

LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter



February 2011

No.2 Vol. VI

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

Larry and Judy Webster 248 Harmony Way

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Friday, February 18, **Movie Night**, 7 p.m. The featured film, *Secretariat*, will be shown in the Grand Ball Room.
- Saturday, February 19, **Valentine Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. 
- Wednesday, February 22, **Lunch Bunch**, 12:30 p.m., Hunter's Tavern, Tidewater Inn, Easton. Carpool—Meet in parking lot at Noon.
- Thursday, February 24, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Friday, February 25, **Game Night** at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite game to share.
- Wednesday, March 2, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Friday, March 4, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m.

Atlantic City—Here We Come!!!

There will be a bus trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, May 14. The bus leaves at approximately 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person (non-refundable). A full bus is required. Sign up and see more details in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Money is due at sign-up.

Questionnaire

Kindly take a moment to address the questionnaire regarding future activities so that the Lifestyle Committee can address the interests of the community as best they can. The questionnaire is available in the Activities Book.

Annual Picnics

The following streets shall be responsible for our holiday picnics.

(If you would like to chair one of these events, please contact **Lee Ettman, Lifestyle Chair.**)

Memorial Day: May 30—Encore, Orchestra, and Opera

Fourth of July: July 4—Harmony (all Harmonies) and Concerto

Labor Day: September 5—Symphony, Sonata, and Overture

Happy Hour Hosts

Hosts for Happy Hours are needed!!! Sign up in the Activities Book. There isn't much to do. For details, call Lee Ettman @410-758-4580



Theater Trip

Sign up in the Activities Book for the Theater Party Package. The show is **Wicked**, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C, on Tuesday, June 28. Dinner will be at Carmine's Restaurant. There will be bus transportation. The total is \$170 per person.

OPERATIONS

SV Energy Cost Comparison

Bob Offerman has written two very valuable articles:

“[Winter Energy Saving Tips](#)” and “[Winter Energy Cost Comparison](#)”

Here are two excerpts from the second article:

“**Heat Pump with Propane Backup.** The bottom line is that, although it takes longer for the heat pump to provide the same amount of heat as the propane furnace, the operating cost is half or less than using the propane furnace.”

“**Heat Pump with Electric Backup.** The bottom line is that, although it takes longer for the heat pump to provide the same amount of heat as the electric auxiliary heat, the operating cost is about half as much as using the electric backup.”

To read the energy articles in their entirety, go to:

<http://villagehoa.org/hoa/bullboard/bulldocs/winter-energy.pdf>



OUTREACH UPDATE

Card and Game Party

Outreach Committee would like to thank, once again, the residents of Symphony Village for supporting the Second Annual Card and Game Party. It was a wonderful success! Not only did we have our Village women playing their favorite card games, we also had quite a few Village men playing. In addition, we had participants from Kent Island and Prospect Bay. Lauren Rose and Carlene Cooke headed up the Card and Game part of the event. Nancie Cameron and Allen Beck were in charge of catering, providing coffee, tea, and a variety of tasty snacks in the morning and a delicious lunch at noon. All this was accompanied by BJ McClueb's delightful piano music. It was a fun, fun day! **Thanks again for everyone's support.**



Special thanks to the hard-working ladies assisting the Nancie-Allen Catering Team pictured above: Linda Blume, Linda Gardner, Barbara Locke, Shirley Clark, Nancie Cameron, BJ McClueb, Anita Morris, Terri O'Connell, Beth Dewhirst, Bea Trotta, and Ellen Norman.

Rebuilding Together

Thanks to all who have offered to help with the ***Rebuilding Together*** project; it isn't too late to sign up if you'd like to help on April 30. I will send out specific details to the helpers once I get that information. However, I do know that it is a house in Centreville; and there may be work days other than April 30.— ***Carlene Cooke, Chair, Outreach Committee***

Neighbor to Neighbor

As happens at the beginning of every year, Neighbor to Neighbor has some old business to report. The past year was very busy. Our Street Captains sent a total of 139 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 152 meals and provided an aggregate total of at least 235 instances of pet care. Captains visited neighbors 36 times and provided general assistance a total of 45 times. They arranged shopping 28 times and processed two requests for the loan of medical equipment. We suggested that one resident consider joining the Caregivers' Support Group and passed along 41 Prayer Chain requests. We made eight donations to various charities in memory of residents and entered pages into the Memorial Book in memory of two residents.

Yes, it was a very busy year, but that is old business. Now, we are looking forward to the challenges and joys of 2011. – ***Eleanor Strietman, Chair, Neighbor to Neighbor***

Service Project: Adult Day Medical Center

The Adult Day Medical Center at the Percy Thomas Center in Stevensville provides nursing care, social services, therapeutic recreation, meals, and transportation to medically fragile persons over the age of 16. The Queen Anne's County Department of Health is the sponsor. The Center is always in need of donations – not only monetary but also tangible. To this end, Outreach will collect items from April 9 – 17 that will then be donated to the Center on April 18.

The complete Wish List is posted in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse and will be published in the March *Libretto*. A sampling of the requested items:

Craft Supplies: ribbon, lace, fabric, etc.

Items for Prizes: travel-sized toiletries, nail polish, combs, etc.

Miscellaneous: books, wrapping paper, stuffed animals, movies, etc.



Collection houses will be announced in March. If you have any questions, please contact

Linda Blume, 410-758-3194.

What's Your Favorite Recipe(s)?

Plans are underway for *Volume 2* of *The Village Cookbook*, to be launched in time for the 2nd Annual Artisan's Fair later this year and/or the 2011 Holiday season. Pick up recipe collection sheets from the basket at the front desk at the Clubhouse and use them along with additional pages as needed to contribute a recipe. For the security and propriety of your recipe(s), place your recipe(s) in a sealed envelope marked "SVOPI RECIPE" and drop it at the front desk at the Clubhouse where Nancie Cameron will pick them up every couple of days. Recipe categories are:

Appetizers

Beverages

Bunch, Bread, and Rolls

Soups and Salads

Vegetables and Side Dishes

Vegetarian Entrees

Main Dishes (non-seafood)

Seafood

Desserts

Cookies, Bars, and Candy



Be sure to indicate the category on the collection sheet. The deadline for recipe collection is April 30. That date may seem a long way off; but please don't procrastinate, "git 'er done now!" Anyone willing to enter the recipes on-line in the **Morris Cookbook** program, please call **Nancie Cameron, 410-758-3948**. An instructional meeting will be held in March.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Calendar

The weekly calendar is available at the SV Website:

http://www.calendar.yahoo.com/svbcc_calendar. Also, the Weekly Update by Kristie will be emailed to the residents on Thursday evening with any information that is pressing.

Clubs and Activities

Thanks to George and Mary Drake, the Clubs and Activities pages have been updated. If you are interested in what activities are available, please check the following hyperlinks. For those who haven't checked this page lately, you will be surprised how many new SV Clubs and Activities there are.

<http://villagehoa.org/hoa/secure/activities/clubsandactivities.pdf>

<http://villagehoa.org/hoa/secure/activities/groupcontactsjul10.pdf>

Lost Pets

The P & C Committee would like to recommend that you email a picture of your pet to John Schultz at schultz@schultz.org to put in the Pet Directory. When someone finds a cat or dog, they can check the Directory and call you to see if you have a missing pet. Some pets do look alike, so it might be necessary to call more than one person. Hopefully a reunion can be

arranged. If you don't have email, take your picture to Gil Hoffman or Carol Hodges to be scanned.

Directory

If you are using a hard copy of the Residents' Directory, check the date at the top. It might be necessary to print a new copy. Residents often change their emails and phone numbers.

Recipes

Thanks to Charlene Smallwood Brown and John Schultz, the *Libretto* recipes are on our SV Website:

http://villagehoa.org/hoa/documents/lib_recipes/SYMPHONY%20VILLAGE%20RECIPES/index.htm

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on Monday, March 7, at 3 p.m. in the Grand Ball Room.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. In the 1950s, which Academy Award winning actress had an illegitimate child with director Roberto Rossellini, causing a huge scandal in the United States?
2. What internationally focused and distinctive building was completed in New York City in the 1950s?
3. What television show debuted in the 1950s that presented the best selling songs of the week?

CLUBS and CLASSES

BIRD CLUB

Symphony Village Bird Club



The Bird Club journeyed to Pickering Creek Audubon Center on January 23 to attend a Walk 'n Talk presentation "Owls." Before the talk began, we identified birds at the Center's bird feeders: American goldfinches, dark-eyed juncos, titmice, white throated sparrows, red-breasted nuthatches, and red-bellied woodpeckers. We then learned fascinating facts about owls in general, focusing on the four species in this area year round (barred owl (left), barn owl, Eastern screech owl (below), and great horned owl). Also discussed were the four species that visit in the winter (snowy owl, long-eared owl, short-eared owl, and saw whet owl). Do you know why owls have feathers on their legs down to their talons? It is for protection when prey such as rodents with sharp little teeth and slithering snakes try to "fight back" when caught. Following the talk and a short walk to observe habitat, we went to the Classroom where we dissected owl pellets – the SV group was thrilled to positively identify rodent hip bones, ribs, vertebrae, teeth, and even partial skulls. The Walk 'n Talk series ends on March 13 with "Ducks." If you'd like to attend with the Bird Club, please sign up in the Activities Book by March 9. – *Linda Blume*



BOWLING

S-T-R-I-K-E!



The Yahoo Calendar says, “Bowling Tuesdays 12:15.” Where have you been? Did you know that for \$5 you can get shoes, bowl two games, and dine on pizza and a soda? No to pizza? Then try a hotdog. I’ve heard on good authority that you don’t even have to clear your place after lunch. (A SV Merry Maid is on duty.) So now the only thing to fear is the game itself. Ten duckpins, three balls, and **gutter guards**. How can you miss? **But better not ask anyone that.** Clearing deadwood even seems to be optional. Meet in the parking lot Tuesday for a ride. Once the “people vs. cars” is sorted out, it’s on to Chestertown for one more sorting—this time it’s “people vs. alleys.” Once the bowlers are on their lanes, the rest is easy. Scores last week ranged from 78 to 118; so you see proficiency comes in varying sizes. **Oh, I almost forgot to tell you, besides being a bargain, it’s a lot of fun!** – *Pat Scheirer*

DINING IN

For Your Dining Pleasure

Most countries and cultures have a popular word or phrase to describe a “coming together” over food. The Italians often use the term “asseieme.” The French expect at least two hours of conversation with dinner. The Spanish linger over a late lunch or dinner. Many others simply express the experience as “slow food.” It’s an opportunity to eat delicious food in an unhurried, relaxed manner. Everywhere people are sitting down and enjoying home-cooked meals with friends, neighbors, and new acquaintances.

Hopefully, the following information will dispel a few misconceptions regarding a regular Symphony Village activity called **DINING IN...**

FALSE

It’s only for couples.

It’s for people who enjoy preparing and eating gourmet or specialized ethnic foods.

A host’s home must accommodate up to 10 people at one dining table.

A host sets an elegant table with beautiful linens, china, and crystal.

A host provides all beverages, including a variety of alcoholic options.

TRUE

It’s for all residents. Think of it as an extended happy hour event!

Good food knows no bounds. Ever watch the Food Network shows?

A host’s home can be any size and configuration. Common sense dictates seating.

A buffet with random seating or multiple tables are as appropriate as one table.

A host prepares an entrée and coordinates the menu with invited guests.

All guests are encouraged to bring a beverage of choice.

It’s an opportunity to have a great meal and a fun time – often within walking distance. Past events have encompassed a range of entrees: roast turkey, one-dish chicken, baked fish, paella, lasagna, beef stroganoff, and hearty bowls of chili. In 2011, it could be a retro menu or finger foods served up on beach blankets!

The next Dining In event is February 20! Sign up closes February 15.

Please view the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. Routinely, this activity is scheduled the third weekend of every month (Saturday or Sunday – for brunch, lunch, or dinner).

Questions and comments are always welcome. For more information, phone one of the Co-coordinators: **Sandee Love (410-758-3224) or Willie DiLaura (443-262-8062).**

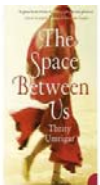
GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB

There is not much activity this time of year. A few daffodils have poked their heads above the ground. Like us gardeners, they cannot wait for spring! By the time our next report comes out, the forsythia will be blooming. As soon as the ground thaws, we will install a fourth purple martin house near the East Pond between Encore and Overture. This installation has been approved and paid for.

We still need five individuals or teams to volunteer as caretakers for the five unsubscribed beds. Contact Jack Hennessey at 410-758-4872 to volunteer. Or better yet, send me an email: jhennessey@atlanticbb.net, 'cause I can't remember ____! Caruso has been requested to provide two loads of mulch for the Gazebo Garden. We do have volunteers to spread the mulch. Hallelujah! See you around St. Patrick's Day! – **Jack Hennessey**

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

At the January 18 meeting, we discussed the book, *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout. This book was recommended by Carol Korstjens. On a scale of 1 to 10, the rating was 7.0. In spite of this nominal rating, this book provided more animated discussion than most of the books we have read. Carol provided a delicious cheesecake and coffee for dessert.



Our book for the February 15 meeting is *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar, recommended by June Silverman. The setting for this book is India, wherein the dominance of the male in their culture is gradually changing. It is a quick read and quickly grabs the reader's interest. By chapter 15 (out of 25), it is difficult to put the book down.

The group has decided to purchase one copy of each selected book in advance. Once that copy is reviewed by club members, it will be placed in a separate section of the Clubhouse Library with access to all residents. For that purpose, each member is requested to donate one dollar at each meeting for the purchase of these books. Our primary source for books will still be the Centreville Library, which provides excellent service in obtaining books.

Several members of the Book Club have assisted in culling older books from the Library to make room for newer books which continue to be collected by members. This has been necessary due to limited shelf space in the Clubhouse.

SSINGLES CLUB

Symphony SSingles Pot Luck Lunch



SV SSingles met on February 13 for a fabulous pot luck lunch at the Clubhouse. If you weren't there, you missed scrumptious shrimp and crab casserole, creamy chicken and asparagus tortellini, Mexican meatloaf, a tasty turkey roast, Breakfast Braid (a perennial hit), mini ham/Swiss and

turkey/Swiss sandwiches, two sets of individualized and fantastic deviled eggs, a yummy pineapple and cranberry Jello salad, extra special macaroni and cheese, wonderful coleslaw, authentic Waldorf salad, rolls and butter, and for dessert: luscious Red Velvet Valentine cupcakes, scrumptious raspberry bars, delicious chocolate Bundt cake, delicate cream cheese-filled flaky pastry, and cream puffs to die for.

Coming: A SSingles outing is being planned for spring – watch future *Librettos* and the Activities Book for forthcoming details. All SV singles are invited to all SSingles events.

– Linda Blume

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

QUEEN ANNE'S CHORAL

The Queen Anne's Chorale and The Lodontowne Symphony Orchestra proudly present *A German Requiem* by Johannes Brahms on Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in The Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD. For more information go to: qachorale.org or call Kathryn Marchi at 410-758-3183.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for the support we have received during my open-heart surgery and recovery this past month. Thank you for your prayers, food, flowers, cards—did I mention food, calls, lunch buddies, dog walkers (Harry knows who you are!), and the coordinators for all of the above. We live in a GREAT neighborhood and are thankful to have each of you in our lives. The doctors have said that they are extremely pleased with my progress, and I will start cardiac rehab in the coming weeks. Again, thank you for everything!

Love, Roberta and Nazir Ahmed



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We greatly appreciated the many expressions of sympathy received from the neighbors in our recent bereavement in the loss of my wife. Kind words mean so much at such a time, and I thank all of you for the special support.

Thanks also for the friendship you have shown over the years to Jean and myself. – Lee Gauthier

PET POLICY: RESOLUTION 2011-12

Whereas the Board of Directors of Symphony Village at Centreville Homeowners Association, Inc., recognizes the need for precluding pets from defecating and/or urinating on SV homeowners' private property, the following policy is hereby established:

The owner or custodian of an animal may not allow his or her animal or any animal under his or her control to urinate or defecate on the property of another without the consent of the owner of the property. In order to help pet owners in SV comply with the contents of Queen Anne County Animal Control Article III, 9-21(a), the SV HOA requests that pet owners have their pets urinate or defecate on their own property. As such, the owner must not allow the pets to urinate or defecate on the private property of other SV homeowners. To help the pet owners comply with this requirement, the pet may urinate or defecate on any SV common and/or HOA maintained property. Property maintained by the HOA is defined as the property between the sidewalk and the street, sometimes referred to as the easement. Any defecation that occurs on common property or HOA-maintained property must be cleaned up by the owner of the pet and disposed of at the home of the pet owner.

Under no circumstance are feces to be deposited in the trash cans surrounding the Clubhouse or in the Clubhouse trash dumpster. These are for **trash only**. Any pet owner or custodian (1) observed allowing a pet to urinate or defecate on private property, (2) observed not picking up feces, or (3) observed depositing feces in the Clubhouse trash can or dumpster may be subject to a penalty IAW Article III, 9-21 (a) of the Queen Anne's County Animal Control. For reporting purposes: telephone number - 410-758-2393; address - 201 Clay Dr. Queenstown, MD 21658. *Voted and approved by The Board of Directors on January 28, 2011.*

HELPFUL HINTS

CLEANING TIPS

Pat Scheirer showed me her shower stall that now has a shower curtain just inside the door. This prevents the water from hitting the shower door, hence no need to clean the shower door. To accommodate the seat, she cut a piece out of the curtain. The curtain was hung on a tension rod which expands to the appropriate length. She copied this idea from Carol Powell.

Willie DiLaura also shared a tip for her shower door. She uses the cooktop cleaner from the kitchen. It requires some elbow grease, but it works.

COMPUTER TIPS

Many times a user may want to print out what they see on the screen. One of the ways that is open to Windows users is the **PRINT SCREEN** key on your keyboard. To print the screen, follow these steps:

- Press the **PRINT SCREEN** key.
- Open a blank document using your favorite word processing program.
- Type **CTRL V** and the snapshot of your screen will appear.
- Print out the document and a copy of the screen is available.

If you wish to email the snapshot, type **CTRL V** in the email message, and the picture will appear.

TRAVEL

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Part Two Of Our Trip West

By Karin Larsen

Did you know that the city of Phoenix, Arizona, has the largest land area of any city in the U.S.? Located in the Salt River Valley or Valley of the Sun, beauty surrounds this city with the McDowell Mountains (Northeast), the White Tank Mountains (West), Superstition Mountains (East), and the Sierra Estrella Mountains (Southwest). Getting around this bustling city was pretty easy from our foothills location in the Southeast portion of Phoenix.

We enjoyed downtown Scottsdale for its entertainment and shopping and downtown Phoenix's Biltmore area for its fabulous museums, shopping, and restaurants. One day we stopped by the **Heard Museum** to see beautiful artifacts, Southwestern history, and journey through cultures of the Native Americans and Hispanics. Another day we joined our friends from Colorado and energized our senses at **The Phoenix Art Museum's** interesting collections of American, Western American, modern, and contemporary art. Mary and I branched off to see American and European garments, shoes, and accessories from the 18th century to the present, led by major designers such as Balenciaga, Chanel, Dior, Yves Saint Laurent, Emilio Pucci, and Ralph Rucci. Later, while exploring one of the museum's four levels, we couldn't resist making real Indian dolls in the children's hands-on and brains-on gallery!



Two of our favorite jaunts had to be the **Desert Botanical Garden** and **Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West**. First, the **Desert Botanical Garden** sits on 145 acres and has more than 50,000 plants on display with five thematic trails that exhibit cactus and succulent species from around the world. Interpretive exhibits along the trails highlight desert wildflowers and types of conservation and desert plant adaptation. Our favorite was following the brick path Desert Discovery Loop Trail to see the array of cacti and succulents from around the world. Wow, those saguaro cacti are huge! Goodbye cacti, hello to touring **Frank**

Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West. Mr. Wright seems to be guiding us and his students, busy studying at this location, while proudly showing off his ingenious architectural designs and living legacy. Also of note, Phoenix's restaurant scene shines; but our top choice was the cowboy themed, beef lover's delight, **Rustler's Rooste**, perched high above Southeast Phoenix. So Villagers, if you visit Phoenix, take a walk around the cityscape, amongst Phoenix's 15 urban villages! We'd all enjoy a walk through this "**Valley of the Sun,**" especially during snowy months!

RESTAURANT REVIEW

QUEENSTOWN PIZZERIA

By Karin Larsen

Imagine transporting your taste buds to a restaurant 10 minutes from SV that will serve you enjoyable, authentically Southern Italian food free from the hustle and bustle of New York or Italy! Resident Suzy Wishard brought me to Queenstown Pizzeria, one of her favorites, and now I'm a fan and so is Bruce!



Dominique Zappulo, from Caserta, Italy, 40 kilometers from Naples, opened his Queenstown pizzeria in November 2009. What makes this restaurant spark is Mr. Zappulo's recipes, which are made with the freshest ingredients in the southern Italian style. Queenstown Pizzeria thrives because the dishes are prepared using rich sauces, fragrantly fresh olive oil-infused pizza crusts, homemade pastas, and imported cheeses, all cooked with recipes passed from southern Italy to Queenstown Pizzeria's customers!

Returning one evening for dinner, we liked the fresh and friendly atmosphere with bright Tuscany colors. Spacious and clean came right to mind. Joining forces, we shared and sampled delicious pizza and pasta. Bruce compared Queenstown's traditional anchovy pizza to his favorite New York pizza eaten when growing up in Bensonhurst (a Mecca of some of the best Italian eateries of Brooklyn, New York). My own current favorites are the *Queenstown Deluxe Pizza*, the *Baked Gnocchi* in a vodka sauce (you can choose the sauce), and the *Fettuccini Alfredo with Shrimp*. These choices are scrumptious, but their classic menu also features parmigiana dinners, Stromboli, calzone, and a wide variety of subs and sandwiches. Freshly baked Tiramisu, cannoli, and cheesecake called out to us, but we'll have to try those next time!

Queenstown Pizzeria will make you feel as if you are eating in the boot of Italy near Naples or Pompeii, but really, you're in Queenstown, Maryland!

Queenstown Pizzeria is located at 7104 Main Street on Rt.18 in Queenstown, MD. (410-827-4221).
The hours are Monday thru Thursday 11 a.m.—9 p.m., Friday & Saturday 11 a.m.—9:30 p.m., and Sunday noon—8 p.m.



RECIPE

CHEDDAR-ALE SOUP

From the Kitchen of Bea Trotta

- | | |
|--|--|
| 2 T unsalted butter | 2 cups low-fat milk |
| 1 yellow onion, diced | 2 cups vegetable broth |
| 2 each med. carrots and celery, diced | (preferably low-sodium) |
| 1/8 tsp garlic powder or 1 minced garlic clove | 1 1/4 lb. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded |
| 1/3 cup all-purpose flour | Dash of pepper to taste |
| 1 cup pale ale | Lightly seasoned croutons for garnish |
| 1 T Worcestershire sauce | Olive oil for drizzling (optional) |

- Melt 2 T butter in a 4-5 qt. pot over medium heat. Add onion, carrots, and celery. Cover and cook 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

- Add garlic. Cook 1 minute. Add flour. Cook 2-3 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Add ale. Cook 2-3 minutes, stirring constantly.
- Add Worcestershire, milk, and vegetable broth. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Do not bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer 10-12 minutes.
- Remove from heat and puree with immersion blender.
- Return pot to medium-low heat. Add cheese by handfuls, stirring constantly until cheese melts. Do not boil.
- Season with pepper and then ladle soup into bowls. Garnish with croutons; and drizzle very lightly with olive oil, if desired. Serves 6.

LOCAL EVENTS

By *Linda Blume*

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra: “Pure Artistry”



The concerts take place on **February 18** and **19** at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis. The concert begins at 8 p.m. with a pre-concert lecture at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$45, \$40, \$35, and \$25. For more information and to order tickets, go to www.annapolissymphony.org.

Trip: Ski Round Top



The Kent County Department of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Ski Round Top on **February 19**. Enjoy skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. Space is limited and a minimum number of people is required. Package prices vary. Call 410-810-5948 for all the details. (www.kentparksandrec.org)

Annapolis Home and Remodeling Show



Come to the Show on **February 19 - 20** and **February 26 – 27** and get the latest in tips and techniques for remodeling your home. The event takes place at the National Guard Armory in Annapolis. Times are 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 children ages 8-12. For more information, visit www.annapoliswireless.com/events.

Annapolis Restaurant Week



Restaurant Week will take place **February 21-27** with over thirty of Annapolis’ finest restaurants participating. For updates on participating restaurants and their menus, visit www.AnnapolisRestaurantWeek.com.

A Garden Odyssey



Scott Scarfone has traveled the world searching for the most creatively designed gardens. On **February 25**, 1 – 2 p.m., at Adkins Arboretum, he will lecture and illustrate some of the most prolific gardens ever created. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. For more information and to register, go to www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Painting Four Seasons in the William Paca Garden: Winter Scenes in the Paca Garden



On **February 26**, you will have a unique opportunity to paint in the Paca Garden, a secluded reconstructed 18th century garden. Jean Brinton Jaecks, landscape and garden watercolorist, conducts this landscape painting workshop focused on the study of light in a garden setting. All levels of students are welcome. Class meets 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain or shine. The cost is \$60. For more information and to register, go to www.annapolis.org.

South River on the Half Shell Auction



A fundraiser will be held on **February 26** with silent and live auctions, live music, great food, and the opportunity to bid on fantastic items to benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The event takes place at Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, 5 – 9 p.m. Admission is \$60 members, \$75 non-members, and \$80 at the door. For more information, go to www.southernriverfederation.net.

6th Annual Chesapeake Chefs Association Gumbo Fest



This year's Gumbo Fest will take place on **February 27**, 1 – 4 p.m., at the Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel. This year, funds raised will exclusively benefit the Light House: A Homeless Prevention Support Center in Annapolis. Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$25. (www.whatsupmag.com)

A Colonial Gentlemen's Evening



Join genteel fellows for a night of colonial conviviality, eighteenth-century-style food, and fortifying drink at the historic Jonas Green House in Annapolis on **February 27** at 6 p.m. While you dine, you'll learn more about the lively entertainment that characterized the gentlemen's clubs of colonial Annapolis. After supper, try your hand at a game or two of whist or loo. Seating is limited. Coat and tie or colonial attire requested. Cost is \$150. For more information, call 410-263-5892. (www.whatsupmag.com)

3rd Annual Empty Bowls Dinner



The Empty Bowls Dinner will take place on **February 27** at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Easton, 5 – 7 p.m., with proceeds going to Talbot County Food Pantries. Tickets are \$20 per person and include homemade soup and the handmade bowl in which it is served. Advance reservations are required: go to www.mscf.org.

United States Naval Academy Concert Band



The Naval Academy Concert Band will perform on **March 3, 7:30 p.m.**, at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis. This is a free event. For information, call 410-263-5544 or go to www.marylandhall.org.

Books Café



St. Luke's Chapel in Queenstown will be the site of the Books Café on **March 3 - 6**. Over 15,000 books will be offered at 90% discount from cover price. Books include novels, history, biography, gardening, cooking, regional, and children's. Hours are Thursday, 3 – 6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. (following services) – 2 p.m. For more information, call 410-827-8484. For driving directions, go to www.wyeparish.org. (www.discoverqueenannes.com)

All That Art 2011



Maryland Hall in Annapolis hosts its sixth annual All That Art exhibition and fundraiser on **March 4**, 6 – 9 p.m., featuring more than 25 pieces of art to be auctioned off to benefit Maryland Hall's galleries and the contributing artists. Admission is \$75 per person. For information, call 410-263-5544 or go to www.marylandhall.org and click on "Exhibitions."

Rock Hall Expo and Outdoor Show



The Rock Hall Expo and Outdoor Show on **March 5** features Rock Hall's many diverse businesses and showcases the fishing, hunting, boating, and camping products and service companies in Rock Hall. The show is at the Rock Hall Fire Company, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information, call 410-639-7483. (www.kentcounty.com)

Mardi Gras Masked Ball



A Mardi Gras Masked Ball will be held on **March 5** at the Fretterd Center (The Armory) in Denton. The event supports the Caroline County Council of Arts (CCCA). Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door (if tickets are still available). For all the delicious and fun details, go to www.dentonmaryland.com and click on "News" then "View Newsletters" and view "January/February" (page 9) or you may call the CCCA at 410-479-1009.

Trip: Philadelphia Flower Show



The Queen Anne's County Department of Recreation and Parks will sponsor a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on **March 11**. Striking flowers from India, the Netherlands, Singapore, and other exotic locales will be featured in the Show themed "Passport to the World!" The fee of \$60 includes round trip transportation and admission. Children may attend with an adult. For details, go to www.parksnrec.org. The program number is 103002.

"The Marriage of Figaro"



The Annapolis Opera Company will present "The Marriage of Figaro" on **March 11** (at 8 p.m.) and **March 13** (at 3 p.m.). This is Mozart at his comic best and we've assembled a sterling cast of singers to bring it to you. Fully staged and sung in Italian with English surtitles. The event will take place at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis. To purchase tickets, go to www.marylandhall.org.

Londontowne Symphony Inaugural Spring Gala



The Gala will be held on **March 15**, 6 – 10 p.m., during the Homestead Gardens Flower Show at Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville. Celebrity and top area chefs will be cooking and offering their specialty foods, entertaining and preparing delicious morsels on site, local wineries will be offering wine tastings and sales, and LSO members will be providing music throughout the evening. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$60 per couple. For more information, visit www.londontownesyphonyorchestra.org.

CONTINUING EVENTS

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

Soup 'n Walk; monthly; www.adkinsarboretum.org;

Bird Walk n' Talk Series; monthly; www.pickeringcreek.org.

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA

66th Annual National Outdoor Show: February 25-26, Church Creek, Maryland:
www.nationaloutdoorshow.org

Guided Birding Field Trips: February 27, Milton, Delaware:
www.fws.gov/northeast/primehook

“Ghost Stories of Dorchester and the Eastern Shore”: March 2, Cambridge:
www.tourdorchester.org

Handbell Ringers Spring Festival: March 11 – 12, Ocean City: www.areasiii.org

11th Annual Eagle Festival: March 12, Cambridge: www.fws.gov/blackwater

TRIVIA ANSWERS

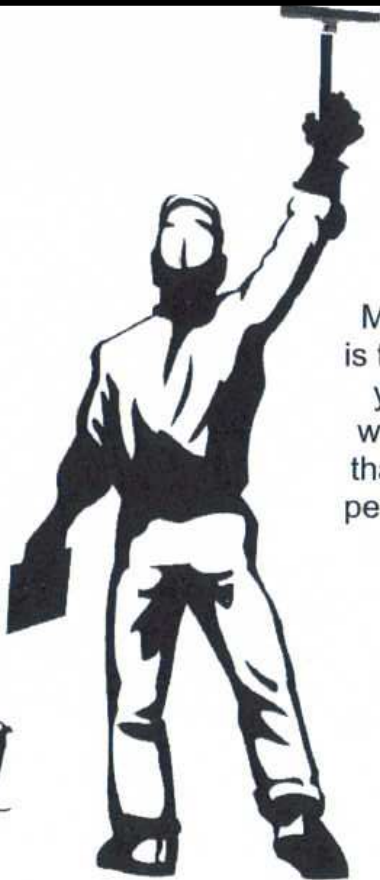
1. Ingrid Bergman
2. The United Nations Building
3. *“Your Hit Parade”*

SPECIAL REMINDERS

- Clubhouse phone number for Kristie or Dennis: 410-758-8500
- Dennis Sesplankis’ email: dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Kristie Eskew’s email: kesdew@legumnorman.com
- Caruso Warranty Office: 301-461-0277, 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 without a phone call. (Occasionally, it may be picked up on Tuesdays.)



New



Delmarva Window Cleaning Pressure Washing / Gutter Cleaning

Many surveys show that cleaning the windows of your home is the most hated household chore. So why not let us do it for you? We have been providing window cleaning, pressure washing, and gutter cleaning services in your area for more than ten years. You can have your seasonal chores done by people with the experience and tools to get the job done right without any ladders or headaches for you.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Call or E-mail for a free quote

(410) 463-0535

brandon@delmarvawindowcleaning.com



New



DEBORA SCAGGIARI
Interior Design

Phone (410) 758-4201 • Cell (410) 490-2345
dscaggiari@verizon.net

Give your home a little lift

Full service design available

- Custom Window Treatments
- Accessorizing
- Space Planning
- Staging for Resale
- Color Consulting

Gene Beville

SV Residents
10% off

Ph 410-643-6752
Fax 410-643-7618
Cell 443-496-4545
KIFCMAN@VERIZON.NET

Owner/President



220 St. Claire Place
Rt 8 & 18 Village at
Bentons Crossing
Stevensville MD 21666

**Abbey Carpet
& Floor**

America's choice in floor fashions since 1958
Carpet-Hardwood-Laminate-Tile-Area Rugs-Vinyl-Window
Treatments-Dustless Sanding

SOLIDAGO
LANDSCAPES

BRIAN KURTZ

T 410.490.9244

F 410.758.3229

KURTZBRIAN@HOTMAIL.COM
WWW.SOLIDAGOLANDSCAPES.COM

State Farm®
 Providing Insurance and Financial Services
 Home Office, Bloomington, Illinois 61710



Ed Smith Ins Agcy Inc
 Ed Smith, Agent

201 Benton Avenue, Suite 204
 Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-2522
 Bus 410 859 0279 Res 410 758 6965
 ed.smith.bveq@statefarm.com

24 Hour Good Neighbor Service®



TIDEWATER PHYSICAL THERAPY
 QUALITY CARE CLOSE TO HOME

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
 OF QUALITY THERAPY**



Desne Roe, PT, CLT
 Clinical Director
 Tidewater Physical Therapy
 140 Pennsylvania Ave.
 Centreville, Maryland 21617
 410-758-3816

Orthopedic and Sport Related Therapy • Lymphedema
 Auto Accidents • Women's Health • Electromyography
 Vestibular • Post-operative • Joint Replacement Therapy ...

(410) 438-3003

(410) 438-3023



Owned and Operated By **Carlo & Michelle Di Iulfo**
 100 West Main St
 Sudlersville, MD 21668

DUCT CLEANING • HUMIDIFIERS • PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTATS • AIR CLEANERS

Call Before Cold Weather!

STEELE'S

Refrigeration
HEATING * AIR CONDITIONING Inc.



Lic# 01-4795

410-643-0005 410-479-5560
888-518-HVAC



WWW.STEELESHVAC.COM
FREE ESTIMATES

turn to the experts™



Up To 30% OFF

TOTAL SYSTEM COST
 OR

\$1,500 OFF
 FEDERAL INCOME
 TAX CREDITS

Call for details. Program ends 12-31-10

\$40 OFF*
Annual Service Agreements
 (* New Customers Only)
SAVE on Costly Repairs!
 Not Valid With Any Other Offer.
 Expires 2/28/11

\$600 OFF
**Installation of
 New System**
 Not Valid With Any Other Offer.
 Expires 2/28/11

\$79.95
SYSTEM TUNE-UP
CALL FOR DETAILS!
 Not Valid With Any Other Offer.
 Expires 2/28/11

\$20 OFF
ANY SERVICE CALL
 Not Valid With Any Other Offer.
 Expires 2/28/11

FALL INTO SAVINGS



Let us help.
Call today for a free
consultation.

**Trusted leader providing
Home Care Services**

- Personal Care Services
- Safety Assistance
- Medication Reminders
- Errands & Appt. Escorts
- Companionship
- Alzheimer & Dementia Care



Mid-Eastern Shore
410.822.1230
eastonmd.homestead.com

Each Home Instead Senior Care® franchise office is independently owned and operated.
© 2009 Home Instead, Inc.

Butler Accounting Service

CONSULTANT-INCOME TAX SERVICES

Robert H. Butler
Accountant

410-758-8187 Office
410-758-8189 Fax
RBAccounting@Juno.com

251 Concerto Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617

Larry Dent

Chesapeake Home Theatre & HiFi

custom design, sales and installation

101 Chester Village
Chester, MD 21619

410-604-3368 Shop
301-651-8789 Cell
E-mail: LEDZZZ@aol.com
www.chesapeakehometheatre.com

Susan Fowler

HAPPY TAILS PETSITTING



410.490.2860
www.happy-tails.org

*Petsitting, Housesitting
& Doggie Daycare*

(Dogs, Cats, & other Small Animals)
Overnight stays available

Bonded & Insured



**BAYSIDE PHYSICAL THERAPY
AND SPORTS REHABILITATION**

www.BaysidePhysicalTherapy.com

KAREN MONCURE MAIZE, P.T.A.
Physical Therapist Assistant
Clinical Director

202 Coursevall Drive, Suite 111 & 112 • Centreville, MD 21617
Phone: 410-758-0018 Fax: 410-758-4031

Thank you for voting us best boutique two years in a row!

AN
Optical
GALLERIA LLC
(443) 262-9415



Where eyewear is art

Locally Owned & Operated • Quality Customer Care
Eye Exams • Exclusive Eyewear • Speciality Lenses
Polarized Lenses • Contact Lenses • Repairs
Art • Jewelry & Accessories

www.eyesandart.net
111 West Water Street • Centreville, MD 21617

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Representative in SV

Joselle Gattrell

443-271-0275

Joselle@atlanticbb.net



CINDY'S CUSTOM CLEANING

"Cleaning the way *you* want it cleaned"

Expect a terrific job, reliability and reasonable rates

12 years experience, exceptional references, bonded

Cindy Jenkins

410-827-3004 (H)

410-808-1080 (C)

It's time to pamper yourself with our *Signature Maid Service!* Put your feet up, relax, and let us do the cleaning!



MaidHealthy

(410) 897-0040

www.maidhealthy.biz

Insured and Bonded

Call today for a FREE estimate.

Special offer for Symphony Village residents.

\$35 off 1st cleaning

PLUS

\$15 off 2nd cleaning

MaidHealthy

New clients only. Valid with coupon.

Expires February 28, 2011

Coupon cannot be combined with other offers.



Our other services include:

- Carpet cleaning
- Dryer vent cleaning
- Power washing
- Air duct cleaning
- Window cleaning
- HVAC maintenance, repair, & install
- And more!*

Trish "B" Doggone Walking Service



Trish Beville

Cell 443.496.0346

Home 410.643.2579

1/2 Hour - 1 Hour Rates

Special 5 Day Rates

Weekends & Holidays

Leash Walk

Replenish Water, Food, Treats

Accident Clean Ups

PO Box 413 Chester, MD. 21619



HOURS OF OPERATION

Open

8 am to 6 pm Daily

2409 Ruthsburg Rd
Centreville, MD 21617

Boarding • Grooming
Doggie Daycare • Training
Pet Supplies • Pet Day Spa
"Do It Yourself" Dog Wash

410-758-4555

Fax 410-758-4559

dandylandpetcarecenter.com

BILLINGS AND MURPHY, D.D.S., P.A.



Scott H. Billings, D.D.S.
Christopher K. Murphy, D.D.S.

22 Kent Towne Market
Chester, MD 21619
410-643-5500

**ROB'S
CUSTOM CARPENTRY**

LLC

"We Handle the Details"

Robert B. Nonemaker, Jr.
443-988-8076

608 Pigpen Point Road
Queenstown, MD 21658-1161
MHIC 125207

Motorhead Electrical Services

Quality electrical work of any kind
without breaking your budget!
10% senior citizen discount.

Need more light? Call us. 410-758-3067

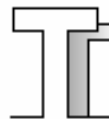
Mark Sharp - Master Electrician
Centreville, MD 21617
motorheadelectric.com



**Don't Face
These Moments Alone!**

*The plumber's coming
you're in New York
The Electrician's coming
you're in Hawaii
The furniture's coming
you're in Florida*

*Have Dave or Nancy in your
home to look after things
and make it right.*



TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME

"The answer for people who need to be in two places at the same time."

Dave & Nancy Wiley
410-758-2410 • NoraNancy@verizon.net
www.twoplacesametime.com

Cvach Financial Services, PA

Taxes - Accounting

John J. Cvach, CPA

2601 Centreville Road
Centreville, MD 21617
cfsservices@hughes.net

(443) 262-8009
(877) 427-9426
Fax - (443) 262-8011



Allstate
You're in good hands.

24-Hour
Customer Service

Ron Elville
Exclusive Agent
Ron Elville Insurance

Allstate Insurance Company
140 Pennsylvania Ave., Unit 1c
Centreville, MD 21617

Phone 443-262-8072
Toll Free 888-358-4553
Fax 443-262-8081
a051791@allstate.com

www.allstateagencies.com/51791
Auto, Home, Business, Life

ADVERTISE IN THE LIBRETTO

NEXT MONTH

BUSINESS CARD AD RATES

| | Residents | Nonresidents |
|----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 Month | \$20 | \$25 |
| 3 Months | \$50 | \$65 |
| 6 Months | \$85 | \$115 |
| 1 Year | \$150 | \$200 |

Call Bob Rose 443-262-8238



MVP Irrigation

LANDSCAPE LIGHTING

NICHOLAS J. ARBUTINA
President

MVP Irrigation Inc.

P.O. Box 69

Centreville, MD 21617

www.mvpirrigation.com

MHIC #75211

410-758-4426

Fax 410-556-6931

1-866-432-7270

BACKYARD IRRIGATION

PAVERS

GRILL SURROUNDS

GROUP DISCOUNTS

Now 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 and FULL page Ads

1 Month

| | <u>Residents</u> | <u>Nonresidents</u> |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1/4 page | \$36.00 | \$45.00 |
| 1/2 page | \$72.00 | \$90.00 |
| 3/4 page | \$108.00 | \$135.00 |
| FULL page | \$144.00 | \$180.00 |

3 months: Deduct 10% off of 1 month rate X 3

6 months: Deduct 20% off of 1 month rate X 6

1 year: Deduct 30% off of 1 month rate X 12

Call Bob Rose 443-262-8238