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Looking Ahead



A new year always brings hope of new beginnings, fresh ideas, and renewed determination for success. As a community, SVWC has much to look forward to in the coming year.

In July 2022, the Board of Trustees adopted a new three-year strategic plan. Throughout the year, the Administration will report on the plan's progress through the development and implementation of various programs and initiatives.

Our commitment to workforce quality, and supporting a culture of excellence through a commitment to improving employee engagement, employee retention, and enhanced recruitment are top priorities.

SVWC will also be investing in its Board of Trustees through continued education, engagement, and recruitment efforts, with a focus especially on the diversity of people and thought. To help acclimate Board members to the community, the Residents Association plans to initiate a "resident buddy" program during a trustee's first year of service.

SVWC will continue to update and evolve its dining program and options. We recently worked with a dining consultant out of New Jersey. The consultant came on-site and met with residents and the Dining leadership team. Action has already been taken on several suggestions as we await the final report.

The community will also welcome a new Foundation/Marketing Director after the first of the year. This is a key role for SVWC as we continue to grow in both of these areas.

In 2017, SVWC developed a Campus Master Plan. In 2023, we will take another look at that plan to see if any of the initial assump-

tions have changed. This will include re-evaluating Shenandoah Hall from a mechanical systems and market standpoint. We will also look at other programmatic needs and renovation projects that need to be discussed for future budgets.

SVWC will welcome its first Villa residents in October 2023. There is already a subcommittee of the Residents Association Welcome Committee that calls itself "All One Community." Its purpose is to bring proposed activities and recommended courses of action, for approval and implementation, that will serve to welcome Villa residents into SVWC in a manner that will ensure we remain all one community. I am so grateful for the initiative that this committee has taken to help ensure a smooth and successful integration of our campus.

As you can see, we have many exciting opportunities on the horizon. The goal of everyone involved with SVWC is to ensure the short- and long-term success of this community.

I want to wish everyone a happy and blessed new year full of joy, hope, and peace.

*Jeannie Shiley
President/CEO*



Safety and Security Manager Hired

Mike Hunter has joined SVWC as Safety and Security Manager. Mike has a bachelor's degree in education from what is now the University of Tennessee Southern.

Nearly his entire career has been spent in public safety, with the majority being in law enforcement. He spent two years in Patrol Division, and 14 years as a detective before ascending through the ranks into police administration. He retired as chief of police in a town near Nashville. From there, he taught public school until 9-11, when he felt he needed to

return to public safety work again. He then trained first responders across the country for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security until he was hired to manage security operations for a satellite launch service provider in Reston, VA.

For the past 10 years, he has been the Chief of Emergency Preparedness for the largest private corrections organization in the country. He directed all Special Operations Teams and instructed and certified staff in the safe use of chemical agents and explosives. He is a self-defense instructor, law enforcement firearms instructor, curriculum developer of specialized training, and director of all emergency planning.

Mike and his wife, Cindy, live in Woodstock. She is SVWC's Director of Human Resources. They have two grown daughters and two young grandsons. Fishing is Mike's therapy, especially the fresh-water variety.

Photos by Bill Young



Chaplain's Message

The words *In the beginning* hold special meaning for people of faith. They are the opening words of scripture, and they set the scene for the wonderful story that follows. They tease and beg us to continue into the rest of the story, and they invite the reader to discover and delight in the stories and words of men and women, and to jump with both feet into the word of God.

From beginning to end, the story of scripture reveals to us who we are and who God is. From the stories of creation, to the stories of the patriarchs, to the time of the judges, to the time of exile, and on into the New Testament, the story of scripture is one about God's relationship with God's people.

The past few years have been stressful and anxiety provoking for many. We have endured political and social struggles. We have had to find ways to deal with the isolation brought on by coronavirus. And, of course, we have had to deal with the loss of loved ones.

As the new year unfolds, may our eyes be opened and may we remember what scripture teaches us about the relationship between God and God's people. May we recognize that God continues to reach out to us, bringing about reconciliation, forgiveness, healing, and grace. And may we remember, as well, the overriding theme of scripture as one that speaks of God reaching out toward us in love and encouraging us to reach out in love toward one another.

Happy New Year!

Bill Everhart

Thursday Night Programs

January 5 Rachel Thompson, of the George C. Marshal Center in Leesburg, will present the story of "The Candy Bomber of the Berlin Airlift."

January 12 Austin Gisriel will present "From Harry Fox to John Travolta," a brief history of popular dance in the 20th century.

January 19 Latin teacher emerita Susan Schearer will regale us with tales of "Roman Chariot Races and Gladiatorial Games."

January 26 George Magurn orients us in Quito, the capitol of Ecuador, and leads us to the cold waters of the Galapagos Islands in this masterful scuba drive.

All programs presented live in the Abbey at 7:30 p.m.

A Sampling of Door Decorations



Photos by
Peggy Jackson
And
Bill Young



Veterans Day Activities

On December 7, the annual Veterans Day luncheon was held in the Abbey with 50 veterans attending. The program included an introduction of new veterans, a rollcall of deceased veterans, and a talk by guest speaker Lt. Col. Robert G. Holcomb (USA-Ret.), who is a docent at the George C. Marshall International Center in Leesburg, VA. He focused on the many major contributions General Marshall made to his country and the world in war and peace. He also paid tribute to American servicemen and women who gave their lives in wartime, to those who have retired, to those now on active duty, and to military families who have made many sacrifices for their loved ones.



At 2:00 p.m., there was a bell-ringing ceremony in front of Lawrence Hall to honor Pearl Harbor Day, with John Sterle and Jimmie Harp presiding. After John gave an introduction, residents took turns ringing the bell. Then John gave a prayer, followed by a recorded rifle salute to commemorate those killed at Pearl Harbor and during World War II.

The program ended with a recording of "Taps," residents singing "God Bless America," and a recording of an Armed Services medley.

John Claybrook

SVWC Again Hosts "The January Series"

Calvin University, a private Christian university in Grand Rapids, MI, continues its long tradition of offering **The January Series**, "one of the leading lecture and cultural arts series in the country." For 15 consecutive weekdays (1/9 to 1/27), diverse speakers will touch on fascinating topics.

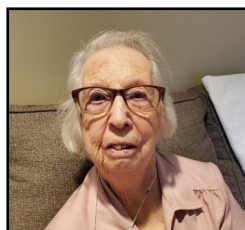
SVWC has been one of 50 nationwide remote sites for the past five years, and residents can tune in on the internal TV station to view the presentations. In fact, anyone can watch each day from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on their own devices from their own residences. If you cannot join live, each lecture will be available for that entire day through midnight, via the Calvin University website.

Though The January Series is free, interested parties have to register to watch online. Calvin recommends that you sign up now to receive a daily email reminder with a link for every lecture. Or, beginning January 9, come back to The January Series website on the day(s) you want to tune in and click on the **Watch Now** button. You will need to complete a simple form that directs you to the day's presentation. To learn more, go to <https://calvin.edu/January-series/> or simply Google "January Series."

Kitty Zuckerman

Helen Maben Marks Her 100th Birthday

Helen Maben was born in January in Rippon, West Virginia in 1923. Her father was a farmhand, and her mother was a housewife, and she grew up with three brothers and three sisters. One sister is still living.



Helen was a secretary in the federal government, which is where she met her husband, Edward. They were married for 32 years and had no children. They lived in the Arlington, VA, area for most of their marriage, except for eight

years when they moved to Battle Creek MI, because that is where the government sent them. They returned to Arlington in 1962. They enjoyed spending time with their family and friends.

Helen moved to SVWC about 16 years ago. Before she became a full-time resident, she would commute from her home to SVWC and spend about half a day here to help get used to the community. She likes to work on crossword puzzles and still has visits with her family and friends.

New Exhibits in the Mini Galleries

Both galleries are featuring paintings by multiple artists. The Bridge Gallery is showing works by art class students, while the Wappacomo Gallery display consists of paintings by Wappacomo residents.

Gale Bowman-Harlow

Bridge Gallery



Photos by Peggy Jackson

Wappacomo Gallery



Santa Paws Collection Results



Photo by Bill Young

On December 7, Residents Association President Sylvia Wilson surveyed the pet food donated by residents and staff for local animal shelters during the annual Santa Paws event sponsored by the Foundation Office. SVWC donated 1,000 lbs. of the 6,000 lbs. collected by the greater community.

A Musical Double Feature

There will be two Bistro concerts in January. On Friday, January 6, father and son Tim and Chase Roberts, saxophonist and pianist, will perform exciting classical music. On Friday, January 20, innovative guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto will play a mix of folk, jazz, and world music. The two evenings replace concerts by other musicians postponed by covid restrictions in November and December.

Professor Tim Roberts is head of the saxophone department at Shenandoah Conservatory and Chase is an advanced student of John O'Connor at the University of Toronto's music conservatory. Both performed in some of Europe's finest concert venues during Tim's sabbatical months there earlier in 2022. On their return to Winchester, they presented an impressive faculty recital program of challenging works they discovered during the sabbatical. Diane Sinclair made the connection with them.



Hiroya Tsukamoto is a Japanese guitarist whose performance technique has gained wide acclaim in this country. He has headlined in well-known venues, including the Blue Note in New York. One

critic described his playing as "delicate, fluid, and beautifully detailed." He is noted for rapport with his audience. His own compositions explore new musical textures. His repertoire is world-wide. Mike Hobert brought Hiroya to our attention.

The concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Only residents will be admitted for these concerts. Admission is \$10 at the door (cash only). Masking is optional. This is exceptional entertainment close to home.

Bob Sherwood



Library Acquisitions New in January

FICTION

The Hidden Prince	Tessa Afshar
No Plan B (LP)	Lee Child
Desert Star	Michael Connelly
Livid (LP)	Patricia Cornwell
Going Rogue	Janet Evanovich
The Twist of a Knife (LP) *	Anthony Horowitz
The Passenger (LP)	Cormac McCarthy
Gilded Mountain	Kate Manning
Better than Fiction	Alexa Martin
Marmee (LP) *	Sarah Miller
Triple Cross (LP) *	James Patterson
The Choice	Nora Roberts
Liberation Day	George Saunders
The Call of the Wrens	Jenni L. Walsh
Now is Not the Time to Panic (LP)	Kevin Wilson
Project Hail Mary	Andy Weir

NON-FICTION

Conversations with Birds	Priyanka Kumar
And There was Light: Abraham Lincoln	Jon Meacham
Paul Newman: The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man	Deckle Edge
The Light We Carry	Michelle Obama

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Holiday Happenings



D'Arcangelis family performs "Jingle Bells" for the Variety Show

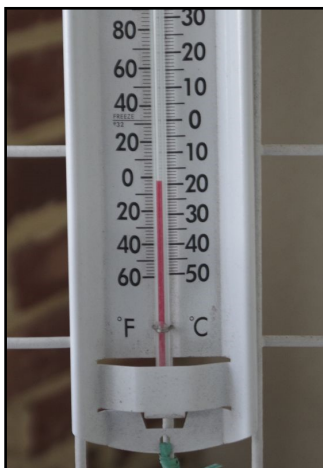
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The Grinch



Santa Arrives in Health Care



Br-r-r -3°



Christmas Carolers at Blue Ridge Hall



Mary Kay Pietris
Reciting "A Good Fat Hen"
for the Variety Show

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