

LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT: to enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.

WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS!!



The following residents settled and/or moved into their new homes since our last publication:

Sue & Steve Meredith
305 Overture Way
410-704-3480

Jim & Linda Pullen
251 Orchestra Place
410-758-4314
searcherjp@atlanticbb.net

Carl & Christine Collins
301 Orchestra Place
410-758-2058

William Hart & Peggy Anderson
402 Opera Court
410-758-8423
molarmax@aol.com

Kathleen & David Tucker
317 Overture Way

Lloyd & Sarah McAtee
321 Overture Way

Joan C. Studnicky
305 Orchestra Place
410-758-1627
joanstudnicky@atlanticbb.net

Stoney & Marie Stone
119 Encore Ct.
410-758-2442

Larry & Lela Strittmatter
309 Overture Way
410-758-1960
strittmatter43@yahoo.com

John & Patricia Tominovich
247 Orchestra Place

Kathleen Rawlings
312 Orchestra Place

James & Gail Brown
308 Orchestra Place

Welcome to each and everyone!

NB: Some of our new residents were not available to complete the application for the Directory but the information will be updated as soon as possible and will be available on the Web site

FROM JAN'S DESK



The hours of the outdoor pool have been extended: The pool is now open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The indoor pool and spa hours remains 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Please note: Guests are permitted in the outdoor pool only. Indoor pool and spa are for residents only.

By County Code: Please keep the side doors of the indoor pool closed at all times, this is our fence.

Please enter and exit the Clubhouse (for pool use) through the gym door. (This is the only area of the clubhouse you are allowed in with wet suits)

Please have your access key with you in the pool area and use the door closest to the indoor pool to enter and exit from the outdoor area. (DO NOT prop open the door. This is a violation of code and lets out the air conditioning.)

Remember to use only unbreakable containers and bottles around the pool area.

In the event of a thunder and lightning storm, please leave the pool area, including the indoor pool and spa. (This is a safety and "Code" issue.)

Last of all, enjoy the pools and have a great summer!

Please check the Activities Book. We have sign up sheets for anyone interested in having a tennis partner and also for swimming buddies.

See you around the Clubhouse!

COMMUNITY MEETING SUMMARY



Jack Dedrick called the monthly Community Meeting to order shortly after 7:00 p.m. on June 8th. Marlene Tennier introduced Eileen Lacijan, the executive Director of Hospice of Queen Anne's County and the first of three guest speakers. Ms. Lacijan briefly described the interdisciplinary system of palliative care Hospice has provided for 21 years. Physicians, nurses, social workers, licensed nursing assistants, chaplains, and volunteers support patients and their families during the end stages of terminal illness. Hospice provides care in patients' homes, nursing homes, or hospitals. Soon, Hospice will also be able to provide care and support in its own Hospice Home here in Centreville. Thanks to the generosity of the Queen Anne's County community, Hospice has \$2 million of a \$3 million capital campaign already in the bank. Everyone is invited to the picnic and ground breaking ceremony on the two acres of donated land behind the Food Lion/True Value Shopping Center here in Centreville on June 17th at noon.

Susan Brandon, the Co-coordinator of Bereavement services for Hospice, spoke briefly on the program, which provides grief support to family members. Group sessions, camps for children and family, telephone calls, or maybe just a note to let the family know they are in one's thoughts are some of the ways this program serves Queen Anne's County residents.

The third speaker, Walter Geggis, from the Board of Elections, spoke about the political make up of the state and Queen Anne's county, touch screen voting technology in MD, and the need for volunteers to serve as judges on voting day. His presentation included numerous handouts. Do

you want to be an election judge? Are you wondering if you are registered to vote? To find out call the County Board of Elections at 410-758-0832.

Jan gave information on an upcoming class for any resident who wants to become a certified PSO. Volunteers among residents are needed when Jan is not working, as someone must be available at all times should the Health Department decide to come and inspect the pool's operation. Questions as to whether Caruso would pay for this class were left unanswered at this time.

Volunteers for the Finance Committee were announced: Arlyn Marshall, Robert Joy, Phyllis Hoffman, Bonnie Weeks, Paul Sheehan, Boris Bell and Alan Ettman. Also announced were members of the Architectural committee: Carol Hodges, Marilyn Williams, and Don Brothers.

Valerie Siegel was introduced as a new member of the SVBCC, replacing Mike Teague who resigned last month.

Jim Kindle made several announcements. Blinds have been installed in the Billiards and Grand Concert Hall; the Maryland and American flags have been placed in the Grand Concert Hall. The hours for the outdoor pool have been extended from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Adjustments and repairs to the irrigation system are going on and will continue until completed. For particular problems on your property not yet addressed you can contact, David Bise at 301-782-3644. Guide lines for the use of all SV recreational facilities are under review. As part of that process, residents will receive a questionnaire seeking their input on these facilities. Everyone is encouraged to respond within the time frame offered, so everyone's concerns can be considered in the formulation of facilities rules.

Jack Dedrick announced the immediate resignation of Frank Ogens from the board. Members were invited to volunteer to complete the unexpired term created by his resignation. Marlene commended both Frank and Mike Teague for their contributions both to the board and community as a whole.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS



River Dance: Spectacular is the best description of this fine production! About 30 Symphony Village residents traveled in car/van pools to Baltimore to see River Dance at the Lyric Opera House on May 20th. The Irish step dancing, singing, instrumental pieces, especially the Irish Fiddle and the Uilleann Pipes kept us tapping our feet to the beat and wishing this wonderful performance would never end. The fun did not stop with the show however. The majority continued the fun and camaraderie by going to dinner at Kentmoor to enjoy delicious food and each other's company. A fun filled, wonderful afternoon and evening was had by all who attended.



Memorial Day Picnic: More than 200 members and guests attended the re-opening of the pool and potluck on Sunday, May 28th. Perfect weather, bountiful tables, laughter, and camaraderie filled the Clubhouse and spilled

out to poolside. Special thanks to Bob Farrar and Pat Verna who joined Nancy Cotter for three hours on Saturday to begin preparations. The Cotters were joined by Ed and Marilyn Williams, Jim and Pat Kindle, Nick and Bel Barbalace, and Ed and Jeanne Novack to complete Sunday preparations. The summer season will produce more fabulous functions like this one. All members will have an opportunity to contribute to their success so that no one person's contribution is onerous. It's not too early to sign up for the Fourth of July poolside potluck! All of us will be counting on whatever you have chosen to contribute of yourself and from your kitchen.

Happy Hours: are fun! Twice a month (the first Friday and the third Saturday), Happy Hours are held in the Clubhouse. They are a wonderful, casual way to meet and interact with your neighbors. The price is right (donations of \$.50 for soft drinks, \$1.00 for a glass of wine or beer or \$1.50 for a mixed drink). Contributions of hors d'oeuvres by those attending are always delicious. Thanks to the Farrars, the Williams, the Hughes, and the Marsegils for hosting recent Happy Hours, and an advance thank you to the Stephens for being our hosts on June 17. Being a host is simple; directions can be found in the Activities Book. Jan's staff will set up and take down tables for you. Open dates for hosting future Happy Hours are listed in the book as well (with August 5 currently available). See you at 6:00 p.m. on June 17th!

Bowling and lunch: We had such a great time before.... We are doing it again. If you missed the outing to Queen Anne's Bowling Center in May...you really missed having a great time and for so little money. We had 4 women and 3 men who bowled and had lunch for \$5.00 per person.

You don't have to be an expert and you don't have to worry about bowling gutter balls...they have "bumpers." So don't be shy ... come just for the fun of it – Tuesday, June 20th at 12:00 noon. (Meet in the Clubhouse parking lot to form carpools). Sign up in the Activities Book.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFE STYLES COMMITTEE: by Linda Farrar

Margaritaville Comes To Symphony Village Saturday June 24th at 5 p.m.

Join your neighbors for a fun-filled evening around the pool featuring Jimmy Buffet music and margaritas. Please don't forget to sign up in the Activity Book by June 17th to bring food and to help. If you have questions call the Ryans - 410-758-2136.

4th of July

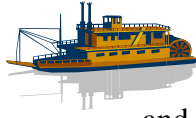


Our second annual 4th of July Celebration and Pot Luck will be held poolside on the actual day – July 4th, at 3:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Activities Book by June 26th to **PARTY***. Celebrate our nation's great day with your neighbors and their families.

* **Prepare A Recipe and Task Yourself to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up.**

Choptank River Cruise and Crab Feast

On Thursday August 17th we will be venturing to the Suicide Bridge Restaurant in Hurlock, Md. There we will board a simulated paddle boat for a three hour ride on the Choptank River. While on the cruise we will partake of a crab feast, including steamed crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, fried clams, cole slaw, corn on the cob, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. The price for this trip, including boat ride, feast, tax, and gratuities is \$45 per person. If we have enough people, we will charter a bus and share the cost of the bus among the riders. This should be a great day for all. Details on departure time will appear later, but we will be leaving around 11:00 a.m. Please sign up in the Activity Book in the clubhouse by August 1st. If you have questions call, Joyce Edmonston at 410-758-4908.



Family Fun Day - *** Date Change *** - New Date – Saturday August 19th

Plans are in full gear for our Old Fashioned Family Fun Day. Activities will include a picnic, games for adults and children, crafts, moon bounce, and a special appearance by our own “Glitzy The Clown.” Jim and Sharon Roe, 410-758-6540, will be coordinating this event. We need *many* volunteers so please sign up to help!!! Sign up sheets will be in the Activity Book. Let’s make this a fantastic time for all our families.



Lunch Bunch

Look for details for the July Lunch Bunch in the Activities Book.

Happy Hour

Don’t forget our summer Happy Hours will be June 17th, July 14th, August 11th, and August 26th. Please sign up to be a host. Happy Hours are a great way to meet your new neighbors!!!

Exercise to Tapes

Come and get fit! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. The group does a thirty-minute cardio workout followed by a thirty minute toning workout. All of this is done following instructions from tapes and DVD’s. Some of the tapes include Denise Austin, Richard Simmons, the Firm, Jane Fonda, and Pilates. Sometimes you might not be able to do a certain exercise, but just keep moving and do your own thing. Participants claim that they can really tell the difference. For more information call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. Hope to see you there.



Bridge at Symphony Village

Bridge players are always welcome to join the group. There is no need to call, just come and enjoy some party bridge. Play on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and/or Wednesday afternoons from 1p.m. until 3 p.m. You do not have to be an expert to join in the fun. If you have any questions or need a ride, call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. We’d love to meet you.

Outdoors Adventure Group



Cool, sunny weather has gotten the outdoors group off to a wonderful start.

Bicycling, walking, kayaking, and town festivals have been the activities so far. Golf, hiking, birding, curling, bay/deep sea fishing, and skeet shooting will be scheduled in the future.

If you're interested in any of these activities and want to participate you have to get in the loop. How do you do that? Easily. Get a survey form from the Clubhouse office or gym counter; fill it out and return it to Jan or Mary Drake (159 Harmony Way), Make certain to put your e-mail address and telephone # on the form. Once you sign up, your name will be added to the groups in which are interested and you will be notified of upcoming activities. Most of the activities will not be posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board because of the spontaneity of the events. Don't miss out. Fill out that survey form.

Sneakers Update

The final book giveaway at Kennard Elementary, "Read A Book This Summer," was a great success. Every child in the school chose a book to read during the summer. The Thank-You expressions, especially the handwritten notes, were very much appreciated. The school honored our volunteers with a delicious luncheon.

Please plan to attend our next Sneakers Meeting on August 10th to see how you can be a part of this rewarding charity.

OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE by Dorothy Hamm



WOW!!! What a fantastic House Tour and Luncheon. It could not have been better. Congratulations to Chairman, Jeanne Novack, Co-chairman, Joyce Ryan and their committee on a job well done. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch, terrific decorations, beautiful brochure, warm hospitality, and wonderful homes. Thanks to all the volunteers and home owners, who so graciously opened their homes for the tour. Special thanks to Bob Butler, who diligently recorded all the checks and expenses. Our financial success will be reported shortly. The SV Outreach Committee is delighted to announce that Joyce Edmonston and Beth Dewhirst will join the committee as Volunteer Coordinators, and Valerie Heisler has accepted the position of Program Coordinator. Joyce and Beth's first task will be developing a volunteer survey to be utilized for gathering information about residents' interest and talents. Valerie will work as a liaison with outside service and civic organizations; we will support with volunteers and financial donations. We are looking forward to developing a very successful program and welcome all volunteers and suggestions.

House Tour and Luncheon Report by Jeanne Novack

The House Tour and Luncheon was a spectacular event and far exceeded our highest expectations. It was a great success in many different ways. It created a sense of team work and camaraderie

with neighbors, who previously hardly knew each other. We all had an opportunity to polish skills that had been left behind with our old careers and develop new ones that had never been attempted. Together, we created a wonderful project and had a great deal of fun for ourselves and for everyone who attended. Pat Loiacono and her team planned a luncheon that was

delicious, easy to serve, and economical. Beth Dewhirst and her team worked with a nursery to provide



wonderful decorations and set the tables with lovely place settings. Pat Verna and Judy Scully handled the critical sale of tour and raffle tickets with great efficiency. Marilyn Williams and Cheryl Cogan created the informative brochure. The colorful balloons were provided by Carol Stephe. Linda Farrar and Mary Lou Coyle arranged the hostesses for the home tour. Co-Chair, Joyce Ryan, worked with the home owners to develop a terrific selection of “Tour Homes”, each offering something special. We fully appreciate and thank the volunteers and “Tour Home” owners for the generosity of their time and talent. We also wish to thank our brochure advertisers and hope you will patronize them, mention their ads and thank them for their support.

Calling All Village Residents: by Joyce Edmonston

We have a wonderful opportunity to be of service to our own community and the general Centreville community at large. This is volunteering for Hospice headquarters and health facility which, in the future, will be next door to our village.

You can volunteer now by working with patients, helping with Estate Treasures (gift/thrift shop) in Queenstown or doing clerical work. Your help would be greatly appreciated in any of these areas. You may sign up for any of these worthy causes by calling Joyce Edmonston at 410-758-4908

Volunteers in Action by Ann Walsh

During the last few years of my nursing career I always said, “When I retire I am going to work with Hospice.” This goal, I’m sure, originated when my family experienced the wonderful care of Hospice volunteers at the time of my father’s death.

Witnessing the birth of a child is a joy like no other, truly God’s miracle, and everyone wants to be part of that experience. Well, at the other end of life’s continuum, be it long or short, being with someone as they are waiting God’s final call is an experience not so much like the joy of a birth but truly an experience of God’s presence, a peaceful surrender by most present.



Being a volunteer for Hospice does not require a nursing background. When I receive a call to visit a patient, I never know just what my visit will be like, but there is always the opportunity to do small things for another, such as holding a hand, sometimes shedding a tear as a patient ponders the “why,” listening as they tell their stories, reading or saying a prayer, offering your heart as you search with them the meaning of life, their suffering, their pain, giving ice chips to parched lips, fluffing their pillow, playing music, maybe even lighting their cigarette, telling them they are loved or being a presence to them. These things, although seem small, are the opportunities to share one’s self with another.

Being a volunteer relieves the family member who is caring for the patient while he or she runs to the store, takes a child to gymnastics practice, or just to gets out and cuts the lawn; then again, it may involve being supportive to family’s members during the last 24-48 hours of their loved one’s life, as volunteers keep vigil day and night.

Hospice Staff provides excellent volunteer training each spring and fall – training not only to be a volunteer but a training that causes one to reflect on one’s own thoughts of dying and the whole meaning of life. Indeed....

The Hospice volunteer experience has been for me the realization of the Biblical quote: “There is a season for everything.... A time for giving birth, a time for dying, ...a time of

healing.... a time for tears,.... for laughter... for mourning.... a time for keeping silent... a time for loving...a time of peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Do you have any old DVD movies?

Charlie Scheck and Paul Sheehan will receive any old DVD movies and send them to an Army Captain in Iraq for the troops. Reportedly, troops have players but no DVD's to play. Please drop off to 165 Symphony or 146 Harmony. Thanks for helping our troops.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

BARBER SHOP OPEN:



No haircut, no shave, just singing. The Queen Anne's barbershop chorus, Pride of the Bay, has an open house guest night on June 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Arts Council building 206 N. Commerce St, Centreville.

Invited are men interested in singing and anyone curious to know how the chorus kept the "Music In the Park" audience entertained and in their seats in Chester on June 8th despite an onrushing thunderstorm. Come visit us in the dry, gnat-free environment to learn why men's harmony kept them in their lawn chairs. Call your neighbor, Jack Walsh for more information and/or a ride: 443-262-9449

"EVENING UNDER THE STARS": Saturday, September 9th at Piney Point Farm featuring the jazz melodies of Jeff Daris for dancing, cocktails, light fare and dessert. For more information, contact Janet Doehler (410-758-0306)

Check out the bulletin board in the lobby of the Clubhouse for other notices of local interest. are other

FROM THE KITCHEN OF ... BETH DEWHIRST

Spinach Squares

1 cup flour	
1 tsp. salt	1 medium onion - chopped
1 tsp. baking powder	1 cup milk
2 eggs	1 pkg. (10oz) frozen spinach- defrosted, well drained
1 stick margarine - melted	1 lb sharp cheese- grated

- Combine: flour, salt, baking powder
- Add and stir: 2 beaten eggs, melted margarine
- Add: onion, milk, defrosted and well drained spinach, cheese
- Pour into greased 9x13 pan.
- Bake 350 for 45 minutes. Cool and cut into small squares. Can be baked and frozen. Reheat at 350 for 15-20 minutes.

Our Feature Article of the Month
ANIMAL RESOURCE FOUNDATION (ARF)
Submitted by Valerie Siegel

Located in the old Kent Narrows Outlet Center, the Animal Resource Foundation (ARF) is a thriving center of hope and love. Founded in 1999 as a network of foster families for abandoned and neglected animals, ARF moved into its present location in May 2005. Executive Director, Susan Beall, says the facility is the result of generous financial and volunteer contributions. Respectively they are the life's blood and heartbeat of the organization.



The front door opens into a large lobby, where an assortment of literature about ARF programs and volunteer opportunities cover the counters. "Ethel," the resident Boxer, is the current unofficial greeter. She paces in the large open area beyond the lobby that is used for training classes and community education programs, such as Pet First Aid classes. "Ethel" has issues. Beall and ARF volunteers are helping her work through them with apparent success. One day, "Ethel" will have a home of her own. Once an animal comes into the ARF system, that animal is safe for life.

To the right, in a perimeter around the training ring, two cozy cat rooms offer carpeted climbing trees, snuggly sleeping baskets, and a wide-angle view of the great outdoors. On the opposite side of the building, a meet-and-greet room is the centerpiece of the facility. This spacious room is furnished like a large living room and provides a homey get acquainted environment for hopeful pets and prospective adoptive families.



ARF still relies heavily on its foster care network as animals do not live at the facility. When foster parents are at work, three-month old puppies like Chip and Andy might be seen romping in the big day care room. Missi and her three active puppies, rescued from the ravages of Katrina, also make their temporary home at the facility.

The work of ARF and its 25-30 active volunteers reaches far beyond the walls of its Kent Island facility and even beyond the Eastern Shore community. ARF brings adoptable pets to Pet Smart and K-Mart as well as Kent Island Day and Queen Anne's County Fair. In addition, ARF works with neighboring humane societies as far away as Howard and Caroline Counties or out of state to bring a pet to the right home.

Beall points out that ARF provides support for the whole community, not just for animals. Humans experience a major boost in self-esteem at ARF. Widowed and retired volunteers enjoy dog walking, or feeding and caring for the cats and their quarters during the day. Scout troops earn merit badges and students fulfill community service with volunteer service at ARF. Volunteers learn by doing. There is not need for prior training. Just come in Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday: 12 pm – 7 pm; Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm; or Sunday: 11 am-6 pm or call 410-643-8700 for more information and directions.

Foster care is another rewarding way to be involved with an animal without making a long-term commitment. To learn more about foster care, or to download an adoption or foster care application, visit the ARF website at www.arfusa.org.

Support from donors and volunteers enabled ARF to place 200 animals into homes last year. That's a lot of realized hope and unconditional love!

LAST ITEM OF EXTREME INTEREST:

Since the web site is now available, this is the last issue of *LIBRETTO* to be delivered door- to-door. It is now available online and will be from now on, along with an updated copy of the Directory. To access the web site enter: villagehoa.org

A user ID and password are needed to access the Newsletter, Directory and SVBCC minutes. These are obtainable by contacting Jan at the clubhouse or any SVBCC member. Residents without e-mail will receive their copy of the newsletter at the Clubhouse with their name on it and a paper copy of the current Directory will be made available quarterly.

