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SVWC Mandates Vaccinations



Throughout the last 18 months, the safety and well-being of our residents, staff, family members, and visitors have been our main priority. SVWC was able to offer vaccine clinics on campus as soon as the vaccines were made available in December. We were thrilled by the resident participation in these clinics and are proud that 99.9 percent of our residents are vaccinated.

Our staff, on the other hand, needed more time to consider the vaccine. In a continued effort to educate our staff on the safety and benefits of the Covid vaccine, the following steps were taken:

- Offered numerous on-site vaccine clinics.
- Provided multiple group and individual sessions with local physicians to answer questions and address concerns about the vaccine.
- All staff who completed the vaccine process were given paid time off or monetary incentives.
- Provided factual data from reliable sources to contradict all the false information that was being circulated about the vaccines.

As the Delta variant became more prevalent over the last several months, conversations began about mandating the vaccine. Our clinical staff and management team were constantly monitoring industry news and guidance on this subject. We were also talking every week with other communities. In addition, residents were sharing their thoughts on the matter via emails and personal meetings.

At the beginning of August, LeadingAge and LeadingAge Virginia came out in support of a mandate for all health care workers. Administration asked for a special meeting of the Resi-

dent Services Committee of the Board of Trustees in conjunction with our clinical team and medical director to discuss this issue. After much consideration and discussion, the Resident Services Committee voted to support Administration's recommendation to mandate the vaccine for all employees, new residents, volunteers, and community partners effective September 13.

While this decision was the right decision for our community, it has also been difficult. We know that we will lose some of our valued staff who have strong feelings on this matter. Department managers have been working diligently on plans that vary according to staffing levels.

Since the decision to mandate, Dr. Paige Patterson, our medical director, and Dr. John Armstrong, Board of Trustees member, have been meeting with staff individually and in small, intimate groups to combat the vaccine hesitancy that exists. A big thanks to both for sharing their knowledge and support.

Unfortunately, the positivity rates in our immediate area have once again exceeded 10 percent. This means certain restrictions will be put in place as they relate to visitation and frequency of Covid testing. I encourage all residents to watch Coffee with Administration on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. or read the subsequent notes that are distributed. We are doing our best to keep everyone informed.

We do ask that everyone remain diligent to protect themselves and those around them. Wear your mask, social distance, avoid public gatherings and wash your hands. Please report any symptoms to the Clinic so testing can occur immediately.

We need to be patient, supportive, and continue to encourage one another.

Jeannie Shiley

Bridge Gallery Features Ginny Fluet's Paintings

Ginny was born in Fayetteville, NC. In 1965, she graduated from William and Mary, and in 1978 she received a master's degree in education from Florida Atlantic University. For 30 years, she worked for IBM, retiring in 1995.

Ginny began painting in her late thirties, first working in acrylics and then moving into oils. Most recently, she has also been working in pastels. Her preferred subjects include landscapes, people, and pets, and she likes to paint gifts for others.

For 15 years, Ginny painted with a group of artists in a studio in New Hampshire, where she lived before moving back to Virginia. The high point of her artistic journey has been participating in an impressionism workshop in Giverny, France, where members painted every evening in Monet's garden.

Ginny and her husband, Joe, moved from Lake Frederick, to SVWC a year ago.



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Chaplain's Message

As I sat down today to write, the reality of the resurgence of the virus took hold of me. Its return has been like a sucker punch. We have anger, fear, dread, uncertainty and maybe hopelessness. I realized we need courage for this new wave, for courage just might give us the will to continue to move forward.

The scriptures are rife with examples of the people of God calling on courage to face the uncertainties and struggles of life. Over and over, people have put their faith, not in their fears or anger, but in the God who leads, sustains, and strengthens for the journey. Having courage does not mean we are not afraid. Dorothy Bernard defines it as, "Courage is fear that has said its prayers."

Every time the people of God were frightened or uncertain of the future, they were instructed to have courage. Some examples:

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.

"Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" Psalm 27:14.

"Each one helps the other, saying to one another, 'Take courage!'" Isaiah 41:6.

This does not mean the feelings go away or that we are to deny them. It means God is in it with us; we are in it together. God will uphold us, and we will hold courage for and with each other. Today may be your day to hold it for others, or it may be someone else's day to hold it for you. There is plenty to go around.

In the words of Frederick Buechner, "Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid."

The final message in I Corinthians 16:13, "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong."

Elizabeth Lewis



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Library News — September Acquisitions

FICTION

Radar Girls	Sara Ackerman
Tom Clancy Target Acquired	Don Bentley
Fallen	Linda Castillo
The Chelsea Girls	Fiona Davis
Murder at Sunrise Lake	Christine Feehan
Choose Me (LP)	Tess Gerritsen
Painting the Light	Sally Cabot Gunning
The Forest of Vanishing Stars	Kristin Harmel
It's Better This Way	Debbie Macomber
Such a Quiet Place	Megan Miranda
Falling	T.J. Newman
The Wonder Test	Michelle Richmond
The Cellist	Daniel Silva
False Witness	Karin Slaughter
Nine Lives (LP)	Danielle Steel
The War Nurse	Tracey Enerson Wood

NON-FICTION

Nomadland (LP)	Jessica Bruder
A Dog Named Boo	Lisa J. Edwards
Life on the Line	Emma Goldberg
On Juneteenth	Annette Gordon-Reed



Robin and Angie

Photo by Sue McKenzie

SVWC's Beauty Parlor

SVWC is fortunate to have its Salon staffed by two highly experienced cosmetologists. Manager Robin Malone arrived in 1992 and Angie Douglas followed in 2008. They provide a variety of salon services for men and women, including hair styling, perms, haircuts, manicures, and pedicures. The Salon also frequently offers special bargains and it has a line of beauty products for sale with minimal markups.

Robin was born in Winchester, and graduated from James Wood High School, where she received vocational training in cosmetology. Robin worked in a salon in Winchester for a year and when her mother reopened her salon Robin went to work for her for several years until she opened her own salon.

Robin married her husband Chase in 1991. They have a daughter Sarah who works for a retina specialist in Winchester. Robin enjoys shopping trips to Lancaster, PA, excursions to Myrtle Beach, SC, and spending time with her family.

Angie was born in Leesburg and grew up in Hamilton. She graduated from Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville. While in high school, she attended C.S. Monroe Vocational Tech taking cosmetology. She worked for a salon in Purcellville for 18 years before opening a salon in her home in Berryville, where she still works evenings and Saturdays.

Angie has a daughter who is a nurse and a son who is preparing to be a home inspector. Angie's favorite "getaway" places are the Outer Banks and Smith Mountain Lake.

The salon staff also includes two per diem cosmetologists. Tammy Dillow has been at SVWC since 2007. She is married and has three children. She also has a pet pig, Willie. Diana Zomro has been part of the staff since 2015. She is married and enjoys spending time with her son and twin grandchildren.

Paul Arnold

Welcome to our New Neighbors

Bob and Robin Bolan moved into 118 Westbury Place from Fern Beach, FL.

Mabel Black moved into 193 Wappacomo Hall from Manassas, VA.

Photo by Bill Young



WestCan jug band: A Covid byproduct.

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