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Meredith Collins, Publisher

No matter how many Christmas seasons we experience, each one creates special memories. We find ways to enjoy the holidays with family and friends with some of the same celebrations and with new ones. If you are looking ahead to this Christmas season, you will find a variety of ways to get you started. I hope you enjoy *Williamsburg Holidays*. NDN



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STEVE TURNER

Time Travel

with the Williamsburg Classic Swing Orchestra

By Linda Landreth Phelps



“Things Ain’t What They Used to Be,” the Duke Ellington song goes, but if you close your eyes during a performance by the Williamsburg Classic Swing Orchestra (WCSO), you’ll swear it’s 1942 again. The joint really gets jumpin’ when this dedicated group hits the downbeat for “Sing, Sing, Sing”!

If you missed them during the warmer months at Williamsburg’s popular Summer Breeze or Yorktown’s Riverwalk concerts, Steve Turner says there will be plenty of opportunities for swing fans to hear them this holiday season.

“We’ll play our fifth annual holiday concerts at the Kimball Theater on December 16-17, and we’ll also be doing First Night again this year,” Steve, co-leader of the orchestra, says. To celebrate New Year’s Eve, the orchestra will be donning their most formal attire and playing “Trinkle Hall” off Duke of Gloucester Street. “They cycle people in and out of the hall for our three performances, and the place is always packed with dancers,” he says. If the band members could see beyond the spotlight’s glare, they wouldn’t find an unrelieved sea of cottony whitecaps. Classic swing music is

drawing multigenerational interest, from both fans and the musicians involved with WCSO.

Steven has been Jamestown High School’s band director since it opened in 1996. He gives some back history of his avocation while taking a break in his office there. “The orchestra is a group that began two decades ago,” he says, “made up almost exclusively of professional musicians. It all began when another music educator, Chuck Maranzano, and I decided we needed to take steps to keep classic swing music alive in this area,” Steve recalls. “Our core group has remained fairly stable over the years,



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with occasional openings when someone moves, as Chuck eventually did.” The group spans several decades in age and includes both men and women. The most senior member of the orchestra in age is Mike Williamson, 74, who retired from William and Mary as director of their band. The youngest, Josh Kaurich, 18, is a talented bass trombone student of Steve’s at Jamestown High School.

Their five saxophones, four each of trombones and trumpets, a bass, piano and drums produce a true Big Band sound. “For the holidays, we add singers onstage, as well as an extra percussionist, tuba player, whatever the music requires,” Steve says. Their set list will include thirty different numbers featuring serious pieces like Duke Ellington’s version of “The Nutcracker”, plus lighter fare such as “Jingle Bells” and Glenn Miller’s original arrangement of “Sleigh Ride.”

“Jim Harney has been my co-leader since Chuck left, and sharing the job works well; if I’m not able to be there, he is, and vice versa.” Even so, the orchestra is a big commitment in time and energy. “We average between eight and fifteen performances a year and practice every other week. WCSO plays for weddings and private parties as well,” Steve says.

For these events, a typical concert includes classics like “String of Pearls” and “Sentimental Journey.” They all faithfully adhere to the original arrangements of vintage bands of the 1930s and ‘40s led by the stars of their day: Count Basie, Benny Goodman, the Dorsey brothers and Glenn Miller. “I’m in charge of the music,” Steve explains, “and at this point, I have two or three thousand different charts, or pieces of music with arrangements for the entire orchestra, in my collection.”

Steve finds December to be a busy month. Along with his performances with WSCO, he has a yearly commitment conveniently next door to his Jamestown High day job, Williamsburg Community Chapel. Widely known as the hottest free ticket in town, this Christmas concert series means that Steve and several other WCSO members have rehearsals followed by five packed performances over four days. Steve seems to thrive on the activity, since music is obviously his passion. It wasn’t always so.

As a 5th grade student in Danville, Virginia, Steve picked up his first trombone. “I played in high school, but really didn’t have any idea what I wanted to do next.” Steve’s mother was a teacher and his dad an electrician, so music seemed like a diversion rather than something to be considered as a career. “Then one summer I toured with The Crossmen, a high-level, competitive drum and bugle corps. I was getting better on my instrument with daily shows, plus there was the added intensity of being around talented, dedicated people. It just hit me,” Steve remembers. “I wanted to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Stempel, my high school band teacher. I wanted to do this for the rest of my life!”

Focused from the beginning of his college career, Steve attended East Carolina University for his undergraduate studies and Virginia Commonwealth University for a graduate degree in Music Education. Part of the requirements for a future band director is to learn all the instruments. Flute, trumpet, oboe, clarinet, even violin; he studied, if not mastered, them all. “Early morning violin lessons were pretty rough,” Steve admits with a laugh.

Steve accepted his first teaching position 26 years ago in Chester, Virginia. His first two years in Williamsburg were at Lafayette High School

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then he slid seamlessly into his position at Jamestown High School. As part of his responsibilities there, Steve leads a group of a hundred students who volunteer for the extracurricular JHS marching band. Steve writes the music and choreographs the intricacies of the marching positions, or the drill.

They start in the soggy heat of August with band camp, meeting every weekday for eight hours, working on both the music and the drill. Band members learn the show, which this year featured music from "Star Trek." Once school starts, there are six or seven hours of weekly rehearsal, then performances at football games and for band competitions. Do they usually win? "We're in the mix," Steve says. "We're competitive, but we don't roll over everybody. It's unusual to go home without a trophy of some kind." The high shelves that circumscribe the band room, weighted with every conceivable shape and size trophy, attest to the truth of that statement.

Something which seems even more close to the educator's heart is an annual, noncompetitive event. "In mid-October, for pure enjoyment we put the bands from all the local high schools and middle schools on the field together and let them play for each other, the parents and the boosters," Steve says with a smile.

Steve's favorite success stories include three trombone players under his tutelage at JHS who have gone on to make music their career. "They're all pursuing doctorates in trombone," Steve says. "There are always great kids, and I'm sure students who went on to other careers are still phenomenal players. But to be a professional musician? It's kind of a rarity to see somebody pick that direction and stick with it."

Musicians may have a hard time making it professionally unless they join the military. Steve encourages his starry-eyed would-be pros to audition for the service bands. "If accepted, it may be a good chance for them to see the world. One young man I know well plays with the Langley Air Force Band," he says.

Being an educator as well as a musician allowed Steve and Stephanie Turner the economic stability of a steady paycheck as they raised their three children. With daughters, Lauren and Megan, presently in college at Mary Washington and son, Bradley, a junior at Warhill, he still considers it the ideal career. Doing what you love has to make work seem more like play.

For the first 17 years of his two decades in Williamsburg, Steve taught during the school year then would head to Festa Italia at Busch Gardens for his summer gig. "It was wonderful fun," he remembers, "and where most of us in WCSO met, playing together in the Starlight Orchestra."

There is a comfort in being part of a group that has been together for so long. There's a camaraderie to be built no other way, a familiarity only gained through countless hours of practice. "After this many years together," Steve says, "you learn to play as a group rather than just being a lot of good players in the same room."

Fortunately, what's fun for this group of musicians, playing the classic hits of yesterday, is also a treat for those privileged to be in the audience, feet tapping to the beat. This December, listening to Steve's Williamsburg Classic Swing Orchestra can get anyone "In the Mood" for the holidays. Just sit back, close your eyes, and allow yourself to be transported to a simpler time. NDN

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Holidays Bring A Sense of Wonderment & Awe

By Rachel Sapin

For most of us, the idea of holiday cheer might look something like Ebenezer Scrooge learning the true meaning of wealth in “A Christmas Carol”. Or maybe it’s a more modern and cheeky tale, such as Ralphie’s comedic encounters with Santa and small town life in the working class suburbs of Ohio in “A Christmas Story”.

But for Austen Petersen, director of religious education for the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, holiday cheer looks more like an episode of Neil deGrasse Tyson’s Cosmos television series.

“It’s like watching the galaxies spin,” she says of her favorite holiday tradition with the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, which is a nighttime walk that happens on the congregations’ double-spiral labyrinth that has been mowed into the grass outside.

“Everyone bundles up and brings their tea lights to take part in the tradition,” she says. “We celebrate that the sun has gone away, but we know with the rhythm of nature, it will come back again.”

For Austen, the walk symbolizes the chang-



ing season and also the circle of life. “We have very little sunlight at that time of year, but we recognize the sunlight will be coming back, and fertility and planet earth will be coming back. It’s all cyclical,” she says.

The labyrinth has been an important symbol for religious groups throughout history. Elabo-

rate stone-crafted labyrinths were used in medieval Europe to represent pilgrimages for those who could not make the journey to Jerusalem. The famous pavement labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral near Paris, France, was constructed during the second decade of the 13th century. Measuring 40 feet across, pilgrims have been walking its winding path for over 800 years and continue to do so today.

Unitarian Universalism is a theologically diverse religion that encourages seekers to use the labyrinth as a way to better understand and follow their own spiritual paths.

“Unitarian Universalists like to claim that they practice the religion of Jesus rather than a religion about Jesus,” writes Holley Hewitt Ulbrich, an Alumni Professor of Economics Emerita at Clemson University who is a Unitarian Universalist, in an article about Unitarian Universalists and Christmas. “We count Christianity as one source of our faith, along with Judaism and other world religions, earth-centered spirituality, the teachings of humanism, the words

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Unitarian Universalists celebrate Christian holidays like Christmas, Jewish Holidays like Passover, and the Pagan Winter Solstice. Some even celebrate Christmas in more unique ways that emphasize community service over ritual gift-giving.

Austen says Unitarian Universalist celebrations can be pretty unique to attend during the holidays because they are not focused on one story or one miracle. “It’s looking at the idea that every night a child is born is a sacred night,” she explains.

Unitarianism and Universalism faiths merged traditions in 1961 to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. Both trace their theological roots to early Christianity and their historical roots to the 16th century reformation. Early Unitarians believed in the unity of God and rejected the trinity, while Universalists believed in universal salvation that did not require accepting Jesus as the only savior. Today’s Unitarian Universalists accept the idea of a personal and shared search for truth and meaning wherever it might be found that includes but is not limited to Christianity.

“We teach the inherent worth and dignity of every person,” Peterson says about the congregation’s religious education programs, which are offered to youth from nursery through high school age. “We acknowledge that Christmas is important to some folks, but not all of our families celebrate Christmas. It’s not really the focus of any one particular month.”

What Austen does try to convey to youth she teaches is the sense of wonder and awe that comes with the changing seasons. Many events Unitarian Universalists celebrate at this time of year are earth-centered traditions.

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Celebrations like the nighttime labyrinth walk are focused around the death of nature and the cycle of life, Austen explains. “To be able to touch the cyclical nature of the seasons and of life. Knowing even once I’m gone, someone else will be doing the same thing, there’s something beautiful about that. Probably my ancestors did the same thing at some point,” she says.

Unitarian Universalism also emphasizes direct experience in its celebrations. On Christmas Eve, the congregation holds a feast service with a focus on smell and taste. “Chestnuts roasting on the open fire – that’s indicative of the holiday season for some folks,” Austen says.

Unitarian Universalists live by seven principles that guide them in their everyday lives. These principles promote the individual worth of every person, as well as truth, justice and democracy, and also place a large emphasis on respecting the interdependent web of all existence.

Austen says this is why her lessons with youth often begin by asking them about something meaningful they participated in during the week. “We try to focus on: How did you help others?” she explains. “By asking that question every week, not just during Christmas, it creates this habit in their head of ‘How am I going to have something I can report back every week?’ That’s a habit that really stays with the kids past graduating high school.”

Austen says religious education classes are a grounding force for youth in a consumerist culture that often values material wealth above all else. “Buying stuff for the sake of buying stuff, whether it’s December or June, it isn’t part of honoring the interdependent web of life. We try to dissuade from that year-round,” she says.

She says the congregation’s high school youth group sessions provide a space where young people can genuinely be seen and heard.

“We’re trying to give a sense of peace and a sense of belonging that people can be their true, authentic selves,” she says. “And we’re trying to let the youth be open and vulnerable and accepting of each other. They have a

place to exist as they are, right here, right now. Rather than being asked to be somebody else.”

She says Unitarian Universalists believe there is no right way to celebrate the holidays because that experience is different for everyone. Traditions depend on where someone comes from and what experiences they have gained over the years to shape their worldview.

“We’re trying to celebrate in a way that honors the fact we don’t have all of the answers, but sometimes, we have common questions. That’s often what can really bind us together,” she says.

For Austen Petersen, who has worked for Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country, being in Williamsburg is particularly special because of its history with the faith. “We have an interesting connection with Thomas Jefferson who wrote the Jeffersonian Bible,” she explains. “In order to do that, he took out all the miracles Jesus performed and just left Jesus as a really nice guy that tried to help people. So Thomas Jefferson was a Unitarian. Knowing he was around here, and he walked these streets – it’s neat on the historic level, but it’s also really neat on a personal, religious level too.” NDN

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A retired Air Force Colonel, Don earned a

Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. Upon graduation, he joined the Air Force and worked with their working dog program. He went on to earn a Masters in Clinical Science in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University.

In 1985, Don brought his wife, Jean, and two children to Virginia for his last assignment at Langley Air Force Base. In 1992, after 26 years of service, he retired.

After leaving the military, Don worked as director for several divisions at the Virginia Department of Agriculture in Richmond and as State Veterinarian. In 2005, he was given the option to work a four-day work week, and chose Friday as his day off. Soon the fourth Friday of the month was his day to volunteer at FISH.

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munity. Don and Jean attend Saint Bede's Catholic Church, and FISH seemed a worthy charity to support. When Don began volunteering, his daily lead coordinator invited him to board meetings. Subsequently, he joined the board as vice president, and soon, president.

FISH's mission statement succinctly describes the work: "FISH is an all-volunteer organization supported by the local community providing food, hygiene products, clothing, small housewares and transportation to medical appointments to local residents who are in emergency or crisis situations."

Don's commitment to FISH is very personal. "There are many passages in the Bible that get my attention. Like 'feed my people. When were you hungry and I fed you? When were you naked and I clothed you,'" he refers to Jesus' words from Matthew 25 in the New Testament of the Bible. "It seems like something I ought to be doing."

On his day of service, Don usually works with the same crew. He and a friend have come in to find the food pantry shelves somewhat bare. At the end of their day the shelves contain about the same amount or a little more food even though they served over 40 people.

"Joe (Benedetti) says we just witnessed the multiplication of the loaves and fishes," Don says. "God likes what we're doing, and we're going to succeed because He wants us here."

Most of the food items FISH distributes are purchased with monetary donations. The organization accepts food donations but it is not the most efficient way of operating. "We can buy food cheaper than donors can buy food. It's more efficient for our donors to give money," Don explains.

However, during the summer months, actual food items donated make a big difference. "During the school year and particularly during the seasons of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, people are thinking about making donations to people who are in emergency or crisis situations," Don explains the usual decrease in monetary and food donations during the summer months. "Our donations are way down during the summer. Even though 70% of our food is purchased, that 30% that we get in-kind is important to us."

FISH gives each client enough groceries to prepare 15 meals. In 2013 they provided enough groceries to prepare 158,220 meals. But it's not just about the numbers, according

to Don.

"Each number represents a person that needed help. For each person or family that comes in, it's so important that we do what we can to help meet that need. That is important to our community."

In 2013, FISH clothed 3,564 people. Of those, 1,486 were children.

"One client that I remember was a Navy wife whose husband was deployed," Don says. "The thought came to me that a country like the United States of America can't pay a serviceman enough that the family doesn't suffer while the husband is gone. She was a mother with several children who needed clothing."

He remembers a woman referred by Avalon, the Center for Women and Children. She and her two children had to leave their home rapidly. Though she had already found a job, with a two-week lag in getting her first paycheck, she was in crisis.

"To me that's what FISH is all about," Don says. "We were able to help her and her children, and I felt really good about that."

Standing amongst a roomful of volunteers from Bruton Parish Church, Don adds. "We have people who shine shoes, sew buttons on,

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Agencies that refer clients to FISH are The United Way and Community Services Referral Network. FISH also accepts referrals from local churches, Avalon and recently-released individuals from the regional jail.

The frequency with which clients can receive service is 30 days for food, four months for clothing and one year for housewares.

Don says that FISH is truly a community organization dedicated to helping neighbors. FISH depends on contributions from local churches, individuals, businesses and civic organizations. The organization also receives a grant from the Williamsburg Health Foundation. Local scout groups and schools help with FISH's mission, as well, and over 30 churches support them.

"The College of William and Mary has been very helpful," Don says. "I'm impressed with the way the community helps in their giving and the college is certainly a great part of that."

Simply doing what they do all year long, the volunteers at FISH make the holidays brighter for those in need. They do the same for the holidays that they do every month unless someone

makes a special donation.

"Christmas is a time we get a lot of contributions," Don explains. "The Virginia Gazette does food and clothing drives at local businesses. Sometimes a local organization or individual will bring in something," Don says. "There are baskets for us to distribute at Thanksgiving, and we usually get some turkeys from the Lions Club."

Donated toys are distributed for Christmas, but FISH does not accept toys year-round, Don states. They do maintain a collection of free children's books.

Volunteering at FISH during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season is a reality check for Don.

"We all, I think, have wants, and those wants certainly are not needs. When you spend your day in the food pantry and clothes closet and you see examples of needs, it grounds you. So you could say the same thing for holiday meals. It does make you thankful for what you have. Some people have much less than that."

Don explains that the priority for FISH is to meet the needs of those referred to them in emergency/crisis situations. "There's a lot that goes into that," Don explains. "There's been tremendous growth in need. An 18% increase

between 2011 and 2012 and 20% between 2012 and 2013."

Even though donations have been good over the last few years, Don says the organization's expenses have exceeded their income and they have had to dip into their savings. "We're okay, but we can't do that forever."

The board, with Don as president, has to look at sustainability. They are considering how to reduce expenses, increase donations, the possibility of changing the frequency each client can receive service and the possibility of taking some food items off their distribution list.

"FISH is a very efficient, very effective organization, and Williamsburg is a very giving community. At FISH no one is paid and no one is charged anything," he says. "Volunteers distribute donations to people in need. Each dollar gets to someone in need except for a small rent and utility payment." For those neighbors in emergency and/or crisis situations, Don Butts works diligently to ensure they won't have to worry about the basic necessities of food and clothing. NDN

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HEIDI ROBITSHEK



Ballet is her life

By Erin Fryer

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Year after year, wreaths adorn the doorways of historic homes along Duke of Gloucester Street; the sounds of carolers fill the air, and shoppers peek in store windows in search of the perfect gift. Williamsburg is full of holiday traditions, but the season just wouldn't be the same without the annual Nutcracker ballet.

For 37 years, locals and visitors have flocked to Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall at the College of William and Mary to kick off their holiday season with Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Cavalier, and of course the Nutcracker, in

Heidi Robitshek's annual presentation of the classic holiday ballet.

Heidi, owner and artistic director of Virginia Regional Ballet Academy, spends the greater part of each year planning, rehearsing, and preparing for The Nutcracker, and says she wouldn't have it any other way.

"My life is the ballet," Heidi says. "I eat, breath and sleep Virginia Regional Ballet (VRB)."

A native of Heidelberg, Germany, Heidi arrived in Williamsburg in 1968 and has been

a staple in the town's dance community ever since. As former artistic director and founder of the Chamber Ballet, Heidi opened the VRB with her protégée, Adelle Carpenter, in 2006, but has been the driving force behind The Nutcracker since its inception in 1977.

"I was nervous when the idea first came about to do both Act I and II of The Nutcracker," Heidi says. "It was challenging, but we pulled it off."

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but what sets VRB's presentation apart from the rest is it's the only one choreographed by Heidi.

Heidi's version of the beloved classic follows the treasured story of Clara receiving her nutcracker as a Christmas gift, its transformation to a charming prince and ultimately with the couple being crowned rulers of the Land of Sweets.

With the help of a book that illustrates the counts in Thaicovsky's music, Heidi matched each step of her choreography with the music so that each key moment of the ballet is precise and strong.

A true professional, Heidi knows it's important to offer something that keeps the audience coming back year after year. "I won't let it get stale," she says. "I always add something new to surprise the audience."

This year, for the first time in more than nine years, The Nutcracker will feature a live accompaniment from the Ballet Symphony Orchestra conducted by Richard Dunn. "It can become very costly to hire an orchestra to provide live music during the ballet," Heidi says. "We are very grateful for an anonymous donor who is making that possible this year."

Each year, Heidi's version of the ballet brings together the areas most promising students and professionals, along with principal dancers from the Pennsylvania Ballet who dance the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier.

"My overall wish is for our audience to leave thinking the show gets stronger every year," Heidi says. "If they leave with that thought and a little holiday spirit in their hearts, then that's all I can ask."

Heidi admits the rehearsals are her favorite aspect of the annual production. "I enjoy watching the dancers learn and witness them perfecting their steps," she says. "The build up to the main event is by far my favorite part."

In addition to her vital role behind the scenes, Heidi has logged



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her fair share of time on the stage as well. For more than 10 years Heidi has played the role of Mrs. Stahlbaum—Clara’s mother—who is also the first one to appear on the stage at the beginning of the ballet.

“I enjoy doing it every year,” Heidi says with a smile. “It’s fun to be a part of the show in addition to my role behind the scenes.”

Heidi’s path to becoming a professional dancer, instructor, choreographer, and even, costume designer started much differently than others with the same credentials.

Heidi began her studies in classical ballet and character dance in Heidelberg when she was 15 years old. Heidi says dancing was strictly forbidden in her childhood home, so she had to take matters into her own hands to pursue her love of dance.

“My passion for dance came from within myself,” Heidi says. “I’ve always wanted to dance. When I was 15, my best friend bought me a pair of point shoes, and I thought to myself, what am I supposed to do with these?”

Heidi began dancing once a week wearing a borrowed turtleneck sweater and some black tights. “I didn’t have anything to wear to dance,” she says. “My parents wouldn’t allow it, so I had to figure it out on my own.”

As time went on and her thirst for dance grew, Heidi began taking more and more lessons. Her instructor could see her dedication and passion, and allowed her to come to ballet practice as often as she would like, and she could pay when she was able to come up with the money.

Throughout her career, Heidi has professionally danced both nationally and internationally. Her resume includes prestigious dance academies, including the Stuttgart Ballet, Richmond Ballet, Norfolk Civic Ballet, Annapolis Ballet and many more.

At VRB, Heidi instructs classes in Character Dance, Pas de Deux, Beginning Point, Intermediate Adult Ballet and more. In 2011, Heidi expanded VRB when she purchased the Margie Williams School of Dance in Yorktown, and is now able to offer lessons to students throughout the Historic Triangle.

Each October, VRB participates in An Occasion for the Arts in Colonial Williamsburg, which usually marks Heidi’s last weekend before diving right into Nutcracker rehearsals.

“After An Occasion for the Arts is when my mind immediately shifts to The Nutcracker,” Heidi says. “I enjoy a nice Saturday in Colonial Williamsburg, and then start with rehearsals

that Sunday.”

In addition to The Nutcracker, Heidi has produced and choreographed other classic ballets including A Mid Summer Night’s Dream, La Fille Mal Gardée, Les Patineurs, The Blue Danube, Alice in Wonderland, Beauty and the Beast, Fairy Tale to Fairy Tale, The Secret Garden, The Magic Flute and The Tales of Beatrix Potter.

When the curtain closes on the final performance each year, Heidi is able to take a short break and return home to Germany to celebrate the holidays with her family. Though she enjoys having the time off, Heidi makes sure to attend a performance while she is overseas. Believe it or not, she sometimes catches a performance of The Nutcracker.

“When we started this all of those years ago, I never thought it would still be going on 37 years later,” Heidi laughs. “Attendance was good the first year, and has remained consistent all of these years, and for that I am grateful.”

After all of these years, Heidi Robitshek’s passion for dance has only grown stronger, and she says she doesn’t foresee a final curtain call for The Nutcracker anytime soon. “I can’t imagine the holidays without it,” she says. “I hope our neighbors in Williamsburg feel the same.” NDN



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Twelfth Night

By Susannah Livingston



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There has rarely been a time when Shakespeare's plays have not had a home in Williamsburg. This Christmas, locals and visitors alike will be offered a special treat: a chance to see the beloved comedy *Twelfth Night* performed in the city's most glittering venue. If you're wondering whom to thank first, that would be Erin Sloan.

Erin and her artistic partner, Daniel Crane, had worked together for years when in 2010

they founded the Enlightenment Theatre Project. The company has already presented two works in Williamsburg—a staged reading of Shakespeare's *Cymbeline* and Dan Crane's own original adaptation of *The Tempest*. The latter was performed last year to a sell-out crowd at the historic church on Jamestown Island, an appropriate setting given that many scholars think Shakespeare was inspired to write the play after reading accounts of the early colo-

nists' transatlantic voyage.

After the success of *The Tempest*, Erin and Dan pitched the idea of producing a Shakespeare play at Colonial Williamsburg (CW) during CW's busiest season. Choosing the play was the easy part: in addition to its obvious reference to the Christmas season, *Twelfth Night* is a smorgasbord of theatrical delights—witty repartee, intertwined love stories, a shipwreck, cases of mistaken identity. "It's about

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power. It asks where our power comes from and how we can use it for good," Erin says. "The servants in the play kind of run everything, so it's also a commentary on society and class structure. And of course the text is so beautiful."

Erin is quick to credit her tireless colleagues in Historic Area Programming at CW, who are providing invaluable planning and production support. Erin will play Olivia, one of the lead roles, and will be joined by topnotch actors from Washington and New York as well as from CW itself. Dan will direct. Rehearsals begin the day after Thanksgiving and will go for about 65 hours over three weeks. To the non-initiated this might sound like a tight schedule, but Erin smilingly waves off that notion.

"The fast pace is something we're used to," she says. "At the Folger Theatre in D.C. every year we do a project called Shakespeare Bootleg with the local D.C. theatre company, Taffety Punk. Casting is done ahead of time, we all learn our lines, then we get together for one day of rehearsals and perform that night." The cast has just seven hours to air creative ideas, make choices and put the production together. "You never know what's going to happen and the audience wants to see you jump off that cliff. But it ends up being a great night of theatre because the actors are so tuned in and listening to each other for their lives!"

Twelfth Night will be presented in the sumptuous ballroom of the Governor's Palace, the jewel of Colonial Williamsburg. Most of the action will take place in the center of the room, with the audience seated in arcs on each side. Because *Twelfth Night* normally runs to more than two and a half hours, the troupe has done some "creative trimming" in order to present the play in about an hour and 20 minutes.

Erin says that the play will feature a minimal set and that, in fact, "the biggest storytelling component aside from the actors and the text will be the costuming." Costumes will be true to the 18th century, but "because we're not basing the production on any particular troupe or an exact year, it will be very fashion forward from an 18th-century perspective."

Talking with Erin about classical acting and Shakespeare in particular, it's easy to see the passion that will be at the center of the *Twelfth Night* performances. She didn't grow up in theatre but entered through the back door, so to speak, while she was in college. "I was very shy as a kid but I played percussion from sixth grade through college," she says. "It was a way that I could get my art out there but hide behind an instrument." Partway through her time at the University of Oklahoma, Erin took an acting class for non-majors. "We had to read 24 plays. It was really intense and very difficult at first but I just said, 'I'm going to face my fear.'"

Theater quickly became something Erin loved, though it took a while for her to feel comfortable in her skin on stage. She earned praise from reviewers, instructors and peers. She majored in history and is glad she did, because "in order to be a good actor, you have to know about the world."

After college, Erin performed in plays in Oklahoma City and Baltimore, among other places, and eventually ended up applying to the Academy for Classical Acting (ACA) in Washington, D.C., a one-year master of fine arts program offered jointly by the Shakespeare Theatre Company and George Washington University. The program is designed

for professional actors who can step out for a year of intensive training. Michael Kahn, the Shakespeare Theatre Company's artistic director and the revered former director of the Juilliard School's drama division, heads the program. Erin auditioned and was accepted, and finished the program in 2006.

"I'm one of the three ACA grads from Oklahoma. In fact, Oklahoma is the best-represented state," Erin says, laughing. "We like to call the ACA 'Juilliard light,' but it's a very intense program." Only 14 to 16 actors per year are accepted.

Erin has landed many a juicy role, including Ophelia in Hamlet and Cordelia in King Lear. But getting the roles she most wanted has not always been easy—or straightforward. She recalls one early audition when she was paired with a difficult partner for a "cold read." She knew the audition had gone badly. "I went back in like Ralphie in A Christmas Story climbing back up the slide. I stood in front of the director's table and said, 'I have another monologue.' I wanted to be able to say I'd done everything in my power to get that role."

Erin is originally from Edmond, Oklahoma, though you'd never know it to hear her speak. She smiles when asked whether she used to have an accent, and whether that presented a problem for her as an actress. "I had an Oklahoma accent, and then I had very good training from a wonderful phonetics professor at the Academy." Everyone's goal, she says, was to "flatten out" their speech, to jettison any regional sounds that might distract from the text of a play. "Luckily I can hear sounds and replicate them. I don't sound like my sister anymore. She makes fun of me when I go home," she says with a smile.

After talking with her about her deep commitment to theatre, it comes as a shock to be reminded that Erin also has a very serious day job. "I'm manager of educational marketing at Colonial Williamsburg," she explains. "CW produces electronic field trips, hosts teacher institutes, and creates lesson plans and books, and I handle the marketing of those products." She travels frequently, representing the foundation at conferences across the country.

Erin also teaches a beginning acting class at William and Mary, an activity she very much enjoys. "I teach them acting but really my goal is to give them life skills—to help them present themselves in an interview, to be clear and succinct when they have to give a presentation." She says she's concerned about the tendency of younger people today to be constantly interfacing with a device rather than with their environment and the people in it. "I try to get them out of their little space bubbles," she states.

Erin's own children, a daughter and a son, are in middle school. Both are involved with music and both are already remarkably poised and comfortable serving as lay readers in church. Erin Sloan says she tries to instill in them self-confidence and a determination to succeed at what they love. "I tell them, 'I don't care if you don't get it, but do everything you can to try to get it.'" Good advice, and it comes straight from their mother's life. NDN

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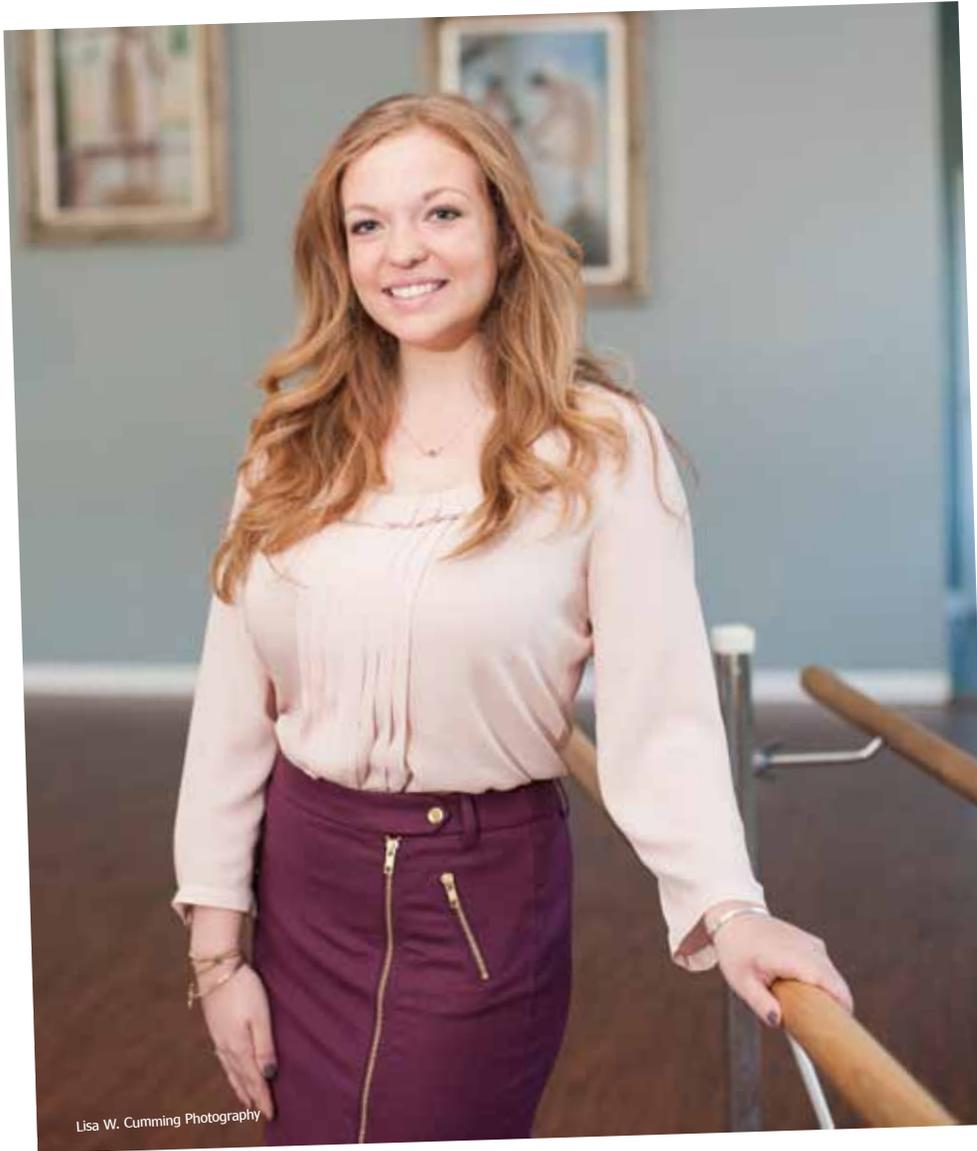
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A Career in the Making

By Brandy Centolanza

For Lauren Gronbeck, dancing isn't just a hobby; it's a lifestyle. Lauren, a senior at Warhill High School, first put on her dancing shoes at a mere three years old and has kept them on ever since.

"I used to watch my big sister dance and always felt like it was something that I wanted to do," she says.

Lauren took ballet and tap dance lessons throughout her early childhood in upstate New York before her family moved to Williamsburg when she was in the fifth grade. She immedi-

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ately sought out a dance studio here and found her niche with Institute for Dance Inc. (iDance) near Five Forks.

The dance studio quickly became a second home for Lauren, who is currently in her eighth and final year there. In addition to ballet and tap, Lauren takes jazz, modern, lyrical and hip hop dance lessons and also instructs classes at the studio. She can be found there seven days a week, either participating in hour-long classes on weekdays or three-hour rehearsals on weekends, depending on the type of class and show she is involved with at a given time.

“Dancing takes a lot of self-discipline,” she says.

Lately, Lauren has been busy prepping for iDance’s upcoming family holiday production, Christmas Dreams. The show tells the story of Janie Sparkle, a little girl who sets off on a journey on Christmas Eve after she accidentally breaks her mother’s snow globe.

“She’s taken to a different world, a magical kingdom of Christmas,” Lauren explains. “There is a lot of dancing.”

The production features more than a dozen

dance and song sequences that incorporate seasonal symbols like hot chocolate, snow, reindeer and toys.

Auditions for the holiday show took place last spring and rehearsals began in August. This is Lauren’s fifth year involved with the program. Lauren not only performs in the show, but, this year, she also choreographed two of the dance numbers, a dance featuring Janie and her friends and the head toymaker’s dance. The show is slated for December 13-14.

“I’ve always gone to see the show, and I decided that I wanted to be involved with it,” Lauren says. “Each year, the songs and dances are a little different. The day itself is a tiring day, but you are with all of your friends and the people who you’ve worked so hard with for so long. It is such a great feeling when we finally do the performance.”

Lauren has also starred in productions of Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty, and last year she played a number of different characters in a production of An Emotional Roller Coaster at iDance.

“Each dance of that show had its own emo-

tion, and we had to tell the audience through the music and the dancing,” Lauren says. “I love dancing because I love being on stage, performing and telling the audience my story through the dancing. I also like playing all the different characters.”

Two years ago, Lauren also began instructing classes at the studio. “They needed help with a Friday ballet class because there were extra students,” she says. “I had a great experience with it, and wanted to continue.”

Now, she instructs ten classes at iDance, including beginner classes for six-year-old girls as well as intermediate classes for middle and high school students.

“I love teaching because I love the way you can influence a young dancer’s life,” she says. “I look back on how my teachers have influenced me as a student and as a person, and I think it’s awesome that I can do the same for someone else.”

Lauren’s first dance inspiration was her ballet teacher, Canan Jackson, in Rome, New York. “She was the one who really made me fall in love with dancing,” Lauren says.

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At iDance, Lauren finds inspiration from studio director Kathy Palmo. "She's always pushed me to work hard and has made me fall in love with performing," Lauren says. "She's very supportive."

Kathy Palmo is proud and pleased to have Lauren be a part of iDance's family.

"She's a beautiful dancer," Kathy says. "She has great talent and is a great presence here at iDance. She's a good role model to our younger students. Her aspiration is to be a professional dancer and I believe she just may make that happen."

Since seventh grade, Lauren has also belonged to the studio's choreography club.

"It's allowed me to learn how to choreograph pieces and see what it is like to teach people your work," Lauren shares. "It is a lot more difficult to have to think about formations and timing. There is a lot of detail involved. But it has helped me more as a dancer, to see what it was like for the choreographers who I've worked with as a dancer. It's also fun to work with all the different dancers for the different shows."

It is clear that Lauren indeed wants to make a career out of dancing. "This is definitely what I want to do with my life," she says. "It's always been my dream to dance. Someday, I want to be a Rockette."

Lauren had the opportunity to experience what it is like to be one of Radio City Music Hall's famous dancers during the Rockette Summer Intensive program the past two summers in New York City.

"I got to spend a week with real Rockettes," says Lauren, who trained with the pros for eight hours daily, learning their dance and choreography style. "I absolutely loved it. It was a lot of hard work, but it taught me how to have a lot of confidence in myself, being surrounded by all these amazing dancers. It really taught me how to work hard and push myself."

Lauren takes a moment to breathe as she reflects on her final year with iDance, and the final time she will be performing with the studio's holiday production. "During every rehearsal, I try to remind myself to remember this and to enjoy it," she says. "I'm really going to miss it. It's bittersweet. It is going to be hard

not to have the comfort of the studio. This really is my second home."

The holidays will be a welcome distraction. Lauren is looking forward to spending time with family throughout the season. Traditionally, Lauren, her sister, Morgan, and her parents, Lori and John, have traveled back to New York to be with extended family for the holidays, but her grandparents recently moved to Williamsburg, so she is hoping to make Christmas memories with them right here in town.

"I love Christmas in Colonial Williamsburg, all the decorations," Lauren says. "I love how it gets so busy. There's more people, and there's lots more energy and excitement because of the holidays."

Gift-giving, caroling, eating, viewing Christmas movies and memory-making aside, Lauren is ready for her future. Though she is applying for colleges, she is keeping the option of moving to New York City after graduation open.

"Leaving high school is scary, but I am hoping to be able to make dancing my career," Lauren says. "I just want to be able to do what I love for a living." NDN

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BEEER

FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND EVERY DAY

By Lillian Stevens

Don't let the industrial park setting throw you. Once you walk through the front door of Brass Cannon Brewery, the atmosphere is cozy and decidedly tap room fun. For its small size, there is a surprising amount of seating for tasting and experiencing the uniqueness of Greater Williamsburg's second brewery (Williamsburg AleWerks being the first).

On any given afternoon, tasters are gathered around the taps enjoying a flight or two. These beers are crafted with a combination of modern techniques and traditional styles – result-

ing in amazing flavors. "That's the whole idea," says Scott Kennedy, Head Brewer. "Taste what we have – try our six-ounce flights – to get an idea of what you like best. Then, buy a pint or a growler."

A growler is a half-gallon glass jug that customers can bring back on return visits – and have it refilled at a lesser cost. "And they make great souvenirs for folks visiting the state or for collectors," he says.

The brewery, which opened its doors for business about two and a half years ago, also

supplies local bars and eateries with its fine beers. They sell their beer to a distributor and the distributor sells to the bar or restaurant.

"We sold our first keg to a bar on April 1, 2012 so we consider that our anniversary," Scott says. "But we've spent years brewing delicious craft quality beer."

According to the Brewers Association, an American craft brewer is small, independent and traditional. "Small" means that annual production does not exceed six million barrels of beer; "independent" means that less than 25

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percent of the brewery is owned or controlled by an alcoholic beverage industry member that is not itself a craft brewer; "traditional" means that a majority of the brewery's product consists of beers whose flavor comes from traditional or innovative brewing ingredients and their fermentation.

As Brass Cannon's head brewer, Scott is the one responsible for the creation and quality of the beer, which is brewed onsite in a small four-barrel brewing system. The focus is largely on UK inspired beers, but they do not limit themselves to those styles.

"We have an English style brown ale, Scottish style ale, and American style beers; we like a broad range," he says. "We really try to focus on mostly malty beers but try to create something for everyone. The Muzzle Flash is hoppy American amber and there is an IPA on the way."

There is a summer seasonal called Split Shot and a fall seasonal called the Kanonefest as well as a tap dedicated to small batch experimental beers that change often. The first of these was the Apple Scot – a variation on the very popular Angry Scot.

"The Angry Scot is the one that goes out to bars and restaurants the most and the second most popular one going out is the Smoothbore which is an oatmeal stout. The oats do create a different kind of body. It's creamier and there is a touch of sweetness so it's not dry or roasty like a Guinness would be."

It sounds awfully complicated but Scott considers his profession a blend of work and hobby. Though he is self-taught, there are universities that offer formal education in this realm – from Germany's Siebel Institute of Technology to the University of California at Davis to the University of Wisconsin just to name a few.

Scott has worked at Brass Cannon since they opened. He and his business partners are just three friends who happen to love good beer – and who know how to make and market it. His partners include Tony Artrip, Brass Cannon's CEO and business visionary, and Phil Norfolk, President and marketing/sales guru.

In addition to his activities at Brass Cannon, Scott is also the manager of the Hampton branch of HomebrewUSA.

"HomebrewUSA is the shop where the three of us bought our very first brewing supplies," he recalls. "At some point six or seven years ago we started home brewing together," Scott says. "That means we were basically making beer in small five-gallon batches in our homes. We did that for a couple of years before we decided to launch Brass Cannon."

A catchy name for a brewery located a stone's throw from the colonial capital.

"We came up with about ten different potential names for the brewery that would tie into the colonial history of the area. Then we turned to Facebook and asked our friends to weigh in. The answer was clear. Everyone loved 'Brass Cannon' best."

In and around Williamsburg, history has been the hallmark for centuries. More recently, the popularity of craft beer is on the rise.

"There has been a lot of growth in the area – especially in Richmond, but in Williamsburg too. AleWerks is the only other craft brewery in the area right now but a third one, Virginia Brewing Company, is also opening in the area."

In a town where hospitality is the hallmark, it is not surprising that the folks at Brass Cannon are good colleagues not to each other but also to competitors about to launch Williamsburg's third brewery.

"The guys from Virginia Brewing Company came in a few times, and we shared with them our experiences in setting up and the mistakes we made so they will hopefully avoid making the same mistakes," Scott says. "We are competitors but we are all friendly with each other."

As the popularity of craft beers continues to rise, so does the growth of the brewing industry.

"America is at the forefront of innovation where it comes to beers. It used to be British, German beers but as the craft industry grew in America, we have really led the charge of innovation using new things – different kinds of hops, malt combinations and unique ingredients. It would be hard to find a double IPA or agave based beer in Europe. We have helped to spread the idea of good beer not just across the U.S. but in the U.K. and Germany where they are starting to import more American beers."

At Brass Cannon, it's more about balance.

"A lot of breweries will have really strong IPAs that are all hops and no malt background; others will have brews that are all malt and not any hop bitterness to prevent it from being too sweet. We really try to focus on balancing between the two. With an IPA you will be balanced more toward the hop side; with Scottish ale you will be balanced more toward the malty side but both of those flavors are important."

At the moment, Scott and his colleagues are working on an IPA.

"We didn't have an IPA when we first opened because every brewery does one and we wanted to be different. We've decided to create one, though, and it should be out hopefully by the holidays."

Does he have a favorite beer?

"I am a firm believer that there will always be a better beer out there but I don't have a favorite," he says. "Our own recipes come from various sources. When we opened, we had three taps and those three were written by all three of us together, and we brewed it on the home brew scale on our home brew equipment."

The men brewed red ale one week; brown ale the next, and then the stout. Then they would taste the red ale and tweak it.

"We operated that way for about a year and a half before we started on the large system. Some of the other recipes like the Muzzle Flash or summer seasonal Split Shot are just experiments I had done at home." Scott says he still home brews and sometimes when those experiments turn out really well, he brings a couple bottles in for tasting.

"The other guys will share it, and together we will decide what is really good and what needs to be tweaked for a full scale batch. For instance, our upcoming winter seasonal is actually the result of a conversation between the three of us and two customers who were here in the tap room."

The beer, which will make its debut in time for the holiday, will feature coffee, cardamom seed, figs and dates. "I love figs," Scott Kennedy says, "so I had to incorporate those." NDN



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Oysters!

By Narielle Living

Looking for a holiday food that has great nutrition, made entirely of protein, with trace vitamins and minerals and no carbohydrates? Then the food for you is the oyster, according to John Boehmer of Hayes Oyster Company.

“Of course if you throw it into a high fat stew or douse them in butter that changes,” he says. “It’s a great healthy food, and disease around here is virtually non-existent as long as the producers are doing the right things.” Also, the Department of Shellfish Sanitation states that oysters can stay in the refrigerator for two weeks as long as they are not submerged in water. “They have to be able to breathe, so put them in a bowl and cover them in a wet paper towel. They’ll be fine.”

John’s journey to Williamsburg was circuitous. Originally from the suburbs of Orange County, California, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1980 as a helicopter crew chief. After extensive travels and deployments, he retired from Fort Eustis as a Sergeant Major and then accepted a position as a support contractor in his field. He currently lives in Williamsburg



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with his wife, Lauri, and absolutely loves the area.

Five years ago one of John’s co-workers started raising oysters in his water off the York River. After eating some of the fresh oysters, John asked about the business. “He told me all about cage raising oysters, how the aquaculture

things go in and I thought if I just had waterfront property I’d love to do something like that,” John says. After a little bit of research and partnering with a friend, John got his wish. A self-described foodie and environmentalist, John was hooked. He started reading up on the subject of oyster farming and made the deci-

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sion to move into the business. He learned he had to accomplish two things: leasing the waters and becoming a certified shellfish dealer.

“Virginia owns all the waterways and the land under the waterways, unless you’ve owned land since 1778 or something like that. I applied for a lease through the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. The lease goes by the acre, and I paid a fee to have the survey done. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission is committed to encouraging and increasing the number of people putting oysters in the water because of the restorative effects it has on the bay. They were absolutely helpful. Then the other part of it was to be certified as a shellfish dealer. I had to take some training courses, get inspected and bring onsite refrigeration.”

His business is now up and running, with a dedicated Facebook page and oysters served in two local restaurants. John loves sharing his product with others and will provide free delivery of fresh oysters for his customers.

John also spends a lot of time talking to people and educating them about oysters. As a member of the Tidewater Oyster Growers Association (TOGA) charter, he says that they try to educate the public about aquaculture and specifically get as many homeowners who have waterfront property to get oysters in the water

for restorative purposes.

“Back in the day, when the settlers were first coming here, oysters were so prevalent in the waters, particularly in the James River, that they were hazardous to navigation, especially at low tide. The water was clean and blue. I think there were enough oysters in the water that they actually filtered 100 percent of all the water in the bay within two or three days,” John says.

Because of the popularity of oysters, over-harvesting occurred, which depleted the stock. Added to this pollution from runoff, pig farms, regular ground farming and pesticides all took a toll on the bay, specifically on the seabed.

“The type of harvesting they were doing, and still do today, is called tonging and dredging, where they go in and dig native oysters up out of the seabed. This destroys the grasses that are the first stage in the life cycle for the bay. Those grasses provide protection and oxygen in the water. An adult oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day,” John says.

He described the information booth that TOGA sets up to educate the public at conferences and events. At the booth, they have two small aquariums filled with river water. One aquarium holds blue crabs and little fish, and the other holds big oysters and little fish. Both

have oxygenating tubes so everything stays alive. “Within two to three hours the aquarium with the oysters is clear, and the other one is still brown. Oysters do all kinds of things; they filter the water, provide a habitat for other small creatures and protection for small invertebrates. They are really a base building block for the ecology of the entire bay.”

Getting oysters back into the water is an important aspect of restoring the bay, reminding people that growing oysters in cages is restorative aquaculture which clearly helps the bay.

“Think of it like a Christmas present for the bay,” he says.

Oysters are a popular food for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. John says that during football season people love grilling oysters for tailgate parties or Superbowl parties. “It’s easy, you don’t have to shuck them, it’s a great way to cook them and it goes along with bonfires.”

Oysters are traditionally a fall meal. There is an old rule that says that oysters should only be eaten during months that contain the letter “R.” John says that there used to be two reasons for the rule. “First, in areas like the gulf states where there is more disease than we have here, there’s a higher chance for them to have disease during those warm summer months. Also, the handling during summer months is so much

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more critical, and it's important to get them into refrigeration as soon as possible."

The second reason to only eat oysters during "R" months has to do with their reproductive cycle. "In a naturally producing oyster they spend the summer months preparing to spawn, spawning and recovering from spawning. They are taking all that food energy and using it to spawn, so some people believe the meat tends to be less flavorful when they're using all the food energy to spawn."

John isn't certain whether or not this is true, but he goes on to describe triploid oysters, which avoid the spawning debate. "The industry has embraced triploid oysters which are an oyster bred like a seedless grape or seedless watermelon. Dr. Stan Allen at VIMS, a Professor and Director of Aquaculture Genetics and Breeding Technology Center, is one of the scientists who came up with an innovative way to create triploid oysters that is more environmentally friendly. They chemically shock an oyster and create an odd pair of chromosomes so it can't reproduce. If it's got two or four pair it can reproduce, but three or five cannot."

John adds that the entire team at VIMS is wonderful to work with, and he has enjoyed getting to know them while learning about the

world of oysters. "Little known fact," he adds, "All oysters are born male, but they change their sex throughout their life cycle. They become female and sometimes switch back. The theory is that they sense what they need to be... they are amazing little creatures."

John's passion for oysters and restoring the ecosystem of the bay is obvious, even down to his thoughtful repurposing of oyster shells. He stresses that while oyster shell driveways look great, the shells still serve a purpose.

"I put all the shells in the water, and I ask for all my shells back," he says. Even after the oyster is eaten the shells can absorb nitrogen from the water. "Nitrogen is from excess runoff, from places like pig farms, which are part of the big problem. That excess nitrogen is what causes algal blooms, the bad blooms, leading to things like fish kills. Of course the oyster shells don't absorb much, you've got to put a couple of billion shells in the water, but that's why I ask people not to make a driveway. Throw them back in the water."

John Boehmer's enthusiasm and sense of purpose make up Hayes Oyster Company, and just in time for the holidays he has shared oyster recipes that can enhance any festive gathering. **NDN**

Steamed Oysters

Fresh Oysters in the shell

White wine

1 clove Garlic

1 Lemon wedge

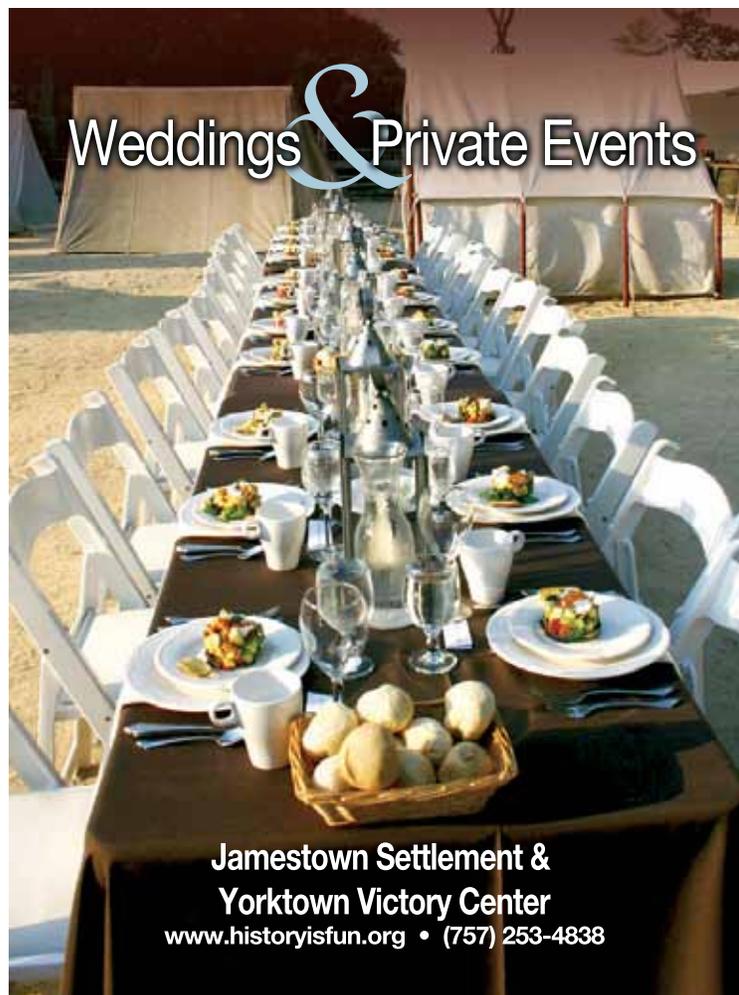
-Scrub oysters with a brush under cold water. Pour enough Wine into an 8 qt pot to fill about 1/2" deep. Crush the Garlic and drop into the wine. Squeeze the Lemon into the Wine and drop into the pot. Place a steamer basket into the pot. Stack Oysters, flat side up. Turn heat to Med-High and cover (offset the lid allow some steam to escape, to prevent boiling over). Steam for 5 minutes, and check to see if most of the Oysters have opened, if not, steam another 2 minutes. Carefully remove the Oyster with tongs or a long-handled spoon. Be careful retain as much of the Oysters' brine as possible. Pull off the flat shell, place the cupped shell in an Oyster tray (or deviled egg plate). Separate the Oyster from the shell with a knife (the Chef should have to do this, not your diners). Serve with melted Garlic Butter, chilled Cocktail Sauce and Saltine Crackers.

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1 cup water
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup lemon vodka
1 tsp finely grated lemon zest plus 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/8 teaspoon salt

Makes about 1 cup of granita.

-Place all ingredients into a bowl and whisk to combine well.

-Pour mixture into a 9-inch square baking pan and place it in the freezer. Stir mixture with a fork every 30 minutes, continuing to break down frozen portions into a shaved-ice consistency.

-Add small amount onto well chilled oysters on the half shell immediately prior to serving.

Beef and Oyster Pie

2 lbs beef stew meat
1 ounce plain flour
5 tablespoons sunflower oil

1 ounce unsalted butter
8 ounces button mushrooms, trimmed
2 onions, thinly sliced
1/2 teaspoon sugar
10 fluid ounces Guinness stout
10 fluid ounces beef broth
3 sprigs fresh thyme
2 bay leaves
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
12-18 small (2.5" shell) oysters, shucked
1 lb puff pastry

1 small egg, beaten, for brushing salt & freshly ground black pepper
-Season the pieces of steak with salt and pepper, toss with the flour and shake off, but reserve the excess flour. Heat 3 tbsp of the oil in a flameproof casserole or large saucepan and brown the meat in 2 batches until well colored on all sides. Transfer to a plate.

-Add another tbsp of the oil, half the butter, and the mushrooms to the pan and fry briefly. Set aside with the beef. Add the rest of the oil and butter, the onions and sugar to the pan and fry over a medium-high heat for 20 minutes, until the onions are browned. Stir in the reserved flour, then gradually add the Guinness and stock and bring to the boil, stirring.

-Return the beef and mushrooms to the pan with the thyme, bay leaves, Worcestershire sauce, ¼

tsp of salt and some pepper, then cover and simmer for 1½ hours, until the meat is just tender.

-Lift the meat, mushrooms and onions out of the liquid with a slotted spoon and put into a deep 2-pint pie dish. Bring the liquid to a boil and boil rapidly until reduced to 1 pint. Remove and discard the bay leaves and thyme twigs, adjust the seasoning if necessary. Return the meat, mushrooms and onions to the liquid, and leave to cool completely.

-Preheat the oven to 400F. Add the fresh shucked oysters to the saucepan and mix. Pour into a pie pan, and push a pie funnel into the center of the mixture.

-Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface until it is 1in larger than the top of the pie dish. Cut off a thin strip from around the edge, brush it with a little beaten egg and press it on to the rim of the dish. Brush it with more egg, cut a small cross into the center of the larger piece of pastry and lay it over the dish so that the funnel pokes through the cross. Press the edges together well to seal. Trim away the excess overhanging pastry and crimp the edges between your fingers to give it an attractive finish. Chill for 20 minutes to relax the pastry.

-Brush the top of the pie with beaten egg and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until the pastry is crisp and golden and the filling is bubbling hot.



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Holiday Smiles

By Alison Johnson

Part of Trenna Tankersley's holiday shopping always begins in June. That's when she needs to place an online order for lots of fleece – 25 yards of red fabric and another four yards of a child-friendly print, that will turn into a very special kind of stockings.

These aren't the stockings that hang by fireplaces to collect gifts. Instead, they are the gifts, one for each of approximately 75 babies born during the month of December at Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center. They're also long and wide enough for a newborn to fit inside for souvenir photos.

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and to honor the new babies' lives," says Trenna, chair of the Sentara Auxiliary's Christmas stockings program and a hospital volunteer since 2006. "I am only doing a little thing; many other people do much more than I do. But I also feel like if we all do little things, we can make a big difference."

Trenna has headed up the stocking project for about four years. She also works in Volunteer Transport for four hours on Tuesday mornings, when jobs might include wheeling out discharged patients, delivering mail and flowers and transporting blood samples for laboratory testing to ease the time crunch for busy hospital staff.

Her favorite assignment is escorting new parents outside. "They're so proud and so cautious, and then everybody in the lobby is oohing and aahing as the babies go by," Trenna says. "It's such a touching moment to be a part of."

With the exception of those happy families, the holidays often are a particularly tough time for people to be in a hospital. That's why staff and volunteers do their best to make Sentara a festive place, decorating each area with lights,

trees and white poinsettias and hosting live musical performances.

"The environment in general is inviting," Trenna says. "It seems almost like you're walking into a hotel lobby rather than a hospital, which is meant to help people feel at ease given an unpleasant and stressful situation. It's beautiful. There is a real spirit of togetherness."

The stocking project is a team effort, too. In late August, Trenna and five or six other volunteers meet at the hospital for about three hours to cut the yards of fleece into pieces, which then goes out to people who have signed up to sew the stockings together at home.

Trenna delivers those precut pieces, thread and instructions to the sewing team, which has until December 1 to complete them. "Some sew 10, some sew 30," she says. Finding people who know how to sew has gotten more difficult these days, she notes, although she had enough volunteers this year. She generally takes care of sewing on a label that reads, "Welcome to the world precious one! With tender loving care, The Sentara Auxiliary".

Once Trenna has the stockings back, she drops them off at the auxiliary's volunteer of-

fice for distribution in the Family Maternity Center. "I've never handed them out myself, but I hear people say it's a wonderful thing and really special to the families," she says.

Trenna, a New Mexico native and retired teacher, started as a hospital volunteer in 2006, about five years after she and her husband Charles moved to James City County. For the first few months, she worked in Volunteer Transport at the hospital's old location, when it was called Sentara Williamsburg Community Hospital, on Monticello Avenue where multiple additions had created a maze of hallways.

"I have no sense of direction, and I would literally end up standing at walls," she recalls. "Patients would have to tell me, 'No, we have to go this way.'" The flow at the newer regional medical center off Mooretown Road is much better, although, she adds, "I still managed to get lost for a while."

Directional issues aside, Volunteer Transport is a good match for Trenna because she likes to meet new people and stay active: "There are a lot of smaller jobs we can do, like delivering mail from the fourth floor to the mailroom so a nurse doesn't have to do it. Or maybe we'll

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see a patient or visitor walking slowly in the hallways, and we can offer them a wheelchair. Some say no, but some are very grateful. I like that I'm moving around, not sitting. I have the time, so I want to help."

The transport job isn't different during the holidays, except that Trena might chat with discharged patients about how nice it is that they get to go home to celebrate. "Some are quiet and don't want to talk, but most are very appreciative of the care and kindness they have received," she says.

Although she was born in Las Vegas, Trena and her three sisters spent most of their childhood in a tiny, one-blinking-stoplight town in New Mexico, where her father was superintendent of schools. Trena's high school graduating class had just 30 students.

During one of her high school years, Trena had an interesting gig as a part-time police dispatcher, spending several hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays answering radio calls at the home of a sheriff's deputy. The deputy's wife was the full-time dispatcher and needed the time off to run her errands.

During about 10 months on the job, Trena

recalls taking only two calls. "The one I remember was a lady who came out of the hotel in town with no clothes on, and she was running up and down the street," she says. "I put the call out on the radio, and somebody from the sheriff's office handled it. It wasn't a place where major things happened."

After graduation, Trena earned a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education from New Mexico State University and later a Master's Degree in Education from Azusa Pacific University in Southern California. She taught in public elementary and middle schools in California and Texas, spending part of her time in special education and as a student assistance counselor to help kids at risk of failure and families struggling with addiction issues.

As she and Charles began pondering their retirement, they were attracted to Williamsburg's physical environment: its trees, green space and nearby water, and its weather. "This is the first place I've lived that's had four seasons," Trena notes. "The place I grew up, especially, was dry, hot and brown."

Today, Trena's hobbies include reading, quilting and Qigong, an ancient Chinese

health practice that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques and mental focus. She and Charles also like to travel; Sydney, Australia is a favorite spot.

Trena has been involved in various hospital auxiliary efforts over the years, such as the annual Festival of Lights – an evening fundraiser with live music, appetizers, a silent auction and a tree-lighting ceremony. The auxiliary's other work includes maintaining the hospital gift shop, awarding scholarships to outstanding high school students who plan to work in health care, helping out-of-town visitors who fall ill while in Williamsburg and providing mammograms and bone density screenings to uninsured or under-insured local residents.

"They really do so much," Trena says.

And while the holidays do bring a particularly merry atmosphere to the hospital, Trena Tankersley stresses that the atmosphere of caring isn't seasonal. "The same excellent attentiveness to each individual, whether it is a patient, family member or visitor, is consistent throughout the year," she says. "This is true of the entire hospital staff. It makes me proud to be a small part of it." NDN



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TINSELTOWN TAPAS

By Susannah Livingston

Thanks to Debbie Lawhon and her colleagues at the DoubleTree Hotel in Williamsburg, there's just no reason to have a ho-hum office holiday party this year. She treats the community event as if it were her own party – hosted in the building where she's worked for many years.

On December 10, the hotel will be hosting its first-ever Tinseltown Tapas, a community Christmas party designed to give small to medium-sized groups a chance to kick off the holidays not only with each other, but with other revelers, too.

“We wanted to do a new event that would be great for local businesses for the holidays, and this was it,” Debbie, conference sales manager for the DoubleTree, explains. The hotel ballroom, beautifully decorated for Christmas, will be set up with tables for 10 guests and even a dance floor. “So you can celebrate with your friends and colleagues at a table or maybe have two tables” while guests from other groups celebrate alongside. Debbie describes the event as “just a big party for small businesses. It's the best of both—a chance for you to have your Christmas party individually but still be in a fun place with other people too.”

An added feature of the event will be a chance



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for guests to purchase a discounted pass to Busch Gardens' Christmas Town. The DoubleTree is the closest hotel to the theme park and has enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship over many years. Debbie says there's been a lot of interest in the Christmas Town pass, which is something a boss can give to his or her staff or something guests can buy for themselves.

Debbie says the idea of Tinseltown Tapas

came to her in a flash one day. “Because of the Tinseltown theme, there will be lots of silver, and our annual Christmas tree will be in that room. We'll tinsel it up!” she says, laughing.

But what about the “tapas” part of the event? What exactly is the tapas approach to eating? “It's about small plates. It's not like you come in and there's a buffet and you take gobs of food. Instead, guests will take several little plates—little tastings—and come back for a few more small plates. It's an opportunity for you to try different things.”

Tapas have been catching on in restaurants nationwide even though it's a more labor-intensive way to serve food, it's worth it. “Everyone's a foodie these days and it's a way that we can show-

case what we can do. With tapas, people say to each other, ‘Have you tried this? Have you tried that?’ It's fun and it's a conversation aid.”

Some of the tapas items planned for December 10 are already standouts on the hotel's restaurant menu, but most will be specially prepared for Tinseltown Tapas. “We'll have holiday empanadas that are basically Thanksgiving dinner—turkey, stuffing, and cranberry—in a

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tiny crust. There will also be croquettes with risotto, butternut squash, and Smithfield ham,” Debbie says. One of her personal favorites, which Debbie describes as “the best adult mac-and-cheese you’ll ever eat,” is also in the lineup. In tribute to the season, there will be small shots of eggnog alongside other beverages.

Listening to Debbie talk about the event and her own day-to-day work, it’s clear that the DoubleTree is a welcoming place. Debbie has worked in the hotel conference field since she graduated from college in 1979, and at this particular property since long before it was a DoubleTree. Her decades of tenure are a tribute to her own good work and to the hotel’s ability to adapt to changing times and consumer demands. The hotel recently underwent a \$7.5 million renovation and reopened as a DoubleTree in July 2013.

“We can seat 1,100 for a meal but we also have rooms that are perfect for eight people. We spent a lot of time reenergizing the hotel.” The effort has paid off: business is good, both from the tourism and the conference angle, and the large meeting spaces are already booked for celebrations every Friday and Saturday in December.

Debbie grew up in Newport News, went to Radford College, and came to Williamsburg to start her career in hospitality. She was soon working at what was then the Williamsburg Hilton and National Conference Center. At one point she left for a year but came back.

“I’ve seen all the changes,” Debbie says. “I’ve held several positions in the hotel and came back to the most rewarding one for me—meeting planning. I’ve been a Certified Meeting Professional since 1999.” As conference sales manager, Debbie is both catering manager and meeting planner. She says that with the incredible variety of groups coming in all the time, there’s just no reason to get bored. “This property brings the world to us and it makes my job interesting. I couldn’t work in a quiet cubicle,” she adds, laughing.

Debbie says that while the summer used to be relatively quiet at the hotel, that’s no longer the case. “Now we have busy Junes and busy Augusts with family reunions. Then September through December is busy with meetings and holiday parties. Maybe January is a little quieter, but we have big groups that love coming in January and February.”

Unlike most industries, the hotel business is one that never closes its doors. “You’re at work when it’s required and you take time off when business allows,” Debbie says. “It’s not a normal 9:00-to-5:00 world. You just know when you need to be in the hotel.”

Asked why Williamsburg continues to be a strong draw for all types of visitors, Debbie has a ready answer. “It’s a quaint small town that has a strong attraction for people from all over the U.S. It’s not just a meeting place. It has lots of history to share. Many of our guests bring their families to turn their meeting trip into a family vacation.” She adds that the DoubleTree, one of the largest hotels in the Historic Triangle, has sleeping rooms, restaurants, and meeting space all under one roof. “Guests like that because it’s convenient.”

In her not-very-abundant spare time, Debbie loves to travel, entertain at home, and spend time in her garden and at the beach. “Anything that requires being outdoors, really,” she says. Her extended family shares an Outer Banks beach week each year and it’s always Debbie’s favorite time away. She turned a training meeting in Chicago into a vacation this past summer and took a trip to California with her sisters. She plans to visit Montana with family after Thanksgiving.

“My family all live within an hour of Williamsburg, which is a great reason to call Williamsburg home.” Maybe Debbie Lawhon’s extended family will come to the Tinseltown Tapas luncheon to sample all that she’s worked hard to orchestrate. **NDN**



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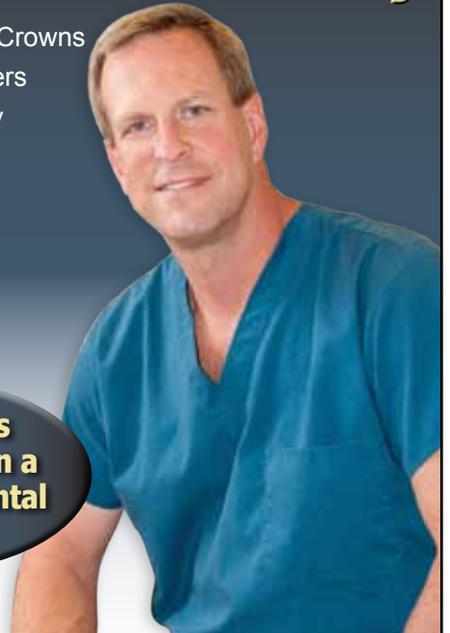
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Dec 6, 2014 at 8:30

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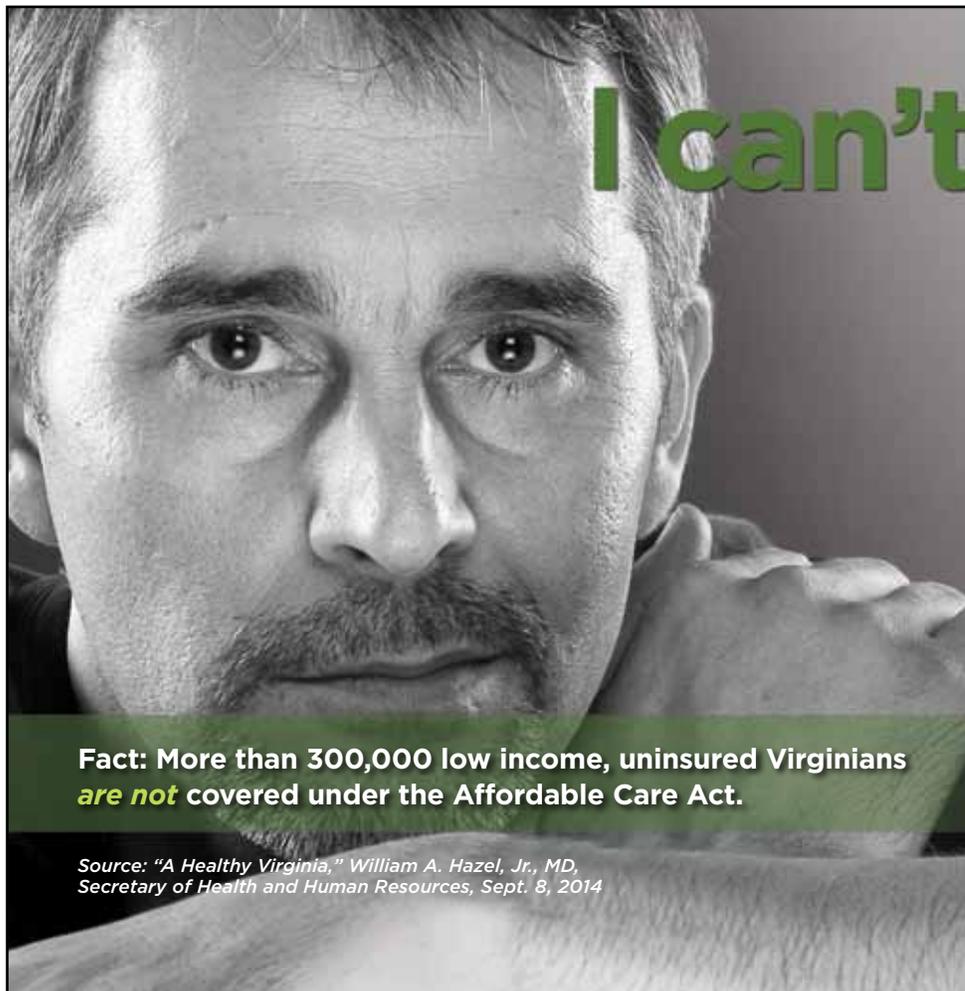
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Dec 13, 2014 at 1:00 pm

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What's Your Next Chapter?

By Greg Lilly, Editor



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The end of the year brings reflection on where we are in our professional careers and where we're going. Jane Siegel, Professional Counselor and Coach, says to consider career transitions as next chapters.

"I ask people to consider these of four questions when beginning their next chapter: 1. Where are you now? 2. Where do you want to go? 3. How might you get there? 4. What could be your first step?" Jane lists. The first

question is straight forward, but the others may need some reflection.

She explains that taking on a new career direction can be stressful and is not a direct progression of events. Her own career evolved over time. She has owned two corporations, was a single Mom and followed her heart. She earned her undergraduate at the University of New Hampshire and has lived in the Williamsburg area for over 30 years. Jane understands

personally how life's circumstances can affect a career as well as career choices.

She enrolled in graduate school at the College of William and Mary with the intention of transitioning from teaching to a school administration in order to support her husband through college and be available for her three sons. At William and Mary, she met the professor and mentor who would guide her into the career to follow her gifts as well as her heart.

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That career was counseling. “What a blessing because I would have been the worst principal in the world”

Jane uses the holistic approach to counseling in her private practice. Many of her previous experiences have led her to her current work as a “Next Chapter Coach.” She’s a certified facilitator for Too Young to Retire (2Young2Retire®) and for Noble Purpose. “I worked with Mike Travis Principle at Lead Performance Inc. for twelve years. He trained me as an Executive Coach. We worked with both large and small corporations locally as well as nationally.”

Several scenarios could prompt a new career chapter. “It could be a dream to start something new,” Jane says, “or from a forced change like a layoff. For some, they say they’re considering changes because their job just isn’t challenging or interesting any more. They want to explore possibilities.”

Possibilities can seem limitless, but to narrow the options, Jane has a series of structured tests and evaluations. “Such as the Meyers Briggs, a strength inventory, an interest inventory,” she lists, “the FIRO B which measures one’s need for inclusion, control, affection. These evalu-

ations are about personal growth and used to gather useful information. They help mitigate the inevitable fear of big changes.”

She states that many people don’t start the process until they are looking for a new job, but the ideal timing is while a person is still employed and thinking about changing careers. “This is a good time because you still have the security of a job while you evaluate the best options for you. You’re exploring your choices.”

A frightening aspect of changing careers is the possible decrease in salary. “Explore the purpose of your discontent,” Jane says. “Where is the discontent coming from? Sometimes people are unhappy with other aspects of their life: personal relationships, their employer, maybe it’s a clinical depression they’d had for years or there’s nothing that excites them outside of work – hobbies, weekend or after work activities. The discontent may be outside the career, but manifests itself there.” This is made worse when a person feels they are working only for a paycheck.

“If a person decides that they need their current paycheck to keep the family afloat, then

it is certainly valid to continue working. But they need to think about what they can do after work and on weekends to create a life that has things to look forward to, bring some passion to life.” Hobbies, going back to school, exploring new sports, music, art or other leisure/service activities are examples of ways to bring joy into life.

Jane has four fundamental guidelines for people going through a career change:

1 - Don’t go it alone.

“Say you get laid-off. When you’ve been unemployed for six months and had been a big part of the economic structure of your family, it’s awful. It is ego destroying. Don’t go it alone,” she cautions. “Get your family on board. Let them know this might be difficult.” Keep communication open to friends, former co-workers, extended family – your support system. “You can’t sit home all day, sending out resumes. It’s hard not to take rejection personally.”

2 - Know your core strengths.

“A period of unemployment, chaos and change may have you doubting your strengths,” she states. She uses an exercise of asking five folks

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that you know well and trust to be totally honest on their evaluation of assets and liabilities. “Really, you don’t have to do the liabilities, but they’re good to have.” Each friend writes down five of your assets and five of your liabilities – anonymously. “This is wonderful because you have a list to focus and work on,” Jane says.

In her experience, the liability lists are usually consistent – something to know as the next step is contemplated. The asset list shows your strengths and what you have to offer the world. “Take the strengths and post them so when you start to question your worth, you have this list to refer to.”

3- Stay whole and healthy.

That’s physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health. “How do you stay whole and healthy?” she asks. “Think of the next career chapter as exciting, a new adventure and an opportunity to get to know yourself better and make an impact on the world in a different way. Stay physically active, emotionally connected, mentally challenged and move forward in faith.”

4 – Practice the “Three Ps.”

Patience – You need patience when chang-

ing careers. “Anyone transitioning needs patience,” Jane says. “Companies don’t always tell you they’re not interested in your resume, they just throw it away. If you can learn patience, it makes life so much smoother.”

Purpose – Purpose bolsters every aspect of the next chapter in life. “Why are you here? How do you manifest that? What is your purpose? Up until your thirties, you are building this container that’s stable – it’s your family, job, cars, houses...stuff,” Jane describes. “After that, in your 30s to 50s, this container is built and you’re at the place to think about what goes into it. A career change can make a person think – what do I want in this container? What is my purpose? What have I always dreamt of? What is valuable to me? It’s a time to challenge old stale habits.”

Positivity – Be intentionally positive. “Have clear intentions,” she says. “Manifest your destiny.” She suggests this can be tricky with the old support system that has kept you in place for many years, but embarking on a new adventure may mean leaving some things, and people, behind. Surround yourself with what you want and people who support you. “You

create a positive environment.”

Knowing core strengths and interests help guide career changers toward their next chapter. The steps to get there may take a crooked line, but Jane says knowing where you want to be plots the path.

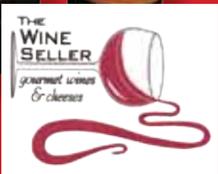
Jane’s own chapters in life have brought her to helping others. “I love walking with people through their challenges and coming out on the other side. That’s what is so cool for me. It’s also part of who I am. My biggest value is love. I feel every day that I’m very blessed to do this as my career.”

She sees herself as intuitive when she’s working with people in career changes. She uses the hard facts of testing tools and evaluations, but a lot of information comes during discussions with people contemplating their next move.

“I’ve had to recreate myself many times. I’ve raised my three kids by myself because of divorce. We all have changes in our life that must be dealt with,” Jane Siegel says. “Things change. It takes courage to go out on your own. I’ve met so many awesome people from so many walks of life. They have courage and insight. I’ve been blessed to do this.” NDN

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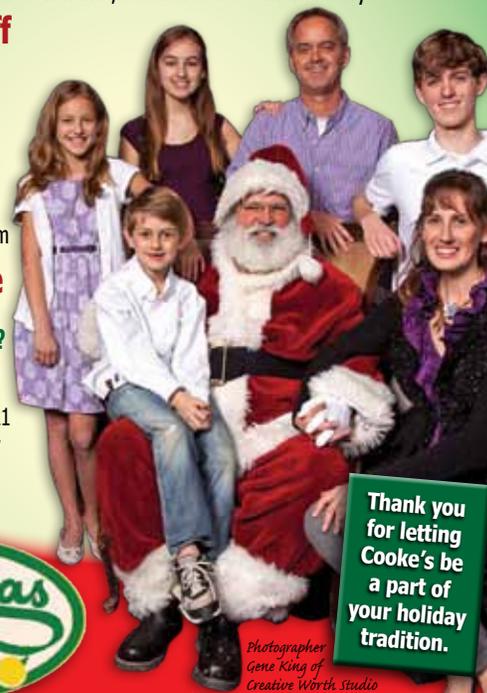
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The Value of Teamwork

By Greg Lilly, Editor

Kyla Kerstetter, a senior at the College of William and Mary, is co-captain of the women's basketball team, a great "slasher" and a hard worker, on and off the court.

"I'm probably known as the hustle player," she says. "I'm not the best shooter, not the best dribbler, not super skilled, but I will work hard." She's very modest of her basketball abilities. "Rebounding is a lot of hustle. You decide to rebound or not. I'm not a bad shooter, but I think my hustle on the court sets me apart. I'm more of a slasher. Some girls are great at the 3-point shot. I'm more of a jump-shooter. They call it a slasher – someone who is constantly moving. I have a good pull-up game."

Born in Delaware and relocated to the Nashville, Tennessee area when she was still a baby, Kyla grew up playing basketball. "I started around five years old," she says. "My dad played in college, so that's where the influence



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came from." He never pressured her to play his game and encouraged her to try different sports. Her favorite sports turned out to be soccer, which her older sister played, and basketball. When she entered high school, she found she needed to pick one sport to concentrate on, and it was basketball.

"Basketball was something my dad and I played a lot when I was young. I know it was his chance to continue participating in a game he loves – not just in the back yard, but in a more organized, competitive way. He coached me then and still coaches me now. His involvement has made this more fun for me."

Her passion for the game made the thought of stopping after graduating from high school unimaginable. "I did travel basketball, and that's where a lot of the recruiting comes in. Honestly, I had not heard about William and Mary before visiting. In the Nashville area, William and Mary wasn't the school people talked about."

Kyla and her parents took a tour of east coast universities as she considered which to choose. "My parents wanted to stop here because they knew what a great school it is. I thought the colonial part was strange," she says with a laugh, "you know, people walking around dressed like that." The natural beauty of the campus hooked her, but the aspect that determined her choice was the women's basketball team.

"Hanging out with the team sold me. Could I see myself with this group of people? Yes. I mean, you spend so much time with your team, you better like them a lot. I think that's what sealed the deal for me: I could see myself here with this group of girls for the next four years. So far, it's been a great experience, and I'm glad I decided to come here."

Academically, Kyla will graduate in the spring with a degree in Kinesiology and Health Science. "I'm doing a pre-med path and was just accepted to physical therapy school," she says. "That's the plan for the next few years. I'm going to the University of Delaware for my DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy)."

But with graduation on the horizon, Kyla still manages to give her focus to the women's basketball season. She credits being named co-captain to her hard work and dedication. "I think we've lacked a strong leadership component on the team these past few years. It's extremely important to have. We have a big freshman class and a lot of young girls. They need someone to help guide them through the year. My co-captain, Jazmen Boone, is one of my best friends. I know her and she knows me. We feed off each other well."

Kyla and Jazmen ensure the team knows what to do on the court and off. They motivate the team during workouts, practices and during games. "The encouragement is huge," Kyla explains. "When you're a freshman, you're really unsure of yourself. Sometimes you don't get a lot of feedback. That's where we come in. If they're doing well, the captains let them know. If they aren't doing what needs to be done, we tell them that, too. So far it's been easy because we have such a hardworking freshman class. Jazmen and I just encourage them to keep doing what they're doing."

She knows that the pressure of competition requires more responsibility and guidance. "When it comes to games, in the high stress situations, the captains are someone to look to. It's good to have that pres-

ence on the team in those stressful times, plus it's good for us to be looked to during those times. It shows a great deal of respect. Jaz and I are so excited to be in that position."

Team captain doesn't mean that Kyla has nothing to work toward. She loves playing offense and shooting and scoring, but knows defense is her challenge. "Oh yeah, defense is something I've been working on all four years here," she says. "I'm pretty tall for a guard. Sometimes, I have to guard little, quick girls – something I've been working on. I've heard a lot more encouragement on that since I've been concentrating on improving my defense. I could play offense all day. I'm definitely offensive-minded. With the group of girls we have this year, they will make a lot of our offense come from our defense. We had the most steals in the conference last year. We were getting the ball and going with it. It wasn't as much set plays."

Basketball has taught Kyla valuable skills. The foremost, she says, is time management. "Freshman year is a big transition knowing what the workload is here at William and Mary then adding the time commitment needed for basketball. It all has to fit in. That was the big thing in my freshman year, and I know it will be for our freshman girls on the team. That's a tough transition."

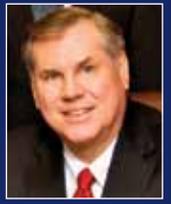
At Williamsburg Community Chapel, Kyla leads a Bible study group. She remembers getting support and guidance from older students when she came to Williamsburg. "To have a senior that is encouraging and helpful and wanting you to succeed, that meant the world to me. So, now I have a group of high school girls in a Bible study group, but it's also a social thing, who I can help." The girls see Kyla as an older sister who can give advice and root for their successes.

"That's rewarding to me to be that person to younger girls. I've been that young girl looking up to someone else. It's cool to have a group of girls come to me when they need advice. To get a phone call from one of the girls from the Chapel group – actually wanting to talk to me about something or have lunch together – that's gratifying. I was connected that way with a senior on the basketball team when I was a freshman, so it's like passing a torch. It's been an awesome experience."

As she looks to the future after the basketball season, graduation and physical therapy school, Kyla envisions her ideal job to be working with children in a hospital environment. "I love pediatrics, and I love the environment of a hospital. My goal is inpatient pediatric therapy. I worked with some cancer patients this summer and I fell in love with that. So much could change," she admits, "but that's what I'm thinking now. Everyone says to keep an open mind. But, I have the next step planned." She invites everyone to come to the women's basketball games at William and Mary Hall. "I'm known as the girl who doesn't stop smiling on the basketball court. Look for number 20!"

For the young basketball players, she says to watch the William and Mary team for their teamwork and excitement about the game. "See how much we enjoy being out there playing. When things are jelling and it's going well – that's the best feeling in the world," Kyla Kerstetter explains. "That's what keeps us playing – the sense of teamwork and that passion for the game. As hard as you work all season, that's what you work for." NDN

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Blues and Bass

By Greg Lilly, Editor

Warhill High School freshman Logan Layman says she loves her first year at the high school. She balances performing in the orchestra and the performance band with running cross country. After school, she adds to that list singing and playing bass in two local bands: The UnXpected and In Layman Terms.

Logan became interested in music when her older brother, Cole, began learning the guitar. "My parents bought Cole a guitar for Christmas to strengthen his fingers," Logan explains of the start of the family band several years ago. "My brother and I always had a strong connection, and I'd always hang-out with him and his

friends. When he started playing guitar, I decided to play guitar so we'd continue to hang out together."

She played guitar, strumming along, following Cole's lead for a couple of years. After mastering the cords, she was ready to move to the next level and use a pick. "I absolutely hated

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playing the guitar with a pick,” she says. “I found that the bass didn’t use a pick, so I decided to play it. I’ve fallen in love with the bass.”

Both the electric and upright bass have become Logan’s instruments. She prefers the electric bass, but is learning more of the upright bass in Warhill’s orchestra.

When audiences see Logan performing at area concerts, like the James River Fest or Blues at the Beach or Stockley Gardens Art Festival, listeners are surprised to hear such a big voice come from a small girl. An additional surprise is the style of music: blues.

“Some of my friends said I should do covers of newer songs,” Logan says, “but I always stick with the blues. My friends are very respectful of that direction and are really cool.” The blues influence started for her from her parents’ listening habits. “They would play a lot of classic rock in the car as we were growing up.”

Logan and Cole had watched several YouTube videos of bands and, specifically, guitar players. “In the recommended video list on YouTube, there was a video of Stevie Ray Vaughan. We started listening to it and knew it was amazing music. We got into more blues artists and checking out other blues videos.”

The blues genre appealed to Logan’s interest in the technical aspect of the music, the intricate bass lines and the narrative aspect of the lyrics.

Logan performs with In Layman Terms and The UnXpected. In Layman Terms started with Logan and Cole playing along with their mom, Sandy, on the drums. Today, In Layman Terms is mostly the duo of Logan and Cole.

They enrolled in the Academy of Rock in Newport News. “It’s like a school of rock that brings kids together into a band. We learn songs and play together. It’s making our own band. We thought we would take that band from the Academy (with other kids) and go to competitions with it.” The band formed with other students from the Academy of Rock is called The UnXpected.

“Just being on stage makes me feel amazing,” Logan says. “The crowd’s energy makes me forget everything going on but the performance. Usually, I don’t have stage fright because I’m not a shy person. I used to struggle with stage fright, but it’s become natural to me now.”

Their name came from the reaction of audiences when they first started performing. “When The UnXpected steps on stage, the audience probably thinks we’re just a group of

young kids doing cover songs.” Then Logan starts to sing the blues and the crowd takes notice. “For a child to like blues is unordinary,” she says. “That surprises the crowd, and they stick around to see what we do.”

Their playlist includes eight original songs written by Logan and Cole. “Cole and I come up with new licks and riffs. We’re creating a song now, and I’m working on the lyrics. It’s called ‘The Way You Groove.’ Usually Cole comes up with the main riff, the guitar part. I join in on the bass. We both work on the lyrics.”

Creating original songs comes from deep emotions. “Like ‘Heartbroken,’ I wrote that about a friend and his family’s divorce,” she explains. “The newest song that I wrote is called ‘Won’t Let It.’ I wrote it for Relay for Life and Beyond Boobs. I dedicate it to fighting breast cancer. About a month ago, I found out that my grandpa was diagnosed with lung cancer. That really got to me. Now, ‘Won’t Let It’ has a full meaning to me. I dedicate it to fighting all cancers.”

Logan recently won the Tidewater Arts Outreach’s Emerging Artist award that includes professional music video production. She’s cho-



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sen "Won't Let It" as the song for the video. The video will be released at The American Theater on January 10th at The Emerging Artist Winner's concert.

After attending the International Blues Challenge in Memphis for two years in the youth showcase, Logan, Cole and Logan are returning as a duo to compete with the professional adult bands from around the world.

If concerts and competitions and school were not enough, Logan started a service organization called the HArt Squad (HArt stands for Healing Arts) as part of the Kids Care Club. Projects are planned for the Wounded Warriors Project, nursing homes, Beyond Boobs and more.

"When we lived in Florida, my brother, my mom and I ran a Kids Care Club called Paws for Peace. (The "paws" came from their school mascot the leopard.) We had about 100 kids in the club. We would go to homeless shelters, raise money for big cat rescues, adopt manatees and help at health fairs." When they moved to Williamsburg, Logan missed her work with Paws for Peace. "With the HArt Squad here, we're helping make a difference through the arts with things like drum circles, going to home-

less shelters and hospitals and playing music. It's helping others through the arts."

For the future, Logan wants music to be her main focus. She keeps a back-up plan of joining the Marines or going to veterinarian school (she's from a military family and is crazy about animals), but each path keeps music in her life. "I'd love to help animals. I've donated to the Heritage Humane Society. I'd like to save enough money from performing to start my own animal shelter. If music doesn't work out for me, I'd like to be a vet and play music at night. My third choice would be performing in a military band."

In a few years, she's planning to attend Berklee College of Music in Boston. "Cole and I would like to go together and share the experience," she says. "Cole has earned scholarships for the past two summer programs. I'd like to, when I turn 15, go to the summer program too to learn more about Berklee."

But for now, Logan keeps playing in her award-winning bands In Layman Terms and The UnXpected, along with Warhill's orchestra and performance band between cross country meets. "It's a lot," she admits. "We make it happen. It's tough, but we do it." NDN

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By Greg Lilly, Editor

“We choose to remember Maggie by the vibrant way she lived and not the tragic way that she died,” Charlotte Moyler explains. Charlotte is co-facilitator of the Survivors of Suicide Loss group that meets the first Thursday of every month at Hospice House.

Guilt, shame, blame are some of the emo-

tions that the people left behind after a suicide experience. “Why? That’s the biggest question we ask ourselves,” Charlotte says. “What if? You can’t focus on the ‘why’ and ‘what if’ because you get stuck. Why? Why me? There are so many broken-hearted people. It’s almost, ‘Why not me?’ It’s not just me. It’s my son,

my husband; it’s all of Maggie’s friends... So many hearts are wounded that we don’t even know about.”

For every life taken by suicide, many more are shattered. “We are all about post-vention, we are not prevention,” Charlotte says. “I applaud the prevention people, those trying to

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prevent this, but our group helps pick up the pieces. We are worn down, but yet we are being built up, because we are sharing our broken hearts. We are opening our hearts.”

She explains that after the tragedy of suicide, the survivors internalize the loss, closing themselves away from others. The group, also co-facilitated by Ken Hoffman, helps survivors look outward at other people going through similar experiences. “We try to see beauty from the ashes, joy from the suffering. It’s hard work.”

Charlotte and Jim Moyler met while they were both attending college in Virginia. “We married in 1980,” Charlotte says, “and we were married for 12 years before we adopted our first child, Jake. He is currently a senior at William and Mary. Then two years after adopting Jake, we adopted our precious daughter, Maggie.”

Maggie was diagnosed with neurocardiogenic syncope after she had fainting spells starting in middle school and after several years of medical testing for the cause. “She did well with the medication. She was a very, very strong and determined young woman.”

Her senior year at Jamestown High School, Maggie looked forward to attending Coastal Carolina University to study marine biology. “That was her big love.” She had minor surgery to remove her tonsils and was taking medication for that. “The medicine for her neurocardiogenic syncope kept being raised,” Charlotte says. “What happened to her was a combination of all the medications, all the sadness – of course I can’t prove this – but I think it all came to a head where she totally lost her hope.”

Charlotte had never thought of discussing possible suicidal feelings with her children. “It was never on our radar. It was just not something I worried about like car accidents or things like that. I was never concerned about suicide.”

The “What If?” question comes automatically. “If I had maybe said to her: ‘Have you ever had thoughts of suicide?’ Maybe it would have opened the door.” She cites that there are around 750,000 suicide attempts each year, and from that, approximately 30,000 are lost. “So, I believe what happened in Maggie’s brain was like a hallucination of sorts where she just

lost all hope and just did the unthinkable. I’m still like, ‘Really, Maggie, Really?’”

Charlotte had thought a person would be deeply depressed or some horrific event had led to suicide. “But, now my whole thought process has changed. If it could happen to Maggie, it could happen to anyone.”

She adds that it’s important to note that she’s not a counselor or a teacher. “I’m a mother with a willingness to open my broken heart to others, because it brings me great sorrow to think of all the people who are suffering in silence. They have shame. They have blame. They have guilt. They carry the stigma of suicide. That’s my mission, for people to know we don’t have to be defined by it. I would think what kind of mother was I? But I won’t let that overtake me, because I was a wonderful mother. I adored her. We were very close. She made it very clear how much she loved me.”

Maggie died in September of 2011. Charlotte looked for help. She found grief counselor Barb Kaplan. “Barb was a tremendous help to me. I also went to Sandston, Virginia to a support group. I realized we needed something here, but I was still in shock and numb.

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It's new raw territory." She found The Compassionate Friends group at Hospice House. "It's for those who have lost children, no matter how your child died. Allison Delaney, who is the chaplain at Hospice House, helped do a training class for loss from suicide, and there were 12 of us. We met for six weeks straight." Charlotte decided to step up and form the Survivors of Suicide Loss group in Williamsburg, with great encouragement and assistance from Hospice House. "Nelsen Funeral Homes offered to provide cookies for each meeting. It fell together beautifully."

Survivors of Suicide Loss meets once a month with the goal of bringing love and hope back into survivors' lives. "We feel that our deepest wounds can become our greatest strengths," Charlotte states. "The group allows members to share their stories, their fears, their anger, their guilt – whatever emotions they bring through the door. "Ken and I focus on positive healing and run the group accordingly."

They never know who's coming each meeting. "Ken and I just show up, and we open our broken hearts. Sometimes we might have 15,

sometimes we may just have three, but we are dedicated to being there. When people come they can just listen. There's a lot of healing in just listening. They can talk – some people will just pour their hearts out."

The main objective is for survivors to feel they're not alone and that there are people who have been through what they have been through. "Everybody goes through their grief differently, but we just sit and listen, and we don't judge. Confidentiality is a vital fundamental for the group."

On November 22 at Riverside Doctors' Hospital Williamsburg, from 10 a.m. to noon, the group will hold International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. "This happens one day a year," Charlotte says. "It began in 1999 by Senator Harry Reid who lost his father to suicide in 1972. He introduced a resolution designating the Saturday before Thanksgiving as National Survivors of Suicide Day, and then the movement grew to the international level."

The day includes the screening of the film *The Journey* about a diverse group of survivors getting through daily living, weathering the storm, and how they can get back to a life full

of meaning and joy. "That film illustrates how meeting with others who have experienced the same loss can be extremely meaningful and helpful – the same reason for our group."

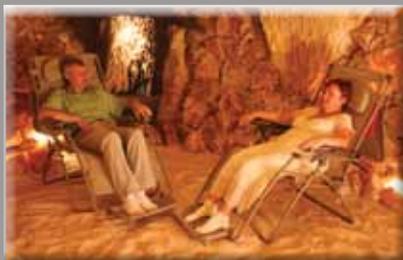
Suicide is not a topic people generally discuss, but recent events add visibility. "Robin Williams, unfortunately, helped a little bit," Charlotte adds. "I want people who don't know about us to realize we're here in our community to help and to offer hope."

Charlotte and Jim's son, Jake, was two weeks into his freshman year at William and Mary when Maggie took her life. "He's done very well," Charlotte says, proud of her son. "He's tried to be more like her. She was very fun-loving, very easy-going. He was a little more rigid, wanting to do everything right. He's living his life more in the spirit of his sister, which is a beautiful thing."

Charlotte Moyler thinks about the future for her family and smiles. "I hope that my son will have a life full of joy. His heart is open to be a compassionate person. My husband is very dedicated to follow God's direction, and I hope that God will continue to use us because it is God's work we are doing." NDN

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90 Years of Scouting

By Greg Lilly, Editor

This year marked the 90th year of Boy Scout Troop 103. In the hallway to the meeting room at Williamsburg United Methodist Church is the original troop flag presented to the troop in 1926 by President Calvin Coolidge. Scoutmaster Doug Marty carries on the long tradition of the Boy Scouts of America and helps guide the young men toward adulthood and the troop toward the next big milestone of the 100th anniversary. "It will be here faster than we can imagine," he says.

Professionally, Doug is the Director of Information Technology at Colonial Williamsburg. "That's what brought me to town," he says. "I have a wife, Laura, and two kids in college a



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boy and girl.”

His son, Aussie, brought Doug into scouting. Although Doug spent a lot of his youth in outdoors education programs, he wasn't a scout. “When my son was a first grader, we joined Tiger Cubs right here at Williamsburg United Methodist Church – Pack 103,” Doug says. “A couple of years later, I was the Cubmaster. I followed Aussie up from Cubs to Boy Scouts. He's 19 now and in college.”

Doug continued committing his time to the troop even after his son had aged out. “Since I was Cubmaster for three years, when Aussie moved up, I started as Assistant Scoutmaster with Dave Coppinger and Jimmy Etchberger in the Boy Scouts for several years.” Dave Coppinger was preparing a large group of scouts to attend the Jamboree, so Doug stepped in as the Scoutmaster. “That's been three years, now.”

Troop 103 is quite large. “We have between 85-90 scouts at any given time. A lot of the things I do as Scoutmaster is keep things on an even keel.” He works with the national organization, parents, sponsors and acts like the CEO of the troop. “People like Dave Coppinger, Jimmy Etchberger and Mike O'Neal, who have been with the program for 35 years each,

or more, they know more about scouting and boys in the woods than I could possibly know,” Doug adds modestly. By the way the assistant scoutmasters and the scouts regard Doug, it's easy to see that he has all their respect and admiration for his guidance and commitment.

Troop 103, being 90 years old has deep roots in Williamsburg. “We see kids whose dad or grandfather has been a scout in this troop,” Doug says. “We draw from all over town. Originally scouting was about your neighborhood or your church. That's changed a little bit. We have scouts from Bruton, Jamestown, Lafayette, Warhill – it doesn't matter which high school.”

The troop has the reputation of carrying on the values and activities that established scouting in Robert Baden-Powell's book “Scouting for Boys” published in 1908 in England: outdoor skills that teach teamwork and leadership. “Troop 103 has certain characteristics that draw people in. We're always in full uniform. That's part of who we are. We take great pride in being in the uniform.” The uniform brings the scouts on an equal level, so that no socioeconomic differences are apparent. Each scout wears his uniform with honor and is respon-

sible for keeping it in order.

“For us, the uniform is being part of the team. Teamwork is one of the core skills we're teaching here. We happen to have a long history of being in full uniform. When we're at attention, we're at attention. That's core to who we are.”

The troop meets every Monday night, 50 weeks a year (except for Christmas and New Year's weeks). “We camp once a month – snow, sleet, rain – we've slept in it all. We do summer camp for a week. We do one or two high adventures, for example, recently Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, in the Boundary Waters in Minnesota, scuba diving in the Florida Keys. It's all about the outdoor programs, and that's the way scouting should work if it's going the way it was originally intended by Lord Baden-Powell. It's using those outdoor skills to build leadership and teamwork.”

Although the adults are there to give advice, the program is “boy-run.” Doug adds, “The Boy Scouts was always intended to be run by the boys, not the Scoutmasters. The boys run the meetings, define what the camping trips will be, what summer camp we go to, what high adventure we'll do. They outline it all

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with the help of the scout handbook to move through the skills they need for the outdoor programs.”

Over the past 90 years, not many things have changed in the troop. “The core ideals are based on developing young men with values and leadership skills. That has not changed. The Scout Oath and Law are still what they were. Everything we do is based on the Oath and Law. We use the outdoors to challenge the young men to build those skills in teamwork. They will always be put in challenging positions. The adults in scouting make sure they do the outdoor adventure safely. But the boys do the planning, cooking...all the tasks as a team.”

Compass and map reading are still taught, even in this age of computerized GPS. The boys leave their technology tucked away during meetings and on camping trips.

“Back in the 1950s, the troop started meeting at the Methodist Church, which at that time was on Duke of Gloucester Street, where Talbots is today. We were sponsored by the Williamsburg Jaycees until 1984. Then the Williamsburg United Methodist Church became, not only our meeting place, but our

sponsor, too.”

The adult leaders researched the history of Troop 103 at the Swem Library, and they continue doing so in preparation for the 100th anniversary in ten years. “It’s interesting to watch as they pull these archives,” Doug says. “I get letters from people all the time saying they were members of Troop 103 – the Bishop from the Episcopal Church in Delaware, a movie producer, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates was a member of Troop 103. It’s interesting to hear from these accomplished people or to find those names in the research.”

Doug says that the Boy Scouts span from fifth grade (12 or 13 years old) to seniors in high school (18 years old), notoriously tough years for young men.

Distractions come along that pull some guys from the troop. “We call that the fumes: gasoline and perfume,” Doug adds with a smile. “Those are confusing years. That’s why Lord Baden-Powell picked that time of life for the boys to start. That’s where the boys are beginning to evolve. By sixteen, some are starting to fade out – off playing football or taking harder AP classes – things just get more difficult to schedule with other commitments and the

‘fumes’ on top of that. But, we do have a lot of guys who make it through 18.”

Also as the boys mature, they integrate the troop’s teachings into each day. “We talk about the Scout Oath and Law, one of the important messages is that it’s not just on Monday nights and one weekend a month. They are living that Scout Oath and Law every day. So when they get behind the wheel of a car or go out on a date, whatever you do at that moment, the Scout Oath and Law are still centered in your thinking.”

To celebrate the 90th anniversary this year, the troop travelled to West Point Military Academy. “For the 95th, we’ll certainly have another big trip for the troop. The guys who are first years this year will be planning the next big trip for the 95th anniversary.”

With Troop 103, Doug Marty sees the cycle of young boys becoming scouts and scouts becoming responsible, young men. “That’s why I do this – it’s the kids. Working with them and watching them grow. All of our leaders have different gifts that make this organization successful. My job as Scoutmaster is to keep it going as it has for the last 90 years. Hopefully, Troop 103 will be here in 90 more years.” NDN

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President of WAAR

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Hey Neighbor! NEIGHBORHOOD BASKETBALL LEAGUE (NBL) SIGN-UP

Ongoing

Registration for the Neighborhood Basketball League for boys and girls has begun. Cost is \$15 for Williamsburg and James City County residents and \$22 for non-residents. Parent's signature is required if the student is under 18 years of age. The ages are 10 to 18 years old. Bring proof of age. If you need more information, call Linda or Yvonne at (757) 229-9332. Sponsored by Williamsburg-James City County Community Action Agency.

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Ongoing

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Hey Neighbor! SEEKING VOLUNTEER TAX PREPARERS

Ongoing

Williamsburg AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to assist seniors and low/moderate-income taxpayers in completing their 2014 Federal and Virginia tax returns. IRS certification training is provided during classes in early January. Basic knowledge of tax return preparation, as well as the ability to do returns on a computer, is needed. We help over 2,500 local taxpayers each year take advantage of tax credits and tax law changes, resulting in refunds of over \$3 million. The service is offered at the Williamsburg and James City County Libraries in 2015

from February 1 to April 15. We also need facilitators for each session to register and do an initial screening of our clients. Please email District Coordinator Jane Alcorn at mjanealcorn@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming a Tax-Aide volunteer.

Hey Neighbor! HEAD START OPEN ENROLLMENT

Ongoing

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Hey Neighbor! WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS MARKET

Ongoing, every Saturday

Enjoy the heart of Williamsburg in Merchants Square while shopping in this producer-only

market for produce, fruit, potted plants, fish, artisan cheeses, meats, pasta, cut flowers and handmade soaps. The market includes live music, chef demonstrations and exhibits along with local shops and restaurants. The market now accepts SNAP/EBT, credit cards and W&M Express. For information, contact call (757) 259-3768, or visit www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com. Hours: 8 am – noon. November 1 – Chesapeake Bank will be at the Williamsburg Farmers Market giving away Shop Local Bags. Executive Chef Frank Lang of the Great Wolf Lodge will be at the Chefs Tent with demonstrations at 10 am and 11 am. November 8 – Traditions at the Lodge will be at the Chefs Tent with demonstrations at 10am and 11 am and The Blue Notes will perform from 9:30 – 11:30 am. November 15 – W&M Day at the Market sponsored by AMP. Music performed by the Cleftomaniacs from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Several W&M Service Organizations will have exhibits. November



The Williamsburg & Vicinity Club, NANB&PWC, Inc. was organized on December 14, 1974 by Mrs. Janet Harris.

Councilwoman Shirley Lowe and Mr. William T. Stone witnessed this historic event.



Charter members shown with William T. Stone & Shirley Lowe

All clubs are non-profit, hold 501-C-3 exempt status with IRS. There are also two International Clubs in Africa and Caribbean. The Headquarters for all clubs is in Washington, D.C.



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Ongoing
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Ongoing
1333 Jamestown Rd. Williamsburg, (757) 229-1111. 10 am Sunday school (resumes in September); 8 am, 9:15 am, 11 am worship on Sunday, Noon Healing, worship on Wednesday; 5 pm Taize Service on Saturday. Visit www.stmartinswmbg.org.

Hey Neighbor!
BIBLE STUDY

Ongoing
If your church or Bible study group leaves you wondering about Biblical questions such as what really happened in the Garden, where did Cain get his wife,

what is the mark of the Beast, or any other lingering questions, perhaps you should join us for our weekly Bible study at the Norge library. Every Monday from 6 - 9 pm. Contact (757) 253-0172 or cell (757) 604-6649.

Hey Neighbor!
**MEETINGS - JANE AUSTEN
SOCIETY**

Ongoing, Second Sunday
The Jane Austen Society North America Southeastern VA Region meets on the second Sunday of every month at the Schell Room, Williamsburg Regional Library (515 Scotland St.) Williamsburg at 2 pm. Future dates are Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 16, Dec 14. Donations accepted to help defray cost of meeting room. September 14 program will be a play, The Milliners – A Female Revenge, at the Williamsburg Regional Library Theatre. The president of JASNA, Iris Lutz, will be joining us that afternoon and will present a talk on the houses of Jane's life and novels. The Dec 14 event will be a birthday celebration for Jane Austen held at Bruton Parish Hall. A small admission fee will be applicable to the Sept and Dec programs. All are welcome to attend. For more information visit our facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/JASNASoutheasternVa>. For membership information visit the national site at www.JASNA.org.

Hey Neighbor!
4-H CLUBS FOR YOUTH

Ongoing
James City County 4-H, a program of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE), is offering several exciting 4-H clubs for youth during the 2014/15 school year. Clubs are open to all youth ages 9-18 and registration for each club is first-come-first-served.

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Meet your neighbors who work in the service sector

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Student athletes who excel at their sport

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Focus on the Arts in Williamsburg

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What our local government employees do for us

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Annual health issue

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What we do when the weather is great

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Locals give their thoughts on words and their meaning

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What's on the horizon for high school seniors

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• **Advertising Deadline:** Tues, May 12th

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Williamsburg Holidays

Holiday guide for locals

• In Home Date: November 19, 2015

• **Advertising Deadline:** Tues, Nov. 3rd

Scholarships for youth with financial need are available for all club registration fees. For more information visit the Virginia Cooperative Extension James City County Office website (www.offices.ext.vt.edu/james-city/) or call the office at (757) 564-2170. You must call in order to register for the clubs.

4-H Robotics Clubs - Youth will learn teamwork, critical thinking, and problem solving skills as they design, build, and program LEGO robots to complete tasks and challenges. A beginners club will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (Oct.-May) from 6-7:30 pm. An intermediate club, for youth that have already participated in the beginners club or have advanced LEGO robotics experience, will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (Oct.-May) from 6-7:30 pm. A \$30 registration fee is required. Registration is limited to 20 youth per club.

4-H Pet Pals Companion Dog Club - Youth and their personal dog will help increase emotional well-being, promote healing, and improve quality of life for people throughout the community. Once trained, youth and their dogs will conduct visits to various institutions and events throughout the area, including nursing homes, schools, parades, festivals, and more. All dogs and their youth must complete a 7-week American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen training course and pass a final assessment in order to participate. Training sessions will take place every Tuesday from 6-7 pm from October 7- November 18. The training course is limited to 10 participants, and a \$40 fee is required for the course. Monthly club meetings and activities will be scheduled after the training

course. All dogs must be at least 6 months old, able to walk on a leash, and have proof of rabies vaccination. Interested youth and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting about the club and training sessions on September 30th from 6-7 pm in Room C of the James City County Recreation Center. Please RSVP for the informational meeting to the VCE office at (757) 564-2170.

4-H Archery Clubs - These clubs will teach youth about the sport of archery and provide them with opportunities to practice the sport. Lessons will include range and equipment safety, eye dominance, parts of the bow, parts of an arrow, basic archery form, and development of technique. These clubs focus on basic archery techniques using traditional long bows or recurve bows; compound bows are not permitted. A beginners and an intermediate club will be offered. Each club will meet twice a month in the late afternoon of the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (October-May). Club members have the opportunity to compete in district and state level 4-H archery competitions. A \$30 registration fee is required, and registration is limited to 20 youth per club.

Dream Catchers 4-H Horsemanship Club - This club meets on the 4th Saturday of each month from 3-5 pm at Dream Catchers at the Cori Sikich Therapeutic Riding Center. The club is open to both able-bodied and disabled youth, and teaches basic horsemanship skills as well as leadership skills. Club members will learn about horse breeds, grooming, health care, and maintenance while also learning life skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, and

responsibility. This club is free to join; there may be additional costs associated with club activities throughout the year.

Hey Neighbor! SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Ongoing

Historic Jamestowne seeks volunteers to greet and engage guests as well provide accurate information about this premier historic site. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, including Visitor Center greeters, Fort Site interpreters, and Docents in our archaeological museum, the Archaearium. Volunteer shifts are available Monday through Sunday, 9:30 am – 1 pm and 1 - 4:30 pm. Historic Jamestowne volunteers are given a 40% discount on museum store apparel, a 20% discount on museum store merchandise, as well as opportunities to attend trainings and lectures offered by both Historic Jamestowne and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. If you are interested in volunteering at Historic Jamestowne, please contact Kelly Williams at kwilliams@preservationvirginia.org.

Hey Neighbor! MEETINGS – REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Ongoing

The City of Williamsburg Re-

publican Committee meets at the Williamsburg Regional Library the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Come and join other city residents who care about the future of their country. For more information please email rpc.lbg@gmail.com.

Hey Neighbor! MEETINGS – THE COLONIAL AREA REPUBLICAN MEN'S ASSOCIATION (CARMA)

Ongoing

CARMA meets on the third Thursday of each month at Giuseppe's Restaurant at 11:30 am. For more information, please go to their website at: www.carma-gop.com.

Hey Neighbor! MEETINGS - JCC REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Ongoing

The James City County Republican Committee meets in the auditorium of the James City County Human Services Center located at 5249 Olde Towne Road. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Meetings are open to all who are interested in making a difference in our community and country. For information, please visit www.jccrc.org or email JCCRepublicanCommittee@gmail.com

Hey Neighbor! MEETINGS - HISTORIC TRIANGLE REPUBLICAN WOMEN (HTRW)

Ongoing

Location: Thomas Nelson Community College. Time: second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. HTRW is the only local Republican Women's Club that meets evenings. For more information please visit our web site:<http://www.htrwc.org> or look for us on Facebook.

Hey Neighbor! MEETINGS - MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

Ongoing

The 2014-15 school year has begun, and with it new challenges for our children. No matter what age group from pre-K to graduate student Moms worry about their children. Replace your anxiety and fear with peace and hope by praying with other Moms for our children and our schools. Moms in Prayer International meets weekly throughout the school year and continues through the summer. Join us and other Moms for a powerful time of prayer Every Wednesday from 1-2 pm at Calvary

Hey Neighbor! DESTINATIONS 2014 AUCTION AND DINNER November 22, 2014

A travel, leisure & entertainment auction and dinner to support Providence Classical School. The live and silent auctions will include such things as: a trip to Cancun, golf packages, an OBX vacation, fine & casual dining, a Downton Abbey dinner party, home improvement items, a children's birthday party, an Orlando vacation - and so much more! The event will be emceed by Virginia State Auctioneer Champion, Ernie Rogers of Black Tie Benefits. The evening starts at 6 pm at the Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center. Tickets are \$40 in advance; to purchase tickets, call (757) 565-2900 or visit www.pcsvirginia.org.

Hey Neighbor! COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG EMPLOYEES ARTS AND CRAFTS

November 23-23, 2014

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation employees, volunteers and retirees will once again combine their time and talents for their annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show from 10 am - 5 pm. The show will be at the Historic Triangle Community Services Building (312 Waller Mill Road). Admission and parking are free and open to the public. Each crafter uses his or her spare time and talents to create unique handmade gifts. Several media are

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Hey Neighbor! **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOMES TOUR AT COLO- NIAL WILLIAMSBURG.**

December 6, 2014

Time: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. \$25 for advance tickets; \$30 if purchased on Dec. 5 or 6; \$10 to tour a single building. Inquiries may be sent to: greenspring.gardenclub@gmail.com. The 55th Annual Christmas Homes Tour, presented by the Green Spring Garden Club, Inc., features houses decorated with holiday florals. All are located in and around The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's Revolutionary City. Visit the Red Lion and Blue Bell Taverns, Powell's Kitchen, Alexander Craig House, John Crump House, Bruton Parish Rectory, and Ludwell Tenement. Tour tickets are available only through the Green Spring Garden Club. Advance tickets are recommended. To order tickets by mail from September 15 - November 22, and to find more detailed information on tour houses, visit the garden club's website: <http://www.greenspringgardenclub.org/christmas-homes-tour>. Ticket representatives will be at

the Visitor Center and the Williamsburg Lodge on December 5, 9 am - 5 pm, and December 6, 9 am - 1 pm. Tickets will also be available at each house on the tour during the Saturday tour hours. Cash and checks only will be accepted at these locations. Tickets include free parking at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center and use of Foundation buses from the Visitor Center and around the Revolutionary City.

Hey Neighbor! **WILLIAMSBURG CHORAL GUILD -- CAROLS AND HOLIDAY SONGS**

December 6, 2014

Sing carols and holiday songs with members of the Williamsburg Choral Guild, accompanied by a brass quartet and under the direction of Artistic Director/Conductor Jay BeVille. From 1 - 3 pm. Bring family and friends to Merchants Square, Williamsburg's bustling center of festive events, where they will join Guild singers in a delightful musical welcome of the season. For more information call (757) 220-1808 or visit www.williamsburgchoralguild.org.

Hey Neighbor! **WILLIAMSBURG SYMPHONIA - HOLIDAY POPS**

December 6 - 7, 2014

The Williamsburg Symphonia presents Holiday Pops, all your favorite music of this festive season. The Symphonia is conducted by Music Director Janna Hymes, in her 11th season on the podium. At the Kimball Theatre in Merchants Square, Williamsburg; parking nearby. Performances daily at 1:30 and 3 pm. Ticket sales online at www.colonialwilliamsburg.com. For details, visit www.williamsburg-symphonia.org.

Hey Neighbor! **6TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

December 13, 2014

The Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg invites you to attend their 6th annual Breakfast with Santa on December 13th, 2014 from 7:30-10:30am at Waypoint Grill 1480 Quarter Path Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185. To reserve seats and purchase tickets visit www.williamsburgjuniors.org. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 kids 3-12, kids 2 and under are free! Ticket price includes breakfast buffet, complementary family photo with Santa, kids crafts and live entertainment. Proceeds benefit local non-profits.

Hey Neighbor! **CLOTHING AND FOOD DRIVE FOR HOMELESS**

December 20, 2014

The Buffalo Boyz of Williamsburg would like our community to help us by donating winter clothes for homeless. We will feed the homeless and have clothing and non perishable items for their taking. We need hats scarves, gloves, canned goods, non perishables, under clothes, coats, long Johns, blankets, socks, shoes, etc. Bring all donations to 103 Luther Drive, bins on porch.

Hey Neighbor! **A CHRISTMAS SEASON CABARET**

December 13 & 14, 2014

December 14th at 2pm; December 13th at 8 pm. The Williamsburg Players presents a Christmas Season Cabaret. Along with holiday classics, enjoy songs made famous by the likes of Judy Garland, Carole King, Stephen Schwartz, and Gershwin, featuring hits from Frozen, Wicked, Thoroughly Modern Millie, and

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December 31, 2014

Premiere New Year's Eve Event. Held in downtown Williamsburg and on the campus of the College of William & Mary. Over 30 live acts for all ages. KIDS SHOW begins at 3, Main Stages at 7. Fireworks at midnight at Zable Stadium. Button admission \$15 pp. Buy them at over 20 local locations. Non-alcoholic environment. www.firstnightwilliamsburg.org

Hey Neighbor! **CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS**

February 7, 2015

Introducing "TRIBE W.I.N.S.": Tribe Women In Network Through Sport - Teach, Renew, Inspire, Build, Empower. Come celebrate Women's Athletics at the College of William and Mary. This year's event begins at 12:30 pm and features a reception, a professional networking session, and an awards ceremony to honor those who have made outstanding contributions in their communities, athletic or professional fields. We are seeking female W&M athlete-alumnae to participate as mentors during the networking portion. If you are interested in attending, contact Meagan Bedsaul at (757) 221-1552 or mmbedsaul@wm.edu.

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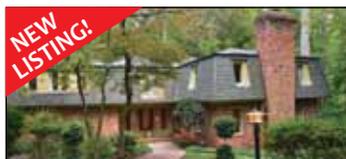
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