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Symphony Village's Newsletter

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

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



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HOA BOARD of DIRECTORS

SYMPHONY VILLAGE AT CENTREVILLE CLUBHOUSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Revised – January 29, 2016

Early in 2015, the Board of Directors of the Homeowners Association (the “Board”) decided that the Rules and Regulations dealing with the use of the Clubhouse needed to be updated. At first, the Board appointed a committee of volunteers to revise and update the Rules. After further discussion, the Board decided that this matter affected all Symphony Village Residents and wanted to get as much input from as many residents as possible.

The Board engaged the firm of Fishergate to perform the survey. They were tasked with developing the questions (with input from the members of the Board), mailing the survey to the residents, receiving the responses from the residents, and tabulating the responses to each question. Of the 347 surveys mailed to residents, 255 surveys were completed and returned.

After receiving the survey results, the Board decided that the changes to the Rules should reflect the majority responses to each question asked by the survey. The survey dealt only with the usage of the Clubhouse and outdoor amenities; therefore, the changes to the Rules are found under the section titled Symphony Village at Centreville [Clubhouse Rules](#) Outdoor Amenities found on page 4 of the document with the exception of guests using the Billiards Room which is on page 7 of the Clubhouse Rules.

Questions 1a and 1b asked about the \$250 rate for renting the Concert Hall/Ballroom for private events and \$150 rate for renting the Card Room in conjunction with the Concert Hall/Ballroom. The majority of responses to each question provided that the rates should not be changed.

Question 2 asked should residents hosting meetings/activities in the Conference Room that are open to non-residents be required to pay the \$25/hour rental fee for the use of the Conference Room. The majority of responses were yes. Number 19 on page 5 was added to the Rules to provide for the payment of this fee.

Question 3 on the survey asked if Outreach and Sneakers should be charged a rental at the prevailing rate for their charity events. The majority of responses provided that Outreach and Sneakers should not pay a fee to host their events in the Clubhouse. Number 18 on page 9 has been added to the Rules stating the rates, the requirement to obtain a rental agree from Management, and that Outreach and Sneakers are exempt from having to pay a fee.

Question 4 asked should complimentary use of the Clubhouse for memorial celebrations be restricted to the use of the Concert Hall/Ballroom. The majority of responses said no. Nothing was added to the Rules dealing with this issue.

Question 5 asked should individuals who charge residents for classes in the Clubhouse be required to pay a fee to Symphony Village HOA. The majority of responses said yes. A fee schedule was added to new number 20 of the Rules.

Question 6 asked should activities such as aerobics, line dancing, tae kwon do, etc. be allowed in the Concert Hall/Ballroom. The majority of responses were yes. New number 20 provides for these activities.

Question 7 asked should residents hosting/holding resident-only activities be required to complete an Activity Request Form to reserve space in the Clubhouse. The majority of responses were yes. Number 17 was added to the Rules requiring the completion of an Activity Request Form to reserve space in the Clubhouse. Number 17 also provides that weekly occurring (regularly scheduled) activities cannot preclude another resident from using the Clubhouse for hosting a one time or infrequent event.

Question 8 asked should non-residents (who must be accompanied by an age-qualified resident), when using the Billiard Room, be at least 19 years of age. This was once a requirement in prior versions of the Clubhouse Rules. Somehow it was deleted from the Rules. The majority of responses were yes. Number 1, under Billiards Room (page 7), reinstates this requirement.

Question 9 asked should residents and guests be required to wear shoes or sandals at all times in the Clubhouse. The majority of the Board believes this should be required from both a liability and sanitary issue. The majority of responses were yes. Number 4 was added to the Rules on page 4 to require that residents and guests wear shoes or sandals at all times in the Clubhouse.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE – Vinny Volpicelli, Chair; Randy Officer, Vice Chair; Pat Fox, Correspondent

Spirit of Harriet Tubman/Chesapeake College – Friday, February 19, 7 p.m.*

Happy Hour – Saturday, February 20, 6–8 p.m. – Starring:
Steve Guy and his Barbershop Quartet – "The Bay Bridge Connection"



Trivial Pursuit – Sunday, February 28, 2–5 p.m.**

Happy Hour – Friday, March 4, 6–8 p.m.

Lyn Dillies - Master Illusionist – Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. – Chesapeake College ***

Lifestyle Meeting – Monday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Picnic Planning Meeting – Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m.
More information coming!



Gratitude Dinner/St. Patrick's Day – Saturday, March 19, 6–9 p.m.****

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra – Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m. at Chesapeake College

THE SPIRIT OF HARRIET TUBMAN *



For a breathtaking hour, actor Leslie McCurdy embodies the "spirit" of Harriet Tubman and shares Harriet's empowering story woven with words said to have been Harriet's own. Leslie takes the audience through Ms. Tubman's childhood, her harrowing solo flight from slavery, her dedicated involvement with the Underground Railroad, her victorious rescue mission during the Civil War, and her commitment to others in her later years. Harriet lived outside of Cambridge, MD, so this is a piece of Eastern Shore history. It is an inspiring

solo performance by an artist described as being "of exceptional skill and grace." It teaches of the faith and conviction that drove Harriet Tubman to follow her dreams; the spirit of the past connecting with the present, inspiring her charges to have the courage to do the same in envisioning their future.

We are putting together a Lifestyle night with carpooling to the College followed by a Happy Hour and dessert back at the Clubhouse:

Tickets: \$20 Adults/\$10 Students

Friday, February 19, at 7 p.m.

Location: Todd Performing Arts Center,
Chesapeake College

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3rd ANNUAL TRIVIA TEAM CONTEST**

On Sunday, February 28, from 2-5 p.m., the Lifestyle Committee will host the 3rd Annual Trivia Team Competition. Teams can be created at the event or come with your own. Donna Donaldson will be hosting and there will be light snacks. Get in touch with Donna if you have versions of the game you want to bring to the event! Just no peeking at the questions beforehand!



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Friday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. – Lifestyle is putting together a carpooling event to Chesapeake College. A regular Happy Hour will be going on at the Clubhouse upon our return to SV. Lifestyle is negotiating a group discount for adults with the College – \$20 per person with 20 or more people. They have children’s pricing of \$15 per ticket. Please sign up in the Activities Book to let us know your interest. Identify any youngsters!

OUR GRATITUDE DINNER****



A reminder to our Committee Members and Board of Directors! You are being honored at the Gratitude Dinner so don’t forget to RSVP by March 1 in the Activities Book! Fabulous Food Awaits You!

The special Happy Hour to honor Symphony Village Committee Volunteers and the Board of Directors will be hosted on **Saturday, March 19**. We will celebrate our neighbors who so willingly put in time to make SV a great place to live; and, hopefully, they will inspire more folks to volunteer. We’ll combine this event with some St. Patrick’s Day celebration and libation as well. Mark this date in INK!! There is a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse for both the honorees and contributors. For information on how you can contribute, contact Zina Lichaa at zinalichaa@aol.com.

CHESAPEAKE STORYTELLING FESTIVAL



The Queen Anne’s County Arts Council in conjunction with Chesapeake College will host a storytelling weekend festival on **Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30**, featuring national, regional, and local tellers. They’ll take you on magical journeys with stories reminiscing about the carefree days of childhood, showcasing humorous slices of life moments, and looking back on significant historical events and people. Friday evening will have short Opening Performances (aka Olio) by many of the storytellers who will be on stage Saturday. Saturday is the big day with multiple performances that will take place concurrently on three stages at Chesapeake College. The entertainment starts at 10 a.m. in

various segments and goes to 5:15 p.m. There is a dinnertime Outdoor Concert and an evening roundup Olio. The last event of the night is Ghost Stories!

Ticket choices will be for **Friday Night only, Saturday (10 a.m.– 6 p.m.), Saturday night only, or an all Access Weekend Pass.** You can get more detailed information about the tickets and the performers on the Festival website [Chesapeake Storytelling Festival](#). Our County would like to make this a First Annual Storytellers Festival showcasing the Eastern Shore. Let's support this effort! For more information contact George Drake at GeorgeRDrake@yahoo.com.

EVENTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

>Return to **Glam Salon**, Friday, April 15, from 5–7 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book

>"**Gypsy**" – The Musical at Chesapeake College, Todd Performing Arts Center – April 15, 16, and a matinee on April 17

>**Theatre On The Run**, Shirlington, VA – “Collected Stories” Sunday, May 15, Performance at 2:30 p.m. Bus transportation and tickets – \$50

>**Atlantic City Bus trip** – Spring 2016

>**Antiques Appraisal Road Show** returns in 2016

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OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE –

Pat Fox, Chair; Dominick Mancinelli, Vice Chair; Jinny Guy, Secretary

The year 2016 kicked off with an election of new chairpersons and a welcome to a number of residents newly joining the Committees. Some long time stalwarts chose to move on to other things, and we will miss their seasoned input.

At the first 2016 HOA Board meeting, the Board members voted to divide the very large Operations & Maintenance Committee into two standing committees. As a result there will now be a separate committee managing Irrigation and Landscaping. The balance of the items will remain with the Operations & Maintenance Committee. This includes all interior and exterior aspects of the Clubhouse, guard house, pergola, picnic pavilion and equipment, gazebo, the indoor and outdoor pools, the interior and exterior sports areas (gym, pool tables, bocce court, tennis court, horseshoes, putting green), parking lot, sidewalks, walking trail and bridge, etc. Care for our trees and HOA-owned building plantings will also be managed by Operations and Maintenance.

TREES

During the January 2016 meeting, the Board approved another contract for Bob Stanley, the arborist who worked with the community in 2015. He brought knowledge and professionalism to the effort and in the process saved many SV trees through proper treatments (insecticides, soil drenching) and thousands of dollars in tree replacement fees if they had died.

IRRIGATION

Complete Landscaping’s irrigation contract was renewed for 2016.

CARUSO HOMES FINAL PUNCH LIST

Caruso Homes expects to complete construction in SV before the end of 2016. A special committee will be set up to identify any remaining punch list items they need to complete in the common areas. Homeowners will be asked to inspect the common areas bordering their house and on their block to identify items that still need to be addressed. More information will be forthcoming.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Bea Trotta, Chair

7th Annual Card and Game Party

Mother Nature teased us a little this year with snow on Wednesday night, but the 7th Annual Card and Game Party went on without a hitch on Thursday, January 21! A big thanks to Tim who was at the Clubhouse very early to make sure the walks were clear!!

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It was a wonderful day with lots of fun playing cards and games and visiting with friends. As usual the food committee did a fantastic job with lunch and the morning snacks. Thanks to Nancie Cameron and her fantastic team, Bea Trotta, Linda Gardner, Patty Parks, Margo Wagner, Courtney Pilgrim, Marge Strano, Sue Canfield, Terri O'Connell, Eileen Rowley, DeAnn Cheyne, Brenda Stoltz, Jane Romney, Candi Nilsson, Zina Lichaa, Carol Gallop, Teri Nudo, Willie DiLaura, and Anita Dell for providing all this –as well as serving and doing the clean up.

And many thanks to the following: Lauren Rose and Carlene Cooke for heading up the Card Party part of the event; Teri Nudo with help from Barbara Ways for running registration; Terri O'Connell for chairing the door and table prizes; and thank you to Willie DiLaura for making the "card suit" sugar cookies for each participant, and Linda Blume for making cross stitch bookmarks for favors.

A big thank you also goes to those who contributed raffle items: the Symphony Village Quilting Group for the lovely quilt, won by Symphony Village resident Brenda Stoltz ; Teri Nudo for the lovely hand painted ceramic plate, won by Symphony Village resident Carol Scopel; and a Wine Basket with wine and accessories, won by Symphony Village resident Willie DiLaura.

The 50/50 raffle winner was Symphony Village resident, Marilyn Williams.



The Outreach Committee would like to thank the residents of Symphony Village and their friends for supporting this event!! Also, thanks to our friends from Kent Island, Prospect Bay, and the Western Shore for joining us. We could not have this without you! We had some new participants this year playing different games which was great!

The Outreach Committee would also like to thank Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis for once again sponsoring this event and making it possible (along with your support) for us to give a very nice donation to our beneficiaries this year, University of Maryland Shore Emergency Center at Queenstown and Chesapeake Dogs and Cats.

The Emergency Room is beginning a campaign to purchase two computers for Telemedicine, which is the use of telecommunication and information technologies to provide clinical health care at a distance. After an initial examination in the ER, if necessary, a patient can then be "seen" by a doctor in another medical facility to determine if he/she needs to be transferred to that facility or can be treated with medicine and allowed to go home from the ER with normal follow up. Imagine Skype or FaceTime!

Chesapeake Cats and Dogs have been serving our community for ten years by providing care and safe haven for many homeless animals, as well as the pets their owners can no longer care for. Our gift will be used to help in the building of the *Tree of Life Pet Sanctuary* on a 5.5 acre property in Wye Mills. This property is centered near an historic building and will allow for a much needed expansion to reach their long-term goal of building a brand new state of the art animal adoption center and home. The new facility will include medical treatment rooms, training and educational areas, and sleeping and outdoor play areas. More information may be found at ["Tree of Life Sanctuary"](#).

Our donations will be a big boost to these programs, and the Outreach Committee is grateful to be able to help.

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PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – *Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair*

The Publications and Communication Committee (P & C) under the direction of the Board is responsible for the *Libretto*, the SV Website, and also for welcoming new residents to the Community.

Website

An important aspect of the P & C is the [Website](#), which is maintained by John Schultz. Information concerning life in the Village, announcements, a gallery of photos, a calendar, directories, and official governance documentation can be found on this Website.

There are new Website pages that were introduced with the January *Libretto*. The **FAQ Page**, prepared by Jim Arnts, includes answers to frequently asked questions about how to navigate our Website. This *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* document is intended to both be an introduction to and refresher for the various forms of electronic communications among residents of Symphony Village. Please take some time to scan this document. You can access the document by going to the sidebar and clicking FAQ located on each page of the Website.

George Drake has indexed the entire website to facilitate easy access to the Website pages. This *Index* can also be accessed from the sidebar. Take some time to read through the *Index*; you may be surprised at what you can find, i.e., [Care Resources](#). Also, please let George know (410-758-8266) if you find an error or if you want something added.

Libretto

The *Libretto* is a monthly newsletter used to keep the community informed of social, club, and community events. In addition, the *Libretto* has a variety of human-interest articles published monthly. Anyone in the Community can submit an article to the editors of the *Libretto*. Please submit your articles to Carol Hodges, Brenda Stoltz, and Marge Strano via email. The *Libretto* is supported and paid for through the many ads published by local businesses.

Welcoming

Eileen Rowley (410-758-0358) and/or Sue Canfield welcome new residents to the Community. Pertinent information concerning the Board of Directors, committees, clubs activities, etc, is distributed through a personal meeting and a Welcome Night.

Libretto Schedule

The *Libretto* is posted online to the SV Website on the 15th of each month. The Committee requests that you read it online. (This is the only way that the "links" to more information will actually work.)

Note that the "link" letters are a different [color and underlined](#). When your cursor hovers over a "link," you are told to press "ctrl + click" and you are taken to the website pertaining to the topic you are



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reading. Hard copies of the *Libretto* will be available at the Clubhouse several days after the 15th, but there is a cost associated with each copy, and we try to keep costs down. If you don't have access to the Internet, by all means take a hard copy; but, if you have Internet access, please read the *Libretto* online if at all possible. If you have trouble accessing the online version, please contact Carol Hodges (410-758-0591) for assistance.

Ideas Always Welcome!

Is there something you would like to see added to the *Libretto* or to the SV Website? Please bring your ideas to any Committee member or to our next meeting. We welcome your input!

Committee Meetings

Residents are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, March 7, at 2 p.m., in the Card Room.

SNEAKERS — *Linda Farrar, President; Bea Trotta, Correspondent*

Kennard Elementary School

There will be a book giveaway in **April**. Once the school has finalized the date, sign-up sheets will be placed in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you have a couple of hours to spare, we welcome your participation.



"Novemberfest"

Sneakers is planning a "Novemberfest" at the Clubhouse for **Saturday, November 5**. Save the date and look for more details in the March *Libretto*.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting date has not been scheduled as yet. Look for the meeting date in the **Daily Bulletin** or the **Calendar**. We always welcome new residents.

CLUBS and CLASSES

CERT TEAM — *George Drake*



(Attention CERT Team: meeting Feb.15 postponed to Feb. 29)

POLICE! Chief Charles Rhodes of the Centreville Police Department will speak at the **March 21** meeting of CERT at **3 p.m.** Come hear about Centreville Police service to our community and how we can help them. Bring all of those questions you REALLY want answered: crime rate, burglaries, drugs, dogs, speeding, solicitors, worst local problem, how many officers, do you have other agencies involved, why do you ticket us here in SV, and those other burning questions you have for the chief! Get to know your local chief and his force. This is **your** opportunity. Mark your calendar.

TRAINING! You have been asking for CERT training. Now you have the opportunity to be trained as a member of our SV Team. Learn how to be prepared and how you should help yourself and your own home first in an emergency – and then your neighbor's before the EMT/Paramedics/Fire Department arrive. Classes start Monday night, **March 7, for 7 weeks** in Easton. **LIMITED** enrollment – call George Drake (410-758-8266) to enroll – first come, first served.

VICTIMIZED! Let's all thank the seven folks from SV who acted as victims for the Queen Anne's Emergency Center test: Tegan Baumann, Bill & Debi Wells, Hart & Peggy Anderson, Bill Paschak, and John Lewis. They each reported that they were very pleased with the actions of the staff at the ER. Hope none of us have to test out their procedures for real! Thank you guys!

DINING IN – *Victoria Weber*

This month's theme is "Let It Snow, Let It Snow!" I should have had that theme for January. Dining In had to be rescheduled. We had dinner on Monday, January 26. A roaring fire, plenty of wonderful wine and hors d'oeuvres, a plentiful entre' of Baked Penne, salad, asparagus, a wonderful lemon meringue pie, and the most delicious tiramisu cake (as only Nancie Cameron can do) made for a delightful evening. The snow storm didn't stop the O'Connells, Pinkhams, Hodges, Camerons, Roes, and Webers from enjoying the evening at the Webers's home.



Pictured from left to right are: Donna Pinkham, Nancie Cameron, Carol Hodges, Victoria Weber, Sharon Roe, and Terri O'Connell

February 28 will take us to Lauren and Bob Rose's beautiful home. I have been told, by a good source, that the Roses are wonderful cooks. Let's hope that Mother Nature will be kind to us.

Come join us! It's a wonderful way to spend a Sunday evening – good food and wine to satisfy your palate and laughter and conversation while you get acquainted with neighbors. It doesn't get any better than this. We would love to have new Villagers who haven't experienced a "Dining In" join us. The sign-up sheet is located in the Clubhouse.

GAZEBO GARDEN and VICTORY GARDEN – *Jack Hennessey*

Let it snow! Let it Snow! LET IT SNOW! We gardeners are resting on our laurels, sitting by our fireplaces, and reading our seed catalogues. The snow is great for our gardens and mulch piles. Our friends in the Book Club are catching up on their reading. As the saying goes, if the world gives you a lemon, make lemonade! I trust that all purple martin houses have been cleaned and ready for spring. In only two months, the martins could be returning. I thank my neighbors who have been saving eggshells for me. I dry them and crush them and place them where the martins can use them for calcium during their nesting season. I now have enough eggshells for this year. You can tune in to the "Martin Migration" pattern on your computer if you are interested. In any case, I will alert you to their expected arrival date.

At our feeders, we have seen mourning doves, goldfinches, house finches, cardinals, snowbirds, black cap chickadees, and even an occasional blue jay. The martins have started their migration from Argentina and should arrive around the middle of March, barring any snowstorms.

The few bulbs and flowers that sprouted during the unusually warm weather have now retreated, but will sprout again when the real spring arrives (which may be late). We have reserved a plot in our Victory Garden for newcomers ReRe and Barney Stephens. . . Welcome!

All gardeners are requested to confirm their intention to have garden plots in the 2016 season by calling or emailing Jack (410-758-4872, jhennessey@atlanticbb.net). We need a few more gardeners!

Note: Jack thanks all of the many well-wishers during his recent hospital stay. Hoo-ray for spring!



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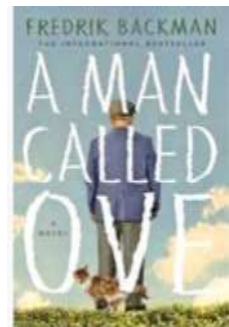
LUNCH BUNCH – *Marge Strano and Bea Trotta*

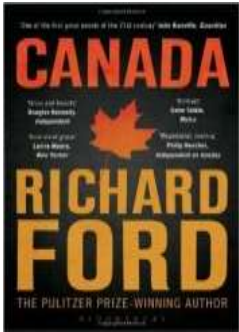


The March Lunch Bunch is scheduled for the Lemon Leaf Cafe on Thursday, March 3, at 12:30 p.m. Hopefully, we will have a beautiful March day to walk through the streets of Chestertown. The Lemon Leaf is located at 337 High Street. Remember to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Plan to enjoy great food, good company, and the opportunity to do some shopping. Please call Bea Trotta (410-758-0332) or Marge Strano (410-758-2511) if you have a question or need a ride.

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – *Jack Hennessey*

The novel that we reviewed at our January 19 meeting was *A Man Called Ove*, written by Fredrik Backman, a Swedish author. It was a best seller in Sweden before being published around the world in more than 25 languages. Ove (pronounced oh-vuh) is 54 when his wife, Sonia, the only person who understands him, dies. He decides that life without her is not worth living and plans to end his life. Every time he plans to do this, something happens to redirect him. The story will bring you both smiles and tears. Jack recommended this book, which received a rating of 8.5, on a scale of 1 to 10.





The book for our February 16 meeting is *Canada*, by Richard Ford. The two main characters are Dell Parsons and his twin sister, Berner. When their parents, through desperation, rob a bank and are sent off to jail, the twins go their separate ways. But Dell travels to Canada, as arranged by his mother, to live with Arthur Remlinger, an enigmatic and charismatic American. How Dell adapts to life in Canada is the reason for the story. Ellen Nichols, who recommended this book, thinks that you will be fascinated by how Dell matches wits with his designated guardian.

We welcome Anita Dell as a new member of our Book Club. All residents are invited to attend meetings and to join the Book Club.

Rates for [placing Ads in the Libretto](#)

SOCIAL SINGLES – Carol Donnelly and Joyce Brown, Co-Chairs

The Social Singles meeting on Tuesday, February 16, has been **cancelled** because of the forecasted bad weather. We will reschedule for the second Tuesday in March.

If you are new to Symphony Village, this is a great way to meet some friends and neighbors.


- The purpose of our next meeting is to plan future events for March, April, and May.
- The March meeting tentatively will be at The Creamery. Let's watch the weather.
- Any interest in trip to Cape May in summer or fall?
- My family has rented a lovely house in Ocean Pines in past summers: will bring pictures and information. House is very large: would be a weekly rental.
- Working on an email/phone list for our members.
- The community has many interesting events that we also may want to join.

JOIN IN THE FUN!


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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The Town Council will be holding its next regular meeting at **7 p.m. on Thursday, February 18**, in the **Concert Hall of our Clubhouse**.

The Council meets here at least once a year for a regular meeting.

(This is not a meeting specifically for SV residents only.)

The agenda will be posted on the Town's Website at:

<http://www.townofcentreville.org/government/town-council.asp>.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become acquainted with our local governments and councilmen.

VOLUNTEER IN ACTION

Congratulations to Bob Backer, a resident of Symphony Village who is a volunteer at Shore Medical Center in Chestertown. Bob volunteers three days a week as a greeter. He was recognized at the annual Hospital Auxiliary luncheon at Heron Point and received a Star Pin award. In 2015, Bob volunteered a total of 516 hours, the most hours of any of their volunteers. SV is very fortunate to have wonderful neighbors like Bob. Thanks for all you do. (Note: Bob is wearing the Star Pin he received in this photo.)



SAINT MARTIN'S MINISTRIES 19TH ANNUAL AUTHORS' LUNCHEON



The Authors' Luncheon will take place on **Saturday, March 5**, at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club (500 Marina Club Road) in Stevensville. The event begins with a silent auction, cocktails, and book signing at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and authors' presentations with prompt closing at 2:30 p.m. Authors will be:

Karen Houppert: *Chasing Gideon: The Elusive Quest for Poor People's Justice*;

Donna Jackson Nakazawa: *Childhood Disrupted: How your Biography Becomes Your Biology, and How You Can Heal*;

Sarah L. Kaufman: *The Art of Grace: On Moving Well Through Life*.

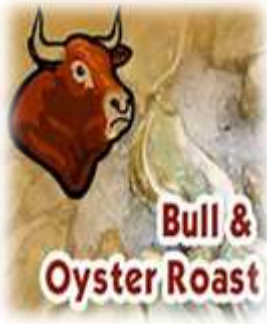
For more information or ticket confirmation, contact Mariyah Jenkins at 410-634-2537, extension 104. The mission of Saint Martins' Ministries is to help meet basic human needs of impoverished people, to respect and affirm their dignity, and to address root problems that perpetuate the cycle of poverty.

FRIENDS OF THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIBRARY-3RD ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the QAC Library, "Dining with Friends," will be held on **Thursday, March 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, at The Creamery in Centreville. After a brief business meeting, attendees will feast on appetizers, chicken Florentine, and a dessert array. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. The Van Williamson and Tom Murphy duo will entertain attendees with a range of cocktail music and jazz standards. The registration fee is \$15 and must be paid by **Thursday, March 3**. A link to pay via PayPal may be found at Friends of the Library. To pay by mail, make your check payable to Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library and mail it to Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library, P. O. Box 482, Grasonville, MD 21638. Non-members may apply the registration fee to their annual membership – "Member" level is \$25 per year – See the website.

6th ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS BULL AND OYSTER ROAST



American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville will host a Toys For Tots Bull and Oyster Roast on **Sunday, April 24, noon – 5 p.m.** The menu is oysters on the half-shell, fried oysters, oyster stew, roast beef, soda, and draft beer. Tickets are \$35 per person and are now on sale – contact Greg Manning (410-440-2234, gregmanning70@verizon.net) to purchase. All seating is reserved. Each table seats eight – those wanting to sit together should purchase a block of tickets at one time. Tickets sell out every year, and over 60% are already subscribed. Make your plans and get your tickets soonest! In addition to the all-you-can-eat meal, there will be games, drawings, a silent auction, and karaoke.

AMERICAN LEGION JEFF DAVIS POST 18

All SV residents are welcome to attend the weekly Friday Night Dinners at the Legion Hall:

Friday, February 19: Commanders' All-You-Can-Eat Chicken and Dumplings Dinner

Friday, February 26: Fried Oyster Dinner

Friday, March 4: Ladies Auxiliary's Turkey Dinner

Friday, March 11: American Legion Riders' Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner

Call the Post at 410-758-3584 if you have any questions.



Please *save the date* for the annual spring gala presented by the Queen Anne's Chorale. The concert is entitled "**Old American Songs**" and explores songs, ballads, hymns, and patriotic music of the 19th Century. Guest soloist, Lyric-Dramatic Baritone, Thomas Beard will join the Chorale for this concert. Mr.

Beard is a long time friend of the Queen Anne's Chorale, having performed with them in the Brahms' Requiem and other concerts in the past. He is well known internationally and nationally for his roles in opera and performances with symphony orchestras and chorales.

Date: Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Location: The Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills

Tickets are \$15 for adults; children through high school are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from a Chorale member. For more information please call 240-650-5540, visit

www.qachorale.org, or **CONTACT: Kathryn Marchi at 410-758-3183 or marchi-wre@mris.com**

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY HOUSE AND GARDEN PILGRIMAGE

On **Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, eight beautiful and historic sites throughout Queen Anne's County will be open to the public. Sponsored by the Queen Anne's County Garden Club, in conjunction with the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage, these architecturally significant sites and historic properties will include: **Possum Point Farm** built in the late 1700s; **Bowlingly**, among the earliest dated structures in the central Eastern Shore, patented to James Bowlingly by Lord Baltimore in 1658, it survived the War of 1812; **Talents Cove**, a brick Georgian home built on the historic property of Governor William Grason, the first publicly elected governor of



Maryland; **Wharf House**, constructed by William Hopper in 1771 overlooks the headwaters of the Corsica River and Centreville landing; **St. Paul's Church** with its very lovely Tiffany windows; **St Paul's Rectory** newly restored; a lovely Folk Victorian built in 1901 with its newly restored gardens; and the Centreville Armory (1926) which has been restored to be the home of **Wye River Upper School**.

James E. Kirwan Museum in Kent Island, showcasing the life of its prominent owner James Kirwan (1848-1938), has been selected as the Garden Club's Project this year.

Tickets for the Pilgrimage are \$30 in advance and may be purchased locally or through the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage website www.mhgp.org. Tickets the day of the Pilgrimage may be purchased at any of the tour sites; \$35 (cash or check only). Pre-ordered Box Lunches may be purchased for \$12 and will be served at St. Paul's Church, Centreville. Call: 410-758-0173 to reserve a lunch. Contact: Anne Foss foss@me.com, 410-827-8618 Priscilla Ryan pryan1005@gmail.com, 703-967-8674



CENTREVILLE ROTARY CLUB

The Centreville Rotary Club is considering holding one of its weekly breakfast meetings at our Clubhouse in the spring. This would be for the purpose of inviting interested SV residents to learn more about Rotary in our community and for Rotary members to get better acquainted with our fellow residents. It would be helpful to have an indication of interest. Without any commitment, please let me know whether you might participate. Meeting times are 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. every Thursday. Please send your comments to Michael S. Olson at olson401@gmail.com.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tomato Bisque Soup

From the Kitchen of Nancie Cameron

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- ½ cup diced celery
- 1 pinch salt
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 32 oz. container vegetarian stock or more as needed
- 28 oz. can crushed San Marzano tomatoes
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
- 3 tablespoons uncooked rice
- 1 teaspoon white sugar, or to taste
- ½ cup heavy whipping cream
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

- Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat.
- Cook and stir onion and celery with a pinch of salt until onion is translucent, 5 to 8 minutes.
- Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute.
- Pour vegetarian stock and tomatoes into onion mixture.
- Bring to a simmer and season with paprika, black pepper, and cayenne pepper.



- Turn heat to low and stir rice into soup; skim foam occasionally and simmer until rice and vegetables are very tender, 35 to 45 minutes.
 - Add sugar and stir.
 - Blend soup with an immersion blender in the pot until smooth.
 - Whisk ½ cup cream into soup and adjust levels of salt, cayenne pepper, black pepper, and sugar.
- If soup is too thick, add more stock; if soup is too thin, continue cooking about 10 minutes, stirring often until reduced and slightly thickened.

Ladle into warmed bowls.

Optional: Garnish each bowl with a drizzle of cream and top with 1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil.

Note: This soup was served at the 2016 Outreach Card Party to rave reviews.

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UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Paintbrush Party: Friend and FUNdraiser



A Paintbrush Party: Friend and FUNdraiser will be held on **Friday, February 19, 7–9 p.m.**, at the QAC Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville to benefit Adkins Arboretum. Delight in making your very own masterpiece, all while enjoying music, refreshments, and good company. Bring your friends and enjoy step-by-step instruction by a local artist to complete a painting to take home at the end of the night. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$45, and you may register online at [Adkins Fundraiser](#).

Black History and Heritage in Song



The Kennard Alumni Association with support from the QAC League of Women Voters presents “Black History and Heritage in Song” on **Saturday, February 20, 5:30 p.m.**, at Kennard Elementary School (420 Little Kidwell Avenue) in Centreville. *Sombarkin* will perform African American slave, folk, and gospel songs. *Friends in Faith* will perform songs relative to Black spirituality and the Black worship experience. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for children 5 and under. There will be free refreshments. The event benefits the Kennard Alumni Scholarship Fund. Contact Clay Washington, 443-239-2110, for more information.

**To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites,
press “Event Source Links” on the [Sources](#) page on the SV Website.**



*Spring ahead
Sunday, March 13, at 2 a.m.*

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