



LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

November 2010

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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.

New Homeowners

Symphony Village welcomes Angela Smith and James Wingrove at 706 Harmony Way and Anita Dalton at 309 Opera.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It's time to sign up for 2011 SV Committees! Sign-up sheets are available at the Clubhouse and were blast emailed as well. Residents can sign up for any of five committees: Budget & Finance, Covenants, Lifestyles, Operations, and/or Publications & Communications. Please confirm your intent to serve by filling out a form and returning it to Laura no later than 12/15/2010 (even if you served last year).

HOA MEETING

The Symphony Village Homeowners Association annual meeting is **December 1** at 6 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the Clubhouse. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. Therefore if you are unable to attend, you are asked to submit a proxy. Homeowners will be updated on community issues as well as vote to elect two members to the Board of Directors. Contact Dennis Sesplankis (410-758-8500) with questions concerning the meeting or to obtain ballots/proxies. Check the SV Website for documents regarding budget, etc. Ballots are available at the Clubhouse.



LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, November 17, **Lunch Bunch**, Jalapenos, 85 Forest Drive, Annapolis, 12:30.
- Thursday, November 18, **Ladies' Happy Hour** at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Saturday, November 20, **Happy Hour (Special Happy Birthday to Jack Hennessey)**, 6 p.m. The Hennesseys will provide the hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Please sign up in Activities Book **No Later Than November 15!!!!**



- Friday, December 3, **Happy Hour with Christmas Caroling**, 6 p.m.
- Sunday, December 5, **Williamsburg 4-Day Trip**.
- Tuesday, December 7, **Lifestyles Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- Saturday, December 18, **Holiday Party**, 6 – 10 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a carving station. Cookies for dessert. Party will be catered. Menu has not been finalized. Our own BJ will be playing the piano and there will be caroling and sing along.



Need a painter? See By the Bay ad.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Artisans' Extravaganza



We are happy to report that the first Artisans' Extravaganza was a great success. Symphony Village has so much talent from the interesting and clever crafters to the delicious bakers. Congratulations Linda Gardner and Nancie Cameron on chairing a wonderful event....and to all your helpers.

The Outreach Committee wishes to give a **special thank you** both to all the crafters who participated and made the Extravaganza possible and

to the Villagers who attended and supported this event so well! (For more pictures go to the SV Website).

Food Drive

Loretta Quigley, chair of the 2010 Symphony Village Food Drive, is happy to report that we collected 1,883 items for the Centreville Food Pantry, an increase of 401 items over last year. Thank you, Symphony Village! Outreach does appreciate so much your continuing support of our events; it makes it so much easier to carry out our mission of helping the people of Queen Anne's County.

Save the Date

And looking ahead, please mark your calendars for our Second Annual Card and Game Party on Thursday, January 13, 2011. The sign up sheet for this enjoyable event will be in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse in early December.

Service Project: Adult Day Care



Outreach will spearhead a Service Project in April 2011 to benefit the Adult Day Care Center in Stevensville. We plan to collect a wide variety of items on their Wish List – a complete list will be published at a later date. However, one of the items is “**Holiday Decorations.**” So, as you set up and take down decorations for the coming Holidays, if you have something you no longer use, please put it aside for the April drive. If you don’t want to store items until spring, please contact Linda Blume (410-758-3194) and she will store them for you. All donations are tax deductible.



Neighbor to Neighbor

We’ve had some changes recently to our roster of Street Captains. Sadly, long-time Captain Cass Smith has resigned. Please join with me in thanking her for her years of service to her neighbors on Overture Way. Please join with me, as well, in welcoming Carolyn Mancinelli to our group. Carolyn has volunteered to serve as a Captain for the 600’s – 700’s blocks of Harmony Way.

At our October meeting, we spent some time working on a new mission statement. While our mission and services have not changed, we felt that our statement should be a bit more concise. We agreed that our mission is “to provide short-term volunteer support to our neighbors.” This new mission statement will appear on our brochures.
Eleanor Strietman

Interested in buying a Miche purse? See the ad.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Internet or Website Help

If you would like to have help with your email, accessing the website, downloading photos, etc., Bob Rose (443-262-8238) has offered to help.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Publications and Communications meeting on December 6 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

Advertisers

Please support our advertisers. At the end of the newsletter you will find their ads.

Also, if you have good service from someone, encourage the company to advertise. You can print out the ad rates from the website or pick one up from Laura at the Clubhouse.

Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

Testimonials

If you have excellent service from one of the advertisers, please write a testimonial for the *Libretto*.

Libretto

For those who cannot read the *Libretto* online or print one, pick up a hard copy at the Clubhouse. A hard copy is also available for you to read and place back on the counter. Should you need to check past *Librettos*, you will find the last year's *Librettos* in a binder in the Wall Street room. It is a great place to look for a past advertiser.

Happy Thanksgiving

Your *Libretto* staff extends greetings and good wishes for a **Happy Thanksgiving** to all of our Symphony Village families, friends, and neighbors. Have a great day!



SNEAKERS UPDATE

Sneakers Auction

As you read this, our 2010 Silent Auction and Wine and Cheese party will have been completed. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed the function and that you were able to acquire those special items where you bid. We want to thank everyone who participated in the bidding and the raffles as well as those dedicated volunteers who put in countless hours before and during the event to make it a success. If you were not able to attend, or did not have the winning bid on any item, please feel free to provide a donation for this charity. Remember, we are a 501-(c)3 charitable organization and your contributions help the students and their families in the Centreville area.

Book Giveaways

The next book giveaway, the all-school holiday giveaway, at Kennard Elementary, is scheduled for Friday, December 17. Please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse if you are able to help.

Food/Gift Distribution

We will be needed at Kennard to help with their annual food drive distribution. Look for the date and time in the Weekly Update.

If you missed the auction and would like to buy a gift for our Christmas families, please take an ornament from the tree in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse.

Next Meeting

All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting, which will be Wednesday afternoon, December 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Need help getting things done? See the ad for Two Places at Once.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Halloween Party

If you missed the Halloween Party at the Clubhouse Friday night, you missed a great time. The theme of the party may have been “Country Western,” but there was a wonderful variety of interesting characters besides cowboys and cowgirls, including a surprise visit from Santa Claus. The costumes were fantastic. Some of the characters, especially the Samurai warrior, kept everyone wondering “who was that masked man.” It seems like the older we get, the more we like to have fun, and that’s a good thing.



Linda Gardner, Toni and Pat Loiacono, Debbi Patti, Allen Beck, and Eleanor Strietman were judges, and the **winners of the two contests** were:

- Costume** - 1st Place = “**Maxine**” (Carole Walsh)
2nd Place = “**Redskins Hoggette**” (Mike King)
3rd Place = “**Samurai Warrior**” (Jack Tominovich)
4th Place = Two “**One-Night Stands**” (Dotti Dillon & Elizabeth deGuzman)



Apple Desserts – All of the apple desserts were delicious, but two were outstanding and very different, so there were two winners: **Carlene Cooke** and **Jan DiCarlantonio**.

Their recipes will appear in the December *Libretto*. The six dessert contestants were Dorthea Turek, Jan D., Carlene C., Chris Collins, Bob Rose, and Nancie Cameron (not pictured).

In addition to good dance music, fun costumes, and delicious apple desserts, we “pigged out” on tacos, pizza, hot wings, fruit cocktail, a veggie/cheese tray, and a variety of homemade cakes and cookies.



A big “Thank You” goes out to all the hard working volunteers who set up, tended bar, cooked and served food, cleaned up, and helped make this party a great success that was enjoyed by all.

(Note: Look for the full set of **Halloween Pictures** on the **SV Website**.)

2010 Holiday Historic House Tour



The Queen Anne's County Historical Society and Crossroads Community Inc. will co-host this year's Historic Holiday House Tour on **December 11**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Eight historic houses in Centreville and one in Queenstown will be decorated in Holiday finery for the occasion. Bed and Breakfast "104 Kidwell" will be on the tour, and three times during the day, Myra Reichart from Places Through Time Living History (www.placesthroughtimelivinghistory.com), dressed in period costume, will read authentic letters from Civil War soldiers to their loved ones "back home" at Christmastime. Tickets are \$25 per person. Reserve tickets by calling the QAC Historical Society on 410-758-3010 or by emailing them at qachistorical@verizon.net. Tickets will also be available on the day of the event at Tucker House and Wright's Chance in Centreville. For more information on Crossroads Community Inc. (a non-profit organization providing mental health rehabilitation and case management services to residents of five Eastern Shore counties), go to www.ccinonline.com. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help at the event, contact Doris Pullman, 410-758-1578, or Ellen Norman, 410-758-3047.

Queen Anne's Chorale Holiday Pops



The Queen Anne's Chorale will present its annual Christmas concert, "**Holiday Pop**" on **December 5, at 4 p.m.** The single performance will be held at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College on Route 50 in Wye Mills, Maryland. A reception will follow, enabling the audience to join Chorale members in the Christmas spirit. This performance is certain to put its listeners in the "holiday" spirit! Tickets are sold at the door or through Chorale members for \$10 for adults. Children through high school are admitted free. The concert venue is handicapped accessible.

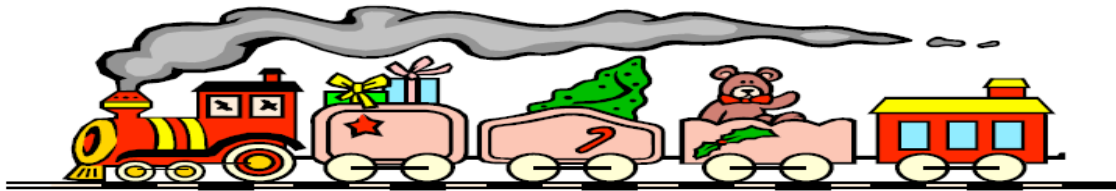
In April 2011, the Queen Anne's Chorale will perform the **Brahms' Requiem**, in English, in collaboration with the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra. There will be two performances: **Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m.**, at The Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, and **Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m.**, at Annapolis Senior High School, Annapolis, Maryland.

As is its custom, the Chorale invites new singers of all parts to join at the beginning of each semester at an "open rehearsal." Due to logistics and space, the Chorale has announced a **deadline of December 10 for new singers to join**. There will be **NO** January 3 "open rehearsal" which was announced earlier this semester. Therefore, interested singers should contact Bob Huntington, Artistic Director, at 410-763-7674 or bobhuntington01@aol.com before the new December 10 deadline. For more information about the Chorale, please call 410-643-1314 or visit www.qachorale.org. More QA Chorale info is available on the Bulletin Board at the Symphony Village Website villagehoa.org.



To all my friends and neighbors in Symphony Village, a sincere thank you for all the prayers, good wishes, get well cards and support before, during, and after my recent surgery. Meals were delivered by Bernie and Anita Morris, Linda Gardner, BJ McClaeb, Debbie and Frank Patti, and coordinated by Nancie Cameron. Frank Beachley was my nurse as were Frank Patti and Larry Strittmatter who both doubled as drivers. Thanks to Rich Ryan who stopped by for support only to find me sound asleep and to Dave and Sue Peterson when I was awake. Thanks to BJ McClaeb who stopped by often to see how I was. A thank you to the friends who chastised me for not finding ways for them to help me. We say we live in a friendly, supportive community, when we need to call for help we learn the meaning of the words. Again, Symphony Village I applaud and thank you.

Skip Kornmeyer



Christmas Train Layout

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Calling all kids 1 to 102 years old. Again this year, you are welcome to come and enjoy a Christmas train layout at Paul and Kay Blair's home at 133 Encore Court (410-758-2119) and at Larry and Betty Gingerich's home at 355 Overture Way (410-758-3102). Beginning Saturday December 11, and then Saturdays and Sundays through January 2, open houses will be from 2-4 p.m. Please call before coming. If these times do not work for visiting families, please phone and we will try to accommodate your needs. Santa's helper (aka Kay) will have cookie treats for all good girls and boys.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The "Gazebo Gang" Symphony Village Garden Club



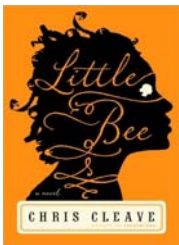
Two of the three purple martin houses have been winterized. We will keep an eye on the spring migration pattern for the martins and open the apartments when the advance scouts arrive, probably in April 2011. A fourth martin house has been approved and will be ordered as soon as funds are received from the residents in the locality of the new house.

As previously reported, we are looking for a new Chief Gardener. So far, no one has shown any interest in the position. There are 20 beds to take care of. Jack and Joan will each continue to take a bed, and ten other beds are covered. That means that there are eight more beds requiring a caretaker. Teams or individuals may apply. Talk to a neighbor about sharing a bed. (Flowerbed, that is!) As most of you know, Jack

is celebrating his 80th birthday (with a party to which all residents are invited--sign up in the Clubhouse), and feels that it is time for someone else to take over his garden duties. After our October meeting, eight caretakers showed up, and we collected 13 large plastic bags of weeds and deadheads. Dennis arranged for us to use the Clubhouse dumpster to dispose of them. (We sure do miss having a local dumpster!) As previously promised, Bob Linkins helped Jack remove the cattail plants that someone secretly planted in the garden. We are still awaiting word from our farmer benefactor as to whether he will allow us to use a portion of his farming area in 2011.

Reading For Fun Book Club

The Book Club met on October 19 to discuss the book *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John. Jack Hennessey recommended this book primarily because it was the One Maryland-One Book selection for 2010. All soccer enthusiasts would enjoy this story, which tells of an immigrant woman who uses her amazing skills to develop teamwork and friendship among immigrant youth in a small-town suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. Joan provided Pumpkin Dessert on Jack's behalf. The book received a rating of 6.5 on a scale of 1 to 10. In spite of the mediocre rating, this book inspired extensive discussions among the group.



The book for our November 16 meeting is *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave, recommended by Joyce Brown. Unfortunately, our local library does not have a copy of this book, but they did arrange to borrow copies from other regional libraries. The story tells of the relationship between Little Bee, a Nigerian immigrant who is waiting in a British immigration center, and a British writer. Their relationship is connected through the music of U2. It is an intricately woven tale!

The selection for December has been moved to January 18 due to the busy Christmas season. Carol Korstjens has recommended *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Stroudt for this meeting.

Symphony Village Bird Club



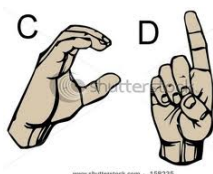
As I write this, we haven't gone on our field trip to Pickering Creek to see "Feeder Birds" yet (November 14); as you read this, the trip is over. I hope we had a good time!

The next talk in the "Walk n' Talk" series is "Winter Songbirds" on Sunday, December 12, 2 – 4 p.m. If you'd like to attend with the Bird Club, please sign up in the Activities Book by Wednesday, December 8.

The cost is \$10 per person. If there is a trip you'd like to take, please let Linda Blume know.

Sign Language Class

If you think you see some fellow residents talking with their hands, you are not seeing things. Twelve Symphony Village residents have been enjoying learning how to communicate in ASL sign language. Phyllis and Dan Krpata, who have lived on Harmony Way for five years, have been making talking in sign so much fun. The class ends in



November and will pick up again in January. If there is interest, a beginner's class will also be offered. Watch the Activities Book. Come and observe at 10 a.m. on Monday morning.

Line Dancing Class in the Village



There will be one more line dancing class in the Clubhouse on Wednesday, November 17 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$5. The classes will then resume again on Wednesday, January 5. Betty Hull, the instructor, will offer five classes for \$20 or \$5 per session. Many residents know Betty from the Senior Centers and have enjoyed the last several months that she has been teaching at the Clubhouse. Sign up in the Activities Book to continue lessons in 2011.

If Insulating, Purchase Materials Before 12/31/2010

by Bob Offerman

With the winter approaching, some homeowners are considering adding additional insulation in their attics. This is an excellent idea and worth the investment, especially if the material is purchased before year-end.

Here are some things to consider:

- There's a 30% federal tax credit on insulation purchased before 12/31/2010. It is limited to \$1500 total credit (equals \$5000 purchase price). The \$1500 cap applies to the purchases made 2009 - 2010. There is no credit for installation charges. Bottom line - if you're going to insulate, **purchase materials before December 31.**
- Blown-in insulation, as used in most of our attics, settles over time, which reduces its insulation properties.
- Adding additional fiberglass insulation increases energy efficiency well beyond the original, and the fiberglass will not settle over time. (It's also easier to work with in the future if attic maintenance is required.)
- When additional insulation is added to an attic, it's usually installed perpendicular to the ceiling joists. This is very difficult in our homes because of the truss construction which leaves a very obstructed attic space.
- A good solution is to install 24" wide batts of insulation parallel to the ceiling joists, between and overlapping the joists. (Be sure to purchase **24" wide** instead of the 23", which is usually sold.) The 24" width will cover the joists and the sides of the batts will touch. Trusses will press into the insulation as necessary and not present a problem. Do not block soffit vents. Be sure to use **unfaced** insulation with minimum R-19 (R-30 preferred) rating. Batts are 2' wide by 4' long and come in bundles of 10 or 11 pieces. Best price for R-30 was at Shore Lumber right here in Centreville - and Bob Skilling is a pleasure to deal with. Be sure to tell him you're from Symphony Village.
- An often overlooked area for improved efficiency is the attic duct work used for heating/cooling. The ductwork in most of our homes is rated between R-4 and R-6. Because of the very large temperature difference between the treated air and ambient attic air, heated air becomes cooled in winter, and cooled air becomes heated in the summer.



- Adding additional ductwork insulation is relatively easy and inexpensive. Reflectix insulation (flexible double foil sided) is available in 4' wide rolls at Lowe's. I install it by measuring the ductwork diameter and cutting pieces off the roll to that length plus another inch or so (to provide for standoffs) and

installing it with standoff strips of Reflectix (1-2" wide) to provide an air space between duct and Reflectix. Be sure to insulate the returns as well. It takes about 5 rolls for a Gershwin. (Reflectix 4' by 25' rolls are sold by Lowe's for \$40.)

Hope this helps!! (For more pictures of Bob's work, go to <http://villagehoa.org/hoa/documents/Insulation.html>).

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Rustico Restaurant and Wine Bar

By Karin Larsen



One of my favorite restaurants on the Eastern Shore is Rustico. Since December of 2007, owners Gino Romano, the Executive Chef, and Michelina Scotto have beamed in a bit of Southern Italy with authentic Italian cuisine and atmosphere. Located in Stevensville in an 1885 historic building, this restaurant exudes rich rustic colors of reds and bronzes, linen tablecloths, soft lighting, and excellent service. Yet it's the food that has our family celebrating important events at Rustico's year after year.

Let's start with an appetizer, *Frittura di Pomidori Verdi* featuring fresh buffalo mozzarella, breaded green tomatoes flash fried topped with buffalo mozzarella, served with marinara sauce. Next, let's order the *Insalata di Spinaci*, a salad full of baby spinach with fresh strawberries, pine nuts, and goat cheese tossed with balsamic vinaigrette. It tastes delicious and one could stop there, but don't! Try the *Ravioli Con Astice*, striped ravioli stuffed with lobster sautéed with crabmeat, mushrooms, and peas in a creamy rose sauce. Also delectable is the *Vitello al'Annapolis*, veal scallopine sautéed with crabmeat and mushrooms in a creamy rosé sauce over angel hair pasta. How about zabaglione, tiramisu, or chocolate mousse for dessert? My very favorite dessert, *Strudel de Mêlé*, is baked to order. If you don't mind waiting fifteen minutes to receive a light apple strudel topped with vanilla ice cream and a warm caramel sauce, it's worth the wait.

All of the main dishes are delicious, well prepared, served with style, and there is even a four course dinner special for \$35 where you choose the appetizer, salad, pasta dish, and choice of dessert. Don't forget to try an after dinner Martini, Cognac, Port, or a fragrant Frangelica filled with the aroma and flavor of flowers, berries, and sweet hazelnuts with your coffee. Yum.

Rustico's wine bar offers over "20 wines by the glass as well as a 200 bottle collection, focusing mainly on the varietals of Italy, the second largest producer of wines world-wide." So if you have not sampled this touch of Napoli and other southern Italian specialties, Rustico waits to welcome you with Benvenuti!

Rustico, 401 Love Point Road, Stevensville, Maryland 21666 (410-643-9444) is open Monday through Sunday. Lunch and Dinner Menus are also available in the Wine Bar.

Trivia Questions

1. Which Apollo mission was the first to land men on the moon?
2. In what year did the first manned moon landing take place?
3. Who were the first astronauts to walk on the moon?
4. What was the site on the moon of the first manned landing?
5. What were the U.S. spaceflight programs before the Apollo program?

(See last page for answers)

LOCAL EVENTS

By Linda Blume

As was the case in September, there are just too many Local Events this month to include all of them in the *Libretto*. The entire list appears on the SV Website at <http://villagehoa.org/hoa/documents/Events2.pdf>, and we will again put a hard copy of the complete list in the *Libretto* binder that is located in the Clubhouse.

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Concert



The BSO will perform at Chesapeake College's Todd Performing Arts Center Theatre on **November 19** at 7:30 p.m. The program will be Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite," Prokofiev's "Violin Concerto #1 for Violin in D Major, Opus 19," and Shostakovich's "Symphony #10 in E Minor, Opus 93." Tickets are \$35, \$10 for students. (www.chesapeake.edu)

Cruisers U. S. Navy Band Concert



The Cruisers will be in concert on **November 19**, 7 p.m., at the Colonel Richardson High School Auditorium in Federalsburg (25320 Richardson Road). The Cruisers are the U. S. Navy's premier contemporary entertainment ensemble featuring eight of the Navy's most dynamic performers. For more information, call 410-479-1343. (www.navyband.navy.mil)

Lights on the Bay



Enjoy a scenic drive along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay during the annual "Lights on the Bay" light show sponsored by Anne Arundel Medical Center. This popular light show features 60 animated and stationary holiday displays located throughout Sandy Point State Park. The event runs **November 20 – January 2**, 5 – 10 p.m. The price is \$14 per vehicle. For more information, go to www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/sandypoint.asp.

[Need your taxes done? See Bob Butler's and Bob Eck's ads.](#)

“Hiawatha”



The Todd Hall Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College presents the 14th season of the Theatre for Young People Family Series. On **November 21** at 11 a.m., the award-winning Catskill Puppet Theatre presents “Hiawatha,” the tale of the Iroquois hero featuring Native American flute and drum music. Tickets are \$6. The show is recommended for grades Pre-K to 3. For more information, go to www.chesapeake.edu.

Centreville Christmas Parade



The parade will take place this year on **December 3**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The parade route is from Kidwell Avenue to N. Commerce and Broadway. For more information, call the Town of Centreville on 410-758-1180. (www.discoverqueenannes.com)

State House By Candlelight



Tour the Maryland State House on **December 3-4**, 7 – 9 p.m. Enjoy choral, band, and ensemble performances by the glow of the official State Christmas tree in the oldest State House in continuous legislative use in the nation. Admission is free. (www.annapolisbusinessassoc.com)

15th Annual Heck with the Malls



This year’s event will take place on **December 4** throughout Centreville, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be unique artwork and gifts plus a town-wide open house. Area artist vendors are part of this annual event. For more information on Heck with the Malls, call 410-758-2520. Wright’s Chance and Tucker House will be decorated for the Holiday season will be open **December 4**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; admission is free. (www.discoverqueenannes.com)

Holiday Greens Sale



Adkins Arboretum will hold its annual Holiday Greens Sale on **December 4**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be fresh local greens, wreaths, swags, and much more. For more information, go to www.adkinsarboretum.org.

9th Annual Midnight Madness in St. Michaels



December 4 is the biggest shopping day of the year in St. Michaels. Great shops are all open until midnight with refreshments and snacks, and special sales for that day and evening. The Town is festively decorated for the season, and carolers stroll the streets. Drawings for fabulous prizes begin at 11:30 p.m. and you must be present to win. For more information, go to www.tourtalbot.org.

Holiday Pops Concert



The concert of popular holiday music will be presented by the Queen Anne’s Chorale on **December 5** at 4 p.m. at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. For more information, call 410-758-8658. (www.discoverqueenannes.com)

24th Annual Christmas in St. Michaels



During **December 10-12**, St. Michaels dons its holiday finery. Shops will be decked with greenery and bright lights, a parade will take place, historic homes will be open for visitors, and special holiday events will appeal to all. For all the details and a complete schedule of events, go to www.christmasinstmichaels.org.

Reminder: Go to <http://villagehoa.org/hoa/documents/Events2.pdf> to see all 48 Events, 5 Continuing Events, and 11 Events Outside the Four County Area.

PERSONAL ADS

Do you have something to sell, a condo to rent, something you need? Email your ad to lhodges@atlanticbb.net or call Carol at 410-758-0591. We do not accept commercial or real estate sales.

For Sale--Crib, excellent condition. Grandbabies have outgrown it. Includes sheet and mattress pad. \$75. Call Carol at 410-758-0591.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

TWINKIE-MISU

From the Kitchen of Janet O'Connor



Hostess Twinkies celebrates its 75th Anniversary with this takeoff on Italian tiramisu!
Serves 10 (or 20 if cut in half)

1 box (containing 10) *Hostess Twinkies*

¼ cup strongly brewed coffee or espresso, cooled

¼ cup Kahlua (or other coffee liqueur)

½ gallon quality coffee or chocolate ice cream, softened slightly

½ cup bittersweet chocolate, coarsely grated and shavings, for garnish

Mocha Fudge Sauce or other chocolate sauce

- ✓ Slice each Twinkie in half length-wise. Line a 8 ½ x 4 ½ inch loaf pan lengthwise with two 18-inch long sheets of plastic wrap, overlapping the sheets slightly in the center of the pan and letting the excess plastic wrap hang over all sides.
- ✓ Place 5 Twinkie halves, cream side up, crosswise in the pan.
- ✓ Mix together coffee and Kahlua. Using a pastry brush, generously apply some of the coffee mixture to the cut side of each Twinkie.
- ✓ Spoon about a ½ inch layer of softened ice cream over the Twinkies.

- ✓ Sprinkle with about 2 tablespoons of grated chocolate.
- ✓ Arrange another 5 Twinkie halves on top of the chocolate, cream side up, brush again with coffee Kahlua mixture and top with another ½ inch layer of ice cream and another 2 tablespoons of chocolate. Repeat with remaining ingredients, finishing with a layer of ice cream.
- ✓ Smooth the top, pressing down firmly. Pan should be filled to just above the rim.
- ✓ Fold plastic wrap over top of cake. Freeze for at least 8 hours. (May be frozen up to 2 months if pan is wrapped entirely in heavy foil.)

To serve, carefully run warm tap water around bottom edge of loaf pan to gently soften ice cream. Unfold the plastic wrap from the top of the cake. Place a serving platter over top of loaf pan and invert pan. Remove and discard plastic wrap. Slice, sprinkle top with chocolate shavings, and serve with dollop of mocha fudge sauce.

Mocha Fudge Sauce

Makes 2 cups

1 cup packed dark brown sugar
 ½ cup light corn syrup
 1 ½ tablespoons instant espresso powder
 3 ounces unsweetened chocolate, finely chopped
 ½ cup heavy (whipping) cream
 2 ½ tablespoons Kahlua
 Pinch of salt

- ✓ In a small, heavy saucepan over medium heat, bring the brown sugar, corn syrup and espresso powder to a boil, stirring until the sugar dissolves.
- ✓ Remove the pan from the heat, add the chocolate, and stir until melted.
- ✓ Stir in the cream, Kahlua, and salt. Serve warm or at room temperature.

SPECIAL REMINDERS

- Clubhouse phone number (Laura and Dennis)—410-758-8500
- Dennis Sesplankis' email--dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Laura Wright's email—lwright@legumnorman.com
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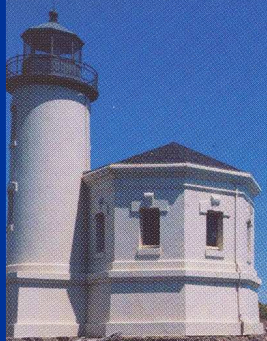
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