of Maryland School of Medicine to continue clinical practice and to improving birth outcomes in Maryland. She is the principal investigator on the "B'more for Healthy Babies Upton/Druid Heights" program to improve birth outcomes for mothers and babies, funded from the Family League of Baltimore City. She recently served on the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council Health Disparities Workgroup, developing a report recommending methods to decrease health disparities, resulting in the Health Enterprise Zone legislation. Throughout her career, she has worked to improve the access and quality of care provided to mothers and their infants in Maryland.

A resident of Baltimore County, Dr. Fox lives with her husband, Daniel Florea. They are the proud parents of two grown daughters, Catherine and Julia Florea.



## SUSAN K. GOERING

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Brief biographical sketch of Susan Goering, ACLU of Maryland Executive Director

Susan K. Goering was born in 1952 in Kansas. Her family was Mennonite, part of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Protestant Reformation faith group that is well regarded for its commitment to social justice, peacemaking, simple living, and a strong work ethic--all values that underpin her life's work. As part of a religious minority that immigrated to America to escape persecution, she understands why constitutional protections for minorities are bedrock values.

Susan attended the University of Kansas for college and law school. From 1982 to 1985, she worked on the last *Brown v. Board of Education*-style school segregation case, which was initiated by NAACP Legal Defense Fund in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1986, Susan came to Maryland to become Legal Director of the ACLU of Maryland; in 1996, she became the organization's Executive Director.

Though Susan continues to have deep roots in the Midwest, her most lasting contributions have been in the Free State, Maryland, where she has lived for 27 years. Upon arriving in Maryland, Susan immediately had an impact: closing deplorable, antiquated jails on the Eastern Shore, including one in Talbot County that once held prisoner Frederick Douglass.

Susan was the mastermind behind some of Maryland's biggest civil rights cases of the last several decades – including *Bradford v. Board of Education*, whose judicial ruling spurred the Thornton Commission and its statewide funding formula weighted to help poor children, children needing special education, and children speaking English as a second language. The case laid the foundation for this year's legislation to leverage bonds for an innovative \$1 billion school facilities plan in Baltimore.

It was Susan's unique ability to see the structural issues behind social problems that spurred her to bring the landmark lawsuit *Thompson v. HUD*, which has helped thousands of African American families who lived in Baltimore's segregated and isolated public housing move to areas of opportunity around the region. The difference in health and opportunity for children has been tremendous.

Other notable cases brought under her leadership include "Driving While Black" litigation against the Maryland State Police; a lawsuit on behalf of same-sex couples seeking marriage equality; and the high profile case against the Maryland State Police for spying on peaceful protestors.

Susan, an active member at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, is a gardener and impassioned steward of the environment. She believes nothing should be wasted and personally brings leftover food from large work-related events to homeless shelters in Baltimore.

Her awards include the Robert M. Bell Award for Leadership in Public Service in 2006, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service's Keeper of the Dream Award in 2000, and the Maryland Bar Foundation's Legal Excellence Award for the Advancement of Unpopular Causes in 1994.



## HENRIETTA LACKS

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Henrietta Lacks, born as **Loretta Pleasant** in Roanoke, Virginia, on August 1, 1920, was the 9<sup>th</sup> child of Eliza and Johnny Pleasant. Over the years her name somehow changed from Loretta to Henrietta. She married “Day” Lacks in Halifax County, Virginia, on April 10, 1941. The couple had five children: Lawrence, Elsie, David Jr., Deborah, and Joseph. In 1941, the Lacks family relocated to Maryland and Mr. Lacks began working for a steel mill near Baltimore.

Soon after her fifth child was born, Henrietta fell ill. Her local doctor referred her to Johns Hopkins Hospital. Doctors examined Henrietta and found a growth on her cervix; it was determined to be a malignant cervical cancer. Two small pieces of Henrietta’s cervical tumor were removed during radiation treatments, but without her knowledge or consent.

At only 31 years old, Ms. Lacks died at Johns Hopkins on October 4, 1951. Cells cultured from other tumor cells, up until that time, would only survive for a few days. However, Henrietta’s tumor cells were given to a researcher who “discovered that [Henrietta’s] cells did something they’d never seen before: They could be kept alive and grow.” A researcher was able to isolate one specific cell from her tumor sample, multiply it, and start a cell line. They named the sample ‘HeLa’, after the initial letters of **H**enrietta **L**acks’ name).

At Johns Hopkins, HeLa cells used by a researcher helped develop a vaccine for polio shortly before Henrietta’s death, but she was never told of her contribution. The HeLa strain of cells was used by Jonas Salk in 1954, to develop the polio vaccine.

HeLa cells had the distinction, in 1955; of being the first human cells successfully cloned and grown under laboratory conditions that were “immortal” (they do not die after a few cell divisions). Henrietta Lacks’ HeLa cell line was vital to the development of the polio vaccine and drugs for treating herpes; leukemia; influenza; hemophilia; and Parkinson’s disease.

Without the benefit of access to this line of human cells, one of the most important tools in medical research would not exist. Nowhere has this research been more important than in the areas related to women’s health, especially breast and cervical cancer. Moreover, the cells led to important medical and scientific advances including cloning and *in vitro* fertilization.

Scientists around the globe have used them for research on cancer, AIDS, and gene mapping, as well as to test the effects of radiation and toxic substances. HeLa cells are also used to test human sensitivity to tape, glue, cosmetics, and irritants.

Thanks to Henrietta Lacks, science not only gained an extraordinarily powerful tool, but also scientists the world over learned a powerful lesson about the importance of ethics in biomedical research. Today, Johns Hopkins and all other research-based medical centers consistently obtain consent from individuals asked to donate tissue or cells for scientific research.



## ANN CIPRIANO REES

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Anyone who knows Ann Rees knows of her commitment to serving those members of our community who are in need. Ann encourages others to get involved, stay involved and make a difference. Married to Bill Rees for 47 years, her husband and three sons support her never ending itinerary of community service initiatives and awareness activities.

Always armed with the power of persuasion, she is limitless in her capacity to develop and implement new ideas, which ultimately improve the lives of others. As a resident of Charles County for more than 40 years, she keeps her hands on the pulse of this community. Her visionary leadership as a career philanthropist- *aficionado* and relentless giving are her claim to fame. She is always understated about her accomplishments and will quickly change the topic of conversation to “how you can get involved and help with community needs.”

Her pioneer spirit led her to meet with Governor William Donald Schaefer and Senator Mac Middleton in the late 1980’s to begin implementation planning for the construction of a shelter for battered and abused women, the first for Charles County. Ann consistently challenges her network of friends and local business and community leaders to respond to her calls for action. She has worked to champion her causes of community atonement for women and children.

As a member of the Zonta Club of Charles County, she has designed and led countless service projects and fundraising events. It has taken nearly 20 years to realize her dream of “Gayle’s House”, a safe house for abused women and their children. Gayle A. Cooke, a mother of six, community advocate and personal friend was killed in 2000, while trying to protect her daughter from an estranged boyfriend. As a result of her leadership, the Zonta Club of Charles County and LifeStyles of Maryland continue to collaborate to fund the operation of Gayle’s House.

Ann also worked with the Cooke family and the College of Southern Maryland to establish a scholarship fund in memory of Gayle A. Cooke, awarded to female students who are recovering from abuse.

In addition to her work in support of women and children, she indulges in a labor of love, “100 Women of Carmel”, which she established in historic Port Tobacco, Maryland in 2007. Ann has creatively raised more than \$200,000, in support of projects to benefit her beloved nuns.

There are those who know Ann Rees as “Charles County’s Most Beautiful Person,” Southern Maryland Community Foundation’s “Philanthropist of the Year” or the Zonta Club of Charles County’s “Woman of Achievement” (supporting their mission to “Advance the Status of Women”).

You may know her for her memorable achievements and ground breaking efforts on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of Charles County, College of Southern Maryland, Children’s Aid Society and LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc. Ann Rees is always committed to the needs of others. Her enthusiasm and optimism are instantly infectious.

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