

# 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:

Jerry and Anita Syfert  
223 Orchestra Place  
410-758-8707  
[puzzlemanjer@juno.com](mailto:puzzlemanjer@juno.com)

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223 Orchestra Place  
410-758-8707  
[pfa5@comcast.net](mailto:pfa5@comcast.net)

Lee and Jean Gauthier  
239 Orchestra Place  
941-758-0655  
[Leegauthier2@msn.com](mailto:Leegauthier2@msn.com)

Betty Hernan  
231 Orchestra Place  
410-758-0608

George and Madeline Manning  
219 Orchestra Place

Lavern, Nancy, and Jeffrey Straight  
335 Overture Way

Thomas and Virginia Taylor  
339 Overture Way

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 TARA LAING, COMMUNITY MANAGER**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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& Lifestyle Director  
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Issues involving SVHOA: (grass mowing, snow removal, etc.) and issues involving SVHOA common properties (parks, ponds walks etc.) Contact:L& N Community Manager, Tara Laing at 410-524-5577 x 20; fax: 410-524-6234; email: [tlaing@Inresorts.com](mailto:tlaing@Inresorts.com).

Issues involving lawn maintenance. Contact:  
L& N Community Manager, Tara Laing at 410-524-5577 x 20; fax: 410-524-6234; email: [tlaing@Inresorts.com](mailto:tlaing@Inresorts.com)

Issues involving irrigation (30 days or later) after settlement: Contact:  
L& N Community Manager, Tara Laing at 410-524-5577 x 20; fax: 410-524-6234; email: [tlaing@Inresorts.com](mailto:tlaing@Inresorts.com)

Common area emergencies only: Contact L&N “after hours” messaging service at 410-524-5577.

Customer Service: (builder related issues): 410-758-8775 x 11 Larry Paxton.

Issues involving Police assistance: (non-emergency) contact the Centreville Police at 410-758-8437.

Issues involving Animal Control: Contact the Queen Anne’s County Humane Society at 410-758-2393

### **ITEM FROM THE SVAB**

Consider signing up to serve on the SVAB! The time is NOW until October 22<sup>nd</sup> to place your name as a nominee on the list or nominate someone who you think would be a good representative to and for the community. The sign up sheet is at the Clubhouse or call a member of the nominating committee: Marlene Tennier, Marilyn Williams, or Boris Bell, with your nomination or if you have any questions.

### **FROM JAN’S DESK**



The Outdoor Pool is now closed for the season. The pool and patio furniture will remain in place until the end of October so that you may enjoy the “Indian summer days” ahead.

Please observe the current indoor pool rules of operation until the final results of the survey have been tabulated and final recommendations have been made:

REMINDER: (Current Rule)

Indoor pool use is for Age Qualified and Age Permitted Residents ONLY. Guests and children (6 & older) are permitted access on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons 1 to 4 pm.

There are still seats available for the Queen Anne Park & Rec sponsored trips to New York City Radio Hall and for the Pennsylvania Craft Show. Sign up in the Activities Book.

### New Classes:



The “Joy of Music” Series Free Introductory Session. “Swingin’ Classics” will be held on Monday, October 16th at 3:30 pm. Robert Huntington, (Queen Anne’s Chorale) will be the instructor.

He will offer a five week session beginning October 23rd running through November 20th. The cost of the five week session will be \$25.00.

**See you around the Clubhouse!**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*LIFE STYLES COMMITTEE:* by Linda Farrar

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALL EVENTS IN THE ACTIVITIES BOOK  
BY THE ASSIGNED DEADLINE**



**LADIES’ High Tea** – Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> – For those who have signed up and paid, we will meet at the clubhouse at 11:00 a.m.

### **SYMPHONY VILLAGE HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION– October 28th**

#### **Grandchildren Halloween Happening – 1:00 – 3:00 PM - clubhouse**

There will be fun for all. This year’s activities include picture taking, crafts, games, moon bounce, refreshments, and a special appearance by “Glitzy The Clown”! At 2:30 we will have a costume parade followed by “trick or treating.” All residents are invited to come to the clubhouse with their treats for the parade so that the children can trick or treat around the clubhouse and not have to walk too far.



Please sign-up children, with their ages, by October 20<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse.

Even if you do not have grandchildren we would love to have your help. Please sign up for this at the clubhouse, as well.

Watch for a flyer in your door with the Halloween Schedule!!

#### **Adult Halloween Happy Hour – 6:00 – 8:00 PM - clubhouse**



Join us for a Halloween Happy Hour. Note – we will begin at 6:00 PM. All you have to bring is yourself!!! All of the usual type of snack food and hors d’oerves will be

provided, as well as wine, beer, and soft drinks. We will even break out the new dance floor!!!

**MANY, MANY THANKS TO CARUSO HOMES FOR FUNDING THE ENTIRE DAY OF FALL FUN FOR SYMPHONY VILLAGE!!!**

**Holiday Parties** – Check the November Libretto for details for our Holiday Party, to be held December 9<sup>th</sup>, and our New Year's Eve celebration.

**WATCH YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE DATES OF MOVIE NIGHTS, GAME NIGHTS, LUNCH BUNCH, HAPPY HOURS AND BOOK CLUB.**

*Symphony Village Singles group*

On September 12th the singles went to Rock Hall. We ate lunch at Waterman's Crab Restaurant. We tried shopping but on this Tuesday most stores were closed. We then traveled to St. Paul's Episcopal church in Kent County, one of the oldest churches in the area. It was established in 1692 and the current building was built in 1713. We toured the church and the cemetery surrounding it, viewing the many old graves and large old trees. One interesting grave was Tallulah Bankhead's .

*The following events are planned.*



October 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Dixon Auction.

We will meet at 8:30 in the Clubhouse parking lot to drive to Crumpton. We plan to eat breakfast in the restaurant there, then stroll the auction grounds. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

November 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday: Tercentennial Tour of Historical Sites in Queen Anne County.

We plan to take this special tour. We will meet at the Clubhouse parking lot at 9:30 and go from there to the beginning of the tour.

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, Yuletide Walking Tour of Centreville from 10 to 4.

We will again meet in the parking lot of the Clubhouse at 9:30

All Symphony Village singles are welcome. We hope singles who work will be able to join us on the Saturday trips.

*Work Out With Tapes*



Join your neighbors to exercise to tapes on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the exercise room. For the first few times we will be working out to a Pilates CD. It is not too difficult but if parts seem difficult for you due to a bad knee, etc. just adjust that exercise. Call Carol Hodge at 410-758-0591 for more information. If anyone borrowed the old Pilates DVD please return it.

*Crochet and/or Play Canasta:*

Crocheting has started at Symphony Village! Whether you have crochet before or never, join us to make a beautiful afghan. Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

We play canasta on the alternate Thursdays: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. If you played years ago like most of us, or have never played, join us for a lot of fun.

**Book Clubs**



One Book Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. All are welcome to read the book and come for discussion. The following are the selections for the next few months.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
October	The Lord's Oyster	Gilbert Byron
November	Snowflower and The Secret Fan	Lisa See
December	Miss American Pie, Diary of Love, Secrets, and Growing Up in the 70's	Margaret Sartor
January	Rewrites, A Memoir	Neil Simon
February	The Glass Castle	Jeannette Walls

A second Book Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

October	Between Friends	Debbie Macomber
November	The Lincoln Lawyer	Michael Connelly

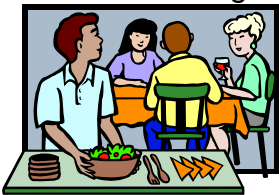
Each month, one person volunteers to be the host. The host provides refreshments and selects the book for that month. Come out and join the fun! Contacts are Joan and Jack Hennessey or Pat Kindle.

***DINING IN AT SYMPHONY***

*Submitted by Beth Dewhirst*

On the evening of September 30th 17 residents enjoyed our first "Dining In at Symphony" evening. We had two homes as hosts with 8 or 9 participants at each home. We all had a wonderful time with great food and lively conversation. It was a wonderful opportunity to participate in a mixed group of people some of whom we knew and some we had never met before. We are all looking forward to our next dinner.

The next evening for "Dining In at Symphony" will be November 18th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone in the community is cordially invited to attend. Just sign up at the clubhouse as to whether you would like to be a guest or host. The cut off date for signing up is November 8th. We will then assign guests to each host by drawing names out of a hat. The host will call their guests, indicating what they plan to serve as an entree and requesting the guest bring a coordinating dish. Each month hosts and guests will change with no previous groups remaining the same. Come join the fun, meet your neighbors, and enjoy a delicious meal while "Dining In at Symphony."



## SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

### SNEAKERS SILENT AUCTION AND WINE AND CHEESE NOVEMBER 11, 2006 5- 8 PM



Watch the mail for your invitation to the second Annual Sneakers Auction/Wine and Cheese Party. We will be having a silent auction for the benefit of our nonprofit charity, Symphony Sneakers. The profits will go to support those in need in Centreville schools and other programs in the public schools, such as our book distribution program.

We have already provided back- to- school clothing and shoes and are gearing up for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Winter is just around the corner and that is when our help is most appreciated. Volunteer to be a part of this community endeavor!!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the auction as well as the donation of gift certificates for goods and/or services, tickets to special events, theme baskets, or one of a kind specialty items. Be creative!!



Contact Helena Joy at 410 758-6532 with your ideas and suggestions.

Please plan to join us and open your hearts (and pocketbooks) for this worthy cause. All contributions and donations are tax deductible. RSVP by November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Activities Book. This is a community wide event.

### **Volunteers Needed – Muffins for Moms Book distribution – October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

We will need volunteers from 7:30 AM – 8:45 AM at Kennard Elementary School for their first book distribution program this year. We help provide snacks and assist the students (and their moms) in selecting a book for their home library. Please call Linda Farrar (410 758-8744) to help.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the clubhouse. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend and be a part of the Sneakers Program. We need all the help we can get.

## THE GAZEBO GARDEN GROUP



The Garden Club is under way. We will be planting all types of flowers around the gazebo. Denison has graciously agreed to amend the soil for the garden, and to provide anchor plants. We have planted mums, and ordered 2500 bulbs from Breck. We plan to have a “planting party”, probably the morning of October 28<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to participate. Contact the Hennesseys, 410-758-4872 or Carol Hodges, 410-758-0591.

**OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE:** by Dorothy Hamm

MANY THANKS to Doug Dewhirst for offering to drive for Food Link. He picks up food from Acme and Food Lion on Mondays and delivers it to a church in Church Hill. He could use a back up for those times when he is not available. Anyone interested in helping out, please give him a call. (410-758-0944)



MUCHAS GRACIAS to everyone who offered to bake desserts for the Make a Difference Day Dinner. The fried chicken dinner will be held at the American Legion Hall. Tickets will continue to be on sale up to and including the day of the dinner, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Adult dinners are \$8; children 6-12 are \$4 and children 5 and under are free. All proceeds benefit Caring and Sharing of QAC, which provides food, rent and medicine to QAC residents in desperate situations. Call Dorothy Hamm for information (410-758-3803)

MERCI BEAUCOUP to everyone who donated items to the Outreach Garage Sale. Proceeds will be reserved for the purchase of a second defibulator for the Club House.

Hospice of QAC will host an Antiques Appraisal Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Wye Branch Manor in Centreville. Tickets are \$35 and include lunch, all presentations and a single antique appraisal. Two additional appraisals can be purchased for \$10 each.



For tickets and info, please call Bobbi King on Encore Ct. (443-262-9450)

**Attention, all Game Players!**

There will be a special event at the brand new Prospect Bay Country Club Clubhouse; the Queen Anne's County Adult Day Care Foundation is hosting its **Tenth Annual Card and Game Party** on **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. All those who are interested in a lively day of cards (or Scrabble, Monopoly, Mahjong or whatever!) with luncheon, door prizes, cake bingo and Silent Auction, call your friends and sign up for a table at this popular, always-sold-out event! Admission is \$30 per person which includes lunch, and proceeds go to the Adult Day Care Foundation for additional programs for all adults.



We have also been asked to provide cakes, pies, brownies, or cookies for the Cake Bingo. For more information about the event and the Adult Day Care Foundation, or to volunteer baked goods, please call neighbors Valerie Heisler at 443-262-9111 or Margie Ferra at 410-758-2843.

**CENTREVILLE HOLIDAY PARADE:** by Suzy Wishard



The SV Outreach Program has been asked to participate by entering a float in the Centreville annual Holiday Parade on Friday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. The theme of this year's parade is "Celebrating 300 years of Our American Heritage." Since it is the county's tricentennial year, we hope to have the

participation of our SV members to make our float a tremendous success.

Dates for meetings will appear on the Village calendar. Everyone is invited to join the fun and help plan and decorate our float.

### SYMPHONY VILLAGE HOUSE TOUR 2007



The Symphony Village House Tour is the main fund raiser for the Outreach Program. It provides the financing for our Neighbor to Neighbor Program and other monetary assistance for all other projects and charitable donations. Joyce Ryan has agreed to be the Chairman and Jeanne Novak will be the very able advisor. Last year's House Tour was not only financially successful, but also helped develop a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among our neighbors. We dusted off old skills, developed new ones and had a great deal of fun working together. April 28<sup>th</sup> has been selected as the date for our next House Tour. The date has been selected to avoid dates for weddings, graduations, vacations and busy bridge traffic. We will begin the marketing for brochure ads every early. So, please keep this in mind when you make improvements on your house. Please ask the vendor for an advertisement in the House Tour Brochure. If you are interesting in helping with the house tour, please call Joyce Ryan 410-758-2136.

### Outreach Survey Reminder

Several weeks ago each resident received at their door a survey from our Outreach Committee. We are asking each resident to complete the form in an effort to determine the various talents and skills within our community. We will then enter this information into a data base and when a need arises in our immediate or surrounding community, we will try to match need with individual skills. This in no way commits you to a specific job but gives the committee an idea of sources we can draw from when a need arises. It's not too late to fill out the survey and bring it to the desk in the clubhouse where a basket is provided. If you did not receive a survey or have misplaced it, extra copies are available next to the basket in the clubhouse. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Neighbor to Neighbor Update

The next meeting for Neighbor to Neighbor will be Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 P.M., in the Symphony Room of the Clubhouse. All are invited to attend.

We are in need of a Secretary to take the minutes of our meetings. If you are interested, please call Pat Loiacono at 410-758-8170. Our meetings are usually held every other month.



If you are a new resident and would like to sign up to cook a meal for a neighbor in need, please call the following numbers: for residents on Harmony, Concerto, Opera or Orchestra, please call Helena Joy at 410-758-6532; for residents on Sonata, Symphony and Encore, please call Karen King at 443-262-9450; and for residents on Overture, please call Doris Eck at 410-758-0332. If everyone signs up for one meal we can provide this community with a high level of loving care.



Residents willing to drive a fellow resident to a medical appointment or for treatment should contact Marlene Tennier at 410-758-4743.

Please remember that if you have medical equipment that you are willing to share, please register the equipment with Betty Moulis at 410-758-4902.

Neighbor to Neighbor is the internal part of our Outreach Program, and our goal is to assist one another in times of surgery, hospitalization, treatment, and bereavement. Please join with us and share your ideas and talents at the next meeting on November 21st.

## **Volunteers in Action**

*Volunteer with Youth – It Keeps You Young*, by George Drake

We moved into Symphony Village in December, became fairly settled in and used to our new retirement routine, and found a new church (Kent Island United Methodist Church – [www.kiumc.org](http://www.kiumc.org)). We had often thought of going on a mission trip with a church group, but somehow never seemed to have the time and didn't want to go out of the U.S. An opportunity opened at the church for us to participate in a youth group mission trip within the U.S. where we believed we could make a significant difference.

What really convinced us to go on the youth mission trip was the love of the kids for each other that we witnessed each Sunday in church. We watched kids going to the rail below the altar to pray and other kids joining them, putting their arms around some, and praying with them. Sometimes they would rise and hug and sometimes there were tears in their eyes. We didn't know what was going on, but they did - and they demonstrated caring and love for one another.

We decided it was time to do something with these kids and combine it with a mission trip. We traveled in July as chaperones for the youth group to Pass Christian, Mississippi on a Hurricane Recovery Mission Trip. Pass Christian, about 65 miles east of New Orleans, was an area hard hit by hurricane Katrina on August 28, 2005, and is now receiving virtually no help other than from churches.

We were not only teen chaperones but also van drivers and team leaders. We drove 1150 miles on a Saturday and Sunday, staying overnight Saturday at a Methodist Church in Tyner, Tennessee. Arriving around midnight, we got the 21 teens (14 to 17 years old) settled down on the floors in sleeping bags by around 1 a.m. Then up on Sunday morning to a contemporary church service, into the vans, and on to De Lisle, MS (just outside of Pass Christian), arriving there at 6 p.m. We were met by the project leader from the Church of Christ in Jackson, MS that was leading part of the Pass Christian Hurricane Recovery/Rebuilding Mission. He stressed safety and productivity for our five days of labor. He then showed us to our accommodations – insulated air-conditioned metal sheds with wooden floors and cots. There were three porta-potties nearby and a shed with four showers and four sinks (and two outdoors).



On Monday morning, we lined up at 7 a.m. for instructions from the “boss” and the four caseworkers who knew which homes and properties we were to work on. The caseworkers selected homes of persons who had no funds to rebuild, were getting no insurance reimbursement, whose family had lived in the area for generations, and people with disabilities or who were too old to do the work themselves.

We were divided into teams and told of our day’s assignments. We then drove to the water’s edge at the MS Gulf Coast and had breakfast in a tent – God’s Katrina Kitchen. This was followed by spiritual time on the beach, sometimes in group discussions, other times in individual reflection times. Then back to camp, load up our tools, and off to work. We had a lunch break from 12 to 2 p.m. at God’s Kitchen, then back to work until 5 p.m. when we returned to camp to put tools away, shower, and head back to God’s Kitchen for dinner. Believe it or not, we could get 21 teens and 6 adults showered, hair washed, and cleaned up using only 4 shower stalls in an hour (only cold water after a half hour)! This was our routine for the 5 days of recovery work.

Our job site projects over the week included: sanding walls, painting walls, cleaning/raking debris from yards, removing mold, stripping a house of all electrical wiring, removing galvanized water pipes, and building interior wall frames. We met some of the appreciative homeowners living temporarily in FEMA trailers, neighbors, and other relief workers. We learned of the joy of helping some of God’s children struck by disaster.

We watched God lead the kids in this recovery effort. There were kids who worked very hard from the beginning, and kids whom we don’t think ever worked before! By week’s end though, these kids became a significant part of the work effort. We watched kids pull together, worship together, “find themselves” during quiet reflection times on the beach, and learn to work out personal problems between themselves under the guidance of older (17 years) teens. Mary and I relearned how great teenagers can be and how much fun it can be working with them.



Every hard work effort ends with some fun. On our way home on Saturday, we slept in bunkhouses at Outdoor Adventures in Cleveland, Tennessee. On Sunday morning we had a glorious, fun-filled white-water rafting trip down the Ocoee River. Excited kids and adults paddling together to survive the seven class four and three class three rapids – soaking wet from waves, a dip in the still waters,

and then the long drive home to Kent Island, arriving at 4 a.m. Monday morning.

Because everyone had such a positive feeling of accomplishing something for someone else while having fun working together, we are returning to Pass Christian Thanksgiving week. This time, our mission is to help prepare, serve, and cleanup after three meals a day in God's Katrina Kitchen. Located on the Gulf Coast amidst the devastation and debris, the kitchen is a place of peace, hope, caring, love and comfort. The kitchen is the result of God calling people from across the nation and beyond to serve. The Kitchen's motto, "Many Churches, One God," is true there. Many churches and denominations are working together, not under any specific organization, but under The One True God. Good food and Good News...given in Jesus' name.

Since early September 2005, the kitchen has served over 647,000 meals, worked on several hundred properties, distributed food, clothing and household goods to thousands of families, and seen hundreds of Salvations and untold thousands of lives changed. Check out their Web site – maybe you can help by going there and working or providing donations. See: [www.godskatrinakitchen.org/](http://www.godskatrinakitchen.org/)

Want to get involved with youth and become youthful? Call George and Mary Drake.

### HELPFUL HINTS

Fireplace: If you haven't used your gas fireplace all summer, "Today's Fireplace" gives this helpful hint. Turn the fireplace on and leave it on for 45 seconds before turning it off. Immediately turn it back on and it should start right up with a healthy flame.



### FROM THE KITCHEN OF....Dorthea Turek

#### *Chinese Fried Walnuts*

4 cups Walnuts ( 1 pound )

½ cup Sugar

Vegetable oil

Salt



In a 4-5 quart saucepan bring 4+ cups of water to boiling; add walnuts and heat to boiling; cook 1 minute. Rinse walnuts under running hot water; drain.

In a large bowl gently stir warm walnuts with sugar until sugar is dissolved. Can use rubber spatula. Let mixture stand 5 minutes to dissolve sugar.

Heat about ½ to 1 inch of oil to 325 degrees. I use electric fry pan, but a deep-fat fryer is good or use a thermometer to set temperature. With slotted spoon, add 1/3 to ½ the walnuts. Fry 3 to 5 minutes until golden brown. They can fry fast.

With slotted spoon, place walnuts in coarse sieve over bowl to drain; sprinkle lightly with salt; toss lightly to keep from sticking together. Transfer to cool on shallow cookie pan covered with wax paper. Fry remaining walnuts. Store walnuts in tightly covered container. Will keep 2 weeks. Makes four cups.

