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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.



*Winter 2009/10 - Record Breaking Snow Fall
79.9" and counting . . . Brrrrr!!!!*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lifestyle Update

Aside from taking down the Christmas decorations, not much has happened at Lifestyle. We spend most of our meetings on Tuesday evenings making plans and selecting dates for this year's calendar. The calendar was presented to the Board.

Ladies' Night Happy Hour on January 28 was a **"HUGE"** success. Sixty-five ladies showed up for the food and fun. As usual, Nancie Cameron made her special drink of the night.

Lifestyle started a wish list for ideas on things to do and places to go. We are considering bus trips to Atlantic City for slots and shopping, Leesburg/Lancaster for shopping, and maybe a ballgame at Camden Yards. There were other things discussed also. Please come to the Clubhouse where we have lists available, and you can make your wishes known, or email Jack Dedrick at jackd@atlanticbb.net with those wishes.

Jack Dedrick, President, Lifestyle

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 23, **Lunch Bunch**. Lunch is at **Mason's** in Easton at 12:30 p.m. The lunch menu is the most popular in Easton, featuring 25 hot and cold sandwiches, mouth-watering soups, delectable salads, and entrees worth raving about. Sign up in the Activities Book. Meet at the Clubhouse at noon to carpool.

Thursday, February 25, **Ladies' Night Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m.
Bring \$5 which provides you with dinner and a beverage.



Friday, February 26, **Happy Hour** at 6 p.m.
Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.

Tuesday, March 2, **Lifestyle Meeting** at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 6, **Happy Hour** at 6 p.m.
Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert

Friday, March 19, St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour at 6 p.m.



Outreach Update

New membership in SVOPI (Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc.) is encouraged! Please get in touch with Loretta Quigley, President, with any questions or concerns at 410-758-6775 or lorettaquigley@yahoo.com.

Our **February meeting** has been postponed due to weather until **Thursday, February 18, at 2 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. Elizabeth DeGuzman will speak to the group on the merits of sponsoring a project to benefit the new Emergency Center off Nesbit Road. If you are interested in learning a bit more about this undertaking, please join us.

The following meeting will be **March 10 at 7:15 p.m.** Audrey Lazarus of Queenstown will speak to the group about *Rebuilding Together*, a great project in QAC that she has been involved with for over 15 years. It is like "Christmas in April." We welcome your participation if this project would be of interest to you!

Outreach Inaugural Card/Game Party Huge Success

Outreach sponsored its inaugural card/game party on January 21 to the raves of all who attended. Nearly 70 guests attended and enjoyed a day of good conversation, fun, and a delicious luncheon.

Nancie Cameron (Small Events Chair) and her team, headed up by Carlene Cooke (Vice President), provided all the ingredients for a friendly, winter respite. Allen Beck assisted Nancie with food preparation. Lauren Rose assisted Carlene with game tables and groups. Linda Gardner and BJ McClueb did door prizes and gift bags. Linda Blume handled all the organizational and financial chores of the day and surprised the attendees with her lovely

handcrafted bookmarks and magnets to take home. CNB (Centreville National Bank) provided some notepads for the day, and the Outlet Center provided some coupons and bags.

Mary Bradshaw, a guest of Janet Hughes from Prospect Bay, won the 50/50 raffle. She generously returned a portion of her winnings to go toward Outreach projects. The \$30 per person donation will be used to help community groups with which Outreach partners.

Loretta Quigley, President, SVOPI



Neighbor to Neighbor

As happens at the beginning of every year, Neighbor to Neighbor has some old business to report and some new business to announce. The past year was very busy. Our Street Captains sent a total of 104 cards to neighbors offering everything from get well wishes and sympathy to congratulations for big and little joys. The Captains coordinated the preparation and delivery of 131 meals and provided an aggregate total of 150 days of pet care. They shopped for neighbors nine times and processed six requests for the loan of medical equipment. We suggested that three residents consider joining the Caregivers' Support Group and passed along 59 Prayer Chain requests. We made 12 donations to various charities in memory of residents or loved ones and entered pages into the Memorial Book in memory of three residents.

Yes, it was a very busy year, but that is old business, and we're looking forward to the challenges and joys of 2010 with some new Street Captains. In the past month or so, Marlene Tennier (Sonata Way), Nancy Cotter (Symphony Way), and Janice Carmody (Opera Court) decided to resign from Neighbor to Neighbor. Please join with us in thanking these caring and compassionate women for all they did to help their neighbors while serving as Street Captains. We are pleased to announce the names of those who will be taking over as new Captains. They are: Beverly Linkins (Sonata Way), Diane Briggs (Symphony Way), and Anita Dell (Opera Court). They join two new Street Captains for Overture Way, Kathryn Marchi and Andrea Parham. We are very happy that they have agreed to join Neighbor to Neighbor.

One last note...in the "Wall Street Room" at the Clubhouse is a beautiful, large leather book. It is the Symphony Village Memorial Book. Whenever a Villager passes away, a page is added to the book in memory of that neighbor. From the beginning, Helen Schultz has had responsibility for the Memorial Book, working with families to make certain that their loved one's memory would be lovingly preserved in the pages of the book. She has done this with sensitivity and care. Now, she has decided that the time has come to concentrate on other areas of service. We all are very grateful to Helen for all she has done. Brenda Stoltz has agreed to take over the Memorial Book responsibilities, and Ellen Miller has agreed to help Brenda with this. We are pleased that this "last" service to our neighbors will continue.

Eleanor Strietman, Chair, Neighbor to Neighbor



Save the Date for Seventh Annual Hospice Gala

Plan to come and enjoy an evening of music, fine food, and fun on February 26, at 7 p.m., for a cost of \$150. This gala is to benefit Hospice of Queen Anne’s and to recognize the volunteers at Estate Treasures who have won the first Philanthropy of the Year Award. This fun evening will be held at Hunter’s Oak Heathland Manor House. Dance to the fine music of Retrospect and enjoy appetizers and dinner provided by the finest restaurants in the community. For more information, contact Hospice at 443-262-4100.



Need eyeglasses? See **Optical Galleria.**

Meet SV Outreach Committee

By Karin Larsen

Leaving the interview with Outreach President, Loretta Quigley, I remembered a quote by Anais Nin, “Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.” This quote came to mind because it felt as if I made a new friend, a “can-do” neighbor.

Who are these folks living in SV who participate in the mission and definition of Outreach? You have probably heard the lofty definitions “to surpass in reach, to be more or greater than, to systematically provide services to particular segments of a community, to reach out.” After interviewing Loretta, these definitions became very tangible. These Outreach members make it all happen. They are dedicated to providing support and services to our neighborhood and community.

The Outreach partners include Hospice of Queen Anne’s County, Adult Day Care Foundation, Jeff Davis Post American Legion, Centreville Police Department, and the Chesterwye Center as recipients of volunteer services and financial support that this 501(3) (C) non-profit corporation provides. The Neighbor to Neighbor Program, part of the Outreach Program at SV, meets the needs of SV residents through SV volunteers who provide services for The Memorial Book, Medical Equipment Sharing, Transportation, Spiritual Support, the Meals Program, and Pet Support. The Caregivers Support Group, also part of Outreach, is our forum for sharing experiences, concerns, and the knowledge we have gained from being caregivers.

Loretta communicates warmth, strength, and leadership. She recalled how in 2007, while looking for another meeting, her husband Stephen, gently pushed her into the doorway of an engaging Outreach meeting that was in the Clubhouse. Now, it’s been two years at the helm of the SV Outreach Program, Inc., following prior dynamic leaders. Asking about her leadership style, Loretta says that micro-managing doesn’t appeal to her. She doesn’t need to be the boss in her relationship with the committee because there are so many highly motivated and capable individuals that work to get the job done. “You have to love what you do, it has to work for you, and if you don’t feel it, it’s not for you.” Loretta says she is stepping down in June to turn the presidency over to the next leader.

An important bit of information to know is that Dorothy Hamm began Outreach to help people in the SV community and the community at large. Dorothy continues to be an invaluable resource to the group. The next president was Joyce Edmonston, providing her energy, enthusiasm, and humor to continue the effort.

The following folks comprise the current **OUTREACH EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

President Loretta Quigley provides the leadership to delegate tasks.

Vice-President Carlene Cooke provides total support to the president. Wide in scope, this role is tough to define because her effort is to assist the president and to support all of the project work to ensure all wheels are turning. One example is co-chairing the card party. She will do whatever needs to be done and has worked on many successful projects.

Secretary Shirley Clark takes and prepares the minutes and sends all the correspondence of the Outreach Program, including thank you notes and invitations.

Treasurer Marilyn Williams keeps the books per tax requirements and you can imagine what this involves, as many wonderful SV accountants provided their assistance for Outreach prior to Marilyn becoming treasurer.

Development Manager Linda Blume assists members in implementing tasks such as advanced ticket sales for the recent card party, tracking the donors and tickets for the events, and organizing and helping as needed. She makes sure the details are covered. Linda has overseen the success of many fundraising projects.

Historian Carlene Cooke maintains all the historical records for Outreach.

Small Events Chair Nancie Cameron is responsible for creating new smaller fundraising events for Outreach. She organizes and takes care of the food preparation for these events such as the inaugural SV card party. Nancie also controls the food budget.

Neighbor to Neighbor Chair Eleanor Strietman has led the Neighbor to Neighbor Program since January 2008. It is funded by and part of the Outreach Program. She oversees the workings of the Street Captains. She was an important presence at Welcome Night. During my interview with her she commented, "We live in a loving, caring, compassionate community where people are really concerned about their neighbors and neighborhood." **Pat Loiacono** and **Helen Schultz** originally formed the group as an Outreach subcommittee because they recognized situations arise when neighbors need to help one another. This organization facilitates and coordinates meeting the physical, spiritual, or any other needs of our neighbors.

Neighbor to Neighbor Secretary is Pat Porter.

(The names of all Neighbor to Neighbor **Street Captains** can be found on line at www.villagehoa.org by clicking on Committees.)

Caregivers Support Group -- Beth Dewhirst facilitates regular meetings to share experiences, concerns, and information to assist and support those caring for loved ones. Beth provides the quiet, private meetings in her home.

The Board of Directors for the Outreach Executive Board are **Dorothy Hamm** and **Joyce Edmonston**; both were past presidents of Outreach.

Some of the other members who work hard for SV Outreach are **Diane Briggs**, a newer member; **Nancy Frey**, working on various projects; and **Terry Nudo**, who worked on the cookbook with chief editor **Nancie Cameron**.

Loretta also mentions **Linda Gardner** and **B.J. McClueb**, great behind the scenes workers, and **Anita Morris** another behind the scenes gal who can be found assisting with food service and set up whenever needed. Another contributor is **Allen Beck**, chef extraordinaire, with his contagious, positive, and friendly attitude. Also, **Lauren Rose** helped **Carlene Cooke** with the invitations and details of the card party. **Cass Smith** is always a great resource for plants and flowers and was a huge presence at the House Tour luncheon, designing table decorations and helping to arrange for the Mother's Day plant sale spearheaded by **Beth Dewhirst**.

Outreach is another amazing SV group that encouraged asking and answering the question, "Who are these folks of Outreach and what do they do?" Now we know a little more, although some folks are still under my radar. There is subtle energy lurking around our neighborhood. Reminds me of something I read by Claudette Renner, "Though our communication wanes at times of absence, I'm aware of a strength that emanates in the background."

The folks you have just met are strong and caring implementers of Outreach. It sure feels good to know we have friends, supporting and providing services for us at Symphony Village and BEYOND!



Need someone to help with your **TAXES** ?
See the ads for **Bob Eck** and **Bob Butler**.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Symphony Village Communication Guidelines

Check the website (villagehoa.org) regularly for pertinent bulletins that the committee feels would be beneficial, e.g., volunteer opportunities, email problems, and holiday and snowstorm photos.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Publications and Communications meeting on Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

Advertisers

Please support our advertisers. At the end of the newsletter you will find their ads.

Who can do my landscaping?
See **Solidago Landscapes** and **MVP Irrigation** ads.

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE



Sneakers Events At Kennard Elementary

Volunteers are needed for several upcoming events at Kennard Elementary. "Depot days" are twice a month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students are awarded tickets for good behavior and on Depot Days can turn in their tickets for prizes. Volunteers run the depot.

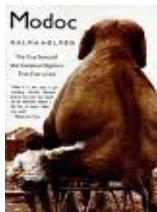
"Pastries for Parents" is a book giveaway that runs from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, and Friday, February 19. Thirdly, there is the Dr. Seuss book giveaway on Tuesday, March 2, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You can sign up for one or more hours. Come on out and volunteer! It's lots of fun. Sign-up sheets for all of the above activities are in the Activities Book.

Centreville Elementary is also looking for volunteers to help first graders with reading. This would be for 1 hour a week to work one on one with a first grade student. They are open to any day or time. If you are interested, please call Lyn Lieneman at 410-758-1320.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The Reading For Fun Book Club

The Book Club met at the Clubhouse on January 19 to discuss the book *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. Joanne Milczakowski, who also provided a delicious pumpkin cake for dessert, selected this book. The setting for the story is in Poland during World War II and the Nazi



persecution of the Jews. The book received a rating of 8.6, (on a scale of 1 to 10) which is one of the highest ratings for books we have read. The selection for our February 16 meeting is *Modoc* by Ralph Helfer. It is the story of the greatest elephant that ever lived. This book was recommended by June Silverman, who is hostess for February and thus responsible for providing dessert. The book for our March 16 meeting is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, selected by Dorthea Turek.

This story describes the relationship between aristocratic southern ladies and their black help--very enlightening! Carol Korstjens will be joining our book club for the March meeting.

The Gazebo Garden Club

The Gazebo Garden Club has been dormant during the winter months, just like our garden flowers. However, the "vegetable garden" arm of our club has been busy planning for our spring planting. This will be our fourth year of activity. In 2009, we had four active gardeners. Several residents have asked to join in our 2010 veggie garden. Our last two planning meetings have been snowed out. We will have a meeting in February. All residents who have expressed an interest in the vegetable garden will be notified by phone or email of the proposed date. At least two members will be out-of-town in February. The current list of members is as follows:



Jack Hennessey
Pat Murphy
Brown

Ray Caffiero
Beth Dewhirst

Jack Walsh
Dave Peterson

Diane Briggs
Charlene Smallwood

Please contact Jack Hennessey (758-4872) if I have left you out. We have limited space but are thankful for the generosity of the tenant farmer. In early March, we will be contacting the flower gardeners about deadheading in the gazebo garden.



Need shelves, chair rail, repairs of storm damage, or any custom carpentry? See the ads for **American Restoration, G & M Construction, Park Enterprises, and Rob's Custom Carpentry.**

Symphony Village Bird Club

Members of the Bird Club met on January 28 for lunch and for good birding discussion. The club participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count in mid-February, despite the dreadful, snowy weather. A trip is being planned to the 10th Annual Eagle Festival at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge on March 13. A bird walk will be held on April 17 to explore Millstream Park in Centreville. Watch the Activities Book for all the details and to sign up for both activities.

Need an oil change or car service? See the ad for **Western Auto.**



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thank You



Your care and concern made all the difference. George Manning left this earth knowing his family would be cared for by his thoughtful neighbors. Thank you for your time, talents, and gifts. Every donation, card, hug, conversation, tear, and many delicious meals meant more than you can imagine. George was a special man that treasured his Symphony Village friendships and always enjoyed the time spent together, particularly poker night. We all will remember the precious moments we shared with him and smile. He would have wanted us to live each day at our best, laugh often, and cherish each other. Remember, George lived a "Good Life." He is now one of our guardian angels, watching over us like the Symphony Village community watched over him and his family. Thank you for your continued care, kindness, and support. We are truly blessed by the Symphony Village community.

*We send you our heartfelt appreciation,
Madeline, Sharon, Deborah, George, Lisa, Lindsay, and Tyler*

Where's That New Year's Resolution About Starting Healthy Habits?

Have you had enough of winter and cabin fever, baking cookies, eating out the pantry supplies, and being a couch potato? Did you know there is a free, informal, "Healthy Living" group now meeting on Tuesday's at 4 p.m. in the Gym/Pool area for a little physical workout at the Clubhouse with an optional discussion/self-help session at 5 p.m. in the Lobby/Bar area? NO registration! NO fees! NO weigh-ins! Just show up. See you there!



CERT in Action

Did you know that during our Winter Snow Storm on December 18-19 the SV CERT team went into pre-action via email to offer snow shoveling to any home where an emergency was occurring? Twelve of our CERT volunteers were ready to shovel snow from the street to the door in the event an emergency vehicle had to be brought into our village. Persons also monitored the Queen Anne's County Emergency Operations Fire/EMS Dispatch (151.085 MHz) using scanners for any advanced notice of emergency equipment headed our way. Had there been an actual emergency, the SV CERT telephone chain would have notified CERT members to assemble.

The CERT team sprung into action again during the snow storms of January 30, February 9-10 and again 12 members were ready to support emergency shoveling. This time the telephone chain (as opposed to email on December 18) was tried and proved successful.



The CERT team has designed an **Emergency Information Form** to be completed by any resident who might need special assistance in the event of an emergency prior to arrival of professional emergency personnel. These forms were blast emailed to all residents with email addresses on January 17. Additional forms are available from Laura in the Clubhouse. Completed forms should be returned to Laura.

File of Life.... Is a card upon which you write your name, doctors, emergency contacts, medical information, allergies, and other important information for quick access by emergency personnel. The card fits into a plastic sleeve with the words **FILE OF LIFE** on it and includes a magnet so you can attach it to your refrigerator. Emergency personnel know to check the refrigerator. You can obtain the File of Life for \$1.50 from Kathy Gauthier, Concerto Avenue, 410-758-1743. If you have one, **check it often and keep it updated!**

Need Some Reading Material?



There is an Honor System **Library** at the Clubhouse. In the Card Room, there are hardback books and some books-on-tape in the large wooden cabinet. There are also paperback books in the Fitness Room. (Use the step stool in the gym closet to reach the top shelves.) These books have been donated by SV neighbors for anyone to take home to read and return. Please feel to donate your own books. With all of this snow, a lot of books will be read.

Traffic Speed on Rt. 213 at Taylor Mill

DON'T MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY to take action to reduce the traffic speed limits on Rt. 213 at Taylor Mill Road. This intersection has all the elements for an accident waiting to happen. It is not a matter of **if** it will happen, but only **when** it will happen.

A Town Council meeting took place February 2 with the new State Highway Administration's Assistant District Engineer – District 2, Jeffrey Wentz. He listened to many residents' complaints concerning the speed limits through Centreville. He then stated that the State Highway Administration would conduct a study of the situation and prepare a proposal for a solution to the problem within 45 days. The original topic for discussion involved the speed limits on Rt. 213 between the bridges at either end of town. After further comments from the residents, the study was extended from Taylor Mill Road to Northbrook. We need the scope of the study to extend to Rt. 301, where the traffic accelerates as it heads into town and speeds by Taylor Mill Road. The dips in the highway between Rt. 301 and Taylor Mill Road cause a very short sight distance, making left-hand turns extremely dangerous. Lowering and enforcing the speed limits would definitely improve this serious situation.

Please write or email Mr. Jeffrey Wentz explaining your concern about the speed of the traffic through the intersection of Rt. 213 at Taylor Mill Road and the danger it presents. His address, phone and email are:

Mr. Jeffrey Wentz
State Highway Administration
Assistant District Engineer, District 2
615 Morgnec Road
P. O. Box 299
Chestertown, MD 21620
Fax 410-778-0851 (1-800-637-9740)
jwentz@sha.state.md.us



Please cc correspondence to:

Don Barnes – donmjbarnes@gmail.com (410-758-3803) 336 Overture Way

Or Dorothy Hamm – dorothyjhamm@verizon.net (410-758-3803) 231 Concerto Avenue

Together, we can make a difference!!

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Chesapeake Cats And Dogs

CHESAPEAKE CATS AND DOGS is a local non-profit 501c3 animal rescue organization operating solely on public donations and fundraisers. CCAD has helped over 600 animals in the past 3.5 years since it was formed in 2006. CCAD is unique in many ways because not only do we help animals in need in the



community and from kill shelters, we also help older animals, sick animals with medical needs, as well as some cats who need socializing to be adoptable. CCAD rescues animals from kill "shelters," animals that were abandoned and living outside, and animals turned in by their owners. CCAD just brought a Cocker Spaniel named Mindy into its care that was neglected and needs \$2,500 in eye surgery. Also in its care is a 16-year old orange cat named Fred who is diabetic and gets an insulin shot twice a day. He lived outside before CCAD brought him in and now he has blossomed into a loving, friendly cat and is waiting for his forever home. It's never too late! Please consider fostering, adopting, donating, or volunteering for CCAD, the love and appreciation you get back is endless. Tuffy and Chester (pictured) are two examples. For more information contact Cindy Jenkins at 410-643-9955 or the center at 410-643-9955 or go to www.chesapeakecats.com. They are located at 300A Island Professional Park in Chester across from the Western Auto.

Need an electrician? See **Motorhead Electric** ad.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Brian Boru Restaurant

By: Karin Larsen

Brian Boru Restaurant (489 Ritchie Hwy., Severna Park, 410-975-BORU (2678)) is impossible to dislike! That's my challenge for Symphony Village folks wanting some "Irish Country Fare," or a "Taste of the Glens." Try this elegant pub if you like to eat traditional Irish food, chophouse type offerings like prime rib, or local seafood dishes eaten in a rich, warm and woodsy atmosphere. The spacious pub portion of the restaurant opens to additional large dining rooms where light filters through etched glass windows. My friend Claire and I sat in a comfortable booth where a friendly and efficient waitress, Debra, served our delicious *Irish Whiskey and Tomato soup*. This soup was simply delicious, containing fresh pieces of tomato and herbs and a rich flavor with a kick. Maybe it was the whiskey? The soup went well with the *Corned Beef Poppers*, which were sensational! We loved the unusually tender round bites of corned beef dipped in beer batter, flash fried, and served with a tangy bistro sauce. We also loved the delicious Irish Soda Bread and our *Chieftain Salads* which contained romaine lettuce hearts, crumbled Cashel Blue Cheese, roasted walnuts, dried raisins, cranberries, and homemade croutons served with their raspberry honey dressing. This salad was large and filling and, at \$7.99, was well worth it. The menu is filled with such choices as *Shepherd's Pie*, *Murphy's Pot Roast*, *Irish Seafood Gumbo*, *Wicklow Style Lamb Chops*, *Brian Boru Sea Bass*, *Miss Peggy's Crab Cakes*, burgers, and a full range of sandwiches and side orders. This was a great place to eat and is owned by the Irish Restaurant Company. Galway Bay was their first restaurant, which opened in Annapolis in 1998. They own the Kinsale Inn and Kilarney House Restaurant and Pub and pride themselves on "developing each restaurant with its own unique character and design and yet all possess a common trait of honest hospitality." Brian Boru also offers a full gluten-free menu and a Sunday brunch. On Friday and Saturday nights, local talent takes the stage

with live music. Brian Boru Restaurant combined food, service, and ambiance in a daringly delicious way.

Need a cleaning lady? See **Home Clean Homes** in the ads.



LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

13th Annual Bay to Ocean Writers Conference



This conference will be held on **February 20** at Chesapeake College, Todd Performing Arts Center, in Wye Mills and will feature 20 speakers on topics ranging from the craft of writing, publishing, marketing, the Internet, and the intricacies of particular genres. It is an opportunity to meet with many writing peers in the region. General admission is \$85, \$55 for students with valid ID, and \$40 for manuscript reviews. Advance registration is required. For further information and to register, go to

www.baytooocean.com.

Creepy Crawlers II

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center offers Creepy Crawlers II on the third Saturday of each month, 10–11:15 a.m., for children ages 1-5, accompanied by an adult. The classes involve communication, story time, a hike, role-playing, crafts, live animals, a scavenger hunt, and a snack. The program on **February 20** is “What’s in a Dead Log?” Children should dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members. Register by calling 410-827-6694 or by email jwink@bayrestoration.org. The events are held rain or shine. See all the details and the full schedule on website www.bayrestoration.org.

Soup ‘n Walk

Adkins Arboretum begins this year’s Soup ‘n Walk program on **February 20**, 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. This day’s walk with a docent naturalist is entitled “Find the Green Plants that Cherish the Warm Winter Sun” and will look for mosses, crane-fly orchids, magnolia and holly leaves, pine and red cedar needles, Christmas fern, and the green stems of strawberry bush and greenbrier. The walk will be followed by a lunch of red bean, rice, and andouille soup; mixed greens and pear salad; dill rye bread with spinach salad; and chocolate brownies with orange glaze. The fee is \$18 members, \$20 general public. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or by going to www.adkinsarboretum.org and clicking on “events calendar” for this date.

5th Annual Annapolis Home and Remodeling Expo



The show will take place on **February 20-21 and 27-28** at the National Guard Armory (38 Willow Street) in Annapolis. Over 100 companies featuring great products, workshops, and services for the home are expected. The expo features kitchen and bath displays, home security, decking, fencing, countertops, tile, home energy systems, home financing, land scaping, interior design, and window treatments, as well as roofing,

waterproofing, heating and air conditioning, and more. Chef John Shields will present a cooking demonstration. Other celebrities will make appearances. Hours are Saturday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for children 12 and under, and \$4 for active and retired military personnel. One ticket is valid for both weekends. For more information, go to www.Delmarvahomeshows.com.

Fashion Emergency” Fashion and Art Luncheon

The Lower Eastern Shore American Red Cross Chapter will hold a fashion and art luncheon on February 24 at the Convention Center in Ocean City, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The afternoon launches the Society of Women Leaders Lower Shore. The event will include original works of art, music, fashion, and pink Stoli martinis. Tickets are \$40, and proceeds will benefit the Lower Shore Red Cross Chapter’s humanitarian mission. All the details will be found at www.redcrossgoespink.com.



65th Annual National Outdoor Show

This one-of-a-kind event celebrates trappers, watermen, sportsmen, and wildlife in Dorchester County. It takes place **February 26-27** at the South Dorchester Pre-K to 8 School in Golden Hill (3485 Golden Hill Road, east of Cambridge). Doors open on Friday at 5 p.m. and on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. You’ll see the Miss Outdoors beauty pageant, cooking demonstrations, duck carving, turkey, goose, and duck calling, and even muskrat-skinning contests along with much more. Admission is charged. For all the details, go to www.nationaloutdoorshow.com.

Creating Books and Cards with Nature

Adkins Arboretum presents this event on **February 27**, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Join artist Sue Stockman to construct a journal writing book or cards using collage and other techniques to make hand-bound journals or individual cards. All materials are provided, but participants are encouraged to bring paper, photos, cards, twigs, leaves, shells, and other objects and images that evoke special memories. The fee is \$25 members, \$30 general public. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or by going to www.adkinsarboretum.org and clicking on “events calendar” for this date.

Trip: Luray Caverns



QAC Parks and Recreation sponsors a trip to Luray Caverns on **February 27**. Discover the natural beauty of this underground world! Well lighted, paved walkways and guided tours make this cave accessible and enjoyable for all ages. Cost is \$65 and includes entrance to the caverns, audio guided tour of the caverns, entrance to the adjacent Car and Caravan Museum, and roundtrip transportation. For departure information and registration, go to www.parksnrec.org. The program number is 703003. For more information on Luray Caverns, visit www.luraycaverns.com.

Life in the Cold – The Ecology of Winter

Adkins Arboretum presents this event on **February 28**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bundle up and bring the whole family to renew your sense of wonder about winter. This session will examine snowflakes, explore how snow is a welcome blanket for many animals, identify trees, and discuss what’s going on inside them. Identify some “winter weeds” and contemplate where the insects have gone and how they overwinter in their different forms. Come learn some great activities for kids and parents to try together at home. Instead of being stuck inside, get out and take advantage of winter’s lessons. The fee is \$5 per person members, \$7 per person general public. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or by going to www.adkinsarboretum.org and clicking on “events calendar” for this date.

Creepy Crawlers I

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center offers Creepy Crawlers I, a program for young children (ages 1-5), on the first Monday and Tuesday of each month from 10 – 11:15 a.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The classes involve communication, story time, a hike, role-playing, crafts, live animals, a scavenger hunt, and a snack. The program on **March 1 and 2** is “Things that Fly.” Children should dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members. Register by calling 410-827-6694 or by email jwink@bayrestoration.org. The events are held rain or shine. See all the details and the full schedule on website www.bayrestoration.org.

Historic Chestertown Exhibit

Artworks Gallery (306 Park Row) in Chestertown hosts this exhibit **March 5–28**, Wednesday through Saturday. The show features images of historic Chestertown, the scenic Chester River, and the unique characteristics and events that make them special. The show is open to all local artists and photographers. Hours are Wednesday to Friday, noon – 3 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. See www.artworkschestertown.org for more information.

Basketry



Make a free-form rimmed cracker basket on **March 5**, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., at Adkins Arboretum. The basket will be made with wild jasmine vine and natural and dyed rattan using traditional melon basket technique. This functional, colorful,

one-of-a-kind basket can be used to serve crackers or may also

hang on the wall as an art sculpture. Bring a lunch, basin or small tub, clippers, awl, and jackknife and join the fun. The fee is \$55 members, \$65 general public. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or by going to www.adkinsarboretum.org and clicking on “events calendar” for this date.

Book Café

Wye Parish will host their Book Café on **March 5–7** at St. Luke’s Parish Hall. Thousands of books on a large variety of topics will be on sale at 90% off. Hours are Friday 2 – 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. You may get more information by calling 410-827-8484.

Trip: 2010 Philadelphia Flower Show

QAC Parks and Recreation sponsors a trip to the 2010 Philadelphia Flower Show on **March 5**. Themed “Passport to the World!,” you will discover the striking flowers from India, the Netherlands, Singapore, and other exotic locales at the flower show. The fee is \$60 and includes round trip transportation and admission. Children may attend with an adult. For departure information and registration, go to www.parksnrec.org. The program number is **703002**.

Tea in the Trees Journaling

Adkins Arboretum hosts a Saturday morning walk on **March 6**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Stroll through the Arboretum’s varied habitats to gather ideas and impressions, and then return to the Visitor’s Center or Nursery for tea and homemade goodies and a chance to see your ideas germinate into language during a brief free writing session. Bring your favorite pen or pencil and a small journal or notebook. Plan to attend the next time and add more thoughts to your journal. No previous writing experience is necessary. The event is free for members, free with Arboretum admission for the general public. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or by going to www.adkinsarboretum.org and clicking on “events calendar” for this date.

10th Annual Eagle Festival

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge hosts the Eagle Festival on **March 13** beginning at 8 a.m. Come to enjoy guided bird walks and eagle prowls, programs featuring live eagles and other birds of prey, a photography clinic, Native American music, and local authors. Activities for children include wildlife arts and crafts, a puppet show, owl pellet investigation, and birdhouse construction. A complete schedule of events is found on www.fws.gov/blackwater. Admission is free.



Beer, Bourbon, and Cornhole for the United Way of QAC

Taste beer from five different area micro-breweries and some of the finest bourbon on **March 13** at the Kent Narrows Center (old outlets) from 1 – 6 p.m. There will be entertainment and a Cornhole Tournament, all to benefit the United Way of QAC. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and \$10 for designated drivers. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.inspiredeventsllc.com/kibeerandbourbon. For more information, contact Inspired Events at 410-739-6943 or go to the website.

FYI: Cornhole is a lawn game in which players take turns pitching cornhole bags (cotton duck bags filled with feed corn) at a raised platform with a hole in the far end. A corn

bag in the hole scores 3 points, while one on the platform scores 1 point. Play continues until a player reaches the score of 21.

Touch A Truck

Come out, look at, and sit in a Touch A Truck of all sizes and shapes on **March 13**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Chestertown Middle School (402 E. Campus Avenue). There will be an ambulance, police cars, fire trucks, a garbage truck, a mail truck, a cement mixer, a school bus, an incident response unit, and motorcycles to name a few. Concessions will be available. There is no charge for admission. For information, call 410-778-4179.



30th Annual Hot Rod and Custom Car Show

The show will be at the Ocean City Convention Center on **March 13-14**. It will feature brilliant paint, bright chrome, and tricked-out American street rides as well as wild customs, cool classics, extreme trucks, and muscle cars. Hours are Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is charged. For more information, go to www.oceancitycarshows.com.

Woodcocks at Pickering Creek

Mark Scallion, Chesapeake College, will lead a walk on **March 15** beginning at 6:30 p.m. to search for woodcocks at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton. The American woodcock is one of only a handful of “shorebirds” who lives in an upland habitat. Woodcocks are most frequently encountered at dusk or dawn between late February and the end of March. Male woodcocks establish “singing grounds” which they defend against other males. At dusk, the male woodcock spirals into the sky, creating a trilling sound with its wings. Then he descends, fluttering, warbling, and zigzagging back to the spot he began. Pickering Creeks’ warm season grass meadows provide ideal habitat for this annual late winter event. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. This outing is offered through Chesapeake College, so please call 410-827-5833 to register or to get more information.

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| 1 cup chopped celery | 1 clove garlic |
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| 1 T dry mustard | 3 14.5 oz cans stewed tomatoes |
| 6 oz A1 sauce | 1 15.5 can kidney beans |
- Brown beef and sausage - put in pot
 - Sauté onion, green pepper, celery in meat drippings - put in pot
 - Put 2 of 3 cans of tomatoes in pot
 - Liquefy 1 can of tomatoes in blender - put in pot
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 - Add beans with about 30 minutes of simmer time to go



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