**Fashion Show Aids Fellowship Fund**

One hundred seventy seven guests came to see how "Everything Old Is New Again" in fashions, and to enjoy the 2012 Champagne Brunch and Fashion Show. The November event, co-sponsored by Farland Capital, Inc. and Pifer Companies, was hosted by the SVWC Fellowship Committee for Special Events. It was a great success--over $5,500 was raised for the Fellowship Fund!

Carolyn Lewis, a community volunteer and daughter of resident Peggy Spangler and Cookie Nickerson also a community volunteer co-chaired the event. They were assisted by a committee that included Edwina Apostle, Jody Armstrong-Jones, Joan Burgess, Ruth Carter, Joan Claybrook, BJ Fawcett, Evelyn Fiorelli, Dolly Glaize, Pat Hester, Peggy Jackson, Ann Jones, Stephanie Landes, Willa Parks, Bobbi Patton, Mary Lou Raymond, Margie Sheppard, Toni Sloan, Peggy Spangler, Janet Waller, and Fran White.

This year's fashions were a "blast from the past." Decorations showcased vintage clothing (much of it owned by the committee members) and the modeled clothing highlighted how trends from the past are reappearing.

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**Model Margie Sheppard** thought as she faced the audience, “Wow! Fabulous Fashions for runway debut! It's fun being Diva for a Day!”

**Janet Waller** inspects David Jones’ offerings while Catherine Jones pours champagne.
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in today's styles.

Dining Services did an excellent job providing a delicious brunch, which consisted of chicken salad with cranberries and apples, goat cheese with grapes and walnuts, assorted muffins, sliced French baguettes, lemon bars, brownies, champagne, and juices.

A special thanks goes to Dining Services for the extra effort of setting up The Abbey late into the evening—a task necessitated by the Apple Blossom Festival theme announcement party's using the space the previous evening. Know that the committee is very grateful for your dedication and attention to detail.

Trustees Richard Farland, Dennis McLoughlin, Steve Pettit, and Karen Schultz poured champagne alongside residents David and Cathy Jones and co-sponsor Richie Pifer. David Jones also secured the audio for the show, while residents Bill Mills and Rob Russell served as stage attendants. Resident Joan Peterson provided background music on the piano as guests arrived and found their seats.

Models were Edwina Apostle, Ann Beaver, Terri Cluss, Lenda Dart, Mary Gardiner, Elizabeth Lewis, Farley Massey, Bobbi Patton, John Pearman, Trudy Pearman, Suzanne Pettit, Court Pifer, Dorothy Rodgers, Bonnie Sewell, Chris Scully, Margie Sheppard, and Duane Wernecke. The clothing and shoes featured were provided by Bell's Fine Clothing, Christine Fox, Inc., Christopher & Banks, CJ Banks, Doncaster Clothing, Scarpa Alta, and Solely Comfort Footwear.

A big thank-you is due to all who worked so hard to make the 2012 Champagne Brunch and Fashion Show such a huge success!

Stephanie Landes

Budget Process Explained

As part of the monthly Residents Association Meeting in November, Duane Wernecke, CFO, reviewed the process of developing the budget for the following year. He was assisted by Jeannie Shiley, CEO, Dr. Terry Sinclair, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Steve Pettit, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board. Residents were given handouts which followed the presentation so that they could make notes if desired.

Mr. Wernecke explained that the budget has two main components: capital and operational. The first relates to components such as equipment, property, and the like. The second deals with day-to-day operation. It starts with justified data from the various directors of departments. It then moves up the levels to the final plan. Residents are members of the committees at all levels. They have voice and vote opportunities.

The presentation concluded with a question-and-answer period. Additionally, Mr. Wernecke offered to meet with anyone who had concerns that were not addressed.

The program was very informative and it was clear to the residents that management intend that the process be transparent.

Patricia Baldwin
Thomas Pandolfi To Perform
At December Concert

Pianist Thomas Pandolfi will play once
again on Friday, December 14, in the Bistro
Concert Series. This will be his fourth ap-
appearance in the Bistro.

Pandolfi’s performances are highly re-
garded worldwide. He has been acclaimed in
some of the world’s great concert venues.
He plays often for audiences of several thou-
sand. He electrified his audiences in his pre-
vious Winchester performances.

Pandolfi exhibits a mastery of the great
piano literature of the last 200 years. He is
among the leading interpreters of the piano
works of Liszt and Chopin. His passion ex-
tends to the works of George Gershwin
among others. Although not known as a jazz
performer, he enjoys creating improvisations
of some of Gershwin’s best-known popular
songs.

To meet his exacting standards, we had
our baby-grand pianos upgraded after years
of deferred maintenance. He then selected
our 1919 Steinway for its quality and excel-
lent tone. More recently, at his request, we
had it “voiced” to present a brighter sound in
the upper registers.

Many of you are discovering the pleas-
ure of inviting family and friends to our Bistro
concerts. This upcoming performance offers
a fine opportunity to do this, particularly since
Pandolfi enjoys talking with audience mem-
bers here in our comparatively intimate set-
ing.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Admis-
sion is $10 at the door. Refreshments are
available during intermission. Concert in-
come helps support our Fellowship Fund.
BB&T is a generous sponsor of the concert
series.

Our Bistro concert on January 18 will fea-
ture Hot Club Millwood. This group brings to
life the swing jazz of Django Reinhardt and
Stephane Grappelli, musical luminaries from
Paris of the 1930s and ‘40s.

Bob Sherwood

SVWC Library Notes

- Nature -

Books in the Nature category tell us
something about the world we live in. The
Living Planet David Attenborough tells us
how the world as we know it got that way,
and then, how the species that inhabit it
learned to survive environmental changes,
and what it now looks like—lots of spectacular
pictures!

The Nature Company book Weather by
William J. Burroughs and colleagues tells us
more about those environmental changes
and the familiar patterns of weather that we
see now, some of which we wish would go
away. It too has many spectacular pictures,
including drawings and paintings of weather,
and the effects of weather, as seen and inter-
preted by observers from times past.

Then, for a change of pace, there is the
book, How a Fly Walks Upside Down…and
other curious facts by Martin M. Goldwyn. It’s
nature but not on quite the scale of the oth-
ers. It asks and answers questions we’ve
thought of or heard ourselves such as: do
underwater creatures communicate? why
does a kite need a tail? why do some people
tan while others burn? what causes snow?
and on for 297 more. Some of the questions
are not trivial, asking about things we’ve all
experienced, such as: why does a mosquito
bite itch and swell? It’s fun reading and
sometimes illuminating.

Warner Eliot
Afghan Challenges Reviewed At Veterans’ Day Luncheon

Challenges confronting the United States in Afghanistan were summarized by Colonel John S. Hurley, Deputy Commander, Transatlantic Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers, at the annual SVWC Veterans’ Day luncheon.

The Winchester-based officer, whose command administers approximately $12 billion’s worth of contract projects within Afghanistan, outlined three sequential objectives of the United States: locate and neutralize the “bad guys,” create the conditions prerequisite to a stable Afghan government, and transfer military operations to that government.

John Claybrook, President of the SVWC Veterans’ Group, presided. Fritz Trumbore blessed the luncheon. Jimmie Ellington recited “Freedom Isn’t Free.” Bill Mills joined the speaker in a cake-cutting ceremony to honor the United States Marine Corps’ birthday.

Edward Rider

Meet Our New Sous-Chef

The most recent addition to the Dining Service Department is John W. Tuliper, II. He and his wife Amanda have just settled in Berkeley Springs, WV, after moving from Jackson, NC. They have two daughters: Victoria (15) and Hailey (7)—not to mention Maggie, a Scottie and Sophie, a Cocker Spaniel.

John retired as an E-6 (Staff Sergeant) chef after living the life of a U.S. Marine for twenty years, during which time he was stationed all over the world including Saudi Arabia, Australia, Hong Kong, and Russia, just to name a few. Now he and Amanda are looking forward to living a quiet retirement in just one location, from which John can pursue his hobbies of running and cross-country skiing.

Dick Mann

Volunteers Decorate a Christmas Tree

Every year in September a four-foot pre-lit tree arrives from the Youth Development Center (YDC). Our volunteers decorate it with hand-made ornaments, a tree topper, and a tree skirt, after which it is delivered back to the YDC in early November. Each year a theme is decided upon and the ornaments are made to coordinate. The YDC uses these trees plus smaller trees and wreaths as a fund raiser.

They invite SVWC residents, together with the public to a “Senior’s Day” for an open house and display of other Christmas items.

Laura Hager
Thursday Evening Programs
(Except for one on Wednesday)

The Residents Program schedule for December reflects the coming holiday season.

On Thursday, December 6, the Handley High School Choir will present a program of holiday music in The Abbey. Gloria Law is the director.

On Wednesday, December 12, the “Route 7” Ensemble from Millbrook High School will return to The Abbey in response to residents’ request. This select group performs jazz and popular styles of music. Brian Kelly is the director. Note that this performance is on a Wednesday evening, a departure from the usual Thursday evening schedule.

On Thursday, December 20, the traditional Christmas Sing-Along will be held in the Commons. The evening will include carol-singing, stories, and a holiday socks and tie contests. Residents Fritz and Jean Trumbore will lead the evening’s activities.

All events begin at 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte Collins

Gift Shoppe Open House

“My Favorite Things Gift Shoppe” will host its 4th Annual Christmas Open House and Sale on Friday, December 7th from noon to 7:30 p.m.

In addition, we are excited to announce that the Gift Shoppe will be open to the public on Saturday, December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will have several visiting crafters, along with our own resident and gift shoppe vendors! There will be a large selection of handcrafted items such as jewelry, art, stained glass, hand-made candy, and many other items including Christmas gifts, books, and photographic note Cards. Enjoy refreshments, music, and great sale items! This is a great way to do your gift shopping with pre-Christmas discounts! Door prizes will be awarded, and free gift wrapping by our “Elves.” Look for our live Christmas tree and the fabulous angel!

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Fellowship Fund.

Darleen Jones

SVWC’s Annual Food Drive

Donations to the local food bank may be deposited at any of the following locations:

Vitality Center near the resident bulletin boards and pool overlook.
Lawrence Hall past Nancy Nether’s office, through double doors off of back hallway.
Wappacomo Hall, 1st floor in the room across from Lounge.

The deadline for contributions is Friday, December 14.
From the President’s Desk

As our twenty-fifth year comes to a close, I would like to reflect on the many highlights of 2012.

Our 25th anniversary gala in May was such a perfect day and one that will be remembered for a long time. The food, fun, and fellowship were unsurpassed. Many thanks to everyone for sharing this special occasion with us.

We introduced our new tag line during 2012, which is “connected for life.” This phrase so aptly describes our community in numerous ways. Not only are we connected structurally but we are also connected professionally, emotionally, and socially by the relationships that are formed between our residents and staff and the greater Winchester/Frederick County community. You will hear more about our connections as we prepare to roll out our new website and marketing collaterals in the very near future.

Our marketing department had a tremendous year. As of the publication of this issue of Westbury World, we are 100% reserved and occupied in our independent living apartments and cottages! This is a blessing in so many ways. We are fortunate to have such a hard-working and dedicated team, not only in the marketing department but throughout.

We’re excited about our new music therapy program that began this year. It is being developed and led by Abigail Amidon, music therapist. This innovative program has many therapeutic benefits and we are fortunate to be one of the few communities to offer this to our residents.

In July, Duane Wernecke was hired as our Chief Financial Officer. Duane hit the ground running, and his expertise and personality are a perfect match for the culture of this community.

The 2015 Fellowship Fund campaign made great strides in 2012, surpassing the half-way mark, with $1.6 million to date. The outpouring of generosity by individuals and families, plus the new and renewed partnerships with corporate sponsors have played a large part in the success of the campaign. We look forward to continuing to build momentum in 2013.

As you can see, 2012 was certainly a busy year, and we have many exciting opportunities awaiting us in 2013. I just want to say thank you to our staff and residents who make working at SVWC such a pleasure. From our family to yours, we wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Model Apartment on Display

Apartment 404, Shenandoah Hall has been upgraded and newly furnished by the Marketing Department to serve as the model.

Optional features such as hardwood floors and a marble-top counter in the kitchen display extras that are available.
Around the Campus

The Music Box

The next SVWC Music Club concert will be on Friday, December 21, at 3:00 in the Apple Blossom Room. The Cranberry Chamber Music Ensemble will present their holiday concert, Festive Moods from Other Lands. They will play works by Edvard Grieg, Georges Bizet, Alexander Glazunov, and others.

Residents and staff are always welcome to attend Music Club Concerts and enjoy the refreshments.

Christmas Variety Show

The annual Variety Show will be held on Friday, December 14, at 2:00 p.m. in The Abbey. As a way of shortening this show, which in the past sometimes became too lengthy, we formed a committee that established some criteria for the acts.

Try-outs for the performers were held November 26. We are hoping to give residents and staff a timely and entertaining Christmas program.

Our New Neighbors

We welcome our new residents who moved into SVWC in November:

John and Alice Lees moved into 526 Winchester Hall from Philomont, VA.

Huguette Lusby moved to 413 Shenandoah Hall from Green Valley, AZ.

Jane Sweeney moved into 110 Cottage Drive from Bristow, VA.

Coming Events

Monday, December 10, Residents Association Meeting, The Abbey at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 13, Chef-Stage Center, the Bistro at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas in every venue and all day!

Classical Music Associates

"A Christmas in Norway" will be presented by the Classical Music Associates on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. in The Abbey.

The 2005 concert was performed in Trondheim’s historic Nidaros Cathedral and recorded on a DVD. It includes the performance of the visiting choir of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, as well as the Nidaros Girls’ Choir with soloist Randi Stene.

Our campus saw some brilliant colors this fall!
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Community is one of the gifts of life that God has given us. As human beings, we are created to be in community. The community that makes SVWC is certainly a gift to all who live and work here. We often refer to ourselves—residents, families, and staff—as "family." While a community is a group of any size whose members reside in a specific locality or share common characteristics and interests, a family is all those persons considered to be descendants of a common progenitor. If we consider God to be our common progenitor, the One from whom we originate, then we really are more than community; we are indeed family.

During the holidays "family" seems to be at the top of everyone’s list, yet so many families have difficult relationships. In fact, I don’t know of a family that doesn’t have its troubles even if they look perfect from the outside. The question then becomes, how do we go about being “family” when we don’t always agree or if there is anger and pain?

I think that being “family” is mostly about how we treat one another. The prophet Micah says that we are to "do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God." That includes the people who have hurt us, or that we are angry with, or that we disagree with, or that we just don't like for whatever reason. Treating one another with dignity and respect in all encounters is crucial to a family's well-being.

During this holiday season, let us pray that God brings healing in our families, in our hearts, and in our lives, and that all of this is made evident by how we treat every person in our SVWC family.

Blessings,
Elizabeth