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March, 2016 Symphony Village's Newsletter

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



WELCOME NIGHT FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Join us to meet with your neighbors and learn more about your new community.

Enjoy light refreshments!

Monday, April 4, at 7 p.m. Clubhouse-Concert Hall Please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse or RSVP TO eileen@rowley.org or 703-946-1075

Optional: Have your photo taken for the SV Directory!

2016 SV Committees and Non-Profit Organizations

Budget & Finance Committee

Larry Cordrey (Chair) Tom Love (Vice-Chair)

Covenants Committee

Chris Pariseau (Chair) Irene Hoffman (Vice-Chair)

Landscape and Irrigation Committee

Dominick Mancinelli (Chair) Michael Norris (Vice-Chair)

Lifestyle Committee

Vinny Volpicelli (Chair) Randy Officer (Vice-Chair)

Operations & Maintenance Committee

Pat Fox (Chair)

Dominick Mancinelli (Vice-Chair)

Publications and Communications Committee

Carol Hodges (Chair)

Linda Blume (Vice-Chair)

Symphony Sneakers of Centreville, MD

Linda Farrar, President

Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc.

Bea Trotta, President, (Vice President, vacant)

HOA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 10 a.m. At the Clubhouse

CLUBHOUSE FRONT DOOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED

<u>Upon Entering</u>: Please allow the door to open on its own when you scan your card.

Never hold the door open. Using the manual buzz-in takes time and can be detrimental to the door. Please remember to have your card with you whenever you plan to enter the Clubhouse.

If you lost your card, you can purchase a new one at the desk.

Upon Leaving: Just stand in front of the door! It will open for you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE – Vinny Volpicelli, Chair, Randy Officer, Vice-Chair, & Pat Fox, Correspondent

Gratitude Dinner/St. Patrick's Day – **Saturday, March 19** – 6 - 9 p.m.

Baltimore Symphony/Chesapeake College—Saturday, March 26 - 8 p.m.

Happy Hour – **Friday, April 1** – 6 - 8 p.m.

Lifestyle Meeting – **Monday, April** 4-7 p.m.

Yard Sale – **Saturday, April 9** – 8 a.m. - noon

Glam Salon – Friday, April 15 – 7 - 9 p.m.

Happy Hour – **Saturday, April 16 - 6 - 8 p.m.**

Storytelling Festival – Friday, April 29, (evening) & Saturday, April 30 (all day)

OUR GRATITUDE DINNER IS FINALLY HERE!!!!

The special Happy Hour to honor Symphony Village Committee Volunteers and the Board of Directors will be hosted on **Saturday, March 19**. We will celebrate our neighbors so willing to put in time to make SV a great place to live and hopefully they will inspire more folks to volunteer. We'll combine this event with some St. Patrick's Day celebration and libation as well. There is a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse for both the honorees and contributors. For information on how you can contribute, contact Zina Lichaa at zinalichaa@aol.com.

GLAM SALON BEAUTY EVENT

On **Friday, April 15**, from 7 - 9 p.m., Glam Salon in Chester will again host SV residents interested in hair and beauty tips while enjoying snacks and a glass of wine! Please sign up in the Activities Book ASAP as we are limited to 20 attendees. We will plan carpooling to the salon.

GYPSY – A THEATRE EVENT



Tickets: \$15 adults/\$10 students and seniors

TPAC Box Office: 410-827-5867

Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills Chesapeake College's Peake Players presents Gypsy – The Musical. Performances are **Friday**, **April 15**, and **Saturday**, **April 16**, at 7:30 p.m.

There is a matinee on **Sunday, April 17**, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Please contact the Todd Performing Arts Center Box Office.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY STORYTELLING EVENT

The Queen Anne's County Arts Council in conjunction with Chesapeake College is hosting a Storytellers Weekend Festival on **Friday, April 29**, and **Saturday, April 30**, featuring national, regional, and local tellers. The Storytellers will take you on magical journeys with stories reminiscing about the carefree days of childhood, showcasing humorous slice-of-life moments, and looking back on significant historical events and people.

Friday evening will have short Opening Performances (aka Olio) by many of the storytellers who will be on stage Saturday. The Friday evening events are from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday is the big day with multiple performances that will take place concurrently on three stages. The entertainment starts at 10 a.m. in various segments and goes until 5:15 p.m. There is a dinnertime Outdoor Concert (5:15 - 6:45 p.m.), a round-up evening Olio (7 - 8 p.m.), and the last event of the night is Ghost Stories (8:15 - 9:30 p.m.)! The festival is at Chesapeake College, just down the road on Rt. 213.

Tickets choices are:

Friday Night Opening Olio only - \$35pp

- Saturday Day only (10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.) \$45pp
- Saturday Night (closing Olio only) \$25pp
- Ghost Stories Only \$15pp
- All-Access Weekend Pass \$60pp
- Admission is free for children 12 and under if accompanied by an adult.

You can get more detailed information about the tickets and the performers on the Festival website – www.chesapeakestorytelling.com

You may also purchase an All-Access Weekend Pass (\$60) directly from George and Mary Drake (410-758-8266).

Our County would like to make this a First Annual Storytellers Festival showcasing the Eastern Shore. Let's support this effort! For more information contact George Drake at GeorgeRDrake@yahoo.com.

NEW YORK CITY TRIPS

- June 1 *American in Paris* \$189pp. \$100 deposit due March 21.
- August 24 *Beautiful* \$170pp. \$80 deposit due by April 18.
- October 5 On Your Feet-\$190pp. \$100 deposit due by June 1.
- October 8 Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, 9-11 Memorial (not Museum), Little Italy for dinner (on your own). \$105pp. Sign up and pay by June 1.
- November 5 **911 Memorial Museum**, Dinner on your own in Little Italy. \$115 pp. Sign up and pay by June 15.
- December 2 **Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular** \$149pp. \$100 deposit by June 1. Invite family, friends, and kids to go also. Time to shop and dinner on your own.

All of these trips depart at 7 a.m. from the SV Clubhouse. A bagel and juice breakfast will be served. Bring your own hot drink. All shows are matinees and Orchestra seating. Return time is approximately 10 p.m.

EVENTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE -

• **Theatre On The Run**, Shirlington VA – *Collected Stories* - Produced & directed by Aly B. Ettman Sunday May 15, Performance 2:30 p.m. Leaves Clubhouse at 11 a.m. and returns at approximately 6 p.m. Lunch in nearby restaurants in Shirlington Village.

Mini bus transportation and tickets - \$50 (Seating approximately 24)

Contact Lee Ettman with your questions.

- Atlantic City Bus Trip Spring
- Antiques Appraisal Road Show Return, June 4
- Future Health Fair

SPECIAL HAPPY HOUR EVENT – SATURDAY, MAY 21!

Magician Dave, a talented roving magician, will be entertaining us at our Happy Hour on **Saturday, May 21!** Stay tuned for more details! The Lifestyle Committee is scheduling entertainers from time to time to spice up our Happy Hours. We had a great performance recently by Steve Guy's Barbershop Quartet and look forward to Magician Dave trying to make the presidential campaigns disappear from the airwayes!

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! Happy Hour hosts and hostesses will now be able to drink for free and don't have to bring food! What a deal! Donna will give you a wild ride home in the golf cart if you imbibe too much.



This is a very easy assignment and a great way to meet fellow residents. Please review the sheet in the Activities Book, which includes the step-by-step guide. You can select a theme if you wish which we will advertise. You will greet people as they arrive, enjoy yourself throughout the evening and help with simple cleanup at the end. 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.

THREE SUMMER PICNICS



We had a well-attended, very successful, 43-minute planning session.

<u>Memorial Day Picnic</u> – Sunday, May 29, noon to 4 p.m. There will be **NO** CHARGE if you bring your own food. Pre-paid buffet from Adams Grill will be served from 1 - 3 p.m. Menu and cost TBA. There will be plenty of games to play

including corn hole. Beer, wine, and soda will be sold at the poolside beverage

table and the inside bar will be open.

July 4th Picnic – Monday, July 4th – The parade starts at noon (Will you be a participant or spectator?) followed by a **BRING YOUR OWN FOOD** picnic. There will not be a buffet. There will be games. Beer, wine, and soda will be sold at the poolside beverage table and the inside bar will be open.



Labor Day Picnic – **Sunday, September 4** – noon to 4 p.m. There will be **NO CHARGE** if you bring your own food. A pre-paid buffet from Adams Grill will be served from 1 to 3 p.m., menu and cost TBA. There will be games. Beer, wine, and soda will be sold at the poolside beverage table and the inside bar will be open.

Additional team members are needed for set up, to bake, to run games, to tend the beverage table, and to clean up. (Regardless of which street you live on, you can help at the picnic of your choice.)

Next meeting **Wednesday**, **April 13**, 7 p.m. Be there and be involved in the fun.

Any questions, contact Skip at skornmeyer@msn.com or 443-386-6553.

Operations & Maintenance - Pat Fox, Chair, Dominick Mancinelli, Vice-Chair, Jinny Guy, Secretary

As Symphony Village approaches full build-out and Caruso Homes is completing their work, the HOA Board has decided to create two standing committees to handle the large work volume we have to keep the village functioning. The Landscape & Irrigation Committee is now separate from the Operations and Maintenance Committee and has become its own standing committee. We certainly wish them success as they begin their first solo year and with many members on both committees, there will be cooperation and synergy between the two groups.

The Board rehired arborist Bob Stanley to continue his work with our trees between April 1 and December 31. The project to replace diseased street trees has been completed. When work begins in April, the common area trees will be evaluated, treated, and replaced as needed. In addition, the Board has agreed to hire Mid-Atlantic Tree Experts to handle 2016 tree care such as pruning, chemical treatments, and plantings at the expert direction of our arborist. Work will begin this month!



The pergola repair and painting has been finished (as has the painting punch list for the Clubhouse interior) and the new front door has been installed.

An "After Action" meeting was held and a report done following the 2016 snowstorm. Here is the result for future snowfalls:

- Snow removal contractor will repair damaged sewer clean-out risers and damaged turf.
- In the future, the homes of residents with health issues and a possible need for emergency services will get snow removal service first.
- The goal will be to complete removal for the following:
 - o <u>Phase 1</u> Clear all designated roads and Clubhouse/sales office parking lots and entry sidewalks from the parking lots; and spread salt on asphalt surfaces and calcium chloride on sidewalks and
 - Phase 2 Clear all home driveways (except houses under construction) to the street, along with all gang mailbox entryways, and apply calcium chloride, as needed, to prevent refreezing.
- 3 to 6 inches of snow will be shoveled from walks and driveways.
- 7 or more inches of snow will require mechanical snow removal.
- Poly edges will be placed on all skid and front-end loaders to prevent driveway damage.
- At the first snowstorm each year, the contractor will staff his crews in four different locations in the community. These start points will be noted and will rotate for each storm.
- Before predicted snow begins, all fire hydrants and sewer clean out risers will be staked for location identification to minimize damage.

The next Operations & Maintenance Committee meeting is scheduled for **March 17** at 9:30 a.m.

STORAGE COMMITTEE

The Special Storage Committee has completed an analysis of the need for additional, easily accessible storage space at the Clubhouse. The report results will be presented to the HOA Board at their **March 31** meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Meeting minutes are currently posted on the Symphony Village Website. The full Storage Committee report will be posted on the website following the meeting.



REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON 213 AT TAYLOR MILL ROAD!

The Town of Centreville has sent a request to the State Highway Administration to reduce the speed limit on 213 at Taylor Mill Road from the current 50 mph to 35 mph. We drafted a petition for SV residents to sign. You will find it in the Wall Street Room by the Activities Book. This petition will be presented to the State when they come to the Town Council meeting on **Thursday, March 24** at 7 p.m. The meeting location is 107 N. Liberty in the Liberty Building. There is a parking lot behind the building. **PLEASE SIGN AND PLEASE ATTEND! STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!**

OUTREACH – Bea Trotta, President

On February 23, the Outreach Committee presented the Shore Health Emergency Center at Queenstown with a check from the proceeds of the Seventh Annual Card & Game Party. The Emergency Center was one of the two beneficiaries of this party; the other was Chesapeake Dogs and Cats. *Photo on next page*.



Sue Canfield, Graham Lee, Vice President for Philanthropy, Willie DiLaura, Bea Trotta (President), Jane Romney, Eleanor Strietman, Secretary, Mark Freestate (Board Member), Margo Wagner, Mary Alice Vanhoy (RN, Nurse Manager), Carlene Cooke (Chair, Card & Game Party), Teri Nudo (Treasurer), Nancie Cameron (Special Events Chair)

ANNOUNCING THE 2016 OUTREACH ARTISANS' FAIR

Plans are underway for another wonderful Artisans' Fair to be held in our Clubhouse on **Saturday**, **September 17**, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. More information will appear in future *Librettos*.

Mark those calendars to "Save the Date," and if you can participate as a vendor, we'd love to know.

Past artisans have displayed art works in many media including watercolor; oil; pen; ink; photography; pottery;



quilting; a variety of other crafts including knitted hats, sweaters, original hair ribbons and accessories; wood works (including bowls, ornaments, and pens); jewelry of many materials; holiday fare; household and outdoor specialties; and much more.



If you have a craft that you are passionate about and "inventory" to sell...we want you!

Villagers will have "early dibs" on space. Registration forms with all required information and needs may be obtained from Linda Blume (410-758-3194) or in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Mailings to past participants will begin soon.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS - Carol Hodges, Chair;

Linda Blume, Vice Chair

HOW CAN I MANAGE MY EMAIL FROM ECHOES?

You have a great amount of control over your email in ECHOES. Many neighbors say they don't want all the email generated from this site and, therefore, don't join ECHOES. Your ECHOES email notifications can be completely turned off. You can decide to just view/respond to posts whenever you want. To manage your email from ECHOES, first click on the caret to the right of your name in the Nextdoor green banner at the top of the page. You will see a menu. Select "Settings"

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from this menu. Daily Digest will give you just one email a day with the posts from that day. If you don't want any emails, that choice is available and you can then check ECHOES whenever it is convenient and reduce the clutter in your mailbox. This is only one of many FAQ tips on how to communicate electronically within

Symphony Village. To get there, go to our Website.

CALENDAR

Please remember to check the Weekly Calendar or preferably the Canonical (Master) Calendar on the Website to see what events are being held. This is especially important if you are scheduling an event. To schedule an event or change a meeting time for an event, please contact Sue Canfield. You can contact her by clicking on "Contact the Calendar Editor" at the top of the Canonical Calendar and filling out the subsequent request for information. It is important that this "Master" Calendar be up to date.

SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar, President

Linda Farrar, President Bea Trotta, Correspondent

KENNARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

There will be an all-school book giveaway on **Friday**, **April 1**, at 8:30 a.m. at Kennard Elementary School. If you have a couple of hours to spare to assist students in choosing a book, please sign up for one-hour shifts in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

CENTREVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Thursday, May 12, there will be a book giveaway at

Centreville Elementary School beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please sign up for one-hour shifts in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

"NOVEMBERFEST"

Sneakers is planning a "Novemberfest" at the Clubhouse for **Saturday**, **November 5**. Save the date and remember to look for more details in the upcoming weeks. A fun-filled evening with delicious foods, beverages, and so much more is promised.

NEXT MEETING

The next Sneakers meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 27**, at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We are always looking for new members. Come see what Sneakers is all about.





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CLUBS AND CLASSES

Bird Club - Linda Blume



It won't be long before birds will be building nests, and some of them will choose above our front door or inside the outside clothes dryer vent unless we do something to prevent

them. Residents have been very creative in putting objects above the front door. I've seen ceramic owls, foam pool flotation noodles, rubber snakes, custom-built barriers, sticky paper, nails, and more. It has to be something heavy enough to stay in place in the wind and

big enough to deter robins. Personally, I put a few old cans of green beans up there – heavy enough, easy to put up and take down, won't break if they \underline{do} come down, and an interesting "talking point" when someone notices them. You have to be persistent if robins do begin



nesting before your deterrent is in place. They will try re-building at least several times if you knock down the twigs as you see them. I'm all for taking care of wildlife, but a nest above the front door is very messy, and there are lots of more appropriate nesting sites in SV!

If the flap on your dryer vent is even slightly ajar, starlings and robins have been known to move in. And what a mess and safety hazard it is! Put a cover over the vent, but <u>do not restrict airflow</u>. I have a guard made of 1.5" chicken wire over mine.

Book Club - Jack Hennessey

The novel that we reviewed at our February 16 meeting was *Canada* by Richard Ford. The story begins with the Parsons family moving to Great Falls, Montana. The father, Bev, bounces around from job to job. Through desperation, Bev and his wife decide to rob a bank. They are caught and sent to jail. Their two children, Dell and his sister Berner, take off to avoid a foster home—Berner for California and Dell for Canada. Dell works for two seasons as a hunting guide and eventually goes to the US with the help of a friend Flo. There, we find Dell is a college professor, from which position he relates all the details of how he worked hard to achieve his success in life. Dell does maintain contact with Berner, who has essentially become a "Hippie." The story is well told. This book, selected by Ellen Nichols, received a rating of 8.1 on a scale of 1 to 10.

The book for our March 15 meeting is *The Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah. The story relates how two sisters, Isabelle and Vianne, survive the Nazi occupation of France during WWII. They receive some help from a Nazi officer, Captain Beck, himself a family man who misses his wife and child. Isabelle, the heroine of the story, is given the name Nightingale for her exploits in saving many downed allied pilots. Personally, I expect this book to receive a very high rating. (I am not always right!)

Gazebo Garden & Victory Garden Club - Jack Hennessey

Spring is on the way! Hooray! On March 1, I saw four Towhees on our tree. They are similar to robins, but have stark white and black plumage. In fact, they are also known as ground robins. I have also seen regular robins digging for worms and performing mating rituals. The goldfinches and the house finches are also sporting summer plumage (bright colors). The purple martins have started their migration from Argentina. They should arrive by the end of March. Get your houses ready! Joan and I were sitting at our kitchen table and saw a red-tailed hawk swoop down and seize a finch, which it proceeded to eat on the ground near our house. That's life!

Several primroses are blooming in our gazebo garden, and hundreds of sunflowers have sprung up near our bird feeders. Many bulbs had already sprouted, but the recent snows have caused them to wait a little longer. We

have need for seven more caretakers for the gazebo flower garden. Please call Jack at 410-758-4872 to reserve a spot.

Lunch Bunch - Marge Strano, Bea Trotta

The April Lunch Bunch is scheduled for the **Restaurante Jalapeños** on **Thursday, April 7,** at 12:30 p.m. **Restaurante Jalapeños** is located at 85 Forest Drive in Annapolis in a shopping center adjacent to the Annapolis Town Center. We look forward to a wonderful lunch and beautiful spring day and the opportunity to shop at the Annapolis Town Center and the Annapolis Westfield Mall after lunch. Remember to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.



Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you have a question or need a ride.

Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team (SV CERT) Team - Deborah Wells

No, we didn't accidentally write the word 'Team' twice in the title above. Instead, the second 'Team' indicates the bond the SV CERT has with you, our neighbors; and the bond you have with the SV CERT! Therefore, SV CERT Team!



For our SV CERT Team to be successful, it is important we realize *each of us* has a vital stake in preparedness and response. We never know when or to whom an emergency might occur. So, we as a community *will* prepare! To best prepare, your SV CERT Team is currently identifying potential partners, seeking those partners as speakers for community meetings, and identifying first responder and material resources. **Please mark your calendars: Monday, March 21**, at 3 p.m. We are excited to host Police Chief Charlie Rhodes as our monthly speaker at the SV Clubhouse and on **Monday, April 18**, at 3 p.m., we are looking forward to having Captain Jeremy Davis of the Goodwill Fire Company discuss evacuation procedures and safety information you won't want to miss. All neighbors are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please let us know if you have been trained in CPR or have other first responder skills. Do you have nursing, medical, surgical, and/or dental skills? Or, do you have fire suppression or other emergency skills (ham radio ability, etc.)? We would like to identify these resources within SV in case an emergency situation occurs.

Please let us know if you have any material resources that could be used in an emergency. Do you have a four-wheel drive vehicle, a snow blower, etc.? Do you have a ham radio? Again, we just want to identify these and any other resources you think useable in case there is a need.

Please direct all responses for the questions above to Bill Wells wpwells2011@gmail.com or Debi Wells debwells2011@gmail.com for the SV CERT Team.

The SV CERT Team is in the process of training new resident members and better informing our



neighborhood. Toward the goal to better inform, a 'Safety Info' card will be offered in future *Libretto* publications. And, if you have safety information to offer, please contact Bill or Debi Wells. All info will be shared with the SV CERT Team leads, George and Mary Drake, and our SV CERT Team.

Street Trees Now Have Room to Grow

We are about to see a remarkable upgrade to our street trees. At the recommendation of our **Consulting Arborist**, **Bob Stanley**, the mulch beds of the existing street trees will be extended to the tree drip lines, or five feet on either side of the trunk and from the sidewalk to the curb. This will liberate the trees roots, providing them space with adequate moisture in a nutrient rich environment. The depth of the beds will be increased. The mulch will be replaced with LeafGro compost that will provide nutrients to the tree roots. The increased depth of the beds will facilitate surface water run-off. The rainwater will collect in the composted beds and percolate down through the LeafGro carrying the nutrients to the roots below. The root collar of each tree will be at the proper ground grade level with no material in contact with the adjacent tree trunks. Complete



Landscaping as part of the spring project will perform the work. Work should begin in the next two weeks.

GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY **2016 CASH BASH**

Sat, April 23, 2016 • Noon to 6 p.m. • Doors open 11 a.m.

145 Cash Drawings • Free food and beverages

Only 1000 tickets sold • \$100.00 per ticket (includes one guest)

Additional guest \$30.00 each • Under 16 \$10.00 each

*** Note: You do not have to be present to win. ***

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6:00 p.m. Grand Prize - \$10,000 Cash CONTACT: WAYNE BLOODWORTH (410-490-1483) FOR TICKETS

Total of prizes to be given away: \$60,000

Dining In - Victoria Weber

The weather for the February "Dining In" was a delight compared to January's. There was no snow, no rain, and no coat if you didn't care to have one. The hospitality of Lauren and Bob Rose and that of Peggy and Hart Anderson was most entertaining.

In attendance at the Rose's house were Terri and Jim O'Connell, Donna and Fred Pinkham, Luanne and Pete Sackrider, and Victoria and Phil Weber. Lauren and Bob were the hosts for the evening. The food was outstanding.

Appetizers provided by Luanne and Pete Sackrider started the evening. Terri and Jim O'Connell provided a Caesar Salad. Then to the main entree'! The Rose's had a wonderful Baked Penne with Roasted Vegetables, so much so that I requested the recipe. The final touch was a Pineapple Trifle and coffee. The conversation and the laughter made this a most enjoyable evening. Thank you Lauren and Bob for opening your beautiful home to host "Dining In."

Hart and Peggy Anderson hosted the second dining. They had a sitting for ten. There again, the chatter and

laughter filled the evening. Tom and Sandee Love, Carol and Larry Hodges, Lynn Smith, Missy Carroll, and Debi and Bill Wells had a most enjoyable evening. The main course was Chicken Picante served with green beans and for dessert, a Lemon Meringue Pie only Carol Hodges can bake. (Oh, I am sure the guests were delighted with that.) Lynn and Debi and Bill handled the appetizers. And, did they sound delicious: Crab Balls, Roll-up Roast Beef, and a wonderful Shrimp Dip. With this outstanding food, I could have attended both homes. A special "Thank You" to the Andersons for providing a special evening for our friends. If you need additional information, please call me at 410-758-

0436. The picture was taken at the Rose's house. I guarantee you will enjoy

From left to right are: Terri & Jim O'Connell, Pete & Luanne Sackrider, Lauren Rose, Victoria & Phil Weber, Fred & Donna Pinkham, Bob Rose took the picture.

the food and the hospitality. "Dining In" for March will be **Sunday, March 20**. It will be a week early due to Easter. I invite our new neighbors to join us and meet those that attend.

Social Singles - Carol Donnelly

Social Singles met on **Tuesday, March 8**, and had a great planning meeting. Great turn out and great ideas: Our next meeting will be at the Clubhouse on **April, 12** at 10:30 a.m.

WHITE SWAN TAVERN TEA WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 228 HIGH STREET

Details and sign up sheet coming soon!

STORY TELLING AT CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE

You can get more detailed information about the tickets and the performers on the Festival website – **www.chesapeakestorytelling.com**

PICNIC TIME! WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER – CBEC

Details and sign-up sheet next meeting. We will pitch in to buy chicken and then bring side dishes.

JUNE DAY IN SAINT MICHAELS

Details coming soon.

JULY LUNCH AT THE CRAB DECK

Details coming soon!!

Tennis - Larry Miller

Spring weather means it is time to break out the racket and get ready for tennis at Symphony Village. The spring tennis meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss the 2016 schedule and associated events. Please help identify residents interested in tennis, especially those new to Symphony Village. See you on the courts soon.

Tree Service Contract Issued

Mid-Atlantic Tree Experts of Queen Anne's County has been awarded the Arboricultural Contract for 2016. Just as we have a *Landscape* contract and an *Irrigation*



THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING LOCAL.

Contract, we now have a *Treescape* contract. Under this contract, the needs of our trees as identified by our consulting arborist Bob Stanley as well as by residents will be addressed. This project will include soil assessment, tree replacements, tree pruning, insect control, disease management, consultations, and ad hoc services as required. The first project to be addressed is the pruning of the dead wood out of trees previously identified by Bob Stanley. Later in the year, an additional pruning will take place to better shape our trees. If there is another infestation of scale or borers, Mid-Atlantic will handle the soil drench as directed by Bob Stanley. The owner of Mid-Atlantic is Charles (CW) Draper who is a well experienced certified arborist. Although his company is small, Mr. Draper is very responsive and has responded quickly to the SVHOA on two occasions already—the pruning and cabling of the River Birch at the Clubhouse as well as the prompt removal of a diseased street tree on Harmony Way last fall. CW has worked well with Bob Stanley in the past and will do so for Symphony Village. Please continue to fill out the work request forms as you see tree work requirements. Bob Stanley working along with the Tree Sub-Committee will screen these requests, and work orders will be issued to Mid Atlantic for action. We managed to accomplish a number of projects in 2015; and plan to function more smoothly with a fully budgeted plan as we continue to protect and grow one of our biggest assets.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NEW VOTING SYSTEM IN MARYLAND - Peggy Anderson

The new voting system in Maryland will use paper ballots, not the Touch Screens. This is to ensure a safe way for a recount should it be necessary. No worries--it is easy to fill in the Ballot. There will be a machine for voters with special needs. We will have plenty of help for those who need it.

Early Voting for the Presidential Primary will be held **April 14 through April 21** at the Kramer Center, 104 Powell Street, Centreville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Kramer Center is located behind the Goodwill Fire Company. The Presidential Primary will be held **Tuesday**, April 26, at Queen Anne's County High School. The hours for voting are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please value the importance of your ability to vote in this Great Country. If you need transportation, please contact Peggy Anderson at 410-570-0644.

HAPPY HOUR AND THE "BAY BRIDGE CONNECTION" - Brenda Stoltz.

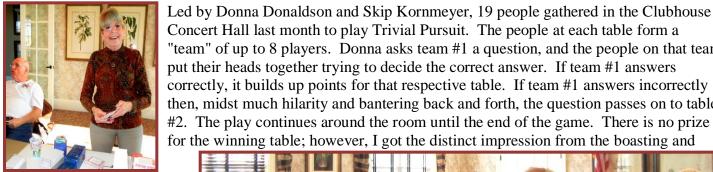


If you missed the Happy Hour on **February 20**, you missed a delightful evening of fun and song. Steve Guy and his Barbershop Quartet buddies (Danny, Ted, and Dick) sang their hearts out to a packed house. The Quartet calls itself the Bay Bridge Connection.

So that everyone had a chance to be "up front" to hear their favorite songs, the group moved throughout the Clubhouse. They sang a variety of oldies like "Over the Rainbow," "Sweet Adeline," and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." As the evening was drawing to a close, the Quartet returned to the bar area to serenade their own "sweethearts" and bid farewell.

Photo by Brenda Stoltz

TRIVIAL PURSUIT FUN AND GAMES - Brenda Stoltz.



gloating that "winning" was prize enough.

Watch the Daily Bulletin and the *Libretto* for news of the next afternoon of fun and games with Donna,

Skip, and your neighbors. No studying involved — just show up, pick a table,

Concert Hall last month to play Trivial Pursuit. The people at each table form a

put their heads together trying to decide the correct answer. If team #1 answers correctly, it builds up points for that respective table. If team #1 answers incorrectly then, midst much hilarity and bantering back and forth, the question passes on to table

for the winning table; however, I got the distinct impression from the boasting and

"team" of up to 8 players. Donna asks team #1 a question, and the people on that team

and play.

FREE STEEL DRUM CONCERT AND FORMATION OF A COMMUNITY STEEL DRUM BAND - Joe Shanahan

On Friday, April 1, Washington College in Chestertown will sponsor a Free Steel Drum Concert at noon at the Daniel Z. Gibson Centre for the Arts,



Hotchkiss Recital Hall. Steel Drum performer and builder, Kyle Dunleavy, will present a concert featuring music for steel drums. This concert will contain solo works for steel pan as well as works for a full steel ensemble. Washington College's own steel band, Steel Revolution, will join Kyle on stage. For more information, please go to Concert.

If you love the music as I do, then you will love the news that Washington College is going to form a Community Steel Drum Band this Spring/Summer, starting toward the end of May and going into August. Dates have to be firmed up and there most likely will be some sort of fee, so if you're at all interested in learning to play the steel drums, please email me at joeshana@ymail.com. I'll keep you informed as more definite dates and times come out.

THE 2016 SOFTBALL SEASON - Joe Shanahan

Spring practice will begin on **Monday, March 21**, for our new season. We are always looking for new members that want to have some fun and get exercise playing softball. We will be practicing right here in Centreville at the 4H field, where we will have our home games. Our practices will consist of throwing, batting, and fielding, so if you're at all interested in playing full time, part-time, or somewhere in between, please give manager Irv Kohne a call at 410-758-2668 or Assistant Manager Bob Ciesielski at 443-262-8305. They will be happy to answer any questions.

OYSTER AND HAM DINNER



Centreville Chapter No. 69 of the Eastern Star and Centreville Masonic Lodge No. 180 will host an Oyster and Ham Dinner on **Saturday, April 16**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge (408 Railroad Avenue, across from the QAC Sheriff's Department) in Centreville. Donation is \$23 for adults and \$12 ages 5-12. A bake table and carryout will also be available.

HOME HEATING COSTS REVISITED



Given the price reduction in propane this heating season, a resident asked Bob Offerman whether or not he had revisited his original summary of the comparative heating cost of heat pump vs. propane furnace. He had not – but has done so now! If your home has a heating system that combines an electric heat pump with propane backup, you might be very interested in reading Home Heating Costs Revisited - February 2016. You will also find other Home Care articles, tailored to SV, on the Sources web page of the SV Website (e.g., Winter Energy Saving Tips and Home Energy Check List).

6TH ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS BULL AND OYSTER ROAST



American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville will host a Toys For Tots Bull and Oyster Roast on **Sunday**, **April 24**, noon – 5 p.m. The menu is oysters on the half-shell, fried oysters, oyster stew, roast beef, soda, and draft beer. Tickets are \$35 per person and are now on sale – contact Greg Manning (410-440-2234, gregmanning70@verizon.net) to purchase. All seating is reserved. Each table seats eight – those wanting to sit together should purchase a block of tickets at one time. Tickets sell out every year, and over 60% are already subscribed. Make your plans and get your tickets soonest! In addition to the all-you-can-eat meal, there will be games, drawings, a silent auction, and karaoke.

AMERICAN LEGION JEFF DAVIS POST 18

All residents of Symphony Village are welcome to attend the weekly <u>Friday Night Dinners</u> at the Legion Hall:



Friday, March 18: Sons of the American Legion's Fried Chicken Dinner

Friday, March 25: Fried Oyster Dinner

Friday, April 1: American Legion Riders' Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner

Friday, April 8: Sons of the American Legion's Layered Lasagna Dinner

Friday, April 15: To Be Announced.

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

Recipe of the Month - From the Kitchen of Brenda Stoltz ASPARAGUS, EGG, AND BACON SALAD

Ingredients: (for one serving)

1 large hard-boiled egg, peeled and sliced

1 ²/₃ cups chopped asparagus

2 slices cooked and crumbled center cut bacon

½ teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon red wine vinegar

pinch salt and pepper to taste



Directions:

Bring a pot of water to a boil, add the asparagus, and cook 2 to 3 minutes until tender yet firm. Drain and run under cold water to stop it from cooking further. Set aside. In a small bowl mix the Dijon, oil, vinegar, and a pinch of salt and pepper. Arrange the asparagus on a plate, top with egg and bacon, and drizzle with the vinaigrette. Enjoy!

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Chesterfield Cemetery Clean-Up Day



The Town of Centreville has scheduled the <u>Chesterfield Cemetery Clean-Up Day</u> on **Saturday, March 19**, 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed to pitch in. Rain date is Sunday, March 20.

Coloring and Coffee



The Centreville Branch of the <u>QAC Library</u> hosts "Coloring and Coffee" on **Mondays**, **March 21** and **28** (10 a.m. – noon) and **Wednesdays**, **April 13, 20,** and **27** (5:30 – 7 p.m.) Relax, rejuvenate, and create! Join the new adult coloring craze. Stop by the Library for hot coffee or tea and coloring pages. No experience necessary; all supplies provided. Coloring outside the lines is encouraged! Not just for children anymore!



The Town of Centreville, the Corsica River Conservancy, and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay will sponsor Project Clean Stream on **Sunday, April 3**, 9 a.m. – noon. The areas targeted are Millstream Park (416 S. Liberty Street), Rolling Bridge Road, the Centreville Wharf (101 Water Way), and North Brook (299 Trickling Brook Way). For more information and to register, go to <u>Project Clean Stream</u> or call the Town at 410-758-1180.

Daryl Davis at Wye River Upper School



Daryl Davis is a dynamic speaker, national acclaimed race relations expert, and internationally known musician and actor. He has taken his experience in transcending racial and cultural barriers around the world and successfully applied them where it is needed now more than ever right here in the USA. Mr. Davis will be at the Wye River Upper School (316 South Commerce Street) in Centreville on **Wednesday**, **April 6**, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Register at <u>Daryl Davis at Wye River Upper School</u>.

Queen Anne's County House and Garden Pilgrimage

On **Saturday, April 30**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., eight beautiful and historic sites throughout Queen Anne's County will be open to the public. The Queen Anne's County Garden Club, in conjunction with the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage, sponsors this pilgrimage. For more information see the website www.mhgp.org or contact Priscilla Ryan pryan1005@gmail.com, 703-967-8674.

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press "Event Source Links" on the <u>Sources</u> page on the SV Website.

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