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This issue of *Next Door Neighbors* is about holiday memories. No matter what your beliefs, the holiday season generally brings with it a sense of wonderment. If you allow yourself to take a moment to reflect, it is likely that you can remember very specific experiences in your own past that bring a smile to your face and lift your spirits.



Meredith Collins, Publisher

Yes, the holidays are a time for giving and sharing, of family and friends, and for reflecting upon our own lives and taking account for where we are in life's journey and where we want to be. It gives us a great reason to take a break from the hustle and bustle of our lives and encourages us to not only connect with loved ones, but to also remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Of course, many of our fond memories go way back to a time when we were very young and carefree. In preparing for this issue, I uncovered some diary entries that I had written when I was only ten years old. I couldn't help but chuckle out loud when I read what my young mind had written and I am quite sure my naive ten year old mind would have never thought those precious thoughts would make their way into the pages of my own magazine almost four decades later. I've shared those diary entries and some related thoughts in this issue. I hope you enjoy reading them. Happy Holidays! NDN

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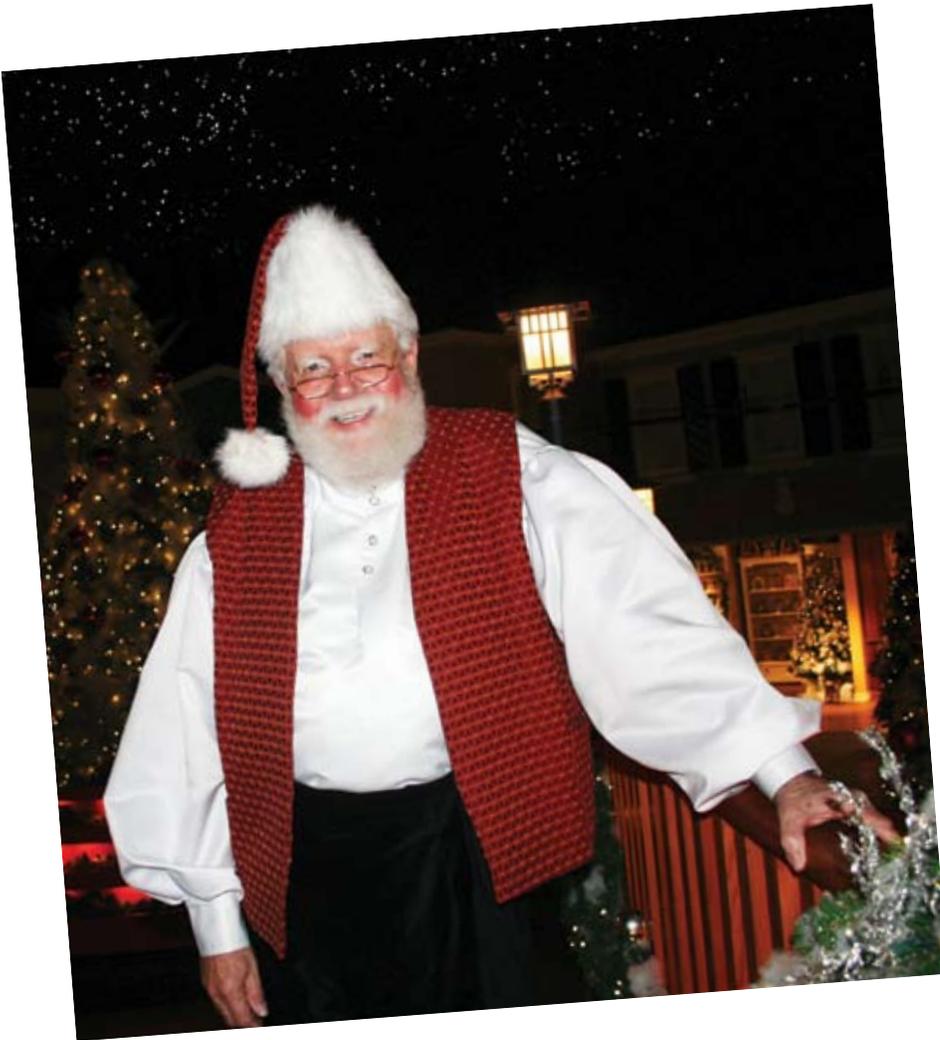
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Bill Eanes is Williamsburg's Jolly Santa

By Brandy Centolanza

If you visit the Yankee Candle Village in Williamsburg and happen to walk past Santa Claus, you just might do a double-take. Bill Eanes, Yankee Candle's Santa since 2005, is a dead ringer for the jolly old elf – right down to the rosy red cheeks and awesome shiny black boots. Even Scrooge would have to stop for a closer look. Bill's portrayal of Santa is so charming and authentic that you simply have to wonder what inspires him.

Bill grew up on a farm in Chesterfield County, VA where he was surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who all came together to create the fond holiday memories he treasures. "We were a very close family," Bill recalls of those early holidays. "Christmas was such a happy and joyful time."

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Each year, Bill and his siblings would help his parents select a Christmas tree from the woods, usually a cedar. Mom and Dad then waited until Christmas Eve to decorate the tree, and only after the children went to sleep. "We always had to go to bed early, and were told that Santa better not catch us up," Bill says.

Bill's father, Joe, was a hunter, and he would wake his children on Christmas morning by firing a blast of his shotgun into the chilly holiday air. "We could not wait to hear that sound," Bill chuckles. "We were so excited. It was our clue that Santa had come and we could get up."

Today, the tradition lives on; Bill's son, Eric, now fires a shotgun on Christmas morning to wake Bill's five grandchildren. "I'm glad to see he is carrying on my father's tradition

with his own children," Bill says proudly.

Another sign that Christmas was at hand was when Bill's mother, Mary Ellen, started her holiday baking, preparing her signature fruitcakes for family and friends. Joe was responsible for the presents and, according to Bill, he was pretty good at it. Bill remembers his favorite childhood gift was his bicycle. Bill and his brothers and sisters rode their new bikes all Christmas day.

Christmas morning was usually spent at home, but the rest of the day was spent with Bill's extended family. First they would gather at his maternal grandparent's house for lunch with all of his aunts and uncles, and his 11 cousins. "The children would just play all day," he remembers fondly.

Christmas dinner was shared with his father's side of the family. "My aunt was like a second Santa Claus," Bill says of his father's sister. "She always brought a gift for everyone. We really anticipated her arrival."

One year, when Bill was a teenager, he worried Christmas wouldn't come at his house. His mother was due to have his youngest sis-

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ter and was hospitalized on December 22nd. "We were so adamant that she could not go," Bill recalls. "We just could not have Christmas without our mother." Somehow she made it home by December 25th and she even brought the small, special gift with her - a baby girl named Florence.

Bill, who has always been heavily involved with church, became more active upon his retirement. An avid piano and organ player, Bill was music director at Walnut Hills Baptist Church for 15 years, and later became the music director and children's coordinator at James River Baptist Church. "That is what first got me started working with children," Bill says.

Today, as Santa at Yankee Candle Village, Bill works to create similar memories in the children who come to visit him. Bill originally took a job at Yankee Candle in the stock room, intent on working only part time. Not long after he started, he was asked to fill in as Santa Claus, and eventually the role became permanent. "I never did go back into the stock room," he says. "I ended up starting another career as Santa. It's really been a wonderful, wonderful job for me."

Bill portrays Santa year-round at the store and has a workshop set up in Holiday Park, where kids frequently visit and he sometimes sits and reads stories with them. Virginia Mason, a longtime Williamsburg resident, has sewn over 20 beautiful Santa costumes for Bill to wear. Initially he wore a fake beard for the job, but Bill felt he would be more relaxed and it would be more authentic if he grew a real beard. He says his mood improves whenever he steps into Santa's shoes. "I have my 'Ho Ho Ho' down," he says. "The best part is seeing the surprise on all the children's faces when they see me. It brings me a lot of joy. It makes me feel so good when the children say, 'Oh, you are the real one.'"

Though his main job at Yankee Candle is the portrayal of Santa Claus, Bill's other duties include stringing the lights on all the Christmas trees in Holiday Park, as well as a little bit of sales, stocking, and public relations for the store. Bill's "official" arrival as Santa is typically mid-November, when he rides in on a carriage drawn by his horses, Snowflake and Icicle. Santa and Mrs. Claus are there almost daily throughout the holiday season, posing for snapshots and making memories with all the patrons, young and old alike. He especially enjoys the hugs and smiles he receives from the kids. When children hop in his lap, he takes an interest in them. "I like to ask them about themselves, find out about them, how they liked trick-or-treating, how they are doing in school, if they play any sports, before I ask them what they want for Christmas," Bill relates warmly. "When they ask me if I am the real Santa, I ask them, 'Do you want me to be the real Santa?'"

Bill hopes the answer will always be 'yes'. It doesn't take a DNA test to identify a real Santa Claus; it is clearly evident in Bill's glowing smile and the twinkle in his eye. "This is just such a special job," Bill confesses, with all the warmth and cheer of a down-home Chesterfield family holiday. NDN

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HOLIDAY MEMORIES



Tom Martin Remembers Toano During the Great Depression

By Sara E. Lewis

In 1997, Tom Martin gave his children a very special Christmas gift: a book of memories he compiled about growing up in Toano, the village that was James City County's commercial hub when he was young. His memories about people, places, and events begin about 1930, and continue until his matriculation to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in 1941. He wrote in the introduction: *You may remember hearing me tell of some of these things, but most will be new to you, and, I hope, will give you some insight as to how I was raised, and how things looked to me, a young boy growing up in that rather unique community.*

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in what life was like in early twentieth-century James City County. At that time, Toano was a bustling place with about twenty family homes, a school, a railroad depot and freight station, barrel and canning factories, a bank, three hotels, several stores and restaurants, garages for motor vehicles, stables for horses, a pool hall, and more.

Tom remembers that Christmas was a time of family gatherings and big meals. Decorations were simpler and gifts were fewer. His

memories conform to holiday rites as practiced in America from the Victorian age until the post-World War II years. The Christmas tree was put up during the week before Christmas and a pageant was held at church. Since his father owned a clothing and dry goods store (in the building currently occupied by Equilibrium Exercise Gallery) and Christmas Eve was the biggest day of the year, his parents didn't put out gifts until late that night.

"At Christmas-time my father always had a pretty good stock of special gift items, such as toy wagons, tricycles, boxes of handkerchiefs, stationery, cheap costume jewelry, etc. and always a wooden box of hard candy."

The store's second floor was not much used. "I do recall that at least once in the early 1930s the second floor was used to display Christmas goods," he said. The store was heated by a potbellied iron stove. "On cold winter mornings, the big plate glass

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"In that community, and I believe in most of rural Virginia, Christmas was the time for fireworks," said Tom. The store had firecrackers, Roman candles, sky rockets, torpedoes, and sparklers. "The smallest firecrackers, which we called 'flashcrackers' came in a package with the fuses all bound up together so that that whole package could be set off with one lighting. As these things cost 5 or 10 cents a pack, we didn't very often set them all off in one shot."

The Toano boys got into mischief with the 6-inch firecrackers they called cannon crackers. "One Christmas some of my pals got hold of a piece of one inch metal pipe about six feet long, and we mashed one end shut and made a wooden plug to fit in the other end. We would stick the closed end of the pipe in the ground, light one of the cannon crackers, drop it in the pipe, put the plug in the end and hit it with a board to tap it in tight, and point the pipe up toward the sky. This thing was really like a mortar, which we had never heard of then but learned about in World War II." The plug would be blown far away and the contraption was an accident waiting to happen. "One of the guys decided to hold the pipe against the side of his body and aim it at something, and when the cannon cracker went off the pipe kicked back and ripped his shirt almost in two. We must not have realized how dangerous this thing was, but finally ran out of cannon crackers, and also got tired of trying to find the plug after a shot." Just as well. The next accident might have been worse. "The fuses on the cannon crackers were not very long and getting the plug in before it went off was not easy to do," he said

Tom's father came to Toano from New Kent in 1911. His mother's home was near Farmville. She came to Toano High School as the Home Economics teacher. The family lived in an American four-square-style house, which legend has it the elder Martin won in a card game. Tom doesn't believe it, but notes that his father never categorically denied the rumor. For Christmas, his father cut down a cedar tree nearby. Snow on the holiday was rare. Around Thanksgiving his mother made an excellent dark fruitcake with cherries and dried fruits that would cure until Christmas. She enjoyed entertaining guests. "Big gatherings on Thanksgiving and Christmas seemed to please my mother," Tom said.

The family also had turkey. "On a few occasions, my father had killed a wild turkey at Thanksgiving or Christmas, and that was always a special dish. I recall that at age 10 or 12, it seemed to be my job to kill a live turkey in case Dad didn't bag one for those occasions," Tom said. This brought back other memories. "I recall that a small rope would be tied to the turkey's foot." The rope was thrown

over a tree limb. The bird was beheaded and hoisted up “so that the blood was pumped out before his heart stopped beating.” Toano’s Wilkinson and Geddy store sold live turkeys and chickens during the holidays, Tom remembers, which made picking the turkey “another matter altogether.” Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner also included dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, old ham, sweet potatoes, beans, sliced tomatoes and homemade rolls. The desserts included dark fruitcake, mincemeat pie, sweet potato pie, and homemade lemon jelly with custard.

Holidays were shared with his mother’s sister, Virginia, and her husband, Gordon Taylor, who lived in New Kent. “Gordon loved games, as did my father, and I recall one Christmas Ju Ju and I got a game with two pistols which were fired by pushing into the barrel a long slender stick with a rubber suction cup on the end, which were then shot at a tin target.” Ju Ju was Tom’s name for his older brother, Walter Coleman Martin Jr., an Air Force B-24 pilot who was lost in a collision over the Adriatic Sea during World War II. “Gordon wanted to play that game all afternoon. That was before the days of TV so there was no football game to watch, which would have undoubtedly captured the attention of all the men and boys.”

There were five children in the Martin family: Ju Ju, Tom, two sisters, and another brother. He remembers getting a wristwatch one year and another year Ju Ju and Tom got tricycles. His sisters received dolls. “When Ju Ju and I were like 8 and 10 years old, he decided we should use the money we got from Aunt Alice for Christmas, one dollar each, to buy a microscope. It cost \$2.98, and I don’t remember where we got the 98 cents but we went to Thalhimers in Richmond and picked it out.”

Another Christmas memory involved Toano neighbor Bob Barksdale, who had been a railroad engineer. As a youth, Tom worked at the soda fountain in Bob and Eula Barksdale’s Drug Store, across the street from his father’s store. “I have heard people say that while with the railroad Cousin Bob had a magic touch with train whistles, and could play ‘Silent Night’ on the whistle, which he often did on Christmas Eve during his railroading days.”

Barksdale’s was demolished when Richmond Road was widened. Among the stores that disappeared about 1960 with Barksdale’s were Taylor’s Garage and Ford Agency, Richardson’s Grocery Store, the barber shop and pool room, the County Agent’s office, the ice house, Trice’s Restaurant, and Slater’s Store. “The Toano that I knew in those days was no more after that happened, and ceased to be a ‘Village’ like it was during the Depression days of the 1930s.”

Though Tom spent his career life in Warrenton as an attorney and he and his wife Louanne currently live at Williamsburg Landing, he is never far from the Toano of his youth and a treasure trove of Christmas memories. NDN

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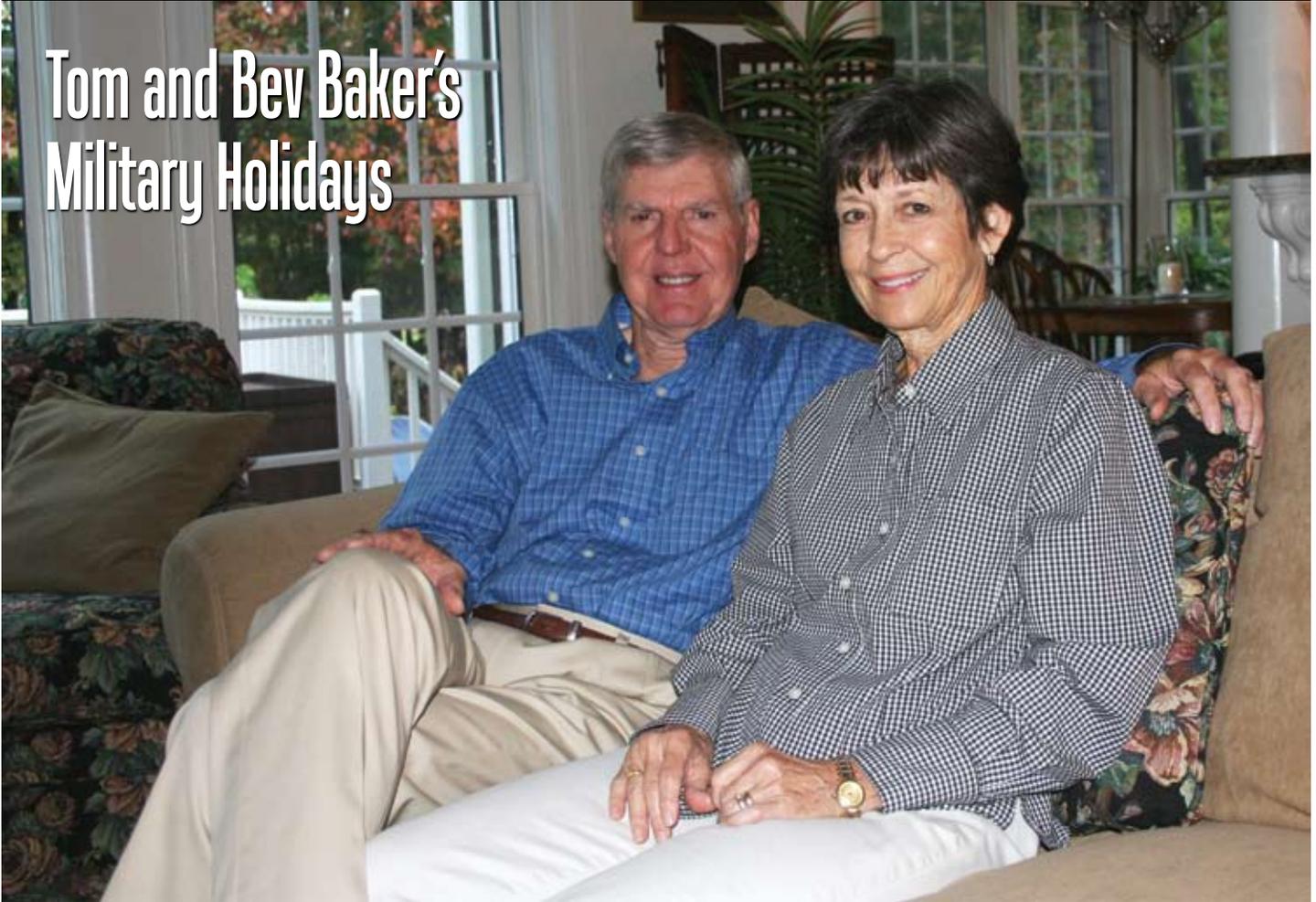
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Tom and Bev Baker's Military Holidays



By Linda Landreth Phelps

Members of the United States military are not the only ones who serve their fellow citizens. No matter what day it is, firefighters arrive when the alarm is sounded, and a police officer or ambulance is just a

911 call away. Holidays or not, a life of public service means long hours, sacrifices, and sometimes danger. However, what is unique to the armed services is that during this time of traditional family closeness and celebra-

tion, some of these men and women will be deployed around the world while their loved ones gather without them.

When retired Lt. General Thomas A. Baker first entered the United States Air Force in

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1958, he realized that farewells were assured and reunions were never guaranteed. For every member of a military family, sacrifice would be the order of the day. Though many birthdays, graduations, and anniversaries took place without Tom's presence, he and his wife Beverly were unusually fortunate to have shared all but one Christmas during their 48 years of marriage.

"I was in Saudi Arabia," Tom recalls. "So there were none of the usual familiar Christmas decorations. My buddies and I had friends in Germany send us a tree, and when it arrived it was the scraggiest old Charlie Brown tree you ever saw!" Tom laughs. "The Saudis thought we were crazy, maybe even tree-worshippers, but we put it up in the common area and everybody helped decorate it. It was a good way to have some semblance of a celebration and a reminder of home."

Tom served 35 years in the Air Force and then went on to another career in Texas, directing a state prison system with 30,000

Christmas dinner tables in the U.K. aren't complete without 'crackers', or small paper cylinders that pop when you pull on the ends and contain folded paper hats.

- Bev Baker

inmates.

"The duties there were not really all that dissimilar from that of an Air Force base," he says with a chuckle. "I was still in charge

of things such as food service, maintenance, and security. The biggest difference is that at military bases the fences keep people out, and prison fences are supposed to keep people in."

Six years ago, with a staggering total of 24 moves behind them, Tom and Bev arrived from Austin, TX to settle in Williamsburg, in a lovely home in Greensprings West with a décor that reflects their world travels.

"We had five different assignments in Germany, three in England, one in Spain, and one in Korea," Bev says.

From these diverse places, Tom and Bev and their two children, Doug and Laura, adopted some of their favorite holiday customs as their own.

"Our time in England was a lot of fun," Bev says. "Christmas dinner tables in the U.K. aren't complete without 'crackers', or small paper cylinders that pop when you pull



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on the ends and contain folded paper hats. So ever since our stay there, when we sit down to eat you'll hear the little explosions of crackers and see us all wearing our silly hats."

Food is so much a part of any holiday celebration, and they've sampled the best in the world.

"I'll never forget the stollen, a traditional Christmas pastry that we used to have in Germany," Tom recalled. "It was delicious - and so was the hot Glühwein [a spiced rum and wine concoction] after a day's skiing."

After experiencing the adventure of travel around the globe, Tom and Bev chose Williamsburg as their retirement destination in order to be close to their two children and four grandchildren. They have new holiday traditions now.

"For many years our good friends have gathered for the Grand Illumination and a post-fireworks soup potluck," Bev says. "We always enjoy our Williamsburg Community Chapel's services, especially the wonderful Christmas concerts. We spend Christmas Eve and Christmas morning with

our daughter Laura's family in Virginia Beach. Her husband is a U.S. Navy Captain who returned from duty in Bahrain last July and will soon retire. Then we jump in the car and drive to our son Doug's home in Baltimore to spend the rest of the day with him and his family.

We realize that due to our moving so often and to such distant posts, our parents never had the opportunity to have a close relationship with their grandchildren, and so we're grateful for this chance to be with our own."

Like his father, their son used to be in the Air Force, too. "Doug serves in the Maryland Air National Guard now," Tom says with pride. "He's preparing for his third deployment and will be going to Afghanistan in January." The Baker family's tradition of patriotic service to their country has clearly carried forward another generation.

"The big holiday we host is the 4th of July," Tom shares. "There's no better place to be than Williamsburg to celebrate our freedom,

For the deployed on remotes, or unaccompanied tours their unit or squadron becomes like a surrogate family. We have so many good lifelong friends all over the world, and we owe that to our time in the Air Force.

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Even though their family endured many separations during Tom’s long and successful Air Force career, they remember the military as a large extended family, with lots of friends to help fill the gaps left by a loved one’s absence.

“No matter where you are, you’ll find others in the same situation. It’s especially hard on the younger people with small children. They have to be creative and support each other to stay strong,” Bev remembers. Thankfully it’s different now, with email and all the other technically sophisticated methods of communication. It’s easier for those who are far away from home to stay engaged in their family’s lives. “But it’s not like being there, especially at the holidays,” she says emphatically.

“For the deployed on remotes, or unaccompanied tours,” Tom adds, “their unit or squadron becomes like a surrogate family. We have so many good lifelong friends all over the world, and we owe that to our time in the Air Force.”

This year should once again be a very merry Christmas for Tom and Bev and their loved ones, but they will remember that those who serve their country are not always so fortunate.

“Bev and I enter every holiday season knowing that many military families will not be together in the traditional way, and based on our own experience we know how tough that can be. We would like to extend our best wishes to those who face a challenging holiday season, with the hope that they will soon be reunited with their families.” NDN

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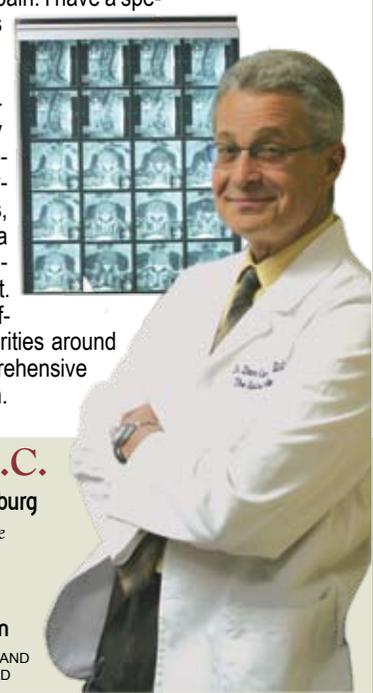
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The Dancing Memories of Joan Gavalier

By Rachel Sapin

The first time you see a dance performed or choreographed by Joan Gavalier, Professor and Chair of William and Mary's Theatre, Speech and Dance Department, you find out very quickly that she's creative, and that her dances are engaging because of their unusual and often playful use of movement; many of her holiday memories fit the same mold. "When I was very young, it [Christmas] was a light-hearted holiday," she remembers. "Of course, children receiving lots of gifts; what kid doesn't enjoy that?"

The William and Mary graduate and later-to-be professor grew up in the tree-lined suburb of Penn Hills, a community with nearly 19 square miles of rolling hills situated near the Allegheny River, ten miles east of Pittsburgh. Joan's family never had to worry about a Christmas tree during the

holidays; in fact, her father usually walked in the doorway with two.

"We would celebrate Christmas at home - complete with a tree, of course," she remembers. "However, the house decoration that we had was a little different than most of the neighborhood's; my dad would actually buy two trees each year. He would cut the branches off the second tree and mount

them onto a large wooden frame to make a rather large wreath on the front of the house. The 'bow' was made of wood covered in red waterproof material and a spotlight made it visible at night. My father is a very creative fellow, and I believe he came up with the idea himself. During the Vietnam War, my parents mounted a silver peace sign in the center



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of the wreath.”

When her father wasn't spending time whittling down their second tree, Joan remembers him taking the family through southern Pennsylvania's scenic and historic Allegheny region to visit relatives in Carrolltown for the holidays. "Carrolltown got even more snow than Pittsburgh," she remembers of one wintry holiday trip to the area as a child. "One year (my brother and I were still very young), my dad piled the snow that had fallen in the night into a very tall mound (maybe six feet) and then dug out the bottom to make a little igloo that we could fit in."

Dance also holds a place in Joan's memories of the holidays. As a child, she was enchanted by Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*, the story of a young girl's adventures with her nutcracker doll-turned-prince through the land of snow and sweets. "I don't remember all the particular Nutcrackers that I've seen," says Joan, "but I have an image of the Christmas tree growing, growing, out of the stage as Claire moved into the magical realm

of the Sugar Plum Fairy?"

Dance itself played an important role in Joan's life when she was younger; growing up, she took part in a variety of performing arts activities as she developed a craft that would someday be her life's work. "One of my main activities growing up, not surprisingly, was taking ballet and jazz classes at the O'Steen School of Dance (Tom O'Steen had been a dancer on the Perry Como Show)," she says. "In the summer months I was part of the Penn Hills Summer Musical program - we did *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Oklahoma!* and *Carousel!*"

It's fun to remember what the holidays were like when we were younger, but it's also important to appreciate how we experience them today and acknowledge that we may experience them somewhat differently. "I think memories of our families and memories of the holidays are closely intertwined," remarks Joan. "Our family relationships have a lot of emotional impact on us and the holidays can magnify that. The holidays remind

us of childhood; during childhood we weren't as emotionally developed and perhaps we regress just a bit. But it's good to remember that we don't have to repeat the things that don't work for us and we can decide to try something different."

Although Joan does not worry herself over trying to experience the holidays exactly as she did growing up, she does find that the holiday season offers a unique time to tap into a child-like exuberance. It's something she describes as "the feeling of being care-free and protected and just open to all the future possibilities of a life."

"To me, that part is not a regression, that's tapping into something very real that it would be great to stay connected to throughout the year," she explains.

Of course, Joan will always appreciate the light-hearted holidays she experienced as a child. "When I go home during the holiday, I always enjoy seeing that wreath on the front of the house," she says. NDN

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HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Let It Snow. Let It Snow. Let It Snow.

By Meredith Collins

If I close my eyes, it is not difficult at all to remember the 10 year old girl who wrote the words in the diary pages below. Those brief, precise entries bring back memories so vivid that I can recall almost every detail of that wintry season 39 years ago.

I grew up in Lynchburg, VA which is also called the City of Seven Hills. As a youngster, winter time almost always brought a few good snows - ones that were deep enough to make cars come to a standstill for the day

and to strain the muscles of anyone shoveling the sidewalks and driveways. All the kids in the neighborhood had sleds and when the weather forecast gave us even a hint of snow, we would go find old bars of soap or candles and start waxing the runners on them.

We had three main slopes we gathered on for sledding. Crawford Road, immortalized in the passages below, was our "warm-up slope" because it has only a slight incline. It was typically only used by younger kids.

Those of us who were adventurous quickly tired of that slope and moved on to Rhonda Road. This is where most of the neighborhood kids gathered because it was very steep and straight on two sides coming to a "V" in the middle. A good snow would keep cars away for several days as long as it stayed cold and the snow did not melt fast. The incline was steep enough to give a good, fast ride and if you really got a good start you could coast part of the way up the other side, which means your walk to the top of the opposite slope was much shorter.

Oftentimes we would build big bonfires at the top of the hill. Sometimes we would have fifteen to twenty people alternately sledding and staying warm by the fire. Most of the neighborhood kids would spend their time sledding and some of the parents would gather around the bonfire to watch and stay warm.

At times we could be absolute maver-

icks, tying five or six sleds together for a run. We would pile up on top of one another - as many as we could fit on our "raft of sleds" - and head down the slope. Of course, it was impossible to steer the group of sleds and it was rare that we made it all the way down the hill. We usually veered to one side and slammed into a curb sending everyone off in a big heap of arms, limbs, mittens, and giggles.

Our favorite sledding destination was "Dead Man's Path", which was off limits from starting at the top for most kids (including me) since parents could see the inherent danger in sledding on such a steep, curved slope so close to trees. Dead Man's Path was a paved walkway that went down a hillside that dropped off rather quickly, winding through the woods to another neighborhood. All the kids went there to go the full distance when they could sneak away. If you built up too much speed going down the slope you were in danger of not being able to negotiate a couple of very sharp curves. Most of us knew to roll off the sled if we couldn't make it. But you had to think quick. I remember one of my childhood friends, Bill Light, didn't make it once and he flew off the side of the embankment, went airborne and slammed into a tree. I suppose he didn't do any permanent damage since he later spent many years as a successful attorney and is now a judge in Lynchburg. I am pretty sure he is not sledding Dead Man's Path these days.

I have many wonderful holiday memories. Sledding outside on those cold snowy days, however, were times I especially appreciate and I'm thankful that I was not a part of this young generation of handheld devices, online games and twittering. I loved playing outside until every stitch of clothing was wet, my hands were pink, stiff and frozen through my gloves and my nose looked like Rudolph's. If we get a good snow this winter in Williamsburg, you might just find me outside building a snowman - or maybe even waxing my sled runners. NDN

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 Today it is predicted to snow. And it did. Around noon it started pouring. After about an hour or two maybe three Crawford Rd. was slick as Ice. Mike & Ginger went out and sledded. Then Alice came out, then Bruce and then Keith, David, Doug & Greg. Soon I went in and watched it. At 9:00 we went to a party. We got back at 12:01 which is a New Year.

JANUARY 1 1970
 Today we got up, ate then went sleigh riding. We sledded on Crawford Rd. Later we went to "Dead Man's Path" I was only allowed to start half-way Libby and Alice came down late and we played around. The snow was real thick. I had fun today.

JANUARY 2 1970
 Today I went to the path again. I started from the top but I wasn't supposed to. No one told so I didn't get into trouble. The path was slick as crud and that made it fast too. I had wrecks like mad but it was fun. We went back after supper but didn't stay too long.

JANUARY 4 1971
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Virginia Albright Reminisces on “the most wonderful time of year”

By Ryan Jones

No one would have envied Jacob Marley and the entourage of traveling ghosts from Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* as they made their way through the swirling snow to stand outside of Ebenezer Scrooge’s cold, seemingly deserted mansion. In a 19th century version of *Mission Impossible*, the four “holiday spirits” visited selfish and miserly Scrooge on Christmas Eve in hopes of convincing him that Christmas was best spent in heartfelt service, caring for the needs of others rather than hoarding wealth and answering holiday greetings with “Bah! Humbug!” After a long night of persuasion, Scrooge finally understood the meaning of Christmas as the warmth of the winter morning light streamed into his bedroom window and into his slowly thawing heart.

This year, maybe Marley and Company



will decide to cut down on long overtime hours with tough prospects like Scrooge and come to Williamsburg for some lighter duty and warmer weather. If by chance they find themselves assigned to long-time resident Virginia Albrecht, they might even consider taking the evening off for a stroll down festive Duke of Gloucester Street.

Virginia has ideas about Christmas that would make even the hidden face of the

Ghost of Christmas Future crinkle in smiling approval. For almost a century, she has looked forward to serving in fellowship with area residents each December as she joins others in the community in celebrating “the most wonderful time of the year.”

Born in 1921 in the rural foothills of the southwestern section of the state, Virginia believes that Christmas is a time for cherishing family, friends, and even those she

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doesn't know well.

"It's the time of the year that I can have everybody together and really enjoy them - you know, get close to them and bond with them," she says.

For years, Virginia has been busy doing just that. Whether she is distributing stuffed animals to assisted-living residents, giving out hugs in Walnut Hills Baptist Church, or baking holiday goodies for friends and family, Virginia finds opportunities to make Christmas special for many people in the Williamsburg area.

Virginia attributes much of the gratitude she feels in her life to the influence of her family. Growing up in Rocky Mount, VA in the 1930's wasn't easy. The Great Depression was in full swing, and many people were down and out despite efforts to find work and provide means for their families. Virginia remembers feeling blessed and grateful despite long hours spent working in the country:

"I had to get up and go out to the fields in the morning before daylight, work 'til dark,

and maybe come home long enough to eat some cornbread, 'hoe cakes', and drink a glass of milk."

Though times were tough, Virginia is appreciative of the lessons she learned in overcoming adversity. "It made a better person out of me," she says.

Virginia remembers taking long walks to church every Sunday. As she walked, she remembers seeing a Bible under the arm of her Uncle John, who was a strong influence in her upbringing. John not only walked to church, but gave a blessing on his meals and encouraged Virginia to join the church choir.

Virginia's typical childhood response of "Do I have to?" revealed her reluctance to sing in front of the church congregation.

"I tried my best," she says with a smile and a twinkle in her eye.

Virginia remembers Christmas-time being a humble occasion when she was growing up. She describes her Christmas gifts, typical of the Great Depression era:

"Just a little brown paper bag, big enough

for an apple, an orange, and a piece of striped mint candy. The rest of the bag was filled with different kinds of nuts. Every Christmas, that's what we got."

Virginia remarks that scarcity in her younger years gave her a reason to work hard to make sure Christmas was special for her own extended family when she was older. Virginia's house was a gathering spot for children, grandchildren and other family members during the holiday season for many years. She smiles wistfully as she remembers doing all of the meal preparations and baking for the holiday reunions.

"That's when I started doing the Christmas dinners myself - doing all of the cooking and inviting everyone to come. That was the best time of my life," she says, lamenting that her home is no longer the designated gathering spot. "Now everyone brings a dish."

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her church and makes sure each person gets a card, gift, or baked goodie for Christmas and other special occasions every year. With an immediate family of three sons, a sorely missed late daughter, nine grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren, Virginia has the opportunity to express her holiday spirit abundantly.

“Somehow or another, I manage to do it. How I do it, I don’t know, but I do it. I always will as long as there is breath in my body,” she says.

Once, while visiting a family member at an assisted-living facility during the holidays, Virginia decided to bring a small stuffed animal as a token of affection. Many of the residents she passed in the hallways let her know that they really liked the gift, and wouldn’t mind having one of their own. Virginia needed no further prompting. She and a neighborhood walking buddy obtained more of the furry novelties and brought them back to share with her new friends. She has also been known to take the time to find out what many of the diet-restricted residents are able

to eat, and brings appropriate home-cooked goodies for them to enjoy. Not to be left out of the holiday festivities, plates of cookies and cakes can also be found at the nurses’ stations, still warm from Virginia’s oven.

Whether it is with a card, a cake, a gift, or a warm hug, Virginia is determined to make the holiday season a special occasion for anyone who is lucky enough to know her, and even for a few of those who aren’t. This year, her family has made special plans to give her the gift that is perhaps closest to her heart. For some, that gift would be a Caribbean cruise, for others, a brand new flatscreen TV or a Wii. For Virginia, it will be Christmas at her house....just like old times. With her family gathered around her, the soft strains of *I’ll Be Home for Christmas* barely audible above the laughter of the young and young-at-heart, and a few home-baked treats to enjoy, Virginia will join the rest of our small town in expressing gratitude for blessings received and given.

“That’s what life is all about,” Virginia says, “Just loving each other.”

As the yuletide season brings it’s festive cheer to Williamsburg this year, maybe Dickens’ quartet of overworked holiday ghosts will take a break from their work with Scrooges long enough to take a peek into Virginia’s window as she, like so many others in our community welcomes family and friends for Christmas. If they do, they will likely look at each other, nod slightly, and go back out into the winter night with a renewed spark of confidence that our busy world will pause to consider a choice gift we are reminded of every 25th of December. A gift that can be found quietly permeating ancient, moonlit hills as the shepherds in Virginia’s small nativity watch over their flocks by night. A gift hidden in the worn pages of a black book tucked neatly under Uncle John’s arm as he disappears down a dusty lane in Rocky Mount, VA.

A gift of hope that Virginia Albrecht finds whispering in Williamsburg’s mild winter wind, and in the recesses of her own heart, each year come Christmas-time:

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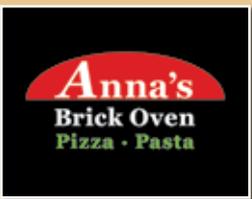


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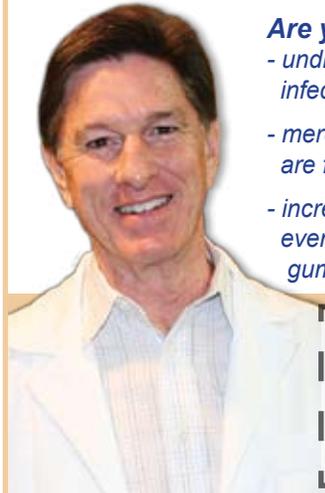
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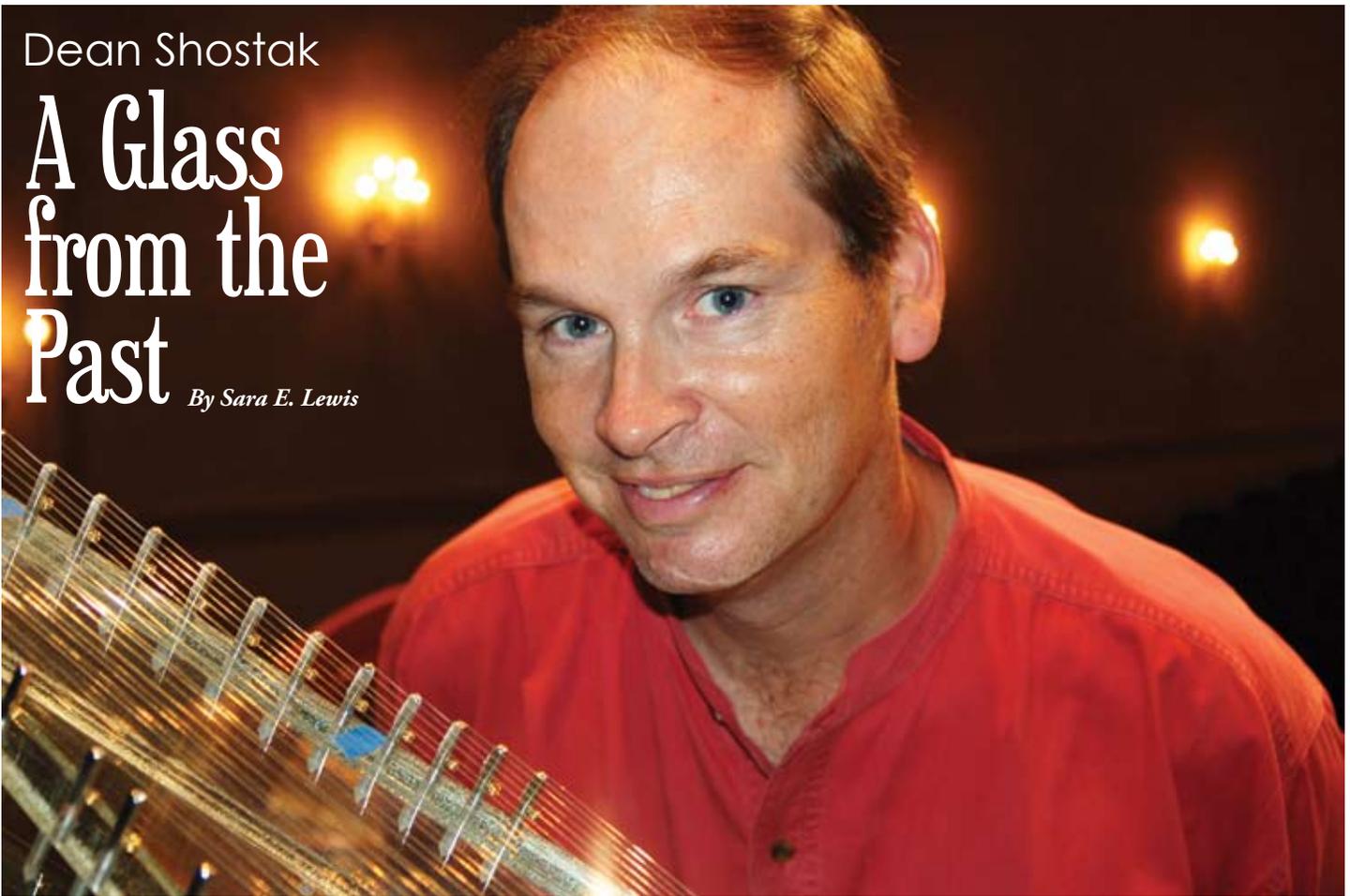
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Dean Shostak

A Glass from the Past

By Sara E. Lewis



Dean Shostak is a familiar name to those who have been in touch with events at Colonial Williamsburg through the years. Although he began his career at the museum at the age of 14, it wasn't until 1991 that he began the work for which he is best known today and for which he will be remembered:

Dean is credited with bringing the lost art of the glass armonica back to Williamsburg.

After much research and practice, Dean mesmerized audiences here with the crystal-clear sounds of the eighteenth century instrument, which was thought at that time to become more popular than the pianoforte.

By 1994, Dean began to record his old-new glass armonica music. First CDs included *Crystal Carols*, a natural combination of words evoking the instrument and its bell-like tones, and *Revolutions*, another play on words that calls to mind both the instrument and the period of its invention. Since then



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The crystal music is truly mesmerizing. In fact, the word originated with Dr. Franz Mesmer, a psychologist. He played the glass armonica as part of his treatments, says Dean.

The musician's passion for history and music began as he portrayed a violin student in Colonial Williamsburg's Music Shop. While attending the University of Virginia Dean came home to perform eighteenth-century music on weekends and holidays. After earning his degree in music, he returned to work at Colonial Williamsburg and began exploring some of the more unusual instruments that were popular in the eighteenth century, including the pocket violin and hurdy-gurdy.

His interest in historic instruments eventually led him to the glass armonica. The instrument was invented by Benjamin Franklin. While in France, the Pennsylvania patriot's inquisitive nature was piqued upon hearing music played on the rims of glasses. Franklin became curious about how to play chords, not just one note at a time, on glass. He came up with the idea of placing glass bowls on a

spindle in descending size. The new instrument was played by wetting the fingers and using a treadle to keep the bowls going round and round while playing it in harpsichord-like fashion.

"What made me want to play this instrument was that it was played in Williamsburg from 1765 to 1772," says Dean. But a complete glass instrument had not survived here; the Colonial Williamsburg collection of antiques did include a partial glass armonica. When Dean began to look for a glass armonica so that he could play it, he learned that although one had not been made for nearly two centuries, the craft of making this musical instrument had been freshly revived in 1982.

As a recent college graduate, it took Dean years to save the money to buy an armonica and about as long again to teach himself to play it. Further research led him to a sheet of music that was played at a concert in eighteenth-century Williamsburg. At Crystal Concerts, Dean tells his audiences about the music as he sits down to play the selection, a composition by Thomas Arne. "This is as close as I can get to giving you a true Williamsburg moment," he says to the hushed audience.

Dean plays from his first recording, Crystal Carols, at all of his concerts to show that the silver-bell holiday tunes sound perfect when performed on the spiraling glass ornaments. His first CD created a small blizzard

of excitement when it was released. Dean appeared on many local and national radio and television programs. He says that the scientists in his family weren't impressed, however, until they heard his glass armonica tunes played as background music on the Weather Channel.

Today Dean is one of eight glass armonica players in the world, but his accomplishment hasn't stopped there. Dean is inspired to continue in the spirit of Ben Franklin by creating and teaching himself to play other glass instruments. During his Crystal Concerts he plays a glass psalter, a glass violin, glass handbells, and a new instrument, the Cristal Baschet, invented by sound sculptors, Francois and Bernard Baschet, in Paris, France.

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Dean's Crystal Concerts are a perfect complement to the holidays and families might even decide to make Crystal Carols a holiday tradition. Crystal Carol Concerts are scheduled every day between Christmas Eve and New Year's weekend with the exception of New Year's Eve. Concert times, CDs, and additional information are available on Dean's website at www.crystalconcert.com. NDN

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Holiday Stress Management with Dr. Lynelle Ragland

by Greg Lilly, Lifestyle Editor



Be in the moment, Dr. Lynelle Ragland likes to say. What happened in the past or what may happen in the future causes stress when you try to explain it or mitigate it. As the holidays approach, who needs the extra stress?

Dr. Ragland grew up in South Hampton Roads and graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta. “I started as a Biochemistry major,” she says, “and then decided to switch to Psychology.” During high school, she had taken a couple of psychology classes and enjoyed them. “All my life I wanted to be a physician, so biochemistry seemed like the right thing to do,” she explains. “My father was a chemistry teacher at Norfolk State when I was growing up. Then as I matriculated through Spelman and didn’t enjoy the science classes that much, I remembered how those psychology courses had felt like a fit for me.” She found it was a good combination of her goal of helping people and her fascination in how the mind works. “The study of what makes us tick,” she adds.

While attending UNC – Chapel Hill for her doctorate and Texas A & M for her internship, Dr. Ragland worked at the student health centers and university hospitals. “It seemed the college student population was where I had found my calling,” she says. So when she accepted her first job, it was in the Counseling Center at the College of William and Mary. “It’s interesting working in the college environment watch-

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ing people grow and change and figuring out what their niche is, having gone through that myself," she says. "You really do have to find out what fits your personality."

This time of year, Dr. Ragland sees stress become an issue with her clients. Both the college students and the general population find the demands of the season overwhelming. Dr. Ragland sees four major sources of stress:

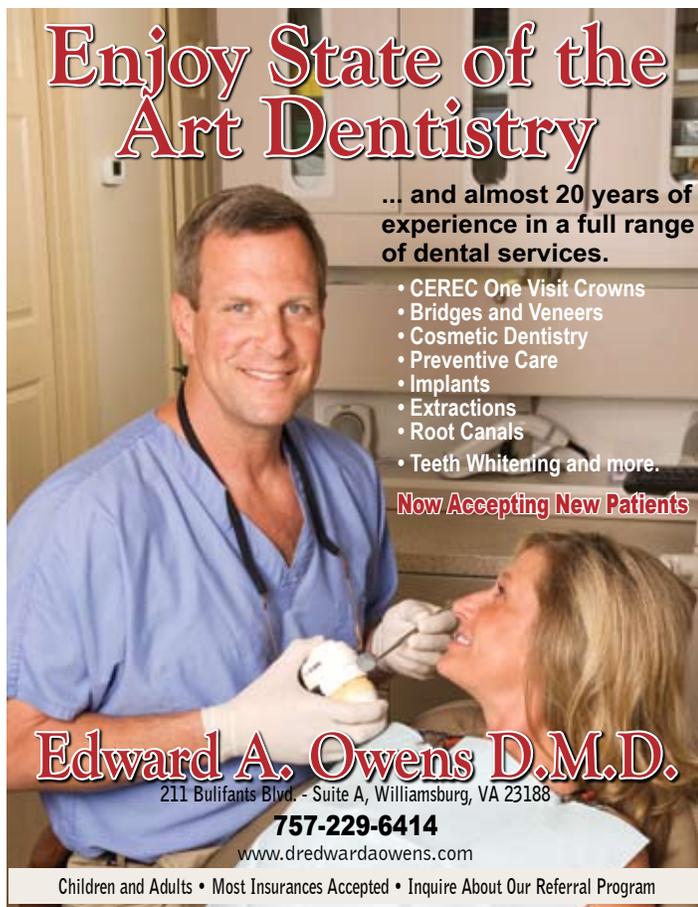
FINANCES – "This is number one," she says. "As the holidays roll around, we have certain things we want to do, like entertain and buy presents." We all want the holidays to be better than last year, more memorable, more exciting. "Unrealistic expectations," she adds. "Often we get ourselves in a deep financial hole trying to keep up and attempt-

ing to please everyone."

Dr. Ragland suggests: "First, put yourself on a budget and stick with it. You can also be creative with ways to show your love and appreciation for your family without breaking the bank. See who can come up with the most interesting or thoughtful gift under a certain amount of money." The holidays can become more of an emphasis on sharing your feelings and appreciation for one another. "Not necessarily who can have the best stuff," she adds. "In the long run, feelings and emotions are the things that you remember. Just be creative on how you spend your money and remember what it was like to dig yourself out of that hole last year." Sometimes that painful memory can be motivation to do things differently.

FAMILY STRESS – "Depending on what your family is like," Dr. Ragland begins, "spending time with them at holidays can be rewarding – a relaxing and fun experience. But for others, it can be stressful." Family issues creep up, or people are still dealing with residual hurts. These types of things can make spending time with family stressful. "You try to figure out: How do you navigate that? How do you negotiate time with family in a way that will be more helpful than hurtful?" she asks.

Dr. Ragland suggests: "It is important to set boundaries. If a week with your family, under the same roof, does not feel like it would be helpful for you, how can you spend time with your family and still honor your feelings?" One idea is to schedule a few



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meals with them, but also carve out some alone time for yourself. It's important to determine what fits for your needs. "Learn to say 'no' sometimes," she adds, "and don't take responsibility for other peoples' responses to that."

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS – "We always expect the holidays to be a certain way," she says, "but they never can meet those expectations."

Dr. Ragland suggests: "Be kind to yourself. If you haven't met a goal over the past year, that's okay. Sometimes we're successful and sometimes things go up and down." Don't try to lose weight; meet someone special or finish a special project by the end of the year. Trying to cram too much into an end-of-year deadline is self-imposed stress.

FIRST HOLIDAYS ALONE – "Another aspect of the holidays that we usually don't think about unless we're going through it ourselves is when you've experienced a loss that's recent," Dr. Ragland explains. Someone you love may have passed away, or you

could be dealing with a breakup of a significant relationship or a divorce. First holidays alone can also affect those with loved-ones overseas in the military who can't get home. Each of these can create a sense of loss.

Dr. Ragland suggests: "Reach out to other family members and talk about the loss. Be open about what you're feeling and find someone to talk with." When facing a holiday without someone, adjust your expectations; holidays don't have to be festive. Make it more reflective. "Reach out to others for support," she says. "Do something to honor that person you've lost." For those around a person who has had a loss, be open to talking about it. Ask how the person is doing. Show them you care enough to ask.

Stress ebbs and flows throughout the holiday season. Dr. Ragland recommends that you eat a balanced diet and exercise regularly. "Exercise is really helpful to combat depression," she says. "Stay away from an overindulgence of alcohol; don't use that as a stress reliever." Social support is a huge de-stressor,

she adds. "Look to nurturing and supportive family and friends. Find those people and talk about things that are going on. This can be helpful in sorting out difficult things."

Find twenty minutes during the day to decompress and reflect. "Being in a quiet space can be helpful to de-stress," she says.

"A lot of times, things we do every day to relieve our stress are the first things to go when we get overwhelmed," she says. "That's an instinctual thing: 'I don't have time to exercise.' 'I don't have time to cook.' Be mindful that stressful times are exactly the times we need to take some time out to recharge our batteries."

One last piece of advice Dr. Ragland gives: "Enjoy the moment. We spend so much time thinking about the past and what might happen in the future, we lose what's going on in the present. Sitting with family, having a great time, just sit there for a minute and enjoy where you are." NDN



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David Hoar
Creates Memorable Parties

by Greg Lilly, Lifestyle Editor

Whether it's a party, social, drop-in, tea, soiree or clam bake, it's probably scheduled in December. David Hoar knows a thing or two about entertaining. A Williamsburg native who co-hosts the region's

annual *Miss America* fundraiser, David focuses on the reason for the event. During the holidays, people gather to show their appreciation for friendships and to celebrate the bonds that link one person to another. "For so many of us, what do we need present-wise?" David asks.

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David grew up "in the country" – as he describes how the area between Toano and Norge was once referred to – and attended Matthew Whaley, Jamestown Academy and York Academy before leaving town for James Madison University. A graduation gift of an airline ticket from his uncle routed him to a travel agency to plan his trip. The agency recognized his enthusiasm and offered him a job. Twenty-nine years later, he still loves planning trips and parties.

"I really started planning parties about fifteen years ago," David says. "Before that, I just dabbled." Throwing a party as a gift can be tricky. David recounts a friend who didn't want a party. "I had to try to include a number of people who wanted to wish her a happy birthday," he explains, "but not have them there at the same time. I took her address book and sent a note to her contacts, saying to send a card to a certain address. I encouraged them to share different things about her." He received over two hundred cards from her friends and family, some included pictures or anecdotes or mementoes. "I put everything I received in this huge box and wrapped it. When she opened the box, balloons floated out and a rush of cards and little gifts tumbled into her lap." That experience helped him broaden his concept of a party; either a private affair or a large gathering, the key was the contribution of friends.

Nine years ago, David and his partner Mark attended a *Miss America* party in Norfolk. The party was like an office pool on who would win the pageant. Attendees would sponsor a state then root for their contestant. As their state advanced in the pageant, the sponsoring party guest would win prizes. The money raised benefited a local charity. "It was the last year they (the people in Norfolk) were going to do it," David explains. "Mark and I contacted Cathy Power from the Cheese Shop and the Fat Canary. We said 'We really want to do this. But we want you to come in with us.' We were thinking champagne and desserts." The event would be an annual party coinciding with the televised *Miss America Pageant*. People would gather to support the charity and root for their contestant while sampling dessert and champagne from local restaurants. "We went to the Trellis, the Williamsburg Inn, the Fat Canary; they all donated desserts," David says. "We had it in our home and there were 55 people that first year. This year is the ninth year and we're expecting over 250 guests to fill a local hotel's ballroom."

Although as fundraisers continue to expand, private holiday parties have had adjustments take place. "Within the last year, there has

definitely been a change,” David says. “People are going the more intimate route. Because of the economy, people are cutting back and aren’t as over-the-top in doing themes or that sort of thing.” The focus goes back to celebrating each other with the gift of time and companionship.

Key components to creating a great party, large or small, fall into three categories:

Experience

People can gather over lunch or dinner, but to make a memorable party David suggests creating an event that is fun or interesting. “You have to offer something different to the people you are inviting,” he says. Maybe instead of bringing a hostess gift, people could bring toys for The Salvation Army, toys that sparked a particular memory or trait about the hostess. “You can do different things that aren’t going to cost an arm and a leg,” David adds. “Don’t be afraid to experiment and do things you haven’t done before. Ask friends what they’ve seen at an event that they enjoyed. I’m really into sharing ideas with other people.”

FOOD

“Everyone loves to eat,” David says. “You have to have good food. If you’re on a budget then just have a few things. But the food has to be good, because everybody is going to



Kathy, as the new President of the Williamsburg Association of Realtors®, please tell our readers about yourself, and what some of your goals are during the next 12 months.

CHAMBERS:

I’m originally from Newport News. I grew up there and graduated from Riverside Hospital’s School of Respiratory Therapy. I worked as a Cardio/Pulmonary Technician and later became the Head of the Cardio/Pulmonary Department at Mary Immaculate Hospital.

Outside of my career, I have always had a keen interest in horses. My husband and I owned a horse business in Williamsburg where I trained horses and also taught riding lessons.

I decided to become a Realtor® in 1998, not long after we got out of the horse business. After the sale of the horse farm and business, I took a year off to spend time finding a new home for us. This was the first

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time we had ever looked at anything other than a farm. I enjoyed our house hunting adventures. I soon came to realize how much time and effort is required for a Realtor® to find a home for a buyer. I understood first-hand how important it is to have a knowledgeable Realtor® to lead you through the process and I decided that was something that I would like to do.

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remember bad food.”

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“The venue is important too,” David adds. “There are a lot of restaurants that will work with you if you don't want to have a party at your home. That's working with local businesses, and I encourage that.”

During busy December, David likes the Sunday afternoon open house. “Everybody has so many things going on during the holiday season. Inevitably, the first and second

Saturday nights in December get so full. Sunday is a more relaxing day when people feel like they can just come and go. It's still light outside and gives a different mood to the gathering.”

Friends and family, together, enjoying each other's company is the core of holiday entertaining. Creating a party celebrates your appreciation for those relationships. “It's just fun,” David says. “It's worth every bit of stress you go through knowing that people are leaving the party and wanting to come back the next year.” The event becomes the gift, a present of lifetime memories. NDN

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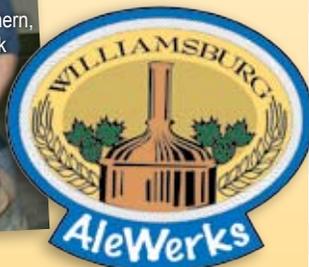


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Avalon, the Center for Women and Children, is asking for donations of the following: crock pots, cutting boards (small, medium, and large), and cutlery. For information, contact Kim at 258-5022 or kim@avaloncenter.org.

ATTENTION

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!

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