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Symphony Village's Newsletter

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

## WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS!!



The following residents settled and/or moved into their new homes since our last publication:

Steve & Gail Reel  
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443-262-1274 (cell)  
[steve.gail@atlanticbb.net](mailto:steve.gail@atlanticbb.net)

Elizabeth Keys Watson  
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443-262-8060

Don & Nancie Cameron  
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410-758-3948  
[cr8ivecake@rcn.com](mailto:cr8ivecake@rcn.com)

Jan Morais and Mary Elizabeth Morais  
822 Harmony Way  
410-758-3541

Dennis & Linda Gardner  
807 Harmony Way

Stephen & Loretta Quigley  
509 Symphony Way

### Welcome to each and everyone!

\*\* Some of our new residents were not available to complete the application for the Directory but the information will be updated as soon as possible and will be available on the Web site.

## FROM JAN'S DESK

I would like to thank all who attended the Super Bowl Happy Hour Party on February 4. We had fabulous food and a great time.

At this time, the Life Style Committee is planning for a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance at the Clubhouse. We have ninety people who plan to join in the celebration.

Please remember to have visiting grandchildren follow the Indoor Pool rules to prevent any accidents. If you did not get a copy of the rules that were recently delivered to your door, please see me for a copy.



Who can I get to do my taxes? *See ads on pages 12 and 13.*

## FROM DENNIS' DESK

**Pool:** In the Rules & Regulations that were recently sent out, the correct time for the opening of the outdoor pool will remain at 9 a.m. rather than 11 a.m.

**Please be considerate of your neighbors:** There are some cars on Concerto and Overture that are never moved and thus make getting through those streets difficult when another car is parked on the opposite side. A van on Overture often makes for a tight squeeze to get through. I have had numerous complaints. Cars sitting for too long are in violation of the documents of the HOA. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Smoking:** We want to have you around with us for a long time; however if you must smoke, proper disposal of your cigarettes are not in the planters at the front entrance nor along the walkways leading up to the Clubhouse. Let's help keep expenses down by not having someone pick up after you.

Please continue to drop in with your questions and concerns. Have a great Valentine's Day!

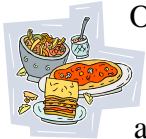
## FROM ROSEMARY'S DESK

Avoid the spring rush! Start thinking now about your exterior modifications and get your completed applications to Dennis at the Clubhouse.

Remember, the Covenants Committee has 30 days before responding and work cannot begin before an approval is received.

## PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

### Super Bowl Party



On February 4, 65 people came to the Clubhouse to watch the Super Bowl and party. Some were Colts' fans, some were Bears' fans, and some were fans of having a party. We brought barbecue, pork, beef, and chicken to eat on rolls. There were also potato, pasta, and green salads and many wonderful appetizers and desserts. Many enjoyed gathering around the many TV's in the Clubhouse to watch the game. Some stayed at the dining tables to chat, and several played canasta in the craft room. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and the fellowship.

### Game Night

On February 9, 16 residents came to the Clubhouse for game night. We brought our games and our snacks. This time we had four tables playing Sequence and enjoyed the friendly competition. Please join us on our next game night in March.

### Symphony Village Singles

February's singles' trip was cancelled because of snow. Our next trip is on Wednesday, March 7. We plan to meet in the parking lot of the Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. We will visit Byler's Amish Market in Delaware and will have lunch in the area. RSVP Lois Winegardner, at 410-758-1262 if you are interested. February's trip to the Rustic Inn for lunch and to see the 50's and 60's exhibit in Easton has been rescheduled for April 4. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE

The Super Bowl/Happy Hour was a huge success. Food was plentiful and delicious. A good time was had by all, even the Bears fans. I want to THANK the committee for a job well done.

#### Calendar

February	16	Movie Night, "Captain Ron"	7:00 p.m.
	21	Lunch Bunch—Imperial Hotel, Chestertown	11:30 a.m.
	23	Mardi Gras/Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	24	Dining In	6:00 p.m.
March	2	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	5	Lifestyles	7:00 p.m.
	9	Game Night	7:00 p.m.
	17	St. Patrick's Day/Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	21	Lunch Bunch—Restaurant TBA	
	23	Movie Night—Movie TBA	
	30	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.

Check Activities Book for further information on these events.

Proposed events for the future: Lecture Series, Craft Month, Jimmy Buffett Party, 50's Dance, Crab Feast, Bay/Annapolis Cruise, and Wellness Fair. If you have input for the calendar of events drop them in the suggestion box at the clubhouse. You may also email Jan (Symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net) or call (410-758-8500).

### Dining Inn at Symphony Village



It's time to sign up for our March "Dining Inn at Symphony." Our dinner will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m. and the deadline to sign up for the event is March 15th. Our numbers have been increasing so you may want to come and find out what this group is all about. We have a wonderful time getting to know each other a bit better and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by all who attend. Best of all, we don't have to leave the Village!



Who can I get for an attorney? *See pages 12 and 13!*

## **OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE**



Have you heard the buzzing sound in the air around the Village? It's actually the exciting chatter about the upcoming house tour. Preparations are well on their way.

At present we are working on the house tour brochure. This is an excellent source of income for the Outreach Program. It also serves as a reliable reference for all of us for services available in the area. We ask that if you have been pleased with a particular service or store that you solicit their interest in placing an ad with us. In mid-February we will be distributing packets of information to each home. This information will be helpful to you in the procurement of ads. We thank you in advance for your assistance with gathering ads. It is the collective effort of all of us that makes the house tour so successful.

We are looking for individuals who would enjoy playing the piano at the Clubhouse during the luncheon. If you would like to help, please call Barbara Taylor at 410-758-2386. There are many other opportunities to be a part of the House Tour. We need help in the kitchen and dining room. We also need hostesses in the homes. If you would like to help in any way, please call Joyce Ryan at 410-758-2136.

There will be approximately 14 homes on the tour. It is our aim to have all models represented. Each home is unique and different. You will be amazed to see how the same model looks so different after being personalized by its owner. Don't miss the fun!

Early return of reservations will help us in planning the luncheon. So call your sister and call your BFF (best friend forever) and make your plans for Saturday, April 28, 2007. **SEE YOU AT THE HOUSE TOUR.**

### **Hospice Donation**

At the January meeting the Outreach Program Committee voted to give a donation to assist Hospice with their major fundraiser, a "Gala Celebration." The event was held on February 9, at Hunter's Oak Heathland Manor House. The committee unanimously agreed to purchase two Hospice Gala tickets for a donation of \$300 and to give the tickets to an outstanding volunteer. Ann Walsh, a Hospice volunteer, was unanimously chosen to receive the tickets.

### **Thank you from Ann and Jack Walsh**

What a wonderful gala it was! We met approximately 150 people dressed in formal attire, dined, danced, enjoyed great music, and met many others involved in Hospice. We are very grateful for this wonderful gift of a chance to experience this event. Thank you so much!

## **SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE**

### **Next Sneakers Meeting**

Our February meeting was cancelled. Our next Sneakers meeting will be Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. Please note, once again, that everyone in Symphony Village is welcome to join us and is encouraged to participate.



Where can I buy glasses? *See pages 12 and 13.*

## **House Tour**



Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28, to attend the Symphony Village House Tour sponsored by the Outreach Committee. The House Tour makes most of our charitable donations and activities financially possible. Last year's House Tour was a huge success and we had a great time working together to create this wonderful event. We are looking for people to help on the House Tour Committee. We are also seeking homeowners who would be willing to show their homes. This year we are providing booties for our guests to wear as they tour the homes in an effort to limit wear and tear on our floors and carpets. Don't think your home has to be ready for *House Beautiful* to show it. People who opened their homes last year thoroughly enjoyed the experience and all the praise heaped upon them. Joyce Ryan is the Chairperson and if you would like to show your home or work on a committee, please call at 410-758-2136 or Beth Dewhirst at 410-758-0944. We look forward to hearing from you.

## **Caregivers Support Group**



If you are responsible for the well-being of another adult who is disabled by age or a debilitating disease **YOU are a Caregiver**. You are doing one of the most important and difficult jobs a person can do—giving care to someone you love whether they be at home or in a nursing home. It's the toughest job around and it may make you sad, angry, tired, frustrated, depressed and sometimes lonely. On the other hand, it may be rewarding and fulfilling if you learn to pace yourself, seek help when you need it, and most importantly, take care of yourself. It's often difficult to admit we need help but we are performing a delicate balancing act with days filled with errands, paying bills, family responsibilities, monitoring health care changes of our loved one, and trying to have a life of our own. Come to our Symphony Village Caregivers Support Group where you will find that you are not alone and that there are others in our community doing the same thing. You will find the warmth of other group members, encouragement, advice and resources to help you deal with your very special job. We meet every other Monday at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Hamm, 231 Concerto. Our next meeting will be February 26. We would welcome your presence.

## **Neighbor to Neighbor**

- The Outreach Committee has selected the Neighbor to Neighbor Committee as this month's "Volunteers in Action." This choice means that most of you reading this article are part of our selection because so many of you have participated in this extraordinary program. We are very grateful to Pat Loiacono and Helen Schultz for their tremendous job of organizing and managing the program. However, the program would not have been successful, if so many of you had not volunteered your time and talent. We all have to be extremely proud of the wonderful sense of community that has developed because of Neighbor to Neighbor. Thanks to everyone!!!

In the first year of its existence the Neighbor to Neighbor committee, under the guidance of the SV Outreach program, established six different categories to assist our Symphony Village “family.” The categories are Bereavement and Sickness, Meals, Spiritual Support, Medical Equipment Sharing, Flowers and Cards, Transportation and Pet Support. The following is a documentation of these activities for this past year:

- Meals – at least 22 meals prepared for 14 different families
- Spiritual Support – 47 people and families prayed for
- Flowers and Cards – 5 flower arrangements delivered and 48 cards sent
- Transportation - 4 trips to medical appointments
- Pet Support – at least 3 pets taken care of during illness
- Medical Equipment Sharing – in stock
  - 5 sets of crutches, 4 walkers, 2 canes, 3 portable commodes,
  - 1 wheelchair and 1 hospital bed

***As you can see the Neighbor to Neighbor committee is working, and the dedicated volunteers who are a part of it are very involved with our residents. If you would like to volunteer for this worthy cause, please notify Pat Loiacono at 410-758-8170 or Helen Schultz at 443-262-9181. If you would like more information, brochures are available at the Clubhouse.***

## **Book Clubs**

### **Third Tuesday**



The Reading for Fun Book Club, meets the third Tuesday of every month. Joan Studnicky has selected *The Camel Club* by David Baldacci for our meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. The selection for March is *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. Jack has a copy of both books in case anyone needs to borrow one. Y'all come. Contact Jack Hennessey at 410-758-4872.

Each month, one person volunteers to be the host. The host provides light refreshments and selects the book for that month. Come out and join the fun! All Villagers are invited. Contacts are Jack Hennessey or Pat Kindle.

### **Third Thursday**

The Book Club meeting on the third Thursday of the month will be discussing Jeannette Walls' memoir, *The Glass Castle*. Come join us on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Our March selection is *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. For April we chose *Cage of Stars* by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Everyone is welcome to join us for our book discussions on the third Thursday of the month.

**New Class. FREE. "How to Use the Symphony Village Web Site, Calendar, and E-mail List Serve."**



When/Where: Tues. Feb. 20, 7 p.m. in Conference Room  
Instructor: George Drake

Learn how to:

- Use the SV Web site
- Use the SV Calendar
- Add SV Web Site and Calendar to your Favorites (want to view it everyday so you know what's going on?)
- Download, read (and Print, if desired) the *Libretto* (SV Newsletter)
- Download List of SV Residents with addresses, phone, e-mail address
- Receive SV E-mail
- Take the Mystery out of Secure Documents and Passwords
- How to Get a New E-mail address free from Yahoo (or G-Mail) in case your e-mail does not work in SV

This class starts with the BASICS. Class limited to the first 12 people. If you don't get on the list, get on the waiting list. If you can't do Tuesday, February 20, but want to take the class, let Jan know). Sign up at the clubhouse in the Activities Book

**New Class. "E-Bay Simplified - Buying for Bargain Prices -Selling for Profit." - everything you need to know to get started.**

When/Where: Tuesdays, February 27 through April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Instructor: George Drake

Learn how to:

- Establish eBay and PayPal Accounts
- Research
- Use "My eBay" to track items to buy or your items on sale
- Bid and buy successfully
- Get higher bids (\$\$\$\$)
- Buy safely
- Avoid the Pitfalls
- Ship your item

Class assignments. Handouts provided.

Cost: \$50.00 per person + \$5.00 Lab Fee.

To register (5 persons minimum, 10 maximum): Register and pay monies to Jan by **February 15** (checks payable to George Drake)

## **Cycling – Get out your bike and let’s go!**



Join other active residents in cycling for exercise and fresh air. Learn to cycle safely in a group and ride on bike paths and roads. Build up your distance/endurance progressively. Our goal is to join other seniors from around the state in longer bike rides on Fridays. SV Cycling begins on March 6 with a 2-mile ride and continually builds up your endurance, cardiovascular system, and lung capacity! Our goal is 25-30 miles! Join us every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. Rides begin and end at the circle in front of the clubhouse. To join the group or for more info, send an e-mail to [georgeandmarydrake@yahoo.com](mailto:georgeandmarydrake@yahoo.com), call George and Mary at 410-758-8266, or just show up!

Check out and tune up your bicycle now! If you don’t have a helmet, get one; helmets are not an option – they are REQUIRED.

Tuesday, March 6 – 2 miles

Thursday, March 8 – 3 miles

Saturday, March 10 – 4 miles

Tuesday March 13 – 3 miles

Thursday March 15 – 4 miles

Saturday March 17 – 5 miles

And on we go! Get in at the beginning! Tuesday and Thursday rides will remain shorter – Saturday rides will become longer and away from the Village.

## **SV Outdoor Adventures**



Tired of cold weather? Do you have cabin fever? Are you dreaming of gardening, the beach and other warm weather activities? I hope so, because it is time to start planning the outdoor activities for Symphony Village.

Residents are needed to participate in and organize bike rides, skeet shooting events, kayaking, golfing, hiking, spelunking, walking, sailing, skydiving, fishing, and nature center trips. Join in the fun and meet your neighbors while getting in shape. Let’s put the ACTIVE back in the 55+ Community.

Contact Mary Drake by phone, 410-758-8266, or e-mail [maryjdrake@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjdrake@yahoo.com), if you want to help make these outdoor adventures a reality by planning or participating in any of these activities. If you submitted a form last year, your preferences are already recorded, but your help is still required. Ideas for activities are eagerly anticipated. Please share what you enjoy.



Where can I learn to play the guitar? *See ads on pages 12 and 13.*



## **ATTENTION ALL BREAKFAST LOVERS!!!!**



Keith Tennier, Tom Baker and Ed Novak would love to cook a delicious breakfast for you every second Sunday of the month at the American Legion on Rt. 213. They are extending the hours to 12:00 p.m. to accommodate the late risers. A group of Villagers usually arrives about 10:30 a.m. Please join us. Eat well, enjoy the great company and help a very good cause.

## **Thank you from Bel and Nick Barbalace**

We would like to thank all those generous persons who contributed to send us out to a very nice dinner, because we stock and take care of the bar. We want everyone to know that we do this because it is our way of making a difference for the community. We feel it is very nice to see all our neighbors enjoying each other and getting to know new people. Thanks again; the thought was great!!

## **Mah Jong**

Anyone interested in playing, teaching, or learning Mah Jong, please sign up with Jan at the clubhouse or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591.

## **FROM THE KITCHEN OF.... Brenda Stoltz**



### **BAKED PASTA**

This recipe is from a baker in Altamura, a town in the Apulia region of Italy. It is oven-baked pasta with a simple name but a taste you will remember. Prep time = 10 minutes; Cooking time = 55 minutes; Serves 6.

3 Tbls. extra virgin olive oil	1 medium white onion - finely chopped
2 cloves garlic - peeled and finely sliced	1 dried red chili – crumbled
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper	3 cans (14 oz. each) plum tomatoes (preferably Italian San Marzano)
1 large handful basil - torn	1 lb. dried orecchiette* pasta
1 Tbls. red wine vinegar (optional)	3 balls (5 oz. each) fresh mozzarella - sliced
4 cups freshly grated Parmesan cheese	

- Heat oven to 400 degrees F, and put a large pot of salted water on the stove to boil.
- Pour olive oil into a wide sauté' pan, set heat on medium-low and add onions, garlic, chilies, and pinches of salt and pepper.
- Sauté for about 10 minutes, until softened.
- Add tomatoes and 1/4 cup water to onion mixture, raise heat to medium high, and bring to a gentle boil.
- Simmer until sauce is slightly reduced (about 20 minutes). Remove from heat and let cool.
- Puree sauce in a blender or food processor.
- Add basil to sauce, taste, and add salt and pepper as needed. (You can also add red wine vinegar at this point.)
- Add orecchiette to boiling water and cook according to package instructions. Drain pasta and transfer to a large bowl.
- Toss pasta with half the sauce and a handful of Parmesan.
- Grease a large baking pan (9 x 13) with a splash of olive oil.

- Pour in a third of the pasta, then a thin layer of sauce, a handful of Parmesan, and a third of the mozzarella. Repeat until you have used all ingredients, ending with a layer of mozzarella.
  - Bake for 15 minutes or until golden, crisp, and bubbling. Serve hot or at room temperature.
- \* Orecchiette means "little ears." That's what the pasta looks like. Barilla is one brand that makes this shape.

### Rum Cake

From Barbara Atamian's Kitchen



Grease and flour the bottom and sides of a bundt pan. Put chopped pecans on bottom.

- Combine, mixing well with an electric mixer:

1 pkg. Duncan Hines Butter Cake Mix

4 eggs

½ cup oil

1 pkg. instant vanilla pudding

½ cup water

½ cup rum

- Pour batter in cake pan. Bake in oven at 350 for 50 minutes. Take out and cool just long enough to invert onto dish.

- Make glaze: In a small pan on top of stove, bring the following to a boil for 2-3 minutes.

1 stick butter

¼ cup water

1 cup sugar

¼ cup rum

- Pour glaze over cake. Cover cake with foil. Do not serve until it sits for at least several hours.

\*Cake can be made in 2 loaf pans instead of 1 bundt pan.

## FEATURE ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Oscar Comes to Symphony Village

by

Valerie Siegel

He landed a flying saucer in Washington, DC; made Paul Newman and Robert Redford leap 80 feet into a rocky stream.; burned the world's tallest building; sent Raquel Welch on an odyssey through a man's bloodstream.; fed James Mason to a prehistoric lizard; sliced his boss's son to ribbons with laser beam's; turned a luxury liner upside down; and put Rex Harrison aboard a giant moth on its way to the moon. *And the winner is: L.B. Abbott, A.S.C.*

Lenwood Ballard “Bill” Abbott, winner of four Oscars and four Emmys for special photographic effects, is the late husband of Symphony Village member, Muriel Abbott. In anticipation of the 79<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards Ceremony on February 25, I asked Muriel if we could talk about her memories and experiences in the Golden Age of Hollywood. Sun streamed through the high windows of her lovely Strauss home on Overture as we sat amidst her collection of original Emile Cosa oil paintings. Emile was the artist in Bill’s 25-member department at Twentieth Century Fox, and a long-time family friend. We commiserated a bit about how different life is on the Eastern Shore from that to which we’d both become accustomed in Southern California. She and Bill lived with their children in Cheviot Hills in West Los Angeles between MGM and Twentieth Century Fox. Muriel moved to Symphony Village at the encouragement of her son and daughter-in-law, Pete and Dot Abbott. The last thing she did before leaving L.A. was sell her car. When she finished with her first hair appointment in Centreville, to which Dot had driven her, she asked how she could call a cab. The folks in the salon looked at her in stunned silence. Now, more than a year later, it still frustrates her a bit that she can’t get a cab. We moved through the weather, the wind, and the distances between us and the things we used to enjoy and then got down to discussion of Bill’s 44-year career.

We began with *Special Effects-Wire, Tape, and Rubber Band Style*, Bill Abbott’s history and handbook of the special effects he created for 250 films. A photograph on one of the early pages caught my eye at once. The young Marlon Brando! “No, no,” Muriel smiled. “That was Bill. In the early days of sound, because of the noise it generated, the camera had to be isolated from the set. The primitive sound isolation booth behind Bill in the photo is an example of it. They were stifling and totally uncomfortable to work in. The camera photographed through a heavy sheet of glass on the side of the housing.” Despite the discomfort of it all, Bill Abbott began living his dream. for \$25 a week. By 1957, he was head of 20th Century Fox’s special photographic effects department. He remained there until his retirement in 1970.



It is an understatement to say that Abbott wrote the book on special effects. In the years before computers he created the realism we saw in such films as *The Fly*, *Journey to the Center of the Earth*, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *Logan’s Run*, and *The Towering Inferno*. During that time, he was invited into the elite membership of the American Society of Cinematographers, the highest honor of his profession. He also earned Oscars for *Dr. Doolittle* in 1967 and *Tora! Tora! Tora!* in 1970. The Emmy Awards came earlier for two seasons of “Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea” (1965-66) and two seasons of “Time Tunnel” (1966-67).

During those busy years, Muriel often joined Bill on location. She has wonderful memories of Mexico where Bill filmed *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. I asked her impressions of Paul Newman and Robert Redford. She recalls them as pleasant enough but Newman, particularly, was distant and a little cool. She loved Rome during the production of *Cleopatra* and shakes her head at the memory of the newfound love between legends Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. “Would you describe them as volatile,” I asked? “Let’s just say they couldn’t live with each other and they couldn’t live without each other,” she replied. Italy for *The Agony and the Ecstasy* was another favorite trip with Bill.

Following Bill’s retirement, they went on to enjoy travel together without the rigors of work. Then one day Irwin Allen called and told Bill he seriously hoped Bill could prevail upon Muriel to allow

him to give Allen a hand on the *Poseidon Adventure*. Muriel agreed. She showed me some beautiful color photographs of the model *Poseidon* bobbing on the waves of Fred Sersen Lake on the San Fernando Valley ranch of Twentieth Century Fox. She described the “magic moment” of anticipation, just before the lights come on or the daylight breaks, when the effect will either work for the shot, or it won’t. If it doesn’t, the setup begins again. Getting the *Poseidon* to roll over in the “sea” was a monumental task. Muriel was on the set when thousands of gallons of water rushed into Fred Sersen Lake and *Poseidon* rolled for that magic moment. Abbott received his third Oscar for that film, and his fourth four years later for *Logan’s Run*.

Another favorite photograph Muriel shared with me is a battle scene from *Tora! Tora! Tora!* While she and Bill were in Japan during the production of that film, she met a young student named Keiko who was part of a 250-student tour. She and Keiko have remained in contact for all of these years. Keiko has even visited her in Los Angeles. Were there any actors who Muriel felt were truly special? “Steve McQueen was just adorable!” And disappointments? “Yes. *Sink the Bismarck*. Bill went to England to set it up, and then sent someone else to film it...who got to stay for eight months. I was just crushed!”

In anticipation of Oscar Night on February 25, I asked Muriel whether, during her Oscar years with Bill, Special Effects were recognized at the same time as best film, best actors, and the other glitzier awards. She said that in those days, everyone was called to the stage to receive their gold statuettes. Also in those days, only one Oscar went to a category winner. This meant only one person received the award. When Bill was very badly injured on *Flight of the Phoenix*, he directed that the Oscar be presented to the cinematographer who actually did the work that Bill was unable to do. It also meant that the Oscar for *Cleopatra* went to Emile Cosa, whose paintings adorn the walls of Muriel’s home.



L.B Abbott, A.S.C. passed away 21 years ago. His memory lingers in the twinkle of Muriel’s eyes as she speaks of him, in his handbook of the craft, and in the brilliant sheen of eight golden statuettes that symbolize his pioneering career.



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