

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT: To enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.

WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

Roy and Joan Davis 510 Symphony Way Susan Goldberg 116 Orchestra Place

Musings from the Board

A few words about the Repair and Replacement Reserve Account: In 2008, the Board of Directors paid for a study that reviewed everything that the HOA owned and that would, at some point in time in the next 30 years, have to be replaced. This study looked at the buildings and everything in the common area that the HOA is responsible for and gave each item a normal economic life expectancy and a replacement value. Two hundred thirty-two items were identified as falling within the scope of the study. For example, the cover on the outdoor pool had a normal economic life of five years and had an estimated \$4,300 replacement cost. The original study was reviewed in 2012. Both the original and 2012 study can be found on the Symphony Village website on the HOA Board page under Official Documents. The 2012 study indicated that the pool cover no longer has an economic life, but would cost \$4,950 to replace.

The original study proposed three different ways to fund the Reserve. The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the proposals and recommended to the Board that the best way to fund the Repair and Replacement Reserve Account over the next 30 years was the Cash Flow Method that was the middle of the road. It is understood that the values attached to each item in the study are educated estimates. The next review of the study is scheduled for 2015. The whole purpose of the Repair and Replacement Reserve Account is that we would not have to do a special assessment for a repair or replacement any time in the future. Currently \$26.75 per month comes out of each residents' HOA fee to fund this account. The monies in the Reserve cannot be used for everyday expenses.

Currently, the monies in the account are on schedule with what is expected by the original study and follow-up review. Anyone wishing to know the amount of money in the Repair and Replacement Account can check with management or attend either a Budget and Finance Committee meeting or a HOA Board of Directors Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE - Donna Donaldson, Chair

City on Saturday, May 3! Bus will be leaving the Clubhouse parking lot at 8 a.m. and returning at 8 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person, and there are only 54 seats available (oops, down to 43 as of March 10, better hurry!!!!) Maybe we can fill two buses! The trip is to the Tropicana Casino, and Resort which is offering compensation of \$15 per person in free slot play. There are many things to do in



Atlantic City besides casino gambling. There is bingo, movies, comedy, and other games. There is the boardwalk and shopping, the outlets and shopping, and the Pier Mall and shopping. Oh, and there is shopping! Just the fun on the bus is going to be a hoot. Don't delay; sign up today!!

March 15 St. Patrick's Happy Hour, Saturday, at 6 p.m. Iris Coffee presented by our own Irish Mary Ciesielski along with Celtic Music.
 Donations of traditional Irish snacks/food and desserts will be welcomed.



- March 21 Friday Night At The Movies, Doris Pullman will be presenting another all-time favorite movie. Come enjoy with your neighbors and share popcorn
- **Tai Kwando Seminar** Sunday, March 23, 2 p.m. Gary Fookes, who is a black belt and teaches Tai Kwando at SV, is giving a free seminar on Sunday, March 23, in the Concert Hall from 2 3 p.m. This will be a very informative talk and demonstration on what to do when going to your car with groceries and someone approaches as well as general knowledge of how to be prepared in case of an attack. Please sign up in advance.
- Ladies' Happy Hour Thursday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m.
- **April 4 Friday Happy Hour**, to be hosted by Art & Trish Radeff.

 More and more people are interested in hosting Happy Hours. It is a fun and easy way to meet and greet your neighbors. You can plan a fun theme, or not. Bartending is still the responsibility of the Bar Crew, and table set-ups and tear-downs are taken care of by Tim. Lifestyle members are happy to advise and help you if you'd like! Sign up in the Clubhouse Activities Book.
- <u>Lifestyle Committee Meeting</u> *April 7, Monday*, 7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. In the works: Musical presentations such as Hootenanny (seeking musicians!), Sweet Adelines, Chesapeake Community Band. Come one, come all to our next meeting with your suggestions and comments.
- <u>Lunch Bunch</u> The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 10, at 12:30 p.m. at *Restaurante Jalapenos* located at 85 Forest Plaza, Annapolis, MD. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511. We look forward to your joining us.

- **Memorial Day Picnic**-- <u>ATTENTION HARMONY WAY RESIDENTS</u> Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking and planning the Memorial Day picnic. You will be notified of the first meeting. Be sure and attend 'cuz that's where the decisions are made. If you don't come, you may find yourself volunteered for potato peeling or latrine cleaning.
- April 12 Saturday Semi-Annual Symphony Yard/Garage Sale--Sign up with check for \$5 in the Clubhouse Activities Book to cover advertising and balloons for your lamppost.
- April 18 Friday Night At The Movies, Movie title to be determined.

OUTREACH – Carlene Cooke, President

CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYERS...

Come join your neighbors for Bingo at the Clubhouse on the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. Cash Prizes--A growing Jackpot And A Great Time!





Please join with Outreach for our First Annual Ladies Spring Butterfly Tea



.....the butterfly counts not months
but moments
and has time enough

-Tagore

When: Saturday, April 26, from 2 - 4 p.m.

Where: Clubhouse Ballroom

Cost: \$20 age 13 and up, \$10 ages 8-12.

Enjoy this two-hour repast with your daughter (in-laws, too), granddaughters (not appropriate for under age 8), sisters, cousins, friends, or please come on your own to participate in this fun-filled social afternoon gathering. A traditional tea with accompanying food specialties will be served. A short program will be provided by Candace Liccione, owner-operator of Wye River Designs, who will provide some interesting information on herbal teas and tea preparation.

Raffles, a 50/50, and door prizes will complete the afternoon festivities. Spring "bonnets" are encouraged but optional!

Sign up at the Clubhouse and make your check payable to S.V.O.P.I.

All profits go to supporting the Queen Anne's County organizations with which we partner to provide materials and financial support. We greatly appreciate your generosity and participation.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS - Carol Hodges, Chair

SV Google Group

Thanks to all who have joined the Google Group and even posted. Many of you received invitations and may still accept those invites. Feel free to email me if you wish to join. The advantage of this is that you can post questions and answers about SV. Social events will be posted. It is not necessary to create a profile. You can change how you wish to receive emails. Call me (Carol Hodges at 410-758 0591).

<u>Distribution List (Formerly called the Blast List)</u>

Some residents are still not receiving emails that are sent to all residents (snow removal schedule, deaths, Clubhouse closing, etc.). If you are not and wish to, go to <u>Directory page</u> and fill out the Subscription form.

Libretto Hard Copies

Just a reminder that the *Libretto* hard copies that are available in the Clubhouse are for those who are unable to access the internet. Remember that it is greener and a savings to the HOA when residents read the *Libretto* online.

Thanks for Articles

The committee wants to thank all of those who write articles for the *Libretto*. Articles are welcome; restaurant reviews, travel articles, recipes, etc. Continue submitting your input. If you are reluctant to write an article but would like to have input, we can interview you and write it for you.

SNEAKERS – Bea Trotta

Pastries for Parents Book Giveaway at Kennard School

Sneakers will be participating in "Pastries for Parents" at Kennard Elementary School on April 10 and 11. Volunteers are needed to help set up early each morning for this well-attended event at the school. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse shortly.

Kennard Chess Night

The Kennard Chess Club match will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday, May 15, at 6 p.m. Each year we look forward to this enjoyable event. Symphony Village residents are invited to join in the fun.

Cubby Chorale

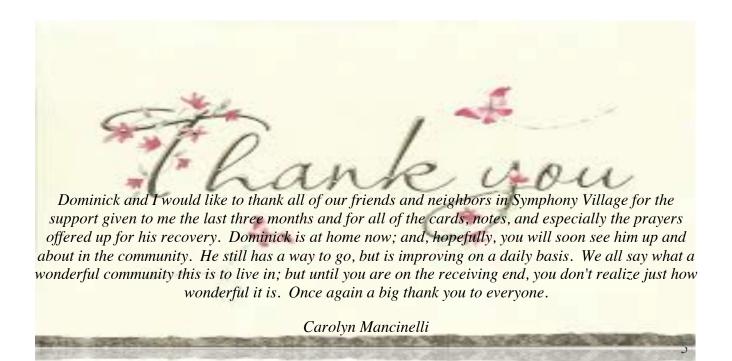
The Cubby Chorale from Centreville Elementary School will again perform at the Clubhouse on Thursday, May 22, at 6 p.m. This performance is a thank you to the residents of Symphony Village for their generosity throughout the school year.

Card/Game Party

The Sneakers Card/Game Party will be held at Prospect Bay on Tuesday, June 10. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse in May. Further details will be available shortly.

Next Sneakers Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, April 30, at 3 p.m. All residents are welcome to participate.





CLUBS AND CLASSES

BIRD CLUB – Linda Blume



As the *Libretto* goes to press, two eaglets have hatched at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and may be seen on the live Eagle Cam. It is assumed that the third egg will not hatch. The parents protected the babies very well during the recent snowstorm. On the Eagle Cam page, go to the Eagle Cam Log to see more photographs and videos and to learn more information about this year's brood.

<u>Delmarva Birding Weekend</u> will be **April 24 - 27**. There is a large variety of both guided and self-guided trips, boat excursions, and programs. Many of the more popular events fill up quickly. Go to the website for details on all the weekend events and how to register.

DINING IN



A good time and great BBQ meatballs with all the trimmings was had by all 16 at Nancy Pashby's home in February. The next *Dining In* will be Saturday, March 22, at 6 p.m. Call a friend(s) and sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. You will be called and asked to bring an appetizer, side, or a dessert. Hope to see you there.

GARDEN CLUB and VICTORY GARDEN—Jack Hennessey

Our decision to not harvest any of the flower seed pods was a good one. The birds were flocking to the gazebo in search of food during our cold and snowy winter. In addition, management authorized us to install a thistle feeder, a sunflower feeder, and a suet feeder which have attracted numerous and varied birds. The best time to observe these birds is about 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. We have seen gold finches, house finches, white-throated sparrows, mourning doves, blue jays, juncos, cardinals, and mockingbirds. We have even seen an occasional woodpecker



attracted to the suet feeder. Incidentally, K-Mart seems to be the best place to purchase bird supplies. Also, unless you want to attract starlings and English sparrows, do not use general-purpose food, which contains lots of cracked corn and millet. I did observe an occasional hawk stalking our bird feeder, and I actually saw a hawk swooping down to grab a songbird as it left our feeder. I guess that is part of the food chain. C'est la vie!

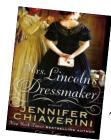
I have also started saving eggshells, which I grind up to provide calcium for the purple martins during the nesting season. They will be arriving early in April. Interested residents can check the martin migration pattern on their computer.

Steve Guy reports that two new gardeners will be joining us in the spring. However, one of our gardening teams has resigned. We still have room for four more gardeners (or teams). Steve will be scheduling two more "Group Work Parties," which were very successful last year. All gardeners are invited to clean up their beds for spring as soon as the snow thaws. Steve wants to tentatively schedule the first official Work Party on Saturday, June 26. If you are interested in joining the Gazebo Flower Gardeners, call Steve at 301-641-8728.

Weather permitting, we normally start tilling the victory garden in time for spring planting, typically on St. Patrick's Day. However, Dave Peterson feels that the ground will still be too hard to till. He will be tuning up his tiller and be ready to till when he gets back from his spring vacation. In the meantime, stay warm and pray for an early thaw.

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB - Jack Hennessey

The book for our February meeting was *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini. On a scale of 1 to 10, our club rated this book a 6.7. This, in spite of the fact that the *RT Book Reviews* magazine rated it at 9.0, and chose it as a top pick in their 2013 issue! *The Library Journal* states, "It takes the readers thru times of peace and war as seen thru the eyes of an extraordinary woman, Elizabeth



Keckley..." through Chiaverini's meticulously researched authentic detail. However, the story is based heavily on Keckley's own memoir, *Behind the Scenes*, and three other related novels. Also, the story is woven around many well-known events in the Civil War. Keckley, Mrs. Lincoln's dressmaker, was a slave, who bought her own freedom and then became a successful businessperson, catering to the most prominent women in Washington. Residents are encouraged to read this very entertaining novel.

The selection for our March 18 meeting is *We Are Water*, by Wally Lamb. Lee Ettman, who will chair this meeting since Jack will be basking in the sun on a Caribbean cruise, selected this novel. All residents are invited to attend this meeting, to participate in discussions, and to enjoy dessert and beverage.

The Book Club policy has been to not widely advertise the book selections for future months to avoid a run at the library until our members have had an opportunity to get on the reserve list. In January, one of our members was number 23 on the waiting list. A poll of members voted to continue this policy by a vote of 7 to 3.

A draft of additional shelving for the library, incorporating comments on an earlier draft, has been submitted to management for approval. We are anticipating a quick reply. In the meantime, Jack has four boxes of books in his garage that are systematically rotated into the existing library. Incidentally, we are not interested in having books discarded by the public library (for lack of use) placed on our limited shelf space.

SV SINGLES – Pauline Dulin

SV Singles will attend the Outreach Ladies' Spring Butterfly Tea on Saturday, April 26, as a group. Please sign up on page 2 of the sign-up sheets (under the heading SV SINGLES) in the Activities Book behind the Outreach tab. The cost is \$20 per person, and everyone will pay separately.

There are two remaining tickets to see *Moses* at the Sight and Sound Theatre on **Wednesday, April 9**. Please contact me at 410-310-0817 if you would like to attend or for more details. The flyer for this trip is online at <u>Senior Center Events</u>.

SV TENNIS PLAYERS—Larry Miller



Spring is near (I think), and it will be time for tennis again at Symphony Village. A meeting is scheduled Thursday, **March 20** at **7 p.m.** (Crafts Room, Clubhouse) for anyone interested in tennis. We hope to meet some new players and discuss tennis activities for the year.

Dust off the tennis racquet and get yourself ready for SV tennis in 2014. See you soon.

SENIOR SOFTBALL



Several Symphony Village residents are on the Shoremen competitive senior softball team (men ages 60+, women ages 50+). If you are interested in playing, please call either John Meyer (443-262-8684) or Irv Kohne (410-758-2668) for details. Practice starts **March 24.**

Trivia Questions

by David Gallop

- 1. How many leaves are found on a shamrock?
- 2. What is another name for St. Patrick's Day?
- 3. In what American city is the oldest St. Patrick's Day parade?
- 4. In which country was St. Patrick born?
- 5. What does a shamrock represent?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News

SV residents are cordially invited to participate in the following events:

• Friday Night Dinners: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Friday, March 21: Marine Corps League, Steak Dinner, \$18

Friday, March 28: Oyster Dinner, \$15

Friday, April 4: Sons of the American Legion: Stuffed Pork Chops, \$12

Friday, April 11: Pan Fried Chicken, \$11

• Toys for Tots Bull and Oyster Roast: Sunday, April 13

For more information on any events, call the Post at 410-758-3584 or go to Jeff Davis Post 18.

A LITTLE POETRY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH...

Yesterday the twig was brown and bare; To-day the glint of green is there; Tomorrow will be leaflets spare; I know no thing so wondrous fair, No miracle so strangely rare. I wonder what will next be there! ~L.H. Bailey



Author SV Resident Roland Reed To Speak

Thursday, March 20 from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Queen Anne's County Free Library, Centreville Branch Something About Maryland Lunchtime Program

Local author, playwright, director, and sculptor, Roland Reed, will talk about his first two books. His adult novel, *The Driver and His Wife*, is about love and gang war in the roaring 20s in North Carolina and the changes it brings to a young couple. His young adult selection, *The Odyssey of the Young Dragon*, is the exciting and dangerous adventures of a Chinese teenage girl and her younger brother who are taken by force to a distant city and dumped. Like Odysseus, their great challenge is finding the way back home. He will also answer questions about the process of writing and publishing in today's market. Bring a lunch to eat while you learn. The library will provide a sweet treat.

Important: Free Safety Awareness Seminar for SV Residents ORIGINAL MISPRINT – Not A Tai Kwando Seminar

Date: Sunday, March 23

Time: 2-3 p.m.

Where: Clubhouse Concert Hall

Register: Sign up in the Activities Book at the front desk in the Clubhouse

Gary Fookes, our resident Black Belt Master who teaches Tai Kwando to as many as 12 residents of SV, will be leading an informative discussion on safety awareness in public venues. By attending, you will become more aware of your surroundings and how to become more reactive in certain situations.

We want you and your partner to avoid potential danger!

Here's a list of subjects that will be discussed:

- New street crime called "Sucker or Knockout Punching"
- Parking lot safety and awareness
- Walking alone on public streets
- How to react if you're approached by someone you do not trust
- Items you can carry to protect yourself (not guns or knives)
- How to respond easily if someone grabs you
- How not to leave yourself vulnerable
- Conceal your valuables; don't advertise
- How to travel with intelligently
- Ouestions and Answers



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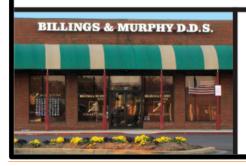


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TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF SOLAR POWER -- George Drake

Probably by now you have seen solar power *arrays* on one or more of three roofs in Symphony Village and in and around Centreville, or have at least heard the buzz about solar at a happy hour or card game. So, what are these *arrays*, what is solar power, how does it work, what are the initial results, and is solar power for you?

An array is a group of solar panels that attach to your roof (or are mounted in fields) and are interconnected together to supply *direct current* (DC) power. The DC is then converted by an *inverter* (located in your garage or basement) to alternating current (AC) just like your house power from Delmarva Power. This AC is then interconnected to your house power at the house *circuit breaker panel*.

Thus, the electrical power generated by the sun on the panels (supply) plus the conversion to AC provides power as an *alternative source* of electrical power to the power provided by Delmarva. Note that Delmarva provides the *distribution* of electrical power only – they get the power (*supply*) from unregulated wholesale suppliers (Google "where does Delmarva power get their power").

Once the solar system is installed, it will be interconnected to Delmarva through a new *net metering meter* that will replace the meter you already have (almost no difference: one meter pulls out, the new one pushes in). With installation complete, a new meter, and the blessing of the town/county and Delmarva, you now have a solar system that supplies you with electricity when the sun is out and Delmarva provides the power when there is no sun.

This is where the fun comes in – during the daylight hours, you get to watch the meter running backwards showing that it's providing the power for your home and at that point, it is providing more power than you are using - the power from the solar system is pushed back onto Delmarva's electrical grid for later use by you. Your meter's digital readout counts down!

What's in it for you? First, you will be saving dollars on your monthly electrical bill because the supply of power is being generated on your roof and is being distributed from your roof as opposed to it being generated by a coal, oil, or natural gas power system and distributed by Delmarva. Secondly, you are "going green" and helping to reduce the *carbon footprint* caused by the other means of power generation. Wind turbines and geothermal systems are also other ways of reducing the carbon footprint.

As of this writing, there are at least 14 additional SV persons/couples that have decided to add solar power to their homes. Only our home has any history of the solar power generated by the solar power *arrays*, as we were the first to have it installed. In January, solar power provided 674 kWh (kilowatt hours) of power – in February, 869 kWh. On recent clear days, it has produced 50-plus kWh per day. (Our average daily consumption over a year is 40 kWh per day). As the sun gets higher in the sky and the days get longer, this production will greatly increase.

What's an installation cost? There are a number of solar companies to contact for information and pricing. Depending upon the company, you can do everything from full purchase of the equipment - to full purchase price of the power generated - to zero dollars for installation and maintenance (as with a lease) with monthly payments (you pay for the power from your roof supplemented, if necessary, by payments to Delmarva).

If this article has stirred your curiosity, Google "solar power companies in Maryland," visit one of the installations in the Village, and/or contact the author for more information.

"VOICES & VISIONS"



The Queen Anne's County Public Library has published Volume 2 of *Voices and Visions*, a journal for all things creative. Each issue is printed in a limited edition. Pick up a free copy at the library, or read it online at Art, Music, and Beyond (press Books). This free biannual publication is open to submissions from anyone, anywhere. Submit your best work for the next issue by emailing to glenn@dreamriot.com or snail mail to Glenn Shiring, V&V editor, P.O. Box 177, Grasonville, Maryland 21638 or leave it in the drop box at either branch of the Queen Anne's County Public Library.





Queen Anne's Chorale "Pirates Plus!"

Please SAVE THE DATE for the Queen Anne's Chorale's annual Spring Gala!

Saturday, April 26, at 7 p.m.
Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College

Tickets are \$15 for adults and can be purchased at the door or from a Chorale member beforehand.

Children through high school are admitted free.

For more information, please call 410-770-9337 or visit www.qachorale.org.

AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM—Betty Gingrich

We recently spent a day at the Air and Space Museum in Chantilly, Virginia. We had taken our son to the airport at Dulles, and the museum was close by. I cannot believe we have never visited it before. It is a huge facility, displaying many aircraft and space memorabilia and very well set up for visitors. They offer a free guided tour that lasted almost two hours, but you can join the tour or leave it at any time. The area seems to have plenty of seating along the way for those who need to rest a while or want to study a certain plane more closely.

I expected to be bored with just looking at planes, but I found it very interesting, as the guide added many human-interest stories along the way. In addition to the military planes, rockets, and space capsules on display, there were commercial and experimental aircraft, helicopters, and satellites. We saw the restored Enola Gay; the Space Shuttle Discovery; Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo capsules; a Space Lab; the Concord; and fighter jets from all the wars, including German, Japanese, and Russian

planes. There were helicopters from the Vietnam era, hot air balloon baskets, blimps, the Langley Aerodrome, and experimental vertical flight planes, plus much more.

Of particular interest is the restoration area where you can view through glass and watch employees at work on many planes and equipment. Lately, due to requests from veterans, they do not make the planes look like new but rather try to keep them as they were when last used. There is a high tower where you can watch activity at the airport, listen to the air traffic controllers, and see a magnificent view, sometimes into West Virginia. We went to one of the IMAX theatre shows and would like to see the others sometime, too.

The museum itself is free, part of the Smithsonian complex. You pay for the theatre shows; and unfortunately, you need to pay \$15 to park because the lot is owned and run by the airport. The only place to eat is a McDonalds on site, but they did have nice offerings, including breakfast and lunch meals. Food and drinks are not allowed in the museum display areas. The gift shop had many books,

videos, and of course clothing, toys, and great gifts for the grandchildren.

We clocked the distance as 90 miles from here; and as we all know, the traffic in that area seems to be heavy and congested most of the day. Perhaps a weekend visit would be better. But we were told that Monday is a slow day, fewer people, and fewer school tours. It is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is wise to get there early to be sure to get on a free tour. Perhaps our community could plan a day bus trip. Air & Space Museum



RESTAURANT REVIEW

LUKE'S GRILLE--Joan Hennessey

Luke's Grille is a popular, casual, neighborhood restaurant and bar. Consisting of two rooms, a dining room with both tables and booths and a large sports bar with high tables and chairs, diners can chose a place for quiet conversation or friendly group partying. Luke's is located in Stevensville in the Food Lion strip mall near Tuesday Morning.

On a recent visit to Luke's, I had lunch in the bar section with an old friend. She has lived in Stevensville for 40+ years, and she and her husband eat there often. She ordered the Garlic and Wine

Mussels (2 dozen, \$13), sautéed in white wine, butter, and cream and served with a French baguette. They smelled lovely! I ordered Seared Ahi Tuna, my favorite meal, and it was blackened outside, rosy inside, and delicious! The Wasabi sauce was exceedingly hot, but that's a good thing. Other appetizers include 8 kinds of wings (\$14 for 12), chicken quesadillas (\$11), Luke's special hot crab dip (\$15), and jumbo steamed shrimp (1/2 lb. \$12). I mention appetizers because that's my favorite item to order—sometimes more than one.

On another visit, our daughter had a Philly Cheese Steak (\$12). It was huge and she ate every bit of it! Jack had a bowl of French Onion Soup (\$6) and ½ pound of steamed shrimp (\$12). The shrimp were plump and spiced nicely; he declared them to be "excellent." Patrons also praise Luke's 10 oz. hamburgers, calling them "the best on the Shore."

At Luke's Happy Hour (Monday-Friday, 4-7 p.m.) house wines are \$4 a glass; domestic beers are \$2.50. Appetizers (wings, mussels, tuna, shrimp) are served at reduced prices. You'll find live entertainment in the bar on Fridays—an enjoyable but sometimes noisy evening. Reservations aren't required, but the bar is often crowded on weekends. We hope to return soon to try the corned beef Reuben (with sauerkraut) or Rachel (with coleslaw), each \$12.

Luke's Grille: 388 Thompson Creek Road, Stevensville

Telephone: 410-643-9435

If you want to share a restaurant experience, tell your friends and neighbors about it in the *Libretto*.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Thai Fish Burgers
From the Kitchen of Karin Anne Larsen



12 oz. haddock fillets, skinned, and cut into small pieces

1 red chili, seeded, and finely chopped

1 egg white

1 Tablespoon soy sauce

½ onion, finely chopped

½ cup fresh bread crumbs

2 Tablespoons chopped almonds

1 Tablespoon finely chopped lemongrass

2 Tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

Note: This is easy and only takes about 20 minutes to make. I like to serve this with sweet potatoes.

Put the haddock, chili, egg white, soy sauce, onion, bread crumbs, almonds, lemongrass, and cilantro into a large bowl and stir together.

Spoon the mixture into a food processor and process until thoroughly blended.

Transfer to a clean counter/board and, using your hands, shape the mixture into flat, circular, burger shapes.

Heat the peanut oil in a skillet and add the burgers.

Cook for about 5 minutes, turning once, until cooked through.

Remove from heat.

Serve with hamburger-shaped buns stuffed with tomato slices, crisp lettuce, and fresh salad greens.

Serves 4.

LOCAL EVENTS

Talbot County: Mark Salter's "S" Series Chesapeake Seasons Cooking Demonstrations: select dates February 8 – May 3: The Robert Morris Inn, Oxford: Cooking Demo Series

Delaware: Exhibit: "Costumes of Downton Abbey": March 1 – January 4, 2015: Winterthur Museum, Garden, and Library, Winterthur, Delaware (near Wilmington): Downton Abbey Exhibit

Caroline County: Adkins Arboretum Events:

- Pysanky: Ukrainian Egg Decorating: Sunday, March 16: Egg Decorating
- Soup 'n Walk: Early Purple and Pink Blooms: Saturday, March 22: Soup 'n Walk
- 2014 Arbor Day Run: Saturday, April 5: Arbor Day Run
- Soup 'n Walk: Fleeting Ephemerals: Sunday, April 6: Soup 'n Walk
- Native Plant Nursery Opening Weekend: April 12 13: Plant Nursery Opening
- Natural Egg Dyeing: Saturday, April 12: Egg Dyeing

Some programs have an associated fee and/or require advance reservation (available on the website). For more information, go to the website or call 410-634-2847.



Sedation Dentistry Open House Thursday, March 20, 5 to 7 p.m.

10646 River Road, Denton Refreshments. Space limited.

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Guest Speaker: Professor Bert Hubinger



The Kent Island Heritage Society will hold a general meeting with guest speaker Bert Hubinger, Professor at Anne Arundel Community College, on **Wednesday, March 19**, 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Kent Island Branch of the QAC Free Library in Stevensville (200 Library Circle). Professor Hubinger wrote <u>Rights of Passage</u> and will present a program on

the impact of the War of 1812. The public is cordially invited. Call 410-758-2502 for more information. (QAC Tourism)

CBEC Environmentally Speaking Lecture Series: "The Return of the Osprey, a Symbol of the Bay"



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will present "The Return of the Osprey, a Symbol of the Bay" on **Wednesday, March 19**, 7 – 8:30 p.m., as part of its ongoing Lecture Series. Judy Wink, Executive Director of CBEC, will discuss the life and migratory habits of the osprey. The cost is \$10. Reservations are recommended (call 410-827-6694), but not required. (Lecture Series)

Wicomico County: <u>Tyler Perry's "Hell Hath No Fury Like a Woman Scorned"</u>: Wednesday, March 19: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: <u>Tyler Perry</u>

Queen Anne's County Free Library Lunchtime Series

Roland Reed – Author Visit and Book Signing: **Thursday, March 20**: 12:10 – 12:50 p.m.: Centreville Branch

Jim Wilson - Milkweed for Monarchs: **Thursday, April 10**: 12:10 – 12:50 p.m.:

Centreville Branch (Library Events)

Talbot County: 4th Annual Gala Cabaret
"Heart and Music: Sing, Dance, Smile" (to
benefit the Community Mental Health Clinic and
Rape Crisis Center): March 20-23: Oxford
Community Center, Oxford: For All Seasons, Inc.

Anne Arundel County: <u>U.S. Naval Academy</u>
<u>Women's Glee Club</u>: Spring Tour Home
Concert: Friday, March 21, USNA Main
Chapel, Annapolis: <u>USNA Music and Theatre</u>

Talbot County: <u>Chesapeake Children's Theatre</u> <u>presents "Xanadu, Jr!"</u>: <u>March 21-23</u>: Talbot County Historical Society Auditorium, Easton: <u>Chesapeake Children's Theatre</u>

Worchester County: <u>Home, Condo, and</u>
<u>Outdoor Show with Arts and Crafts Fair</u>:
<u>March 21-23</u>: Ocean City Convention Center:
<u>Show</u>



"David Schiff and Spontaneous Invention Jazz Trio"



The QAC Arts Council presents "David Schiff and Spontaneous Invention Jazz Trio" on **Saturday, March 22**, at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. The group plays intuitive, classic jazz with spontaneity and imagination. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Call 410-758-2520 to purchase tickets. (Arts Council)

Light Tackle and Kayak Fest

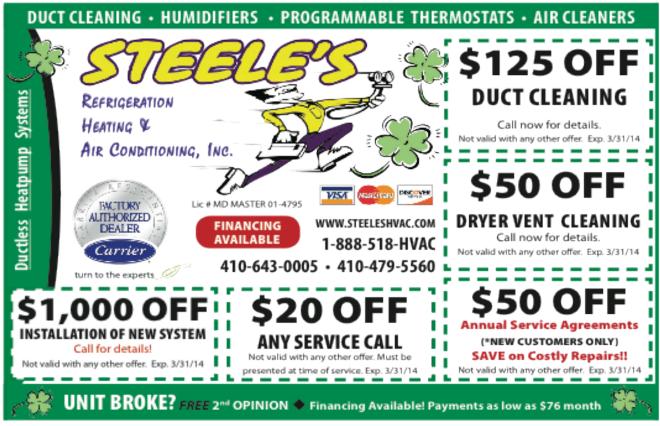


The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) will hold <u>Light Tackle and Kayak Fest</u> on **Saturday, March 22**, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., at Prospect Bay Country Club (311A Prospect Bay Drive West) in Grasonville. The event will feature seminars on light tackle fishing, rod making, and kayak fishing. CCA members are admitted free, and

the non-member entrance fee is \$10.

Anne Arundel County: 4th Annual Annapolis Oyster Roast and Sock Burning: Saturday, March 22: Annapolis Maritime Museum, Annapolis: Special Events

Caroline County: <u>Indoor Craft and Yard Sale</u> (to benefit Caroline County 4-H): <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March</u> 22, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Caroline County 4-H Park (8230 Detour Road), Denton: <u>Craft and Yard Sale</u>



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Anne Arundel County: <u>ArtFest</u>: **Sunday, March 23**: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis: ArtFest

Anne Arundel County: "Moscow Festival Ballet: Swan Lake": Tuesday, March 25: Alumni Hall, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis: Moscow Ballet

Anne Arundel County: <u>Annapolis Film Festival</u>: <u>March 27-30</u>: Various Venues: <u>Annapolis Film Festival</u>

Kent County: 4th Annual Locavore Lit Fest: March 27 – 30: Washington College and other venues in and around Chestertown: Locavore Lit Fest

"Is He Dead?"



Church Hill Theatre (103 Walnut Street) in Church Hill presents "Is He Dead?" by Mark Twain **March 28 – April 13**, Friday – Sunday. Deeply in debt, the French artist Jean-Francois Millet fakes his death and returns as his twin sister to sell the now valuable paintings. With cross-dressing, mistaken identities, and romantic complications, this zany farce also takes on ever timely issues of greed

and celebrity. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for members. Go Church Hill Theatre to order tickets or call 410-758-1331.

Talbot County: <u>Chesapeake Children's Theatre presents Disney's "The Jungle Book"</u>: March 28-30: Talbot County Historical Society Auditorium, Easton: <u>Chesapeake Children's Theatre</u>

Flea Market



A Flea Market will be held on **Saturday, March 29**, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., at VFW Post 7464 (203 VFW Avenue) in Grasonville. Table fees benefit the Post. For more information, call 410-829-3466.

BSO Presents "Classical Favorites"



The Mid-Shore Symphony Society presents the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra on **Saturday, March 29**, 7-9 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College, Wye Mills. The program is "Classical Favorites" by Schubert, Vaughan Williams, Saint-Saens, and Mendelssohn. Tickets are \$40. Go to <u>Tickets</u> to request

tickets. (QAC Tourism)

4th Annual "Al's Run 8K Memorial"



The "Al's Run 8K Memorial" will be held on **Saturday, March 29**, 8 – 10 a.m., at the Island Athletic Club (448 Kent Narrows Way North) in Stevensville. All proceeds from the 8K (5 mile) run will go directly to the Al Cantello Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to several local high school senior lacrosse players based on a list of criteria. Find online registration at Scholarship Fund: \$25 pre-race donation fee and

\$35 race day donation fee. There are seven different age groups, male and female in each age group.

Chesterfield Cemetery Clean-Up Day



The Chesterfield Cemetery Advisory Committee will sponsor a clean-up day on **Saturday, March 29**, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville. Volunteers will be much appreciated. (Town of Centreville)

Annual Wine Pairing Fundraiser: "An Evening in Paris"



The Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department (1610 Main Street) in Chester will hold "An Evening in Paris," a wine pairing event, on **Saturday, March 29**, 7 – 10 p.m. It will be an evening of sampling wines and local flavors. Tickets are \$55 per person until March 22 and \$65 thereafter. Order tickets online at Wine Pairing.

Anne Arundel County: 3rd Annual 5K for the Bay (a fundraiser for the Chesapeake Bay Trust): Saturday, March 29: Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis: 5K for the Bay

Caroline County: 19th Annual Maryland 4-H Foundation Sporting Clays Shoot: Saturday, March 29: Schrader's Outdoors (16090 Oakland Road), Henderson: Schrader's

Dorchester County: Oyster Roast (benefits the Cambridge Rotary Club): Saturday, March 29: Long Wharf Park, Cambridge: Tidewater Times

Kent County: Country Crafts Guild Spring Arts and Crafts Show (benefits the Rock Hall Fire Department): Saturday, March 29: Rock Hall Fire Hall (21500 Rock Hall Avenue), Rock Hall: Kent **Tourism**

Talbot County: 4th Annual Colors of Cancer: Saturday, March 29: Tidewater Inn, Easton: Colors of Cancer

Talbot County: Eastern Shore Sea Glass and Coastal Arts Festival: Saturday, March 29: Ophiuroidea (609 S. Talbot Street) and at the Historic Mill (East Marengo Street), St. Michaels: Sea Glass Festival

Talbot County: Talbot County Restaurant Week: March 30-April 5: Easton, St. Michaels, Oxford, and Tilghman Island: Restaurant Week

Talbot County: A Spring Night Out! (to benefit Delmarva Public Radio): Sunday, March 30, 4 – 7 p.m.: Avalon Theatre, Easton: Delmarva Public Radio

Gallery Exhibit: "Dimensional Wonders"



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville presents an exhibit, "Dimensional Wonders," on April 2 - 26. The exhibit will be a display of traditional 3D artwork in sculpture, ceramics, clay, and carving. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (KIFA)

Bus Trip: New York City for Rockettes' "Heart and Lights" Show



The Kent Island Senior Center will sponsor a bus trip to New York City on Friday, April 18, to see the Rockettes' show "Heart and Lights." The cost is \$135 per person and is due by April 4. The trip departs from the Kent Island Senior Center (891 Love Point Road) at 7 a.m. For more information and to register, call 410-604-3801. (Shore Update)

Kent County: Chester River Chorale Presents "A Soulful Spring": April 4 and 6: Presbyterian Church of Chestertown (905 Gateway Drive), Chestertown: Chester River Chorale

Chesapeake Classic Ducks Unlimited Tournament



Ducks Unlimited will host the Chesapeake Classic Sporting Clay Tournament on Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Pintail Point (511 Pintail Point Lane) in Queenstown. This fundraiser will feature 75 targets, and all-you-can-eat wings and beer will follow. Tickets are \$90 for shooters and \$25 for a non-shooting guest. Purchase tickets on the website, and ticket sales end on April 3. Call 410-603-0147 for more information.

1st Saturdays – Historic Stevensville



Historic Stevensville comes alive the **first Saturday** of every month with a different theme, music, dance, art, and more. Hours are noon - 7 p.m. For more information on Historic Stevensville, go to Stevensville Arts and Entertainment.

Project Clean Stream



The Corsica River Conservancy will sponsor Project Clean Stream on **Saturday**, **April 5**, 9 a.m. – noon. Volunteers are needed to clean up the Corsica River watershed at three sites: Millstream Park, Centreville Wharf, and North Brook. Come to the site of your choice and check in with the Site Captain. Gloves and trash containers will be provided. For more information, call 410-758-6513. (Town of

Centreville)

Kent County: 7th Annual Tim Kern Memorial Clay Shoot Tournament: Saturday, April 5: Hopkins Farm and Outdoor Entertainment, Kennedyville: Kent Tourism

Kent County: <u>Afternoon Delight and Fashion Show with Silent Auction</u> (to benefit Soroptimist International of Kent County): **Saturday, April 5**: Chester River Yacht and Country Club (7738 Quaker Neck Road), Chestertown: Kent Tourism

Talbot County: 19th Annual Chesapeake Home, Garden, and Craft Expo: April 5-6: Talbot County Community Center (Route 50), Easton: Expo

Talbot County: Workshop: "Gemstone Wrap": Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: \$55: St. Michaels Community Center (103 Railroad Avenue), St. Michaels: SMCC, 410-745-6073

Talbot County: <u>Easton Choral Arts Society presents Carmina Burana</u>: April 5 and 6: St. Michaels High School Auditorium, St. Michaels: <u>Easton Chorale Arts</u>

Talbot County: <u>Dinner with the Maestro</u>: Sunday, April 6, after the *Carmina Burana*_concert: Tidewater Inn, Easton: <u>Talbot Tourism</u>

Queen Anne's County Arts Council Classes

- <u>Mosaic Address Plaque Workshop</u>: **Sunday, April 6**: Wye River Designs (4300 Main Street), Grasonville; and
- <u>Digital SLR and iPhone Photography</u>: **Saturdays, April 12** and **19**: Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street), Centreville.

For more information, go to <u>Arts Council</u> and click on "Instruction" and then click on "Photography" or call 410-758-2520.

Talbot County: "Create Art with Shirley Sallett": Mondays, April 7, 17, 21, and 28, 10:30 a.m. – noon: \$40: St. Michaels Community Center (103 Railroad Avenue), St. Michaels: SMCC, 410-745-6073

S'mores & Stories Under the Stars

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville presents "S'mores and Stories" once a month. The April program is **Wednesday**, **April 9**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: "April Showers."

Meet in the Pavilion to the right of the parking area. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 non-members, and free to children under 2 years of age. Reservations are encouraged – call 410-827-6694 or email knelson@bayrestoration.org. (S'mores and Stories)

Spring Fling Dance Party



The QAC Arts Council will hold the **Spring Fling Dance Party** on **Thursday, April 10**, 8 – 10:30 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street). There will be an Early Bird Salsa Lesson at 7:15 – 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. (Arts Council)

Bay Bridge Boat Show



The <u>Bay Bridge Boat Show</u> will take place on **April 11-13** at the Bay Bridge Marina (357 Pier One Road) in Stevensville. There will be demo boat rides, equipment and accessory vendors, free seminars, food vendors, antique and classic boats on display along with kayaks, canoes, rowing shells, and inflatables. A one-day admission ticket is \$12, and a two-day admission ticket is \$19. Hours on Friday and Saturday are 10

a.m. - 6 p.m., and on Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Go to the website for additional details and to purchase tickets or call 410-268-8828.

"The Monster Who Ate My Peas"



"The Monster Who Ate My Peas" will be performed on **Friday, April 11**, 7 - 8:30 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. Children and adults alike will be entertained and engaged by this wonderfully written tale about the value of will power. All tickets are \$9. Go to <u>Tickets</u> to purchase tickets. For information, call 410-827-5867. (OAC Tourism)

Caroline County: <u>Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt</u>: Friday, April 11: Preston Elementary School and Greensboro Elementary School: <u>Caroline Tourism</u>

Kent County: **Spring Festival**: **Saturday, April 12**: Worton Park (10932 Worton Road), Chestertown: Kent Tourism

Kent County: <u>Shoot For The Stars – Casino Night</u> (to benefit University of Maryland Shore Nursing and Rehabilitation Center): <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 12</u>: Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre (210 High Street), Chestertown: <u>Kent Tourism</u>

Talbot County: <u>Easton Farmer's Market Opening Day</u>: Saturday, April 12: Easton Town Parking Lot, Harrison Street: <u>Talbot Tourism</u>

Talbot County: 2nd Annual Talbot Special Riders Spring Classic: Saturday, April 12: all bicycle rides begin and end at Easton High School, Easton: Spring Classic

CBEC Environmentally Speaking Lecture Series: "Charles Darwin: Life as a Naturalist"



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will present "Charles Darwin: Life as a Naturalist" on **Wednesday, April 16**, 7 – 8:30 p.m., as part of its ongoing Lecture Series. Sandra Herbert will offer some unique insights into the life of Darwin. The cost is \$10. Reservations are recommended (call 410-827-6694), but not required. (Lecture Series)

Grasonville Senior Center Events



Grasonville Senior Center (4802 Main Street) in Grasonville holds special events throughout the year. Coming up: **Spaghetti Dinner**: **Wednesday, April 16**: \$9 per person: Event Flier. For more information, call 410-827-6010.

Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Bus Trips



A Day in New York City: **Saturday, May 17**; register by **Friday, April 18**; \$65. Register online at Parks and Recreation or by calling 410-758-0848.

Kent Island Federation of Arts Classes



<u>Workshop: Introduction to Expressive Watercolor Collage</u>: **April 24 - 25** and again **May 8 - 9**: KIFA (405 Main Street) in Stevensville.

For more information, go to Classes or call 410-643-7424.

Cash Bash

Goodwill Fire Company will hold a Cash Bash on **Saturday, April 26**, at the firehouse from noon – 6 p.m. There will be 145 cash drawings every three minutes for \$125, with a \$500 drawing every fifteen minutes, a \$1,000 drawing every thirty minutes, and a \$3,000 drawing every hour until the grand prize of \$10,000 is drawn at 6 p.m. Tickets to the Cash Bash are \$100 each, and each ticket allows for one guest. Tickets for additional guests are \$30 each. There will be free food and beverages all afternoon. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact John Cvach at 443-262-8009 or go to Goodwill Fire Company.

Trivia Answers

- 1.Three
- 2. The Festival of St. Patrick
- 3. New York City
- 4. England
- 5. The Trinity