

LIBRETTO

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:

Larry and Betty Gingerich
355 Overture Way
410-758-3102
gingerbj@atlanticbb.net

Ilsa Francis
255 Opera Court
410-758-0389

Dave and Carol Gallop
351 Overture Way
301-320-3365 (Bethesda no.)
202-452-4299 W
dgallop@junu.com

Mareen & Melissa Duvall
216 Encore Court

Maryanne & Skip Kornmeyer
848 Harmony Rd.
443-386-6554
mkornmeyer@msn.com

Dennis S and Linda R Gardner
807 Harmony Way
410-544-0778
lrgdsg@aol.com

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.

Welcome Evening for New Residents

All new residents are invited to a "Welcome Evening" on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Concert Hall. This is an informal get-together to meet other new neighbors, have dessert, and learn more about your new community. Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 so we can plan appropriately.

FROM JAN'S DESK

New Date: Please note that because of a scheduling conflict the date for the "Craft of the Month Class" (Pick n Paint Pottery) has been changed to Mar. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Activities and pre-pay to Jan.

Reminder: Children (under 19) are **NOT** permitted in the hot tub. Please see page 8, # 13 of the Symphony Village At Centreville: Clubhouse Rules & Regulations. Revised December 2006.



Who can I get to build my patio? *See pages 11 and 12.*

FROM DENNIS' DESK

Please continue to be cognizant of your neighbors and pick-up after your pets. It is against health department regulations not to pick up dog waste. Everyone's cooperation is required.

Although I would be happy to assist in anyway, please defer any lifestyle questions to Jan Van Riper to avoid any confusion. She starts most days at 11 a.m.

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 to respond and work cannot begin before an approval is received.

News from Jack Dedrick

The Officers of the Association have been working hard this past month setting up two new committees: The Transition Team, whose job will be to have us up and ready to go when we take over in the next 18 to 24 months, and the combining of the new Operations committee with the old Security committee. This combined committee shall represent and aid the Community owners, Officers of the Association, and the General Manager in the management and operation of the community common property (club house, swimming pools, streets, grounds, ponds, etc.).

These committees are in the process of selecting their chair persons, co-chairs, and recorders. As soon as that is complete, I will put these as well as the other committees on the web site, so that you will know who is doing what.

We are also working on budget issues, auditing issues, and the possibility of hiring a part time handyman to work at the Clubhouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE

Calendar

March	17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	21	Lunch Bunch - Annie's Restaurant Meet at Clubhouse to carpool	Noon
	23	Oscar Movie Night – <i>Poseidon Adventure</i> Come and see the Oscar Award Winning <i>Poseidon Adventure</i> and the Oscar Awarded to cinematographer, L.B. Abbott. Muriel Abbott will be here to speak of her husband's career and other interesting facts.	7:00 p.m.
	24	Dining Inn	
	30	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	31	Grandmother, Mother, Grandchild Tea \$15 per person, children 5 and under free (Sign up at the Clubhouse by March 23)	2:00 p.m.
April	2	Lifestyles Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	7	Easter Egg Hunt (Sign up at the Clubhouse) \$3.00 per child. Children hunt for eggs in four age groups. Pictures will be taken with the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments will be served.	1:00–3:00 p.m. rain or shine
	13	Game Night	7:00 p.m.
	14	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.
	17	Lunch Bunch TBA	
	18	<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat</i>	
	20	Movie Night	7:00 p.m.
	21	Yard Sale (Sign up at the Clubhouse)	8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
	21	Dining Inn	
	27	Happy Hour	6:00 p.m.

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 it in the suggestion box at the Clubhouse. You may also e-mail Jan (Symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net) or call (410-758-8500).



Who can I get for my financial investments? *See pages 11 and 12!*

OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

At their last meeting, The Outreach Committee voted to establish an annual award to two Symphony Village Volunteers of the Year. The award would consist of four tickets to the Hospice Gala, two tickets for each winner. The selection will come from a list of those who have written about or been mentioned in the VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION articles in the *Libretto*. So, if you have a volunteer story to tell, there will be now a material award in addition to the personal award of satisfaction that comes along with giving. The committee also voted to donate \$50 to the Little Purls Knitting Group of Grasonville Senior Center for their charitable projects. We applaud and appreciate their efforts in providing hats, blankets, and other items to pregnancy centers and patients who suffer from hair loss.

Crafting Volunteers from the Village



Joanne Milczakowski, Janet Hughes, and Dorthea Turek go weekly to the Little Purls group at the Grasonville Senior Center to participate in a knitting, crocheting, and sewing group. These “Villagers” help make handcrafted articles for charity. The group, run by Sue Thompson, meets Fridays at 1 p.m. Sue then sends the crafts to charities in this area and around the country. The charities include Head Huggers, which provides caps to hospitals for people who have undergone hair loss, and Miracles Happen which sends baby clothes and blankets to maternity homes and pregnancy treatment centers. Pregnancy Crisis Centers in Easton and Cambridge, Project Gabriel, and St. Anne’s in Hyattsville are some of the recipients of these handmade items.

Sue also runs several additional groups including one at the Kent Island Senior Center and another at the women’s prison in Jessup where she teaches knitting and crocheting. Her goals are listed on her two websites-- HeadHuggers.org and MiraclesHappen.us. Her website also includes patterns for her hats, baby blankets, and baby clothes. Sue is always in need of yarn so if you have any leftover yarn, call Dorthea Turek at 410-758-8554, and she will arrange to get it to the crafters.

Bridge Refresher

Residents who haven’t played bridge in many years who wish a refresher course, come to bridge on Wednesday, March 28, at 1:00. Sign up in the Clubhouse or call Carol Hodges at 410-748-0591.

House Tour



The preparations for our Second Annual House Tour are well underway. The place to be on Saturday, April 28, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. is the SYMPHONY VILLAGE HOUSE TOUR. We have 14 beautiful homes on the tour representing all the models being built in Symphony Village and each uniquely decorated.

A packet with information has been delivered to each home in Symphony Village. In the packet are tickets and ad forms to assist with the procurement of ads. We ask that you purchase your tickets at your earliest convenience so that we may better prepare for the luncheon. Additional tickets may be purchased by contacting Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. We thank you for the ads you have obtained and ask for your continued support.

Our HOSTESS COMMITTEE will be calling you to enlist those who would like to serve as hostesses in the show homes. This requires only a few hours on Saturday, April 28, and is a major help to the success of our house tour. If you have not been called and would like to help, please contact Linda Farrar on 410-758-8744.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Who can I get to install my home theater? *See pages 11 and 12.*

Caregivers Support Group



Did you know that there is a Caregivers Support Group in Symphony Village that meets every other Monday at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Beth Dewhirst? Our next meeting will be Monday, March 26 when we hope to have Hospice give a presentation on the services they provide. We are inviting anyone interested in hearing about Hospice even if you are not a caregiver at the present time. At our last meeting Jane Anthony from the Queen Anne's County Department of Aging told us of the many services available to us. We were amazed to learn of all that we can take advantage of including transportation to doctor appointments for those who are not able to drive and a county ride bus for transportation to the Senior Center for activities and meals. There is tax preparation for Seniors at no charge and advice on the many aspects of the Health Care maze. There is also a nursing aide assistance program for those who need regular help with daily activities but who do not need nursing home care. The program enables those with chronic health problems to continue living in the community. For more information on the Department of Aging, look in the Clubhouse for flyers.

Neighbor to Neighbor



Neighbor to Neighbor welcomes Nancy Cameron as the street captain for the new section of Harmony Way. Nancy resides at 826 Harmony, and her telephone number is

410-758-3948. Street captains deliver a brochure to new residents in the Village. In times of need they call or visit a residence to ascertain what services are needed, and then notify the appropriate co-chairs to set a service or services in motion. Brochures for Neighbor to Neighbor are available in the Craft Room in the Clubhouse.

Those who would like to cook a meal for a neighbor in time of need should call Helena Joy at 410-758-6532 for residences on Harmony, Concerto, Opera, and Orchestra; Karen King at 410-262-9450 for residences on Sonata, Symphony, and Encore; and Doris Eck at 410-758-0332 for residences on Overture and the new section of Harmony.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Everyone may participate in Neighbor to Neighbor by helping with transportation, meals, medical equipment, pet care or spiritual support. Many thanks to the caring "Village People" for all you do for your neighbors.

Memorial Book

A memorial book has been created to commemorate Symphony Village residents who have died. The book is on display in the Clubhouse. For more information contact Helen Schultz at 443-262-9181.

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE



The Dr. Seuss all school book giveaway at Kennard Elementary School was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped. Each time we do one of these book distributions we find that more students are looking for certain authors and/or book series and even telling us about their last book.

We are continuing to supplement the fuel bill of one of our needy families. However, while warm weather is fast approaching, we know that more "sneakers" and other clothes will be needed.

Please save the date Saturday, November 3, for the Third Annual Silent Auction. We will need lots of help. We will also be putting crafts together for the fall craft fair. Look for future details!!!

Our next scheduled meeting is April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. All residents are welcome. Watch your e-mails for the dates of the spring "Muffins For Moms" and "Donuts for Dads."

Gazebo Garden Gang



As you may recall, the garden gang planted about 1600 bulbs of all kinds in the fall. If you walk by the gazebo, you will see many bulbs starting to sprout. During the next month, we will be buying and planting many varieties of annuals and perennials. All residents are invited to participate: to plant flowers, serve coffee, or just encourage the gardeners. We have also requested permission to mount a Purple Martin Apartment House near the gazebo. The Martins should arrive within the next three weeks. We will need help with that project. Each martin can eat as many as 2000 insects (particularly mosquitoes) per day! We would be lucky to have a colony of martins move into our apartments. A brief meeting of all persons interested in the garden club will be held on Saturday, March 17, in the gazebo at 1:00 p.m.

Book Clubs

Third Tuesday



The selection for February was *The Camel Club* by David Baldacci. Although it was difficult to keep track of all the characters, everyone agreed that it was an easy read. We are considering a sequel to this book for a future selection. Our hostess, Joan Studnicky, provided a delicious cake for dessert.

Jack Hennessey selected *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* for our March 20 meeting at 7:00. The theme for this book is somewhat shocking, and it will be interesting to hear the comments of our members. Joan Hennessey has selected *The Silent Partner* by Stephen Frey for April. She has two copies available for circulation. Call her at 758-4872 to borrow a copy. We still have room for more members, so y'all come!

Third Thursday

The Book Club meeting on the third Thursday of the month will be reading and discussing *Cage of Stars* by Jacquelyn Mitchard on April 19 at 7:00.. Come join us for some great book selections and discussions. Everyone is welcome! Do you have a book to suggest for the group? Let us know.



Who is the Aflac representative? *See ads on pages 11 and 12.*

Michael Cogan's Update on Emergency Medical Services Issues

Following a residents' meeting several months ago, a number of us have been working on the issue of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) from the perspective of Symphony Village needs and interests. The EMS Issues Group has worked to learn the organizations, people, and issues involving EMS in Centreville and Queen Anne's County.

As part of this process, we recently set up a meeting with the Centreville Town Manager to discuss the town budget. Though unplanned as an EMS meeting, the meeting became a broad discussion of EMS, and was attended by Eric Wargotz, President of the Queen Anne's County Board of Commissioners; and Mary Robey, member of the Centreville Town Council.

One outcome of the meeting was the recognition that we, as a community, are at a decision point. The county – led by Commissioner Wargotz – is working to assume responsibility for, and control of, all EMS services. [Note: this does not include fire services.] Currently, EMS (and fire services) are not under county control; they are primarily controlled by the various volunteer fire companies located throughout the county. We must decide whether to place our support behind the centralized county concept, or the decentralized volunteer company concept and publicly express that support.

Updates from the EMS Issues Group meeting in March will be included in the next *Libretto*.

Helpful Hints from George Drake:

Since the information on the SV Online Calendar is changed periodically, it is posted online in a timely manner. Thus, it is best to view the calendar online periodically as opposed to printing it out the first of the month and finding out around the 15th that events have changed.

To view the SV Online Calendar:

Type in the Internet **Address:** http://calendar.yahoo.com/svbcc_calendar (that's an **underscore** after the abbreviation "svbcc"), then press Enter. It's a good idea to then add this "page" to your **Favorites (or Bookmarks)** as follows so that you can readily access the calendar from your Favorites (these are instructions for users of Internet Explorer –other software is similar):

1. Enter the address above at the Address line of Internet Explorer and make sure the calendar comes up on your monitor. Then, go to step 2 immediately.
2. Select (click) **Favorites (Bookmarks) > Add to Favorites**, then click **OK**.
3. To view the SV Calendar at another time, just click **Favorites > Yahoo! Calendar**

To access the Directory and the Libretto:

Type in the Internet Address: <http://villagehoa.org>, then press Enter. Add this to your **Favorites (Bookmarks)** as you did the Calendar. From here you can click on the Calendar or Secured Documents (Directory, Minutes, *Libretto*). It will call for the user ID and Password which you can get from Jan at the Clubhouse or from the directions given you when you were welcomed to Symphony Village.

Special Reminders

- Club House Phone Number (Jan and Dennis)—410-758-8500
- Jan Van Riper's email--symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net
- Dennis Sesplankis' email--dsesplankis@LNresorts.com
- Warrant Office—410-758-8775 ext. 11
- George Bachman—301-261-0277 ext. 211; email—gbachman@carusohomes.com

Recognizing a Stroke

*The 3 steps are **S.T.R.** - Read and Learn!*

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the

FRANK OGENS
SYMPHONY VILLAGE CANDIDATE FOR
CENTREVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

By
Valerie Siegel

Frank Ogens has accepted the community's invitation to run for a seat on the Centreville Town Council. The election will be held at the Fire House (not the Town Hall, as in previous years) on Monday, April 2, 2007. Polls are open from noon until 8 p.m.



Frank has been on the Eastern Shore since enrolling at Washington College almost 40 years ago. He has lived in Queen Anne's County for 29 years, and has taught Law and Economics at Kent County High School for ten years.

Frank has more than 20 years' experience in the corporate arena including management of \$20 million in accounts for Ross Laboratories. He was also an entrepreneur for four years as owner/operator of Skip Jack Camera Supply on Kent Island. His experience and education help qualify him to effectively address many of the key issues facing 21st century Centreville.

These issues include EMS Service, which is as important to the younger population of Centreville as it is to those of us in Symphony Village. Fifty percent of the population of Centreville is 25-65 years of age. Children need reliable and available emergency medical services as much as older adults. A budget review is also in order to determine whether Centreville's expenses are in line with other towns of similar size and demographics. In this connection, taxes should be reviewed as well, especially in light of the growing tax base.

Another area of major concern is managed growth. Specifically, what can we do to improve restaurants, shopping, and services in our town? Are there block grants available to give downtown a face lift? What can be done about parking to support our merchants? Frank wants to explore these and other ways to promote our beautiful little town and keep our dollars here.

Frank's willingness to serve on the Centreville Town Council gives Symphony Village a political voice in our town for the first time. If you are registered to vote in the State of Maryland, you can vote in the city election on April 2. If you changed your registration through MVA, it would be a good idea to call 410-758-0832 to make certain your registration was recorded with the Queen Anne's County Board of Elections.

If you need to cast an absentee ballot, applications are available at the Clubhouse. Campaign Treasurer, Nick Barbalace, will pick up your application, deliver it to the Board of Elections, and pick up your absentee ballot for you, so feel free to call him at 443-786-4789.

Nick is also accepting campaign contributions made payable to him and noted in the memo "For Frank Ogens' Campaign." If you would like to participate in the Symphony Village campaign to have Frank Ogens be our voice on the Centreville Town Council, contact Cyndy Bourke, Mike Cogan, or Jack Dedrick. There are 2800 people in Centreville, so there is plenty of work to be done!

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