



LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

September 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 NEW RESIDENTS

Clarence and Janice Cook
152 Symphony Way

Barry and Debbi Feldman
185 Symphony Way

Gerald and Jo Lou Klingler
402 Harmony Way

Andrew and Patricia Parks
153 Symphony Way

Courtney and Elaine Shenkle
626 Harmony Way



WELCOME EVENING FOR NEW RESIDENTS

New Residents are invited to an evening of welcome on Thursday, October 13, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Ballroom. This is an informal get-together to meet other new neighbors, have dessert, and learn more about your new community.

Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse or RSVP to Mary Drake, 410-758-8266, so we can plan appropriately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Saturday, **September 17, Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer.
- Wednesday, **September 21, Crab Feast** at the Jetty, 5 p.m. For \$30 you get steamed crabs (all you can eat), beer, wine, corn, chicken, and salad. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- Thursday, **September 22, Ladies' Happy Hour**, 5:30 p.m. A cost of \$5 provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Wednesday, **October 5, Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. All residents are invited.
- Friday, **October 7, Octoberfest Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite Octoberfest-type dessert or appetizer.
- Saturday, **October 15, Garage Sale**, 8 a.m. – noon. Sign up in the Activities Book.

- Saturday, October 22, **Children's Hallowe'en Party**. Details to be announced. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- Saturday, October 29, **Halloween Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. (Wear a costume! Details soon.)

Save the date for these upcoming events.

- **Atlantic City Bus Trip**, Saturday, **November 12**, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Cost - \$35 per person. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **Holiday Party**, Saturday, **December 10**, 6 p.m. This will be a catered event at the Clubhouse. Cost - \$25 per person.
- **New Year's Eve Party**, Saturday, **December 31**, 8:30 p.m. The party includes a catered dinner at the Clubhouse and a DJ for dancing. Cost - \$35 per person.

Still Time to Sign Up – Radio City Music Hall Holiday Show – December 2, 2011

OUTREACH UPDATE

The Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc. celebrated its 6th anniversary in April. It was created by the residents of Symphony Village to provide volunteer service and financial support to charitable and civic organizations in Queen Anne's County. Neighbor to Neighbor and Caregivers are successful groups also within the Outreach program.

Outreach raises the money necessary to provide these services with fundraisers held throughout the year. And these fundraisers are successful because of the support of the Villagers! For that we are very grateful.

Currently, Outreach is sponsoring Bingo Night the 2nd Friday of each month at the Clubhouse. Coming up on September 24 is the 2nd Annual Artisans' Fair at the Clubhouse. The proceeds from the Artisans' Fair will benefit the Queen Anne's Emergency Center. In November, we will hold the 3rd Annual Food Drive for the QAC Social Services Food Pantry. In 2012, we will have a Card Party in January, benefiting Hospice of Queen Anne's, and a possible House Tour later that year.

Past fundraisers have enabled Outreach to contribute to Hospice, the American Legion Wounded Soldiers Project, Centreville EMS, Our Haven Shelter, Chesterwye, Corsica River Conservancy, Queen Anne's Historical Society, and the Queen Anne's County Arts Council in addition to other worthy causes in Queen Anne's County.

We are always looking for new members for our group. If this interests you, please come to one of our meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Grand Ballroom at the Clubhouse. We'd love to see you. **Our next meeting is September 13 at 7:15 pm.**

Any questions or for more information about the group, please call Carlene Cooke, President, 443-262-8146, Bea Trotta, Vice President, 410-758-0332, Teri Nudo, Secretary, 410-758-0870, or Marilyn Williams, Treasurer, 410-758-3422.

2nd Annual Artisans' Fair

The Artisans' Fair is almost here! On Saturday, September 24, 22 artisans will display their wares in the Grand Ballroom at the Clubhouse. You will have a wide variety of items from which to choose. Expect to see a variety of jewelry styles, hand-painted pottery, tole painting, counted cross stitch



items, quilted items, wood turnings, carvings, photography, watercolors, baskets, knitted items, hand-painted scarves, floral designs, children's items, embroidered items, holiday decorations, and so much more! In addition, a beautiful handmade quilt donated by the SV Quilters Group will be raffled. Don't forget the lunch options this year plus the Bake Sale. There will indeed be something for everyone. No admission fee! Rain or shine! 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Third Annual Food Drive to Begin Soon!



Your SV Outreach will be collecting food for our third annual delivery to QAC Social Services this fall. The drive will take place from November 9-13 with delivery on November 14 (in time for Thanksgiving distribution). There will be nine drop-off houses (to be announced in the October *Libretto*). Pick one close by and join in! As in the past, we are looking for the usual things: canned soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut

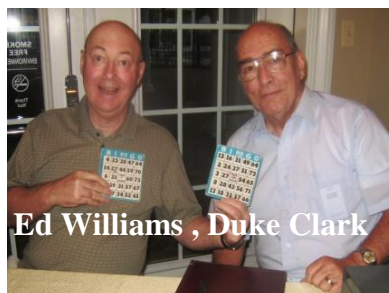
butter, jelly, mayo, tuna fish, cereals, and any other nonperishable food items that you would like to donate. **Please, no outdated items from your pantry!**

Our goal this year is 2000 units of food (or more!). Last year we collected 1883 items.....

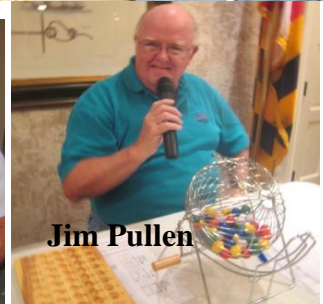
Please start looking at the grocery advertisements for sales and stocking up to help us meet our goal. The need is great, but so is the feeling of doing this good deed!



If you missed the **BINGO Party** last Friday night, you missed a lot of fun. The Grand Ballroom was nearly filled to capacity. There was only one seat left, and it was for **You**. So make sure you put the second Friday in October on your calendar for the next BINGO. Guys and gals gathered to buy their Bingo cards from Ed Williams and Duke Clark, while Jim Pullen and Ray Caffiero were the Bingo Callers. Beth Dewhirst, Marilyn Williams, and Shirley Clark, the organizers of this event, and their many helpers did a wonderful job! I wish I could name them all. Thanks, also, to the Outreach Committee for making it possible to have fun and help others. – **Brenda Stoltz**



Ed Williams , Duke Clark



Jim Pullen

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Symphony Village Emails



ALL RESIDENTS, in order to continue receiving important emails from the SV management, must go to the [Directory](#) on the **SV Website** and click on “**Subscription Form.**” You can use whatever email address you choose. Doing this will solve the problem of Atlantic Broadband users not receiving the emails.

NEW - The “DAILY BULLETIN”


Instead of the Bulletin Board page on the SV Website, residents now have the Daily Bulletin. This will replace the CODA. The Daily Bulletin will be updated whenever an event needs to be published. Hopefully, the residents will view this daily. To make this easy, **Bookmark** the page (or mark as a **Favorite**). To submit an item, email Carol Hodges at lhodges@atlanticbb.net. The item will be posted as soon as the email is processed. If you need help, call Carol for assistance at 410-758-0591.

Put the “Daily Bulletin” and “Calendar” on Your Desktop

Another easy way to access the **Daily Bulletin** or **Calendar**, is to place it on your **Desktop** so that you can click on it and be taken to it immediately. Follow the instructions below to accomplish this. Again, call Carol for assistance.

If you use **Windows Explorer**  :

1. Open the Symphony Village [Website](#).
2. Shrink the page by clicking on the reduce button in the upper right hand corner.
3. Make it so that you can see both the desktop and the Website.
4. Click and hold on **Calendar (Daily Bulletin)**.
5. Drag to your desktop and release.
6. You will be asked if you really want to; say **OK**.
7. Rename the icon on your desktop by right clicking and picking **Rename**.
8. Check to see that it works.

If you use **Firefox** 

1. Repeat first 3 steps above.
2. Right Click on **Calendar (Daily Bulletin)**.
3. Click on **Save Link As**.
4. Choose **Desktop**.
5. Do steps 7 and 8.

Website

When you are reading a page on a website, such as the Directory, **Refresh** if you feel that it has not been updated or if it does not seem to be as expected.

Picture Directory



Don't be left out! If you would like to have your picture included in the SV Photo Directory, please submit your hardcopy photo to Charlene Smallwood Brown (410-758-6930) or send it electronically to her email address at gsmallw594@aol.com. (Hard copy photos will be returned.) If you need to have your picture taken for the directory, please call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591.

Disclaimer: The Symphony Village Homeowners Association or any of its constituents does not validate, endorse, or support any of the vendors or products presented in the ads, and as such, assumes no liability.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the next Publication and Communication meeting on Monday, October 3, 3 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom of the Clubhouse.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What planet is the brightest object in the sky, after the sun and moon?
2. How many eyes does a honeybee have?
3. What cartoon character had a sidekick by the name of Boo-Boo?
4. What do you call a group of bears—a flock, a sleuth, or a pack? (Answers on page 16.)

CLUBS and CLASSES

BIRD CLUB



The Pickering Creek Audubon Center near Easton is again offering its “Walk ‘n Talk” series. Each month will be an exploration of the habitat, identification, and calls of different bird groups. Naturalists will lead hikes and exploration activities or crafts following the talk. The first offering in the series is “Hawks” on September 25, 1 – 3 p.m., at the Pickering Creek Welcome Center. The cost is \$10 per person. If you’d like to attend with the Bird Club, it’s not too late to sign up in the Activities Book. We’ll carpool from the Clubhouse parking lot promptly at 12:15 p.m.

Plans are in the works for a SV Bird Club Picnic in October – watch for details. – *Linda Blume*

DINING IN - Sunday, September 25 - 6 p.m.

Dining In is a social event open to all residents. Have you enjoyed many brief conversations at various SV Happy Hours ... and really want another casual opportunity to get to know your neighbors better? With the outdoor pool closing soon, try sharing preparation and cost of a really special meal here in the community. A volunteer host selects and agrees to prepare an entrée. He/she then contacts registered guests to determine and coordinate what each would like to contribute to the meal (appetizer, salad, side, dessert). With only one item to prepare, it is fun to share one of your family favorites or a new dish discovered on the [Food Network.com](http://FoodNetwork.com).

Sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse front desk. The deadline for registering is September 19 at 5 p.m. Please phone Sandee Love, Coordinator, (410-758-3224) if you have any questions or comments.

GAZEBO and VEGETABLE GARDEN CLUBS

While our August report was going to press, our gazebo purple martins were gathering on August 9 in a large flock. On August 10, they flew the coop. They are reportedly heading for Argentina. As of September 10, most of our hummingbirds seem to have migrated also, although a few are still around. According to the experts at Cornell Ornithology Labs, it is time to take down our hummer feeders so as not to keep the hummers hanging around too far into the cool weather.



Our Gazebo flowers are also getting ready for fall. Many of the blossoms are going to seed, and we will leave most of them for bird feed. Still there is a lot of dead-heading to do, and a few weeds to pull. We will not be putting in any tulips this fall, since we have not had much luck with them, but we will be planting a few daffodils. In late August, we did fertilize the existing daffodils. We will also be culling a few flowers that have taken over the garden, and will transplant some of the crepe myrtles that have also proliferated.

Our biggest problem is that we need a new caretaker for the Gazebo Garden, since Jack Hennessey is retiring as of December 31. If anyone is interested in taking over the job of caretaker, please contact Jack at 410-758-4872, and he will brief you on the duties. Incidentally, one of these duties is to take down and store the Gazebo Christmas Tree, which Jack and his elves will be erecting around Thanksgiving. Jack and Joan will each continue to care for one of the twenty beds in the garden. (Vegetable Garden picture compliments of Joe Brown)

Jack will continue to manage the Vegetable Garden in 2012. Many residents have shared in the harvest of the vegetables. The lack of rain caused many of our plants to wither on the vine. We still have some radishes, lettuce, and spinach producing; but our tomatoes, squash, and other plants were done in by the recent hurricane. We hope to have better luck (weather) next year.

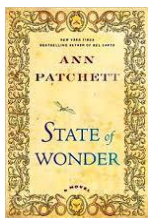
Editor's Note: It seems the folks working in the SV Vegetable Garden enjoy planting together as well as harvesting and dining together. This season they were not deterred by a poor harvest or bad weather. They celebrated "Harvest Time" with appetizers at Judy and Ray Caffiero's and dinner at the Four Seasons for a delightful evening with their **farming neighbors.**



**Diane Briggs, Joe & Judy Brown, Sue & Dave Peterson
Ray & Judy Caffiero, Jack & Joan Hennessey, and
Pat & Joan Murphy**

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

The Book Club met at the Clubhouse on August 16 to discuss the book *While My Sister Sleeps* by Barbara Delinsky, selected by Mary Jo Keefe. The story relates the adult life of two sisters, one of whom is a world class athlete who has fallen into a coma as a result of an accident. The story also reviews the unequal treatment of the sisters by the mother, a very successful business woman. The trauma suffered by the mother who must decide whether to pull the plug on the stricken daughter provides much of the suspense in the story. Read it to find out what happens! The novel was rated 7.2 on a scale of 1 to 10. (Any book rated 7 or more is recommended reading.) A delicious dessert and beverage were provided by the book's sponsor, Mary Jo.



The book to be discussed at our September 20 meeting is *State of Wonder*, by Ann

Patchett selected by Joan Hennessey. The setting for this novel is the Amazon jungle. Several doctors are involved in a search for the reason that many Amazon women remain fertile into their 60s and also in a search for a cure for malaria.

SINGLES

Please check the Activities Book. We want to see how many are interested in going to the Delaware Agricultural Museum & Village. One of the ladies is interested but wants to know how many others would like to go. Also, there is a trip planned to Homestead Gardens for their Fall Fest and lunch. For more information contact Lois Winegardner at 410-758-1262 or loisjw@atlanticbb.net.

SNEAKERS

Golf Outing

By the time you read this we will have held our first annual Sneakers Golf outing. A special thanks to Jim Kindle for all his work to make this outing a success. We also wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to those patrons who sponsored a hole or holes. We ask that you take note of our generous friends and their businesses: East Coast Insulation (Mike King); The Town of Centreville; the Collins/Izzi Families; MVP Irrigation; Bob Eck, CPA; Bayside Physical Therapy; Jerry Walls; Todd Willtoit – Chesapeake Investments; Increte of Maryland (Jim Moran); and T.M Weeks & Associates – Insurance.



Book Giveaways

As of now, we do not have the dates for book giveaways at Kennard Elementary, but we will keep you posted as we always need help for these events.

Sneakers Auction

Remember – save the date of **Saturday, November 5**, for the annual Sneakers Auction. We continue 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. We will also have our raffles, which include, to date, a beautiful ring, a Paul Reid Smith guitar, and a 50/50 raffle.

Next Meeting - Time Change

Please note the time change – our next scheduled meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 21**, at **2 p.m.** in the Clubhouse, one hour earlier due to the Crab Feast scheduled for 5 p.m. that afternoon. This will be an important meeting as we get closer to the auction. All residents of Symphony Village are warmly encouraged to join us and participate in our ongoing activities.

TENNIS CLUB

The number of Symphony Village tennis players continues to increase. As many as 11 players were at the courts some Saturdays this summer. The hot and humid July weather didn't even deter most players. Currently, the scheduled times for tennis are 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Time changes for the fall will be listed on the weekly calendar. Get your racket, and we will see you on the courts. – **Larry Miller**



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VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Camp New Dawn Bereavement for Kids

By Jack Walsh

Eve is ten years old. She speaks of the recent deaths of her mother and her best friend and then passes around a picture of her mother to other children seated in a circle. Later that day she goes to the Challenge Course and climbs up 40 feet on a ladder called the “centipede” which twists and swings as she climbs. Before climbing, Eve announces her challenge and guaranteed goals to the trainer and the other children waiting their turn. She accomplishes both.

At the remembrance campfire, Larry drops the name of his deceased grandfather into the fire after he reads his grandfather’s name aloud. He returns to his seat sitting next to his adult “buddy” and sobs. His 10-year-old cabin companion leaves his seat and puts his arm around Larry saying, “That’s OK; we’re all sad here. Just let it out. We feel the same way. You are crying for all of us.” His words repeat the message of that day’s morning therapeutic session.

Angel speaks tearfully of the death of her father and passes around a picture. Later, before she goes to the Challenge Course, she sits with her 4-year-old brother at lunch making sure he eats enough. At night she sings a pop song during karaoke.

Most of the 50 campers will stay overnight in cabins as part of the Hospice of Queen Anne’s Camp New Dawn bereavement program for children ages 4-17. The younger children go home in the evenings. The experiences reported above of Eve, Larry, and Angel are examples of the many experiences children have at camp. This program, in its 17th year, uses the facilities of Camp Pecometh on the Chester River just north of Centreville. Are younger children too immature to benefit from a bereavement camp? One volunteer thought so, but changed her mind after observing 6-year-old campers energetically participating in therapeutic crafts and play.

Five Symphony Village residents volunteered to assist campers and Hospice staff during the two-day camp. Andy Cowley and Jack Walsh were “buddies” to two 10-year-old boys, staying overnight with them. Not all adult volunteers stay overnight. Karin Larsen was a “buddy” to a 6-year-old girl during the day and spent the night with her as well as another girl because that girl’s adult “buddy” didn’t stay overnight. Gloria Cowley has been coordinator of the 4-7-year old camp for the past three years. Tom Baker was the Executive Assistant to the Camp Director, Rhonda Knotts, as well as her Master Sergeant. (When she needed something done, Tom got someone to do it.) Andy has volunteered for 13 years. This was Jack and Karin’s first year.

Adult buddies attend six hours of training to prepare them for interacting with the children assigned to them. The training stresses that counseling is not a buddy’s role. Rather, you accompany a child to four therapeutic sessions which are conducted by trained counselors. In addition, if you are able to stay at night, you supervise overnight campers.

During the day, you support trained staff with camp activities such as swimming, boating, crafts, and campfires.



Gloria Cowley, Karin Larsen, Andy Cowley, Tom Baker, Jack Walsh)

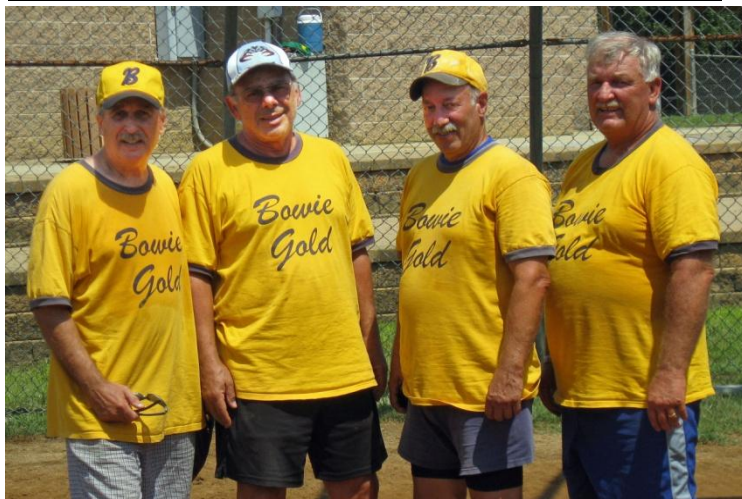
Ask any of the volunteers, and they will tell you that, yes, camp New Dawn is an intense experience, exposing one to the sorrow of children. But each one also would agree with Ms. Knotts who says that Hospice of Queen Anne's "offers children an opportunity to learn about and express grief in a safe, natural environment and the chance to gain coping skills and a place to take a step toward preventing unresolved grief problems later in life." Each volunteer would add that being close to a child who takes that step is joyful and inspiring. Speak to one of the volunteers. Perhaps you'll want to volunteer next year. Stay overnight or just come during the day. Whatever you choose, help is needed and your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



This year's two-day camp ended with a balloon launch symbolizing the camp goal: **"The Lifting of Spirits."** When Eve, Larry, and Angel released their balloons, they were all smiling.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Men's Senior Slow Pitch Softball



You may not know this well kept secret, but several men who live in Symphony Village participate in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Slow Pitch League. You must be at least 60 years of age to play, and our games are played on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Our season runs from May to mid-August. At present, we have SV players on three teams representing Bowie. Next year we would like to unite all of these players to form one Bowie team that would be highly represented by men (from Symphony Village, or create a new

team from the eastern shore to play in the league. Towards that end, we need 10 -12 new players to reach either of the two options mentioned above. If you think you would like to play softball next season or have questions, call John Meyer at 443-262-8684.

(Pictured are: Joe Shanahan, Dominic Mancinelli, Ira Ehrenfeld, and John Meyer)

Labor Day Picnic



Symphony Village residents and guests bid a fond farewell to summer at the recent Labor Day picnic held on Sunday, September 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. A good time was had by the 185 guests that attended. People attending enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Adam's Ribs; played in a Bocce Ball tournament (won by George Hughes and Joe Brown); enjoyed salads and desserts provided by

Symphony Village residents of Overture Way, Symphony Way, and Sonata Way; and enjoyed dance music. Thanks to all who helped make this picnic a success.

Hallowe'en Party Article



Join us for fun, crafts, games, pictures, snacks, and a costume parade complete with “trick or treating.” The Grandchildren’s Hallowe’en Party will be Saturday, October 22, from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse for grandchildren ages 11 and under. Please sign up in the Activities Book; the cost is \$5 per child. Deadline for sign ups is Monday, October 17.

Questions – call Carlene Cooke, 443-262-8146 or Linda Farrar, 443-262-8744.

Also we need volunteers to help man the crafts and games. If you can help or if you have teenage grandchildren who would like to help (as part of their community service projects), please let Carlene or Linda know. It is a fun way to spend a few hours!!

Please Save Your Soda Can Pull-Tabs:

Soda can pull-tabs are being collected at the Clubhouse for the **Ronald McDonald House** in Baltimore. Save a bag full of pull-tabs and deposit them in the receptacle behind the Clubhouse Bar marked for the “Ronald McDonald House.” If you prefer, call Joyce Ryan at 410-758-2136, and she will pick them up at your home. Maryland’s only RMH has been collecting aluminum pull-tabs since 1996 and provides a loving home-away-from-home to families needing to be near their seriously ill or injured children.



Adopt-A-Pet



My name is **Mac**. I am 2 ½ years old. My family turned me in because I am a beagle who wouldn’t hunt. I prefer to be a pampered house dog. I am just a little guy about 12 lbs., smaller than your average beagle. When I wag my tail, I am sure you will smile because my whole body wiggles out of control. I know I would be a great addition to your family.



Mikey is a small beagle. He has never hunted. He was a house dog. I think his owners had to move and couldn’t take him. He gets along with all the other dogs. Mikey has a very calm personality and is very sweet.

Call 410-758-2393 or 410-758-3493 for more information.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Kitty Knight House Restaurant

By Carol Hodges

Just a 40-minute drive from Symphony Village in Georgetown on the hill overlooking the Sassafras River is a well kept secret, [Kitty Knight House](#). Larry and I celebrated our anniversary there with two other couples and had a very delicious meal.

The décor of the dining room includes attractive colors and window dressings to highlight the view of the river. There is seating on the deck, weather permitting. Service was excellent.

There is a different special daily. We took advantage of the “Thursday 60s Night – Half Price Entrees.” (All entrees are ½ price for those 60 and older.) I truly loved my **Cashew Crusted Salmon**—pan seared, topped with jumbo shrimp in a teriyaki-fresh ginger glaze, served with stir-fry vegetables and rice pilaf. The taste lingered for a long time after the meal. My husband and two friends truly enjoyed the **Broiled Seafood Combo**—crab cake, salmon, shrimp, lobster and scallops topped with a fresh herb butter sauce, served with oven roasted potatoes and fresh vegetable medley. The potatoes included an assortment of different varieties of potatoes including a blue potato. The other two meals were the daily special of **Soft-shell Crabs and Fillet Mignon**. None of us were hungry enough to sample the appetizers, soups, salads, or dessert. Guess we have to go back.



The winter hours until October are Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday Brunch at 10 a.m. After that, they will be closed on Monday and Tuesday and will be closing an hour earlier. History buffs will enjoy the [stories of the past](#).

14028 Augustine Herman Highway Georgetown, MD; 410-648-5200

RECIPE

Quick Shrimp Soufflé for Brunch

From the Kitchen of Karin Anne Larsen

8 eggs
¼ cup chopped onion, or 2 tablespoons dried onion flakes
8 ounces cooked shrimp, cut in small pieces
2 tomatoes cut into 8 pieces each
1 cup sliced canned mushrooms, drained well
Ground salt and pepper to taste

Beat eggs with onions and stir in shrimp.
Pour into 13” x 9” x 2” baking dish.
Arrange sliced mushrooms over the top of the mixture.
Place tomato slices artfully on top.
Bake at 400 degrees for 30-40 minutes and let stand 5 minutes to set.
Serves 4-6



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](#), and 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. Also, if you do not have a computer, Nancy at the Clubhouse can print a hard copy of the complete list of Local Events from the website for you.

Corsica River Watershed Awareness Day



[Corsica River Watershed Awareness Day](#) will take place on **September 17**, noon – 4 p.m., at historic Bloomfield Farm just north of Centreville. This event gives people of all ages an opportunity to reconnect with the river that makes the area a special place to live or visit. This free event combines family fun with engaging environmental education. The “fun” part includes tours of the historic farmhouse, a variety of tasty food offerings, hayrides, pony rides, petting zoo, pond fishing, face painting, pumpkin painting, and creative craft activities for children. Lively musical entertainment will be offered throughout the day by Chester River Runoff, a dynamic local bluegrass group that mixes original Chesapeake songs with unique takes on traditional favorites. Corsica Watershed Awareness Day is part of the outreach efforts of the Corsica River Conservancy, a local group of volunteers dedicated to restoring and preserving the Corsica River and its watershed.

Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department Cash Bash



The Kent Island VFD will hold a fundraiser on **September 17**, noon – 4 p.m. The premise behind the fundraiser is simple. Tickets are \$100 (which includes a guest) and only 1000 tickets are sold. Numbers are drawn in a lottery ball machine every 2 ½ minutes. The prize for each drawing is predetermined and noted on the tickets and displayed on several large screens at the event. There will also be food and “plenty of beer.” ([KIVFD Events](#))

Ridgely Jousting Tournament



See the official state sport of Maryland in action at the Ridgely Jousting Tournament on **September 18**, 1 – 3 p.m., at Martin Sutton Park in Ridgely. Four classes of riders compete for four places in each class. The event is free. ([Caroline County Tourism](#))

Birds of Prey Photo Shoot



Tuckahoe State Park in Queen Anne will hold a Birds of Prey Photo Shoot on **September 18**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Come photograph Tuckahoe’s bald eagles, hawks, and owls in their natural surroundings. The cost is \$10 per photographer; spectators may watch free of charge. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Chanticleer Garden Bus Trip



Adkins Arboretum is hosting a [Bus Trip](#) to Chanticleer Garden in Wayne, Pennsylvania, on **September 22**, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Chanticleer is one of the world’s most creative gardens. During this trip, you will see the garden with a full summer’s worth of growth and flowers. The focus is on plant combinations, containers, textures, and colors. The fee (\$95 for members/ \$120 non-members) includes bus transportation, admission, garden guided tour, and buffet lunch at Terrain Garden Center and Café. Pre-registration is required.

15th Annual Vintage Cup World Side-by-Side Championship; Double Rifle Championship &



Exhibits: On **September 22-25**, international clientele will display, sell, and shoot

a collection of side-by-side shotguns and rifles. 100 exhibitors of fine guns, clothing, art, accoutrements, hunting dogs, and much more are expected. The event takes place at The River Plantation and is open to the public. ([Side-by-Side Weekend](#))

Bus Trip to Mount Harmon Plantation



The Queen Anne's County Historical Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Mount Harmon Plantation on **September 24**, to view the Revolutionary War [Reenactment](#) and Colonial Festival being held at Mount Harmon that weekend. Events at Mount Harmon will include British and Rebel encampments, skirmishes involving over 1,000 re-enactors, tactical demonstrations, colonial crafts, and much more. The cost of the bus trip is \$50 per person and includes entrance to the plantation grounds, a box lunch, and bus transportation from Centreville. If you wish to tour the Mount Harmon manor house, that is \$5 extra. Pre-registration is required since bus capacity is limited. To attend, contact the Historical Society at 410-758-3010 or gachistorical@verizon.net.

4th Annual Magic in the Meadow Gala



Adkins Arboretum will host [Magic in the Meadow](#) on **September 24**, 6 – 9:30 p.m. It is a dazzling event to benefit the Arboretum's conservation programs. The evening will feature the music of the Stef Scaggiari, sumptuous multicourse small plates and hors d'oeuvres prepared by Peach Blossom, cocktails, and delicious complementing wines. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on a variety of unique items during the live and silent auctions taking place throughout the evening. Items range from fine wines to art, private parties and dinners, and custom travel packages to stunning destinations. Tickets are \$125 per person and may be ordered on the website.

7th Annual Wet and Wild Auction



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center will hold their [Wet and Wild Auction](#) on **September 24**, 4 – 8 p.m. There are fantastic auction items including a catamaran sailing trip on the Bay, a week-long stay in a Costa Rican villa, a biplane ride over Ocean City, and fly-fishing gear and lessons from a famous fisherman. Tickets are \$75 per person and dress is “outdoor chic.” The event includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and cash bar.

Kent Island Heritage Society Picnic



The Kent Island Heritage Society will hold an old-fashioned country [Fall Picnic](#) on **September 25**, 1 – 5 p.m., at historic Kirwan House and Farm in Chester. There will be homemade ice cream, fried chicken, and hot dogs. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish to share, and everyone will be entertained by hayrides, games, and music. You can also tour the 1890s-era Kirwan House, elaborately furnished with Victorian-style artifacts from the 1890s and 1920s.

Queenstown Volunteer Fire Department Fair



The Queenstown VFD will hold a fair on **September 26–27**, 7 – 10 p.m. Music by 21 Horses, a corn hole tournament, and much more. ([Kent Island On-Line](#))

BSO Concert Series at Chesapeake College:



The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra comes to the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College on **September 30**. The following works will be performed: Sibelius: Symphony No. 5; Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 19, K. 459; and Elgar: In the South. Single concert tickets are \$35 each. To purchase tickets ahead of time

(and thereby assure you get the seat(s) you want), contact Cindy at 410-226-5795 or cindy@oxfordmd.com.

Gunston School Golf Outing



Gunston will sponsor a golf tournament at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club on **September 30**. The day begins with 8 a.m. coffee and check-in, followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start, and lunch after the outing. This is captain's choice format – no handicap required. Enter as a team of four, or sign up as an individual and you'll be placed in a foursome. The entry fee is \$500 foursome, \$125 individual. The entry fees gets you unlimited balls on the practice range prior to the start of the event, a round of golf on Chester River's challenging course, continental breakfast, drinks and snacks on the course, a buffet lunch, and the opportunity to win great prizes. Go to [Gunston School](#) or contact Ned Southworth, 410-758-0620, nsouthworth@gunston.org, to register and for more information.

3rd Annual A-MAZE-ing Corn Maze



The amazing 5-acre corn maze opens **every weekend in October** at The River Plantation, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. You may pick your own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, and there will be sport games for children ages 8-12 including putt-putt golf and corn hole. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Pumpkin Patch



Kent Fort Farm in Stevensville will again host a Pumpkin Patch on **weekends in October**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be free hayrides to the pumpkin patch, a free petting zoo, and lots of pumpkins, apples, Asian pears, and other fall produce. ([QAC Tourism](#))

3rd Annual Tails and Trails Dog Walk



Celebrate dog ownership and help raise money for homeless animals at Tails and Trails Dog Walk on **October 1** at Adkins Arboretum, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The day features local vendors, refreshments, search and rescue demonstrations, agility/rally course demonstrations, and sponsored dog walks. Proceeds benefit the animals served by the Caroline County Humane Society. ([Dog Walk](#))

Gunston School 5K Fun Run/Walk



Come run or walk the 5K course on **October 1** on Gunston School's beautiful campus on the Corsica River in Centreville, beginning at 8 a.m. The first 100 registrants receive commemorative tee-shirts. Compete for awards as one of the top 3 male or female 5K Run finishers in the following categories: 11-13 years of age, 14-18 years, 19-30 years, and Masters (50 years plus). All entrants age 10 and under receive participation medals. The entry fee is \$5 per participant, free for children 10 and under. Go to [Gunston School](#) or contact Ned Southworth, 410-758-0620, nsouthworth@gunston.org, to register and for more information.

6th Annual Classic Car Show



Relive the good old days as you stroll back through time at the Classic Car Show on **October 1** on the Gunston School campus, open to the public 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., with awards to follow. The entry fee for cars is \$10 in advance, \$12 on site. Dash plaques will be awarded for the first 50 cars registered, with trophies for the top 30 cars. Go to [Gunston School](#) or contact Ned Southworth, 410-758-0620, nsouthworth@gunston.org, to register a car and for more information.

Country Fair



Gunston School will hold a Country Fair on **October 1** on the school campus. Join us for a fun-filled day of family activities. The 5K Fun Run/Walk (see above) begins the day's events and will be immediately followed by youth soccer and field hockey games. In between games, take in the Classic Car Show (see above), visit craft and vendor booths, or bring your dog along to see if he or she can capture "looks most like owner" in the dog show. Save room for lunch at the food tent and the bake sale, and then take a stroll through the used book and vendor areas. Game and activity booths will include face painting, moon bounce, golf chipping contest, fastest lacrosse shot contest, and other games of skill. Go to www.gunston.org/countryfair or contact Ned Southworth, 410-758-0620, nsouthworth@gunston.org for more information.

Hospice of Queen Anne's Sunset Celebration



This year's [Sunset Celebration](#) will take place on **October 1**, 5 – 9 p.m., at the Kent Island Yacht Club. This is a relaxed, casual event benefiting Hospice of Queen Anne's. The \$55 ticket price includes an Island Buffet Dinner, cocktails, live and silent auctions, and music by DJ Al Wysong. For sponsorship information, see the website.

40th Annual Artisans' Festival



This year's Artisans' Festival will take place **October 1-2** at the 4-H Park in Centreville. Over 75 craftsmen and artists will be showing their talents and wares by exhibit and working demonstration. Bring your children to kid's corner and have their faces painted, find the needle in the haystack, or decorate a pumpkin. ([Artisans' Festival](#))

Oktoberfest Celebration with the Chesapeake Bay Community Band



[Oktoberfest](#) will be held at the Kent Island American Legion Hall on **October 1**, 5:30 – 10 p.m. This is a fundraising event for the Chesapeake Bay Community Band. The event will feature a live polka band, all-you-can-eat buffet (6 – 7:30 p.m.) with authentic German food, dancing, and a silent auction. Admission is \$15.

Herpetology Walk – Amphibians and Reptiles



Join Scott Smith to learn about the frogs, turtles, snakes, and salamanders that inhabit the wetlands at Adkins Arboretum on **October 2**, 1 – 2:30 p.m. This walk is part of the "Animals of the Arboretum" series and is free with Arboretum admission. Pre-registration is required (see the website). ([Herpetology Walk](#))

The Taste of Kent Narrows



[Taste of Kent Narrows](#) will take place on **October 8**, noon – 5 p.m., at the Chesapeake Exploration Center in Chester. It features culinary delights from over a dozen local restaurants as well as samplings of hometown beer and wine. There will be a children's area complete with activities, entertainment, and demonstrations.

Nature Painting Workshop for Kids



The Centre for the Arts will conduct a Nature Painting Workshop on **October 8** for children ages 7-14 at Millstream Park in Centreville, 1 – 4 p.m. Children will learn the techniques that artists use to make a painting look interesting and realistic. Students will use acrylic paint, canvases, and easels to paint landscapes, water scenes, wildlife, and

birds. The cost is \$42 non-members, \$35 members. You must pre-register by September 30. (QAC Arts Council Brochure)

Soup ‘n Walk



[Soup 'n Walk](#) returns to Adkins Arboretum on **October 15**, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., with “Check out the Meadow for Later Grasses and Some Mushrooms/Watch for Early Fall Color along the Edges of the Meadow.” Following a guided walk with a docent naturalist, enjoy a delicious and nutritious lunch of spicy black bean and potato stew; pear, orange, and pine nut salad; bran muffins; and apple pie with crumb topping. The fee is \$20 members and \$25 non-members. Pre-registration is required.

9th Annual Family Fall Festival “Artoberfest”



“Artoberfest” will take place on **October 15** on the grounds of the beautiful waterfront community Gibsons Grant in Chester, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be artists, artisans, vendors, food, and family activities. ([Artoberfest](#))

5th Annual Island Bay Day



Kent Island Online presents [Island Bay Day](#) on **October 15**. There will be live music on three stages along with great food, local wines, the Barcrawler Olympics, and much more. The event is held in the field behind the American Legion on Route 8 in Stevensville. Doors open at 10:45 a.m., the first band begins at 11 a.m., and the event ends at 11 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person, children under 12 no admission charge.

This 12-hour rock fest benefits the wounded warrior and local community programs supported by the Kent Island American Legion.

REMINDER: Go to the [SV Website](#) to see all 88 Local Events, 6 Continuing Events, and 27 Events Outside the Four- County Area.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Venus
2. Five (two compound eyes and three simple ones)
3. Yogi Bear
4. A Sleuth (or a sloth)

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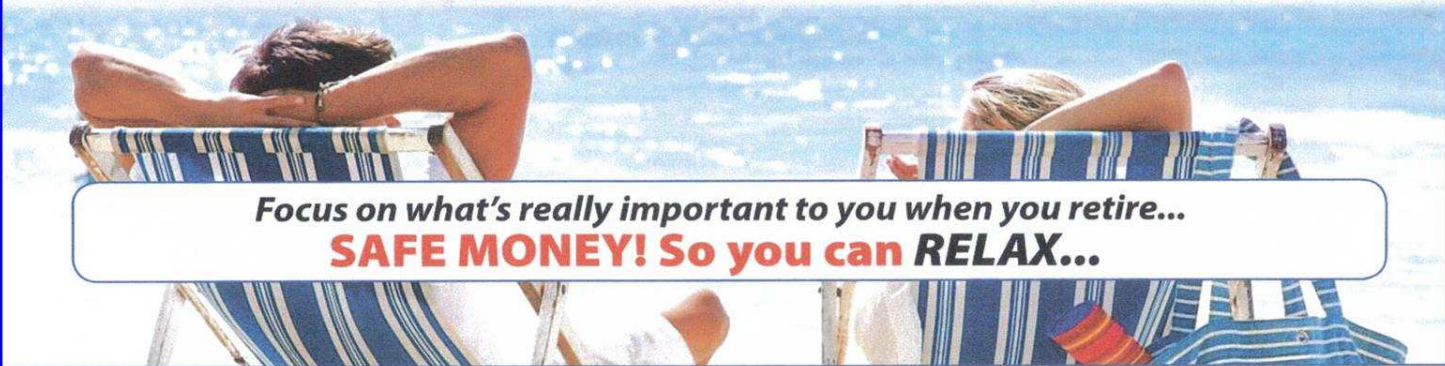
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