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## SVWC Celebrates Its 30th Anniversary with a Gala

Since it opened its doors to its first residents in 1987, SVWC has been the scene of countless parties and special events. The gala held on May 12 commemorating the community's 30th anniversary was one of the very best.

The festivities began from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. with guided tours of Wappacomo Hall and Courtyard, Laurel Court, Blue Ridge Hall, the Salon, and the new greenhouse. Guests were also free to tour the new Vitality Center on their own. At the same time, cocktails were served in the Commons, where Activities Coordinator Helen Bricker provided live piano music.

At 5:30 p.m., many of SVWC's 364 residents plus invited guests packed the expanded Abbey/dining room to hear special presentations. In her welcoming remarks, Jeannie Shiley, President and CEO since December 2007, noted that four of the original trustees live at SVWC: Bill Clement, Bob Kern, Farley Massey, and Mary Robinson. She also saluted a number of staff employees with long years of service, headed by Nancy Nethers and Mary Trenum, each with 30 years.

The first guest speaker was Bill Lawrence III, whose parents, William and Nancy, made it all possible when they donated 65 acres of their farm property to what was to become the SVWC campus. Looking back, he said that his mother was the driving force behind the donation decision.

Next, former CEOs Mike Peasley (May 1988 to June 2000) and David Goff (June 2000 to December 2007) shared some of their memories about SVWC's evolution and told some amusing anecdotes.

In closing, Founding Committee member and pioneer resident Farley Massey applauded SVWC's strong spirit of goodwill and empha-

sized that it fosters many acts of human kindness by residents toward one another. In turn, these acts "glue" us together as a caring community.

The crowd then adjourned to the Bistro and the Canterbury Café, where Dining Services had set up an impressive array of hors d'oeuvres and special desserts. CEO Shiley cut the celebratory cake, and retiring Board of Trustees Chair Terry Sinclair led a champagne toast to SVWC.

The winning ticket in the drawing for the \$1,600 pearl necklace donated by Ruckman Jewelry was held by Bill Mills. Marines do not wear pearls, so he gave his string to a lucky lady.

The gala's success was the result of a lot of hard work by co-chairs Erin Johnson of Dining Services and Kitty Zuckerman of the Marketing staff. They were ably assisted by staffers Stephanie Chapman, Todd Lilley, Chanda Palmer, Gladys Nuckolls, Lucille Weschler, Jim White and by many employees of Dining Services and the Maintenance Department.

*Paul Arnold*

Photo by Jeff Taylor



**Welcome to the Gala**

## Hammond and Huehn Elected to Lead Residents Association

At the Residents Association meeting on May 8, Gina Hammond and Bill Huehn were elected president and vice-president, respectively. Frank Baxter, Dick Clarke and Jean Trumbore were chosen to serve as members-at-large of the Executive Committee. All elections are for two-year terms.

*Edward Rider*

## May Day Play Day Held

The sixth annual May Day Play Day co-sponsored by First Bank of Winchester was held in the Courtyard on Friday, May 20. It featured a picnic buffet, a corn hole competition and the giveaway of potted flowers. Blake Curtis, Senior Trust Officer for First Bank, again served as coordinator for the event, and he and about 24 bank employees acted as volunteers in supporting it. May Day Play Day grew out of a suggestion by Farley Massey, who also gave it its name.

*Patricia Baldwin*



Photo by Peggy Jackson

**First Bank Staff Give Out Potted Flowers**

## Our New Neighbors

**The Rev. and Mrs. James and Linda Mahaffey** moved into 530 Winchester Hall from McGaheysville, VA.

## Keeping the Wood Fires Burning

SVWC continues to be an important donor to the Congregational Community Action Project's (C-CAP) program by delivering firewood to those who depend on a wood stove for warmth during cold-weather months.

Resident Bill Huehn and his friend Mike Perry of the Frederick County Rotary Club harvest wood from dead trees on SVWC property identified by Maintenance Services. The self-styled "Woodchuck 2" and "Woodchuck 1" use chain saws and a log-splitter, and they test the wood before delivery to ensure that it is safe to burn.

From November 2016 to May 2017, Bill and Mike delivered 84 pickup loads of firewood, of which approximately 35 came from SVWC woods; they received the balance from other sources. This brings their eight-year total to 479 loads. C-CAP clients receive two free loads and pay \$40 for each additional load, about half the market price. C-CAP receives all of the proceeds.

*Paul Arnold*

## 2016 Financial Statements

Duane Wernecke, CFO, presented the results of the 2016 audited financial statements at the May Lecture Series; a copy of the results are included in the Disclosure Statement and is available upon request. Please contact Sue McKenzie, 665-5918 to obtain a copy.

*Jeannie Shiley*

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## From the President/CEO



At the annual meeting of the SVWC Board of Trustees held on Monday, May 15, a new chair and vice-chair were elected. I am pleased to announce that Dennis McLoughlin was elected as chair and Bill Pifer was elected as vice-chair.

Dennis McLoughlin resides in Winchester and is a practicing attorney who received his BS in accounting at Boston College in 1972 and his JD from the University of Richmond in 1975. He has been active at the state and local level professionally and is past president of the Winchester-Frederick County Bar Association.

An active member in the community, Dennis is on the Handley Library Board of Trustees; a member and secretary of the Free Medical Clinic; Custer Endowment Fund Oversight Committee; a corporate member of the Valley Health System; member, Board of Trustees of Winchester Medical Center Foundation; and Board member and secretary of the Leary Educational Foundation.

In addition, Dennis is a member and former Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and usher for the First Presbyterian Church of Winchester.

Dennis has been a member of the SVWC Board of Trustees since January 2002. He serves on the Finance Committee and the Nominating Committee.

Bill Pifer also resides in Winchester. Bill received a BS in biology from Washington and Lee University. He is owner and managing partner of BP Management and Investments, LLC, and Wainwright Investments, LLC. He

has managed various political campaigns at federal and state levels.

Bill's civic activities include serving on the board of directors of the Winchester Country Club, Concern Hotline and as vice-president of the Shenandoah Valley Tennis Association. He is president of the Winchester Property Owners Association and a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester.

In March 2013, Bill joined the SVWC Board of Trustees. He has served on the Property and Planning Committee since 2013 and as chair of that committee since January 2017.

At the meeting, retiring Board Chair Dr. Terry Sinclair reported that the Board of Trustees of Virginia Diocesan Homes, Inc. voted to re-elect trustees Dr. Harry Poling, Dan Wall and Rev. Webster Gibson for additional three-year terms, expiring in May 2020.

The Board of Trustees of Westminster-Presbyterian Homes, Inc. approved The Rev. Dan McCoig, Susan Kagey and Matthew Tederick as trustees, with terms expiring in May 2020. New Board members Susan Kagey and Matthew Tederick will be featured in the July issue of *Westbury World*.

*Jeannie Shiley*

## Residents Appointed to SVWC Board of Trustees Committees

On May 1, the Residents Association Executive Committee selected resident representatives to SVWC Board of Trustees committees. They are: Matt Baig, Board Finance Committee (Peter Gates, alternate); Kent Stevens, Property and Planning Committee; George Burgess, Winchester Hall representative to the Property and Planning Committee; and Joleen Graber, Winchester Hall representative to the Interior Design Subcommittee of the Property and Planning Committee.

Each association representative (or alternate) may speak and vote at Board meetings and will serve three-year terms.

*Edward Rider*



### Apple Blossom Breakfast Walk

Photo by Peggy Jackson



CEO Shiley Leads the Walk

Photo by Kitty Zuckerman



Staff Members Serve It Up

Photo by Melissa DeHaven



Staff Employees in Apple Blossom Costumes

Photo by Kitty Zuckerman



Breakfast Time

Photo by Kitty Zuckerman



Queen Kiara Anastasia Laurenzano Speaks to the Diners



## June Library Acquisitions

### FICTION

In **The Fix**, the third novel in David Baldacci's newest series, Amos Decker becomes embroiled in an urgent Defense Intelligence Agency investigation.

Pam Jenoff's **The Orphan's Tale** portrays "two extraordinary women and their harrowing stories of sacrifice and survival" during World War II.

Christina Baker Kline interweaves fact and fiction in **A Piece of the World** as she relates the story of Christina, the subject of Andrew Wyeth's **Christina's World**.

Beth Prudhomme, the main character in Debbie Macomber's newest, **If Not for You**, begins a new life in Portland, Oregon, and learns to value an unlikely friendship.

George Saunders' **Lincoln in the Bardo** is "part ghost story, part historical novel, maybe a little sci-fi-ish." Saunders uses many voices to relate Lincoln's grief over the death of his beloved son Willie and his distress over the carnage of the Civil War.

In **The Women in the Castle** by Jessica Shattuck, Marianne von Lingenfels returns to a castle belonging to her husband's ancestors. There she tries to protect the widows whose husbands were murdered during their resistance to Adolf Hitler.

Fans of Maisie Dobbs mysteries will enjoy Jacqueline Winspear's newest, **In This Grave Hour**. Maisie's assignment: find the killer of a man who had escaped Belgium as a boy during the Great War.

### NONFICTION

Roger Angell's personal account, **This Old Man**, combines perception and humor as he conveys "his appreciation of friends and colleagues (writers, ballplayers, editors, and artists) encountered over the course of a full and generous life."

**Eve of a Hundred Midnights** by Bill Lascher is the story of journalists Mel and Annalee Jacoby who evaded capture by Japanese troops invading Manila during World War II.

**Ice Ghosts** by Paul Watson is a history of the *Terror* and the *Erebus*, two ships abandoned during a failed attempt to discover and navigate the Northwest Passage.

In addition to the aforementioned, the following new releases are also available in the SVWC Library:

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| <b>The Lark Shall Sing</b>              | Elizabeth Cadell   |
| <b>Camino Island</b>                    | John Grisham       |
| <b>The High Mountains of Portugal</b>   | Yann Martel        |
| <b>The Scent of Rain and Lightning</b>  | Nancy Pickard      |
| <b>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</b> | Lisa See           |
| <b>Autumn</b>                           | Ali Smith          |
| <b>A Gentleman in Moscow</b>            | Amor Towles        |
| <b>Testimony</b>                        | Scott Turow        |
| <b>No One Is Coming to Save Us</b>      | Stephanie P. Watts |
| <b>Losing My Mind</b>                   | Thomas DeBaggio    |

*Beverly Sears*

## 2016 History Nearing Completion

The History Committee is winding up production of SVWC's 2016 History Book, Volume 10, **Project Completed**. It will soon be available for purchase in the Gift Shop, at Residents Association meetings and at sales events to be announced.

This month, work is starting on the 2017 History. The committee needs photographs taken this year of regular activities, such as exercise classes, swimming, card and board games, outdoor sports, needle workers, choristers, art classes, and book clubs. If you are able to take photos of these and other activities, send them with your name and the identities of the persons in the photos to History Committee Chairman George Magurn, 404 Shenandoah Hall, or via email to [gmagurn@yahoo.com](mailto:gmagurn@yahoo.com).

*Marcia Greene*



## Bistro Concert Features Supper Club Serenade

The Bistro Concert on Friday, June 19, will feature Fred Williams with his mellow vocals and soothing keyboard arrangements. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Fred Williams' vocals and piano playing have enriched many performances here. He offers supper club-style swing music. You will hear long-familiar songs, the tunes musicians love to "fancy up," especially songs from the 1940s and before. These are sophisticated songs we have enjoyed for decades.

Fred, who lives in Georgia, charmed supper club patrons in downtown Atlanta for years with his renditions. At one time, he was composer-in-residence at Wolf Trap and also served as a national network radio announcer. In recent years, he has performed often for residents in Wappacomo Hall, Health Care and Blue Ridge Hall, as well as in six prior Bistro Concerts. He is studying for his master's degree in music composition at the University of Georgia.

The Fellowship Fund benefits from the Bistro Concerts. BB&T sponsors the series.

The Bistro Concert on July 15 will feature guitarist Justin Lees (son of residents Alice and John Lees) playing "Manhattan jazz" with Aaron Clay on double bass and Dominic Smith on percussion.

*Bob Sherwood*

## Chaplain's Message

"But now, thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you: and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." (Isaiah 43: 1-3)

This is a text of comfort to an exiled people who have almost lost hope under Babylonian rule. They are on the precipice of extinction with a doubtful future who fear that God has abandoned them completely. And, yet, God speaks to them of creation and hope, of redemption and salvation. God did bring them out of captivity and continued to create in them and with them, a nation of hope.

We also can claim this text for our world, our nation and ourselves. The "waters," "rivers" and "fire/flames" represent those difficult times in life that would seek to steal our peace and ravish our hope. It is important to note that the difficulties are not always averted, but that God is with us, protecting us and redeeming us through them. Sometimes, we have to face things that we had hoped to avoid, but we can know that God is in them with us, God will see us through them, and God will bring peace and protection no matter where we are. The hope and peace that God offers is available even in our trials.

*Elizabeth Lewis*

### Mission Statement

*Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury is a not-for-profit, intimate, church-related continuing care retirement community that is committed to enabling residents to use their gifts fully, live their lives richly, and enjoy with dignity the years God has given them.*

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**An Annual Blessed Event at SVWC**

## At the Gala



**The Speakers**



**The Audience**



**Fine Desserts**

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## Campus Calendar

### Thursday Night Movies Returning

Now that the regular Thursday night guest programs are on hiatus until September, movies will again fill that gap. They will include past Academy Award winners for Best Picture, musicals and golden oldies. Screen time is 7:30 p.m. in the Abbey. The Saturday night films will focus on those of a more recent vintage. The Bistro bulletin boards and the monthly calendars will list the movies for both nights.

### Lawn Bowling Added to Outdoor Sports

Weather permitting, lawn bowling will be played every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. on the croquet court. No experience is necessary. Just show up and play or watch. If the sign-up sheet in the Bistro is no longer posted, contact Katherine Perry, x286, or the aptly named Skip Bowling, x730, if you need more information.

### Farmers Market Moves to Canterbury Café

Seasonal produce from the West Oaks Farm Market is now available each day in the Canterbury Cafe during its hours of operation (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). The variety of fruits and vegetables will increase as the growing season progresses.

### Annual Ice Cream Day


In celebration of the first day of summer, Smiley's ice cream truck will be on campus Wednesday, June 21, to provide residents and staff with a free ice cream cone or sundae. The truck will be parked in front of Lawrence Hall between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.



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CEO Jeannie Shiley Cuts the Symbolic 30th Anniversary Cake

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