



*Reflections on a Symphony Village Pond*



*- by Gil Hoffman*

# *LIBRETTO*

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## 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 to the Neighborhood!**



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### BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 2, at 10 a.m. in the Concert Hall

### MANAGEMENT INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

The purpose of these sessions is to provide community updates in between Board Meetings.

July 28, August 11, and August 25

On a Friday at 10 a.m. in the Concert Hall.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Covenants Committee** – *Chris Pariseau, Chair; Kathy Mizer, Vice Chair; Irene Hoffman, Secretary*

Over the past four months the Covenants Committee has reviewed over 33 exterior modification requests. The majority of those projects were reviewed with the homeowners by one of the members of the Committee. Once your project is complete, you can expect a visit from the person who reviewed your initial project. We want to thank the homeowners for their patience and understanding when we review your projects.

The paint and the awning books are located at the front desk. Camilla or Cindy will be able to help you. The awning book has samples of the styles of acceptable awnings for the community. The samples are there to give the homeowners an idea of acceptable patterns. The Covenants Committee does not endorse any company. Remember to submit an exterior modification for an awning prior to ordering the pattern you like.

The paint book contains paint cards of the acceptable colors in the community for doors and shutters. Please consult the paint book to make sure the color you are asking to use is in the book. Again, the Committee does not endorse any particular paint brand or company.

A reminder to all residents that all types of trash cans/receptacles are to be stored in the garage and out of view when they are not on the street for trash pick-up day.



*Randy Officer, Chair; Susan Rayner, Vice Chair & Secretary; Mary Colling-Officer, Treasurer; Laura Bittinger, Correspondent*

It's summertime and the livin' is easy. Lots to do in our active community and on our lovely Eastern Shore. Get out there and enjoy yourselves! We'll look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

- Happy Hour, **Saturday, July 15, 6 p.m.**, Clubhouse—Surprise hosts for a special Happy Hour!
- Sunset Sail, Annapolis, **Thursday, July 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Enjoy an evening of local music with award-winning acoustic guitarist, singer/songwriter Derk Schwenk, while watching the sun set over the Chesapeake Bay. \$44/pp. **See Activities Book at Clubhouse to sign up.**
- Movie Night, **Saturday July 29, 7 p.m.**, Clubhouse, Movie - *Going in Style*, watch ECHOES and Lifestyle Page on SV Website for details.
- Happy Hour, **Friday, August 4, 6 p.m.**, Clubhouse. **Birthday Happy Hour.** Birthday Party for July-September birthdays. Zina Lichaa and Rosemary Page, hosts.
- Opus Cafe, **Thursdays through August, 9:15-10:30 a.m.**, Poolside Porch at Clubhouse. Hosts needed!
- Lifestyle Committee Meeting, **Monday, August 7, 7 p.m.**, Clubhouse.
- Jimmy Buffet Happy Hour, **Saturday, August 19, 6 p.m.**, Clubhouse.

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## **Ice Cream Social - August 20**

We received such an overwhelming response last year we decided to do it again this summer. Join us for an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social on **Sunday, August 20 from 2 - 3:30 p.m.**



You'll have your choice of five flavors of ice cream including chocolate, vanilla, and three other specialty flavors. You can also choose from numerous toppings. As you did last year, please sign up in the Activities Book, write the number of servings you are purchasing, and leave a check made payable to Symphony Village HOA. We are happy to announce the cost will be the same as last year. One serving is \$5.25. We are offering one size and one price to keep it simple. Registration and payments must be completed by August 12.

## **Volunteers...Please!**

The responsibility and time commitment of committee membership isn't for everyone. The Lifestyle Committee is seeking to develop a pool of volunteers who'd be willing to help out occasionally at events - no long-term commitment required. Examples might be serving food at a picnic, helping set up or clean up after an event, collecting tickets, preparing a dessert or salad, or assisting with popcorn sales at a movie night. We would like to have a master list of folks we can call on in the future. Many hands make light work!

Please call or email Laura to add your name to the volunteer list.  
[homewithlaura@gmail.com](mailto:homewithlaura@gmail.com) or 401-932-5770 (**401 is correct...not a typo!**)

## **Opus Cafe -It's a Hit!**



Join your neighbors on the porch by the pool Thursday mornings at a new time, **9:15 - 10:30 a.m. during July and August**, for a casual breakfast and conversation. Recent visitors have noted it's a great way to start the day, while relaxing and meeting new friends. Come hungry, or simply have a cup of coffee or tea. There is a modest fee for food,

determined by each week's menu and a bottomless cup of coffee and tea, \$1. The Cafe is co-ed, drop-in when you're able, no reservations needed. Carol Hodges and Susan Rayner have been the gracious coordinators. Menu changes weekly per hosts. Call Carol or Susan to sign up to host or check the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.



## **Live Concert - Beatles Tribute**

A great time was had by all! A sold-out crowd enjoyed a social hour and cabaret style evening with *Sir Paul McCartney*. Watch for more concerts next year.

## **Lifestyle Page on SV Website**

Don't forget to view the new Lifestyle Page on the SV Website. Thanks to our Lifestyle computer gurus and SV Webczar, you can view all events conveniently on the SV Website. Events will be added and updated regularly, so make it a habit to log in. Find the SV Website Home Page, click on *Lifestyle* in the left-side navigation bar to view the calendar of upcoming events.

An advertisement for Splendid Upscale Consignment Boutique. The text includes the store name, address (100 Helffenbein Lane, Chester, MD), location (Behind Rite Aid), hours (Tues &amp; Thurs 11-7, Weds &amp; Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4), phone number (410-643-5614), and a promotion (10% off with ad.). A photo shows a hand holding a shopping bag with the name Melanie Drake, Proprietor.

## **Happy Hours - Hurry or You'll Miss Out!**

A big **Thank You** to our recent “themed” Happy Hour hosts: Zina Lichaa, Barbara Rosdail, Mary Colling-Officer, and Rosemary Page for the June Birthday Happy Hour.

It’s wonderful to have these special Happy Hours, and we also appreciate the hosts who graciously volunteer for each and every Happy Hour. Happy Hours could not happen without YOU!

Only a few openings remain for hosts in 2017...thank you for your enthusiastic responses. Hosting is easy and lots of fun. Remember, Happy Hour hosts and hostesses drink for free and don’t have to bring food. This is a very easy assignment and a great way to meet fellow residents. Please review the sheet in the **Activities Book** that includes the step-by-step guide. You can select a theme, if you wish; we will do the advertising. You 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 Zina Lichaa to register. Lifestyle Committee members are always there and will help.

## **2017 Trips - Please see Activities Book for updated information on payment requirements.**

- 9/11 Memorial and Museum, New York, **Saturday, October 14**  
Children 2-17 - \$120 pp - \$130 pp - Seniors (65) \$125 pp  
Maximum capacity 48 – Departure from SV at 6:45 a.m.  
Trip includes museum entrance and private guided tour, bagel breakfast, bus transportation, and all taxes and tips. You will also have time to explore the museum on your own before departure. Dinner stop on your own as we travel home. **See Activities Book at Clubhouse, payment in advance by August 1**
- New York Overnight  
**Friday, October 20 - Saturday, October 21**  
\$399 pp, double occupancy  
\$350 pp, triple occupancy  
\$299 pp, quad occupancy  
Trip includes bagel breakfast with Mimosas and Bloody Mary’s as we travel to New York.  
Lodging at the Marriott Marquis  
Baggage handling (1bag pp)  
Catered deli dinner on the ride home  
Bus transportation, all taxes, and tips  
See **Activities Book** at Clubhouse, payment to “Tours and More, LLC” in advance by **Friday, September 1.**
- Theatre Trip, New York, **Wednesday, November 1**  
**Dear Evan Hansen**—This play just won a Tony award for best musical!  
Trip includes Theatre seating (description below for pricing), bagel breakfast, catered deli dinner, bus transportation, all taxes and tips. 7 a.m. departure from SV.

### **Seating**

Rear Mezzanine, 30 seats, \$200 pp

Mid Mezzanine, 20 seats, \$220 pp

**Please note, there are steps to climb.**

See **Activities Book** at Clubhouse, payment to “Tours and More, LLC” in advance by September 1.

## **Events in the Planning Stage**

- Medicare in Plain English, **Wednesday, September 13**

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- Annapolis Trolley Tour, **Saturday, September 23**
- **Antiques Roadshow, Saturday, September 30.** A chance to appraise your “treasures” before you sell them for just a buck at the fall yard sale the following week!
- **Fall Yard Sale, Wednesday, October 4**

## Outreach – by Bea Trotta, President

### Glass Painting Party



The Glass Painting Party in June was a huge success. There were 32 women who attended. We painted wine glasses, bowls, and mugs and took home one-of-a-kind works of art! So now, we can enjoy our glasses, bowls, and mugs for our own entertaining. In addition, we raised a sizable sum of money for SV Outreach. A special *Thank You* to Sue

Canfield for all of her hard work and planning to make this a successful event.

We had such a good time that we are planning to have a Holiday Glass Painting Party **on Friday, November 17 at 7 p.m.** So, if you missed the last one, be sure to join us in November. Snacks will be provided. **Remember, you can create and design your own Holiday gifts that can't be returned!!!**



### Ticket Sales Have Begun: Outreach's Fall Tea and Harvest of Fashions Show



Ticket sales began in early July for the Fall Tea and Harvest of Fashions Show to be held on **Sunday, September 24, 2 – 4:30 p.m.**, at The Milestone banquet facility in Easton (near the airport). Tickets will be sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays, alternating late afternoon times with evening times (see the schedule posted in the **Activities Book**). Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for young ladies (ages 8 – 17). Please make checks payable to SVOPI or bring exact change. People who sign up together will be

seated together.

## Publications & Communications - Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair

The Publications & Communications Committee has worked with the Webczar, John, to refresh our Home Page look and feel. The new Home Page has five key components along with the familiar navigation bar to the left (see figure below):

1. **Headline News** – items of immediate community interest. Headlines are actually on every web page.
2. **Today's Events** – an agenda view of the Master Calendar with the focus on upcoming events. The scroll bar will take you to future



(or past) events. If you want to return to today's events, just click on the **Today** button at the top. If you click on an event, you may find out a little or a lot more information. We are encouraging residents who want an event placed on the calendar to contact the Calendar Editor at the link below *Today's Events*. The more information that is provided; the more informative the calendar will be. You can also add events to your personal calendar and set reminders.

3. These events or items of interest are basically a **Community Bulletin Board**. By clicking on the image or text, you will see more information. **Note:** Lifestyle events are excluded from the Home Page, since Lifestyle has a dedicated web page which can be reached from the navigation bar or Dashboard icon. We encourage you to also visit the Lifestyle web page frequently.
4. Click on the **Dashboard** icon below *Today's Events* to bring up the **Dashboard** (icons) to easily navigate to various parts of our website. The **Dashboard** is designed especially for tablet/smart phone users. There also are Ladies' Happy Hour and Lunch Bunch icons on the Dashboard for online sign-up for these events.
5. **Ads** from our paying supporters that help to keep costs and HOA fees down are included on the Dashboard.

**Notice: The Home Page display will vary depending on the device you are using. Narrow screen smart phones will essentially display a single column width.**

## **Sneakers** – by Linda Farrar, President

### **Silent Auction**

Sneakers will be holding its 12<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction at the Clubhouse on the evening of Saturday, November 4. This year we will have exciting themed gift baskets, numerous restaurant gift certificates, and new, interesting items on which you can bid.

Our delicious gourmet hors d'oeuvres and tasty sandwiches will be available, as well as other tasty foods. Also, an assortment of homemade desserts and a variety of beverages will be available.

Sneakers is collecting new/unused items for the November Silent Auction. If you have items to donate, please contact Amy Marotta (443-262-8807) or Terri O'Connell (443-928-3368). We welcome your donations of basket items, gift certificates, sporting or cultural event tickets, professional services, talents, skills, vacation properties, fishing or sailing boat charters, and even sharing your computer expertise to assist others. We are also open to new ideas for auction. The cutoff date for your donations is September 29.

Don't forget to mark your calendar so you don't miss this fun-filled evening. Tickets will go on sale in September. Remember, tickets are limited.

### **Next Meeting**

Sneakers next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26 at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We always welcome new members.



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The names of Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members of SV Committees are listed on the Governance page of the [SV Website](#).



## TIPS FOR JULY – by *George Drake*

Is your water shutoff/meter access grown over with grass? If so, you should trim around the access so that the water supply could be located and shut off if there is a water leak between the access (town water supply) and your house. Generally, there is a water shutoff access between each two homes; look for it between the curb and the sidewalk. (NOTE: This procedure has been added to the CERT SV Homeowners Fire, General Safety, and Hints section of the SV Homepage (Index, CERT)).



Water shutoff/meter access grown over



Water shutoff/meter access cleaned up with a putty knife (or pull the grass out barehanded!).

## Centreville Planning Commission – Status Update on Planning Projects and the Walking Path - by *Pat Fox*

Recently approved retail projects are underway – Auto Zone and Dunkin Donuts. Interesting to see how they build – one contractor put in the building first with the curbing and roadway to follow and the other constructed the curbing before the building. Both projects should be completed before the end of the year and paying into the Centreville tax base and providing jobs.

At the last Planning Commission, the Edenton Assisted Living and Memory Wing project received final site-plan approval. This development will be completed in 2018. The Edenton project will be a good service to provide for not only Centreville and area residents who need extra residential care, but also for Symphony Villagers. SV residents can move right next door when the time comes.



The unfortunate thing related to this project is that the Town of Centreville will not assume responsibility for the section of the walking path that goes from the bridge to Walgreens. Edenton Village, which will be located at the end of Laser Drive and to the right of the roadway, now has permission to cut through the buffer of trees and build a path segment to connect to the asphalt path for which SV is responsible. The attorneys for Edenton and the farmer who owns the cornfield (Nicholas Woods) are working out the path-easement match-up. Although we bear all of the responsibility, SV was not consulted—we have no legal rights in this matter. I abstained from the vote due to this issue, but the final site-plan was approved, regardless.

The HOA Board recently sent the town a letter requesting a meeting to discuss the Town of Centreville taking over the path maintenance and liability from the bridge to Walgreens and including it in their open space inventory. Verbally, the town has refused; and we are awaiting that answer in writing. As the Town Council President, Tim McCluskey, said to me when I asked him about their response—“Why would we want to absorb the cost?” SV residents pay over \$2,000,000 in real estate taxes annually that are shared by the Town of Centreville and Queen Anne’s County. We do not use the school system and have few police calls. We may have more ambulance calls than the average neighborhood, but even those are minimal. More and more users will come online for this path. If the farmer sells his land, the development is zoned for residential uses. Per Mr. McCluskey, the developer would see the path as a bonus for people buying these homes; and again, we would be paying for it.

The HOA Board hired an attorney to review the terms of the easements and the SV Declaration and Charter. In the attorney’s opinion, we cannot get out of the lease without the easement property owners in agreement (Nicolas Woods, Coursevall LLC, and Centreville Business Park). Another important point is the path along Route 213 serves as a town sidewalk. We are once again paying for the maintenance and liability! Centreville benefits greatly from SV not only in real estate taxes; but in retail and commercial sales, job creation and retention, and our volunteer committees, such as Sneakers and Outreach, who raise funds for the town schools and other non-profits respectively. We also have residents who volunteer their time for various municipal functions. We are about 1/6 of the town’s population.

Although we will be posting signs along the path stating how and when it can be used with language suggested by our attorney in addition to installing bollards to inhibit cars, Mr. Woods has access rights to the path. He drives on it with his tractor and automobile to see his crops! Be careful.

## CLUBS AND CLASSES

### **Bocce Banter** – by Don Rizzo

With seventeen registrations recorded to participate, we realized even the earlier festivities of the day would not detract from what has become a Holiday tradition in Symphony Village – the Bocce Tournament! Many

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of our participants had already marched in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and enjoyed their traditional picnic fare before we kicked off the tournament under the day's patriotic, blue skies. We even had four of our past Chestertown champions, the *Good Time Rollers*, playing; but we made sure they were not playing together to even out the competition somewhat.

The single elimination format provided the enthusiastic crowd of spectators with six hard fought matches and a thrilling final game in which the team of Allan Levin and Joe Brown edged out the team of Jack Walsh, Ellen Leavy and Valyra Bacigalupe to claim the championship.

Congratulations to all players, truly winners one and all, for there are no losers in bocce.

Don't forget we have open bocce each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. where all are welcome to join us for some fun and socializing. If you're new to bocce, it's a good opportunity to learn a new sport. If you have played before, come and sharpen your skills and have some fun. If that time is not convenient for your schedule, call Don Rizzo at 443-262-8192 and we can arrange something more suitable.

***But most of all, let the good times roll!!***

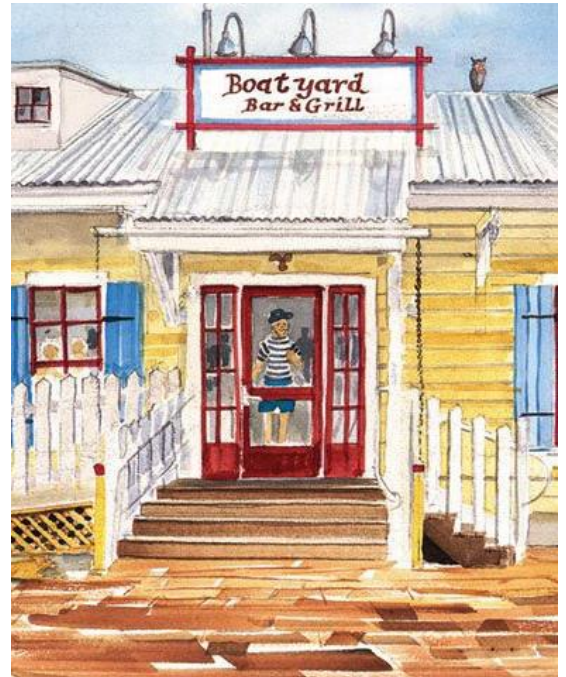
## **Lunch Bunch** - by *Bea Trotta & Marge Strano*

The August Lunch Bunch is scheduled for the [Boatyard Bar & Grill](#) located at the corner of Severn Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street on Restaurant Row in the historic maritime district of Eastport in Annapolis on **Thursday, August 3, at 12:30 p.m.** The Boatyard was founded in 2001 by Owner Dick Franyo and is just a short walk or water taxi ride from the Annapolis City Docks. The interior is like that of an old yacht, with shiny white walls, mahogany, sea foam green ceilings, and large wooden beams. The menu is quite extensive with an excellent variety of entrees, sandwiches, and appetizers. Take a few minutes to browse through the [Boatyard Menu!](#)

The Boatyard, its owner, and staff are committed to a healthier Bay and have a membership in the One Percent For The Planet, a group of businesses that donate greater than one percent of their annual sales to the natural environment.

***Sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#) or click on the icon to the right. The link will take you to the Dashboard on the Symphony Village Website. Scroll down to the Lunch Bunch Icon located toward the bottom of the page. As usual you can also sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you sign up online, please do not add your name in the Activities Book. Only sign up in one place.***

Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you have a question or need a ride. Directions—click on map below or on [Boatyard](#):



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## The Overview Effect - *From the Armchair Astronomer, Larry Rayner*

In life, and especially while recovering from my stroke, I've found that quotations contain much wisdom, knowledge, and mental stimulation. Preparing for our first Astronomy Club meeting brought me back to some of my favorites that have inspired me and kept my spirits high, but also refocused me on the **Overview Effect**. Quotations motivated by the **Overview Effect** offer a prime example of the insight and wisdom we can cull from the words of those who have experienced the Effect.

The **Overview Effect** is a cognitive shift in awareness reported by many astronauts and cosmonauts during space flight—often while viewing the Earth from orbit or from the moon's surface, or returning from the moon. Viewing the Earth while it hangs alone in the black void of space, they become totally overwhelmed and awed by its fragility and unity of life on our blue globe. They come away with an uncanny sense of the big picture and of feeling connected, yet bigger than the intricate processes bubbling up on Earth. One Apollo astronaut offered, "When we originally went to the moon our total focus was on the moon. We weren't thinking about looking back on Earth, but now that we've done it, that may well have been the most important reason we went."

Some of my favorites, those I keep in my heart, follow.

**Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut:** "You develop an instant global consciousness, a people orientation, an intense dissatisfaction with the state of the world, and a compulsion to do something about it. From out there on the moon, international politics look so petty. You want to grab a politician by the scruff of the neck and drag him a quarter of a million miles out and say, 'Look at that, you son of a bitch.'"

**Edward Gibson, astronaut & Skylab 4 pilot:** "You see how diminutive your life and concerns are compared to other things in the universe ... The result is that you enjoy the life that is before you ... It allows you to have inner peace."

**Roger B. Chaffee, Apollo astronaut:** "The world itself looks cleaner and so much more beautiful. Maybe we can make it that way – the way God intended it to be – by giving everyone, eventually, that new perspective from out in space."

**Alan Shepard, Apollo 14 astronaut:** "When I first looked back at the Earth, standing on the Moon, I cried."





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## Book Club – by Jack Hennessey

The book we reviewed at our June 20 meeting was *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J.D. Vance, a 32-year-old ex-marine. The novel is in the form of a memoir documenting his impoverished childhood in the Appalachian Region of the USA. The area is struggling thru an economic and social crisis, brought on by a rapid deindustrialization in the area. His tour in the Marines serving in Iraq is the key to his success in overcoming his poor background. He actually graduates from Yale Law School and opens a law practice. J.D. has a wonderful relationship with his grandparents. His mother is a different story. She is a confirmed alcoholic who has had several husbands and numerous boyfriends. In spite of this, he sticks by his mom thru thick and thin. On a scale of 1 to 10, the book received a rating of 6.9.

The book for our July 18 meeting is *Angel's Truck Stop* by Lt. Col. Angel Pilato. This memoir was recommended by Ellen Nichols who hosted the author when she made a presentation in the SV Clubhouse. Ellen also read the initial draft of the book. The majority of the book focuses on the years 1971 and 1972 when Angel was stationed at the Udorn Air Base in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Many of the fighter pilots were part of the 432<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Wing of the US Air Force. Angel tells the experience of many fliers who flew dangerous missions over North Vietnam, some of whom never returned to their base. We learn how Angel enlisted in the Air Force at age 25 and rose to become the head of the Officer's Club, which became known as Angel's Truck Stop. The memoir is exciting and well written. I recommend that all readers make a copy of the Map of Thailand Air Bases and of the Military Chain of Command for easy reference while reading the 300 plus pages of text.

## Bunco at Symphony Village - by Debi Wells



Do you know what's better than getting a Bunco? Nothing! Unless it's rolling five Buncos all during the same evening. Only Kathleen Sullivan knows how that feels! Kathleen continued her Bunco winning streak during the month of June by earning the award for *Most Buncos*.

One of our fun subs during June, Mike Ordun, rolled the dice like a champion. His nickname is now 'Magic Mike.' The fun never ends at Symphony Village!

Want to play Bunco or just try it? Symphony Village has a team that plays monthly on the first Monday afternoon (2 p.m. – 4 p.m.), another team that plays monthly the first Wednesday afternoon (3 p.m. – to 5 p.m.), and two teams monthly on the first Thursday evening (7 p.m. – 9 p.m.) of each month. If you want to play, please email Debi Wells ([debwells2011@gmail.com](mailto:debwells2011@gmail.com)) to let us know the best date and time for you.



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## Gazebo Report – by Jack Hennessey

Well, I guess I have to admit that the grounds crew did a nice job of sodding the gazebo flowerbeds. One major problem is that the killdeer, which have been nesting there for the last ten years, have abandoned us. I will miss seeing the baby birds with their long legs leaving their nest when only one day old, but fully feathered. We will continue to keep the robins from nesting in the rafters. The purple martin house, which has always been considered a part of the gazebo, has had three nesting pairs this season. We will continue to store the martin house in the gazebo for the winter to serve as our Christmas tree, along with superior decorations this year. As an added feature, we have started a Poetry Club, and will have readings by residents in the gazebo from time to time. We have been assured that the benches that have always been a part of the gazebo will be returned to their proper places. Residents who want to join the Poetry Club (or just sit in) should call Jack Hennessey on 410-490-3482.

*P.S.-Jack will be reciting **The Raven** to kick off the football season.*

## Social Singles - by Carol Donnelly

**Breakfast at IHOP – Wednesday, July 26.** Meet at the Clubhouse at 10:30 a.m. to carpool. Sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

**Tour of the James E. Kirwan House – Saturday, August 5.** Kent Island Heritage Society/Stevensville. Tours are from noon to 4 p.m. Event is in the planning stages. Sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

**Chincoteague Trip – September 5, 6, and 7.** Three of us are planning to go. If you are interested, call the Comfort Suite at 4195 Main Street. Telephone: 757-336-3700. Check-in on Tuesday, September 5 at 4 p.m. and check-out September 8 at 11 a.m.

**Pennsylvania Opry Presents Trip, Thursday, September 14 – Tribute to Karen Carpenter & Remembering Merle Haggard** - \$95 pp. Departing from Walmart, Route 13 at 7:45 a.m. or from Cambridge Walmart and Route 50 at 8:30 a.m. Stop at Keystone Family Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Show starts at 2 p.m. Dinner/rest stop on the way home. Arrive in Easton at 8 p.m. or in Cambridge at 8:45 p.m.

**Chesapeake Storytelling Festival – Saturday, September 16.** All day event from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets online at [Chesapeakestorytelling](#).

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## SYMPHONY VILLAGE COMMUNITY SHREDDING DAY - by *Camilla Gaines*

*Thank You Mary Ciesielski* for sponsoring our first Community Shredding Day. Thank you to all the residents who participated and made a contribution to the Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc.



**Left:** Eleanor Strietman, Mary Ciesielski, Charlene Smallwood Brown **Center:** Loretta Quigley, Pat Toole, Bea Trotta, and Kathy McManus representing Outreach **Right:** Delmarva Shredding Employees



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*Joan Hennessey*

### Queen Anne's Chorale

Dear Editors,

I am writing to thank you for your support of this past season by helping to publicize our rehearsals and, most importantly, our two annual public concerts. This past season was our most successful ever! Your role in our success was invaluable and much appreciated.

I am also writing to introduce the two women who have assumed the publicity responsibilities for the Chorale. They are Board Member and Publicity Chairperson, Jess Kuperavage and Chorale member, Jan Withers. They will be submitting articles, photos, and press releases to you for publication during the upcoming Chorale season.

Thank you, once more. Eleanor Strietman, Secretary—Queen Anne's Chorale





# Get to Know Your Neighbor - by Laura Rocco

Interviews With Individuals Who Live In Symphony Village



*Featured Neighbor*

If one word describes Bob Nilsson, it's ***PASSIONATE***; and it's a word he uses freely in conversation.

A Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam during that war, he felt a calling to visit wounded Iraqi War service members at Bethesda Naval Hospital more than 15 years ago. What began as monthly support visits quickly expanded into what has become a formal non-profit organization, the [100 Entrepreneurs Foundation](#).

“We realized these kids were going through a very long rehab, very complicated full-time process. We needed to find a way to occupy their minds.” Bob said, “plant the seeds of an idea they are passionate about, that gets them

away from being a couch potato, watching TV, and drinking beer all afternoon.”

Bob does not reinvent wheels. He recognized early on that by interconnecting the best (i.e., most passionate) wheels a whole new machine is created, stronger than any individual could be. Industry leaders, entrepreneurs, academics, and other non-profits join forces to work with the wounded service members, veterans, families, care providers, and even service animals. And, everyone's passion grows as successes inspire others.

When asked where the foundation's offices are located, Bob pulls his smartphone out of a pocket and grins. No need for bricks and mortar for this former construction company executive and his team.

Likewise, technology is pivotal to how 100 Entrepreneurs Foundation operates. It seems that survivors of traumatic brain injury may have trouble speaking, but they can text to communicate. As people leave the medical centers and return to their homes, web-based courses keep the education and motivation going.

If you attended the Symphony Village Memorial Day picnic, you may have met two of the local individuals

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who have benefitted from the 100 Entrepreneurs Foundation. Close to 200 veterans have started businesses ranging from construction to bakeries, to urban farming, to making prostheses, and more.

When asked about any frustrations or discouraging moments along the way, Bob shrugs and mentions occasional official bureaucracy. Then he tells of another success and glows with passion.

## Full Circle - by Luann Sackrider

For some, retirement can wait. Others of you in Symphony Village are making the most of retirement every day! Think back on your early recollections. Did you know what you wanted to be when you "grew up?"

I believe that many of us are/were "called" to a particular profession. Pete Sackrider knew at an early age that he wanted to "serve & protect." I met Pete in college and all he could talk about was being a police officer. He was discouraged by others from pursuing that line of work, but the desire to police never left him. I realized that I needed to trust God with his life and encourage him to fulfill his calling. Three years after college, his wish came true and he entered the Maryland State Police Academy in January of 1983, and he was first stationed at the Centreville State Police Barracks!



I have always loved coming to the Eastern Shore where time seemed to slow down. I often asked Pete if we could move to Centreville, but he didn't think I would like it there. Later he transferred to the Glen Burnie Barracks where, eventually, Corporal Ted Wolf, a mentor, encouraged him to apply for federal law enforcement type work.

In September of 1987, Pete began a career as a Federal Agent with the Department of Defense (DoD). Pete had many exciting jobs over his thirty years with the DoD, but it didn't take long for me to see he longed for police work. He recently showed me a poster he made, which hung once on his office wall, with the caption, "A REASON TO WORK EACH DAY, **PROTECTING THE WORLD FOR THE GRANDCHILDREN!**" But as retirement eligibility with the DoD approached, he began to inquire about going back to police work. The Maryland State Police Department has a mandatory retirement at age sixty, so that was out.

As God would have it, Pete "ran into" Sheriff Gary Hofmann at a Young Life Banquet and had a chance to ask him about age requirements in his department. He learned that there were none, and the sheriff invited Pete to speak with him further about working for him. Pete learned that those directly out of law enforcement for more than ten years are required to go



back to the grueling six-month police academy. So, nearly thirty-four years to the day, the “old guy” entered his second police academy. And, as they say, the rest is history. Pete was deputized on June 15 and is excited to serve our county.

Thank you for keeping Pete in your prayers, those that encouraged us, or had me over for a meal in his absence! So, the circle is complete. Pete made the move to Centreville thirty-one years later, and I love the slower pace of life here. One day, Pete will retire and end his career exactly where it once began, serving and protecting in Centreville and the county.

### Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

- **Tuesday, July 18, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.:** [Crafternoon](#)
- **Wednesday, July 19, 6 – 7:30 p.m.:** [Make It! A DIY Program](#) – Woodframe Chalk Board (pre-registration required)
- **Saturday, July 22, 3 – 4 p.m.:** [Crime & a Cuppa](#) (pre-registration is required)
- **Wednesday, July 26, 5:30 – 8 p.m.:** [The Not-Quite Midnight Movie](#) – The Fate of the Furious
- **Saturday, July 29, 1 – 3 p.m.:** [Author Event](#) – Rebekah Colburn (pre-registration is required)
- **Friday, August 11, 2:30 – 4:40 p.m.:** [Matinee Movie](#) – Movie to be announced

## UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

### Centreville’s National Night Out



Centreville’s National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 1, 6 – 8 p.m.** This fun-filled free family event is hosted by the Centreville Police Department and features games, prizes, balloons, hot dogs, and popcorn. The event is part of National Night Out Against Crime. For more information, contact CPL Kim Conley, 410-758-8437.

### Family Movie Night: “Sing”



QAC Parks and Rec will host [Family Movie Night](#) on **Saturday, August 5**, starting at dusk, at the 4-H Park in Centreville. The movie will be “Sing.” Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs. Movies are shown on a “big screen” and are free to the public.

### Queen Anne’s County Fair



The [QAC Fair](#) will be held **August 7 – 12** at the 4-H Park in Centreville. This is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair which showcases local agriculture, 4-H and community exhibits, livestock, special shows, and there is great food at the Fair. Hours are Monday, 6 – 10 p.m., and Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Entry fee is \$2 Monday – Friday and \$3 on Saturday. **Senior Citizen Day is Thursday, August 10, and seniors are admitted for free all day.** Go to the [Queen Anne’s County Fair](#) website for a day-by-day schedule of events.

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

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