

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:

George and Gail McGarrity
114 Opera Court

Dominick & Sherry Mantua
852 Harmony Way

Johnstone & Joy Quinan
123 Harmony

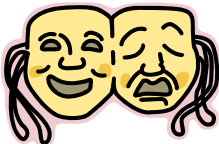
Sandra Palumbo
631 Harmony Way

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.

FROM JAN'S DESK

New policy for events that have a fee: The Lifestyle Committee has established a policy that payment is required at the time of sign up. Your reservation will not be secure until receipt of payment. Sign-up sheets will remain in the Activities Book. Checks are to be made out to: Symphony Village @ Centreville HOA (or I have a stamp). Checks can be left in the box marked for "Checks" located next to the Activities Book.



WANTED !!!!! Homeowners from Symphony Village who would be interested in starting a Drama Club. Director, actors, light/prop persons, and musicians are needed. We would like to start with a Mystery Play. Please sign up in the Activities Book, and we will plan based on the interest shown.



Where can I get *free* delivery on my prescriptions? *See pages 16--18!*

FROM DENNIS' DESK

Please join me in welcoming Norman Rychwalski to the staff of Symphony Village. Norman will be doing the jobs that we normally would call in a general contractor to do--such as small plumbing jobs, electrical, and other jobs as they come up. He comes to us from Prospect Bay and is very familiar with the various duties involved such as setting up for meetings, parties, etc.

Reminder!!

HOA fees are due and payable on the 1st of each month. If dues are not paid by the 15th of the month, a \$25.00 late fee will be charged. If they are not paid in 45 days, the account will be turned over to the association's attorney for collection. New residents who have not received coupons are still responsible to pay by the 1st. Please contact me if this occurs, and I will be happy to help you. Anyone who would like to sign up for Direct Debit should contact Jan or me at the Clubhouse.

NEWS FROM JACK DEDRICK

RE: Use of wheelchairs and golf carts on public roadways and sidewalks (including SV).

I had a meeting with Centreville Police Chief Joseph (Dino) Pignataro on January 24 concerning use of wheelchairs and golf carts on public roads. He gave me information that explains the Maryland laws governing use of these vehicles. Here is a summary of our discussion:

Wheelchairs, standard or electric, are allowed on sidewalks where provided. If there is no sidewalk you must travel on the left side of the roadway facing on-coming traffic.

Golf carts are **NOT allowed** on sidewalks or roadways that are open to the public within the state, except as authorized on Smith Island. Off-road vehicles such as ATV's and Golf carts do not meet safety equipment requirements for registration; therefore, they CANNOT be lawfully driven on the roads and highways. Possible fines include \$280 plus other violations for lack of equipment, etc., and failure to obey a traffic device--\$90/\$130 if a collision is caused.

For more detailed information, see Clubhouse Manager, Dennis Sesplankis.

2008 HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The HOA meetings have switched to a quarterly, vs. monthly, schedule for 2008. The remaining meetings this year are:

April 24, 2008	6:00 p.m.	Clubhouse
July 24, 2008	1:00 p.m.	Clubhouse
October 23, 2008	6:00 p.m.	Clubhouse
December 3, 2008	6:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting: Location to be determined

Mark the dates on your calendar – everyone is encouraged to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Symphony Village Committees

Committees are reorganized every January. The following reflects the new chairperson or co-chairs for each:

Budget & Finance: Robert Joy
Covenants: John DiLaura
Lifestyles: Marlene Tennier and Nancy Cotter
Operations: Ed Frey and Claudia McGurk
Publications: Carol Hodges
Transitions: Mike King

Other community groups:

Caregivers Support Group: Beth Dewhirst
Neighbor to Neighbor: Judy Hamm and Helen Schultz
Outreach: Joyce Edmonston and Loretta Quigley
Sneakers: Linda Farrar

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

February 16	6:00 p.m.	Happy Hour
February 22	7:00 p.m.	Movie Night (Movie TBA)
February 23	6:00 p.m.	Dining Inn—Sign up in the Activities Book to host or be a guest.
February 28	5:30 p.m.	Ladies' Night Happy Hour
March 4	9 to 10:30 a.m.	Queen Anne's County Health Department will be at the Clubhouse to give blood pressure checks. This is a Free event.
March 7	7:00 a.m.	Trip to the Pennsylvania Flower Show sponsored by the Queen Anne's Parks and Recreation
March 9	6:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Happy Hour "Driving Miss Daisy" performed at the Church Hill Theatre. Twenty (20) tickets have been reserved at the group rate of \$14.40 per person . Sign up in the Activities Book and leave a check made out to: Church Hill Theatre.
March 15		The <i>Libretto</i> is online.
March 15	6:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour. Live music provided by Caruso Homes: a three-piece Irish Band—"The Boys of Bay Hundred"
March 22	1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt. Sign up in the Activities Book. Deadline to sign up is Friday, March 15. Cost: \$3.00 per child
March 27	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Happy Hour

Future Events

We are considering several future events. Please give your feedback to Jan, Nancy Cotter 410-758-6728, or Marlene Tennier 410-758-410-758-4743

- a) Men's Night Out: We have received a very positive response from Jack Detric's email on this event. Look for this to happen in the future.
- b) Symphony's Got Talent—Symphony Village talent show.
- c) Drama Club--see the Activities Book for the details. Several homeowners have shown interest in forming a Drama Club and doing a "Mystery Play."
- d) Pot Luck Dinner Night--Would you prefer this on a weeknight or on the weekend?

OUTREACH UPDATE

Consoling/Comforting Program by Judy Hamm

The Outreach Program has been a successful and supportive organization within Symphony Village. Neighbor to Neighbor and Caregivers have evolved from this organization. Both of these entities have also been successful providing kindness and assistance to the ill as well as to their caregivers. This has been evident by your prayers, cards and flowers, meals prepared, transportation provided, and guidance offered when needed.

It has been brought to our attention that there could be another level of assistance--a program to console/comfort a family member after the loss of a loved one. This program would be made up of your neighbors who have had similar losses as well as others in Symphony Village who would like to assist during difficult times. When family and friends have returned to their homes, the consoling/comforting group (your neighbors) would be available for you. Their sharing, caring, and listening might be the company you need, whenever you need them (night or day, weekend or week day).

We here at Symphony Village love being there with you for the "good times," but we also want you to know (more importantly) that we want to be there with you for "the not so good times." Please feel comfortable in letting your neighbor know of any need that arises. You will be pleasantly surprised by the response. If you are interested in a program for consoling/comforting, please call Judy Hamm at 410-758-6599 or Helen Schultz at 443-262-9181.

Symphony Village - Volunteer in Action

This month, instead of our usual article, we thought it would be a good idea to ask our new, and not so new, residents to let us know about their volunteering. It is a great way for the Villagers to get to know each other and to also get new ideas about where to volunteer. We are so fortunate in Symphony Village and, indeed, in all of Queen Anne's County to have an abundance of opportunities for volunteering and sharing our expertise and experience. Won't you share your volunteer experiences with us?

If you can write an article for the March *Libretto* or if you would rather have a ghostwriter, please call Joyce Edmonston at 410-758-4908 or Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Art Auction Gala - *Some thoughts by Valerie Heisler and Loretta Quigley*

The Art Auction Gala on Saturday, January 26, was a huge success. The Clubhouse was alight in a magical winterscape of twinkling, snow-blown trees, thanks to the efforts of our decoration committee. Our guests were alight as well with the excitement of the evening. Service was with a smile thanks to our "Penguin" committee serving sparkling wine. The food just kept coming and those desserts were absolutely delicious. The kitchen was active non-stop from beginning to end. The bar held its own, too. The selection of art was enormous and, once the bidding began, the enthusiasm became contagious. It was a full house both in attendees and in the art. Approximately 200 residents and friends attended, and 200 pieces of art were considered and reviewed. After a suitable period of review, the auction began in earnest. The auction room was filled for each of three sessions and finally ended at 10:30 p.m. A number of people even came back on Sunday morning to purchase additional artwork. We are happy to report over 15% of the total sales will go to the Outreach Program.

For those who participated in making this a spectacular evening for Symphony Village, please accept our **sincere thanks**. We are blessed to have so many creative and energetic people living here.



Hospice Volunteer Reception

A reception for volunteers was held at the new Hospice Center on February 7. SV Outreach was asked to host the event and we accepted. We provided canapés, sandwiches, and an abundance of cookies, bars, cakes, and other goodies. Our greeters offered little favors of chocolate hugs and kisses. The lovely decorated white trees from the Art Auction were decked with hearts thanking the volunteers. The Village Cookbook was featured and sold. It was a lovely affair and the Hospice Staff was very appreciative. The Hospice Volunteers had a chance to visit the fabulous Center, and they thanked SV residents who decorated, baked, and hosted the event.



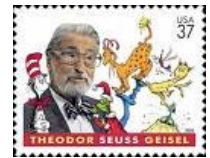
SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

Book Giveaways

“Muffins For Moms” was a great success thanks to the many volunteers from Symphony Village. We have two more book giveaways scheduled at Kennard Elementary School:

- “Donuts For Dads” on Thursday and Friday, February 28 and 29, from 7:30 – 9:15 a.m.
- “Dr. Seuss All-School Book Giveaway” on Tuesday, March 4, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

If you are able to help with these next two book giveaways, please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse.



Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for our 4th Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008, in the Clubhouse. More details will follow in later updates.

Next Sneakers Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. All Symphony Village residents are welcome to join us at our meetings.



Who can I get to do some home staging or interior design? *See pages 16--18!*

CLUBS

SYMPHONY VILLAGE BIRD CLUB

The SV Bird Club plans to attend a guided bird walk at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville on February 16. The walk is titled “Guess Who’s Braving the Winter.” Please see the sign-up sheet in the Activities Book for additional information. Cost is \$10. There are two possible trips in March. Watch the Activities Book for details and to sign up. Our next club meeting is February 28, at noon, in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Clubhouse. For information, call Linda Blume, 410-758-3194.

BOOK CLUBS

Third Tuesday Reading for Fun Book Club

The Reading For Fun Book Club met on January 15 to discuss *Ghost Riders*, by Sharyn McCrumb. The hostess, Joanne Milczakowski provided a delicious cake and coffee for dessert.

While attendance was off due to competing events, all agreed that the book had a great plot and was well written. Joan Hennessey has selected *Bel Canto* (Beautiful Song) for the February 19 meeting (7:00 p.m.). Ann Patchett, who also wrote *The Magician’s Assistant*, wrote this book. New members are encouraged to attend this meeting. A summary and review will be provided for newcomers who have not read the book. An interesting discussion will follow. Y’all come! Contact Joan or Jack Hennessey for information at 410-758-4872.



Third Thursday Book Club

The Thursday Book Club will meet on February 21, at 7:30 p.m. right after the Sneakers meeting. They will discuss *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer and *Emperors Children* by Claire Messud. These books were to be discussed in December and January, but the meetings were cancelled. The book for March is *Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulks. Everyone is welcome to join the club.

Gazebo Garden Gang



The Gazebo Garden Gang has been somewhat dormant the last few months. However, we are raring to go, especially with “Global Warming.” Many bulbs are trying to sprout, but we are sure that we will have a frost to delay them.

We have several birdhouses to install when the time is ripe. On the weekend of March 8 we will raise the purple martin house and open the nesting areas. We expect the martins to arrive near the end of March. Several residents have requested that we install another martin house at the east end of the development. The garden club will request permission to install a new house. We will be asking for donations to cover the approximate \$250 cost. We will also be seeking caretakers for the 20 beds in the gazebo garden to assist those already signed up.



Who can I get to do my taxes? *See pages 16--18!*

TENNIS CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Women – Men - It's not cold or windy INSIDE so let's greet, meet, and get our club going. When the warm weather hits, we'll be ready for some outdoor tennis on the SV Courts. I have 19 people interested in playing tennis so, if everyone turns out for the meeting, we'll have a great start. Bring anyone else you know who may be interested!



This planning meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, in the Grand Concert Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please join us. Most of us haven't played in years, so don't let that keep you away! Come prepared with your input. Only if you come and make your interests known can we plan what you want. If you can't come, send a spokesperson and/or call George Drake, 410-758-8266.

Items for discussion include: Men's, women's singles? Doubles? Mixed doubles? What day(s)? What times? Weekdays? Weekends? Both? Tennis Ladder(s)?

CYCLING CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Let's get those bicycles ready and club riding plans organized before the spring weather hits. Last year we started riding in March – this year? I have 34 people interested in cycling, so let's all turn out and get riding. Join your fellow SV Men and Women Cyclists for an organizational meeting on Monday, March 3, in the Grand Concert Hall at 8:00 p.m. Come prepared with your input. Only if you come and make your interests known can we plan what you want. If you can't come, send a spokesperson and/or call George Drake, 410-758-8266.

Items for discussion include interest in:

- Scheduling ride days and times. Should we have shorter and longer ride groups based on experience? Should we have slower and faster ride groups?
- Having someone present basic maintenance procedures (fixing a flat, lubricating the chain, putting the chain back on, adjusting the brakes, adjusting the seat height, etc.)?
- Riding 25-35 miles on Friday mornings with the Cycling Seniors?
- Building up your endurance for longer rides and riding for a purpose such as raising funds for multiple sclerosis, AIDS, cancer, heart?



**SYMPHONY VILLAGE CLUBS AND CONTINUING
ACTIVITIES ROUND-UP, PART 2
(See January *Libretto* for Part 1)**

Book Clubs:

Third Tuesday Reading For Fun: Jack Hennessey, 410-758-4872

Our Book Club meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

A different person selects the book to be read each month and then provides refreshments when we meet. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming books are announced in the *Libretto* or call Jack.

Third Thursday Book Club: Linda Farrar, 410-758-8744

Our Book Club meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Books to be read are selected by Book Club members' personal recommendation. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming books are announced in the *Libretto* or call Linda.

The Bible Study Group: Joyce Edmonston, 410-758-4908

This *Bible* study is open to everyone and is non-denominational. We meet every Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We have lots of fascinating discussions. It's lots of fun – we go down lots of rabbit holes! For more information, call Joyce.

Canasta: Cathie Spray, 410-758-1350

We play Canasta every Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – noon, at the Clubhouse. If you're interested, please drop in. We form tables according to how many players we have, and we're always happy to teach newcomers or anyone needing a refresher. Come and join in the fun!

Caregivers Support Group: Beth Dewhirst, 410-758-0944

Many of us are responsible for the care of a family member or will be in the near future. This group is a forum for sharing our experiences, concerns, and the knowledge we have gained from being caregivers. We meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month, at 1:00 p.m., in Beth's home at 301 Overture Way. If you have been given the responsibility of caring for someone, we welcome you to this group where you will find support as well as friendships as we travel this road together. Call Beth with any questions.

Knitting and Crocheting: Willie DiLaura, 443-262-8062

Do you enjoy knitting and crocheting? Do you need a bit of help with a new or ongoing project? Do you like company as you work? This group is for you! We meet the first and third Mondays of the month, 10:00 a.m. – noon, in the Conference Room at the Clubhouse. Bring anything you're working on. If you would like some help or some instruction, please contact Willie before the meeting so she can bring any supplies that may be needed. Hope to see you there!

Sit and Stitch: Willie DiLaura, 443-262-8062

This new group brings together anyone and everyone working on any type of stitching project. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Clubhouse. Bring any type of stitching project that you're working on and share in the camaraderie. If you need help with something, someone at the meeting has probably already had their hand in; and, if not, Willie will help you as needed. We'll keep you in stitches!

Symphony SSingles: Doris Pullman, 410-758-1578

We are a lively and active group of single women and men who live in SV. We try to schedule one monthly outing that includes lunch along with an interesting side trip. All SV singles are invited to participate in any of our activities. Watch the Activities Book at the Clubhouse for upcoming outings.

Women's Barbershop Chorus: Suzy Wishard, 410-758-1092

Come and join the fun! Come sing with women barbershop singers of all ages. You do not have to read music to sing. The Harmony on the Bay Women's Barbershop Chorus meets at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Crossroads in Centreville. Call Suzy for additional information.

In March we plan to profile SV Cycling, Gazebo Garden Gang, Golf, and Tennis. If we've missed your group or activity and you would like it to be included, please call Linda Blume, 410-758-3194, by February 29.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

Polar Bear Plunge

An unplanned and unofficial Polar Bear Plunge occurred Friday morning, Jan. 25, not at Sandy Point but in our own SV Indoor Pool. Due to the heating problem at the Clubhouse the night before, the Indoor Pool was a cool 78 degrees (20 degrees outside). However, four brave souls (Harriet Goodmuth, Bev Linkins, Cathie Spray, and Brenda Stoltz) made the "plunge" as they ventured in to participate in their regularly scheduled Water Aerobics Class. Their reward was getting in the hot tub after class. It was a *warm* 89 degrees—but it sure felt *hot* to the polar bears.



Super Bowl Party

On February 3, Villagers came to the Clubhouse for the 3rd Annual Super Bowl party. Giant and Patriot fans came to cheer their favorite team to victory. There was plenty of good food to keep everyone happy—chili, chicken wings, homemade hoagies, various chips and dips, and delicious cookies and brownies. Many hopefuls joined the Football Pool and were glued to the TV to watch a very exciting game. Some folks tore themselves away from the game to play Canasta while others just enjoyed the evening and the companionship. Many thanks to Nancie Cameron and everyone on the committee who worked so hard on this wonderful party.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Goodbye To Good Neighbors:

Dottie and Don Wells were the eighth family to move into Symphony Village. They loved their "Schubert" and the lot they had chosen on Sonata Way, backing up to the Clubhouse grounds. They even

purchased a couple of putters and played on the putting green located directly behind their house. It was fun entertaining and getting to know their neighbors when they first moved in--they especially enjoyed the progressive dinners. Since Dottie and Don both work full time, they didn't have the time or energy to get involved in many of the activities during these past years; and, although they've enjoyed living in SV, they need to move again. Long & Foster transferred Dottie to the Bethany Beach Office, so they are selling their home here in SV to be closer to work. The small place they bought in Bethany last spring gave them the opportunity to spend weekends at the beach. They enjoyed their weekends so much they are really looking forward to working and living near the beach full time. This move works perfectly for Don, too, since he is still driving for Lexus of Annapolis and most of his runs are from the beach to Annapolis.

Their house at 106 Sonata Way goes to settlement in March so it's time to say goodbye. However, Dottie and Don are hoping their friends and neighbors will stop by when they are in the Bethany area. Their number is 302-537-4510 (16 Juniper Ct., Millville, DE 19967, dotdon@mns.com).

Dottie and Don, your SV neighbors would like to wish you good luck in your move and happiness in your new home.

Bridge Lessons



Nine residents took bridge lessons in the fall and now play bridge regularly on Monday nights and Wednesday afternoons with the rest of the bridge players. Tom Love will be teaching a beginners' class on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting in March if there is interest. Please sign up in the Activities Book.

Mike Teague has agreed to teach an intermediate/advanced class in bridge if there is interest. Please sign up in the Activities Book and indicate time preference. Call Tom Love, 410-758-3224, if there are any questions.

Lose Weight Together

Gail Reel would like to form a weight loss support group, meeting for one-half hour every Monday evening at the Clubhouse, starting February 18 at 5:30 p.m. Weigh in privately at the gym and track your own weight on a weekly basis. The format of meetings will be decided by all interested. No need to call, just show up and sign in at the gym. FREE



Who can I get to do landscaping? *See pages 16—18!*

LOCAL NEWS

Church Hill Theatre

The new season opens on Friday, February 29, 2008, with Alfred Uhry's *Driving Miss Daisy*. The opening night performance will be followed by a special wine and hors d'oeuvres reception for the cast, crew, and the opening night audience. *Driving Miss Daisy* will run February 29 thru March 16, with Friday and Saturday night performances at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. For more information or reservations, call 410-758-1331 or visit the Church Hill Theatre Web site at www.churchhilltheatre.org. Jan has reserved twenty tickets for SV residents for the matinee Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Activities Book and leave a check made payable to: **Church Hill Theatre.**

Queen Anne's Chorale Gala

The Queen Anne's Chorale (a 55-voice community chorus under the direction of Bob Huntington) will culminate its 20th anniversary season with a Gala on April 26, 2008, at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, Maryland. The concert, entitled "Made in America" begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be given free of charge as a gift to its devoted audiences over the last 20 years.



The program will consist of American music and light poetry. Repertoire will include original compositions and folk song arrangements by American composers such as William Billings, Randal Thompson, Aaron Copeland, Samuel Barber, and Stephen Foster. Special guest performers include Ginger and David Hildebrand, Colonial Music Experts, who will provide an overture of Colonial era music with vocal selections as well as hammered dulcimer, guitar, violin, flute, and harpsichord. A grand finale will include former Chorale members participating in a combined "reunion" selection that salutes the Armed Services. As a special memento of this 20th anniversary season, the Chorale will offer a "Best of the Queen Anne's Chorale" CD which will feature selected music from past concerts. These CDs will be on sale at the concert on April 26. For more information, please contact 410-827-8168 or visit www.qachorale.org

Hospice of Queen Anne's Volunteer Training Program



If you have ever considered volunteering to visit Hospice patients and families, volunteering in the new Hospice Center, or are simply interested in learning more about end-of-life care, Hospice of Queen Anne's is offering a free 16-hour training program for community residents. This training requires advance registration and will be held in the new Hospice Center located at 255 Comet Drive in Centreville. Training will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 19, 21, 26, and 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. each day. Sessions will include a review of the hospice philosophy, emotional factors in death and dying, communication skills, spirituality in hospice care, grief and bereavement, and the opportunities available to hospice volunteers. Applications and additional information are available from Debbie Gilmer, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 443-262-4112 or at dgilmer@hospiceofqueenannes.com.

Hospice of Queen Anne's Fifth Annual Gala

Hospice of Queen Anne's will hold its Fifth Annual Gala on Friday, February 29, 2008. The black-tie optional event will be held at the beautiful Heathland Manor House at Hunter's Oak Golf Club in Queenstown. Guests will dance to the swing tunes of "BC's Big Rhythm Sound," in the party tent or enjoy harpist Kay Lister and keyboardist BJ Doyle in the Manor House. Stan Ruddle of ASE Photos will be providing keepsake photos for those in attendance. Party-goers will enjoy samples of signature dishes from our county's most exclusive restaurants and will be treated to a full bar. Last year's celebration raised over \$40,000 for Hospice of Queen Anne's. This year will be no less spectacular as the organization celebrates the opening of the new Hospice Center and over 22 years of community service. Participating restaurants include Annie's Steak House, Doc's Riverside Grille, Fisherman's Inn, Harris Crab House, Kent Manor Inn, Lisa's Small Plates, Oh My Chocolate, Peace of Cake, and The Narrows Restaurant. Tickets are \$150 per person. Proceeds from the celebration directly support the programs at Hospice of Queen Anne's. For reservations, contact Deborah Davis, Development Coordinator, at 443-262-4106.

Tentative Friday Dinners at the American Legion

2/15/08 Fried Oysters and Oyster Stew

2/22/08 Roast Beef

2/29/08 Turkey

Country Breakfast

The Goodwill Fire Company will hold an all-you-can-eat country breakfast on Sunday, February 17, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children.

Poetry Contest

The Upper Eastern Shore Regional Poetry contest is underway. Beginning and experienced writers are encouraged to enter. Call the Queen Anne's Arts Council, 410-758-2520, for additional information and to receive a copy of the required entry form. Deadline for submission is March 1.

8th Annual Eagle Festival

The Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge is hosting their 8th Annual Eagle Festival on March 15 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The festival celebrates eagles and other birds of prey, and it features live animal programs and children's activities. See their web site (www.fsw.gov/blackwater) for the complete schedule. There is no admission charge for the day, and the fee to access the wildlife loop is waived.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRUISE CONTROL

A woman had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but, of course, was stunned at the sudden occurrence. When the woman explained what had

happened to the police officer at the scene, he told her something that every driver should know. NEVER drive in the rain or snow with the cruise control on. This woman thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe, consistent speed in the rain. The policeman told her that, if the cruise control is on when a car begins to hydro-plane, the tires lose contact with the pavement, and the cruise control will cause the car to accelerate to a higher rate of speed. When the tires touch ground again, the driver is likely to lose control.

This warning should be listed on the sun visors along with the airbag warning, but it isn't. Some vehicles will not allow you to set the cruise control when the windshield wipers are on. Let all your friends and family know – you might save someone's life.

911 FLASHING SECURITY LIGHT

The Queen Anne's County Department of Aging offers a free flashing security light to all seniors. When the unit is installed in one of your garage carriage lights, flipping the indoor light switch twice will activate rapid flashing. This assists police, ambulance, and other emergency personnel in finding your home as quickly as possible. You can pick one up at the Department of Aging in Centreville after filling out a form. For details or more information, please contact Betty Robinson, Department of Aging, 410-758-0848.

PERSONAL ADS

Do you have something to sell, a condo to rent, something you need. Email the ad of 20 words or less to lhodges@atlanticbb.net or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. Commercial or real estate sales are prohibited.

Special Reminders

- Clubhouse Phone Number (Jan and Dennis)—410-758-8500
- Jan Van Riper's email--symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net
- Dennis Sesplankis' email--dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Warranty Office—301-261-0277 ext. 135 Katherine Zell
- George Bachman—301-261-0277 ext.211; [email—gbachman@carusohomes.com](mailto:gbachman@carusohomes.com)
- Recycling --410-778-5949

RECIPE

From the kitchen of Kathy Gauthier
Molten Chocolate Cakes

Makes 8 Servings (½ cake each serving)

4 squares semi-sweet baking chocolate
½ cup butter
1 cup powdered sugar
2 eggs, plus 2 egg yolks
6 Tbsp. flour
Cool Whip for topping

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Butter 4 (6 oz.) custard cups or soufflé dishes and place on baking sheet. **Microwave** 4 squares chocolate and ½ cup butter in large microwavable bowl on **HIGH** until butter is melted. Stir with wire whisk until chocolate is completely melted. Stir in powdered sugar until well blended. Whisk in eggs and yolks, stir in flour until well blended. Divide batter among the 4 custard cups.

Bake 13 to 14 minutes, or until sides are firm but centers are soft. Let stand 1 minute. Run small knife around cakes to loosen. Invert cakes onto dessert dishes. Divide each cake in half (or leave whole for real chocoholics). Serve immediately, topped with Cool Whip.

Batter can be made the day before. Pour into prepared custard cups, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. When ready to serve, uncover and bake as directed.



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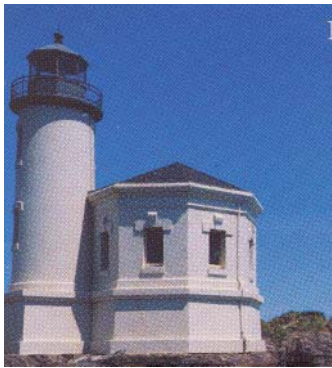
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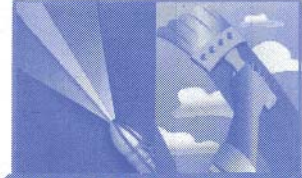


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