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COMMITTEE REPORTS Expansion Update



After the severe cold of early January, we finally broke ground on our expansion project on January 11. Be sure to check our [Expansion Project web page](#) for progress reports in the headline paragraph and photo coverage by George Drake. Also, please schedule any events with Rebecca, who is now maintaining the Master Calendar so that it can be coordinated with

construction activities. In general, committee meetings will be held in the Card Room using new 5' round tables while the card tables are temporarily stored. The January 12 Board Meeting was the last scheduled **Concert Hall** event. Also, keep in mind that a good portion of the parking lot in front of the tennis court is closed for you and your car's safety. This lot is being used by our contractor and may have large equipment or on-going construction activities. The tennis courts remain open. Look for the icon on the Home Page or Dashboard to access the [Expansion Project webpage](#).



*Randy Officer, Chair; Mary Jo Keefe, Vice-Chair;
Joe Sikes, Secretary; Zina Lichaa, Treasurer; Tony Loiacono,
Correspondent*

Our New Year has begun with the re-election of Randy Officer as Chair, Mary Jo Keefe as Vice-Chair, and Zina Lichaa as Treasurer. Also the Lifestyle Committee approved the following:

- ❖ Secretary, Joe Sikes
- ❖ *Libretto* and Health & Wellness, Tony Loiacono
- ❖ Happy Hour & Supplies Managers, Zina Lichaa & Carolyn Harty
- ❖ Picnics, Celia Love & Joe Sikes
- ❖ Website Manager, Susan Rayner
- ❖ Graphics & Communications, Zina Lichaa



We must pause for a moment and give a great big *Thank You* to Susan Rayner and Mary Officer for the tremendous success of the committee in 2017. Both of these wonderful ladies have chosen to follow a less active role for 2018. We are certain that we would not have had such a great year without their diligent work. We also say *thanks* to our friends and neighbors in the Village who gave of their time and generally supported our events.



We are pleased to announce that five new members have joined us: Kathryn and Jim Buckheit, Keri Giuriceo, Ellen Leavy, and Carol Donnelly. Also joining us is Dave Peterson, Board President, acting as the Board Liaison. We are most certain that these new members, along with Dave's guidance, will help to bring us to new levels of success. We welcome them all.

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Musings

As we enter this New Year, we do so with great anticipation and very high expectations. However, before we leap forward, let us briefly reflect on the unprecedented year of 2017. Lifestyle has never before offered so many and varied events and programs as were executed in 2017. The month of December was a perfect example: the holiday brunch, the house tour, wassailing, and the crowning event of the New Year's Eve party. We have never previously received such positive feedback as we did with this event. Yes, we planned it and did the basics; but it is you, the Villagers, who made it a success. We must continue to move ahead with your cooperation, interaction, and volunteering in order to be successful, and for that—we thank you. Please keep in mind our simple yet very meaningful slogan:

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Upcoming

- ❖ **January 20** – Happy Hour – HOSTS NEEDED!
- ❖ **February 2** – Happy Hour – HOSTS NEEDED!
- ❖ **February 10** – Name That Tune 2 – 4 p.m.
- ❖ **February 17** – Happy Hour celebrating Chinese New Year
- ❖ **February 24** – Billiard Tournament – Tournament rules and sign-up sheet will be in the **Lifestyle Activities Book**. Participation - \$5 per player /per game
- ❖ **March 10** – Game Day from 2 – 4 p.m. Game to be determined.



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➔ **Until next time, we'll leave with this to ponder: Why did Tarzan never have a beard?**

Lifestyle Committee Recap 2017 – Randy Officer, Chairman of Lifestyle Committee

As everyone knows, Lifestyle was more active in 2017 than in recent years. We had fun, you had fun, and we all did it together. This editorial is not about identifying any one person because so many great people participated and gave us their energy and support throughout the year. There's more where all that came from. With new members joining our community, we hope that they will jump right in and get involved. I hear the same thing from anyone who volunteers—"It's a great way to learn the community and meet your awesome neighbors."

Here's a quick summary of many of the events we put on last year:

- 24 Happy Hours with four focused around birthdays for a given quarter
- Super Bowl Party
- Valentine's Day Celebration
- Monthly Movie Nights w/Fresh Popped Popcorn
- Two Heavenly Brunches
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Opus Café – during the summer
- A Hawaiian Luau Party
- Jimmy Buffet Party
- Barbershop Quartet Performance
- Oktoberfest Celebration
- Antique Roadshow
- Health & Wellness Seminars
- Ice Cream Social
- Memorial Day Picnic
- Labor Day Picnic with Caricature Artists
- July 4 Gathering
- Motown Night
- 2 Exceptional Yard Sales
- Wassailing Around the Community
- Holiday Open-House Tours
- Sunset Sail through the Annapolis Harbor and Bay
- Frank Sinatra Birthday Celebration and Concert
- Paul McCartney Impersonator - Beatles Show
- Incredible New Year's Eve Celebration
- NFL Party to Watch a Ravens and Redskins Game



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New Events in the Planning Stages for 2018

- Name That Tune
- Game Day
- Chinese New Year Celebration
- Bollywood Party Dinner
- Summer Beach Party
- Preakness Party
- Grand Opening Event for The New Concert Hall
- New Happy Hour Themes
- Movie Nights Return in May
- The Return of the July 4 Picnic
- New Health & Wellness Seminars
- More Live Entertainment
- Billiards Tournament (February)
- Casino Night

So as you can see, we will continue to be very active. Please help us make these events successful by volunteering. We particularly need hosts for Happy Hours and for the picnics. Please step up to the plate and help. The members of the Lifestyle Committee are here to help and support you. Thank you!

Reflecting on Memories Over the Years – Joyce Ryan

THANK YOU!

As the holiday season of 2017 fades away, I find myself reflecting on how the holiday decorating has evolved over the years. Originally Caruso, the builder of the SV Community,

decorated the trees surrounding the Clubhouse. The SV Community decorated the Clubhouse. On Decorating Night, we each brought an ornament with our names on it to hang on the tree. Two or three people brought a crockpot of soup. We partied as we decorated. Unknowingly, this was the beginning of Pot Luck Soup Night.

As with all things, time passes, and things change. The builder stopped decorating the trees. The SV Community grew large, too large to have Decorating Night with a Potluck Soup Night. Eventually, we were left with one strand of lights on one tree and minimal decorations inside. The HOA looked into having a professional holiday decorator. The cost was \$10,000! Need I tell you what the decision was on that issue?

At this point, a group of friends got together over Sunday morning coffee at Hardee's and decided to try to rekindle the beautiful ambiance of earlier years. When I see how we have evolved, there is no doubt that our goal has been met and surpassed.

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MANY PEOPLE HAVE HELPED ALONG THE WAY! Jack Tominovich is not only our master designer, but he is also our personal shopper. He finds *trash* at a yard sale and turns it into *a treasure*. It isn't a sale until it is 90% off, and he will shop all the stores till he finds what we need. He does this throughout the year, his enthusiasm never wanes. To keep things fresh, he creates new centerpieces each year, one more spectacular than the last. Amazing!!! Thank you, Jack, for your endless commitment and inspiration.

Dave Peterson is our *light man*. He handles the entire process of lighting the trees outside. This is a huge task that requires an enormous amount of prep work, planning, execution, and maintenance. The ambiance created by these lights is so peaceful and uplifting. I find myself driving in and out of the community just to see the lights. **Thank you** to Dave Peterson and the faithful group of men who help each year. Without all of their work, there would be no lights. Dave also made our new menu boards this year for a cost of \$20 versus a purchase price of \$300. Thanks for all you do.

Jim Kindle is our personal electrician. He makes sure all our crockpots are working. If you see him crawling under the tables, he is probably setting up for soup night. One year we had an emergency. We lost all power—talk about panic!! Jim quickly resolved the problem. If it were not for him, we would all be eating vichyssoise. Thank you Jim.

Marlene Tennier, Nancy Cotter, and Pat Kindle run the kitchen. They have been doing this from day one. What a great job they do! It was Marlene's suggestion that we resurrect soup night; Nancy and Pat jumped right in. Thank you gals!

Pat Tominovich, Carl and Chris Collins, and Rich Ryan are *Jacks-of-All-Trades*—always there and always doing whatever needs to be done. We would be lost without you. Thank you!

Terri O'Connell handles our communications and sign-up book, which is no easy task. Thanks Terri!

Gail Brown and Carol Powell are our tree ladies. They do a spectacular job of creating *The Best Tree Ever* every year! Many of our neighbors have used our tree as a backdrop for their family Christmas card! That says a lot, ladies! Thank you Gail and Carol!



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Ira Ehrenfeld is a personal friend of *Santa*. Isn't he great! Be sure and get a candy cane or gelt when you see him. Thanks Ira, your jovial spirit spreads the holiday message of peace and goodwill to mankind.

Kathy and Frank Spray along with Arlyn Marshall store a large amount of supplies and decorations. I have no idea what we would have done without you. Many thanks!

Jim Arnts provides us with a great floor plan. His quick response, even on Thanksgiving Day, is amazing. Thank you!

Donna Donaldson and Skip Kornmeyer tend bar and make sure we are all supplied with holiday cheer. Thanks!

Zina Lichaa provides our greens and oversees the making of the table centerpieces for *Potluck Soup Night*. Great job Zina! Thank you!

Amy Marotta is our detail person. She created the *Amy Tree* out of a \$1 find by Jack at a consignment store. Amy meticulously prints the three menu boards. A work of art!! Thanks Amy!

Barb Taylor and Mary Parker provide us with beautiful piano music. Thanks!

We also have our *decorators*: Joan Studnicky, Jackie Moran, Judy Scully, and Isabel Cusimano, even Tim Spangler has learned to *decorate*. Thanks!

Sue Peterson, Jane Romany, Sue Canfield, Sandee and Tom Love, Jim and Sharon Roe, Lynn Lewis, Sandy and DeAnn Cheyne, Paul and Kay Blair, Donna Berenson, Bob Ciesielski, Rosemary Page, Kathy McManus, Doris Pullman, Eileen Menapace, Susan Rayner, Pat Toole, Juanda Rodgers, Sue Liberto, Jo Kirchner, Joyce Ordun, Peggy Decker, Ada Ruark, Cathie Levay, CC Terry, Cindy Bogner, Margo Wagner, and Patti Parks have also helped in various ways.

Tim Spangler has been a great help. He does all our climbing on the ladder, heavy lifting, and transporting of storage materials to homes. Thanks Tim!

So many volunteers contribute to decorating the **Clubhouse** and/or support *A Night of Lights* and the *Pot Luck Soup Supper*. This is an exceptionally busy time of year for all of us, yet these volunteers find time in their day to help create something that enriches each of us—a place that helps us to be mindful of the message of the season and a place to express goodwill and kindness to all. Many thanks to all of you—those who have helped for years, those who recently joined, and those I may have accidentally forgotten by name. Please know that each of you is invaluable on our team.

Thank you to all and *to all a good Night!*

Outreach – *Bea Trotta, President*

SV Outreach Pull-Tab (Pop-Top) Campaign Continues!



Did you know that over a million pounds of pull-tabs (pop-tops) are recycled by our nation's Shriners?

Did you know that means almost \$70,000 to transport sick children to Shriners hospitals for care at no charge to their families?

Did you know you can be part of this wonderful project by collecting pull-tabs from soda, pet foods, fruits and vegetables, soups, meats, fish, etc.?

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Publications & Communications - Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair

In 2018, Carol Hodges will serve as Chair of the P&C Committee; Linda Blume will be Vice-chair; and the position of Secretary will be filled at a later date.

The Committee is looking for residents with experience in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, and/or other similar software to join the committee to help with publishing the *Libretto*. For more information, please contact a Committee member. You **don't** need to be an expert, just familiar with the software.

Assistant General Manager, Rebecca Cook, is now maintaining the SV Master Calendar. If you have any new events, changes to events, etc., please contact her.

Sneakers – Linda Farrar, President; Correspondent, Bea Trotta

Centreville Elementary School Chorus

On December 20, approximately 40 Centreville Elementary School students came to Symphony Village to perform a private program for our residents. We always look forward to this performance; however, this December's program was exceptional.

The Concert Hall was overflowing with residents who came to hear these young singers raise their voices in song. The students were animated in their performance and sang with so much enthusiasm.

The program serves as a way for the school to thank us for our generosity throughout the school year, as well as to entertain us.

Our sincere thanks goes out to all who attended. Thank you also to those who assembled the *goodie* bags that brought even greater smiles on the face of each student.

Santa Giving Tree

Through your generosity, Sneakers was able to provide nine families, including 31 children, with a brighter holiday this past December.

These Queen Anne's County families, who are experiencing extreme needs, are identified by the school. Without our support, the students might not receive a single gift, have a winter coat to wear, or even a pair of sneakers without holes in the soles.

Thank you once again for supporting this most worthwhile need within QAC.

Next Meeting

Sneakers next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We are always looking for new members.

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Bird Club – Linda Blume



The third Annual Winter Delmarva Birding Weekend will be held **January 26 – 28**. There will be field trips all three days, with varying costs to participate, which take place at different locations on Delmarva. Go to the website for all the details and to register. If you like to plan ahead, the 23rd Annual Spring



DBW is April 26 – 29.

The Great Backyard Bird Count will take place **February 16 – 19**. This is a fun event, especially if you have bird feeders out for the winter. Check out the website! Observations are easy to enter online.

Bocce Banter – Don Rizzo

Forgive me, but I am gloating while writing this article from balmy Southwest Florida as I await the newspaper to be delivered. When I read the paper, I will discover which Happy Hour and Early Bird Special will benefit seniors eagerly lined up with white sneakers, 10% off coupons (having checked the expiration dates), and tasteful light jackets. The light jackets are necessary because these young restaurant managers crank up the AC without any consideration for most of their customers. At least those arriving between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., most of whom are on blood thinners. Oh, well—they'll be AARP card carriers soon.

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Let me provide you with some possible ponderings while you're waiting for the temperature to increase to a reasonable level so that you can resume your outside activities. The last issue of *The Libretto* printed two fine pictures of participants in our community's most popular activities—cyclists and softball players. Now, to participate in those sports, they have to travel some distance. Yet, we have right here in our own campus some pretty good, although not great, bocce courts left behind by the original builder. A perfect fit. Let's get the cyclists and the softball players to each form a team or two to play against the existing bocce players already playing bocce in Symphony Village. In fact, we might even invite the pool players and card players who may be in need of some outdoor sunshine to participate as well. Swimmers, golfers, bowlers, and tennis players – are you interested in joining a team? We could start with an introductory tournament; and, if the participants have as much fun and enjoy the friendly competition, as they should, we could talk about having an ongoing league in the Village.

All we need is one person to coordinate your initial expressions of interest. I nominate Jack Walsh, a long-term Symphony Village resident, who has the bocce know-how, management experience, and organizing skill sets to get this thing rolling. Call Jack at 443-262-9449 if you would like to participate and to express your feelings and give your suggestions.

And then just sit back and ... *Let The Good Times Roll!!*

Lunch Bunch - Bea Trotta & Marge Strano

The February Lunch Bunch is scheduled for The Narrows Restaurant at 3023 Narrows Way S in Grasonville on **Thursday, February 1, at 12:30 p.m.** Let's enjoy a wonderful lunch and the beautiful water view. Remember to sign up in the Lifestyle Activities Book at the Clubhouse and enjoy great food, good company, and the opportunity to have a relaxing lunch.

Sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). You can also go to the Symphony Village [Website](#), and click on **Dashboard**. Scroll down to the Lunch Bunch Icon near the bottom of the page. As usual, you can also sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you sign up online, please do not add your name in the Activities Book. Only sign up in one place. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you have a question, need directions, or need a ride.

Looking To The Future: 2018-2035 – Larry Rayner, *The Armchair Astronomer*



NASA has delayed the first test launch of the new Space Launch System (SLS) until December 2019. The SLS will be the largest, most powerful rocket built since the Saturn 5 Moon rocket in the '60's. Interestingly, the

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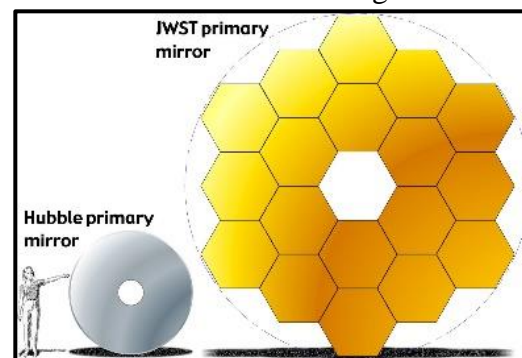
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Space X Corp. is planning the inaugural launch of its Falcon 9 “Heavy” rocket launch this January. It will assume the mantle of “most powerful rocket in the world” until the SLS is launched. The manned missions of the SLS are to explore the solar system over the next decades (the Moon, Mars, other Planets, and Satellites). Space X is planning on using the Falcon 9 for manned trips to the Space Station, the Moon, and Mars and more interestingly flights between points on Earth (i.e., London to Singapore in one hour). Space X’s manned trip to Mars could happen as early as 2022; NASA doesn’t plan manned flights to Mars until the mid-2030’s. NASA’s next unmanned lander to Mars is not scheduled until the summer of 2018 in preparation of further exploration of later missions. It plans to deploy another rover on Mars in 2020 to investigate interior sections of the planet, including caves, for microbe life.

NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) will cooperate to launch the James Webb space telescope aboard an ESA Ariane rocket in the spring of 2019. The Webb space telescope will replace the Hubble space telescope and Hubble will be deorbited into the Pacific Ocean. The Hubble telescope’s mirror is approximately 96” in diameter and allowed us to see nearly back to the beginning of the Universe (13.8 billion years ago), whereas, the Webb’s mirror is 252” in diameter and will allow us to view further into the time and space of the Universe—further back in time, to the Big Bang. Both of these will replace my telescope’s 11” diameter mirror that allowed me to see the Orion Nebular, 1500 hundred light years from Earth, or my neighbor’s bedroom. The Webb will be exploring the composition of the atmospheres associated with planets around other stars, more simply put, the Webb is seeking ExoPlanets, planets beyond our solar system around other stars, possibly another Earth; but more amazingly, the birth of the first galaxies after the Big Bang. What a future Astronomy has in store—the Hubble mirror vs. the Webb mirror.



All kidding aside, my 11” telescope allowed me to explore nebulae, galaxies, star clusters, and planets in our solar system. What a journey I have enjoyed.

Social Singles – Carol Donnelly

Social Singles wishes all our neighbors a healthy, prosperous New Year! We will be taking a break for January and February and will resume meeting in March. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the **Clubhouse**. If you are new to our community, please join us.

Questions: carol.m.donnelly@gmail.com

Social Singles Remembers 2017

The reorganized Social Singles had a banner year! It all started in February when we rented a house on Anna Maria Island, Gulf of Mexico, Florida. Even some of our neighbors on Harmony who are not members of the Singles came and filled up the bedrooms. All had a great time.



Girls at Chesapeake City

Here is a short list:

Many lunches: Opening of IHop, Crab Deck, and O’Shucks . We had Tea at The White Swan Tavern in Chestertown, several trips to Church Hill Theater, a special trip to Peter’s Alley, and a nice trip to Chesapeake City for Lunch!

Locally, we attended the *Chesapeake Storytelling Festival* and took the Patriot Cruise in Saint Michaels. Thanks to Annie Mae Price, we had a private tour of the **Kirwin House**.



Highlighted trips: Took the Ferry from Lewes and spent a few nights in Cape May and September in Chincoteague. We had a great time with no crowds, and we had the beach to ourselves!

Our year ended in December with our Holiday Party. The best part of all of this was getting to know our great neighbors and the Eastern shore.

We are always looking for new members! Come to a meeting and help us with new events!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FALL HARVEST – WINTER SOW - Betty McAtee

Why purchase your native perennials at the local nursery when you can harvest seeds from your own existing plants in your garden and propagate new plants for yourself or other gardeners? Most of these plants (like goldenrod, purple coneflower, and black-eyed susan) produce seeds that require a cold, moist period prior to the germination process. This is called cold stratification and sometimes, vernalization. The following is a simple process to propagate new native pollinator plants initiated during the fall season or early winter:

- Step 1 - Using an exacto knife or scissors, cut around the circumference of an empty clean plastic gallon milk jug (without the top) at a level approximately 3½ inches up from the jug base, carefully leaving an inch or two just below the handle to be attached to the upper half of the jug thus forming a lid that can be opened or closed with the jug handle.
- Step 2 - Using a drill or large nail, put three or four holes through the base of the jug.
- Step 3 - Add garden soil to the base to within about a half-inch of the cut edge.
- Step 4 - Plant seeds of choice into the soil at the appropriate depth and spacing determined by the seed size.
- Step 5 - Carefully moisten the garden soil until some leakage from the base is observed.
- Step 6 - Close the jug lid and secure with a single piece of duct tape. (Do not seal cut edge completely.)
- Step 7 - Using a wax pencil, write the plant name for the seeds plus the current date on the upper half of the jug.
- Step 8 - Place the jug in a protected outdoor spot with some sun and rainfall exposure. Be sure it cannot be easily blown over by the wind. Do not replace the round jug top. Occasionally check during the winter to see if the soil needs moistening.
- Step 9 - As spring approaches, check the jug for any germination/seedling growth. As daily temps get warmer, open the jug lid to allow more exposure to the sun. Moisten soil if needed.
- Step 10 - When seedlings are at least two to three inches tall, transplant as one unit into the garden. Some seedlings may be



too fragile to separate before transplanting.

Finally, harvest your own seeds from your mature plants each year in late summer/early fall, and continue the propagation process.

Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

- **Tuesday, January 16**, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.: Spotting Fake News (Free; Pre-register on the website)
- **Tuesday, January 23**, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Game Night (Free)
- **Wednesday, January 24**, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Up cycled Books - Snowflakes (Free)
- **Friday, January 26**, 2 – 4 p.m.: Matinee Movie – “Whale Rider” (Free)
- **Saturday, January 27**, 3 – 4 p.m.: Crime and a Cuppa (Free; Pre-register on the website)
- **Thursday, February 1**, 7 – 9 p.m.: Trivia Night (Free; Pre-registration encouraged but not required)
- **Friday, February 9**, 2 – 4 p.m.: Matinee Movie “Selma” (Free)

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18

The public is always welcome to attend Friday Night Dinners at the American Legion, and the Post especially appreciates SV participation! Dinners are 5:30 – 7 p.m., or until sold out. Upcoming dinners:

- Friday, January 19:** American Legion Riders will host a Chicken and Dumplings Dinner
- Friday, January 26:** Fried Oyster Dinner
- February 2:** To Be Announced
- Friday, February 9:** To Be Announced

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION - Sue Canfield

Symphony Village Volunteers Deserve High Praise!

Most of us take for granted that our community runs smoothly and that we are safe and sound. We have lots of entertainment and activities to attend or not. But it *takes a Village* of willing volunteers to allow this wonderful community to work so well! We can’t thank them enough!

What about the Board members who give up their time to work with all of the committees to allow us to live in this beautiful Village?

What about the members of Operations, Covenants, and

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Landscape and Irrigation Committees who help the community maintain its safety and beauty?
 What about the Budget and Finance Committee who help us live in a very fiscally sound community?
 When management is off duty, we have someone checking the building in the evenings.
 When the pool company has completed their weekly maintenance, we have volunteers checking and adjusting chemical levels. They also go to classes for this!
 When there is a Happy Hour, we have volunteers to serve the residents!
 When you want to travel to NYC, we have a volunteer helping to set up buses.
 When we want a summer holiday party or New Year's Eve or Super Bowl (to name just a few), Lifestyle and all their members rise to the occasion and organize these events!
 Can you imagine no movies, no brunches, and no ice cream socials? Can you believe we had a Luau here in the Village, and Paul McCartney came and performed?
 When we want to play Bingo or visit an Artisan Fair or Tea Party or Card Party, Outreach is right there setting these events up for us to enjoy.
 When you want to attend a high end Auction event with wonderful artwork and donated items, Sneakers is setting this up with amazing food for us to enjoy!
 When you or your spouse is ill or recovering from surgery, Neighbor-to-Neighbor is right there providing meals, arranging rides, and giving you peace of mind!
 We have had so many more events this year than ever before. I know I have not mentioned all of them.
Remember to thank a volunteer when you see one!

SYMPHONY VILLAGE IS ON THE ART

MAP – *By Roving Reporter Susan Rayner*

We all know Sedona, Arizona; Carmel, California; Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; and Santa Fe, New Mexico; but move over small towns of America for Centreville, Maryland! Welcome to the Small Works Art Exhibition at the Queen Anne's Centre for the Arts in downtown Centreville. This gallery is a treasure, tucked in our own backyard. On January 12, we carpoled to Commerce Street for a look at the new exhibit that will run from January 12 until who knows. I love these volunteer

websites that fail to give full disclosure as in ***closure*** of the exhibition. We have two Symphony Village artists ***in***



residence being featured. Come on out, hopefully until the end of the month, to see this wonderful art show. I'm sorry I missed Judy Brown next to her piece, but I was

questioned when I tried to get a close up of the piece. Maybe I will make the first *print* of an original Judy Brown.

ROBERT BURNS DAY IS JANUARY 25 – *Article Submitted by William Frazier*

(Robert Burns was born January 25, 1759)

However, any celebration is a good excuse to have the haggis! Robbie Burns' dinners are often begun with a speech from the Laird, THEN the saying of the "Selkirk Grace" (Writ by Burns)

Some hae meat an canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit.

THE HAGGIS IS THEN PIPED In—"Scotland the Brave" is often used here, but be creative in your choice followed by recitation of Burns *ODE TO A HAGGIS*. Of the many verses, the last verse is most relevant:

Ye Pow'rs wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinkin ware (watery broth)
That jaups in luggies; (sloshes in a two-handled cup)
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,
Gie her a haggis!

Followed by a whiskey toast! Slàinte mhath!

THE LAIRD'S CHESAPEAKE HAGGIS

BILL FRAZIER, LAIRD, CLAN FRAZIER OF THE CHESAPEAKE HIGHLANDS

This recipe is adapted from several sources, but mostly based on my recognition that "real" haggis tastes kinda like Pennsylvania Dutch scrapple.

2 lbs. Scrapple plus 2 lbs. Ground beef (or 1 lb. beef plus 1 lb. ground lamb)

NB: If you make a half recipe (1 lb. each scrapple and beef/lamb) adjust following items accordingly. I hav'na tried this as no Laird can abide half a haggis!

1 lg yellow onion, chopped

3 cups rolled oats

2 eggs, whisked.

1T ea; Cumin, smoked paprika, chopped rosemary, thyme

2T crushed garlic

1t ground black pepper

1 T Worcestershire sauce

2 T Ground mustard

1/4 C beef broth/stock (Approx. see below)

To Proceed:

- Toast the oats in a 450 degree oven for ca 20 min, stir 2 or 3 times – don't burn, watch!!
- Sauté the onion in butter, add some water and scotch whiskey, cook til almost dry.
- Dice scrapple in very small cubes, add to a LARGE mixing bowl with beef and other ingredients. Mash and mix well with hands until the pieces of scrapple break down and all oats are incorporated. Add and mix broth as needed to consistency of wet meatloaf. Press into greased loaf pan(s), cover tightly with foil and set on a baking sheet.
- Bake in 325 degree oven for 1.5 to 2 hours. Test with thermometer to 170 degrees.

- Remove from oven and rest before turning out and slicing to serve.
- Serve with *Pickapeppa* sauce, mashed potatoes, and roasted Brussels sprouts!

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast



The Goodwill Fire Company (212 Broadway) in Centreville will host an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, **January 21**, 7:30 – 11 a.m., at the fire hall. The cost is \$9 per person. Breakfasts will take place the third Sunday of every month through May 2018.

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

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