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A Day to Remember

On May 20, Board members, villas depositors, residents, staff, and guests gathered for the villas groundbreaking ceremony.

Following CEO Jeannie Shiley's opening remarks and introductions, Board of Trustees Chair Rev. Dan McCoig blessed the property and shared some remarks on behalf of the Board. Matt Hartzler, President/CEO of Warfel Construction, thanked the group for their trust and support.

Warfel will soon begin the construction of five of the 10 villa buildings. In the first construction phase, 48 of 97 apartments will be built.

Resident Farley Massey, who was part of the original planning committee for this community had the following remarks: "Sometimes, 'old folks' have words of wisdom to share. And now, this 'old person' does have words of wisdom to



share: Recall the past, realistically and thankfully. Live the present: with joyful anticipation. And now, my own wisdom tells me – let the soirée begin!"

Following the groundbreaking ceremony, residents, Board members, visitors, and staff then celebrated SVWC's 35th anniversary at a wonderful outdoor soirée held near the resident gardens. Local singer Robbie

Limon provided music throughout the event. Various food and drink stations were conveniently located.

With the groundbreaking and anniversary celebration on the same day, it was a memorable mix of past, present, and future. SVWC has much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. Thanks to everyone who attended and shared in such a special day.

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Photos by Bill Young

Breaking Ground



The ceremonial "earth turning" participants, as pictured left to right, are as follows:
Kevin Deck, SFCS; Hoppy Sell, Tandem; Leila Orndorff, SVWC Sales Counselor;
Niki Wilson, Foundation and Marketing Director; Chanda Palmer, COO;
Rev. Dan McCoig, Chair Board of Trustees; Jeannie Shiley, CEO;
Duane Wernecke, CFO; Matt Hartzler, President/CEO Warfel Construction Co.



Rev. Dan McCoig, Chair
Board of Trustees



Jeannie Shiley
President/CEO



Matt Hartzler, President/CEO
Warfel Construction Co.

35th Anniversary Soirée

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Fran and George White dancing to the music of Robbie Limon



Charlie Thorne, Sally O'Neil, and Jan Downing



Villa depositors Jeff and Janie Smith with futures John and Kathy Tagnesi. (Kathy is the Chair of the Foundation Board)



Present and Past Chairs Board of Trustees: Rev. Dan McCoig and Dennis McLoughlin

Photos by Ginger Perry



Dining Services staff Chelsea Swartz and Molly Ambuske at Cake Pop Station



Larry and Connie Pettinger With George Magurn

Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees



SVWC's corporate Board of Trustees met on May 16 for its annual meeting. To begin the meeting, a representative from Holleran reviewed the results from the recent resident engagement surveys. The Finance Committee submitted two items

for approval related to financing for the villas; both were passed unanimously.

Susan Kagey was elected to serve as an Appointed Trustee of the Foundation.

The Class I Nominating Committee proposed Libba Pendleton for election as a trustee. The motion was passed and Libba's nomination will be forwarded to the Virginia Diocesan Homes, Inc. Board of Trustees for final approval.

The following were elected as officers of the Corporation:

- Rev. Dan McCoig Chair
- Cindia Stewart Vice-Chair
- Rob Boyd Secretary/Treasurer
- Jeannie Shiley President/Chief Executive Officer
- Duane Wernecke Chief Financial Officer

The Board of Trustees of Virginia Diocesan Homes, Inc. voted to elect Linda Miles and Marty Tabaka as Class I Trustees of this Board. The Board of Trustees of Westminster Presbyterian Homes, Inc. approved Jeff Webber, Courtney Warner, and Rev. Dan McCoig as Class II Trustees of this Board. These terms are effective through May 2025.

The following Chair appointments were made to the various Board committees:

- Finance Committee, Rob Boyd
- Property and Planning Committee, Jeff Webber and Marty Tabaka
- Resident Services Committee, Linda Gibson
- Nominating Committee
 - Class I – Marty Tabaka
 - Class II – Rev. Dan McCoig

Scott Arthur and Scott Harvard met their term limits this year and were thanked for their many years of service to SVWC. A resolution of appreciation was read and approved by the Board for both gentlemen.

Bruce Jackson gave his final board report as president of the Residents Association. Bruce was also thanked for his faithful service to the Board and to the Residents Association. Sylvia Wilson was elected as the new president.

Jeannie Shiley

New Board Member Elected

Linda Miles was elected to serve as a Class I member of the Board of Trustees. She will serve on the Interiors Committee and the Resident Services Committee.

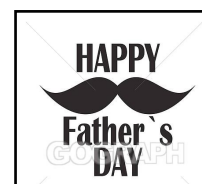
Linda resides in Winchester. Currently retired, she was president of Miles Marketing Consulting from 2002 until 2008. From 1995 until 2002, she worked for GE, first as International Marketing Director for the GE Plastic division and then as VP Marketing of GE Mod Space. She also held positions at Bausch and Lomb, Fairfield American Corporation, and FMC.

She earned an AAS degree from SUNY at Morrisville in Chemistry, a BA from SUNY at Brockport in Liberal Arts, and an MBA from the University of Rochester in Marketing.

Linda is a member of Christ Episcopal Church. She is a member of the Altar Guild and assists in the Panda Pantry. She served on the Outreach Committee for a three-year term, the last two as chairperson.

Linda is involved with Celebrations of Hope and is a member of the Little Garden Club of Winchester and the Winchester Country Club, where she served on its board for three years, two as its president.

Sue McKenzie



Arbor Day Celebration

Mother Nature's Team (MNT) organized SVWC's annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 29. For the first time in four years, beautiful weather allowed the event to be held outdoors on the road above Goff Pond. Participants engaged in activities such as tree and bird-song identification, learning about Bluebird Monitoring and the coming Hidden Treasures activity, wildflower walks, and watching demonstrations of wood splitting by some of SVWC's C-CAP crew.

CEO Jeannie Shiley acknowledged the hard work by MNT and SVWC's Grounds Staff in beautifying the pond area. MNT Chair Judi Booker noted the absence of Chaplain Elizabeth Lewis, who loves the outdoors. A moment of silence was held to wish her safe journey as she leaves SVWC to follow her calling elsewhere. The dogwood trees planted this year at the far end of Goff Pond will be a reminder of the love and comfort she has given the community for many years.



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Residents Association Election Results

On May 9, SVWC residents elected Sylvia Wilson, Cathie Russell, Pam Curtis and Bill Young to the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Peter Gates, June Dunn, Kay Jones, and Barbara Leonard were elected as Members-At-Large. The president and vice president have one-year terms, the others, two years, each starting on election day. Swearing-in will be held on June 13.

Remote voting by ballot box was approved as a by-law change. This year, 245 ballots were cast compared to 125 for in-person voting.

The Executive Committee elects resident representatives to various Board committees. This year, Ray Leonard was elected to Property and Planning and Judy Lloyd to Interiors, a subcommittee to Property and Planning, both for three years.

Bruce Jackson

New Location for Pop Tabs

A tiny pop tab may weigh only 1.3 grams but it is a big deal to the Ronald McDonald House Charities organization that provides help to sick children and their parents. SVWC's recent donation of two full grocery bags, weighing 6.98 pounds, was picked up by a representative of the charity's Greater Washington Chapter. It contained approximately 3,248 pop tabs. The organization usually sends a handwritten note of appreciation.

SVWC collection cans are in the recycling rooms of Shenandoah and Winchester Halls and at new locations in the dish return area of the Bistro and the pool overlook. Other locations are being considered. The main lobby cloakroom location was eliminated due to its new use for package pickups.

All pop tabs are acceptable, including those from soup, pet food, soda, and fruit cans.

Anne Crocker

New Controller Hired

Jamie Ujvari joins the Finance Department as Controller. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Shenandoah University and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Maryland College Park.

Photo by Sue McKenzie



Jamie was previously employed with Melnor as the Accounting Manager. Her other positions included Director of Finance for Roland Park Place, a life plan community in Baltimore, MD.

Jamie lives in Winchester with her two children Johnathan and Cole and their German Shepherd Elsa. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, painting, and reading.

Happy Hour is Back



On Friday, May 6, long-time and new residents gathered in the Commons from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the resumption of Happy Hour. The return of this popular event to SVWC's social calendar marked another welcome step away from covid restrictions. Conversations blossomed, social distancing dissolved, and an atmosphere of neighborliness prevailed. Future Happy Hours will be held at the same time on the first Friday of every month.

Paul Arnold

Resident Help Wanted Appeal

The History Committee is seeking bird-related photos and short "memorable moment" paragraphs from residents for the 2022 History's "Birding Inside SVWC" feature section. All contributions have to be taken or seen from windows, balconies, and patios of such activities as hummingbirds at balcony feeders and ducks on the courtyard pond. Cottages and apartments may include aviary activities or door decorations or resident's own artwork. Names will be listed as a contributor. Please send via email to project coordinator, Barbara Chaplin, at barbarachaplin@earthlink.net.

Bridge Gallery Featuring Paintings by Robin Bolan

In 1993, a friend asked Robin to take to take an art course with her, given by the Corcoran in McLean, VA. A musician, Robin had never taken an art course. As it turned out, she has taken art classes ever since.

Those classes made Robin realize that she loved to do portraits and she especially liked pastels as a medium. So, she began to paint people's children and pets in pastels. Robin is delighted to have discovered SVWC's Art Instructor Gale Bowman-Harlow and the art studio here and hopes to explore new media and continue with pastels.



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Another First For SVWC

An equine therapy program for Blue Ridge Hall residents has successfully begun. Once a week, three Blue Ridge residents, three horse-knowledgeable residents, Resident Services Director Donielle Palmer or Activities Coordinator Jillian Huhn take a SVWC bus to the Blue Ridge Center for Therapeutic Riding at an attractive farm in Boyce, VA, to enjoy the program run there by Margorie Youngs.

Margorie is highly qualified with a Masters of Education in Special Education Learning Disabilities and Emotional Disturbance from the University of Virginia and accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship. She is assisted by three trained volunteers. Three "equine angels," Honey, Chief, and Dillon, have received extensive training to accept wheelchairs, rollators, and walkers.

The farm setting and the actual petting and brushing of the horses provides sensory and memory stimulation for the participants. Enjoyment reigns!

This eight-week program is the result of a grant proposal written by Donielle Palmer, Director of Resident Services, to the SVWC Foundation.

Sylvia Wilson

Photo by Jillian Huhn



Equine Therapy



Library News — June Acquisitions

FICTION

Dream Town (LP)	David Baldacci
All the Queen's Men (LP)	S. J. Bennett
The Recovery Agent	Janet Evanovich
Lessons in Chemistry (LP)	Bonnie Garmus
The Younger Wife	Sally Hepworth
The Sacred Bridge (LP)	Anne Hillerman
True Biz	Sarah Novic
Three Debts Paid	Anne Perry
The Investigator (LP)	John Sanford
What Happened to the Bennetts (LP)	Lisa Scottoline
City on Fire (LP)	Don Winslow
Even the Dog Knows	Jason F. Wright

NON-FICTION

The Body: A Guide for Occupants	Bill Bryson
Lessons from the Edge	Marie Yovanovitch
Crying in H Mart	Michelle Zauner

Annual Ice Cream Treat

Tuesday, June 21, is the first day of summer. By happy tradition, it is also the day that Smiley's Ice Cream truck arrives to usher in the hot season with free samples of its cool wares for residents and staff. The truck will be parked in front of the main entrance from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Cones or sundaes. Yum!

Paul Arnold



Jimmie Harp rings the Memorial Bell

Photo by Bill Young



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