

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.

New Homeowners

The following residents have been homeowners in Symphony Village for a couple of years but are now permanently settled here. Symphony Village welcomes—

Don and Mary Jo Barnes
336 Overture Way

Bill and Ellen Reid
206 Harmony Way

SCHEDULED BOARD OF DIRECTORS and HOA MEETINGS

All Symphony Village homeowners are invited to attend the quarterly Board of Directors meetings. The last meeting this year will be at 10 a.m. in the Grand Concert Hall at the Clubhouse on October 23. SV Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, August 22 – Pintail Point Fishing Trip** – Board at Hemingway's on Kent Island – 6:45 a.m. Return approximately 3 p.m. \$85 per person. Sign up in the Activities Binder and make check payable to **"Pintail Point"**.
- **Saturday, August 22 – Happy Hour** – 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 26 – Lunch Bunch**, Gordon Biersch Brewery, Annapolis Town Center. Meet at 11:45 at the Clubhouse. Sign up in Activities Binder.
- **Thursday, August 27 – Ladies' Night** – 5:30 p.m.
- **Friday, August 28 – Movie Night** – 7 p.m. **"The Boynton Beach Bereavement Club."**
- **Tuesday, September 1 – Lifestyle Meeting** – 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 3 – Men's Night** – 6 p.m.
- **Monday, September 7 – Labor Day Picnic** – Food served 1 – 4 p.m. Cost \$7 adults, \$4 children 6 to 12, 5 and under Free. Sign up in the Activities Binder.
- **Friday, September 11 – Happy Hour** – 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, September 13 - "Act II" - Connie and Ben** will perform 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Pavilion - Cost \$3.00 for entertainment. Bring your picnic, snack or just listen to the music. Please sign up in the Activities Binder.

Residents: The Symphony Village Clubhouse is used as an extension of your home. Please leave it clean for others.



Labor Day Picnic

The Labor Day Picnic will be held September 7 at the Clubhouse. The food will be served from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The menu is as follows:

Bratwurst

Sloppy Joes

Hot dogs

Potato salad

Coleslaw

Mixed greens salad

Sauerkraut

Potato chips

Watermelon/cantaloupe

Assorted cookies and cakes

Lemonade

Bottled water

Ice

Beer \$1

Wine \$2

The cost for this picnic will be \$7 per person, \$5 for children 5 to 12 years old, and children under 5 will be free.

Games are being planned for the picnic. There are sign-up sheets at the Clubhouse for horseshoe and bocce ball tournaments. Please call Jack Dedrick 410-758-1252 if you have suggestions for other games or if you have any questions.

OUTREACH UPDATE

News and Notes

After a summer hiatus, **Outreach** will resume regular meetings and activities beginning with its **first fall meeting Tuesday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse.** Looking back at a very successful spring fundraiser, the House Tour and Luncheon, the group will be disbursing monies throughout 2009-2010 to assist various community groups with which we partner. Chesterwye Foundation is a major recipient this year.

New activities for this fall will include a neighborhood food drive to replenish the shelves of our local food bank. With the economy still sluggish, there will be a tremendous need in our community. Please watch for further information on this worthwhile endeavor. If you would like more information about Outreach and its major committee efforts, **Neighbor to Neighbor and Caregivers**, please call Loretta Quigley, President, at 410-758-6775 or e-mail lorettaquigley@yahoo.com. We are always delighted to welcome new members and new ideas!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Late last spring, Neighbor to Neighbor was asked to prepare a brochure for Villagers to use in times of bereavement. When a loved one dies, there are many decisions and arrangements to be made; and, it was felt, a brochure listing contact information for various local businesses (funeral directors, florists, caterers, etc.) as well as the procedures for using the Clubhouse for a reception would be a valuable resource. Our Street Captain-at-Large, Barbara Smith, agreed to chair this project. In short order, we had a working copy of the brochure. Over the next few months, the brochure was discussed at our meetings and edited several times. It is now finished and printed. Residents can obtain a copy of the brochure from Laura at the Clubhouse or from any street captain. While this document is, indeed, the result of a total group effort, several folks were particularly instrumental in its preparation. We are especially grateful for Barb's guidance and for technical support provided by Laura Wright, cover art drawn by Helen Schultz, and editorial assistance from Nancie Cameron.--Eleanor Strietman



Camp New Dawn



Hospice of Queen Anne's is offering its fifteenth annual Camp New Dawn for children and teens. When children lose a loved one, to whom do they turn? What feelings go through their young minds? What can we do to help them in their grieving process? The goal of our inexpensive annual bereavement camp is to give area children an enjoyable, accepting, and supportive environment in which they can freely express their feelings about the loss of a loved one.

Camp New Dawn is available to any child between the ages of 4 and 18 who lives in Queen Anne's County and is experiencing normal grief following the death of a primary family member. The overnight camp (for ages 7-18) will be held at Camp Pecometh on Monday, August 17, through Wednesday, August 19. We will also offer a day camp for children who are between 4 and 6 years old. This will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, and will include swimming, lunch, and age-appropriate teaching and activities about grief.

Also, if you or someone who you know is interested in being a "Buddy" for Camp New Dawn, we would love to hear from you. A buddy is an individual who commits to supporting one or two youths during the 48-hour camp by building a trusting and nurturing relationship. Our buddies find the camp a rewarding and fulfilling experience that they ultimately carry with them for the rest of their lives. By being a buddy, you will be helping children learn how to cope with their grief and move forward in their healing process. (Buddies must be 18 years or older.) For registration and applications, please contact us at Hospice of Queen Anne's, 443-262-4100, ext. 124 or at rknotts@hospiceofqueenannes.org.

PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Symphony Village Website

Check the **Website Bulletin Board** regularly for pertinent bulletins that the committee thinks would be beneficial, e.g., *Obituaries*. Another new link has been added to News and Events. The link will take you to the monthly recipes from the *Libretto*. To print, move cursor over recipe and right click for print options.

Distribution of Libretto

Please keep in mind that hard copies of the *Libretto* are available at the Clubhouse for those who do not have the ability to read the newsletter on line.

Photo Gallery

Continue sending your pictures for the **Website Picture Directory**. Also, please send John Schultz trip pictures, candid shots of SV events, pet pictures, fish pictures, etc. to be posted on the Website as well. Be advised that there is a work in progress to enhance the picture directory so that you can click on the photo and the name will appear.

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SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

Sneakers' Update

Plans for the 5th Annual Symphony Sneakers Silent Auction on November 7 are in full swing, and we need your help. The success of the auction is dependent on your participation. Currently, we are looking for auction items. If you have a **condo at the beach or mountains, a special talent such as cooking or entertaining, extra tickets to a sporting or cultural event, a handcrafted item, or any other "auctionable" item**, please consider donating them as auction items.



For details on donating these items, please call Helena Joy at 410-758-6532. We will need lots of help with the auction. If you can give us some time before, during, or after the auction on November 7, please call Linda Farrar on 410-758-8744.

All four of our scholarships have been distributed and we have received thank you notes from the recipients. Our next Sneakers meeting will be Thursday, August 27, at 6:30 in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to join us.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club

The SV garden was in full bloom for the Memorial Day picnic. Many new plants have been added, and two new flowerbed sponsors have been recruited. Several residents who cannot handle the work of being a bed sponsor have made donations to our flower fund. We plan to buy some new fall flowers. Sponsors are responsible for weeding and deadheading in their bed. **A meeting of the Gazebo Garden Gang will be held in the gazebo at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 15.** We are anxious to get the garden in first-class shape in time for the Labor Day Picnic.



The martin house near the gazebo has full occupancy with three new broods of Purple Martins being produced. We invite all residents to sit in the gazebo any morning or evening to watch the martins as they zoom and dive and glide. It is really fun to observe. One of the other two martin houses that we installed has been occupied. It sometimes takes three years to obtain residents.

If anyone would like to have a martin house in his or her neighborhood, please contact Jack Hennessey. The cost is about two hundred dollars, which should be donated by residents in the neighborhood. The Garden Gang will do the installation at no cost. Now is a good time to install a martin house for occupancy next spring. Last year, the martins left the area about August 15.



Incidentally, we have established a veggie garden near the Caruso office. We currently have four gardeners who are producing tomatoes, squash, zucchini, and other veggies. If you would like to participate in the veggie garden for next year, please register with Jack Hennessey. We will have to negotiate with the tenant farmer to see how big an area we will need to accommodate all gentlemen (and gentle lady) farmers. Happy Gardening!

The Reading For Fun Book Club



The Reading for Fun Book Club met on July 21 to discuss the book *Skeletons At the Feast*, recommended by June Silverman. On a scale of 1 to 10, *Skeletons* received a rating of 8.2. The book for August is *Receive Me Falling*, by Erika Robuck, recommended by Jack Hennessey. This promises to be a very interesting meeting, since the author, a Western Shore resident, will be attending! All residents are invited to attend, but

each is requested to register with Jack Hennessey, since we anticipate a large turnout. This meeting will be on August 18 in the Clubhouse. The book for the September 15 meeting is *The Magnificent Ambersen*, by Booth Tarkington. All residents of SV are invited to join the book club. The meetings are always held on the third Tuesday of the month, and usually last about one hour. The book sponsor provides coffee and dessert. Y'all come!

JACK HENNESSEY--VOLUNTEER IN ACTION

Have You Met Captain Blood?



This month's volunteer, Jack Hennessey, is the Chairman of the Queen Anne's County Red Cross Blood Program. Jack's predecessor, Sam Decklebaum, resigned when he turned 90, and the program was about to go defunct. Jack, who was 70 at the time, said, "Wait a minute! I'll take it over, and serve until I'm 90, too!" The Red Cross was happy to have a new volunteer chairman, and Jack was motivated and enthusiastic, having started donating blood in 1948 when he was a freshman at St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia. Since then, Jack has donated more than 30 **gallons** of blood to the Red Cross.

What does the chairman of the blood program do? First, he finds agencies willing and able to sponsor a blood drive. Current sponsors include the American Legion, the Elks Club, and numerous churches. The sponsoring facility must be large enough to accommodate the blood drive team. A typical blood drive setup will include two prep tables, a collection table, four interview tables (each having a computer), a reception table, a refreshment table, about 50 chairs, an emergency bed, and adequate lighting, heating, cooling, and electrical service.

The second task is to coordinate with the Red Cross to be certain that a phlebotomy team is available. That involves numerous telephone calls to Red Cross headquarters.

When all of this has been assured, the Chairman then develops a schedule of donors. A list of all previous donors is maintained, with phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Donors are contacted to see if they are willing and able to donate at the upcoming drive. For a typical drive, a goal of 50 donors is established. To meet this goal, a schedule of 75 donors is required. An email is sent to 150 potential donors and then about 50 phone calls are made to supplement the email response. With luck, five walk-ins will happen to see the posted signs and donate. Normally, the Red Cross gets 40 to 50 successful donations.

For years, four Red Cross blood drives were scheduled in QA County. We now have seven blood drives a year, including one at Kent Island High School. Normally, there are four volunteers assisting the Chairman during each drive, some of whom have been volunteering for more than 20 years!

Individuals are allowed to donate blood every eight weeks, and the blood drives are scheduled so they can donate at every one on the first Saturday of the even months of the year. Jack is currently establishing the schedule for 2010.

The next drive is at the Elks Club on Route 8 in Stevensville on Saturday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Jack at 410-758-4872 if you can donate or if you'd like to help as a volunteer, signing donors in or dispensing orange juice, water, cookies, and pretzels to donors.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

New Flag

Have you noticed the new American flag flying behind the Clubhouse? My husband Ed Novack and I live on Sonata Way behind the Clubhouse. We have lived here for five years (since before the Clubhouse was even built). Ed is a former Marine and maybe he has more passion for our flag than some. He has visualized an American flag behind the Clubhouse for some time. Finally, he decided to take action. With the approval of the Board, he contracted with U.S. Flags of Grasonville to install a 35 foot fiberglass flagpole which is flying an 8 x 12 foot American Flag. Every time you notice that flag, we hope you will be thankful you are an American. Jeanne Novack



Fire Extinguisher and Gas & Carbon Monoxide Alarms



The CERT team is suggesting that each home has at least one fire extinguisher and one gas and carbon monoxide detector. A Kidde 340 Multipurpose Fire Extinguisher is suitable for use on the following types of fires: (A) common combustibles including wood, papers, textiles, plastic, rubber etc. (B) Flammable liquids such as gasoline. (C) Electrical Equipment such as switches and outlets. The 340 is rated 3-A, 40-B, C. It is rechargeable and has a 6-year warranty. Locate it in the kitchen or/and garage. It is available at Lowe's for \$50.

A Kidde Gas & Carbon Monoxide Alarm model KN-COEG-3 is two-alarms-in-one providing your home with an alarm that detects and sounds for explosive gas – propane and natural gas, and also detects the silent killer, carbon monoxide. It is an AC plug-in device with a 9-volt emergency backup that is UL Listed. Place this item near your propane connection to the heat pump (in the attic in many homes). Check the packaging for warnings. Available from Lowe's for \$60.

Think Twice!!!



One of our residents was turning right from Symphony Boulevard onto Taylor Mill and was pulled over by the Centreville police for failing to come to a complete stop. After another Centreville police car pulled up and stopped with lights flashing, a \$90 ticket was issued. Reportedly, speed traps have also been set up in SV. For the newer residents--tickets are issued if you park with the left side of your vehicle next to the curb. This is a warning, hopefully

before you get the "official" warning, or worse--a ticket.

Many Thanks from Teri Nudo



encouraging phone calls. Love, Teri

As I near the completion of my radiation treatments, I would like to say thank you so much for the support of my friends and neighbors here at Symphony Village on my road to recovery, which began in January. It was a long, cold winter; but I kept warm with the loaned hats and scarves from Kathie Spray and Anita Dell. Thank you for the moral, emotional, and spiritual support. I have truly learned what a wonderful community we have as I have felt the love, warm wishes, and prayers sent my way with all the beautiful cards, flowers, and

Congratulations

We are proud to announce that Jim and Carlene Cook of Opera Court are the winners of a \$100 Gift Certificate to Rustico for participating in the resident referral contest. Caruso Homes and the Symphony Village team would like to thank all who participated in our resident referral program. The resident that sends the most referrals between August 12th-September 11th will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Julia's Restaurant in Centreville.

Senior Moments

The all-too-familiar story goes something like this. A homeowner pulls into the driveway and is quite surprised that the garage door opener is not working. Several more frustrated taps and then a glance at the home tells the story. He/she was in front of the wrong house. And yes, several houses away, that garage door has been going up, going down, going up. You've been there, right?

- Recently, a villager spent several hours searching for her cell phone. Only after she had spent her patience did she ask a neighbor to call her phone, in hopes that she would hear the ring and follow the sound. She was stunned to find out that, after charging her phone, not only did she carefully return the charger to its proper place in the cupboard, but she also stored her cell phone there as well.
- This villager really gets charged when she starts to charge her phone. On another occasion, she took her charger out of the cupboard to charge her phone; but, before she could plug it into the phone, she received a call from her daughter. While she was on the phone with her daughter, she started running around the house looking for the phone to plug into the charger. "Hey, Mom, you're talking on it!"
- In a continuation of the "Saga of the Cell Phones," this same villager called her friend and neighbor, and informed her that she had failed to take her cell phone with her when she left for Silver Spring that morning. She requested a favor from her friend, "Please contact a mutual acquaintance with a message from me, and then send me an email to let me know what the response is." Her friend decided she would be the ultimate problem

solver and send the response via a text message instead of an email. Duh! She doesn't have her cell phone to receive the text message. (*Only in Symphony Village*).

SV Quilt Class

We are coming to the conclusion of another great year of quilting at Symphony Village.



We have made beautiful projects and gone on great field trips to places we might otherwise not have gone. Best of all, we have also enjoyed each other's company.

The new beginners' class will begin on October 5. If you want to attend, please register in the Activities Binder at the Clubhouse.

You will need access to a sewing machine. The first class will be an overview of the course, and you will receive a list of required supplies. There is no cost for the class, but \$10 is collected every three months for expenses. The beginners' class will be held Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the craft room.

Restaurant Review

By Pat Loiacono

In July, sixteen "Village People" ventured down to Easton to share lunch at Osteria Alfredo. This charming, casual restaurant is located in the movie theater complex, adjacent to Acme and Jo-Ann Fabric. Alfredo [his real name] is the chief chef and owner and is from northern Italy. His resume includes extensive training and management throughout Italy and New York, including serving as the chief chef at Frenchman's Reef in the Caribbean.

Six of us feasted on eggplant parmigiana accompanied by a nice portion of angel hair pasta which was finished with a very light marinara sauce. My husband and I feel that



this particular dish is as good as it gets, including Italy. Those who ordered chicken and veal parmigiana were also very pleased. Some had ordered fried calamari as an appetizer, which proved to be done to perfection--light, moist, and tender, with no trace of heavy oil or grease. One diner delighted in the fried calamari salad as an appetizer. This was prepared over a bed of field greens and punctuated with roasted red peppers and olives and finished with a perfect chili sauce. This was followed by linguini with pesto, served al dente, and the pesto is always made fresh in the house. You'll find no jars here. The tilapia with lemon sauce was also well received, but the grilled salmon was considered average as it was found to be not as flavorful as anticipated. The salmon oreganata, perhaps, would have been a better choice. The bread is always warm and delicious and can be accompanied with olive oil for dipping.

The wine list is like a comfortable pair of slippers- the usual Italian offerings together with some selections that show a subtle sophistication.

This is a "must try." I have eaten here many, many times, and Alfredo doesn't disappoint. The dishes and preparations are very authentic.

Buon appetito!! Rating: four out of five forks – very good to excellent!
Price: \$6-8.00 for pannini and appetizers, and \$8-10 for lunch entree

Queen Anne's Chorale

- ❖ Queen Anne's Chorale rehearsals are held every Monday evening at Centreville United Methodist Church from 7-9 p.m.
- ❖ **First rehearsal and "open" rehearsal** will be held on Sept. 14 from 6:30 -9 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church. No new members will be accepted for the December concert after this date.
- ❖ **December Concert**, "A Holiday Pops," Sunday, December 6, at 4 p.m., Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD. **Tickets** are \$10 and sold at the door; children through high school admitted free.
- ❖ For more information please call 410-827-0825 or visit qachorale.org.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

Wings and Wheels

Join us on **August 22** at 10 a.m. for a fun filled day of motorcycles, antique, hotrod, and custom cars, boats, ultralights, airplanes, vendors, food, live music, and more at Wings and Wheels. The event takes place at the Cambridge Dorchester Airport on Buckstown Road in Cambridge. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, veterans, and children 12 and under. For a schedule, see www.wings-n-wheels.com.

Bird Watching Basics for Families



Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton will present Bird Watching Basics for Families on **August 22** at 10 a.m. The event will take place on the Pickering Creek Dock. Families will learn to use (supplied) binoculars to look for birds, and they will also look through a viewing scope. You'll also explore around the dock to see what other creatures might be spotted. The fee is \$5 for non-members. Advance registration is required – call

Pickering Creek on 410-822-4903 or go to www.pickeringcreek.org.

62nd Annual National Hard Crab Derby and Fair



This year's event takes place on **September 4-6** at the Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield. There will be crab racing, beauty pageants, a parade, crab cooking and picking contests, crafts, games, fireworks, and more. Admission is \$4 adults, \$2 children 12 and under. Hours are Friday 6-10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon-10 p.m. For all the details, go to www.crisfieldchamber.com/events.htm.

Historic Sites Open House

Historic Sites throughout Queen Anne's County open their doors, allowing visitors to step back in time one Saturday a month through the summer. The next open house is on **September 5**. Call or stop by the visitor's center for a free copy of the Heritage Explorer's Guide Map. See www.historicqac.org for more information.

Guided Canoe Trip

Join park staff on **September 5** at 6 p.m. for an entertaining and educational canoe trip up Tuckahoe Creek. The trip departs from the boathouse at Tuckahoe State Park in Queen Anne. The trip is \$6 adults and \$4 youth. Make reservations by calling the park office on 410-820-1668.

Art in the Park

Fountain Park in Chestertown is the site for artists and artisans to display their works on **September 9**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.chestertown.com/artsleague.

4th Annual Walk for a Crab Active Aging Walk

This Active Aging week event takes place on **September 11**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., for seniors 60 and over. Walk the Cross Island Trail from the Kent Island Senior Center to the Bay. Lunch is a crab cake sandwich and crab soup. Admission is \$5. Call the Kent Island Senior Center for more information.

Outlaw Days



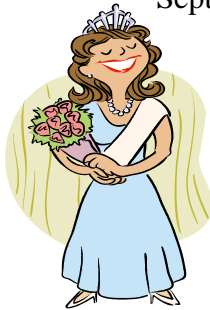
This equestrian festival takes place on **September 12 & 13** at the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center at Tuckahoe State Park. The show features five different Wild West Shows each day, western and English arena events, wagon and pony rides, games, vendors, food, barrel racing, and much more. Admission is \$7 adults, \$3 children 5-12, and free to children 4 and under. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, go to www.tuckahoeequestriancenter.net.

Fall Plant Sale

Adkins Arboretum will have their annual Fall Plant Sale on **September 12**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the arboretum in Ridgeley. There will be a broad selection of flowering trees, shrubs, perennials, ferns, grasses, and wildflowers. For information, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Queen for a Day

Harmony on the Bay Women's Barbershop Chorus will present "Queen for a Day" on September 26th, 2009 at Christ Church Parish on Kent Island from 12-4 p.m.



The "Queen's" name will be drawn by ticket stub the day of the event. There will be a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, lunch, entertainment, and vendor tables, so come at 12:00 to shop the tables. This will be the most fun event of the year on the Eastern Shore. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit Shore Health Regional Breast Center in Easton.

Two local women Suzy Wishard and Claudia Horney of Centreville founded the chorus 2 years ago. There currently are 14 members who meet weekly to sing and rehearse under the direction of Sharon Ehrisman, a certified director who travels from Salisbury each

week. The chorus is looking for new members. You do not need to have musical experience to join, just the love of singing and being with ladies who love to sing as well. The chorus is a prospective Sweet Adeline chorus waiting to be chartered in the near future.

Barbershop harmony's four-voice parts are still called by their traditional names-tenor, Lead, baritone and bass whether referring to men's or women's vocal groups. Today barbershop harmony has evolved into a highly stylized art form requiring this same high degree of singing skill as other types of choral music.

As the popularity of barbershop harmony has grown, so has the type of participation. Barbershop singing is no longer restricted to male quartets; there are many women's quartets, and both men's and women's choruses now enjoy this unique art form. Choruses ranging in size from 20-150 or more members have found this singing style a challenging and exciting musical experience. Chorus members are currently selling tickets. For more information and tickets call Suzy at 410-758-1092 or Claudia at 410-924-0013.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Fruit Trifle

From the Kitchen of Barbara Atamian



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| 1 pint half & half | 2 large peaches; peeled, sliced, and dipped in orange juice |
| 1 2- ³ / ₄ pkg. instant vanilla pudding | 2 cups cubed angel food or pound cake |
| 1 pint strawberries; cored and sliced | 2 medium bananas |
| 1 cup cantaloupe, cubed | |
| 1 cup blueberries | |

- In medium bowl, combine half & half with pudding mix. Mix with beater on low for 2 minutes. Let stand to set (about 5 min.). Cover and refrigerate.
- Combine strawberries, cantaloupe, peaches, and blueberries. Cover and refrigerate.

To assemble:

- Put 1/2 of cake in bottom of a bowl. Spoon 1/2 of fruit on top.
- Stir pudding until creamy and put 1/2 on top of fruit.
- Repeat layers.
- On top, spoon pudding in center only, leaving the fruit to show around the edge.
- Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.
- Just before serving, slice bananas and arrange on top.
- Decorate by placing a whole strawberry in the center.

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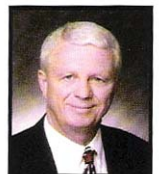


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