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Symphony Village's Newsletter

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## Welcome New Residents

We welcome our newest residents of Symphony Village! The following homeowners settled, and/or have moved in since our last newsletter:

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Please add these names and information to your directories. Thank you.

Mark you calendars, New Residents!  
We will be having our next welcome evening for new residents on March 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an evening of coffee, dessert, information sharing, orientation to the club house, etc. Please sign up at the club house so we can plan for you.

Additional updates to your directory: Coyles on Symphony Way, their E-mail is:

[maryloucoyle@aol.com](mailto:maryloucoyle@aol.com).

Mary Shipley on Concerto, phone # is 410-758-6524.

Edmonston's on Overture Way: their E-mail is: [joyceedm@aol.com](mailto:joyceedm@aol.com)

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Bob and Joan Butler on Concerto, their E-mail is: [rbaccounting@juno.com](mailto:rbaccounting@juno.com)



## Movie Night

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 65 residents enjoyed the movie, *March of the Penguins* and each other's fellowship. They sat eating popcorn and candy, while being amazed at the life of the Emperor Penguins. The night concluded with an after movie snack of coffee and cookies, talking to neighbors and meeting new residents in the community. A big "thank you" to Dorothy Hamm and her committee in planning this event. Everyone that attended enjoyed the night. Come join us for the next one!

## Book Club

Symphony Village's "Book Club" meets monthly on the third Thursday to discuss a pre-chosen book for that month. January's choice, *Women of Silk* by Gail Tsukiyama provided a great discussion on the author's characters, as well as sharing ideas on various cultures and the role of women in different societies. Come join us! Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

February's book: *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

March: *Night* by Elie Wiesel



Our Feature Article of the Month  
By Ann Walsh

### From Farm to Village

A delightful, fun and informative evening was had when the Woods came to dinner at the Walshes'. I want to share with fellow residents how Symphony Village began.

Jean and Nicholas (Woody) Wood have lived in Centreville all their lives. Woody is older than Jean by a few years, but as is typical in small towns, they did know each other, went to the same schools, knew each other's friends, started dating in 1952 and married in 1953.

Growing up, farming was always a part of Woody's life. He joined the Air Force in the early 1950's moving several times, with Jean and two small children during his tour of duty. He thought of making the Air Force his career yet farming was still in his heart. While he was still in the service, his decision about his future came when he and Jean bought their first farm near Church Hill in 1955. Woody saved his leave time to use during the busy time of harvesting the crops, driving across country in some cases to help his bothers. Thus his life as a farmer seriously began.

Jean received her BS at the University of Maryland and her MA from Washington College. She was a teacher for 33 years in Queen Anne's County, including being Principal at Church Hill Elementary and an instructional supervisor.

Jean and Woody bought the present farm of 280 acres in the mid 70's and farmed primarily for crops: corn, soybeans and winter wheat. Their stories of growth were delightful, including going from a small "John

Deere" you had to crank to start, to a large one with a built in starter. Woody said, "I really felt like a big farmer then."



The Woods sold 220 acres of their farm to Caruso in 2003 paving the way for Symphony Village. They were asked by many in the area, "How could you sell it?" Woody admits he misses seeing the farm outside his kitchen window but he and Jean know they made the right decision and would do it again. The many new neighbors "on the farm" they have come to know confirm the decision

The Symphony Village Club House sits on the land where the original farm house was located. The Wood family lived there just long enough for their present home to be built. You can see their lovely brick home in the SW corner of our "village". The little brick house, used as the construction office on Taylor Mill Road, was built for their youngest son.

The pond behind Sonata Way was originally a small pond dug out by the Woods, filled with fish, providing food for the old blue heron that still comes around, the geese, and a source of water for the deer.

While busy with farming and teaching, Jean and Woody raised three successful children and now love being grandparents to 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

The Woods are wonderful historians about Centreville and Queen Anne's county knowing so many individuals since they were children and now seeing them as Council Members and the like. You can meet Woody and Jean at one of our parties or most afternoons at the indoor pool.



## More About Past Events

**The Super Bowl Party** was enjoyed by more than 55 residents. Some disappointed Red Skin Fans came donned in their favorite team's jerseys but that was just a way of saying "we're still for you, but now, let's party and see who wins this Super Bowl." Everyone had a great time joining in the fun of the football pool while watching their favored Super Bowl team. Winners of the quarterly pool were, Joan Hennessey, Bob O'Connor (for two) and Alex Verna. The various kinds of chili, including Pittsburg Steelers' Chili, and White Chicken Chili provided the delicious sustenance for the evening. Everyone had lots of fun and now will rejoin their favorite team as a fan until Super Bowl XLI. A big Thank You to Judy Scully and her team.

**Cruising The Mexican Riviera:** a number of Symphony Village residents recently traveled to San Diego for a visit to that city and to take a cruise on Holland America's MD Oosterdam down the Mexican Rivera. In San Diego, they took city tours, visited the fabulous San Diego Zoo, and toured the USS Midway, as well as meeting family, and former friends and neighbors.

On board, they enjoyed the cruise activities, particularly the excellent cuisine. One of the members of the extended group even became a member of the "Village People"! The shore excursions in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta (remember the Love Boat with Gopher, Doc, and Julie?) offered opportunities to see new and different vistas. These included views of the filming locations for "Night of the Iguana" and "Treasure of the Sierra Madre", along with the Mexican home of Liz Taylor and Richard Burton, scandalous then but commonplace today. From all reports, even though the environment seemed to shrink the clothing, a great deal of fun and relaxation occurred. As a special bonus, Holland America will contribute over \$1,000 to the Symphony Sneakers fund.



## **Community Meeting Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Landscaping issues were the primary focus of this meeting. Denison Landscaping representative, Jodi Taylor, addressed those issues and explained that Denison must work within the Symphony Village master plan set by the County. The plan is monitored by the county during construction and inspected at the conclusion of construction to make certain it has been implemented as designed. Plant species and tree placement are dictated by the plan.

Symphony Village is on an annual maintenance cycle. Curling sod and poor performing sod, primarily a function of ground conditions caused by weather, will be addressed as weather permits. If we have immediate concerns, such as standing water, contact Jodi at: [jtaylor@denisonlandscaping.com](mailto:jtaylor@denisonlandscaping.com), or call her at 301-440-0417.

Per Kevin Sullivan, path paving, lighting and landscaping behind the Clubhouse and around the pond in Phase I will be completed when the weather permits, hopefully by Spring. On a paradoxical note, our beautiful Canada geese are a health hazard. Let's enjoy watching them while they are here, but please do not feed them, as they will then never leave.

Delmarva Power prohibits the placement of plants around the utility boxes on our front lawns. Kevin and Jodi will explore ornamentals, or even potted plants that Delmarva may consider acceptable. Kevin will bring suggestions to Delmarva when he meets with them later this month.

The National Builders Association has given Symphony Village a silver medal as the best midsize active adult community. Our clubhouse earned a gold medal for Best Interior Design and a silver medal for best clubhouse over 6500 square feet. We are reminded to be stewards of our Clubhouse, maintaining it as we would our

any outside door to close behind you. Stay with it until you know it is secure. If you are the last one out – turn out the lights.

Clubhouse rules are available at the desk and Jan will be happy to answer any specific questions you might have about rental use of the facility, pool and fitness center use. Just give her a call at 410-758-8500.

You are invited to bring your community concerns to any SVBCC member.

Home warranty issues should be completed within 30 days of the day a work order has been initiated. If yours are not, please call George Bachmann at 301-261-0277.

Symphony Village will have its own website. If you would like to be “web master”, please contact any member of the SVBCC. Any needed software will be purchased.

### **Registered to Vote?**

Election for Town Council occurs in April in Centreville and one must be registered 21 days before an election to be eligible to vote.

A voter registration application can be obtained in several ways:

1. Pick up a copy at the Library or Post Office
2. Go to the Board of Elections Office – 208 N. Commerce St. or call there @ 410-758-0832
3. At the MVA when you change your address on your license, a MD voter registration application will be given. Just go on line for the nearest location.

### **From Jan’s Desk**

A reminder from the Centreville Police Department: Please get into the habit of parking with the traffic flow on the street. Once the Town of Centreville takes over the streets, tickets will be issued if you are not in compliance with this issue.

Also remember to be conscious of parking extra cars in the street. It has been brought to my attention that extra cars in the street are making

it difficult it difficult for homeowners as they back out of their driveways or drive down the street. You cannot park cars in the clubhouse parking lot. Friel’s has an area you can lease for extra cars, boats, RV’s, etc. I can also give you a list of other locations.

We love pets, but please be courteous to your neighbors and clean up after your pets and keep them on a leash when outside. Believe it or not, some people are frightened when a dog approaches them that is not on a leash. Besides, it is the law.



It is very nice that you are enjoying the facilities of the Clubhouse so much, but please remember “Do Not Feed the Mice”. It is very important that there are no bags of chips, pretzels, etc. left out, even if the package has not been open. Our mice are very talented and have been known to eat through the top of the peanut can. Thanks. See you at the Clubhouse.

### **From Lifestyles Committee**

Sign-up Sheets: Please note that most activities have sign-up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please review the events to keep this up-to-date as many events have definite cut-off dates for payments with limited availability.

### **New Activities**

Daytime Bridge – We are expanding bridge to include Wednesday from 1-3 PM at the Clubhouse. Please sign up.

Lunch Bunch – A new monthly lunch outing will begin in March. Everyone is invited to join us for an outing to an area restaurant. Our first trip will be to the Love Point Inn in Stevensville on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will leave the Clubhouse at 12:00 noon. Please sign up in the Activities Book and indicate if you need a ride.

American Indian Museum – On April 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a trip to Washington, D.C. to the new Smithsonian American Indian Museum. There will be an opportunity to tour the museum, see the exciting NW Indian Exhibit, and attend a live play, “Stoneheart”, the story of Sacagawea, known for her role with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. There will also be time to view movies and other exhibits. Lunch will be at your own expense and from preliminary reports, is excellent. Prices for lunch run approximately \$10-\$12. We will leave from the Clubhouse at approximately 8:30 am and will return approximately 5:00pm. We plan to charter a bus for our group. The only cost will be the bus and your lunch. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can negotiate for and reserve the appropriate size bus and determine the cost for transportation.

Spamelot - The Monty Python satiric play, “Spamelot” that won the Tony Award, is coming to the National Theater in Washington. If you are interested, please call Joyce Edmonston at 410-758-4908.

### **Hosts**

We need Hosts for Movie Nights, Game Nights, and Happy Hours. There are sign-up sheets in the Activities Book. Thanks for your help.

### **Lifestyle Committee Members:**

Linda Farrar, Chairperson

Nancy Cotter

Bel Barbalace

Judy Scully

Pat Loiacono

Richard Ryan

We also welcome any resident to come to our meetings.