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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES CANDIDATES FOR THE SYMPHONY VILLAGE HOA BOARD**

Congratulations to the five members of our community who have agreed to run for the three open positions on our SYMPHONY VILLAGE HOA Board of Directors. These residents are:

***Joe Brown***  
***Tom Burton***  
***Tom Cullen***  
***Arlyn Marshall***  
***Bob Nilsson***

A resume on each of these candidates will be posted in the November issue of the *Libretto*. Hard copies will also be available in the Clubhouse by **Wednesday, October 25**. In addition, we will be hosting **Meet-The-Candidates** meetings on **Wednesday, November 15, at 10 a.m. and again at 6 p.m.** Please attend one of these sessions and support our SV community.

## BOARD MEETING

Friday, October 20, at 10 a.m. in the Concert Hall  
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## COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

Summer has left us with wonderful memories of the Memorial Day Picnic, the celebration of the Fourth of July and beautiful days at the pool, the very successful Opus Café on the veranda, wonderful Happy Hours, the Hawaiian Luau, and the Labor Day celebration. The Symphony Village Lifestyle Committee has planned great activities at the Clubhouse for the autumn season. We are pleased to announce our upcoming activities:

♪♪ **Opus Café**—We are happy to announce that the very successful Opus Café will continue on Thursday mornings until the end of October. The Café will be open, from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Whether you come to join us for the donuts and bagels with all of the trimmings or come to enjoy something to drink, the Café offers a great opportunity to sit and just chat with your neighbors and enjoy the beautiful autumn mornings. A donation is appreciated. **If you would care to continue Opus Café next year, please contact Carol Hodges or Susan Rayner.**

♪♪ **Lifestyle Webpage**—Do not forget to go to the SV Website, where you can view all upcoming Lifestyle events. Go to the [Symphony Website](#) and click on **Lifestyle** to view the Calendar of Events. Lifestyle events are also included on the Home Page.

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♪♪ **Holiday Events**—New York City, **Friday, December 8.** See the famous *Rockettes* at the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular Show. Before the show starts, you have time to take a stroll on the streets of New York, have lunch on the famous Restaurant Row, or enjoy a corn beef or pastrami sandwich. No one delivers the sandwich like the delis of NY. **The New York City Trip is not sponsored by Lifestyle.** You can also visit the National Christmas Tree and Pathway of Peace.

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♪♪ **Wellness Seminar**—**Wednesday, October 18, 12- 2 p.m.**  
Topics will include tips and general information about osteoporosis, a discussion about PPI's also known as Physician Preference Items, and a discussion about GER, also known as gastric distress or acid reflux. A light lunch will be provided to the first 56 to sign up. Please sign up in the Activities Book. Speakers are Anthony Loiacono and Trish Draper.

♪♪ **Happy Hour**—**Wednesday, October 18, 6 p.m.**

♪♪ **Hello from Heaven**—**October 21, 2 - 4 p.m.**  
Debi Wells and Zina Lichaa will be hosting this very thought-provoking presentation about near-death and out-of-body experiences and after-death communications. Donation: \$10

♪♪ **Happy Hour**—**Saturday, October 21, 6 p.m.**  
Zina Lichaa and Allen and Lee Ettman will be the hosts for the October, November, and December birthday celebration. We will have a special guest entertaining us, Frank Sinatra—**an impersonator of course.** The celebration will be held on the Saturday, October 21, Happy Hour. Please join us in this celebration of October, November, and December birthdays. Whether it is a BIG or an ordinary birthday, let's have fun and celebrate.



♪♪ **Movie Night**—**Saturday, October 28, 7 p.m.**  
*The Book of Henry* will be the movie of the night. Please make sure you have tissues, the book is a tearjerker.



♪♪ **NFL Football**—**Sunday, October 29, 4 p.m.**  
Watch the Washington Redskins against the Dallas Cowboys. Come have a drink, some munchies, and a good time.

♪♪ **Happy Hour** – **Wednesday, November 1, 8 p.m.**

♪♪ **Happy Hour** – **Friday, November 10, 6 p.m.**  
We are asking all veterans to wear their service hat worn while serving proudly for our country or anything with a logo of the branch of service in which he/she served.

♪♪ **Church Hill Theatre**—**Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m.**

♪♪ **Movie Night** – **TBA**—**Saturday, November 25, 7 p.m.**

### Future Events

Exciting plans for December will be published in the next *Libretto*. Mark your calendar for future Events:

☺ **Wassailing Party**—**Saturday, December 9**

- ☺ **Holiday Brunch—Sunday, December 10**
- ☺ **Holiday Happy Hour—Saturday, December 16**
- ☺ **Holiday House Tour—Sunday, December 17**
- ☺ **New Year's Eve Party—Sunday, December 31**

**SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28** – by Terri O'Connell

Our annual Night of Soup and Lights Potluck Supper will be held at the Clubhouse on **Tuesday, November 28**. This annual Holiday tradition is a wonderful way to see many of your neighbors and friends. The outside Holiday lights will be turned on at that time. A RED sign-up binder will be placed in the Wall Street Room on November 6. The Potluck starts off with appetizers that are provided by our SV neighbors. There will be 24 soups to satisfy your palates plus salads and rolls. To end the meal, there will be many desserts to sample. Since the residents attending the event provide all of the food, please do not forget to sign up to bring a large-size crockpot of soup, an appetizer, or a dessert to be shared.

**THANK YOU!**

*Dear Residence of Symphony Village,*

*Thank you for the party on Memorial Day. I thought my wife, Patty and my working dog Wilson, were coming for food and hanging out with the Nilsson's. It turned out it was a celebration for me. I really didn't know that was going to happen. You all were so very nice and all of you had a story about the military. I enjoyed the food and Wilson even enjoyed the food. Wilson became a celebrity. So many people love Wilson. But he still wants to know if there is food involved.*

*Thank you for the money. That is lot of money so I really haven't thought about what I should get. I hope everyone is doing good,*

*Pat Horan*

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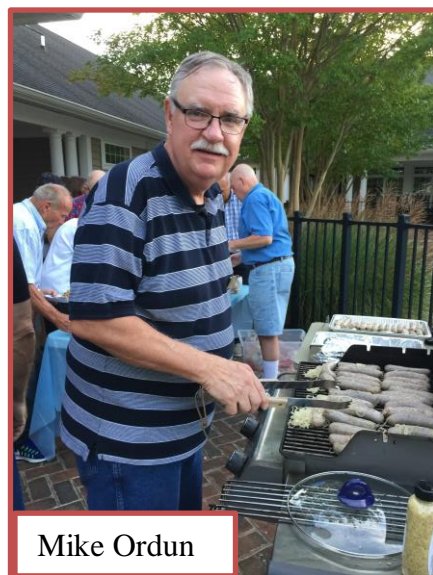
**Welcome to Oktoberfest, 2017**



We enjoyed our last hurray out on the Terrace Friday night, October 6, at the first annual Oktoberfest. The Lifestyle Committee bid farewell to the outdoor events by serving up Warsteiner mini kegs of beer, Wisconsin style Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, and Red Cabbage. Our best cooks contributed fantastic Sauerkraut, Liverwurst, and a glorious buffet of both German and American foods. Oom Pah Pah music in the background made the evening quite a festive occasion. If only we could get rid of those pesky fruit flies. Everyone had a great time!



**Brad Kram**



**Mike Ordun**

## Outreach – by Bea Trotta, President

Outreach thanks the more than 120 Symphony Village residents and their friends and relatives who attended The Outreach Fall Tea and Harvest of Fashions Show. A special Thank You is extended to all those who worked to make the Tea a most elegant and enjoyable event. The Tea was held at The Milestone located in Easton, Maryland, on Sunday, September 24. Chico's provided the fashions worn by our own SV residents—Terri O'Connell, Judy Webster, Dot Abbott, Gail Brown, and Anita Dell pictured in the photo below. The models looked terrific in their clothes and strolled throughout the room showing off their outfits.

The children who attended the Tea also participated by pulling the winning tickets for the raffle items and door prizes as well as choosing the most attractive fascinator. Candi Nilsson won that prize; she wore a pink and purple fascinator made by our very own SV resident, Harriett Goodmuth.

Rochelle Ray won the lovely bird carving created and donated by Al Wayson, Marilyn Williams won a designer cake plate donated by Pat Fox, and Cathy Olson won a lovely plate painted by the late Teri Nudo and donated by Teri's family in her memory. Cathy also won a lovely rose wallet donated by Linda Gardner. Brenda Humphrey won the 50/50.

The Tea and Fashion Show was an elegant event filled with fashions, fun, and fascinators. The menu included PG Tips tea along with a variety of traditional afternoon high-tea delights.

Proceeds from the Tea will be used by Outreach to provide financial support to QAC Social Services and other non-profit, charitable organizations within Queen Anne's County.



Terri O'Connell, Judy Webster Dot Abbott, Gail Brown, & Anita Dell

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**Outreach Enters a Team into the Second Annual Spelling Bee—Thursday, October 19, Wye River Upper School**



The Friends of the Queen Anne’s County Library will host a [Spelling Bee](#) on **Thursday, October 19**, at the Wye River Upper School

(316 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with the Bee beginning at 7 p.m. Up to fifteen teams will compete. Outreach has once again made a contribution to enter a team, *The Spelling Bees*, into the contest. **Admission to The Spelling Bee is free.** *The Spelling Bees*, SV residents Willie DiLaura, Eleanor Strietman, and Marge Strano, need a cheering section—all residents of SV are invited to attend. In addition to raffle items, there will be drinks and snacks on sale!

**Holiday Glass Painting Party, Friday, November 17, 7 – 9 p.m. in the Concert Hall Save the date!!**



Symphony Village Outreach is sponsoring an evening of Holiday Glass Painting! Heather Nate from Chestertown will be helping us decorate wine glasses, mugs, bowls, and all things glass. Join us for a fun evening of painting, sipping a glass of wine, enjoying good company, and eating munchies!

You can paint on one piece of glass for \$20, or two pieces of glass for \$25. You will have the opportunity to make holiday gifts they can’t return!!! Sign up soon in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse!

**Ninth Annual Food Drive Slated for November**



Start watching those grocery sales as Symphony Village Outreach prepares for the **Ninth Annual Food Drive for Social Services** slated for **November 15 - 19**. We hope to beat last year’s total of 2,380 items and deliver the goods in time for distribution for Thanksgiving. *We will be looking for boxed goods such as cereals, pastas and grains; and canned goods such as soups, vegetables, fruits, tuna, meats, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, etc. No outdated pantry items, please!*

Neighbors who are generously offering their time and homes as collection sites are the following:

Sue & Dave Peterson	635 Harmony	Lloyd & Betty McAtee	321 Overture
Carl & Chris Collins	301 Orchestra	Carol & Mel Porosoff	133 Orchestra
Larry & Carol Hodges	141 Encore	Kathy & Tom McManus	137 Symphony
Willie & John DiLaura	843 Harmony	Carlene & Jim Cooke	225 Opera
Mary & Bob Ciesielski	227 Concerto	Linda & Bob Farrar	118 Sonata
Scott & Rosemary Page	227 Harmony	Candi & Bob Nilsson	414 Harmony

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO LIVE ON THE STREET WITH THE HOUSE YOU SELECT!**

Anyone purchasing items in advance (catching a great sale!) may store them at Bea Trotta’s house, 131 Opera Court.

If you have any questions, please call Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775 or email her at [lorettaquigley@yahoo.com](mailto:lorettaquigley@yahoo.com).

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### **New Residents**

The rapid increase in the sale of houses is making it difficult for Eileen Rowley and Sue Canfield to keep up with welcoming new residents. To help Eileen and Sue, would you please notify them when you observe a new resident moving in to the neighborhood? We want to make everyone feel at home.

### **Lifestyle on Home Page**

The Home Page of the Website has had another change. All of the Lifestyle events are now included on the Home Page as well as on the Lifestyle Page. By including the information on both pages, we hope to keep everyone well informed of all SV activities. Thanks to John Schultz for his continual upgrading of the Website.

### **eBlasts**

If you are **not** receiving special announcements from Camilla Gaines, please go to the Directory Page of the Website and fill out the [eBlast/Distribution List Subscription Form](#).

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

### **Silent Auction**

Did you buy your tickets for the Sneakers 12<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction scheduled for the Clubhouse on the evening of Saturday, November 4? If not, it's not too late. Just sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse and place your check made payable to *Sneakers* in the check box. Remember to place one name per line.

You will enjoy the Silent Auction with its lovely, themed gift baskets, numerous restaurant gift certificates, and other new and interesting items. Please don't forget to sign up; don't miss this fun-filled evening. The menu listed below includes savory and delicious foods.

Bacon Wrapped Dates  
Deviled Eggs  
Hot Crab Dip  
Meatballs  
Roast Beef Sandwiches  
Chicken Salad Croissants  
Salmon and Cream Cheese on Rye Crostini  
Tomato Mozzarella Caprese Skewers  
Sparkling Cranberry Havarti Cheese Bites  
Itty-Bitty Taco Cups  
Beer, Cheese Spread with Pretzels  
An Assortment of Pineapple, Grape, Cheese, and Summer Salami

*An assortment of homemade desserts and a variety of beverages including complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks will be available.*

### **Kennard Elementary School**

A Sneaker's book giveaway was held on October 12 and 13 at Kennard Elementary School—our first book giveaway of the school year. The students enjoyed eating a pastry and beverage with their parent or guardian and the opportunity to get a book of their choosing to take home. We always enjoy seeing so many smiling faces on the students as they start the school day with this event.

As future book giveaway dates become available, we will be posting sign-up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you have an hour or so to spare on one of the days, please sign up to help with this worthwhile event.



## Next Meeting

Sneakers next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 18, at 3 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. New members are always welcome.

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

## CLUBS AND CLASSES

### **Bocce Banter** – by *Don Rizzo*

#### **Fall Playoffs**

The summer weather on **Saturday, October 7**, seemed out of place for the Fall Playoffs; but there we were, all jammed into the Symphony Village Pavilion, cheering loudly for our personal favorites to win the coveted McNeil Cup. The breathtaking action made the day's events well worth the price of admission, and the unexpected Rt. 213 traffic jam getting into the overcrowded parking facility seemed insignificant relative to the excitement in store for us.

As the four qualifying teams paraded onto the courts, one could sense their tenseness as they sized up their competition. Team 2 wore newly fashioned, personalized jerseys in a feigned attempt to psych out the other teams.



Team #2 Jack Walsh and Karen Kram pose with team #6 Ron and Gail Brown before their semi-final match which the #6's won to qualify for the championship contest.



League Commissioner Don Rizzo presents the McNeil Cup, symbolic of bocce excellence in Symphony Village, to Team #1 captain, Fred Kurst of the championship team. Other players looking on are (left to right) Jack Walsh, Karen Kram (partially hidden) Amy Landen, Gail Brown, Ron Brown, and Anita Dell.

the coveted McNeil Cup—his to hold until the bocce season in Symphony Village starts again next spring. Watch for the spring-season announcement and become a part of the action—all are welcome.

#### **Ye Old Bocce League in Chestertown**

Our entry into the very competitive Ye Old Bocce League gives The Symphony Village Good Time Rollers an excellent chance of making the playoffs once again as we go into the home stretch of the fall season. Former league champs, consisting of George Drake, Karen Kram, Allan Levin, Joseph Lichaa, Don Rizzo, Laura Rocco, Linda Schmidt, and Jack Walsh, are well respected in the league and known to be a team with

In the semi-final action, Team 6, Ron and Gail Brown, bested Team 2, Jack Walsh and Karen Kram, while Team 1, Fred Kurst and Don Rizzo (substituting for Charlotte Kurst), upset Team 3, Fred McNeil, Jack Leister, and Amy and Jay Landen. While Team 1 and Team 6 prepared for the all-important Championship event, the crowd anxiously made their side bets and enjoyed the snacks and beverages contributed by the participants. Who needs the NFL??? This is good, ole American, homegrown entertainment at its very best!

Rather than letting you search the ESPN channels for replays of the Championship match, know that it was as exciting as predicted and the Kurst Team came out the winner in a squeaker. Congratulations were extended to all, for there are no losers in bocce. Fred Kurst sported an ear-to-ear grin as he strolled home with

which to be reckoned. Give them your support and an *Atta go!* as you see them on campus. *But most of all, let the good times roll!!*

## Lunch Bunch - by Bea Trotta & Marge Strano

The November Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Scossa Restaurant and Lounge at 8 N Washington Street in Easton on **Thursday, November 2, at 12:30 p.m.** Let's enjoy a beautiful fall day strolling in the streets of downtown Easton after lunch. Remember to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse and enjoy great food, good company, and the opportunity to do some holiday shopping.



Sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). You can also go to the Symphony Village [Website](#), and click on **Dashboard**. Scroll down to the Lunch Bunch Icon near 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 also 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, need directions, or need a ride.

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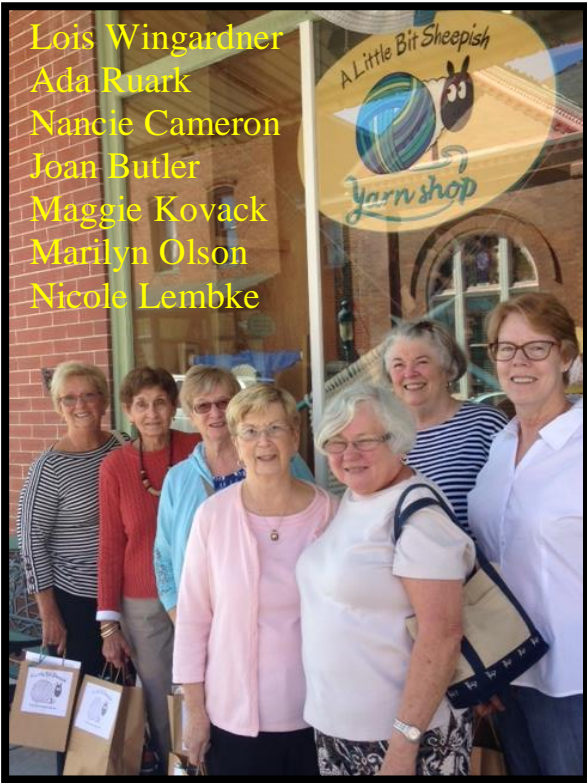
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# The Yarn-Overs



Lois Wingardner  
 Ada Ruark  
 Nancie Cameron  
 Joan Butler  
 Maggie Kovack  
 Marilyn Olson  
 Nicole Lembke

The Yarn-Overs “55” group had a lovely day for a field trip to Berlin, Maryland on October 2. We visited a yarn shop called “A Little Bit Sheepish” on Main Street. We found it a very nice, well stocked, and friendly shop. After shopping, we had lunch at Rayne’s Reef where we had some delicious food! It was a nice afternoon. If you ever want to join us, the group meets every Monday at the Clubhouse in the Craft Room at 10 a.m.

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# The Fall Skies—The Arm Chair Astronomer – by Larry Rayner



October is a wonderful month to view the night skies and all of the wonders of the Milky Way without staying up too late. For early risers, the northern winter stars are starting to show in the east; you can see a pairing of planets in the sky before sunrise, two meteor showers, and a False Dawn. The False Dawn is a whitish glowing wedge of light coming upward from the horizon; this will occur just 90 - 120 minutes before dawn. The false dawn is sunlight reflected off of tiny dust particles in the inner solar system. So, on their way to work, early birds can look to the horizon for this glorious sight.

On October 17, we can expect a crescent moon to join Mars and Venus as they almost touch each other in the eastern night sky, near the Leo constellation.

On October 19 at 3:12 p.m., there will be a new moon. In Astronomy, the new moon is the first phase of the moon, when its orbit is not seen from the Earth. This happens in the moment when the moon and the sun have the same elliptical longitude. We can all imagine an afternoon without a moon; but on October 19, look up to see a night sky without a moon.

Again, for you a.m. risers, Uranus will be at its closest approach to Earth on October 19. This planet lies in the constellation of Pisces.

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The big deal in October occurs between October 20 and 22. It is the Orionid Meteor Shower; but alas, also in the wee hours before dawn. This shower will give you 20 to 40 fast moving meteors per hour in the dark skies from 3 a.m. to dawn. These meteors are bits of the Halley Comet that hit the upper atmosphere.

The last great sighting of Saturn will occur on October 23. This beautiful, ringed planet will hang low in the southwestern sky near the crescent moon. Take a look at this planet as its rings are tilted toward our line of sight. Because of the position of the sun relative to the planet, the shadows cast by the rings are long and sharp and lovely.

Looking into the Fall November sky, you can see that stargazing can shift dramatically from the evening to the morning skies. Mars, our favorite Red Planet, will climb higher before dawn and will show its best in more than a decade, while Venus and Jupiter will show off in the predawn light. For those not into pre-dawn stargazing, let's go back to the evening for Mercury and Saturn shining brightly in the southwestern sky after sunset while Uranus and Neptune reach their peak before midnight. All of this can be seen through binoculars and telescopes alike.

## Best Times to View the Planets

Evening Sky: Mercury (southwest); Jupiter (west); Saturn (southwest); Uranus (east); Neptune (southeast)

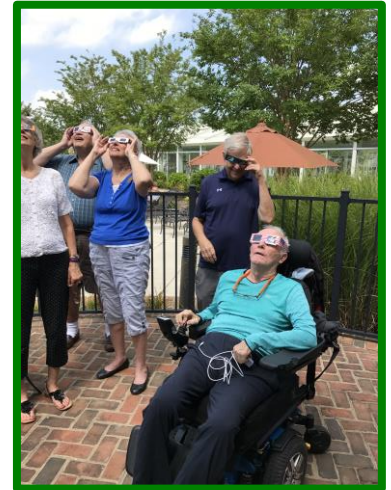
Midnight: Uranus (southeast); Neptune (southwest)

Morning Sky: Venus (east); Mars (east); Uranus (west)

Remember you don't need a telescope; binoculars will do and the application *Sky View and Star Guide* will lead the way.

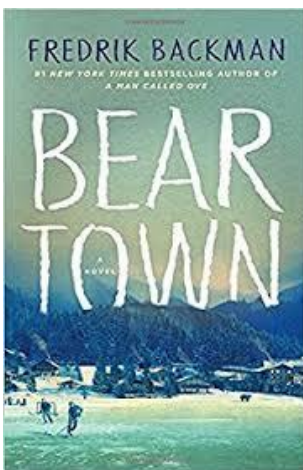
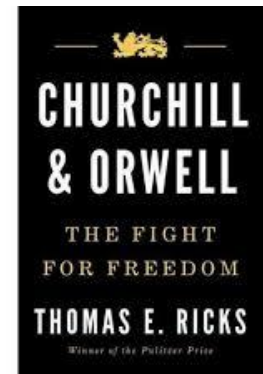
## A Once in a Lifetime Event

While not a total solar eclipse, we did experience an 80% Eclipse here in Symphony Village. Larry Rayner, our Armchair Astronomer, got to leave Bayleigh Chase for an afternoon, to share the experience with his Astronomy Club members and neighbors—a momentous event. Teaming up with the Lifestyle Committee, Susan and Larry Rayner put on a good show; well actually, the Earth, Moon, and Sun provided the show while Susan and Larry, along with the Lifestyle Committee, provided the sanctioned eclipse glasses and a buffet lunch (widely provided by fellow residents). The afternoon began with lunch at 12:30 p.m. and ended on a positive note when, at 3 p.m., we had full sunshine again. The Eclipse took about 20 minutes as the moon traversed the sun and gave those of us who could not travel south a glimpse at what must have been an awesome sight—a total solar Eclipse.



## **Book Club** – by Jack Hennessey

The book that was reviewed by the Book Club at our September 19 meeting was *Churchill and Orwell* by Thomas Ricks. The two main characters, whose lives are presented in great detail, are Winston Churchill and George Orwell. All of our members were familiar with *1984* by Orwell. Most members agreed that Churchill was the outstanding statesman of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. When one country after another surrendered to Hitler, Churchill was the primary advocate for standing up to the dictator. By the late 1930s, democracy was discredited in many circles. Some saw communism as the path to salvation. Churchill and Orwell viewed communism as a totalitarian menace that had to be resisted. (Thank God!) The chapter on Dunkirk was presented exceptionally well. Be sure to read it! On a scale of 1 to 10, this book received a rating of 7.8.



The novel for our October 17 meeting is *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman who also wrote *A Man Called Ove*. For all of you ice hockey fans, this is the book for you. (My daughter Michele and her family are rabid fans.) Beartown is the actual name of this small declining community. Peter, a former professional player, is the general manager of the youth hockey team. His wife is a lawyer. Sune, an aging hockey expert, has expertly trained Peter. Peter is expected to dismiss Sune at the insistence of Kevin Erdahl, the financial backer of hockey in the town. Erdahl's son, Kevin, is the star of the team. What a dilemma! Following Fatima, a widow who cleans the clubhouse and whose son is the smallest, but fastest, skater on the ice, provides an interesting sideline. Another unusual player is Benji, the *terminator*, a marijuana smoker whose main job is to protect Kevin, the star player.

I hated to stop reading; I wanted to see what happens next! Enjoy!

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## Mah Jongg Class



Mah Jongg is a game of strategy and requires the ability to shift between two or more possible solutions to a problem. A bit of luck also helps!! It can be somewhat addictive—you have been warned. Do you want to learn this rummy-like game? Sign up in the Activities Book or contact Carol Hodges. The class is currently Wednesday night or Tuesday morning. Indicate your preference.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Centreville Planning Commission – *Pat Fox, Commissioner*

Many of you have visited our two new businesses on Route 213—Auto Zone and Dunkin Donuts—two great additions to the Centreville economy. While Auto Zone sells parts and auto related supplies only, you can still get tires and other services at Western Auto downtown. We hope these two businesses can co-exist. The Dunkin Donuts is very roomy and comfortable with a variety of seating styles. We hear they may be baking fresh donuts on site; but, alas, there is no Baskin Robbins ice cream.

However, another new business that will be selling ice cream recently received Planning Commission approval. The Lion’s Den will open in the vacated vet clinic site located across from the Acme Shopping Center. In addition, they will be offering hamburgers and hot dogs and are reportedly in the process of getting a liquor license.

Several steps forward one step back—The Edenton Assisted Living and Memory Wing project approved for the Centreville Business Park at the end of Laser Drive has put their project on hold. The organization is still working on getting their financing. Updates will be published as they occur.

### HALLOWE’EN FUN IS COMING! - *By Carlene Cooke & Linda Farrar*

Once again we are looking forward to the Grandchildren’s Hallowe’en Party; it will be **Saturday, October 28, from 2 – 4 p. m.**, at the Clubhouse for grandchildren **ages 10 and under**. There will be crafts, games, pictures, snacks, and a costume parade complete with ‘trick or treating’.

Please sign up at the Clubhouse on the sign-up sheets in the notebook in the Wall Street Room. The cost is \$6 per child. Grandparents must be in attendance. Deadline for sign up is **Monday, October 23**.

Any questions, please call Carlene Cooke, 443-262-8146 or Linda Farrar, 410-758-8744.

*We need volunteers to help man the crafts and games. If you can help or if you have teenage grandchildren who would like to help (as part of their community services projects), please let Carlene or Linda know. It is a fun and easy way to spend a few hours!!*

### MISTAKEN IDENTITY - *by Betty McAtee*

Ah Choo!!!! is a familiar sound from seasonal allergy (hay fever) sufferers this time of year. The culprit is the lightweight pollen easily carried by wind currents for miles from greenish-yellow flowers of the ragweed plant/weed. The yellow blossoms of the native herbaceous perennial, goldenrod, is commonly mistaken for those of ragweed, possibly because both plants bloom at the same time of the year—late August/fall. The goldenrod pollen is moved from place to place mostly by passing animals; it is too heavy to be carried by air currents.

These native plants provide pollen and nectar for the benefit of over a hundred species



*Ragweed vs. Goldenrod*





of butterflies and moths, plus other pollinating wildlife in the Mid-Atlantic region. Monarchs depend on goldenrod nectar as an energy source prior to pre-winter migration. Goldenrod seed heads are an important food source, attracting over-wintering birds. Finally, many native pollinating bees visit the goldenrod blossoms for nectar and pollen before the oncoming winter season. The photo to the right shows a Symphony Village natural *meadow-like habitat* in late August, prolific in goldenrod, plus other native beneficial pollinators. This Pond Three embankment was recently mowed. If left intact until early spring, it would provide food and shelter for active or hibernating winter wildlife.

## MISSING NEWSPAPERS - by Brenda Stoltz

A couple of months ago, some neighbors on Overture Way, Concerto Avenue, Harmony Way, and perhaps others were not finding their morning newspapers on their driveways as usual. The disappearance of newspapers went on for several weeks. Instead, people were finding newspapers—*The Baltimore Sun, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Star*, etc.—strewn down the hill, over the bridge, and along the path behind Overture Way. Thoughtful SV folks taking walks in the early morning would pick up some of these newspapers and leave them on a curb on Overture. This problem continued for many weeks, much to the dismay of neighbors and newspaper carriers. Some carriers even started putting newspapers on porches to keep them from being taken. No one could figure out who was involved or why, and no news is not good news.

It wasn't until a friend of mine who lives in Annapolis complained about his neighborhood newspaper problem that I got a different picture of what



the newspaper thief might look like. My friend's neighbors were beginning to accuse other neighbors of *borrowing* their morning papers; so, he decided to try to solve the mystery. He set up his camera and stayed up all night determined to *catch the thief*. If you look closely at the photo to the right, you will see the thief running away with a newspaper in its mouth. The next day, neighbors traced the fox to its den and found the den full of old newspapers.

Now I doubt that anyone in Symphony Village wants to search through the woods to find their lost newspapers filled with *old news*. But I can vouch for the fact that we have plenty of fox in our woods. The number of papers I've found along the edge of the woods has convinced me that some of our old newspapers are probably in a fox's den . . . maybe several dens. Besides, the fox seem to have lost interest in "newspaper stealing." Perhaps it was a spring fling problem. As far as I'm concerned, this case is closed; and, as Joan Dominelli said:

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*We should be content to let Mr. Fox catch up on some Fox News.*



## THE MAKING OF THE MURAL AT JEFF DAVIS POST – Press Release



As you drive in to the town of Centreville, the patriotic mural that has recently been painted on our local American Legion Post catches your eye. At first glance, you see Old Glory and the Maryland flag that run the length of the building. But it's well worth a stop to take in the full picture.

The mural is certainly an attention-grabber, beginning with the Maryland flag flowing in the wind, along with

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each of the Armed Forces service emblems. The mural continues to roll to the front of the building where the American flag waves proudly. Also, on the front portion, are service member silhouettes marching quietly through the battlefields of history. Following around the building is a progression line of both male and female military personnel from wars starting with World War I through the most recent conflicts. If you look closely, there is only one true portrait on the front of the building; it is a portrait of the post's namesake, Jeff Davis. He is dressed in a WWI military uniform and posed as standing sentry near the side entrance door of the Post. That's where the timeline of the mural begins, traveling around the front of the building and ending on the north side wall with a POW/MIA flag and symbols of Arlington National Cemetery. The silhouettes of the soldiers all appear to be coming out of the cornfields representing their homes in Queen Anne's County. The symbolism in the mural takes into account many different views of service to the nation, state, and community.

The mural, painted by local artist William Hemsley, serves as tribute to all those that have served and sacrificed for our nation. "All Gave Some, Some Gave All," a phrase most recently popularized by a song by

Billy Ray Cyrus in 1992, is embodied in the silhouettes of the services members in uniforms reflective of every conflict and war fought since World War I.

The mural serves as a reminder and pays tribute to the servicemen and women of Queen Anne's County and reflects the great purpose and work of the American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 as we continue to serve our nation, our veterans, and community.

Post 18 was originally formed in Centreville in 1919, and was first known as the Queen Anne's County Post. In the fall of 1921, after Jeff Davis' remains were returned from France, the Post was renamed to honor the sacrifice of this 26-year-old man from Queen Anne's County. Jeff Davis answered his nation's call and enlisted in the Army on September 25, 1917. His service was brief; he paid the price for liberty within the year. On July 25, 1918, he was counted among the fallen ones, the thousands of doughboys killed during the horror of trench warfare.



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Jeff Davis was the first, but not the last, Queen Anne's County service member killed in action. It is our hope that all those that take the time to stop and walk around the building not only admire the art of William Hemsley, but also understand the gravity of the sacrifice made by those who have served.

Our 40<sup>th</sup> President, Ronald Reagan, said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same or, one day, we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." The mural serves as that reminder, as the shadows of the past quietly tell the story of the price of liberty.

Community groups wishing to tour the Post and learn about the various exhibits, as well as get a first-hand perspective tour of the mural by the artist, can contact the Post at 410-758-3585.

## VOLUNTEER IN ACTION – by Cathy Olson



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HELPING WOMEN WITH CANCER

I have been a *Look Good Feel Better* volunteer in Anne Arundel County for 17 years. This is a free program through the American Cancer Society designed to help women who are diagnosed with any type of cancer. Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I would like the community to know about this program.

Look Good Feel Better is a free, non-medical, brand-neutral, national public service program created to help individuals with cancer look good, improve their self-esteem, and thereby manage their treatment and recovery with greater confidence.

There are some workshops in our vicinity that take place each month. If you need further information, go to Look Good Feel Better (<http://lookgoodfeelbetter.org/>) or call 1-800-395-LOOK.

There are many ways to become a volunteer for this program. We are always looking for licensed cosmetologists, estheticians, general volunteers, and cancer survivors. Brochures are available in the Craft Room at the Clubhouse. The Look Good Feel Better website also has information on volunteer opportunities.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Symphony Village has been collecting [Box Tops for Education](#) for several years. Last month, the accumulated box tops were delivered to Centreville Elementary School for their use in purchasing additional supplies not covered in the school budget. The total monetary value was \$17.40, which isn't a lot, but the school is so grateful for every donation. The collection box is at the Clubhouse in the Craft Room. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. A list of all the products that participate in the program is on the Box Tops website as well as product cents-off coupons.

## UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

### American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18

The public is always welcome to attend Friday Night Dinners at the American Legion, and the Post especially appreciates SV participation! Dinners are 5:30 – 7 p.m., or until sold out. Upcoming dinners:

- **Friday, October 20:** The Sons of the American Legion host an Open-Faced, Hot Roast Beef Dinner with mashed potatoes
- **Friday, October 27:** Fried Oyster Dinner
- **Friday, November 3:** Fresh Chicken Tenders with mashed potatoes
- **Friday, November 10:** The Auxiliary will host a Turkey Dinner

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

- **Wednesday, October 25,** 5:30 – 7 p.m.: [Coloring and Hot Apple Cider](#) (Free)
- **Friday, October 27,** 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.: [Matinee Movie](#) - Breathe (Free)
- **Friday, November 3,** 2 – 4 p.m.: [Matinee Movie](#) – TBA (Free)
- **Monday, November 13,** 2 – 4 p.m.: [Matinee Movie](#) – TBA (Free)

### Spurs & Spirits Barn Party



The Queen Anne's County Mental Health Committee (QACMHC) will host a [Spurs and Spirits Barn Party](#) on **Saturday, October 21,** 5:30 p.m., at Grove Creek Mule Farm in Centreville. Dust off your cowboy hat and boots and come for an evening of great food, music, line dancing, and live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased on the website.

## QAC Rx Round-Up



The Rx Round-Up will take place on **October 24** and **October 26**. Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal. Save the environment and save our children by disposing of medicines responsibly. Local (to Centreville) collection sites:

- QAC Sheriff's Department (24/7)
- MD State Police, Centreville Barracks (24/7)
- Grasonville Senior Center (Tuesday, October 24, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Centreville Day



The Town of Centreville will host [Centreville Day](#) on **Saturday, October 28**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Lawyers Row, the Court House Green, and downtown Centreville. The day will feature an interactive Kids Zone, an Idol contest, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, a moon bounce and slide, face painting, a community arts project, and games and activities for the whole family. Business and civic groups will have information tables. Food will be for sale. The rain date is Sunday, October 29. Admission is free.

## Spooky House Tour



The Queen Anne's County Historical Society will host a Spooky House Tour on **Tuesday, October 31**, 6 – 8 p.m., at Tucker House (124 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Email [info@qachistory.org](mailto:info@qachistory.org) for more information.

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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