

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:

Andrew and Gloryanna Cowley
359 Overture Way
410-758-0523
acowley@chesapeake.edu

Harry and Mildred Guerrierri
206 Encore Court

Daniel and Barbara Siegert
215 Encore Court

Welcome to each and everyone!

** 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 DENNIS' DESK

Just a reminder: As most of you know, the doors to the Clubhouse and fitness center can be quite temperamental. If your key does not open the door immediately, please try again rather than pulling on the door. Trying to force the door open will break the mechanism and not allow you to enter.

Please help keep our community beautiful by not littering the property with cigarette butts and other materials. Thank you to those who have told me that you have picked up blowing debris and cigarette butts from the property. Your pride in the community is appreciated..

Reminder from the Communications and Publications Committee

The Symphony Village Residents' Directory is a classified document. Its sole purpose is to foster communication of a personal or social nature among neighbors in Symphony Village. Any person who provides access to the Directory to a non-resident, or who gives a hard copy of the Directory to a non-resident, breaches both the privacy and the autonomy of every home in Symphony Village.

However well-intentioned or justified one might feel in making an exception in an isolated instance, respect for the community as a whole dictates that it not be done.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

The Tea Party for Grandchildren, Moms and Grandmothers

by Brenda Stoltz



On Saturday, March 31, nearly 50 granddaughters, daughters, grandmothers and even a great-grandmother put on their Sunday best to attend a "Tea Party" at our Clubhouse. Doris Pullman, Nancy Cotter, Anita Dell and Dorothy Hamm set the stage for a delightful afternoon these granddaughters would not soon forget. The tables were decorated with vases of tiny roses and set with a variety of lovely teapots filled with hot tea or apple juice. The dainty China cups were held gingerly by the young ladies with pinkies extended. A variety of fancy sandwiches were prepared and quickly devoured: mini quiches, miniature pizza bagels, pinwheels made of tortillas filled with ham or turkey, colorful raspberry-butter ribbon sandwiches, and round cucumber sandwiches topped with pimento. According to Kay Blair's granddaughter, Katie, the best sandwiches were the heart-shaped peanut butter and jelly ones. Katie asked Kay whether they could have sandwiches just like them for Easter dinner.

The desserts were also yummy: tiny chocolate eclairs, brownies decorated with jelly beans in a nest of green frosting, mini cinnamon rolls, cheesecake squares, and of course delicious hot scones. To the delight of all our little princesses, the afternoon didn't end until each young lady received a fancy bag of candies to take home. Marilyn Williams' granddaughter Cameron seemed to express the sentiments of everyone when asked what she liked best about the Tea Party. She thought a moment and replied, "I wouldn't change anything. It was ALL great!"

Easter Egg Hunt



Grandchildren had a fantastic time hunting for eggs in the Clubhouse. Unfortunately, snow and cold weather forced the event indoors. The children were divided into 5 age groups and were each assigned a room to find their 6 eggs. There were 3 special eggs in each room, which were rewarded with a special gift. After refreshments of cookies and juice, the children left to enjoy the day with Grandma and/or Grandpa. Thanks again to the Lifestyles Committee for another great job.

March Movie Night Thank You



The Lifestyles Committee would like to extend a large THANK YOU to Muriel Abbott and her son Peter for their participation in last month's movie night. "Oscar Night" was a huge success and a candidate for a repeat performance next year to view another of Mr. Abbott's award winning films. *The Poseidon Adventure* was certainly well received. Peter's comments about his father's movie career in special effects were very informative and most appreciated by all. Muriel's responses to the many questions after the movie were both entertaining and provided an insight into life in the movie business. We would be remiss if we did not thank OSCAR for his appearance also – all enjoyed viewing this lovely award as well as other movie memorabilia.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE

Calendar

April	14	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	17	Lunch Bunch—Narrows	11:30 a.m.
	21	Yard Sale	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
	21	Dining Inn	6:00 p.m.
	27	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
May	4	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	7	Lifestyle Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	8	Trip to Philadelphia—King Tut Exhibit	
	11	Game Night	7:00 p.m.
	19	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	25	Movie Night	TBA
	28	Memorial Day Pool Party	

An additional trip to see the King Tut Exhibit has been scheduled for Thursday, June 14. If you are interested please sign up in the Activities Book.

OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

House Tour



The Village continues to buzz with excitement and anticipation of the House Tour to be held on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We need two volunteers who are willing to pick up inflated balloons from Edwards' Pharmacy in Centreville. We then need these delivered to the show homes. If you are able to help with this important task, please contact Joyce Ryan at 410-758-2136.

Please go to the Clubhouse to begin the tour. At the Clubhouse each participating person will be asked to register and at that time they will be given an envelope. The envelope will contain a name tag and brochure of the listed homes. Be sure to visibly wear the name tag since this will be your admission into each home and to the lunch.

On Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. there will be a meeting at the Clubhouse for all volunteers associated with the House Tour. Owners of the homes being shown, hostesses, greeters, servers and kitchen assistants are all asked to attend. At this meeting volunteers will be given their admission envelopes. This will allow each volunteer to have an earlier start to tour the homes since their time will be shortened due to volunteering duties. Please note only envelopes will be given to those volunteering. We

will distribute all other envelopes on the day of the event.

Ticket sales are progressing. We continue to encourage all those wishing to participate to purchase tickets in advance. This will allow us to accurately estimate the number of attendees and to prepare operationally for the tour. All those purchasing tickets prior to April 21 will be entered into a drawing for a silk flower arrangement. Please feel free to stop by the Clubhouse to view this prize.

Thanks to all of you who have supported the tour. We look forward to a great event!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Carol Hodges has resigned her position as Encore Street Captain for Neighbor to Neighbor. We thank her for all her efforts this past year for the residents of Symphony Village. Pat Porter has graciously agreed to assume the position of Street Captain for Encore. We look forward to working with Pat (410-758-8543) in the days ahead.

Caregivers Support Group

The Symphony Village Caregivers Support Group continues to meet every other Monday afternoon in the home of Beth Dewhirst. Anyone in the community who is responsible for the health care of a loved one is cordially invited to attend. We recently had Sue Collins from Hospice speak to us about the services Hospice provides and how we can access those services. We are finding that there is help available to us through the county and individual organizations if we know the routes to take. If there is no speaker, we have a sharing time where each person shares experiences in the hopes of helping others in the group. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m.

Outreach Kudos



Recently Suzy Wishard and Irene Ferber held a fund raising event for the SV Outreach Program, Inc. Suzy held a jewelry party and asked everyone to bring jewelry they no longer wore. The jewelry was then sold at the party and Suzy donated the money. Irene passed out Avon books and also donated a portion of those sales to Outreach. We wish to thank them for their fine work and their financial donation. These resident donations are very gratefully accepted as they enable Outreach to further their work in our community.

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

Benefit Golf Outing



Sneakers will be holding a Golf Outing on June 13, 2007, at Uplands Golf Course. This is an outing for all levels of golfers to get together for fellowship and fun. The proceeds will benefit the Sneakers Program. The \$75 fee will include 18 holes of golf, cart, bucket of practice balls, lunch, and a donation to Symphony Sneakers. Please call Helena Joy (410-758-6532) or Karen King (443-262-9450) to sign-up and pay.

Book Giveaways

Thanks to all who helped make the Dr. Seuss book giveaway at Kennard Elementary School a huge success. We have received many handwritten thank you notes from the children. The next giveaways

will be on April 23-24 at Donuts For Dads and on May 17-18 at Muffins For Moms. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 – 9:15 a.m. each morning. Please call Linda Farrar, 410-758-8744, to sign up.

Annual Silent Auction – Save The Date

Saturday, November 3, 2007, is the date for the Third Annual Sneakers' Silent Auction. Look for future details!!!

Next Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Remember, all Symphony Village residents are welcome and encouraged to be a part of Sneakers.

SYMPHONY CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS & OUTINGS

Golf Outing

On March 28, several men in the community played a round of golf at the Blue Heron golf course on Kent Island. We participated just to have some fun - many of us had not played in years and it showed. What a DEAL! Nine holes of golf, a cart and lunch for a total of \$15.00. If you wanted to play 18 holes, the cost was \$25.00. Should you want to join the group, we will be playing again. However, this price is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays only. Perhaps if we get a regular group together, other activities could be planned such as charter fishing, occasional dinner out, bowling, etc. If you have interest in the date of the next golf outing, call Dennis Marchi, 410-758-3183.

Dining Inn at Symphony Village

Nine couples participated in the March Dining Inn and a great time was had by all. The next Dining Inn will take place on April 21. Please sign up at the clubhouse and join your neighbors for an evening of great food and socializing. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Roe at 410-758-6540.

Book Clubs

Third Tuesday—Reading for Fun Book Club



The book selection for March was *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* selected by Jack Hennessey. While discussing the book, the group enjoyed pumpkin surprise made by Joan Hennessey. Many members requested the recipe. Joan selected *Silent Partner* for the April reading. New members are invited to attend the meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Third Thursday

The Thursday Book Club meets on April 19. We will be discussing *Cage of Stars* by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Our next book will be selected at the April Meeting. Come and suggest your favorite book.

Gazebo Garden Gang



We hope that all residents and guests have had an opportunity to visit the gazebo garden, which is showing the spectacular results of our fall planting effort. We are purchasing more perennials and annuals selected by the group. We have also added a 24-apartment purple martin house near the gazebo. We are expecting martins to arrive about April 15. We are also building bluebird houses to be erected on open areas of the common grounds.

Symphony Ssingles

Our May 2 trip will be to the Rustic Inn for lunch and to see the 50's and 60's exhibit in Easton. Again we will meet at the parking lot of the Clubhouse at 11:30. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone.

CLASSES



Ballroom Dancing

Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Each session is \$40/person and is for 4 weeks. Register with Jan at the clubhouse or e-mail Amanda Showell at amanda@dancingontheshore.com.

Amanda is a professional instructor and former professional competitor and amateur champion.

Foxtrot - April 11 to May 2

Tango - May 9 to May 30

Swing - June 6 to June 27

No summer sessions at SV.

The Joy of Music

3 p.m. in the clubhouse. \$10 per person per session.

Playful Parodies - April 13

Women Composers - April 20

Basic Drawing

A free introductory class by Jenny Lednum from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your sketchbook and pencil if you have them (otherwise, provided). Exploration of shadow, line, and form. Upcoming courses, their basic outlines, and a schedule and registration for future classes will be discussed. Sign up with Jan in the Activities Book for the free class. Introductory Class - Monday, April 16, 11 a.m.

Pick and Paint Pottery - Craft Picture Frames

Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. See the display in the Arts and Crafts Room. Cost is \$24 for materials. Sign up in the Activities Book.

Stroke Prevention and Awareness

Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. Presentation on stroke prevention and awareness by Shore Health Systems. No fee. Sign up in the Activities Book.

Wines - New and Different

Tuesday, April 24, 4 p.m. Learn about new and different wines. Presented by Liz Draper of Draper Brothers. Sign up in the Activities Book.

Organizing Your Estate For Your Heirs

As part of our on-going lecture series, Symphony Village will observe National Older Americans' Month with a free three part seminar series entitled "Organizing Your Estate For Your Heirs." Stephen L. Morgan and Kelly Wright, Financial Planning Specialists with BB&T, will discuss financial planning and insurance. Symphony Village attorney, Valerie Siegel, and Ann K. Goodman of Miles and Stockbridge in Easton will discuss wills, trusts, and end of life legal issues. The seminars are intended to assist you in thoroughly organizing your financial and legal affairs. Participants will receive materials that will be helpful in gathering the appropriate organizational data. The seminars will be held on May 8, 15 and 22 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse grand concert hall. Light refreshments will be served. To reserve your space, please sign up in the Activities Book.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Gardeners and Plant Lovers

For all of you who have wanted to peek behind the historic houses in Centreville, now is your chance. On Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Queen Anne County Historical Society will sponsor a Historic House Walking Garden Tour. Included on the tour are a Spring Garden Shop at Tucker House, refreshments at Wright's Chance, a Boxed Lunch at St. Paul's Church and a "New Perspectives" Art Exhibit in the Q.A. Co. Arts Council Building. This event will take place rain or shine so, all of you walkers, get out your walking shoes and head for Centreville on the 21st. Cost for the tickets is \$20. For further information or to become a volunteer of the Historical Society call 410-758-3010.

Queen Anne's Chorale



On Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. the Queen Anne's Chorale will present "Around the World in 80 Minutes" at Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College. Tickets can be purchased from Jan at the Clubhouse --\$10 for adults and children are free. The concert will feature multi-cultural music from around the world ending in the good old USA. Guest artist is trumpeter Rene Hernandez from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Call Kathryn Marchi 410-758-3183 for more information. The Queen Anne's Chorale is funded in part by grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Queen Anne's County Arts Council, and the United Way of Queen Anne's County, Inc.

Election Results

Centreville Town Council election results: Frank Ogens-259, Luke Phipps-223. Frank Ogens extends his thanks to everyone who participated in his campaign.

Spring Cleaning

by Mary Lewis



At this time of year, as the weather begins to warm, our thoughts may turn to spring cleaning -- windows, floors, curtains, bedding. Before you begin washing those curtains or changing the bedding, you may want to clean out your dryer vent. While the inside lint screen should be cleaned before every load, it is recommended that the dryer vent be cleaned 3 or 4 times a year. The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates over 15,000 dryer-related fires occur each year causing millions of dollars in property loss. Fires can occur

when lint builds up in the dryer or in the exhaust duct. Lint can block the flow of air, cause excessive heat build-up, and result in a fire in some dryers.

Recently, when our dryer began to require two or more cycles to dry the simplest of loads, I suspected that we had a clogged dryer vent. We purchased a product called *LintEater* which is a rotary dryer vent cleaning system. The *LintEater* comes with a self-feeding brush which is connected to several flexible rods that screw together to reach into vents up to 15 feet. This device can be attached to any cordless drill--however, we simply manually used the brush with the attached rods. Working from the inside wall vent, we rotated the brush up the wall as far as it would go and removed quite a bit of built-up lint. Then, we worked from the outside vent, again rotating the brush, loosening the built-up lint as we went. When we finished, and turned on the dryer, it was amazing how much lint was blown out.

For your information, the website for the *LintEater* is www.linteater.com, although there may be other products available that would accomplish the same thing. The important thing is to keep the dryer vent as clean as possible. A little bit of effort can help prevent fires, as well as save energy.

Parking Reminder

Some cars in the Village have been ticketed for parking in the wrong direction. You must park with the right wheels next to the curb, even if you are “just stopping in for a minute.”

Special Reminders

- Club House Phone Number (Jan and Dennis)—410-758-8500
- Jan Van Riper’s email--symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net
- Dennis Sesplankis’ email--dsesplankis@LNresorts.com
- Warranty Office—410-758-8775 x11
- George Bachman—301-261-0277 ext. 211; email—gbachman@carusohomes.com



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Teriyaki Steak

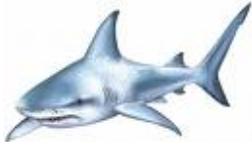
2 flank steaks	2 tbs dry mustard
½ cup salad oil	1 tbs ground pepper
¾ cup soy sauce	1 ½ tsp salt
½ cup red wine vinegar	1 ½ tsp dry parsley
½ cup Worcestershire sauce	2 buttons garlic
⅓ cup lemon juice	

Combine and marinate 24 hours turning several times. Grill or broil to taste. When serving, cut thin strips across grain. Serves 6-8

FEATURE ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Volunteering at the National Aquarium in Baltimore

by Brenda Kelly Stoltz



As a teacher in Anne Arundel County, I always knew I wanted to spend my retirement volunteering for some organization where I could continue teaching and learning. The National Aquarium in Baltimore (NAIB) offered me that opportunity and much, much more. Not only did I go through an exciting training program to prepare me for assignment to an area of my choice in the aquarium (e.g., in the gift shop, in an office, as an exhibit guide, or helping with research), but I also had an opportunity to meet wonderful people from all walks of life who share my interest in conservation and education.

During the 20 years I volunteered, I discovered a world under the sea that I had only read about in books or seen on television. I went on exciting whale watching trips to Mexico and California. I did dolphin research in Florida and the Caribbean. I also got to visit other aquariums in San Antonio, Chicago, and Monterey. I even learned to scuba dive so I could see for myself this mysterious undersea world in the wild. Volunteers are encouraged to explore, learn, and have fun.

The Aquarium in Baltimore has one of the best volunteer programs in Maryland. It is not unusual for volunteers to stay 10-20 years and many have been at the aquarium since it opened in 1981. People ask me, “Don’t you get tired of going back to the aquarium every week?” My response is always, “No!” Each week was a new adventure and a new story. Did you know we did cataract surgery on a sea turtle or that we ordered the first tarantula CAT scan in recorded history?

Volunteers interact with visitors from all over the world and, even though we can’t always speak their language, we still find ways to communicate some of these interesting facts. People in general are amazed at some of the fascinating stories aquarium folks take for granted: that flounders are born with normal-looking eyes but one migrates later so both are on the same side of the head, that the “male” sea horse actually gives birth, that some fish change sex in mid-stream from male to female (e.g., the barramundi) or from female to male (e.g., the California sheepshead).

Having volunteered for over 10 years, I am a “Volunteer Emeritus” and continue to receive invitations to the many parties, special events, and Aquarium trips. I also get free admission to the aquarium for myself and a guest. The aquarium currently has over 600 volunteers and is actively looking for more. If you love interacting with people; are interested in ecology and saving our planet; and enjoy learning about fish, dolphin, reptiles, and birds of the rain forest, call 410-576-3830 for more information—a wonderful adventure is waiting for you.

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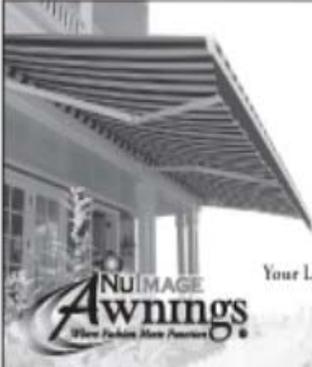


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