



LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

December 2012

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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

Edward and Kathleen Sullivan
622 Harmony

Frank and Norma Browne
502 Harmony

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

DECEMBER

- **Holiday Party** – Saturday, December 15, 6 – 10 p.m. – This event will be catered by Doc's Riverside Grill with dance music provided by DJ Bo from Doc's.
- **Ladies Happy Hour** – Thursday, December 20, 5:30 p.m. – Bring \$5 for dinner and a drink. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **New Year's Eve Party** – Monday, December 31 – Appetizers at 8 p.m.; Dinner at 8:30 p.m. – Catered by Adam's Ribs with music provided by Davis DeeJay.



JANUARY

- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, January 2, 7:15 p.m.
- **Happy Hour** – Friday, January 4, 6 p.m. – Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- **Million Dollar Quartet** at the Kennedy Center – Saturday, January 5. Bus leaves the Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m.
- **Lunch Bunch** – Thursday, January 10, 12:30 p.m. – Martinis Restaurant. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **Movie Night** – Friday, January 18, 7 p.m.
- **Happy Hour** – Saturday, January 19, 6 p.m.
- **Ladies Happy Hour** – Thursday, January 24, 5:30 p.m. – Bring \$5 for dinner and a drink. Sign up in the Activities Book.

Lifestyle Wrap-up

The Lifestyle Committee had a very successful 2012.

- 23 Happy Hours, including the following special **Happy Hours**:
 - Mexican Fiesta
 - Valentine's Day
 - St. Patrick's Day
 - Cinco de Mayo
 - A Happy Hour with a live Blues Band
 - Jimmy Buffet Happy Hour
 - Halloween Happy Hour
 - Karaoke Happy Hour
 - Holiday Party Happy Hour (December 15)
- **Ladies Happy Hour** every month, which has turned into an extremely popular event. Many thanks to Nancie Cameron for coordinating all the Ladies Happy Hours.
- Thanks to Marlene Tennier for making the arrangements for the monthly **Lunch Bunch** outings.
- Monthly **Movies**. Thanks to Doris Pullman we showed some 'oldies' and some recent releases.

Besides these regular monthly activities, we also arranged to have a **New Year's Eve Party**, a **Super Bowl Party**, a **Crab Feast** at the Jetty, a **Children's Halloween Party**, and a **Spring and Fall Garage Sale**. Together with the Sneakers organization, we organized to have the first and second graders from **Centreville Elementary School** come to sing for us at the Clubhouse.

The three annual picnics we organized were very successful this year. We had an attendance of 287 at the **Memorial Day Picnic**; the **July Fourth Picnic** had 164 in attendance; and the **Labor Day Picnic** had 216 in attendance. The Lifestyle Committee thanks all the residents that helped with the picnics when it was their street's turn to participate.

The **Bus Trips** were very popular this year. We had two trips to New York City to visit the 9/11 Memorial, Ellis Island, and Little Italy. Last week we had a bus trip to NYC to see the Radio City Music Hall Holiday Show. Another trip just left for Williamsburg, Virginia, to see the Grand Illumination. Also, a bus trip to the Kennedy Center to see *Million Dollar Quartet* is scheduled for January 5 (tickets are all taken).

The 2012 Lifestyle Committee:

Teri Nudo, Chair

Vinny Volpicelli, Vice Chair

Carole Walsh, Secretary

Anita Dell (special thanks for helping coordinate the picnics)

Lee Ettman (special thanks for helping coordinate the picnics)

Nancy Frey (special thanks for helping coordinate the picnics)

Jinny Guy (special thanks for preparing our signs)

Dominick Mancinelli (special thanks for arranging all the bus trips)

Claudia McGurk (special thanks for coordinating the New Year's Eve Party, and jumping in to help when needed)

Victoria Weber (special thanks for helping with the Fall Yard Sale while being new to the committee)

OUTREACH UPDATE

4th Annual Symphony Village Card and Game Party
To Benefit the Programs of SV Outreach
Thursday, January 31, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
At the Clubhouse



The price is a \$30 donation per person, of which 80% is tax deductible. This includes morning coffee and tea, lunch, 50/50 raffle, a quilt raffle, and door prizes. Decide your game and reserve your table on the sign-up sheets available beginning December 14 at the Clubhouse in the Activities Book under Outreach. Deadline for sign-up is Friday, January 25. Payment is due at sign-up. Please make all checks payable to SVOPI, or SV Outreach Program, Inc.

We are only limited to whatever card games and table games you and your friends like to play (for example, bridge, canasta, hand and foot, scrabble, mahjongg, etc.) Bring your own supplies for your game! **MEN ARE ALSO WELCOME!!**

If you need help organizing a table, please contact Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238 or swartz.lauren@gmail.com. Other questions, please contact either Lauren or Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146 or carlene.cooke@gmail.com.

If you cannot attend the event but would like to support the activities of the Outreach programs with a donation, please bring a check to Nancy in the Clubhouse, or mail to SVOPI, PO Box 642, Centreville, MD 21617. (This donation is 100% deductible.)

Neighbor to Neighbor

On behalf of Neighbor to Neighbor, please accept my wishes that your holidays will be happy days and that 2013 will be an especially good year for you and your loved ones. Eleanor Strietman

Outreach's Caregivers Support Group

Many Villagers already know about the Caregivers Support Group, part of SV Outreach. But for those of you who do not, we want to tell you about this valuable yet not-very-visible (on purpose) SV group. Many of us are responsible for the care of a family member or will be in the near future. This group is a forum for sharing our experiences, concerns, and the knowledge we have gained from being caregivers. We all have a common goal – Caregiving and Support. The group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at Joyce Edmonston's home at 111 Overture Way at 1 p.m. Come once; come always; come when you can find the time – no commitment is expected and strict confidentiality is assured. Go to the SV Calendar on the [Daily Bulletin](#) web page to see the next meeting date. If you have been given the responsibility of caring for someone, we welcome you to this group where you will find support, as well as friendships as we travel this road together.

First Holiday House Tour



DiLaura's Santas

The 120 Symphony Villagers who visited the 11 homes on Outreach's first Holiday House Tour Sunday, December 9, are certainly in the Christmas Spirit now! Each home was beautifully decorated with a great variety of Christmas themes.

We are happy to say that 14 needy families will receive a Christmas food basket because of your support. For that, Outreach thanks you.

Thank you, Willie DiLaura, for initiating the idea of a Tour and heading up the Holiday House Tour committee, which also included Linda Blume, Shirley Clark, Carlene Cooke, and Nancie Cameron. Linda did her usual good work with publicity, hang tags, and evaluation sheets; Nancie coordinated the refreshments at the Clubhouse on Sunday night; and Shirley was in charge of the Post Tour Pot Luck dinner for the home participants and helpers on Monday night. Also thank you to the people who helped out on Sunday night at the Clubhouse and at the Monday night dinner, as well as Bob Rose for the very helpful map in the Tour brochure.

And of course, many, many thanks to the homeowners who opened their homes for the tour: Paul & Kay Blair, Carlene & Jim Cooke, Mike & Maggie Crosswhite, John & Willie DiLaura, Larry & Betty Gingerich, Steve & Carolyn Harty, Irv & Vicki Kohne, Jacline Moran, Dick & Carol Powell, Bill & Eileen Rowley, and Jack & Pat Tominovich.

If you did not hand in an evaluation sheet, there are more at the Clubhouse; we would appreciate your feedback.



Crosswhite's Village

Happy Holidays!

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Advertisers

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

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

Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

New Residents

If you see anyone new moving in, please contact our Welcoming Committee Chairman, Mary Drake, at 410-758-8266 or Joan Hennessey at 410-758-4872. Also, if you sell or rent your house, please let Dennis or Nancy know the information, and encourage the new residents to contact them.

Photo Directory

Please send pictures for the photo directory to Charlene Smallwood Brown at gsmallw594@aol.com or George Drake at georgeandmarydrake@atlanticbb.net. The goal is to have photos of all of the residents.

Libretto Index and Archives

If you remember that a certain restaurant was featured in a past *Libretto*, you can check the [Libretto Index](#) on the website to see which of the *Librettos* in the [Libretto Archives](#) to check. Check out the [Index](#) to see what other information you can find. You can also check the **Archives** for previous ads.

Website

If any group would like its own web page, contact John Schultz at 443-262-9181.

Update Directory

Many residents have changed an email, phone number, and some even names. Please check your entry in the [Directory](#) to see if it is correct. If it is not, please contact [John Schultz](#).

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on Monday, January 7, at 2 p.m.

SNEAKERS

Silent Auction – November 3

As of now, we have made a profit in excess of \$11,500 that will go directly to our charity's programs. This amount includes donations toward items of food and clothing for this holiday season. Again, a resounding thank you to all from Sneakers. We look forward to seeing you next year on Saturday, November 2, 2013, same time, and same place.

Holiday Gift Tree

All of the more than 100 items on the Holiday Tree were selected by our residents and friends. We will be sorting and delivering these items to the schools on December 13. We appreciate the extreme generosity of everybody here and in the Centreville community.

Book Giveaways

Reminder: We have scheduled the following book giveaways:

Kennard Elementary, Friday, December 14

Centreville Elementary, Dr. Seuss – date TBD

Please sign up in the Activities Book if you can help.

Food Separation

Once again, we will be helping Kennard Elementary separate the canned goods that their students have collected. We separate by type of food, after checking the expiration dates, and place them in containers for the 30 or so families in need to pick them up for the winter holiday break. Sneakers usually supplements the baskets to ensure that basic items are provided. The separation is scheduled for Monday, December 17. Please sign up in the Activities Book if you can help.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 19, at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Centreville Elementary Cubby Choir



Once again, the Centreville Elementary School's Cubby Choir came to the Clubhouse for a holiday concert. Approximately thirty 2nd graders entertained a large crowd of residents and parents with music for the holidays. This event is sponsored by both Lifestyle and Sneakers. Keep watching your *Libretto* and the Daily Bulletin as the choir is planning to return next spring. This is the school's way of thanking Symphony Village residents for all of the support we give them.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

THE GAZEBO AND VICTORY GARDEN CLUB—*Jack Hennessey*

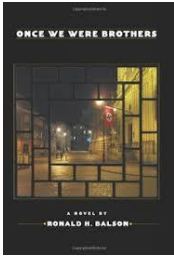
As expected, there has not been much activity during the colder months. However, a few significant actions have taken place. We have cleared the flower garden, but have left many of the seed pods to



feed the birds in the winter. The Gazebo has been decorated for Christmas, but we did not install the usual Christmas tree. Instead, we have chosen to store the purple martin house in the Gazebo, and have used the house as the center of our decorations. We hope that you enjoy it. Don Downey and Jack installed the lights in an interesting pattern. (Thanks, George, for the picture). Incidentally, the lights had once again been stored for us by Shirley and Duke Clark--thank you! We will be having a Christmas sing-along at the Gazebo during the season. We will keep you posted.

At the Victory Garden, late greens were harvested through November. The village mowers cleared all brush and weeds from the garden (thank you). Then our chief plowman, Dave Peterson, tilled the whole garden. He will till it again in early spring in time for our St. Patrick's planting of peas, potatoes, and early greens. We can't wait! We will be doing some planning over the winter.

THE READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB—*Jack Hennessey*



The Book Club met on November 20 to discuss the book *Once We Were Brothers* by Ronald H. Balson. This book was recommended by Lee Ettman. *Once We Were Brothers* is the compelling story of two boys and a family that struggles to survive in war-torn Poland while Hitler is in power. The story moves to the U.S., where a struggling female attorney is asked to represent one of the brothers, who has accused a prominent Chicago philanthropist of being a former Nazi SS Officer. The outcome is satisfying, but not what you expect. The book is a fast-paced thriller. On a scale of 1 to 10 it was rated 8.0 by the Book Club. Read it!

No meeting was scheduled for December because everyone is too busy. However, we will be meeting on January 20 in the Clubhouse. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SIXTH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY BIKE RIDE

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



Mark your calendars for the 6th annual New Year's Day cycling event "I've ridden my bike every day this year." All Symphony Village bike riders are encouraged to meet at the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. on January 1, 2013 and ride for as long as weather permits. Last year 18 hardy souls geared up for this event--some cycling for as little as a few hundred feet and others riding for as much as five to ten miles within SV. Following the ride, all participants will gather in the Clubhouse for hot chocolate and pastries served by Nancie Cameron. Each year it seems some bikers are more eager to return to the Clubhouse for Nancie's delicious treats than rack up mileage and "bragging rights" for the New Year. Come join the camaraderie on New Year's Day. NOTE: Helmets are required. (If you need one, call Lloyd McAtee at 410-758-2443).

CARUSO SALES OFFICE UPDATE

Cookies and Eggnog

Don't miss cookies and eggnog at the sales center at 138 Symphony Way on December 22 from noon – 4 p.m. We cannot wait to see you!!

Referral Rewards

Friends make **GREAT Neighbors!** If you refer a friend or family member to Symphony Village who buys a new home before December 31, 2012, you and your friend will each receive a 50-inch Samsung TV! Call the Symphony Village sales team for details. 410-758-8516.

Toys for Tots

Symphony Village is **A TOYS FOR TOTS** drop-off location. Bring in any unwrapped toy to the sales office until December 17. All toys will go to local children in need!



Holiday decorating contest



The Symphony Village Models and Sales Center are dressed up in the Holiday spirit! We have had local businesses decorate our Sales Center and Model Homes. Come in and tour the beautifully decorated homes and vote for who did the best job. After the New Year, the sales staff will count the votes and the decorator who did the best holiday job will win a prize from the Symphony Village sales team. All items in the homes will be available for purchase at the decorator's store. Participating stores include the Country Peddler, Island Flowers, and An Eastridge Garden.

CENTREVILLE COMMUNITY HABITAT



The Town of Centreville needs only 35 individual homeowners to certify their yards as a Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation in order to achieve the goal of certifying Centreville as a Community Habitat. A number of Villagers have certified their yards – please consider doing so, too. All the requirements may be found at [Create A Habitat](#) or contact Linda Blume or Carol Hellmann. Centreville has fulfilled all the requirements except the actual number of individual certified yards, and many yards here in SV already have all the requirements of providing food, water, cover, and a place to raise young. The Centreville committee has also secured funding to cover the \$20 application fee – all you need to do is fill out the application form and give it to Linda or Carol – we'll see that the funding is applied and the application forwarded. Thank you for your support!

Queen Anne's Chorale Begins Rehearsals

On January 7, the Queen Anne's Chorale will begin rehearsals for its April concert, *From Stage and Screen*. These rehearsals are held regularly on Monday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Centreville United Methodist Church just off of Route 213 in Centreville. This will also be an "open" rehearsal for new member recruitment. Prospective singers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. for registration. No audition is required, and singers of all levels and parts are invited to attend. Music will be provided, and a short reception will follow this rehearsal. For more information, please call 410-822-2484 or visit [QAChorale](#).

WILLIAMSBURG GRAND ILLUMINATION BY STEVE GUY



Jinny and I along with Art and Carole Walsh attended the Williamsburg Virginia Illumination Event on December 2 and 3. There was lots of entertainment including singers, dancers, brass ensemble, fife and drum, story tellers, museums, and various demonstrations. The finale Monday night was fireworks going off simultaneously from 3 or 4 locations in perfect co-ordination. We all stayed at the Clarion Hotel which was walking distance from the action in Historic Williamsburg. Monday after the fireworks, we regrouped for dinner. At dinner we were surprised with very professional entertainment consisting of a singer/fiddle player with flute/fife back-up. The weather was quite mild, but

we heard this event had been cold in the past. Jinny and I certainly thank Carole for organizing this trip. This is a must see for next year.

CHRISTMAS TRAIN LAYOUT



Again this year, you are welcome to come and enjoy a Christmas train layout at Paul and Kay Blair's home (133 Encore Court, 410-758-2119) and at Larry and Betty Gingerich's home (355 Overture Way, 410-758-3102) by appointment. Please call and make arrangements. They enjoy seeing the children's (and adults') eyes light up.

HOLIDAY PICTURES

Holiday pictures of SV front porches and the house tour can be found on the [Gallery](#) on the Website.

TRIVIA FOR FALL

by Karin Anne Larsen

1. For which film did Irving Berlin compose the song *White Christmas*?
2. What is it that the little girl wants for Christmas in the 1991 film *All I Want For Christmas*?
3. What is the meaning of the word *Hanukkah* and how many days is it celebrated?
4. Who plays Charles Dickens when he makes an appearance in the *Muppet Christmas Carol*?
5. What's the first image you see after the opening credits of Frank Capra's 1946 movie classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*?
6. What Christmas Character did Robert L. May create for Montgomery Ward Stores?

REVIEW

by Dortehea Turek

Ram's Head Shore House



Ram's Head is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It has a large bar area with happy hour from 5-7 p.m. The happy hour includes free food.

My favorite day for dining at this restaurant is Monday. Every Monday they have a lobster dinner for \$19.95. This is served in their pleasant dining room; in the winter they have the fireplace glowing, which contributes to the pleasant atmosphere. Included in this price is a 1½-pound lobster, baked potato, corn on the cob, and salad. The lobster is served with melted butter and cooked to perfection. There is a choice of Caesar or garden salad, and both are very good. The potato and corn are also tasty. When my son comes to visit and it happens to be a Monday, we head over to Ram's Head for lobster dinner. After pricing lobster in the supermarket, this is just about the same price and you don't have to cook. While lobster is available every day, it is \$19.95 only on Mondays.

The restaurant has a variety of dinners on their menu other than lobster. They also serve sandwiches, salads, and dinners they call Pub Food. I have heard the breakfast is good, too. But my favorite is Lobster Night.

I've been told that Villagers seem to prefer Wednesday night's happy hour--ham, turkey, and/or roast beef on rolls and veggies. So if you want good food and camaraderie with your SV neighbors, plan to stop in on Wednesdays.

Ram's Head is located at 800 Main Street, Stevensville MD.



Recipe of the Month - December 2012 - Mexican Meat Loaf

From the Kitchen of Linda Blume

<i>1 ½ pound ground beef</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Preheat oven to 350 degrees.</i> • <i>Put foil in a 13"x9" baking pan. Top with a wire rack.</i> • <i>Combine all ingredients and mix well.</i> • <i>Form into a 5" x 9" x 3" loaf. Place on the rack.</i> • <i>Bake 1 ¼ hours.</i> • <i>Let sit 5 minutes before cutting.</i>
<i>¾ cup dry bread crumbs</i>	
<i>1 egg, beaten</i>	
<i>4 oz. can diced green chilies, undrained</i>	
<i>½ cup shredded cheddar cheese</i>	
<i>1.25 oz. package dry taco seasoning mix (mild or medium)</i>	

Note: If you don't use a rack of some kind under the meatloaf, it sticks to the aluminum foil.

LOCAL EVENTS: MID-DECEMBER TO MID-JANUARY by Linda Blume

16th Annual Eagle Line Railroad Christmas Train Display



Mr. Talley Over, Eagle Line Railroad owner/operator, will have his Lionel Train display open to the public every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** evening, 7 – 9 p.m., **December 4 – January 6**. There will be three **Sunday** openings (1 – 4 p.m.) on **December 23** and **30**, and **January 6**. Free admission and free parking. [Eagle Line Railroad](#) will have 23 trains in operation along with many bells, whistles, and buttons. Eagle Line Railroad is located at 12169 Ober Lane in Ridgely. Follow the train signs for a fun family event. For information, call 410-310-2861. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. There will be a raffle of a Lionel Ready to Run "O" gauge train set. ([Shore Update](#))

Bay Theatre Company: "The Foursome"



The [Bay Theatre Company](#) (275 West Street) in Annapolis presents "The Foursome" on **December 7 – January 13**. What happens when four old friends meet for a golf game after their class reunion? After not having seen each other for a long time, they have a lot of catching up to do. Life has pushed and pulled, been good and cruel. Canada's best known playwright, Norm Foster, has written a warm, intelligent comedy, full of rousing laughs. This is a hysterical glimpse at the male mind on the golf course when the women aren't around. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. There is free parking in the West Garrett Garage off Amos Garrett Boulevard. Tickets are \$35 - \$45, depending on the date, and may be purchased on the website. ([Annapolis Wireless](#))

The Talent Machine - A Happenin' Holiday 2012



Join The Talent Machine Company as they celebrate the season with [A Happenin' Holiday 2012](#) on **December 14-16** and **20-23** at St. John's College Key Auditorium (60 College Avenue) in Annapolis. This high-energy production features the Talent Machine Kids, Santa, Rudolph, the Elves, Frosty the Snowman, and Raggedy Ann and Andy in a spectacular show of singing and dancing. Thursday and Friday performances begin at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday performances are at 2 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday performances are at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person and may be purchased on the website.

([Annapolis Wireless](#))

Harp and Soul: Songs for the Season



Celebrate the holiday season on **Sunday, December 16**, 4 p.m., at The Mainstay (5753 Main Street) in Rock Hall, with lovely and lively traditional songs, dance tunes, and carols from the British Isles, Celtic lands, and beyond. Tickets are \$15 per person. Call 410-639-9133 for reservations. ([Kent Tourism](#))

Country Breakfast



The Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in Centreville will hold an all-you-can-eat Country Breakfast on **Sunday, December 16**, 7:30 – 11 a.m. The cost is \$7. ([Tidewater Trader](#))

Christmas Lunch with Santa



The Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company will hold a Christmas Lunch with Santa on **Sunday, December 16**, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. with activities to follow. Lunch with Santa is \$4; pictures with Santa are \$3. For more information, call 410-438-3155.

Performances at the Avalon Theatre in Easton:

[The Santa Diaries](#): Performances: **December 16, 20-22, 23**
Dinner Theatre: **December 17 & 18**

[Rock Bottom \(KISS Tribute\)](#): **Friday, January 11**

The Met: Live in HD: [Berlioz's Les Troyens](#): **Saturday, January 5.**

Purchase tickets on-line at [Tickets](#). ([Avalon Theatre](#))



“The Littlest Reindeer”



The [Chesapeake Children's Theatre](#) will present Disney's “The Littlest Reindeer” on **Monday, December 17**, 6 p.m., at the Historical Society of Talbot County's Auditorium (17 S. Washington Street) in Easton. Admission is free. (*Star Democrat*, November 28, 2012).

“Christmas in Centreville” Concert



The Chesapeake Bay Community Band will present the “Christmas in Centreville” concert on **Tuesday, December 18**, 7 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 South Commerce Street). The program will feature “A Fireside Christmas,” “A Most Wonderful Christmas,” and many more holiday favorites. The concert is free. (*Record Observer*, December 7, 2012)

Events at Adkins Arboretum



A [summary](#) of the myriad programs at Adkins Arboretum will be included in Local Events, rather than complete details. These programs will be offered at Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely in the coming month:

[2-For-1 Tuesday](#): **December 18, December 25, January 1, January 8,**

January 15.

Click on the event title to go to the website for all the details and to register.

22nd Annual Christmas/Solstice Concert



[Ensemble Galilei](#) will perform a Christmas/Solstice Concert on **Saturday, December 22**, at The Great Hall at St. John's College (60 College Avenue) in Annapolis. Performances begin at 3 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$30 seniors and students. For more information, call 410-849-2494. ([What's Up Magazine](#))

Holiday Jazz Concert



Chuck and Robert Redd, nationally acclaimed jazz artists, will perform a Holiday Jazz Concert on **Saturday, December 22**, 7 p.m., at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Oxford. There will be a free will offering taken. ([Port of Oxford](#))

Lighthouses of the Chesapeake



The Chesapeake Children’s Museum (25 Silopanna Road) in Annapolis presents “Lighthouses of the Chesapeake” on **Thursday, December 27**, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. This slide show and discussion will include fascinating lighthouse facets. After the presentation, use cereal boxes, cellophane scraps, and other recyclables to make a lighthouse model to take home. The cost is \$5 per child. ([What's Up Magazine](#))

First Night Talbot



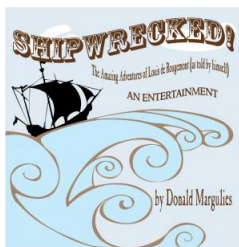
Celebrate New Year’s Eve on **Monday, December 31**, at [First Night Talbot](#) in Easton, 6 p.m. – midnight. ([Talbot Tourism](#))

Exhibit: “The Artist’s Challenge: Memories”



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will have an exhibit entitled “The Artist’s Challenge: Memories” on **January 3 – February 2**. ([KIFA](#))

Shipwrecked!



[The Colonial Players of Annapolis](#) presents “Shipwrecked!” on **January 11-13, 17-20, and 24-26** in their theatre (108 East Street) in Annapolis. The adventurous Louis de Rougemont invites you to hear his amazing story of bravery, survival, and celebrity that left 19th century Victorian England spellbound. With the help of two “volunteers,” who make all the costume changes and sound effects and play nearly 100 roles right before your eyes, the audacious autobiographer tells his incredible tale of life on the high seas, life with the last of the aborigines, and later when he returns home, what happens when he is attacked by scientists and skeptics who don’t believe his story can be true. For performance times, parking information, and tickets, go to the website. ([Chesapeake Taste](#))

Stargazing



The Astronomy Club at Anne Arundel Community College will hold a Stargazing event on **Saturday, January 12**, 7 – 10 p.m. Come to the Astronomy Lab in the rear of lots A and B beside the Resource Management Building. Free. Bring your own telescope and binoculars or use one of the AACC telescopes. ([Chesapeake Taste](#))

War of 1812-1814 Militia Recruitment



Join the War of 1812 Eastern Shore Militia on **Saturday, January 12**, noon, at the Miles River Yacht Club (24750 Yacht Club Road) in St. Michaels. Experienced military re-enactor John Wyman will explain what the militia will be doing in the next years. New recruits will get drilled in the manual of arms. Call Beth with questions at 410-822-0773. ([Historical Society of Talbot County](#))

War of 1812-1814 Formal Ball



The Historical Society of Talbot County will hold a Formal Ball on **Saturday, January 12**. Start out the new year by celebrating an old year. 1813 was the year the people of St. Michaels defended their town from the British in the War of 1812-1814. We’ll dance the night away just like Dolly Madison and Francis Scott Key. This is also the era of Jane

Austen and the English Regency. Live music will fill the air, dance mistresses will teach us the steps, and you can sparkle in your own period costume or modern formal attire. An optional dinner will feature food inspired by menus of 1813. No partner required - everyone will dance with everyone. The event takes place at the Miles River Yacht Club (24750 Yacht Club Road) in St. Michaels. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the dance begins at 7:30 p.m. Dinner and dance tickets are \$75 per person; dance only tickets are \$30 per person. For more information or to make reservations, call 410-822-0773. ([Historical Society of Talbot County](#))

Londontowne Symphony Concert - "Pops – American Songbook"



The Londontowne Symphony Orchestra will present "Pops – American Songbook" on **Sunday, January 13**, 3 – 5 p.m. The program will include Leonard Bernstein's *Overture to Candide*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, and a number of American songs. The concert will take place at South River High School (Route 214) in Edgewater. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and students and children are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. ([Chesapeake Taste](#))

Bus Trip: Atlantic City



Queen Anne's County Department of Community Services will sponsor a trip to Atlantic City on **Saturday, February 23**. Enjoy a fun-filled getaway on your own. Walk the Boardwalk or try your luck in the casinos. The cost is \$40 per person, and includes motor coach transportation and a \$20 coin package deal at the Showboat Casino. The deadline to register for the trip is **Friday, January 18**. Call 410-758-0848 for more information and to register. The program number is #703003. ([QAC Parks and Rec](#))

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA

"A Christmas Carol": November 15 – December 30: Toby's Dinner Theatre, Columbia: [Toby's Dinner Theatre](#)

Cambridge's Wild Goose Chase: November 23 – December 22: Cambridge: [Attraction Magazine](#)

Christmas Concert with Tidewater Singers: Sunday, December 16: Cambridge: [Dorchester Tourism - Concert](#)

Children's Tea Party with Mrs. Claus: Sunday, December 16: Hampton Inn, Chincoteague, Virginia: [Chincoteague Events](#)

Annual Luminaria Night Celebration: Saturday, December 22: Vienna: [Dorchester Tourism - Luminaria](#)

Dads and Kids Holiday Outing: Saturday, December 22: Cambridge: [Dorchester Tourism - Holiday Outing](#)

Governor's Challenge Basketball Tournament: December 26-29: Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury: [Maryland Tourism - Basketball Tournament](#)

An 1812 Winter Evening: Friday, December 28: Riversdale House Museum, Riverdale, Maryland: [Chesapeake Taste](#)

Winter Wonderland High Tea: Saturday, December 29: Historic Belair Mansion, Bowie: [Maryland Tourism - Tea](#)

Pony Island Horseshoe Drop and Costume Promenade: Monday, December 31: Robert Reed Downtown Park, Chincoteague, Virginia: [Chincoteague Events](#)

Polar Pony Plunge: Tuesday, January 1: on the Assateague Island beach, Virginia: [Chincoteague Events](#)

Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower Open House: Saturday, January 5: Baltimore: [Maryland Tourism - Open House](#)

Disney's Beauty and the Beast: Tuesday, January 8: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Civic Center](#)

Twelfth Night Ball: Saturday, January 12: Riversdale House Museum, Riverdale Park: [Chesapeake Taste](#)

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. *Holiday Inn*
2. She wants her divorced parents to get back together.
3. Re-dedication and it is celebrated for eight days.
4. The Great Gonzo
5. A sign with the words, "You Are Now In Bedford Falls."
6. Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer

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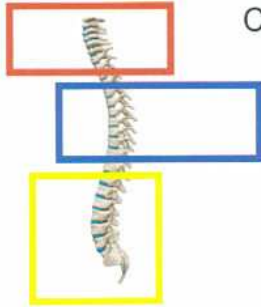
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