

LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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Welcome New Residents

We welcome our newest neighbors of Symphony Village! The following homeowners settled, and/or have moved in since our last newsletter:

Muriel D. Abbott
225 Overture Way
Phone #: 410-758-2068



Kevin and Ann Cassidy
354 Overture Way
Phone #: 410-758-6815
E-mail: alcassidy@atlanticbb.net

Hal and Denise Hindin
346 Overture Way
Phone #: 410-758-3652
E-mail: Harold.hindin@diageo.com

Linda F. Reynolds
110 Overture Way
Home Phone: 410-758-9930
E-Mail: reynolds101@atlanticbb.net

Ed and Carolyn Pfarr
380 Overture Way
Home Phone: 410-758-3973
E-Mail: edpfarr@juno.com

Please add these names and information to your directories. Thank you.

New Residents!

Forget the boxes, and where to put the pictures, because we want you to join us for our next Welcome Evening for New Residents on March 29th. This is an evening of coffee, dessert, information sharing, orientation to the Clubhouse, etc. Please sign up at the club house so we can plan for you.

Additions to your directory:

Rich and Joyce Ryan on Concerto Ave
E-Mail: rdryan@atlanticbb.net
jaryan@atlanticbb.net



Margo and Paul Creelman on Overture Way
E-Mail: margocreelman@atlanticbb.net

From HOA

Exterior Modifications

With Spring fast approaching, everyone is anxious to get outside. Don't forget that any exterior modifications including but not limited to patios, decks and extended flower beds must be approved by the Covenants Committee before work commences. All work must be performed by a pre-approved subcontractor. Exterior Modification Forms can be picked up at the Clubhouse. Any questions about this process can be directed to Lisa Klein at Legum & Norman at 703-848-4349.

A Message From Your Dog

Keep me on a leash at all times for my safety and the comfort of others. Besides, its both the HOA rules and a county ordinance.

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Our Feature Article of the Month
OUR LIBRARY IN CENTREVILLE
by Joan Hennessey

The Queen Anne's County Free Libraries are waiting to serve you with a variety of services, some familiar and some quite new. The libraries are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The libraries are busy places with 29,484 cardholders who check out almost half a million items per year. As busy as they are, the friendly staff enjoys going out of its way to help all patrons.

If you can answer "yes" to the questions below, you are up-to-date on the services the library offers.

Do you have a new library card, the "double" card that has a tag that you can put on your key chain? If you don't have a card, you can get one in five minutes by stopping by the library and showing proof of your current address.

Have you signed out books, magazines, large print books (great for the treadmill), books-on-tape, cassettes, CDs, CD-ROMs, or Videos/DVDs?

Have you taken advantage of *Marina*, Maryland's statewide interlibrary loan service which will help you locate and order materials not owned by the local library? Those of us in the Book Club really appreciate this service that quickly puts multiple copies of a popular book in many hands. And you can place a MARINA request from your own home computer through the library's homepage (www.quan.lib.md.us).

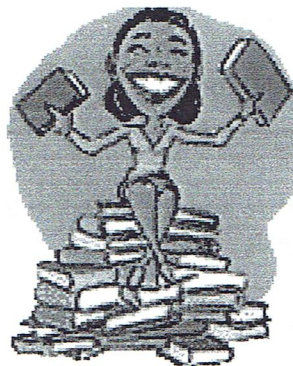
Have you heard of NetLibrary, an exciting new service? The library subscribes to NetLibrary, an easy-to-use, comprehensive collection of unabridged, recorded books that can be downloaded for free. Access

NetLibrary at the library and create a free account by setting up a user name and password. Once you have an account, you can access NetLibrary from any Internet computer. You can conduct searches to find the books you want and download them. So, if you are going on a car trip and want to listen to a book on tape, you can download it to your computer and then onto an MP3 player. Why is this so great? Nothing you want, however new it may be, is "checked out." If NetLibrary has it, you can get it.

A final word—The library has two volunteer programs and is always looking for "recruits"

- Project Read trains tutors to teach adult new readers. This literacy program provides one-on-one tutoring including all needed materials.
- Also, volunteers can participate in Storytime on Wheels. These "mobile" volunteers take traditional story times into licensed childcare centers in the county. The volunteers visit a center once a month to help children develop language and literacy skills. Husband and wife teams are welcome. Interested? Call Ethelyn Davis at 410-758-0980.

The adage that "The best things in life are free" still has relevance. Drop by the library at 121 S. Commerce Street in Centreville and see for yourself. Parking is also available in the back of the library.



Leave only paw prints. Pick up my waste and dispose of it properly. This is not only polite to others, but it's also an HOA rule. Keep a baggy in your pocket for pick up. Let's obey the rules and have some fun.

From Jan's Desk

Reminder:

We are still having some difficulty with the outside gym door not closing completely. When you leave the gym via the side door, please double check behind you to be sure it has actually closed tightly. Thank you for your help in this matter until we are able to remedy the problem permanently.

To All Event Chairpersons: Vacuums, brooms, mops and supplies are located in the closet in the back corner of the Grand Concert Hall.

FYI: I have a library of user manuals for the fitness equipment, piano, billiards and computer in the office that can be signed out.

See you at the Clubhouse!

From SVBCC

Patience reigns....After many months, the street lights have finally been fixed on Sonata Way in front of Baker's and King's..... Things don't happen as quickly as we would like, but through determination and patience, issues have been and will continue to be resolved.....Thanks. Frank Ogens, President

Status Report on the SV HOA Web Site

We know that many SV residents are very interested in having a SV HOA web site established. The SVBCC received a review of the Legum and Norman web site which could be adapted for our community as has already been done for several other 55+ communities. As we reported at the last community meeting, all members of the SVBCC felt that it was extremely expensive and overly complex for the present needs of SV. Further, we did not think that it was necessarily a good plan to tie

ourselves to Legum and Norman on a long term basis. Consequently, at the community meeting we asked for volunteers to establish our own web site. We are very fortunate that John Schultz has kindly volunteered to acquire a domain name, to set up server access, and to act as the webmaster. John has already established his own family web site. John is interested in having help and if there are any additional volunteers please contact John or me. In the next several weeks we should have a draft web site for your review.

John has suggested that we use Network Solutions to provide 10 e-mail addresses. We hope to use a form of Symphony Village.xxx as the domain name and we are checking with Kevin to make sure that Caruso has no objections. The three-year cost of the domain name and the service including set-up fees in only \$275. The SVBCC will be able to cover this expense from the community center rental income and other funds we receive from Caruso.

We will model the site after the Legum and Norman site and we plan to include the following items:

- A "What's New at SV" section;
- The monthly calendar of events that Pam Ogens maintains and will shortly be e-mailed to all residents for whom we have addresses;
- A "Recent Events" section that will allow photographs to be posted;
- The Libretto Newsletter generated by the Communications and Publications Committee on a monthly basis;
- A listing of interesting events in the Centreville area (to include Chestertown). The Communications and Publications Committee will be asked to assemble and maintain this list;
- The directory of names and addresses of residents presently maintained by the Communications and Publications Committee. We appreciate that some residents may have reservations about posting their address information on a public web site. We are looking at the possibility of setting up a registration system that would require each resident to set up their own account name and password. If we go this route, the registration will apply to the whole web site. In the

interim, no names and addresses will be posted without further contact with residents;

- A list of SV committees and their voting members and a roster of clubs;
- A list of the rules and regulations for the Community Center and;
- A "Classified Ads" section for SV residents for which there will be a nominal charge.

If any residents have comments or suggestions Please contact John (schultzzy@schultzzy.org) or me (coffinteague@aol.com). Once again, thank you to John for his efforts on our behalf.

Mike Teague, Vice President, SVBCC

SV Calendar On-Line

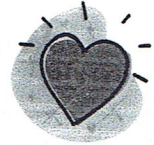
Within the next few days, you will receive an e-mail from svbcc_calendar@yahoo.com. It contains the link to the SV Calendar On-line, which you will be able to access at your convenience. It will always be your current reference for SV activities. If you do not receive the e-mail within 3-4 days following delivery of this newsletter, it is because either, (a) your e-mail address is not in the directory, or (b) your e-mail address is incorrect on the distribution list. Please call Pam Ogens at 410-758-0374 and she will see that you get it.

Copies of the current calendar will always be available at the Clubhouse for our members who do not have computer access. Home delivery of weekly reminders and monthly calendars will cease effective April 1, 2006.

What Fun We Have Had!

Valentine's Day: Symphony Village's first Annual Valentine's Day dinner was a great success. Dinner choices included Steak, Crab Imperial and Chicken, and the food was as good as the company. We filled a private room at Annie's Paramount Steak House with 70 Symphony Villagers, who

helped Bel and Nick Barbalace celebrate their wedding anniversary, as well. Thanks to Pat Loiacono, Joyce Edmonston, Dorothy Hamm, and Norm and Jan DiCarlantonio for their hard work to make this a super Valentine's Day. See the great pictures at the Clubhouse.



Game Night: We had 3 tables for game night on February 18th and again on March 4th.

Once again, "Sequence" was a popular favorite. It was a close contest, and in February at one of the tables, the girls squeaked by the guys with a score of 7 games to 6. Some of us got so excited when we saw a good move, we didn't even wait for the person ahead of us to play. (You know who you are!) It was great fun!! Come join us for this relaxing evening of fun. Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game. We're willing to learn a new one. Thanks to Ray and Carole for hosting.

MARDI GRAS

The DiCarlantonio's and the Ryan's hosted a wonderful cocktail party on Saturday, February 25, in honor of *Mardi Gras*. We had masks, beads, coins and other Mardi Gras mementos, and many people dressed in Mardi Gras attire, with purple, gold and green being the colors of the evening. As usual, the food was wonderful. We had jambalaya and gumbo with rice, wings, snacks and appetizers galore, and a bunch of other yummy dishes. There was even a Mardi Gras King cake for those of us with a sweet tooth. Once again, the cooks among us outdid themselves. Thanks to all who attended for making it a great party and special thanks to Jan, Norm, Joan and Rich for all your hard work. Pictures at the Clubhouse!

Movie Night: On February 24th, thirty or more residents came to the Clubhouse to view the deliriously ribald summer comedy, "The Wedding Crashers". Everyone laughed and commented on this movie



while eating popcorn and snacks. It was another fun evening. Thank you to Linda and Bob Farrar for the entertaining evening.

Book Club: The book of the month for February, "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult, prompted a discussion on moral and ethical issues related to medical problems facing many today. March's book, "Night" by Eli Wiesel will be the topic for discussion on March 16th at 7:00 p.m. Come join us! April we will be reading and discussing "Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight" a memory of an African childhood by Alexandra Fuller, and then May will be, "The Power of One" by Bryce Courtenay. The third Thursday of the month is Book Club evening. Consider joining us.

Ongoing Activities: Ever consider trying Tai Chi, Water Aerobics, Bridge, Ball Room Dancing, Quilting, or Poker? Check the calendar and sign up!



Quilt Class: meets Tuesday 10-12, Arts & Crafts room.

Jeanne Novack teaches the Quilt Class. Jeanne has a background in Home Economics education and has been quilting for eight years.

Class member experience in quilting ranges from beginners to experienced quilters. The class is now working on sampler quilts. Please feel welcome to stop by and visit during class. The cycle for beginner quilting will be repeated in coming months. If you are interested in learning to quilt or joining our quilt group, call Jeanne at 410-758-2842

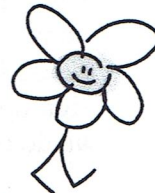
Ongoing field trips have been planned for the class. February 21st, class members went to the Tilghman Island Inn to view quilts being displayed by Jane Rice of Annapolis and her daughter, Leslie Thrasher of Arnold. The group also enjoyed a delightful lunch at the Inn. Trips planned for March include a trip to Cotton Seed

Glory, a quilt shop in Annapolis, and Quilt Day in Ruthsberg.

Bridge Wanted: More Bridge Players! Bridge players are needed for the Wednesday afternoon bridge group, and wanted for the Monday evening group. Players of all levels are welcome. If you haven't played since college and would like to start playing come and join us. We will be happy to have you. Playing is the only way to improve! Bridge is Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. For more information you can call Dortehea Turek at 410-758-8554.

What To Look Forward To from The Lifestyles Committee

Happy Hours: After the wonderful Mardi Gras Happy Hour we are now back to our regular Happy Hours. Please check the calendar and bring a snack to share and greet your neighbors. The next Happy Hour is March 24th



Movie Night: Join us March 31st at 7:00 p.m. for "Walk the Line", the Johnny Cash story. There is a change in the format in that you are requested to bring your own snack and the honor bar will be available for beverages. The host/hostess will be responsible for starting the movie and cleaning up after the event.

Lunch Bunch: If you have signed up for the March lunch, remember it will be at The Love Point Café, on March 23rd. The April lunch will be at the Kent Manor Inn on April 27th. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Book.

American Indian Museum: There are still some spaces open on the bus for the April 10th Museum trip. The cost for the bus will be \$20-25 depending on the number of participants. There is no cost for entry to the museum, or the play. Lunch will be on your own. Please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse as soon as possible. Plan to join us for a fun day!!

Bowling and Lunch: The Chestertown Bowling Facility has invited us to bowl and share a light lunch on Monday, May 1st. A fee of \$5.00 per person will include 1 game of bowling, shoes, and a hot dog or pizza with a drink. Additional games can be bowled at a price of \$2.00 per game. This will be a fun social event and you do *not* have to be a regular bowler to enjoy it. Please sign up in the Activities Book. We will carpool to Chestertown.

Queen Anne's Chorale Concert: Queen Anne's Chorale is sponsoring a concert on Saturday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Chesapeake College. The concert is "All That Jazz" and features Stef Scaggiari and Trio. It will include many types of music. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Please join a group from Symphony Village. Sign up for tickets in the Activities Book so that we do not miss out on advance sales.

OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

By The Ryans & Hamms, Co-chairpersons

The newly formed Outreach Program has been very active this month with many projects underway. First is a report from the Sub Co-Chairpersons of the Symphony Village portion of the Outreach Program. The second part contains a report from Jeanne Novak, Fund Raising Manager. The third part describes volunteer opportunities at the Health Department, and other Outreach Program news. Suggestions will always be welcomed, as we work together to develop a program that will benefit the residents of SV and our fellow citizens of Queen Anne's County, especially those who are vulnerable and need assistance.

First Symphony Village Outreach Meeting

By Pat Loiacono, Helen Schultz & Mary Lou Coyle.

The first Symphony Village Outreach Program Meeting was held on March 2nd. It included the three co-chairpersons for the SV portion of the Outreach Program and Dorothy Hamm, co-

chairperson of the parent program. The purpose of the meeting was to determine what services the group would provide to the community and to develop an organizational plan. This portion of Outreach will be called "Neighbor to Neighbor". Support for the community will be offered through five services: Bereavement and Sickness, Meals, Equipment Sharing, Flowers & Cards and Transportation. Committees, chairpersons and volunteers are needed for each service. A Phone Tree and e-mail will be used to share information.

Volunteers were called after the meeting to determine their interests, skills and availability. Many positions were quickly filled, but more volunteers are needed, especially for dinners. A member of this group may be calling you to ask you to join the list of volunteers to prepare a meal for a neighbor in times of need.

The first general meeting of the Symphony Village group of the Outreach Program will be held March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Details of the organizational plans will be explained, followed by discussion, questions, suggestions and sign-ups. Please join us for a wonderful night of sharing ideas concerning how we can best support our community.

Symphony Village First Annual Tour of Homes by Jeanne Novak, Fund Raising Manager

Homes! Homes! Homes!

We need volunteered homes for the Symphony Village Homes Tour and Luncheon to be held on Saturday, June 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. What a great way to have some fun and meet your neighbors! Tour and Luncheon proceeds will benefit our recently organized Outreach Program. If you are interested in participating, (serve on a committee, volunteer your home, or just want more information), call Jeanne Novack, 410-758-2842, or Joyce Ryan, at 410-758-2136. Tickets for the Tour and Luncheon will be \$30. In conjunction with the tour, there will be a raffle with a cash prize of \$300. The drawing will be at the Luncheon. Please plan to attend and participate.

Volunteer Opportunities and News Items

By Dorothy Hamm

Queen Anne's County Health Department sponsors a program called "The Families First Play to Learn Center" in Grasonville. It is a center-based literacy program that focuses on helping parents realize that they are their child's first and best teacher. Parents (usually moms) come with their children from infants to five years old. The children spend the morning with child development teachers, while the parents are free to attend GED, ESOL, computer classes or an enrichment program. After lunch, parents settle their children for nap and participate in the parent child book club, support group or gather to hear a guest speaker. Participants routinely go to the library for story time or to food pantries and thrift shops for shopping. "The Families First" director is Attilio Zarrella. (410-827-7656). Assistance in the playroom is always welcome, especially helping mothers read children's books, so they can share reading with their children. Anyone with an early childhood interest should give Attilio a call. Call Dorothy at 410-758-3803 for more information about this wonderful program.

Hospice of QAC was recently granted sewer permits, so groundbreaking on their new two million dollar facility will take place in June. The building will be located in the new business park next to the Food Lion. We are extremely fortunate to have it so close. More information will follow, as they will need our support to complete this tremendous project.



Symphony Sneakers Program Update

We continue to work with Kennard Elementary School to support their book distribution. Thanks to our financial support, the school's reading specialist has ordered additional new books for distribution to the students at three separate functions: March 2 – Celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday, a second "Muffins for Moms" on April 5th and 6th, and a second "Donuts for Dads" on April 27th and 28th. A number of residents assisted the teachers and guidance counselors at the Dr. Seuss celebration. Their role was to encourage the students to select a book that they would be able to take home and read.

We will need help in the early mornings (7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.) with the two upcoming book distributions in April, when the kids come with their "mom" and then "dad" or other male figure and select another book at each function.

We have paid utility bills for three families who do not have sufficient resources during the winter months. We will be providing funds directly to the schools to allow all children to participate in school field trips.

There is also need for volunteers to help with reading and to mentor some kids who need a stabilizing figure in their lives. Mentoring is typically done for about one hour per week at the school. This type of volunteer effort is always appreciated by the schools and helps to make a difference in the lives of the students.

Our next "Sneakers" meeting will be April 6 At 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing any resident who would like to help the program. Please contact Joyce Edmonston at 410-758-4908 to sign up to volunteer for the "Donuts for Dads" and/or the "Muffins for Moms" book distribution

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
MARCH 16TH**

The Town of Centreville has elections for Council members the first Tuesday of April each year. This year the election will be held on April 4th. Voting takes place in the Town Office on Lawyers Row. Each year one of the Council member's term expires; there are three members on the council and they serve for three year terms. This year the seat of Donna Turner is up for election. The two candidates running for this seat are Andi Morony from Northbrook Community and Mary Roby, a Centreville resident. The last day to register to vote in the election is March 16th.

**Another Centreville Community Note:
Support Our Troops**

Captain Aaron Sadusky, a graduate of Queen Anne's County H.S. and West Point, is currently serving in Tikrit, Iraq. He suggested to his parents, who live in Centreville, that a good way to support our troops is to send them phone cards. If you would like to join in this very worthy cause and enable our troops to call home for Easter, call me, Paul Sheehan, a Symphony Village resident, at 410-758-4567. I am a personal friend of the Sandusky's and I will forward the cards to their son for distribution to the troops.

RECYCLE ! ? !

Have you considered recycling your glass, news papers, tin cans, etc?
There are recycling igloos in town right behind the Health Department on Commerce St. or you can get there on Banjo St. just off Water St.

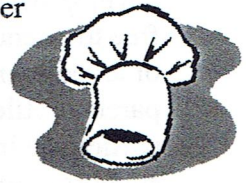
Recipe of the Month

The Publications and Communications Committee thought it would be fun to have a "recipe of the month", a recipe of one of the delicious food items we have had at one of our activities. If you would like to contribute your special recipe please contact one of us, or don't be surprised if you are called to say, "please give us that recipe".

Black Bean Salsa

Submitted by Kathy Gauthier

- 2 cans black beans, rinsed
- 1 can sweet corn, rinsed
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped **or**
- 1 can petite diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 bunch of green onions, chopped
- A handful of cilantro, chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, chopped (**optional if you like it spicy.**)



Mix all of the above together.

Dressing:

- ¼ cup olive oil ½ lemon, juiced
- 1 lime, juiced 1 clove garlic, pressed
- Salt & Pepper

Mix above together and add to bean mixture. Stir well. Good when made a day or so ahead. Serve with Scoops corn chips.

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