

organization. Today, we have approximately thirty volunteers plus groups from the schools that come in and help from time to time.”

Not only does Schmidt’s donate flowers, but other businesses contribute too. “We’re able to corral flowers from Farm Fresh, Andy Bradshaw, Trader Joe’s, [and] Fresh Market,” Patti says, “and Printwell prints the cards that go with each arrangement.” The idea matured into a community effort.

The route some of the flowers take also strengthens the bonds of the community. “We had a family recently whose dad had passed away,” Patti says. “They called me to pick up the flowers from his memorial service. We broke those flowers down and created arrangements to take to the father’s former continuing care facility. People there said the flowers meant a lot to them because they knew the man and his family. The flowers came back to his friends at the facility as a memorial to his presence in their lives.”

Other times, the flowers provide an opportunity for residents to get acquainted. “Some facilities ask residents in independent

living units to deliver the arrangements to less mobile residents, maybe ones in the nursing home area,” Patti explains. “This allows people to visit with each other and form friendships.” So in this case, the flowers also bring companionship in the delivery. “The flowers give them the opportunity to interact with each other,” she adds.

For such far-reaching benefits, cut flowers take very little care. Patti says keep the water clean, changing it at least every other day to keep it from turning murky. Re-trim the stem when you change the water to make sure the flower can draw what it needs to maintain its bloom. Flower arrangements do better in a cool area, so try not to set them in direct sunlight.

Hospice and continuing care residents have a little brighter day because of Patti’s initiative to bring flowers into their home. NDN

To find out more about BloomsThat Brighten and how you can help, call (757) 229-1665 or e-mail: info@BloomsThatBrighten.com

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FOOD DRIVE FOR FISH-WILLIAMSBURG AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Food items needed. FISH is a volunteer agency that provides emergency help to residents of the Greater Williamsburg Area. FISH depends entirely upon a caring community for food, clothing and cash donations. Sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee For more information, please call the Association Office at 253-0028 or e-mail info@WAARealtor.com

Hey Neighbor!

ARTS & CRAFTS INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

Arts & Crafts Instructor needed to conduct six classes per year for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Greater Williamsburg will contract with the teacher and supplies will be provided. For information on position please contact Darla Krupski at 229-3535.

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Hey Neighbor!

REVERSE RAFFLE – JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF WILLIAMSBURG

March 20, 2010

Trinkle Hall, The College of William and Mary. The Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg will be hosting their annual Reverse Raffle at Trinkle Hall on the campus of the College of William and Mary on Saturday, March 20, 2010. All proceeds will benefit local charities. At 6:30 PM participants will check-in and receive their number. The drawing will begin at 7:30PM. You must be present to win! Tickets are \$100 per couple. There will be a \$5000 grand prize! Only 200 tickets will be sold. For more information, visit www.jwcwevents.org or contact Carolyn Miller at 876-3346.

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RELAY FOR LIFE'S "BARK FOR LIFE"

March 20, 2010

This dog walk fundraiser to benefit the Relay For Life of Williamsburg will once again take place at New Quarter Park. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. Visit the Relay For Life website www.relayforlife.org/Williamsburg For more information contact Robyn Sulanowski, 258-8933 or rsulanowski@aol.com.

Hey Neighbor!

ANNUAL SPRING FASHION SHOW

March 20, 2010

Soroptimist International of Williamsburg. 11am - 2pm, at Crowne Plaza/ Ft. Magruder, 6945 Pocahontas Trail (Rt. 60 E.), Williamsburg. Spring fashions by Jin Fields of Lili's of Ghent. Door prizes and other raffles. Tickets \$35. Contact Willie Mae McCracken, 253-2670. Proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships.

Hey Neighbor!

3RD ANNUAL BUNKO TOURNAMENT TO COMBAT BREAST CANCER

March 20, 2010

Hosted by the Kingsmill Bunko Ladies. Held at William and Mary Sadler Center, Tidewater Ballroom, at 7:00 p.m. This year our goal is to establish a Guinness World Record for the World's Largest Bunko Tournament. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include one drink ticket and five raffle tickets. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds from this fun and festive evening will benefit Beyond Boobs! and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. For more information, please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/BunkoTourneyWmbg>.

Hey Neighbor!

OLIVE BRANCH CHRISTIAN CHURCH YARD SALE

March 20, 2010

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Located on Route 60, ½ mile north of Croaker Road, in Toano. Clothes for children to adults, toys, furniture, books, housewares, plus wonderful odds and ends will be available. For information call the church office at 757- 566-8077.

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MAKING DREAMS REAL – JCC ROTARY CLUB'S 11TH ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION March 21, 2010

Held at the Williamsburg Marriott, 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Silent & Live Auctions, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, easy Listening jazz by the Harris Simon Trio. Auction benefits Colonial CASA, college scholarships for local high School students and local Williamsburg Area charities complimentary wine with admission. Tickets \$35 per person from any JCC Rotary member or Nancy Carter @ 229-4907. Informal Attire. A fun evening that provides support for children who are abused and neglected, college-bound students and many others.

Hey Neighbor!

DIABETES AWARENESS PROGRAM

March 25, 2010

7 to 9 pm. in the Chesapeake Ballroom of the Sadler Center (formerly the University Center) at the College of William and Mary. College of William and Mary sophomore, Elise Zevitz (2012), and alumnus Doug Pierson (MBA, '99) are joining forces to support and raise awareness for people with diabetes. Admission is free of charge. For more info, please visit www.insulindependence.org or my Climbing on Insulin blog: <http://climbingoninsulin.blogspot.com>

Hey Neighbor!

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT BEYOND BOOBS & AVON FOUNDATION

March 26, 2010

Fords Colony will be the location of the 3rd Annual "Breast" Ball Tournament on to benefit the Avon Foundation and Beyond Boobs! Registration begins at 10:30 p.m. with a shotgun start at noon. The cost is \$100 per player. For more information, please visit www.breastballgolf.com or call 757.846.1095.



Q & A

An Interview with Kathy Chambers

PRESIDENT OF WILLIAMSBURG AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Email Kathy at info@waarealtor.com

- Mortgage information
- City and county links

THE WILLIAMSBURG AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® LAUNCHES ITS NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!

In place of our regular Q&A column, we invite you to learn more about some of the changes we have made to the Williamsburg Area Association of Realtors® website to make your visits more informative than ever before.

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The new website provides "one stop shopping" for local real estate issues. One of our newest additions is our Online Magazine. This feature presents videos providing answers to many of the most often asked questions such as: "What is a lock box and how does it work?" "What is the (MLS) Multiple Listing Service?" and others.

One click on the Virginia Homeowners Alliance icon will take you right to another informative site where you can register to regularly receive valuable information about issues affecting you as a current or prospective homeowner in your own county.

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that we've been tracking and weighing in on during the 2010 VA General Assembly session. When proposed legislation threatens the value of your home, we can help you contact your legislator. You can even follow information provided by the Virginia Homeowners Alliance on the social networking site, "Twitter".

The Williamsburg Area Association of Realtors® values your opinion and we want your feedback on our newly updated website. Please take the time to respond to our suggestion box and the poll asking if you find the website informative. To be as user-friendly as possible, we have a translator feature - which is available in over forty foreign languages - to assist bi-lingual users navigate the site.

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There are more community announcements for this issue that did not fit in this issue.

Please visit www.WilliamsburgNeighbors.com and click on **Hey Neighbor!** for a complete list of current community announcements.

Hey Neighbor! BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CAPERNAUM

March 26, 2010

Tim Olbyrch benefit classical guitar concert for Capernaum-- 7:30pm at the Kimball Theatre. Tickets are \$15. All proceeds will benefit Capernaum, a ministry that provides social opportunities and creates community for adolescents with special needs. For more information, visit our website at www.capernaumthrutheroof.com, contact the Kimball Theatre at 1-800-HISTORY, or call Capernaum Director, Ben Conner at (757) 784-8607.

Hey Neighbor! TREE OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL - "AS WE FORGIVE"

March 27, 2010

3pm Williamsburg Library on Scotland St. A student academy award winning documentary about two women on a journey to reconcile with the neighbor who slaugh-

tered their families during the 1994 genocide in Africa. Free. Donations to help the TROLI Womens' Literacy Program is accepted. For more info, contact Cookie James @757-903-1277.

Hey Neighbor! ORGANIC VEGGIES! PROGRAM - WILLIAMSBURG BOTANICAL GARDENS

March 27, 2010

Do you know where your family's food comes from? Has it been sprayed with chemicals? Participants (children and adults) will plant organic vegetable seeds into a raised bed and will take home heirloom tomato seeds to grow in a pot. The program is free. 10:00-11:00 am at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden at Freedom Park (rain date April 3). Bring a water bottle, gloves, and a trowel, and dress for a mess! For more information contact Barb Dunbar, Programs chair 757-880-8875.

Hey Neighbor! OPEN HOUSE - WALSINGHAM ACADEMY

March 28, 2010

1:30 - 3:30 PM. Parents and students are invited to join us to meet faculty and students. You will have the opportunity to tour the Upper and Lower Schools (pre-K-12th grade), visit classrooms, and learn about our many programs.

Hey Neighbor! "PUTTIN' ON THE TENOR - A CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE ANIMALS"

March 28, 2010

4 p.m. Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, College of William & Mary Campus. Internationally acclaimed tenor Anthony Kearns, well known all over the world as one of The Irish Tenors, will perform a medley of beautifully rendered opera and classical pieces, traditional Irish favorites, internationally recognized standards and golden classics.

Every dollar of the net proceeds from this event will go to support and benefit The Heritage Humane Society, an organization whose mission it is to provide for the care of injured, stray or unwanted companion animals of the Greater Williamsburg area. \$50: General Reserved Seating, \$125: Premium Reserved Seating (includes a post concert reception with Mr. Kearns and heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages). 10% off groups of 10 or more! Box Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Phone: 757-221-2674 or online: www.wm.edu/Boxoffice

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