



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 RESIDENTS

Sylvia & Roland Reed—102 Sonata Way
Thomas & Eileen Caulk and Mary Andresky— 254 Concerto Avenue

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 18, **Movie Night**, 7 p.m.
Watch *Waking Ned Devine* in Grand Ball Room.
- Saturday, March 19, **St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour**, 6 p.m.
Music will be provided by Bob Duckman from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer.
- Tuesday, March 22, **Lunch Bunch at The Narrows Restaurant**.
Meet at noon in the Clubhouse parking lot to carpool.
- Thursday, March 24, **Ladies' Happy Hour**, 5:30 p.m.
Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Friday, March 25, **Game Night**, 7 p.m. Bring your favorite game to share.
- Friday, April 1, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert or appetizer.
- Wednesday, April 6, **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Saturday, April 9, **Dining Out at Carlotto's Restaurant**, 5:30 p.m.
Open to the first 48 who sign up.
- Friday, April 15, **Movie Night**. Movie to be announced.
- Saturday, April 16, **Garage Sale**. Check the Activities Book for more information.
- Saturday, April 16, **Happy Hour**.



Happy Hour Hosts

Hosts for Happy Hours are needed!!! Sign up in the Activities Book. There isn't much to do. For details call Lee Ettman @410-758-4580.

Questionnaire

Kindly take a moment to address the questionnaire regarding future activities so that the Lifestyle Committee can address the interests of the community as best it can. The questionnaire is available in the Activities Book.

Luck Be a Lady Tonight!



Forty more gamblers needed to fill the second bus to Atlantic City on May 14. The Lifestyle Committee quickly learned there are some SV residents who are quite happy to try their luck. Fifty-five people signed up for the first bus in record time. When the second bus was announced, more were happy to join—but to date, not “*enough more.*” Come on people! Join the fun! For \$35 you get a ride to and from Atlantic City with a designated driver already behind the wheel. Bring your own drinks and snacks. There is even a promise of “comp” money. Although the amount has yet to be determined, it could be as much as \$20. The last trip to Atlantic City proved to be a good time and super lucky for some. March 31 is the final day to sign up. All money must be paid by then. So don’t delay! Go to the Clubhouse and sign on for bus Number Two.

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Project Clean Stream 2011

As residents of the Chesapeake Bay/Corsica River watershed, Symphony Villagers play important stewardship roles in maintaining the health and well being of the Bay and its tributaries. Many of us were attracted to this community because of the surrounding protected forest and streams which meander along the periphery of Symphony Village and flow into Mill Stream, which feeds into the Corsica River. Unfortunately, the Corsica River remains on Maryland’s list of impaired polluted waterways under the Clean Water Act.

The Corsica River Conservancy is sponsoring its annual **Project Clean Stream** on **Saturday, April 2**, this year. Volunteers spend three hours from 9 am – noon removing trash from streams which feed into the Corsica River in addition to areas along the stream banks. Last year a total of 2,500 pounds of trash was collected by crews at four different sites in Centreville. One of those sites was at the Symphony Village bioswale-stream area. If you are interested in participating in this fun and eco-fulfilling activity, please contact Betty McAtee 410-758-2443 or Cass Smith 410-758-6965.



Last year’s SV stream clean-up volunteers pictured above are: **Mary Drake, Ed Smith, George Drake, Pat Scheirer, Betty McAtee, Bill Rowley, Cass Smith, and Ray Scopel.**

OUTREACH UPDATE

Rebuilding Together

Thanks to all who have offered to help with the **Rebuilding Together** project; it isn’t too late to sign up if you’d like to help on April 30. I will send out specific details to the helpers once I get that information. However, I do know that it is a house in Centreville; and there may be work days other than April 30.— **Carlene Cooke, Chair, Outreach Committee**



Neighbor to Neighbor

A few simple, direct, but very important questions for pet owners: If you had an emergency, who would care for your pet? Does that person have a key to your house or know who does? We know that we need to make pet care arrangements when we travel or when we know that we'll be incapacitated for a long period of time. Being a responsible pet owner, however, means that we've also planned for the unexpected. If you're not sure who would care for your pet when you can't, here are several options to consider.



Symphony Village now has a pet care co-op that works very much like a baby-sitting co-op. Members agree to provide reciprocal pet care. Being a member of the co-op offers peace of mind; you know, in advance, that "Fluffy" and "Fido" will be well cared for. Please call Mary Drake (410-758-8266) for more information.

Another option is to hire a professional pet care provider. Several of these advertise in the *Libretto*. This allows your pet to stay in familiar surroundings while you're away. This option also means that your pet would be with you if you were home but couldn't provide for your pet's total care.

Many Villagers board their pets when they travel or know that they won't be able to provide for their pets for a while because of unusual circumstances. (A pre-visit to a kennel is often a good idea.) Some veterinarians offer boarding services. This may be a good option if your pet requires medications. Pre-planning for your pet's care makes good sense. If you haven't already done so, do it now.

– *Eleanor Strietman, Chair, Neighbor to Neighbor*

What's Your Favorite Recipe(s)?

Plans are underway for *Volume 2* of *The Village Cookbook*, to be launched in time for the 2nd Annual Artisan's Fair later this year and/or the 2011 Holiday season. Pick up recipe collection sheets from the basket at the front desk at the Clubhouse and use them along with additional pages as needed to contribute a recipe. For the security and propriety of your recipe(s), place your recipe(s) in a sealed envelope marked "SVOPI RECIPE" and drop it at the front desk at the Clubhouse where Nancie Cameron will pick them up every couple of days. Recipe categories are:



Appetizers

Beverages

Bunch, Bread, and Rolls

Soups and Salads

Vegetables and Side Dishes

Vegetarian Entrees

Main Dishes (non-seafood)

Seafood

Desserts

Cookies, Bars, and Candy

Be sure to indicate the category on the collection sheet. The deadline for recipe collection is April 30. That date may seem a long way off; but please don't procrastinate, "git 'er done now!"

Anyone willing to enter the recipes on-line in the **Morris Cookbook** program, please call **Nancie Cameron, 410-758-3948**. An instructional meeting will be held in March.

Pampered Chef Party to Benefit Outreach



On Saturday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m., Maggie Crosswhite, 207 Overture Way, will host a Pampered Chef party, the proceeds of which will go to the Outreach Committee. Please RSVP to Maggie at 410-758-0158 or mnmcrosswhite@msn.com if you would like to attend. You don't have to attend in order to participate; Maggie will have extra catalogs

and order forms that you can pick up. You can also go to <http://www.pamperedchef.biz/junebugkitchen> to see the catalog online and then drop by Maggie's to fill out the order. All orders and checks must be turned in to Maggie by the day of the party. Any questions, please call Maggie or Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146. The Outreach Committee thanks Maggie so much for this generous gesture!

Service Project: Adult Day Medical Center



Following our pre-event promotion, the Outreach service project to collect and donate items to the Adult Day Medical Center in Stevensville is at hand. Item collection will take place, **Saturday, April 9**, through **Sunday, April 17** (i.e., two weekends and the week between).

The items on the Center's Wish List are:

CRAFT SUPPLIES:

Silk flowers, ribbon, lace, glue sticks, construction paper, project patterns, fabric, etc.

KNICKKNACKS FOR PRIZES:

Costume jewelry, figurines
Combs, brushes
Travel size soap, shampoo, lotion, body wash, etc.
Nail polish, perfume

MISCELLANEOUS:

Puzzle books, novels, magazines
Used tennis balls
Wrapping paper
Movies and Music (DVD, CD, VHS – Prefer Old Classics & Comedy)
Stuffed Animals
Sheets, towels, blankets, wash cloths
Holiday Decorations

Please use your imagination on additional items that you might wish to donate in the same vein as the items above.

The following households have volunteered to be collection houses:

Linda Blume – 224 Orchestra	Teri Nudo – 106 Harmony
Marilyn Williams – 246 Concerto	Lauren Rose – 218 Harmony
Eleanor Strietman – 235 Opera	Nancie Cameron – 826 Harmony
Beth Dewhirst – 301 Overture	Joan Hennessey – 146 Sonata

As always, Outreach greatly appreciates your support! All donations are tax deductible. To read more about the Adult Day Medical Center, go to www.qahealth.org/adult-day-medical-services.html.

– *Linda Blume*

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Advertisers

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

And, if you get good service from someone, encourage the company to advertise. You can print out the ad rates from the website or pick up a rate list from Nancy at the Clubhouse.

Remember: Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

Web Site

The new URL for the Symphony Village Website is: <http://www.symphonyvillage.net>

The old URL will work for a while, but the new name should be used as soon as possible.

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 out past *Librettos*, you will find the last year's *Librettos* in a binder in the Wall Street Room. It's also a great place to look for past advertisers.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on Monday, April 4, at 3 p.m.

Nancy Griffith



Let's welcome Nancy Griffith to Symphony Village. Nancy is our new Administrative Assistant. She will be working Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself the next time you visit the Clubhouse.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

SYMPHONY VILLAGE BIRD CLUB

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge has an "eagle cam" and an "osprey cam" on their website



(www.fws.gov/blackwater). This year the eagle pair has produced three eaglets, born on February 19, 21, and 24. So far they look like little fuzz-balls and are so cute. If you'd like to watch them, go to the "[Blackwater Home](#)" page, click on "[More Items](#)" then "[Raptor Cams](#)," and scroll down until you can click on "[Cam Central](#)." The ospreys don't return until around St. Patrick's Day, so their nest platform is currently unoccupied, but sometimes an eagle perches on it to

overlook the water. – *Linda Blume*

THE GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB

The Gazebo Garden has numerous daffodils blooming, along with a few crocuses! The old American flags have been removed and turned over to the American Legion for proper disposal (burning). New flags have been purchased and will be installed before April 1. A new mounting pole has been purchased to replace the pole bent by the heavy winds. The fourth martin house will be installed by April 1 in anticipation of the arrival of the purple martins, expected early in April. Five new caretakers are needed for the Gazebo Garden. Volunteers please contact Jack Hennessey by phone or email (410-758-4872, jhennessey@atlanticbb.net).

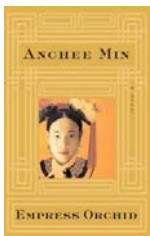
Mulch should be delivered by April 1. Don Downey has graciously volunteered to help any gardener who needs help with mulching a bed. Don has also agreed to park his truck in the nearby parking lot so

that gardeners can throw their garden trash in the truck for disposal. Trash bags are available in the Gazebo tool box.

The Vegetable Garden has been tilled by Dave Peterson, and the rows have been laid out. Our space is limited to the same area as last year, so no new gardeners will be recruited. Each gardener is allotted 50 linear feet of planting area. If one of the gardeners wants only 25 feet, a new gardener may be allowed to use the other 25 feet. **A planning meeting will be held late in March. Watch for the meeting notice.**

THE READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

The book discussed at our February 15 meeting was *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar. This book was recommended by June Silverman, who provided a delicious cake and coffee for dessert. The theme of this book is similar to that of *The Help*, but in this case, the setting is in India, and the contrast is between the ruling class and the lower class. The story did not have a happy ending, and several issues are unresolved. This book received a rating of 7.1, on a scale of 1 to 10.



The book for our March 15 meeting is *Empress Orchid* by Anchee Min. The setting for this story is China, during the time of the Emperors. Orchid is the last female Empress of China. It is difficult to believe that Chinese Emperors had so much power, but this novel is based on actual conditions during those times. The author holds your interest throughout the book. The reader can't wait to see what happens next!

SV Residents are invited to join the Book Club or to just sit in on a meeting, listen to the discussion, and enjoy the dessert!

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What hair color naturally graces the heads of 1 in 16 Americans?
2. In what country is the wine-growing Barossa Valley located?
3. What traditional timing device is used by musicians and beats at a selected rate?

HELPFUL HINT

Dryer Vents:

Attention all home owners! If you haven't already done so, now is the time to cover dryer vents with screening to prevent robins or starlings from building their nests inside your vents.



TRAVEL

A Great Day Trip: Ferry Point Park



On a “warmish” February day, I went to check out Ferry Point Park adjacent to the Chesapeake Bay Exploration Center (CBEC) in Chester. Queen Anne’s County acquired the acreage in 2006 with the goal of preserving the fragile land; the first trails opened in 2009. Begin your visit by walking the 530-foot boardwalk (with sturdy railings) which begins at CBEC and crosses over tidal marshland. During my visit, calls from red-winged blackbirds filled the air. At the end of the boardwalk, a paved trail leads out to the Chester River. Interpretive signs identify plant life along the trail. At the end of the paved trail, crushed oyster shell paths lead off to the right and to the left, leading you to additional views of Kent Narrows, Piney Creek, and the Chester River. In season, you may see many species of birds, amphibians, and maybe even deer. There are benches and picnic tables near the water, some in sun and some in shade (once the leaves are back on the trees). Pets are permitted on leash. Ferry Point Park is open sunrise to sunset. This would be a lovely place to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy nature and gorgeous views of the water. – *Linda Blume*

OUR WINTER TRAIN ADVENTURE

by Betty and Larry Gingerich

(Chicago to Vancouver and on to Toronto Via Amtrak and Via Canada Rail)

Even our travel agent thought we were crazy when we scheduled this trip with “America By Rail” for our cold, snowy adventure. We arrived in Chicago a day early which was a good decision since the big blizzard started the next day. We stayed at the Palmer House and did some sightseeing in the minus degree weather, renewing old memories of when we lived in the Midwest for several years.



We arrived at Union Station and were met by the tour guide and settled into a private lounge to await our departure. The train arrived on time, but things rapidly went downhill from there. It had “mechanical problems,” which took hours to repair. Finally, they added a new engine. **They told us trains are never late, just delayed!** They fed us and treated us well, and we eventually heard the “All Aboard” 5 ½ hours late! The Chicago blizzard was in full force by then. We watched the workers burning kerosene on the switches to keep them open, and we limped out of the station.

Our sleeping rooms on Amtrak were called Roomettes and were very tiny – two chairs next to a large window. At night they are made into two bunk beds with only 18 inches of space between the beds and the wall. On Amtrak, the toilets and showers are down the hall. The mattresses are thin, and the person on top has to put up a net to keep from rolling out of bed. There is a lot of train motion and walking between cars can really be difficult at times. We laughed about all the bruises we would have as we bumped into everything along the way. There is free coffee, water bottles, and juice nearby at all times; and the food in the dining room was good with excellent service. I met up with the conductor one night, and he looked like someone from Polar Express with ice in his hair, having just been outside shoveling out frozen switches. We came to really admire the railroad workers and crew.

Amtrak and Via Canada tracks are all owned by the freight lines. This means that freight trains always have the right of way. This is the reason for the frequent delays on passenger lines. We had to move to the nearest siding to allow the freight train to go by and also had to slow down considerably when passing a freight train going in the opposite direction, but that was all part of the adventure. We counted cars, saw all the different container cars, and learned to be patient and just relax. We had train fans on board who could read the signal lights and tell us what was happening, and they even tuned in to the engineers talking to each other. But with all that being said,

the scenery was well worth all the inconveniences. Going across the empty snowy plains and then into the Rockies was a fairyland of glistening ice and pure white snow and even some blue skies. There were old, historic stations covered with overhanging icicles and snow; evergreen trees lining tracks; and people going about their daily lives outside our windows. When we approached Glacier National Park, this is where our late schedule paid off. Originally we would have been going through this area at night, but now it was morning, and the views were just amazing. I took many pictures; but, since they are through the train windows, the quality is not great. We spent most of our time up in the warm, cozy Vista Dome car just watching the world go by. We read, knitted, did puzzles, played cribbage, ate, and met many interesting people, including locals riding the train. Because we were 12 hours late arriving in Vancouver, we lost one day here; but we still had a city tour and went to a wonderful aquarium. We also had an excellent dinner at The Boathouse--a beautiful restaurant on the water.

We boarded Via Rail Canada for the second leg of our trip. The sleepers there are called bedrooms but are about the same as on Amtrak. They have a walled toilet and sink in the room; a good improvement! The ride was still bumpy and noisy, but their dome car kept us mesmerized again as we passed through the Canadian Rockies, Mount Robson, and then stopped for a brief visit in Jasper. Our next hotel stop was for two overnights in Edmonton, Canada, at the huge mall and entertainment complex there—the largest in North America. There are 800 stores, an amusement park, an ice rink, a water park and wave pool, a miniature golf course and a Pirate ship, and a Casino – all in the center of this mall. We walked around to see it all, stretching our legs felt so good. We went to a Dinner Theatre which was done very well, even though it happened to be Super Bowl Sunday and many of the men were not pleased with this scheduling! Then we were back on the train for more fairyland winter views as we crossed the prairies and the lake country with frozen lakes, ice fishermen out in their huts, moose sightings, and even a lone elk grazing in the field of snow – arriving in Toronto right on time.

We would probably do another train trip, but we prefer Via Canada to Amtrak. However, I should mention this trip is not for everyone. There is a lot of down time and sitting; arrivals and departures were often late at night due to train scheduling. The small size of the roomettes and having to walk through 4-5 cars to the dining car was difficult for some passengers. However, you can be served in your roomette. We have done two trips now through the Canadian Rockies and would recommend the Rocky Mountaineer when traveling during the warmer season. This trip allows you to spend more time in Banff. For a winter adventure, however, we enjoyed America By Rail. (Websites: <http://www.americabyrail.com/> http://www.rockymountaineer.com/en_US/)

RESTAURANT REVIEW

by Karin Larsen

ANNIE'S PARAMOUNT STEAK & SEAFOOD HOUSE



Skeptical about a restaurant that consistently serves delicious food? Don't be. Annie's food, atmosphere, and service continue to shine. Atmosphere abounds with nautical views of the Kent Narrows and the Chester River. Once inside, you can choose to enter the bustling and entertaining lounge or the warmly elegant yet comfortable main dining room.

Let's get to the food. Annie's pleases the palate with many marvelous recipes created by the Katinas Family and Head Chef Kurt Lentrzsch. We've been dining here for almost two decades and have not been disappointed with this perfect boating and dining destination. Opened in 1992, Annie's has received all sorts of awards. From *Wine Spectator* magazine, this restaurant has been awarded the *Wine*

Spectator “Award of Excellence” from 2006 through 2010 for its thematic match between quality and variety of wine and food and “Best Steakhouse and Best Brunch” in *What’s Up* magazine in 2008. Continuing these accolades, Annie’s also received the following : an “Award of Distinction” from *Zagat*; “Best Restaurant in Queen Anne’s County” in *Update Newspaper*; “People’s Choice Award” for “Best Cream of Crab Soup” from the Maryland Seafood Festival; and some of these have been awarded over and over again. The familiar and friendly staff seems to be an enthusiastic and efficient group at Annie’s.

A great place to start is choosing from *Annie’s Best Bites* or my favorite *Soups on the Shore* sections of the menu. My favorite is still the *Cream of Crab*, Annie’s signature recipe, made with jumbo lump crabmeat and truly delicious. Or you can start with Bruce’s favorite *Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail*. Another zesty starter is the *Sashshimi Pacific Rim “Ahi” Tuna* served with Goma Wakami and Pickled Ginger in addition to Sesame Soy, and Cusabi and Wasabi Aioli. Do you like salads? Try the delicious *Bosch Pear and Blue Cheese Salad* or the *Grilled Shrimp Caesar Salad*. There are 15 different salads currently on the menu to try and enjoy so you can take your time sampling them.

What to get next? How about one of the *Fin-fare and Specialties of the House*? One delicious specialty is *Annie’s Stuffed Whole Flounder*, filleted and stuffed with *Jumbo Lump Crab Imperil* or the *Cornflake Crusted Rockfish* served over polenta cake with Dijon horseradish sauce. Or how about devouring a cut of *Annie’s Prime Rib*, still my favorite cut of beef in this area! *Don’t forget to try the Mediterranean Specialties* and their *Veal Specialties*.

As they say, there’s always room for dessert! Annie’s explains, “To create a fine dessert, one has to have the skills of a confectioner, a decorator, a painter, an architect, an ice-cream manufacturer, a sculptor, and a florist.” My favorites are.... all of the desserts! I love to go to Annie’s for the *Ultimate Chocolate Cake*, combining three layers of chocolate fudge with three layers of chocolate devil’s food cake with a Courvoisier cognac. Hey Villagers, how about a *Bone Crusher* with your dessert? **Relax**, I’m only referring to a Grand Marnier with Bailey’s Irish Cream and Kahlua. *See you at Annie’s!*

(Located at 500 Kent Narrows Way North, Mears Point Marina, Grasonville, MD, 410-827-7103.)

RECIPE

CROCK POT POTATO SOUP

From the Kitchen of Terri O’Connell

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| 6 Potatoes - peeled, cut in bite-size pieces* | 1 T parsley flakes |
| 2 Leeks - washed and cut up (optional) | 5 Cups water |
| 2 Onions - cut up (I use green/spring.) | 1 T salt |
| 1 Carrot - peeled and sliced | Pepper |
| 1 Celery stalk - sliced | 1/3 Cup butter |
| 4 Chicken bouillon cubes | 13-oz. can evaporated milk |
| Chives – chopped | |



Put all ingredients except evaporated milk and chives in Crock Pot. Cover and cook on low 10 to 12 hours (3 to 4 on high) Stir in evaporated milk the last hour. If desired, mash the potatoes (with a masher) before serving. *I usually chop the potatoes in the processor prior to cooking. PLUS, I add Italian sausage in the beginning to make it a real meal.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

by Linda Blume

NOTE: There are too many Local Events this month to include all of them in the *Libretto*. The entire list appears on the SV Website at:

<http://www.symphonymvillage.net/villagehoa/hoa/newsevents/index.html>,

and we will put a hard copy of the complete list in the *Libretto* binder that is located in the Wall Street room of the Clubhouse.

Chester River Chorale Spring Concert “Welcome Spring!”



The Chester River Chorale will present two performances of “Welcome Spring!” on the weekend of the spring equinox. The 70-voice Chorale will appear at the Kent County High School in Worton on Friday, **March 18** at 8 p.m. A second performance will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, **March 20** at the historic St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Centreville. This gala concert will celebrate the reawakening of spring—and, of course, the season of love. (www.whatsupmag.com)

Cornhole Tournament and Brewfest



The largest Cornhole Tournament on the Eastern Shore will be held on **March 19**, 1 – 6 p.m., to benefit The United Way of Queen Anne’s County. Also available will be beer from several different micro-breweries. The event takes place at the Kent Narrows Center in Chester. For more information, visit www.UltimateCornholeandBrewfest.com.

St. Patty’s Day Run for the Ospreys



There will be a 5K and a 1-mile fun run on **March 19** to benefit the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. For more information, call 410-827-6694. (www.discoverqueenannes.com)

Annapolis Oyster Roast and Sock Burning



Celebrate spring with a family-friendly feast of the Chesapeake’s most cherished bivalve. The Annapolis Oyster Roast will take place at the Annapolis Maritime Museum on **March 19** from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$25 per Adult Oyster Eater (All You Can Eat Oysters on the Half Shell), \$15 for Non-Oyster Eating Adults, \$5 for children ages 13 – 18, and free for children 12 and under. The festivities include the burning of the socks – a spring tradition at the Museum – plus live music, oyster shucking and cooking demonstrations, and family activities and exhibits that highlight the importance of the oyster to the health of the Chesapeake Bay as well as this area’s unique maritime heritage. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.amaritime.org.

Fishing Seminar



Captain Mark Galasso of Tuna the Tide will hold a fishing seminar on **March 23**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Kent Island Yacht Club. Captain Galasso has 35 years of experience fishing and cruising the Chesapeake Bay and coastal waters off Delmarva. Cost is \$15. For information or registration, call 410-827-3376 or 410-827-5651. (www.shoreupdate.com)

6th Annual Wine Pairing Extravaganza



Enjoy wines paired with cuisine from local restaurants and caterers on **March 26**, 7-10 p.m., at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department's new banquet hall (1610 Main Street, Chester). Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$80 at the door. For more information, go to www.kivfd.org.

Chanticleer Garden Trip



Adkins Arboretum is sponsoring a trip to Chanticleer on **April 1**, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. One of the world's most creative gardens, Chanticleer is located just outside Philadelphia in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Originally the estate was known for its majestic trees and verdant lawns. Today the trees and lawns remain, but the focus is on plant combinations, containers, textures, and colors, often relying on foliage more than flowers. The fee is \$65 members, \$80 non-members, and includes bus transportation, admission, house and garden guided tour, and lunch. For more information and to register, go to www.adkinsarboretum.org. Group size is limited so register early. For more information on the Chanticleer gardens, go to www.chanticleergarden.org.

Toys for Tots Bull and Oyster Roast



A Bull and Oyster Roast will be held on **April 2**, noon – 5 p.m., at American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville to benefit Toys for Tots. The menu includes pit beef, fried oysters, oyster stew, oysters on the half shell, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, baked beans, green beans, and cake for dessert. Draft beer and soft drinks are included in the price of admission: \$25 adults, \$10 children ages 5-10. There will also be a cash bar. There will be a plant and cake wheel, a 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. For more information, call 410-556-6379 or 410-556-9990.

Stroll for Strays Fundraiser



Chesapeake Cats and Dogs will sponsor this event on **April 2** at Camp Wright in Stevensville, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be a dog walk (go to the website for pledge forms), prizes, vendors, food, demonstrations, and more. For information, go to www.ccadcatanddogrescue.org.

Sunday Paddling Tours



Once again this year, there will be afternoon paddles on some of the state's most beautiful rivers. Enjoy about 2 ½ hours of leisurely paced in-water paddling. Dates are **April 3** (Middle Choptank and Chapel Creek), **April 24** (Marshyhope River to the "Hole"), **May 1** (Tuckahoe Lake and Tuckahoe Creek), and **May 15** (Tuckahoe Landing below the spillway). Kayaks and canoes are welcomed; life jackets required. For all the details, see the Programs and Activities Guide at www.carolinerecreation.org.

6th Annual Arbor Day 5K Run and Family Fun Run/Walk



Join fellow runners and nature enthusiasts on **April 9** for a day of fun. The day begins with a kids' 100-yard dash at 8:45 a.m. The 5K race begins at 9 a.m., and participants will glimpse spring as you travel cross-country along the arboretum's network of scenic forest and meadow paths. The cost for the 5K race is \$20 in advance (NLT March 25) and \$25 on the day of the event. The one-mile family fun run/walk begins at 9:05 a.m.; the fee is \$15 per family. The kids' 100-yard dash is free. For more information and to register, go to www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Brahms' "REQUIEM" Concert



The Queen Anne's Chorale in collaboration with the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra will present Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem" on **April 9**, 7:30 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College and again on **April 10**, 3 p.m., at the Annapolis High School. Tickets are \$15 per person, children through high school are admitted free of charge. For more information, go to www.qachorale.org.

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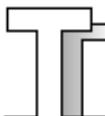
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