



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 Residents

Jim Wingrove and Angela Smith at 706 Harmony Way
James and Terry O'Connell at 127 Opera Court
Paul and Dottie Mazzocchi at Harmony Way

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

A big THANK YOU to Elizabeth deGuzman and her creative Elves

They did a fabulous job decorating the Clubhouse for the holidays. Liz even used my electric wheelchair to help her cruise around the Clubhouse. A huge Thanks also goes to Nancie Cameron and Allen Beck for supplying and serving food while the committee worked to complete their task. – **Jack Dedrick and the Lifestyle Committee.**

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, December 18, **Holiday Party**, 6 – 10 p.m. \$25 per person. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a carving station. Cookies for dessert. Party will be catered. Menu has not been finalized. Our own BJ will be playing the piano and there will be caroling and sing along. (Deadline for signing up has passed.)
- Tuesday, January 4, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Friday, January 7, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, January 22, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, January 27, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage. The Clubhouse holiday decorations will be taken down during happy hour.
- Saturday, December 31, **New Year's Eve Party** at 9:30 p.m. Enjoy an after dinner dessert buffet, featuring pastries and other desserts. Champagne at midnight. There will be dancing to DJ Ray. The cost is \$15 per person.



OUTREACH UPDATE

Second Annual SV Card and Game Party

It is time to get your group together for the Second Annual SV Card and Game Party planned for **Thursday, January 13, 2011**, at the Clubhouse from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



The cost is a \$30 donation per person (80% tax deductible) and includes morning coffee and tea, lunch, and door prizes.

Reserve a table for your group now on the sign-up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. The deadline for sign ups is January 7, 2011, and payment by check made payable to SVOPI is due at sign up.

Card and game players from outside Symphony Village are welcome to join us as long as they are sponsored by a SV resident, so invite your friends who play with you in other places to come join us! Bring your own cards and games for your game of choice, such as bridge, canasta, poker, scrabble, mahjonn, etc. And remember this event is open to men and women!

If you are interested in playing but do not have a group, there is a sheet so designated in the Activities Book where you can sign up or contact Lauren Rose on 443-262-8238 or swartz.lauren@gmail.com.

The Outreach Committee, as always, appreciates your support of all our events.

Neighbor to Neighbor



This past year has been a very, very busy one for the Neighbor to Neighbor Street Captains as they coordinated meals, transportation, etc., for their neighbors. Being a Street Captain can be demanding at times, but all of the captains would agree that serving as a Street Captain is personally rewarding and satisfying. There is no better feeling than the one you have when you're helping someone else.

I am very pleased to announce that Phyllis Hoffman has volunteered to be a Street Captain for Overture Way. Please join with me in welcoming her to that new position.

On behalf of Neighbor to Neighbor, please accept my wishes that your holidays will be happy days and that 2011 will be an especially good year for you and your loved ones. – *Eleanor Strietman*

Service Project: Adult Day Care



Reminder: As you put up and take down your Holiday decorations, if you have something that you will no longer use, please put it aside for **Outreach's April Service Project to collect items to be donated to Adult Day Care** or contact Linda Blume (410-758-3194), and she will store the items for you. Thank you for your support. – *Linda Blume*

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Advertisers

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

Also, if you have good service from someone, encourage the company to advertise. You can print the ad rates from the website or pick up a rate list from Laura at the Clubhouse.

Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

Testimonials

If you have excellent service from one of the advertisers, please write a testimonial for the *Libretto*.

Libretto

For those who cannot read the *Libretto* online or print one, pick up a hard copy at the Clubhouse. A hard copy is also available for you to read and place back on the counter. Should you need to check out past *Librettos*, you will find the last year's *Librettos* in a binder in the Wall Street Room. It is a great place to look for a past advertiser.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on **Monday, January 3, at 3 p.m.**

CLUBS AND CLASSES

THE GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club has been busy cleaning up the flowerbeds. Twenty-four bags of weeds and debris have been collected and disposed of. One hundred daffodil bulbs have been purchased and planted. The results of this work will be appreciated come early spring. Volunteers are still needed for the year 2011. Please contact Jack Hennessey if you are available (410-758-4872). The three purple martin houses have been winterized. Caruso has approved the installation of a new martin house at the west end of the east pond. Local residents paid for the new house. The Garden Club will install the base for this house, but the housing unit will be kept under cover until next spring. We will monitor the migration of the martins on our computer and open the apartments at the appropriate time. Can't wait!!

We have received approval from our farmer benefactor to use the same space as last year, but no further expansion will be allowed. Previous gardeners will be given priority in assigning spots in the veggie garden. New applicants may join the group as openings become available.

Thanks to Shirley and Duke Clark for storing the Gazebo Christmas tree all year. By the time this article is published, the tree will have been erected and the gazebo lights strung. We plan to do some Christmas Caroling at the Gazebo before Christmas. Keep an eye on the weekly calendar for the schedule. ***MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!***

A Little History About The Poinsettia

The poinsettia is one of the most popular flowering plants to have indoors during the Holiday season. It has a long and interesting history. This lovely plant that now graces homes was once used as a fever medicine.



Native to Central America, the plant flourished in Southern Mexico. The ancient Aztecs harvested this wildflower that bloomed during the short days of winter and put it to practical use. They used the sap of the plant to control fevers, and they made a red dye from the red bracts.

The poinsettia may have remained a regional plant had it not been for the efforts of Joel Poinsett, the first United States Ambassador to Mexico. In the early 1800s, he saw the brilliant red blooms in Mexico and sent some to his hothouses in South Carolina for propagation. The plant was an immediate success. Since that first introduction to the United States, poinsettias have been bred into many colors, shapes, and sizes.
– *Linda Blume*

LADIES HAPPY HOUR

The **2010 Ladies Happy Hour (LHH)** season concluded in November with a gourmet dinner prepared in part by Allen Beck and served by his illustrious team—Carl Collins, Ron Dillon, Ira Ehrenfeld, Tony Loiacono, Dominick Mancinelli, Bernie Morris, and Vinnie Volpicelli. Bob Rose baked dynamite carrot cakes for dessert. A big **Thank You** to Allen, et al. It was nice to have the men *prepare for us, serve to us, and clean up after us!*

KUDOS and THANKS also to all the ladies who volunteered throughout the year planning, preparing, and serving delicious meals and also for bartending at our LHHs.

The LHH has grown to become one of the most popular monthly happenings in Symphony Village. LHH begins at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month January through October and the third Thursday in November. The cost is \$5 and includes the first drink, main dish, salad, bread/rolls, and dessert. Each month volunteers prepare the meal, including setup and cleanup. A sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book for either **heading** the committee or **helping**. Please check the Book for available dates and sign on.

How does LHH operate? All supplies (table covers, plates, bowls, plastic ware, etc.) and food are paid for from the monies collected each month. The bar receives \$1/person. At year's end there is starter money to begin the new year and sometimes a little extra. This year LHH accrued about \$300, and a donation was sent to the Brighter Christmas Fund sponsored by the *Star Democrat*. Last year a donation was sent to the Queen Anne's County Food Bank. (See their Thank You note on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.)

So ladies, come to LHH and meet your neighbors, make new friends, and enjoy an evening out! Mark your calendars now for Thursday, January 28, at 5:30 p.m.

THE READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

The Book Club met on November 16 to discuss the book **Little Bee** by Chris Cleave. This book was recommended by Joyce Brown, who also provided a dessert of brownies, cookies, and several beverages. The story tells of the relationship between Little Bee, a Nigerian immigrant, and a British writer. Their relationship is connected through the music of U-2. An intricately woven tale! This book received a rating of 7.25 on a scale of 1 to 10.



The book originally scheduled for our November meeting was rescheduled for our January 18 meeting due to the busy holiday schedule. This book is **Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Strout, recommended by Carol Korstjen. The story centers on the often

strange relationship between Olive and her husband. It is an interesting read!

Incidentally, a separate section of the library has been set up for books previously read by the Book Club. These books have a special label inside which also gives the rating by the Book Club. These books may be borrowed without signing them out, but they should be returned to the library. Also, in order to make room for new books, older books will be culled. Any book published before 1990 is eligible for culling. This applies primarily to novels and paperbacks. Novels and paperbacks can be borrowed by all residents and need not be signed out or returned. Coffee-table books are in a special category. They may be borrowed, but must be returned. They will be placed in open locations and will be rotated periodically. Comments from residents on the library system are welcome.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE BIRD CLUB

Symphony Village Bird Club



On a beautiful balmy sunny day in November, the Bird Club attended the first in a series of Walk 'n Talk presentations at Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton. First we learned the top 20 winter feeder birds in our mid-Atlantic area (the cardinal is #1) and heard some bird identification strategies. We then went outside to see what we could see. As leaves floated down around us from the tall trees, we saw chickadees, tufted titmice, a red bellied woodpecker, white breasted nuthatches, turkey vultures, and a soaring red tailed hawk. Walking through the woods on one of several nature trails, we saw a screech owl peeking out from the hole of a wood duck nesting box. As we drove out of Pickering Creek, a herd of white tail deer was grazing in a cut cornfield now planted in winter wheat. Two of this year's fawns were right beside the car. We arrived back in SV as the sun was setting in a rosy glow. With a half moon shining overhead, four Canada geese silently flew westward. – *Linda Blume*

SV PET-SITTING CO-OP

Worried about leaving your dog alone while you spend the day at the mall?

Want to go on a vacation, but don't want to send your cat to a kennel?

Do you want to save some money on pet care?



The **SV Pet-Sitting Co-Op** allows pet owners to exchange pet sitting services using a point system. As a member of the co-op you will have more freedom to do the things you enjoy without worrying about who will care for your pet. Join now. Stop worrying, save money, and take that vacation.

Your neighbors will care for your pet. For more information call or email

Mary Drake: 410-758-8266, maryjdrake@yahoo.com.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS



On January 10 the sign language class will resume. A beginner's class will be started if enough sign up. The cost of the classes is \$3 per class or all 12 classes for \$30. The cost of the book is \$18. Phyllis and Dan Krpata, who have lived on Harmony Way for 5 years, will **make talking in sign fun**. Please be sure to sign up in the Activities Book.

CLASSES AT CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE

The Institute for Adult Learning (IAL) sponsors non-credit classes at Chesapeake College. The list of classes for the Spring 2011 semester will be available in early January and there is an IAL Showcase on January 19 at 1 p.m. at the Todd Performing Arts Center lobby. At the Showcase the instructors will be present to describe their classes (which usually last 90 minutes per class for a 4 week period and begin in February or March). It is also an opportunity to socialize with other IAL members. The IAL charges \$60 for the Spring semester (to cover administrative costs at Chesapeake College); the fee allows members to take as many classes as they desire. The IAL also sponsors several trips each semester.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

In the 1960s, who lived at 1313 Mockingbird Lane on a popular TV show?

In 1967, what game outsold the game Monopoly?

In 1968, who honeymooned on the yacht Christina?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FOURTH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY BIKE RIDE:



"I've Ridden My Bike Every Day This Year"

All Symphony Village Bike Riders are encouraged to participate in the 4th Annual New Year's Day bike ride. Come join your fellow riders at the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. for a one-mile ride through the community. Some really hearty souls have been known to do additional laps. Following the ride, all participants are invited to warm up at the Clubhouse with hot chocolate and other refreshments. NOTE: Helmets are required (if you need one, call Lloyd McAtee).

THANK YOU!

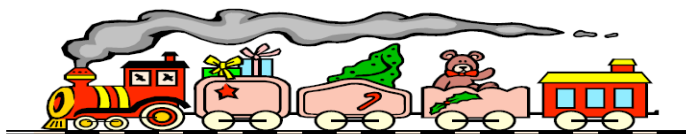
I'd like to thank everybody for their kind words, prayers, and cards during my recent loss. It is so comforting to be part of such a caring community.

Lauren Rose



CHRISTMAS TRAIN LAYOUT

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Calling all kids 1 to 102 years old



Again this year, you are welcome to come and enjoy a Christmas train layout at Paul and Kay Blair's home at 133 Encore Court (410-758-2119) and at Larry and Betty Gingerich's home at 355 Overture Way (410-758-3102). Beginning Saturday December 11, and then Saturdays and

Sundays through January 2, open houses will be from 2-4 p.m. Please call before coming. If these times do not work for visiting families, please phone and we will try to accommodate your needs. Santa's helper (aka Kay) will have cookie treats for all good girls and boys.

NEIGHBORHOOD HUMOR

Animal Humor

Before Joyce and Andy DelNegro moved to Symphony Village, they had a home in Queenstown with a swimming pool. One summer they were having a terrible time with algae and the chemical readings in their pool. No matter what they did, the chemicals just were never right. Finally, someone asked the right question: "Do geese land in your pool?" "Well, of course, they do" was the reply. "We live on the Eastern Shore."



A ha! The pool company had just the solution for their problem. They placed a large snake in the pool. As long as the snake floated on the water, the geese stayed away—problem solved—no more geese = no more algae.

However, shortly after the arrival of the snake, Joyce's Mom and Dad came to visit. Dad pulled his truck into the driveway and started for the side door. He glanced at the pool and shouted, "**Momma, get back in the truck, now!**" Then he quickly opened the back of his truck and pulled out his hunting rifle, headed toward the pool. About this time, Joyce had come to the side door to greet her folks, saw the rifle, and shouted, "**No, Dad! Don't shoot! It's only a rubber snake!**"



CERT TEAM SAFETY MESSAGE

HOLIDAY and WINTER PRECAUTIONS for you and your neighbors' safety:

- Do NOT store propane, gasoline, kerosene, or similar materials in your garage or basement.
- Ensure you have access to your circuit breaker panel – nothing in front of it.
- Shut off your outside water. (Valves are inside the house.) Next go outside and open the valves to drain out water. I then turn mine off again.
- Keep live Christmas trees watered and don't leave the house without turning them off.
- Use only outdoor lights for outdoor decorations.
- Keep extension cords short and don't gang lots of plugs into one receptacle.
- Don't put anything heavy on top of an extension cord.
- Don't use lighted candles unless you are constantly present.
- If you go away for the winter, consider turning your water off, and have a neighbor check your house periodically.

Happy Holidays and stay warm from your CERT team. Anyone interested in joining CERT, please call George Drake at 410-758-8266. New classes starting in February.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

BATTER UP GRAND SLAM DINING *By Karin Larsen*



If you remember and appreciate those 1950's and 1960's diners you once ate in, and you are also into baseball, then you may enjoy this new restaurant as much as we did. Owned by Zebulon and Beatrice Brodie, this restaurant opened May 2010 and caters to local baseball heroes with pictures of "Jimmy Foxx, Sudlersville native and 1932 American League MVP, and William 'Swish' Nicholson of Chestertown, who played for the Cubs and the Phillies in the '40s." Also you may see the 1949 Triple A Champions from Caroline County and other local stars. Immediately through the door, the antique Coca-Cola signs, black and white tiled floors with red leather bar stools and booths convey a vintage, yet cozy and fun dining atmosphere.

We enjoyed the fresh and delicious Home Run, consisting of 2 eggs, 2 hot cakes with bacon or sausage and coffee or tea for \$4.99 and the Double Play, consisting of 2 eggs, 2 slices of French toast with choice of bacon or sausage with tea or coffee for \$5.49. Everything we ate tasted delicious, especially the hash browns. You can order them regular, scattered, smothered (yes, with onions), covered (in American cheese), chunked (with hickory smoked ham), or diced (with tomatoes). We tried both scattered and smothered and each potato dish was delicious.

What's neat about this restaurant is the classic menu and the choice of local food such as homemade crab cakes, vegetable crab soup, and bread pudding. There is "Mom Mom Clough's rice pudding with other sweet treats that are featured in a big revolving case." The desserts are seen from just about every seat in the restaurant.

The menu features Ball Park Burgers that come with a side of fries and coleslaw. There are "Monster Moo Burgers" which feature options like fried green tomatoes. All the Ball Park Burgers come with a side of fries and coleslaw and can be upgraded to a full pound monster burger for only \$2.99. There is a wide variety of dinners featuring everything from seafood, beef, chicken, and pork dishes as well as steaks, country fried chicken, and pasta.

This restaurant checked out well in the food, atmosphere, and service areas. A big plus is reasonable prices. We agree with our neighbors Bob and Donna that this restaurant cooked delicious breakfast and is close by.

I look forward to seeing my neighbors at Batter Up and can't wait to return and try the fried chicken and a piece of one of those revolving and hypnotizing pies or cakes!

Batter Up restaurant is located at the intersection of Routes 301 and 405, 1104 Price Station Road, Church Hill, MD, 21623 (410-556-6550). It is open 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

RECIPES

The following two apple dessert recipes won the “First-Place Prize” at the SV Halloween Party. They are very different apple recipes, and the judges loved them both. Enjoy . . .



APPLE CAKE WITH CARAMEL GLAZE

By Carlene Cooke

4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cut into small wedges
1 ½ cups chopped pecans
½ cup butter, melted
2 cups sugar
2 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all purpose flour
2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake pecans in a single layer in shallow pan 5 minutes. Set aside. Stir together butter, sugar, eggs, and vanilla until blended. Combine flour, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt; add to butter mixture, stirring until blended. Stir in apples and 1 cup pecans. (Batter will be very thick.) Spread batter into lightly greased 13x9 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool on rack for 10 minutes. Spread Caramel Glaze over cake and cool 30 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup pecans.

Caramel Glaze

Bring to a boil in saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly:

1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar, ½ cup butter, ¼ cup milk

Boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat and stir in **1 teaspoon vanilla extract**.

Stir 2 minutes and then spread over cake immediately. Good served with ice cream.

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APPLE CRISP

By Jan DiCarlantonio

1½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1 cup granulated sugar
⅓ cup packed brown sugar
¾ teaspoon cinnamon*
¾ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup unsalted butter (cut in pieces)
8 cups peeled apples, sliced 1/2 inch thick

2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon unbleached all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
Whipping cream
2 - 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
Butter for baking dish

*To grind your own cinnamon, place a 1½-inch section of cinnamon stick in a spice mill or a coffee grinder set aside just for spices; grind to a fine powder.

Prepare Topping: Preheat your oven to 375°F. In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. With your fingers, work butter into flour mixture until it just begins to cling together. Work it past the just crumbly stage. The topping can be made in advance, store it for up to a week in the refrigerator or a month carefully wrapped and frozen.

Prepare Filling: In a 4-quart bowl toss together apples and lemon juice. Slice the apples a little thicker than you would for a pie. If you slice them too thin, the apples will collapse and cook down to sauce. In a small bowl combine the sugar, flour, salt, and nutmeg. A light grating of fresh nutmeg is nice with the tart and sweet apples. Use more or less sugar depending on the sweetness of the apples. I use a mixture of Jonathans, Granny Smiths, Fuji, or Gala apples.

Toss Apples: Sprinkle apples with sugar-nutmeg mixture; then, with your hands, mix together. Pile into a lightly buttered 2-quart baking dish. The apples collapse during cooking, so it is important to pile them above the rim of the baking dish. Cover the top of the apples with the crumb mixture breaking up large pieces as necessary to cover. Lightly pat down the crumb mixture.

Bake: Cover the crisp with parchment paper then foil. This eliminates the chance of any tinny flavor in the crisp. Place on a foil-lined baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. Carefully remove foil and paper from the opposite side of the pan to keep steam away from your face and hands. Return to oven; bake 30 to 40 minutes more or until top is golden and apples are just tender when pierced with the tip of a paring knife. To ensure the flour in filling is cooked, bake until thickened juices bubble up from the fruit. Let cool 15 to 30 minutes before serving. Beat whipping cream until soft peaks form and add two to three tablespoons of powdered sugar. Serve with the crisp.

TRAVEL

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG and THE GRAND ILLUMINATION

By Brenda Stoltz

On Sunday, December 5, eighteen Symphony Village neighbors drove to Colonial Williamsburg to witness the **Grand Illumination**. This celebration is the highlight of the holiday season in the colonial capital and features 18th-century fireworks followed by the lighting of a traditional candle in every window of the Governor's Palace.



When we arrived, the festively decorated Patrick Henry Lodge had showers of artificial snowflakes blowing across the parking lot, reminding us of the blustery, frigid weather outside. Inside the Lodge, we gathered by the warm fireplace in the reception area were greeted by adorable elves and Mrs. Santa Clause. This was a wonderful way to begin our holiday—eating, drinking, and making merry with friends while listening to beautiful harp music. Shortly before dark, we marched to the beat of the drums down the street and across the field to find a place to sit or stand near the Capitol Building and view the fireworks. Those of us who remembered to bring our long

underwear, boots, neck gators, ski gloves, and wool hats stayed warm. Bonfires were strategically placed near three colonial bands, and people gathered to listen to the music while they waited for the “show to begin.” Expectations were high, and I don't think anyone was disappointed. The fireworks exploded in front of us and lit the sky and the Capitol Building with a rainbow of colors. Waterfalls of white light poured down onto the ground. Many said these were the best fireworks they had ever seen. After the fireworks, our group went looking for a tavern to toast the evening and warm up. A building close by had scores of people crowding through an open door, so we elected



John to climb the steep stairs to see whether we needed reservations. As John walked through the door, he was greeted by a woman who handed him a drink. He looked around while enjoying his drink and quickly realized this was a *private* residence and a *private* party and headed for the nearest exit. Those of us waiting outside in the cold also made this discovery and waited for John to come flying out the door, which he did. We laughed all the



way to the next “tavern.”

We all enjoyed our three days exploring Colonial Williamsburg and found it easy to get around by car, bus, or foot. There was something for everyone to do and see—exhibits, demonstrations, lectures, plays, music, and shopping.

Our dinner at Shield’s Tavern was delightful. We gathered around a bonfire outside the Tavern waiting for everyone in our group to arrive. While we were being served, character actors, musicians, and the servers entertained us. The candlelight set the mood for colonial-period dining. After dinner, we walked to the Capitol. It was lit with

burning torches tonight instead of fireworks. Inside, the music was soothing, the room was warm and dimly lit with candles, and bellies were full—the perfect recipe for a nap—and, needless to say, some folks were nodding off and missed parts of a lovely recital.



Our last scheduled event, “Fiddling Away the Holidays,” was held in the Dewitt Wallace Gallery and was more about fiddling around than playing the fiddle. It was a delightful way to end our stay singing Christmas carols and discovering “unusual” musical instruments of all shapes and sizes.

(Thanks to our trip organizer, Jack Dedrick, for a wonderful trip. Sorry you and Peggy weren’t able to join us.)

SV Travelers: Nancy & Ed Babish, Judy & Joe Brown, Nancy & Ed Frey, Harriett & Ray Goodmuth, Joanna & Dave Nies, Brenda & John Stoltz, Gretchen & Gerry Storer, Kathy & Al Waddell, and Carole & Art Walsh

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

By Linda Blume

EVENTS IN THE AREA

Orchestra Holiday Pops with The Capitol Quartet



One of the most exciting ensembles performing today, the Capitol Quartet joins the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra in this annual celebration of the holiday season on **December 17**, 8 – 10 p.m. The performance is at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts (801 Chase Street) in Annapolis. Tickets are \$35 to \$45. Call 410-263-0907 for more information. (www.visitmaryland.org)

Hillsboro’s Luminary Tour



The town of Hillsboro will be lined with 1,500 luminaries on **December 18** from Main Street to Church Street and over the bridge, 5 – 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at the town hall with Santa. The event is free. (www.tourcaroline.com)

Holiday Magic: It’s a Wonderful Life in West Annapolis



There will be activities for children and lots of fun for adults at this magical event on **December 18**, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., in West Annapolis. Participating stores will be open late and will donate a portion of their sales to the Lighthouse Shelter, the SPCA, and the Salvation Army. The event is free of charge. For information, call 410-295-5157.

(www.whatsupmag.com)

All Children's Chorus of Annapolis: 10th Anniversary Season



Children from Annapolis, Arnold, Bowie, Crownsville, Edgewater, Gambrills, Pasadena, and Odenton will present a concert on Sunday, **December 19**, 3 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Annapolis. The program is a "Community Carol Sing, Concert, and Reception" featuring "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door, and no charge for children 12 and under.

For more information and complete listing of concerts, go to www.allcca.com.

Rock Hall's Annual Big Dip



For the past four years a merry band of somewhat hung-over folks try to beat that hangover by jumping in the Chesapeake on New Year's Day (**January 1**). Come celebrate the New Year with us by coming out to jump in, or just put your toes in, or just simply watch the madness unfold. All we ask is that you bring a small donation to help support our local fire hall. Come one and come all to the Rock Hall Beach at High Noon on New Year's Day, and see the crazies jump in the water, all in the name of the Rock Hall Fire Hall.

(www.kentcounty.com)

Historic Annapolis Antiques Show



History is about people. From the leaders who have shaped our world to everyday individuals, everyone has a unique life story. It is these individual "Faces of History" that humanize our past and provide inspiration for the future. The Historic Annapolis Antiques Show on **January 14 – 16** is a one of the most comprehensive and largest Art

& Antiques Show in the Annapolis. Admission is \$15. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon – 5 p.m. Admission is \$15, and the show will take place at the National Guard Armory (15 Willow Street). (www.whatsupmag.com)

CONTINUING EVENTS

Kent Island Federation of Arts Holiday Boutique: November 17 – December 23 (410-643-7424)

Lights on the Bay: November 20 – January 2;

www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/sandypoint.asp

Holiday Tours of the William Paca House with a Colonial: December 19 & 26;

www.visitannapolis.org;

Enchanted Campground Driving Tour: December 13 – 24;

www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/eastern/martinak.asp;

Christmas Garden of Trains: December 1 – 30; www.tourdorchester.org

Creepy Crawlers I and II for children ages 1-5; monthly; www.bayrestoration.org.

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA



Crisfield Holiday Homes Tour: December 19, Crisfield:

www.ChristmasinCrisfield.com



Guided Birding Field Trip: January 16, Milton, Delaware:

www.fws.gov/northeast/primehook

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. The Munsters
2. The Ouija Board
3. Jackie and Aristotle Onassis

SPECIAL REMINDERS

- Clubhouse phone number for Laura or Dennis: 410-758-8500
- Dennis Sesplankis' email: dsesplankis@legumnorman.com;
- Laura Wright's email : lwright@legumnorman.com;
- Caruso Warranty Office: 301-261-0277, ext. 211
- Trash Collection and Recycling: Bates Trucking, 301-733-2069
- Bulk Pick-up and Yard Waste: 410-758-1180—Yard waste is picked up on Mondays. (Occasionally, it may be picked up on Tuesdays.)

NEW

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Representative in SV

Joselle Gatrell
443-271-0275
Joselle@atlanticbb.net



NEW

Do you LOVE children?

We are looking for a loving individual to help our school-aged (9 and 6) children get off to school in the mornings.

Beginning in January, we will need childcare assistance before school on Mondays through Thursdays.

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