



LIBRETTO

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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.

****Sneakers Auction Workers pictured above:** Sue Canfield, Sue Peterson, Cindy Bogner, Ann Sewell, Pat Tominovich, Linda Farrar, Terri O'Connell, Joan Studnicky, Gretchen Burton, Carolyn Mancinelli, Margo Wagner, Barbara Ways, Karen King, Rochelle Ray, Sandy Beane, Sandy Love, Carol Powell, Bob Farrar, Sue Riley, Bea Trotta, Paula Pariseau, Helena Joy, Chris Pariseau, Jo Kirschner

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



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164 Orchestra Place

Dale & Linda Butler
173 Orchestra Place

Elizabeth Cunningham / Willie Griffin
165 Orchestra Place

Bill & Gina Frazier
177 Symphony Way

Charles and Glenda Hawkins
126 Harmony Way

Bill and Nancy Paschak
125 Orchestra Place

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COVENANTS — *Chris Pariseau, Chair; Irene Hoffman, Vice Chair*

It has been a busy year for the Covenants Committee. I want to thank all the committee members who helped with the committee this year. Together we reviewed approximately 80 exterior modification requests covering a variety of items from painting shutters and doors to the installation of solar panels. We could not have accomplished so much without the help and dedication of the members doing their part on this committee. I want to thank Irene Hoffman who kept diligent notes as the Vice Chair and Secretary. We even made some changes to the guidelines (thanks, Joyce) which will be submitted to the HOA Board for final approval. I encourage everyone to thank your neighbors for their time and efforts on the Covenants Committee: Irene Hoffman, Howard Fox, Jerry Walls, Dave Gallop, and Joyce Brown.

Now is the time for you to sign up to work on the Covenants Committee. We are always looking for new members. This is your chance to help keep the Village looking the way it does. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Everyone is invited. Once again, I invite you all to consider joining this Committee. (Note: There will be no meeting in December.)

LIFESTYLE – Vinny Volpicelli, Chair; Carolyn Harty & Margo Wagner, Co-Vice Chairs; Pat Fox, Correspondent

CANCELLED

Antiques Appraisal with Todd Peenstra – Saturday, November 14 – This event has been Cancelled due to illness. Mr. Peenstra sends his apologies and hopes to make a return appearance in January 2016.

Happy Hour – Saturday, November 21 – 6 – 8 p.m.

Lunch Bunch – Thursday, December 3, at 12:30 p.m. - Annie's (For more information, see page 8.)

Happy Hour – Friday, December 4 – Hosted by Lee and Alan Ettman and friends. Come join us at the “Chairman of the Board” Happy Hour to celebrate the 100th birthday of the one and only Francis Albert Sinatra! Music will be provided by DJ-Bo (from Docs



Restaurant). Bring your favorite appetizers or desserts and enjoy the music, memorabilia, and company of your special neighbors. (Cash donations will be collected for Bo's charity of choice in lieu of payment.) Please contact the hosts if you would like to help!

Lifestyle Committee Meeting – Monday, December 7, 7 p.m.

Holiday Events

- **Holiday Party** in the planning stage – secret Santa gift exchange, caroling at the piano. Eggnog as the special drink!
- **New Year's Eve** – \$10 per person. DJ Grandmaster Randy Officer from 9:30 p.m. – 1 a.m. Champagne toast! Noise makers & Hats! Snacks and desserts!



Honoring Symphony Village Committee Volunteers

One of our lovely new SV couples has suggested that they would like to set up a Happy Hour to honor all of the hard working volunteers on our committees. Zina and Joseph Lichaa will be organizing this function for Friday, January 8, 2016. Stay tuned for the details, and thank you Zina and Joseph! We appreciate your appreciation!

Theatre Events in Planning Stage

- Chesapeake College events including Baltimore Symphony, Wye Mills ,MD
- Toby's Dinner Theatre, Columbia, MD
- Peter's Alley Productions, Shirlington, MD

Need Hosts for Happy Hours – Free Drinks and Food!

To keep the fun rolling, Lifestyle Committee members will be asking folks who attend these functions to please agree to host future Happy Hours! Also Happy Hour hosts and hostesses will now be able to drink for free and they don't have to bring food!

If interested, please sign up in the Activities Book or contact Carolyn Harty or Margo Wagner to register. Lifestyle Committee members are always there and can help.

Happy Hour Bartenders!

We are always looking for bartenders to help out at Happy Hours. Receive on-the-job training while you enjoy serving your fellow residents. Please sign up in the Activities Book! Feel free to call Skip Kornmeyer or Donna Donaldson at 443-262-8090 for details.



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SPOTLIGHT ON OUTREACH — *Bea Trotta, President*
A SYMPHONY VILLAGE NON-PROFIT

THE MISSION

Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc. (SV Outreach) is a tax exempt public charity organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. SV Outreach's mission is to provide financial support to local social services and to support educational programs and other lawful, charitable organizations within Queen Anne's County (QAC). *Outreach* also provides compassionate, short-term assistance for SV residents during times of illness, disability, or death in the family.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SV Outreach sponsors fundraisers throughout the year such as the Artisan's Fair in September, a food drive in November for the QAC Food Pantry, a Card Party in January, a monthly Bingo, a Spring Tea, a Happy Hour, and various other events throughout the year.

BENEFACTORS

Proceeds raised by these events are used to support nonprofit organizations such as the American Legion Wounded Veterans Project; the QAC Crossroads Community, Inc., Dental Program; Our Haven Shelter; QAC Department of Emergency Services; Compass Regional Hospice Camp New Dawn; QAC Historical Society; University of Maryland Shore Emergency Center at Queenstown; and the QAC Social Services Food Pantry. There are many other nonprofit QAC organizations that we support on an annual or a one-time basis.

Neighbor-To-Neighbor, which is under the *SV Outreach* umbrella, is comprised of volunteers from every street in Symphony Village. This group of residents provides short-term volunteer support to SV residents during times of illness, disability, or loss of an immediate family member.

Caregivers is another Outreach activity that provides compassionate support to SV caretakers who are managing a sick or disabled person.

SUMMARY

Outreach generally meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the Clubhouse. The monthly meeting date is printed on the Daily Bulletin, the SV Calendar, and the *Libretto*. We are always looking for new members and welcome all residents to join us and learn more about what we do. Please contact Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 if you need additional information.

The Seventh Annual SV Outreach Card and Game Party

(To benefit The UM Shore Emergency Center in Queenstown and Chesapeake Cats and Dogs)

Thursday January 21, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

at the SV Clubhouse

\$30 Donation per person (80% tax deductible)

Includes morning coffee & tea, lunch, and door prizes.

50/50 Raffle

Reserve a table on the sign-up sheets

In the Activities Book at the Clubhouse

Beginning December 7

(Deadline Friday, January 15)

Payment by check is due at signup

If you need help getting a group together, contact:

Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238 or swartz.lauren@gmail.com.

Other questions, please call Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146 or carlene.cooke@gmail.com.

Bring your own cards and games for your game of choice.

(Bridge, canasta, poker, scrabble, mahjongg, etc.)

Once Again Sponsored by Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis

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 Cindy in the Clubhouse, or mail to:

SVOPI, Box 642, Centreville, MD 21617. (This donation is 100% deductible.)

Please make all checks payable to **SV Outreach Program, Inc.** or **SVOPI**.

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Fall Happy Hour

Outreach would like to thank the residents of Symphony Village for their generous support of our October Fall Happy Hour sponsored by Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis. We also would like to extend our thanks to our bartenders for the evening — Skip Kornmeyer and Donald Donaldson. They certainly experienced a very busy evening behind the bar.

More than 160 residents attended the Fall Happy Hour, and the evening was filled with laughter, munching, and lively conversation. Sheehy provided light hors d'oeuvres and matched the bar proceeds for the evening, and Outreach members provided the delicious, homemade desserts.

Proceeds from the event will help Outreach meet its 2016 budget commitments to the various nonprofit organizations it supports in Queen Anne's County.

Thank you to all involved for making the event successful. We hope to do it again next year.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair


Website New Governance Page

There has been a change in the menu of the Website. In order to be more inclusive, John Schultz has changed one of the page names from "HOA" to "Governance." This page includes not only information and minutes from the Board of Directors but also from all Symphony Village Committees as well. It has much of the information readers might want to know about the governing of this community. The names are all email links so that readers can just click on the link to send a message to that person. Thanks John; you spend endless hours making information more accessible to our Symphony Village Readers.

SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar, President

Sneakers would like to extend a sincere thank you to all Symphony Village residents and their guests who attended our 11th Silent Auction and raffle on November 7. More than 240 residents and guests participated in the evening's activities.

The food committee exceeded all expectations this year with their variety of tasty hors d'oeuvres, deluxe sandwiches, and an endless parade of homemade desserts. We received many positive comments relative to the quality and quantity of food.



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A huge thanks to all those who helped make the event the success it was by organizing, collecting and putting baskets and bid items together, serving food and drinks throughout the evening, and providing the food and desserts. (See picture on front page.) A thank you also goes out to all those who bid on items and purchased raffle tickets as well. We appreciate the sponsorship of the event by Caruso Homes, Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis, Queenstown Bank, Draper Brothers, and Mary Ciesielski. Although final results are not yet available, all indications are that the event was a grand success. Once all expenses are determined, we will report our proceeds for the evening. Look for these results in next month's *Libretto*.

Again, we want to express many thanks to everyone who was involved in the planning or participated in the auction and raffle. We look forward to your generous support of Sneakers in the coming year.

Santa Tree Items

Although there are no more “ornaments” left on the Santa Tree at the Clubhouse, you can still support the children of the families who will be receiving gifts by donating a gift card from either Food Lion or Acme or by donating jars of peanut butter. Again this year, Sneakers is supporting the children of several families who attend elementary and middle school in Centreville. Please remember to return your wrapped gift, with the ornament taped on the package, gift card, or peanut butter jar to the Wall Street Room by Friday, December 11. Thank you for your generosity by helping to make the holidays happier for these families.

Centreville School Cubby Chorale

Remember to mark your calendar for Monday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse for the winter concert by the Cubby Chorale. All residents are welcome to attend. This is a way for the students to thank all Symphony Village residents for their generosity throughout the year.

Kennard Elementary School Book Giveaway

There will be a Kennard Book Giveaway on Monday, December 21. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. All residents are welcome to join us.

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Dining In – Victoria Weber

November 15 was the recent “Dining In.” It was a week early due to Thanksgiving. Fellow residents gathered for a cheery-fun evening. If you are new to the community, it is a great way to meet new friends and eat some wonderful food that you may not have tasted before.



The date for the December’s “Dining In” will be Sunday, December 13. This will be a brunch, serving delicious egg casseroles, muffins, fresh fruit, etc.

Please sign up. The sign-up sheets are located in the Clubhouse. If you need more information, please do not hesitate to email Victoria Weber at mvweber70@yahoo.com or call at 410-758-0436.

Gazebo and Victory Gardens – Jack Hennessey

Fall is upon us! Several of our gardeners have already departed for warmer climates. Lucky them! Our mulch pile at the end of the Victory Garden has grown enormous, but by spring it will be greatly composted. Residents interested in having a garden plot for 2016 should contact Jack by email at jhennessey@atlanticbb.net. We normally try to till and plant by St. Patrick’s Day.

We have received one request for a purple martin house, which we will install in time for the martin’s arrival, usually early March. These houses are paid for by local residents.



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The Gazebo Garden is now nothing but seed pods, which the birds enjoy. We do supplement this with bird feeders during the winter months. Four large bags of garden weeds and stumps are awaiting pickup by the local trash trucks. We have purchased additional lights to decorate the Gazebo, as we have done for years. Unfortunately, the power outlets at the Gazebo are not working, but they will be repaired by a local electric company by November 11. (Promised!) Then, the Gazebo will be decorated sometime before Thanksgiving. Dan Battista will be the chief decorator, assisted by Jack and, hopefully, a few volunteers.

A salute to our Veterans, many of which have enjoyed free meals at local restaurants, and a *Happy Thanksgiving to all!*

Lunch Bunch – Marge Strano and Bea Trotta



Our next **Lunch Bunch** luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, at 12:30 p.m. at **Annie's Paramount Steak and Seafood House**, 500 Kent Narrows Way North, Grasonville. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 or Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332. Please join us for a wonderful lunch and great company.

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Reading for Fun Book Club – Jack Hennessey

The novel we reviewed at our October 20 meeting was *Unexpected Pleasures*, by Phyllis Naylor.



There are several books by that same name, but the others happen to be sex stories, as one of our members discovered. The Naylor story revolves around Foster Williams and his

cohorts, who all are working on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. It gives the reader an insight into the perils of working on the high steel. (It was of particular interest to me, Jack, since that was how my father qualified for immigration into the USA from Canada.) This unlikely love story unites April Bates, the 16 year old sister of two town prostitutes, with Foster, who is twice her age. Foster agrees to marry her to save her from going into a juvenile home. The poignant but realistic novel tells of developing love and adjustment to married life. The two are separated for a while, but are reunited in a happy ending. On a scale of 1 to 10, the book, recommended by Pat Fox, received a rating of 7.4.



The true story selected for our November 17 meeting is *The Wright Brothers*, by David McCullough. All of our members remember the brothers as the pair who invented the first successful airplane. The first few chapters introduce the reader to the relatively poor family, headed by a minister. It quickly gets into how the two bicycle repairmen evolve into the inventors of the first successful airplane, in spite of much competition in European countries.

The group welcomed Ellen Nichols, an avid reader, to the Book Club. All residents are invited to attend meetings and to join the club. We will be taking a holiday in December. For our January meeting, Jack recommended the book *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman.



Social Singles – Carol Donnelly and Joyce Brown, Co-Chairs

Rave reviews for "*Lives Interrupted*" in Oxford.

Great musical production about WWII!

Future Trips and Coming events:

- **November 13, Friday, Community Event, Wait until Dark** – Sign up in Activities Book. Social Singles can carpool.
- **December 1, Tuesday, at 6 p.m. Tree lighting at the Clubhouse!** See you there!
- **December 2, Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. Tree Lighting at Centreville square.** I'll put sign-up sheet in the Activities Book and see if anyone wants to go.
- **December 6, Sunday, 4 -7 p.m. Combined meeting and Pot Luck dinner. CAROL DONNELLY WILL HOST! Pot Luck/ wine/ friendship. Menu and Sign up today!!**
- **December 10, Thursday, Cubby Chorale** at the Clubhouse.
- **December 12, Saturday, Queen Anne's Chorale** - Members will carpool. Sign up in Activities Book. Tickets??
- **December 31, Thursday. New Year's Eve at the Clubhouse?** Discussion/ sign up.
- **January/February meetings will be in the Clubhouse: Moving meeting time to 10:30 a.m. so Water Aerobics members can join us.** Meet in Conference Room: Will bring breakfast treats!! Future meetings will be second Tuesday of the month.



Future planning:

- **January 6 to February 17: Art of Photography.** Debbie Scott/ instructor: sponsored by Grasonville Senior Center.
- **April 12: New Sight and Sound Show/** Kent Island Senior Center / Lunch at Hershey farms.
- **April 30 to May 7: American Cruise lines: Jacksonville to Charleston SC** on the Intercoastal waterway. My cousin and I have signed up for this trip and rooms are still available.
- **May 22, Sunday:** Two of us have already signed up for **“Beautiful” - The Carole King Musical in NYC.** Cost = \$160 for bus and show admission. Send your \$50 deposit to Grasonville Senior Center: P.O Box 147, Grasonville, MD, 21638. Sign up in the Activities Book.

Tennis – Larry Miller

The tennis season is coming to an end; but, if the weather warms up before winter sets in, you might see some of these people out on the courts. Larry is always looking for new players, so give him a call if you are interested (443-262-8270).

Pictured here are some of the regular tennis players: **Larry & Ellen Miller, Teri Nudo, Christa Fookes, and John Locke**
(Photographer: George Drake.)



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TRIVIA

1. When did Centreville become an incorporated town?
2. When was the county courthouse completed?
3. When was the statue of Queen Anne
(in front of the courthouse) dedicated?
4. Where had the courthouse previously been located?
5. When was the Centreville Historic District added to
the National Register of Historic Places?

Answers on last page.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Hallowe'en Party — On October 24, the Clubhouse had visits from Star Wars characters, witches, animals, princesses, and various other characters as about 40 children and their grandparents enjoyed crafts, games, snacks, and a Trick or Treat parade at the annual Grandchildren's Hallowe'en Party. It was a fun, fun day! We want to thank the people who helped us make this such a success. Pat Scheirer was once again our great "Tattoo Artist." Bob Farrar took the cute pictures with Dave Peterson and Trish Heyn as his helpers this year; and the following persons helped with the games, crafts and snacks: Sandy Beane, Jim Cooke, Allison Donnelly, Jennifer Donnelly, Susan Donnelly, Amy and Joe Marotta, Ellie Murkin, Rochelle Ray, Joan Hennessey, Maggie Kovack, Alexandra Heyn, Katie Heyn, Caley Michelle Walters, and Marilyn and Ed Williams. Also a big thank you to Willie DiLaura for helping with set up on Friday! We also want to thank the residents who didn't have children at the party but came up to give out candy to the children during our Trick or Treat parade. That was really great! *Carlene Cooke and Linda Farrar*



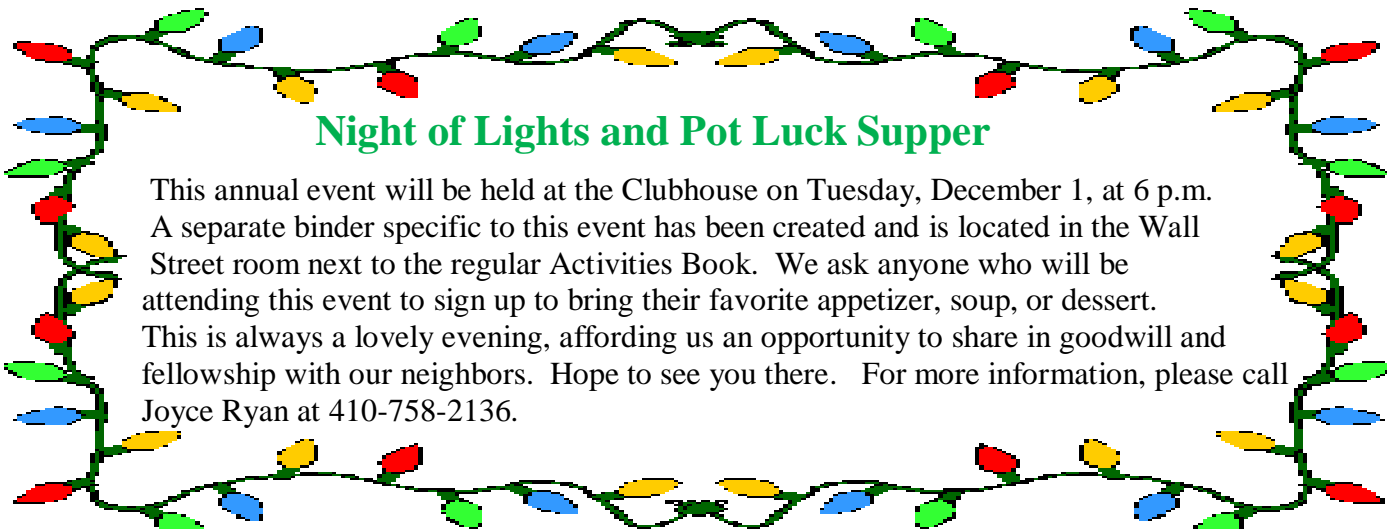
Thank you all for your support!



American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18

- All residents of Symphony Village are welcome to attend the weekly **Friday Night Dinners** at the Legion Hall:
 - Friday, November 20: American Legion Riders' **Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner**
 - Friday, November 27: No Dinner (Thanksgiving Holiday)
 - Friday, December 4: No Dinner (Centreville Parade)
 - Friday, December 11: **Annual Deer Feast**: Deer is prepared in about a dozen different recipes. The feast takes place in the bar area and is free of charge. There will be a donation jar available, and all monies collected will be donated to a worthy charity.
 - Friday, December 18: To Be Announced
- Continuing through November 20: **MPT Salutes Vietnam Veterans Traveling Exhibit**:
Monday – Saturday, 2 – 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 – 8 p.m.

Call the Post at 410-758-3584 if you have any questions.



Night of Lights and Pot Luck Supper

This annual event will be held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, December 1, at 6 p.m. A separate binder specific to this event has been created and is located in the Wall Street room next to the regular Activities Book. We ask anyone who will be attending this event to sign up to bring their favorite appetizer, soup, or dessert. This is always a lovely evening, affording us an opportunity to share in goodwill and fellowship with our neighbors. Hope to see you there. For more information, please call Joyce Ryan at 410-758-2136.



Holiday Concert entitled: “Feliz Navidad!” Robert Huntington, Artistic Director, has planned repertoire that celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Hispanic and Caribbean Christmas music. Instrumentalists, soloists, the Chorale's Special Ensemble, and audience participation will round out this fun and lively program. The Chorale is accompanied by Cyndi Bidinotto-Slate.

Date: Saturday, December 12, 7 p.m.

Location: The Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College

Tickets are \$15 for adults; children through high school are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from a Chorale member. The venue is handicapped accessible. For more information, please call 240-650-5540 or visit www.qachorale.org.

The Queen Anne's Chorale is funded in part by the United Way of Queen Anne's County and grants from the Queen Anne's County Center for the Arts and the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

The Halloween Bear Revisits Symphony Village

by Brenda Stoltz

Have you heard the story of the bear who came Trick-or-Treating in Symphony Village the Fall of 2008? Do you know he revisited Centreville in the Spring of 2009?

Halloween night 2008 B J McClaeB was at her front door on Harmony Way when she first saw the bear.

It was slowly moving down the driveway of 818 Harmony Way. (At first she thought of kids trick-or-treating. No, this furry thing was gliding down the driveway on all fours too easily—besides, it didn't have a candy bag.) The police were called and neighbors were alerted. Ellen Norman jumped into her car and tried to follow the bear as it wandered through the neighborhood. Jean Morais jumped into her car and drove to the Clubhouse to warn folks at Happy Hour not to walk home. Meanwhile, the bear was wandering through the Village sniffing cars, eating birdseed, and clawing pumpkins. Bird feeder poles he grabbed were bent as if they were sticks of licorice.* The Centreville police searched for the bear to no avail. The last bear sighting in SV was a bear heading into the woods behind 242 Opera Court. We learned later that the bear was seen in downtown Centreville and heading north. Wildlife officials believed that the bear had come to Maryland from Pennsylvania. They suspected he would find his way home on his own, so they decided not to capture and relocate him. Needless to say, many bird feeders in SV were removed from porches and backyards for the remainder of the year.



Fast forward 7 months — a young black bear reappeared in April 2009 and was captured in the backyard of a residence just outside downtown Centreville by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife and Heritage Service. The 250-pound bear had crawled into a trap baited with, you guessed it, birdseed. Surprisingly, it was learned that the bear was originally captured in Mercer County, New Jersey, in June 2008, approximately 110 miles from Centreville. New Jersey biologists had tagged the bear and marked him with a lip tattoo prior before relocating him to a nearby wildlife management area. Following his second capture in 2009, the bear, believed to be between 2 and 3 years old, was tagged and transported to a new home in Washington County. According to the MDNR, the young bear's appearance caused quite a stir in Centreville because a black bear had not been seen on the Eastern Shore since Colonial times.**

*See *Libretto* archives, Nov 2008, article by Linda Blume

**Lori Aratani, *Washington Post* Staff Writer, Saturday, April 25, 2009

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Stoney River Steakhouse and Grill – *Charlene Smallwood Brown*

2190 Annapolis Mall Road, Annapolis



On a warm and sunny Friday evening in October, I was joined by my friend, Dianne, for my 5th visit to the **STONEY RIVER STEAKHOUSE AND GRILL** in Annapolis. Our dining experience started with the receptionist's cordial remembrance of my 4 previous visits to the restaurant. I suspect it was my oxygen paraphernalia that tipped them off. Our timing was perfect, because the after-work crowd had not yet arrived. We were led into the large dining area with diverse seating options, including tablecloth-covered tables, booths, and couches. The walls are covered with brick and wood tiles and decorated with soft still life art. In the center of the long wall is a large cozy fireplace. For the sole benefit of our SV *Libretto* subscribers, we began with a tasting of wine, from which we selected a bottle of cabernet sauvignon. We ordered the Whiskey Shrimp on Country Toast as our



appetizer, and immediately concluded that the size was sufficient for a meal, and we should have shared one appetizer or ordered this as our dinner. It was utterly delicious, and the toast was the perfect texture with a well-seasoned sauce. The menu is a diverse offering of steaks, prime rib, filet mignon, seafood, chicken, pasta and baby back ribs. A variety of soups, salads and sandwiches are available as well. I ordered the coffee-cured filet mignon with mashed potatoes and broccoli, and Dianne ordered the blackened salmon with jasmine rice and sautéed spinach. The filet was cooked to order, the mashed potatoes and broccoli were perfectly seasoned and not over- or under-cooked. As we sampled each other's dishes, I noted that the salmon meal was so delectable and flawlessly cooked that I wished I could have ordered some combination of the 2 meals. We struggled, unsuccessfully, to do as our mothers said and eat everything on our plates. Having failed to do so, we ordered "to go" bags for our unfinished meals and "legally-secured" partial bottle of wine. And, we could not resist ordering a dessert that could survive the ride home – none other than the delicious key lime pie. I noted that my favorite cheesecake was no longer on the menu.

Throughout the meal, the service was prompt and efficient, without being disruptive. At our request, Marty, the waiter with the most seniority, offered a history of the restaurant. He pointed out that **STONEY RIVER STEAKHOUSE AND GRILL** originated in 2000 as one of three collections of J. Alexander Holdings, Inc.'s boutique restaurants that focus on providing high quality food, outstanding professional service and an attractive ambiance. The Home Office is in Tennessee, and the Annapolis restaurant opened in October 2008. **THE STONY RIVER STEAKHOUSE AND GRILL** collection currently has 10 restaurants in 6 states, and another will soon open near Memphis, Tennessee. The General Manager, Rob Ochotnicki, stopped by our table to chat and answer some of our questions. He emphasized that all items on the menu, including sauces, dressing, and dessert, are made from scratch at the restaurant, with the exception of the scrumptious little rolls. He described the menu as "contemporary southern." They are open daily for lunch and dinner. On Monday and Tuesday nights, they offer ½ price bottles of wine. He suggests reservations for weekend dining, and pointed out 2 smaller dining areas for private dining or if guests prefer a quieter environment during the busiest times. **When he asked if we lived nearby, I told him that we were from Symphony Village in Centreville; and he said to make sure that future SV guests inform him that they are from Symphony Village.** (Maybe they'll get a free drink or appetizer?)

Regardless, if you seek a relaxing, delicious meal for any occasion, I highly recommend **STONEY RIVER STEAKHOUSE AND GRILL** in Annapolis. Dianne and I concluded that this restaurant sets itself apart from any negative stereotypical bias one might have regarding "chain" restaurants. In summary, they met their goal of providing a fine culinary experience that exceeded our expectations. It should be noted that, as we were leaving around 7 p.m. on this Friday night, the dining room was full, and the joyful, celebratory noise level had increased a few decibels.

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UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Candlelight Remembrance Service



Compass Regional Hospice will host a Candlelight Remembrance Service on **Sunday, November 22**, 4 p.m., at Centreville United Methodist Church (608 Church Hill Road). The centerpiece of the service is the reading of the names of Compass Regional Hospice patients who have died in the past 13 months. Members of the community also are invited to bring the names of loved ones they would like to be remembered during the holiday season. The service is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Rhonda Knotts, 443-262-4109,

rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org.

Centreville Tree Lighting



The Centreville Tree Lighting ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, December 2**, 6:30 p.m., on Court House Square. Visit the Santa House on Commerce Street afterward.

Centreville Christmas Parade



The Christmas Parade will take place on **Friday, December 4**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is "An Old Fashioned Christmas." The rain/snow date is Friday, December 11.

Heck with the Malls Artisans' Sale



[Heck with the Malls](#) will take place on **Saturday, December 5**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) and St. Paul's Church (301 Liberty Street) in Centreville. The range of artworks includes hand-crafted jewelry, holiday ornaments, wreaths, paintings, photographs, candles and soaps, wood sculpture, artisan-created fashions, home accessories, and more. Participating Centreville merchants will be flying red balloons at their stores.

Christmas Bazaar



Our Mother of Sorrows (303 Chesterfield Avenue) in Centreville will host a Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, December 5**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Corbaley Hall.

Vintage Toys and Dolls Exhibit & Holiday Open House



The Historical Society of Queen Anne's County will host the Vintage Toys and Dolls exhibit during its Holiday Open House on **Saturday, December 5**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Tucker House (124 South Commerce Street) in Centreville.

Workshop: Winter Craft Wreath



The Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne's County Library will offer "Winter Craft Wreath" on **Wednesday, December 16**, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Make and take your own beautiful burlap wreath. Craft supplies will be supplied by the library. Advance registration is required and space is limited – call 410-758-0980 or register online at [Winter Craft Wreath](#).

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press “Event Source Links” on the [Sources](#) page on the SV Website.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ultimate Chicken Sandwich

from the Kitchen of Zina Lichaa



1 teaspoon olive oil	½ cup mayonnaise
1 ⅓ tablespoons balsamic vinegar	4 French bread rolls
1 tablespoon thyme	2 cups chicken, cooked & chopped
¼ teaspoon salt	2 teaspoon olive oil
1 cup tomatoes, roughly chopped	⅛ teaspoon salt
1 clove garlic cloves, minced	2 cups salad greens (I use spinach.)
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard	⅛ teaspoon pepper

- Mix oil, 1 tablespoon vinegar, thyme, salt, pepper, and tomatoes.
- Combine mayonnaise, mustard, and garlic in small bowl. Spread mayonnaise mixture evenly over bottom half of roll.
- Spoon chicken on the mayonnaise.
- Combine 2 teaspoons oil, 1 teaspoon vinegar, ⅛ teaspoon salt, and spinach. Put mixture on top of chicken.
- Spoon on tomato mixture. Place on top half of the roll. Slice into servings.

Yield: 8 servings

Rates for [placing ads in the Libretto](#)

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1. 1794, 2. 1792, 3. 1997, 4. Queenstown, 5. 2004

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