



LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

May 2011

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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 NIGHT

The Publications and Communications Committee is holding a Welcome Night for new residents on Thursday, May 26, at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Clubhouse. Also invited are residents who have not attended a Welcome Night before or who wish to meet the new residents. Please sign up in the Activities Book to come and enjoy dessert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for **Memorial Day Picnic**. Streets helping with the picnic are **Orchestra, Opera, and Encore**. Please call Lee Ettman or Bea Trotta to see how you can help make this event as special as possible!



Happy Hour Hosts Needed!

Happy Hour hosts missing in action. Can someone help find them?? Much appreciated! Sign up in the Activities Book. Questions call Lee Ettman at 410-758-4580.

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Friday, May 20, **Movie Night**, 7 p.m. Movie to be announced.
- Saturday, May 21, **Preakness Happy Hour**, 4 p.m. Caruso will host this Happy Hour as a fully catered event. RSVP at the Clubhouse no later than May 14. No need to bring appetizers or desserts. No charge.
- Thursday, May 26, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Friday, May 27, **Game Night** at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite game.
- Monday, May 30, **Memorial Picnic** from noon to 4 p.m., \$8. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- Friday, June 3, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer.
- Wednesday, June 8, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. All residents are invited.



OUTREACH UPDATE

Adult Day Medical Center Service Project



Outreach's service project to collect items for the Adult Day Medical Center in Stevensville was a huge success – thanks to all of you! Symphony Village's generosity was once again outstanding. A special thanks goes to the collection houses: Nancie Cameron, Beth Dewhirst, Joan Hennessey, Teri Nudo, Lauren Rose, Eleanor Strietman, and Marilyn Williams. A special thanks also goes to the drivers who delivered four car/truck loads of donations to the Center: Doug Dewhirst, Dorothy Hamm, and Bob Offerman. Again, thank you all! – *Linda Blume*

Rebuilding Together

Outreach wishes to thank all these volunteers for their time and effort...just one more example of the willingness of our friends and neighbors to reach out to the community.



The organizers of Rebuilding Together Queen Anne's County contacted the Outreach Committee earlier this year inquiring if we would organize a volunteer team to work with them on their annual project which nationally takes place the last Saturday of April each year.

As usual when asked Symphony Village responds! The team (pictured on the left) are **Bev Linkins, Gail Brown,** (pictured on the right) **Tom and Sandee Love, Joe Brown, George Drake, Jo Kirchner, Carol Hodges, Scott Page,** and **June Silverman** (not in

picture). The house chosen this year on Burrisville Road near Centreville needed extensive repairs and TLC, so some of these volunteers worked several days before the April 30 scheduled workday.



The workers had a birthday party for George, the resident of the house who was celebrating his 80 something birthday. He really enjoyed the attention and his birthday cake. Someone even brought him a birthday bag full of clothes and things he could use. He was staying at his house while all of this rebuilding was being done. It must have been hard for him to sit in his living room and watch two walls knocked down, have termite damage removed, and then rebuilt.

Outreach wishes to thank all these volunteers for their time and effort...just one more example of the willingness of our friends and neighbors to reach out to the community.

More pictures of the "[Rebuilding Together](#)" project.

Thank You



Maggie Crosswhite recently hosted a Pampered Chef party in her home. After the event, she donated a portion of the proceeds – **\$129.43** – to Outreach. Thank you so much, Maggie! You can be sure the donation will be put to good use.

Name Tags

Did you miss out on Outreach's SV **Name Tag** sale last year? If so, you'll get another chance this summer. Watch for all the details in next month's *Libretto*. We'll again offer the choice of magnetic backing and pin backing. Gasoline prices are soaring, but the name tag price will remain the same!

SV Cookbook

Unfortunately, Volume II of the **Symphony Village Cookbook** has been put on hold because too few recipes were received. Outreach will keep all of the recipes you have submitted to date; and, if the project is re-energized sometime in the future, we'll have a good start at recipe collection. To those of you who submitted recipes, "Thank you!"

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

PLEASE direct all P & C inquiries to the following people:

- All items relating to the Calendar and Coda are now to be sent to **Nancy Griffith**.
- All items relating to the Picture Directory and SV Recipes should be sent to **Charlene Smallwood Brown**.
- All items relating to changes to the Directories and distribution list should be sent to **John Schultz**.
- Items relating to the Libretto should be sent to **Carol Hodges**.
- Libretto advertising issues are handled by **Bob Rose**.

Chairman Needed as of July 1

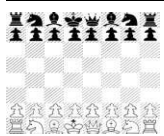
A Chairman is needed for the Publications & Communications Committee. Duties include setting up the agenda and conducting meetings, acting as liaison between the Board of Directors and the Committee, and putting into effect decisions about communication issues. Anyone interested should contact Carol Hodges (410-758-0591).

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the next P & C meeting on Monday, June 6, at 3 p.m.

SNEAKERS UPDATE

Chess Night



We will be hosting the annual chess night for the Kennard Elementary School Chess Club on Monday, May 16, at the Clubhouse. Don't forget if you have signed up to help serve pizza and drinks or to provide dessert goodies.

Award Received



Symphony Village residents and Sneakers were honored to be the recipient of the "**Service Superstar Award**" from the **Queen Anne's County Community Partnership for Children and Families**. This award was accepted by Karen King at an awards dinner at Chesapeake Community College on April 20.

Tree Planting

The PTA at Kennard Elementary wanted to thank the residents of Symphony Village for their continued support of their educational endeavors by planting a tree on the grounds of our community. Our thanks go to the SV Architectural Committee for their approval of this gift. Look for future details regarding the date and location.

Scholarships For Queen Anne's County High School Students

Once again, Sneakers will be providing scholarships for graduating seniors from Queen Anne's County High School, based on recommendations from the school's guidance counselors.



Book Giveaways

The next book giveaway at Kennard Elementary School will be the all-school end-of-year giveaway, scheduled for Friday, June 10, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse if you are able to help for one or more hours.

Sneakers Auction



Save the date of Saturday, November 5, for the annual Sneakers Auction. We are always looking for items to be included in the auction (products, services, gift cards, vacation homes, etc.). Please contact **Helena Joy** (410-758-6532) or **Linda Farrar** (410-758-8744) if you have items to contribute.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. **If someone suffers from disambiguation, what is the problem they are having?**
a. Skin disorder b. Bow legged c. Identity disorder d. Stuttering
2. **What is the most obvious difference between a canoe and kayak?**
a. Shape b. Weight b. A kayak has a skirt c. Length
3. **What jazz musician got his aristocratic nickname in high school for his neat attire and fastidious manner?**
a. Ray Charles b. Duke Ellington c. Herbie Hancock d. Lionel Hampton

CLUBS AND CLASSES

SV BIRD CLUB



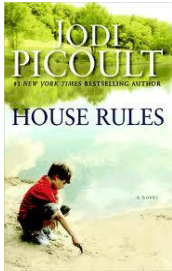
There is still time to sign up for the Club's spring picnic on Wednesday, May 18, at noon in the Clubhouse Picnic Pavilion. Just let Linda Blume know you'll be attending.
– *Linda Blume*

SV GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB

Our daffodil season was a great success, but our tulips were pitiful. We are getting ready for our Memorial Day picnic. We finally have a full complement of gardeners! Although we usually stick to perennial flowers, we will be adding lots of color to the beds by way of annuals. We have acquired lots of zinnias and marigolds, and bed tenders are free to add their own little touches of color. We have planted many sweet potato vines in the pavilion planter. These were very successful for the last five years. We have added a new touch with the planting of lantanas this year. We invite all of you to visit the gazebo to enjoy the flowers and to watch the purple martins which have once more come to nest and

to eat the mosquitoes. They are a delight to watch. So far this year, we have not seen any killdeer. We hope that they have not abandoned us!

SV READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB



The Reading for Fun Book Club met at the Clubhouse on April 19 to discuss *Pearl of China*, by Anchee Min. This was the first time we had ever read two books by the same author in successive months. Pearl, in this novel, is Pearl Buck, a controversial author, whose book, *The Good Earth*, won a Pulitzer Prize. Both of Min's novels received a rating of 7.2 from the Book Club. *Pearl of China* was recommended by Dorthea Turek, who provided delicious homemade almond cookies and peach tea for dessert.

The book for our May 17 meeting is *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult. This book, selected by Pat Loiacano, describes the unusual difficulties encountered by a single mom in raising an autistic child. These difficulties are further compounded by the fact that the autistic child is accused of murder! The story is a little difficult to get into, but after the first ten short chapters, you will not be able to put it down.

All residents are invited to attend the Book Club meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Y'all come! – *Jack Hennessey*

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

To our Symphony Village Neighbors and Friends,



Thank you doesn't seem adequate for all you have done for us while Jim was in the hospital. The rides, cards, meals, visits, and prayers were very much appreciated. We are truly blessed to be living in a community of such caring and compassionate people. To each and every one of you, "Thanks from the bottom of our hearts."

Anita and Jim Dell

HEALTH TIPS

Don Cameron has provided "**Health Tips**" handouts for SV residents. As you enter the Clubhouse, they can be found on the right ledge. These "Tips" are from the American College of Physicians about various subjects, such as COPD, PAD, HIGH CHOLESTEROL, DIABETES, and other health problems. On the back of the sheets are various web sites for more information, e.g., MedicinePlus.gov.

Call Don at 410-758-3948 if you are interested in a specific subject, he may be able to get the information for you.

Look! Up in the Sky!

"Good grief, Snoopy! Is that the Red Baron? Not this time. The low-flying aircraft that caught our attention on Friday evening, July 6, was a crop duster servicing a nearby farmer's field." (Valerie Siegel wrote this item in the July 2007 *Libretto*. I was reminded of it early May 11, when it sounded like the [Red Baron had returned](#).)



AMAZING FACTS — About Some of our Pretty Amazing Neighbors



Did you know that a Symphony Village couple crewed onboard the first Annapolis to Bermuda sailboat race in 1979? Thanks to some crafty navigation by one of these Villagers, the crew and their 30-foot sailboat arrived in Bermuda in just 5 days and 19 hours--a full 24 hours before the second boat arrived. **They won the race hands down.** Now that's an amazing race!

Remember Vaughn Monroe? Well, believe it or not, one of our Villagers, while in college, **organized the elopement and witnessed the wedding** of the daughter of Vaughn Monroe!



Another of our Villagers **conducted the longest and the quickest sealift** (moving military equipment over water) during Desert Shield. The equipment was moved from the United States to Kuwait, a distance of 10,000 miles, in just six months.

Have you heard that one of our neighbors has **bowled a perfect 300 score** not just once, but three times! (A note to all our avid SV bowlers – this was not duck pin bowling.)



And who among us was an "**undercover spy**" for Military Intelligence field exercises in Baltimore and who transferred secret documents to other "agents"?



It's a fact that someone living in Symphony Village has had an audience with the last **four popes**—Pius XII, John XXIII, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI. That's a lot of trips to Rome.

Everyone has a story. Do you know an amazing story about a neighbor?

We'd love to hear from you, and *we promise not to mention any names.*

MAY DAY BASKET WINNERS



The Queen Anne's County Garden Club brought a touch of spring to Centreville on April 30 with their 2nd annual May Day Basket Contest. Centreville residents and businesses were invited to enter by placing a fresh flower and/or plant arrangement on their front door or porch. **Mary Drake** won a **blue ribbon** with her beautiful arrangement (right) in the "**Residents**" division.



Ellen Norman created two baskets – one for Centreville's historic Wright's Chance (left) and one for historic Tucker House (right). Those two baskets won **blue ribbons** in the "**Business**" division.



What talent we have here in Symphony Village!

SPRING HAS ARRIVED



...and so has an unwanted visitor to the Miller's home.

Larry Miller and **Bill Rowley** spent some time trying to capture the **brown snake** who had found the Miller's front porch area just perfect for sunning. They were able to trap it under a trash can, flip it over, and cover with cardboard for transport to a new area 12 miles away.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

NEW BEIJING KITCHEN, CHINESE FOOD EAT IN & TAKE OUT

By *Karin Anne Larsen*

*New Beijing Kitchen is not only **the only** Chinese restaurant in Centreville, Maryland, but it's also my favorite Chinese carry out restaurant around! Opened in the summer of 2001, Owners/Chefs, Wendy Zheng and Jian Qing Li, are dedicated to satisfying our cravings for fresh cooked Chinese food. Wendy and Jian, along with their two sons, not only enjoy the small town feel of living and working in Centreville but actually enjoy cooking for their many county families. Wendy explains, "We love our customers and try to cook dishes that will make them happy."*

*New Beijing Kitchen's secret for their busy service business is not only linked to their varied menu but also to the tasty and fresh ingredients that are used. Combine great tasting food with prices that are reasonable, and you have a successful business. These delicious hot/spicy or fresh dishes of seafood, beef, pork, fowl, sweet and sour, and vegetables can be customized to meet your gustatory preference. Another secret for their popularity is the bonus of watching the chefs skillfully and magically stir-fry the **Lo Mein, Chow Mein** and **Chop Suey** dishes, to name a few. Other dishes within the categories of **Egg Foo Young, Cantonese Dishes,** and **Chef's Special Szechuan** and **Hunan Dishes** are deliciously created with the freshest of ingredients.*

*Favorites you ask? Mine happen to be all of the appetizers but especially the **Steamed Dumplings,** the **Spare Ribs,** and the **Cream Cheese Wontons.** Please try the **House Special Lo Mein** with or without vegetables and filled with fresh chicken, shrimp, and roast pork. Also, try the nineteen different **Combination Plates** which are served with an egg roll and roast pork fried rice. Some favorites are **General Tso's Chicken, Shrimp with Sauce Lobster,** and **Shrimp with Broccoli.** The Suggestions section of the menu features **Chicken and Shrimp, Beef and Roast Pork, Chicken and Scallop,** and **Shrimp and Scallop Dishes,** all of which are mixed with broccoli, snow pea pods, black mushrooms,*

and baby corn. Don't forget to order some of the *Chef's Special Szechuan & Hunan Dishes* like *Kung Po Chicken Ding, Szechuan "Ming" Shrimp, or Hunan Beef.*

So Villagers, give Wendy and family a call at New Beijing Kitchen. Wendy will take your order quickly, and your food will be prepared artfully and in abundance! Just take your time feasting!

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Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday noon to 10:30 p.m.

RECIPE

Easy Lemon Cake

From the kitchen of Dorthea Turek

- 1 pkg. (2 layer size) lemon cake mix
- 2 pkg. (3.4 oz. each) Jello lemon instant pudding
- 1½ cups cold milk
- 1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip topping (thawed)

Prepare cake mix as directed for two 9-inch round cake layers.

Let cool completely.

Beat pudding mix and milk with whisk until thick.

Spread over tops of cake layers. Stack cake layers. Frost with Cool Whip. Keep Refrigerated.



Variation: Prepare cake mix for 13x9 inch pan. Let cool completely. Layer pudding then cool whip. Sometimes I cut the amount of pudding, using only 1 box with ¾ cup milk. I also add the zest of one lemon and its juice to the cake mix. (The lemon is part of the liquid added to the cake.)

NEWS & EVENTS

By Linda Blume

LOCAL EVENTS

NOTE: There are too many Local Events this month to include all of them in the *Libretto*. The entire list appears on the SV Website at: www.symphonyvillage.net/villagehoa/hoa/newsevents/index.html. We will put a hard copy of the complete list in the *Libretto* binder that is located in the Wall Street room of the Clubhouse.

9th Annual Senior Summit

SENIOR CITIZENS The Senior Summit will be held on **May 20** at the Queen Anne's County 4-H Park in Centreville, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Over 60 vendors will provide information about their services, programs, and products that are geared toward the older population. Lunch is available for a fee; entrance to the Summit is free. Entertainment by The Jones Boys will take place noon – 2 p.m. (www.qac.org/default.aspx?pageid=1095&template=4&tolevel=36&cid=1095)

Historic Houses Open House



Wright's Chance in Centreville will be open to the public on Saturday, **May 21**, free of charge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., during the Master Gardener's "A Garden Affair". The patio and gardens of Tucker House will also be open, weather permitting. For information, call 410-758-3010.

4th Annual A Garden Affair



The Master Gardeners will present “A Garden Affair” on **May 21** in Centerville on the grounds of Wright’s Chance and the Library. There will be hands-on interactive exhibits promoting environmental stewardship, and family fun activities including face painting, door prizes, scavenger hunts, and a plant sale. For information, call 410-758-0166.

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40th Annual Kent Island Day



Kent Island Day will take place in downtown Historic Stevensville on **May 21**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The event celebrates the history and culture of Kent Island with encampments and demonstrations of colonial life, as well as with music, dance, and food. There will be all-day entertainment for the entire family. Kent Island Heritage Society docents in period costumes will be on hand at historic sites including Cary House, the Train Depot, the Old Post Office, the Old Stevensville Bank, and Kirwan Country Store Museum. (The QAC Update)

8th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot and Shotgun Raffle



This event will take place on **May 21**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Pintail Point at The River Plantation in Queenstown. It is a fundraising event for the Centerville Rotary Club to benefit their ongoing charitable projects. For more information, go to

(www.theriverplantation.com/eastern_shore_resort_vacation/events_detail.asp?artid=265)

Island Dog Jog



Run or walk with your dog! A 5K run and 1K walk will take place on **May 22**, 8:30 a.m. – noon, in Stevensville to benefit the Kent Island Dog Park and Queen Anne’s County Animal Services. The event begins at Island Dog Park in Stevensville and will proceed along part of the Cross Island Trail. Vendors will be available during and after the race selling unique and fun dog merchandise and services.

(<http://pub15.bravenet.com/calendar/viewevent.php?usernum=1203484294&y=2011&m=05&d=22&id=265809>)

13th Annual Friends Foundation Golf Tournament



The Golf Tournament will be held on **May 26**, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Queenstown Harbor Golf Course. Tournament plan is Captain’s Choice format and includes prizes for winning, as well as contests for longest drive and closest to the pin. Food and drink will be provided. The Friends Foundation Too was created to educate children about the needs in our local community and to support those needs through community service. Friends Foundation Too is a division of The Friends Foundation, an Annapolis based non-profit

charitable organization. For more information, go to www.friendsfoundationtoo.com/event_details.htm.

Queen Anne’s County Veteran’s Memorial Day Parade



The Memorial Day Parade will take place in Centerville on **May 28**. The citizens of Queen Anne’s County express their gratitude to the veterans of all wars for their service to their country and their community.

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Chesapeake Bay Community Band Memorial Day Concert



The Chesapeake Bay Community Band plays a musical tribute to America's service men and women on **May 29**, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Prospect Bay in Grasonville. (www.chesapeakebaycommunityband.fredhughes.com)

15th Annual Wings and Wheels for Sight

There will be high-flying family fun, classic and antique aircraft, a car and truck display, aircraft and helicopter rides and much more at Wings and Wheels for Sight on **June 4** at the Bay Bridge Airport in Stevensville, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The event benefits the Lions Vision Research Foundation at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital and other sight related charities.

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Free Fishing Days



June 4 and **11** are Free Fishing Days in the state of Maryland (no fishing license is legally required on those days). The public is invited to come to Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge to fish at Bogles Wharf and Ingleside on both days.

(www.fws.gov/northeast/easternneck/pdf/PRESSRELEASE_%20EasternNeck_APRMAYJUN2011Events.pdf)

Our Haven Shelter Fundraiser



On the first Tuesday of every month (e.g., **June 7**), Hardee's on Kent Island will donate 20% of their proceeds for sales 5 – 8 p.m. to Our Haven Shelter. Our Haven is Queen Anne's County's only cold weather shelter. (www.kentisland.cc)

Thursdays in the Park



These free summer concerts begin for the season on **June 9** at 7 p.m. at Millstream Park in Centreville. The Chesapeake Bay Community Band will perform. The concerts continue throughout the summer on first and third Thursdays of each month at various venues in Queen Anne's County. This is great entertainment that is family friendly. For information, call the Arts Council on 410-758-2520.

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30th Annual Bay Music Festival



The Centreville Lions Club will sponsor this Music Festival at the Queen Anne's County 4-H Park on **June 11**, 2 – 10 p.m. You will hear the region's best blues, rock n roll, rockabilly, and bluegrass, and you will feast on plenty of food and drink. Fun for the entire family! For more information, go to www.pacificsol.com/baymusicfest.htm.

"Gardens by the Sea" Tour



Enjoy a day of self-guided tours of waterfront gardens on Kent Island and surrounding areas on **June 11 -12**. Tickets are \$20 in advance and are good for both days. For ticket information and to order a bag lunch, call 410-643-7424.

(www.kifa.us/Shows_Events.html)

19th Annual United Way of Queen Anne's County Golf Tournament



There will be a Golf Tournament on **June 17** at Queenstown Harbor to raise funds for the 22 local non-profit United Way agencies. Food will be provided on the course along with prizes, awards, and more. Registration and sponsorship forms are on-line. For information and to register, go to www.unitedwayqac.org/inthenews.html.

REMINDER: Go to www.symphonymvillage.net/villagehoa/hoa/newsevents/index.html to see all 53 Local Events, 7 Continuing Events, and 15 Events Outside the Four- County Area.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. **D. Stuttering**
2. **C. Kayaks often have skirts**
3. **B. "Duke" Ellington**

SPECIAL REMINDERS

- Clubhouse phone number for Nancy or Dennis: 410-758-8500
- Dennis Sesplankis' email: dsesplankis@legumnorman.com;
- Nancy Griffith's email: symphonymclub@verizon.net
- Caruso Warranty Office: 301-461-0277, ext. 211
- Trash Collection and Recycling: [Bates Trucking](http://www.bates-trucking.com), 301-733-2069
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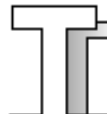
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