

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:

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Barbara McClab
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Roy and Lois Labs
814 Harmony Way

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.

Welcome Evening for New Residents

All new residents are invited to a "Welcome Evening" on Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Concert Room. This is an informal get-together to meet other new neighbors, have dessert and learn more about your new community.

Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 so we can plan appropriately.

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.

FROM JAN’S DESK

The warm weather has finally arrived. It’s time to start up bocci ball, horseshoes, and croquet. If you would like to play any or all of the above, please sign up in the Activities Book and state the evening that would best suit your schedule. The most popular night will be picked from that list.

Please remember to check the Activities Book often. Many new items are added weekly—even daily. Also, look for the article by the Lifestyles Committee listing scheduled events for the remainder of 2007.

Note: Lifestyles Committee meetings have been changed to the 1st Tuesday of each month. These meetings are open to everyone. If you would like to see us sponsor certain events, lectures, or trips, bring your ideas to these meetings. The Lifestyles committee would love to hear from **all** Symphony Village homeowners.



Who can I get to do my landscaping? *See ads on pages 10 and 11.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE

Calendar

Please Note: Movie Nights have been postponed until September.

- May 16 11:30 a.m. Sssingles Outing--lunch at the Rustic Inn, the Fifties and Sixties Exhibit, and touring of the gardens in the area.
- May 18 & June 8 Games’ Night--Please bring any new game that you think will catch on. (i.e. Bunco, pinochle).
- December 7 Trip to Sight and Sound *Christmas Show*—Sign up by **May 18**. Cost will be approximately \$100 which will include show, bus, and dinner.
- May 19 & June 1 Happy Hours
- May 31 12 noon Lunch Bunch--Kent Manor Inn, sign up in the activities book.

Tuesday, May 15, and Tuesday, May 22 7:00 p.m.

Lecture series--“Organizing Your Estate for Your Heirs” continues. If you missed the first lecture, you are still welcome to come to the next two. You will be filled in on the information missed at the first session.

Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day)



Pool Opening and Family Picnic--Caruso will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers and fixings. Please sign up in the Activities Book for side dishes, desserts and the number attending.

June 5 6:00 p.m. Are you having trouble remembering where you put your keys? Join us for a fun night of “testing your brain.” It needs exercise too! Please sign up in the Activities Book.

June 5 7:00 p.m. Please note the new day. Lifestyles Meeting are open to the entire community. Please bring any ideas that you would like the committee to research for future activities.

June 9 6-8 p.m. Casino Night--\$30.00 per person due at time of sign up in the Activities Book. Casino Night will be in the Symphony Village Grand Concert Hall and Card Room. Deadline to sign up is May 16. Volunteer dealers and cashiers are needed. Vegas Times will train the dealers free of charge. Please see Jan.

June 14 Second trip to King Tut exhibit at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA Please sign up in the Activities Book. Cost is \$45.00 per person, including the bus. Dinner will be extra.

June 16 8:00 p.m.



Movie in the “Park” (picnic pavilion)---Do you remember the days of the drive-in movies? Bring back the memories, but leave your car at home--Featuring: *South Pacific*. Begin with Happy Hour and then bring your chair or blanket to the “Park” and enjoy the “Movie Under the Stars.”

Future events (details in future *Libretto*'s) include:

- Fabulous Fourth Family Picnic on July 4 with Caruso providing the main course.
- Jimmy Buffett party and concert featuring Act II (Connie and Ben) on July 22.
- Evening cruise of the Choptank, leaving from St.Michael's, on August 5.
- Act II performs again on August 19.
- Labor Day Family Picnic with Caruso providing the main dish on Monday, September 3.
- Crab Feast at the Crab Deck at Kent Narrows on Saturday, September 22.
- Old Fashioned BBQ (pig roast) catered by the Smokehouse Grill from Stevensville on Sunday, October 14.
- Halloween Happy Hour, October 26.

- Grandchildren Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27.
- Holiday Party on December 15.
- Last event of the year is the New Year's Eve Party on December 31.



Who can I get to make an apron? *See pages 10 and 11!*

OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

House Tour



Symphony Village was full of excitement on April 28 as we experienced our 2nd House Tour. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful homes and the delicious luncheon. The Clubhouse was ablaze with flowers and delightful music. A total of 245 House Tour tickets and \$900 in raffle tickets were sold with 41 advertisers listing in our House Tour Brochure. The net funds amounted to nearly \$9,000. Two quick disbursements have been made. The first, a check for \$300, was delivered to Arlyn Marshall, winner of the raffle. The second, a check for \$527, the balance of our raffle funds, was payable to Hospice of Queen Anne's County. During the next couple of months, budget meetings will be held to determine the disposition of the balance of the proceeds. The number of volunteers working to produce this wonderful event was overwhelming and the feeling of camaraderie was everywhere. The Outreach Committee sends a huge **Thank You** to each and every one who so graciously gave of their time and talents to make the tour the wonderful success that it was. We can certainly be proud of our community. In case you missed it--there is a 10% off coupon at Eastridge Gardens in the tour brochure for those who bought tickets--be sure to use it!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Tuesday, May 29, is the last meeting of Neighbor to Neighbor until September. We will not meet during the summer months. Therefore, we are asking all street captains and all residents to stay alert and be aware of the needs of your neighbors. The fall meetings will start up again on September 25. See you May 29 at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Have a great summer and, once again, a special thanks for all you do.

Caregivers' Support Group



A thank you letter to the Caregivers' Support Group from Nicki and Bob Offerman:
 "After living with us for almost 5 years, my mother's health has declined to the point where it has become necessary to place her in an assisted living environment. This difficult transition is exacerbated by being newcomers to Maryland and not knowing where to go or even what questions to ask. We found the Caregivers' Group here in Symphony Village an invaluable source of information, experience, and support. The information they have shared about assisted living, nursing homes, hospice, and services for the elderly has helped us provide proper care for my mother while with us and became key in making the critical decisions during the transition to assisted living. We've now plotted a detailed course that we're confident in--impossible without the Caregivers' Group. We can't say

enough about this marvelous group of individuals. Almost everyone has something to share and all leave with useful (and often surprising) information--no pressure. All personal experiences are kept confidential and remain within the group."

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 1:00 p.m. Check with Beth Dewhirst, 410-758-0944, for more information.

Life After Cancer . . .

"I survived Cancer!" How many of us can say that? There are 9 million cancer survivors in the U.S. today, and they can say with pride and humility they faced the devastating "C" word armed only with their faith and the support of family and friends. The Symphony Village Outreach Program would like to set up a support group for neighbors who are cancer survivors and also help those who are dealing with cancer now. As a breast cancer survivor himself, Don Cameron approached the SVOP about starting such a group. He envisions this program as being one that not only "provides support" but also "educates" and he feels it is important that the program evolve to meet the needs of its members. Here are just a few of the areas Don would like the group to explore:

- the importance of being your own advocate
- the importance of follow-up exams
- questions to ask your doctor
- how to find information about available resources
- how to find answers to questions regarding doctors, treatment, side effects, etc.

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please call Don Cameron at 410-758-3948.

2nd Annual Hospice of Queen Anne's Antiques Appraisal Fair

by Valerie Heisler



The 2nd Annual Hospice of Queen Anne's Antiques Appraisal Fair and Luncheon will take place on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wye Branch Manor in Centreville. All proceeds will benefit the Hospice building campaign.

Tickets to the Antiques Appraisal Fair are \$35 each and include one appraisal, all presentations and demonstrations, and a country-style luncheon buffet complete with home-baked desserts and farm-fresh ice cream. Additional appraisals may be purchased for \$10 each.

Five professional appraisers will provide verbal assessments. There will also be speaker, presentations, and traditional craft exhibitors. Sounds like a really great day!

For tickets, and for more information, call 410-643-6609.

Volunteer in Action

“Assisting” is the “Goal” of Lacrosse Volunteer, Arlyn Marshall
by Jon Briggs



A novice who wants to learn about the game of lacrosse could grab some books at the public library, Google the Internet, or take a stroll over to Arlyn Marshall's house. Sharing his vast knowledge and expertise of the game with players, coaches, and fans has been, and continues to be, a lifelong passion for this Symphony Village resident.

Arlyn took up the game of lacrosse for the first time in his sophomore year at Southern High School in Baltimore. He must have been a quick study because in his senior year, Arlyn was named second team All State. That success led to a scholarship to attend Johns Hopkins University, the “Mecca” of college lacrosse at that time. In his senior year, he was named to the first team All American squad as a midfielder. After graduating from Hopkins, Arlyn continued his love affair with lacrosse, playing eleven years with several of the more prestigious lacrosse clubs in the Baltimore area. After hanging up his stick and cleats, Arlyn then turned to coaching where his success continued as:

- Head coach in twelve United States Club Lacrosse Association Championship games, winning seven titles between 1972 and 1992.
- Head Coach of Team USA in the Lacrosse World Games in 1990. His undefeated team won the World Team title.
- Only lacrosse coach to coach both the US National Team and the Canadian National Team.
- Compiled a career coaching record of 291 wins and 53 losses for an 85% winning record!
- Elected to the Maryland Lacrosse Club Hall of Fame in 1985 and the United States Lacrosse National Hall of Fame in 1990.

Arlyn loves to volunteer, and he likes to win, too, but he gets a great sense of satisfaction from seeing a player, who's been struggling for a long time trying to master a particular aspect of the game, and finally, through his hard work, doing it. Arlyn also enjoys taking a group of men, or kids, and molding 30-35 players into a cohesive and successful unit. He says, “I truly loved playing lacrosse when I was younger, but once I started coaching, there was no comparison. Coaching leaves a bigger imprint on more than just oneself.”

Currently Arlyn is helping out with the Queen Anne's County High School boys' lacrosse team here in Centreville. He acts mainly as a consultant, interacting with the two other coaches and providing input whenever he sees the opportunity. “This has been one of my most enjoyable coaching experiences. We've got a great bunch of kids with the right attitude who are working very hard,” he says. “It's so rewarding to see how much they've improved and it shows in their performance. So far this year they have 10 wins and only one loss.”

Arlyn sums up his attitude about volunteering when he says, “I've always been a big believer in trying to better myself while assisting others to the best of my abilities. Volunteering has provided me with the opportunity to give something back to the community.” His is the well-stated heart of volunteerism.

Do You Have An Old Glory That Is Tattered And Torn?

The American Legion, Jeff Davis Post 18 will dispose of your old flag with proper respect and dignity. Please call Keith Tennier (410-758-4743) for further information.



Where can I get an awning? *See pages 10 and 11.*

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

Benefit Golf Outing



Sneakers will be holding a Golf Outing on Wednesday, 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 (lunch will be in the pavilion at Uplands), and a donation to Symphony Sneakers. Please call Helena Joy (410-758-6532) or Karen King (443-262-9450) by May 20 to sign-up and pay.

Book Giveaways

Thanks to all who helped make the Donuts for Dads book giveaway at Kennard a huge success. The next giveaway will be Muffins for Moms on May 17-18. 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 3rd Annual Sneakers Silent Auction. Look for future details!!!

Next Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Remember, all Symphony Village residents are welcome and encouraged to be a part of Sneakers.

Book Clubs

Third Thursday Book Club



Do you enjoy reading? We have two different book clubs that you can be a part of. The first, which has been in existence the longest, meets on the third Thursday of each month. For May we are reading *Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson (a memoir). Our selection for June is *The Measure of the Man* by Sidney Pointier (a spiritual

autobiography). Come join us on Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of *The Thunderbolt Kid*. Bring your ideas for other books. Hope to see you there.

Third Tuesday—Reading for Fun Book Club

The second book club which you can be a part of meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Last month the club discussed *Silent Partner* by Stephen Fury in. Most agreed that it was an easy read, but not particularly thought provoking. Joan Hennessey provided dessert. The book for May is *The Remember Box* by Patricia Sprinkle. This book has a surprise ending! Jack promises to provide a delicious dessert and all are invited to attend.


Gazebo Garden Gang

The herb section of the garden has been completed. Many people enjoyed the tulips and daffodils which peaked in April. Our next step is to buy a selection of annuals which we will plant in May. All residents are invited to help, either physically or financially. We are planning a dedication with a memorial plaque soon with the date to be announced. Contact Jack or Joan Hennessey at 410-758-4872 for additional information.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

By Barbara Siegert

The grandchildren are visiting! What is there to see and do in Queen Anne's County?

1. Visit “**Our Chesapeake Legacy**” at the Chesapeake Exploration Center. It’s like a museum-- but it’s not. The display is an interactive hands-on exhibit designed to make learning about our region both fun and memorable for all ages. This is something for everyone! The exhibit explores man’s close relationship with the Bay and how that relationship has shaped our culture and history--and conversely--how we have shaped the environment of the Bay. Interactive computer and video stations provide more chances to discover the rich heritage of the Chesapeake Bay. Located on the waterfront at the Kent Narrows, the Center is just off Route 50/301 and the Cross Island Trail. Open daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m..
2. Up for a little easy biking? No bikes? Call Happy Trail for your entire bicycle needs (410-643-0670). Try the **Cross Island Trail** that crosses Kent Island from Terrapin Nature Park on the Chesapeake Bay to the Chesapeake Exploration Center. While in Terrapin Park, walk along the sandy beach with a view of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.
3. **Shore Fun – Mini-Golf:** Offers great affordable family entertainment on an exciting 18-hole miniature golf course. Come aboard and play around waterfalls, bridge holes and the famous ship-wrecked boat. Rt. 50 to Exit 37, Rt. 8 south, 1 mile on left. (410-604-0555)
4. **Bounce Mania:** Story time and Open Play Bounce for all ages. Located in the Old Kent Narrows Factory Stores. (410-604-3547)

5. **Kent Narrows Boat Rides:** The “**Jessie Grace**” is a 25-foot Parker with a marine head and shaded deck area with seating for up to six passengers. Tour the scenic Chester, Wye, or Miles Rivers or cruise to historic Queenstown. For reservations call 410-353-0054.

6. **Sudlersville Train Station Museum:** Only passenger station on its original site, restored and furnished with memorabilia commemorating Baseball Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx and exhibits on town history. Located at the train tracks on South Linden Avenue in Sudlersville. Open first Saturday May through October 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



For scheduled children activities check our website at: www.qac.org and calendar of events at www.discoverqueenannes.com

Special Reminders

- Club House Phone Number (Jan and Dennis)—410-758-8500
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- Dennis Sesplankis’ email--dsesplankis@LNresorts.com
- Warranty Office—410-758-8775 x11
- George Bachman—301-261-0277 ext. 211; [email—gbachman@carusohomes.com](mailto:gbachman@carusohomes.com)



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Best in the West Beans

350 Degrees, one hour – 10 to 12 servings

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| (1/2) pound ground beef | 2 Tablespoons molasses |
| 10 bacon slices, chopped | (1/2) teaspoon salt |
| (1/2) cup onion, chopped | (1/2) teaspoon chili powder |
| (1/3) cup packed brown sugar | (1/2) teaspoon pepper |
| (1/3) cup granulated sugar | 16-ounce can kidney beans, drained |
| (1/4) cup ketchup | 16-ounce can pork and beans |
| (1/4) cup Kraft barbecue sauce | 16 ounce can butter beans |
| 2 Tablespoons Kraft prepared mustard | (drain butter beans if using crock pot) |

Brown meats. Drain; add onion and cook until tender. Combine and add to meat mixture: sugars, ketchup, barbecue sauce, mustard, molasses and seasonings; mix well. Add beans and pour into a 3-quart casserole. Bake. (If using crock pot, put mixture in crock pot and heat on medium until ready to eat.)

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