

# 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.

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# MUSINGS FROM THE BOARD

Starting February 2, the interior of the Clubhouse will be painted. It is a process that we expect to take three weeks. Your patience is appreciated as some of the rooms in the Clubhouse will be closed while the painting takes place. Every effort will be made not to inconvenience anyone. The drapes and blinds will be removed after the Outreach card party at the end of January. The drapes are being sent out for cleaning. Once the painting is completed, we expect to have the wallpaper cleaned and also the rugs.

**HOA MEETING DATES FOR 2015:** Friday, January 30, 10 a.m.; Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m.; Friday, July 31, 10 a.m.; Friday, October 30, 10 a.m.; Annual Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 6 p.m.

#### **Welcome Night**

Welcome Night for New Residents – New residents are invited to an evening of welcome on Monday, January 26, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Concert Hall. This is an informal get-together to meet other new residents, have dessert, and learn more about your new community. Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse or RSVP to Eileen Rowley at 703-946-1075 (cell).

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

# **COVENANTS** – Chris Pariseau, Chair; Irene Hoffman, Vice Chair

The Covenants Committee met for the first time this year on Monday, January 12, at the Clubhouse. Chris Pariseau was elected as chair of the committee and Irene Hoffman was elected as vice chair. The Chair thanks the committee members who served last year. The Covenants committee welcomes new members: Gerald Walls, Howard Fox, and Tom Weeks and returning members Joyce Brown, Chris Pariseau, Irene Hoffman, Donna Donaldson, and David Gallop. The committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday



of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. If you are interested in joining the committee, please come to our next meeting in February. As a reminder for homeowners, all modification requests need to be submitted to the committee by the Thursday before the next meeting.

As the new Chair, I thank Ellen Norman for her dedication to the committee and all the work she has accomplished for this community. She served four years on the committee, with two of those years as the Chair of the committee. She has decided to take a break from the committee. If you see her walking her dog around the community or out and about, take a moment and thank her for all the hard work she has done for this community. Ellen, we thank you for your service and you will be missed. However, I know where you live....enjoy your free time.

# LIFESTYLE - Vinny Volpicelli, Chair; Carolyn Harty, Vice Chair

- <u>Community Social Hour (aka Happy Hour)</u> <u>Saturday, January 17</u>, at 6 p.m. The event will be hosted by Larry and Susan Rayner and the theme will be Aloha to Winter! Dig out those Hawaiian shirts and muumuus.
- <u>Ladies Happy Hour</u> Thursday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m. The cost for your meal is \$5. The drink of the day is \$1. All other drinks are available for the donation posted.
- <u>Super Bowl Party</u> Sunday, February 1. Pre-game will start at 5 p.m. (Game Time 6:30 p.m.). Ball-Park themed appetizers and desserts would be appreciated! Bring your George Washington greenbacks for the Super Bowl pool.
- Next Meeting Lifestyle Committee is Monday, February 2, at 7 p.m. We meet on the first Monday of every month and welcome new members at any time!
- <u>Lunch Bunch</u> –The next *Lunch Bunch* luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, at 12:30 p.m. at Scossa's Restaurant and Lounge, 8 N. Washington Street in Easton. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 or Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332. Please join us for a wonderful lunch and great company!



• Community Social Hour – Friday, February 6, at 6 p.m.

#### Name Change for the New Year

If you've looked at the **Libretto** Committee Reports, you will notice that the Lifestyle Committee has changed the name of the Happy Hour to Community Social Hour. This is to underscore meeting your friends and neighbors as our primary goal with drinking and eating being secondary. Both will co-exist beautifully!

#### **UPCOMING Lifestyle Committee Events - Chesapeake College/Todd Performing Arts Center**

Chesapeake College's Performing Arts Center is putting on two fun shows in the next few months. With sufficient ticket purchases (15 people), SV residents will get a \$5 discount. We can carpool the few miles from our Clubhouse.



On **Saturday, February 28**, the Robert Post Comedy Theatre (One-Man Variety Show - Actor, mime, puppeteer, juggler, standup comedian, and improvising whirling dervish, Robert Post is a one-man variety show who shares what it means to be wonderfully alive and human in a hugely engaging show) will be performing at 7 p.m. Discounted SV tickets will be \$20. On **Saturday, March 21**, a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre will be held at 6 p.m. (our discounted tickets would be

\$40). We will order the tickets per show in one batch through the Committee to secure our seats. The

Theatre has assigned seating and the Mystery dinner show will have tables of eight.

The Comedy sign-up sheet is posted in the Activities Book. Follow up details will be published. Please pay when you sign up. The due date for payment will be Friday, January 30. Please make the checks out to Chesapeake College.

The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre sign-up sheet will be posted in the Activities Book on January 21 and the payment due date will be February 9. Again, the details will be published.



#### **OUTREACH** – Bea Trotta, President

### Your SV Outreach Is Poised for a "Bigger and Better" Artisan's Fair in September!



Yes, dear friends, we are posting this in January so that those of you who have a special talent and want to sell your wares at the fall Artisan's Fair can start creating your inventory! Such talents might include painting, photography, woodworking, ceramics, sewn or knitted items, really anything artsy-craftsy that people would purchase for

themselves or for holiday gift-giving. We are hoping to have over 30 vendors

including guests from the local art community exhibiting their wares. (Cindy Backer is featured with her booth at the 2013 Artisan's Fair.)

# We are returning to our Clubhouse and will be having the event on Saturday, September 19.

Please mark your calendars and save the date! Details for time, booth reservations, booth rentals, and other information will be in the March edition of the *Libretto*. If you need any information before then, please telephone Linda Blume at 410-758-3194.



#### It isn't too late to sign up

# The Sixth Annual Symphony Village Card and Game Party

(To benefit Rebuilding Together in Queen Anne's County)

Sponsored by Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis

Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the SV Clubhouse

\$30 Donation per person (80% tax deductible)
Includes morning coffee & tea, lunch, and door prizes
50/50 Raffle

Reserve a table on the sign-up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse (*Deadline Friday, January 23*)

Payment by check is due at signup

If you need help getting a group together, contact: Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238

Other questions, please call Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146

Bring your own cards and games for your game of choice. (Bridge, canasta, poker, scrabble, mahjong, etc.)

If you cannot attend the event, but would like to support the Activities of the Outreach Program with a donation, please bring a check to Nancy in the Clubhouse, or mail to SVOPI, P.O. Box 642, Centreville, MD 21617. (This donation is 100% deductible.)

Please make all checks payable to **SV Outreach Program, Inc.** or **SVOPI**. SV OUTREACH PROGRAM, INC. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

# \* Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis Right now during the **December to** We are proud to announce our Remember Sales Event, come see partnership with Symphony Village for yourself why so many people in the Outreach & Sneakers! Baltimore-Annapolis area allow us to put the *gift of a lifetime* in their driveway! ..... - Complimentary Pick Up & Delivery January 29th: Card Party with silent auction & vehicle demonstrations -Complimentary Car Washes for life -Luxury on Demand & more! THE LEXUS **DECEMBER** # REMEMBER SALES EVENT Shandrial Hudson - Internet Sales Manager Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis 121 Ferguson Road Annapolis, MD 21409

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# PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS — Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair

#### **New Welcome Chairpersons**

We wish to thank Eileen Rowley and Joyce Brown for agreeing to be the new Welcome Chairpersons. Those of you who have just moved in will be getting a visit to help you learn your way around Symphony Village.

#### **Restaurant Review or Travel Article**

The committee is seeking Restaurant Reviews. Should you visit a restaurant that you really enjoy, share your gastronomic experience with the Village. After all, eating out is one of our pleasures. The same goes for a short article on your travel experiences.

#### **Recipes**

Thanks to those of you who have shared a favorite recipe. Please feel free to share with the community when you get asked for a copy of your recipe.

#### **Next Meeting**

All are welcome to visit our next meeting on Monday, February 2, at 2 p.m.

#### **SNEAKERS** – Linda Farrar, President

Sneakers would like to extend a "huge" thank you to all the residents of Symphony Village who helped make Christmas much happier for many needy children who attend the elementary and middle schools in

Centreville. Through your generous support of the Santa Tree Giveaway, many children had gifts to open Christmas morning and now have warm clothing to wear this winter.

Thank you also to all those who helped with the sorting and packing of food at the Kennard School in December. A total of 41 food baskets were given away with your help.

**Save the date, save the date!!** It's not too early to mark your calendar for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sneakers Silent Auction to be held on November 7, 2015.



Please check the Daily Bulletin for the date of the next Sneakers meeting.

# **CLUBS AND CLASSES**

#### **DINING IN** – Nancy *Pashby*

Our January Dining In will be held at the homes of Jinny & Steve Guy, Don & Nancie Cameron, Terri O'Connell, and Nancy Pashby on Sunday, January 25, at 6 p.m. They can each accommodate ten diners. I hope one of your New Year's resolutions will be to mix, mingle, and dine with us in our homes. You'll enjoy meeting new neighbors and old friends in this setting. It's a good chance to bring along your favorite side or try out a new dish for the group. Our hosts provide the main dish and make suggestions for side dishes. You will see the menu and suggested side dishes in the Activities Book.



Most Dining In events are held on the fourth Sunday of every month. A sign-up sheet will be at the Clubhouse two weeks before each month's Dining In, and a group email will be sent to the Symphony Village Group and all neighbors who attended Dining In before. This just helps to remind all that it's Dining In sign-up time. Call Nancy Pashby at 443-262-8757 if you have questions.

# GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB & VICTORY GARDEN – Jack Hennessey



Unfortunately, no one responded to our invitation to have a sing-a-long at the gazebo. Next year we are just going to schedule the sing-a-long, and hope that many residents participate. Song sheets will be provided, along with hot chocolate and cookies. We did receive many comments regarding the Christmas lights. Dan Battista did most of the work in setting up the lights.

Dan has also agreed to store the lights for next season. Many new LED lights were purchased

with approval and funding by Caruso. Next year we are going to have all LED lights, which are much nicer than the old lights. We are also going to install lights on the roof of the gazebo. All of the seed pods were cut from the dried flowers, and scattered for the birds. We did have a covey of blue jays, apparently just migrating south. Several woodpeckers were observed feeding at the suet feeders, and there are numerous snow-birds, (or juncos) feeding there every day. Residents are encouraged to provide sunflower seeds and thistle for the songbirds during the cold winter. These are available at Ace hardware, along with feeders. They are not expensive.

There are now twelve residents who have requested a plot in the victory garden, so the plots will be a little smaller next year. Dave Peterson will be tilling the victory garden in early March to allow for the traditional planting of peas, radishes, and other cool weather crops. However, we still need a few more residents to sign up for one of the twenty plots in the flower garden. Please contact Jack if you are interested – 410-758-4872.



# **READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB** – Jack Hennessey

The book club had a holiday in December. We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays, and we wish everyone a Happy New Year.



The book for our January 20 meeting is *Lisette's List* by Susan Vreelaand. Recommended by Jack Hennessey, this novel is based on many historical facts, and the author's love of painting is reflected in her extensive research for the story.

In 1937, Lisette Roux and her husband, André, moved from Paris to Provence to care for Andre's grandfather, Pascal. Pascal is a frame maker who befriends Pissarro and Cezanne and traded his frames for their paintings. When WWII breaks out, André goes off to war, but before he leaves, he hides Pascal's paintings to keep them from the Nazis. Lisette sets

out to find the paintings, which include some paintings by Picasso and Chagall. If you are a painting enthusiast, you will enjoy this book.

All residents are invited to attend our meetings, and to join the book club for the New Year. The book for February is *The Boys in the Boat*, recommended by Mary Jo Keefe.

#### **Trivia** – David Gallop

- 1. What country created the concept of celebrating the New Year?
- 2. In what country did the song "Auld Lang Syne" originate?
- 3. When was Martin Luther King, Jr. born?
- 4. Which President signed the holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) into law?
- 5. In what year was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day first celebrated as a national holiday?

#### BIRD CLUB - Linda Blume

I have my backyard bird feeders out, but I haven't seen many birds coming to feed. There are often juncos, but otherwise not many visitors. I hope those of you with feeders out are having better luck – tell me your stories, and I'll put them in next month's *Libretto*. I do enjoy watching the two Cornell Lab Feeder Station Bird Cams:

Ontario, Canada: Ontario Ithaca, New York: Ithaca

I've seen some birds at the Ontario feeder that I had to use a birding book to identify (e.g., the gray jay). The Cornell Lab website will also have bird cams at nesting sites once nesting season begins.

The eagle pair that is observed by the <u>Eagle Cam</u> at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge near Cambridge has spruced up the nest, and the first egg has been laid ("the earliest we've ever had one on the Eagle Cam" according to Friends of Blackwater). More eggs are expected.

The <u>Great Backyard Bird Count</u> will take place **February 13-16**. If you can spare at least 15 minutes on at least one day of the Count, your observations, once entered on the website, will go into this citizenscience project to collect data on wild birds. View the results online in near real-time. All the details are on the website.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

#### **BINGO**



A good time was had by all last Friday with the inaugural Bingo for the New Year. Donna Donaldson entertained everyone with her duck calls and colorful announcing as the guest caller. No one won the jackpot, so the prize on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of February will be \$100. Come out at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 13, to try your hand.

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

We are proud to congratulate Symphony Village resident, Sharon North, for being chosen Volunteer of the Month by Compass Regional Hospice (formerly Hospice of Queen Anne's). Sharon, who lives on Overture Way, was chosen in October for her work at Estate Treasures in Chester where she has volunteered since 1997. During the fall, she served as the chair person for the store's very popular annual fashion show—coordinating models, organizing the 50-50 raffle, and helping to set up the on-site boutique. According to Courtney Williams, the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, "Sharon is a hands-on and energetic volunteer who has been giving her time and talents for nearly 20 years. She works tirelessly to support Compass Regional Hospice." Thank you, Sharon.



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#### **Dear Santa**.



Robert and I wish to "Thank you" for remembering us this Christmas. The gift card was put to good use, and we both enjoyed the treats. We hope that you have a wonderful New Year.

Your neighbors, *Marion & Robert Beck* 

#### ROWLING

Surprise, surprise! Fifteen people tried their skills at duckpin bowling Tuesday. They must be getting cabin fever. Maggie Kovack was wowing everyone with her spares and a strike. The smells from the kitchen drew everyone to the table for their slice of pizza or hot dog accompanied by their soda. All played 2 games, all for the price of \$6. Come out and try to best the scores of all of the accomplished bowlers. Meet at the Clubhouse by noon on Tuesdays to carpool.

#### ATTENTION: BARTENDER WANNABEES!!



Everyone is invited to tend bar the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at our Community Socials. The sign-up sheet for January 2 through March 21 awaits you at the Clubhouse. Go ahead; you know you want to do it! Have a question? Email <a href="mailto:skornmeyer@msn.com">skornmeyer@msn.com</a> or call 443-386-6553.

#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

From the Kitchen of Brenda Stoltz

(Super Easy Dinner)

Taco Ring

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2 crescent roll tubes
1 lb. ground beef (or ground turkey)
1 packet of taco seasoning
1 ½ cups grated cheddar cheese
shredded lettuce
1 or 2 diced tomatoes depending on size
½ small can olives (sliced) (avocado, sour cream, etc.)

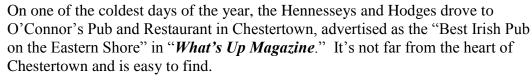


#### Directions:

- 1. Separate the crescent pastry and lay out in a circle, pointed ends out, on a foil-lined pizza pan that has been sprayed very lightly with cooking spray. Use some of the leftover crescent rolls to make the center a bit thicker as this will hold the meat.
- 2. Brown meat in a frying pan until no longer pink. Drain fat and add taco seasoning as directed on package, reducing the water to a scant 1/3 cup from the 1/2 cup called for. Drain excess liquid from meat.
- 3. Sprinkle meat mixture in a circle inside the crescent rolls, then sprinkle 1 cup of the cheese over the meat. Pull crescent roll points over meat and cheese and tuck in.
- 4. Bake at 350 degrees until pastry is golden brown (30 minutes).
- 5. Add remaining 1/2 cup of cheese, chopped lettuce, tomato, black olives, and jalapenos (if using) into the middle of the ring, then add a few dollops of sour cream if desired before serving.

# **RESTAURANT REVIEW--**

# O'Connor's Pub and Restaurant -- by Joan Hennessey



We were surprised to find only one waitress serving quite a few people, and we asked if the Pub were always that busy. The answer: "No, but it's always busy during hunting season."

We prefaced our meal with drinks (reviewers have to make sacrifices for their public, you know): a Harp's Lager and a Southwick's Ale. The pints were \$6 each, and a 6.5-ounce glass of Chardonnay was \$5.50.

We decided to try the Irish items on the menu, especially Jack "Himself" Hennessey who ordered and finished the Shepherd's Pie (\$11.95) after enjoying a bowl of Crab Bisque (\$6.95, award-winning, HUGE, and delicious). Joan had Fish and Chips with a side of French fries (\$11.95). The fish had a delicious crispy batter and the fries were really hot (an important attribute to both the Hennesseys). Carol really enjoyed the Smoked Cod and Chips (\$12.95), and Larry ordered the Irish Burger (\$11.95) which was topped with a fried egg! He said he'd order it again.



We enjoyed chatting briefly with the Irish-born owners, Frank and Betty Bonass, both from Dublin. The pub looks like the pubs we saw in Ireland with tables encircling a large bar that seats 13. The service was good; the lone waitress handled several tables and

served those at the busy bar.

It's easy to find O'Connor's. Go North to Chestertown, turn left on Cross Street and right on High Street to the 800 block. We had a pleasant time eating good food and chatting with friends, and the 25-minute ride through the beautiful Maryland countryside was a pleasure, too.

O'Connor's Pub and Restaurant: 844 North High Street, Chestertown, MD 410-810-3338. Open Wednesday through Saturday at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and dinner, Sunday 12 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

For previous reviews go to the *Libretto* Index.



#### **UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS**

#### Winter Show: "Love is Red"



The QAC Arts Council (206 S. Commerce Street) presents its Winter Show, "Love is Red," **January 30 – February 26**. This is a gallery exhibition celebrating the color red. Emphasis for this show is the theme of love in all its forms, warm red colors, hearts, etc. (Arts Council)

#### **Annual Tea – Downton Abbey Theme**



The QAC Arts Council (206 S. Commerce Street) will host their Annual Tea, with a Downton Abbey inspired theme this year, on **Saturday, February 7**, 2 – 4 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to dress in period costume and wear your most elegant hat. Tickets are \$40 for Arts Council members and \$45 for non-members. Reservations are required as space is limited: call 410-758-2520 or click Reserve Tickets on the

Arts Council website.

#### **Class: "Flowering Shrubs"**



Cindy King of Kingstown Home and Garden Center will be teaching the Queen Anne's County Garden Club about Flowering Shrubs and their maintenance on **Monday**, **February 9**, 1 – 4 p.m., at the Centreville Branch (121 S. Commerce Street) of the Queen Anne's County Library. The public is welcome to attend. (QAC Tourism)

#### **Paint Brush Party**



The QAC Arts Council (206 S. Commerce Street) will hold the next Paintbrush Party on **Saturday, February 28**, 6-9 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts in Centreville. While sipping wine and listening to music, participants are guided step-by-step to create your own version of the evening's featured painting. No art experience required. Party goers are provided with all the materials needed to complete a 16"x20" painting to take

home. The cost is \$40 for Arts Council members and \$45 for non-members. Reserve a spot by calling 410-758-2520. Past events have sold out, so make your plans early. (Arts Council)

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, go to **Event Source Links** on the SV Website.

#### Trivia Answers

- 1. Mesopotamia (Iraq)
- 2. Scotland
- 3. January 15, 1929
- 4. Ronald Reagan
- 5. 1986

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