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Slowly Moving Back to Normal

Photo by Bill Cook



The photo above of an exercise class back at capacity is just one example of the cautious easing of some covid-related restrictions. Recent negative testing results and a drop in the area's positivity rate have encouraged a number of gradual changes in SVWC's social climate.

The most welcome development has been the green light for visitors to come to the campus to visit family and friends under prescribed conditions. Similar visits can be made to residents in Health Care. And Wappacomo Hall residents once again have access to the entire campus.

Other steps toward "the good old days" include a more liberal seating arrangement in the

Bistro, the reopening of the café, the impending reopening of the Main Dining Room, the resumption of some communion services in the Chapel, weekly bus trips with limited ridership to outside restaurants and Martin's, and reactivation of FOBs for access to main resident halls and the Fitness Center.

So, restrictions are loosening, the daffodils and ducks are back, and the campus will soon be in full spring bloom. And perhaps that time is not too far off when everyone once again will be able to gather close together to enjoy Bistro concerts, holiday celebrations and various special events.

Paul Arnold

From the President/CEO



AV Powell & Associates, a leading actuarial consulting firm, provides services to continuing care retirement communities across the nation, including SVWC. The services it provides to

SVWC include actuarial studies, contract pricing analysis, actuarially-based population flow projections, estimates of the obligation to provide future services, and financial projections for meeting accreditation standards. Its expertise assists in objectively assessing funding designs for continuing care contracts, adequate and equitable pricing policies, and financial consequences of strategic planning initiatives.

As part of SVWC's annual audit process, AV Powell prepares a report for our auditors that calculates our obligation to provide future service. It also prepares an actuarial compilation report. The main purpose of these valuations is to determine whether SVWC has adequate reserves to fund its contractual obligations to our residents. It also serves as an early warning of deficiencies in pricing structures to avoid a potential financial crisis.

AV Powell also awards the AVP Seal based on its actuarial study results for each fiscal year. The AVP Seal is a designation developed by AV Powell & Associates to indicate that its client's actuarial results place them in the top tier among its peer CCRCs during the fiscal year specified. Even though most of its clients are found to be in satisfactory actuarial balance, typically less than 40 percent meet the criteria to receive the AVP Seal.

We are pleased to announce that SVWC has once again received the AV Powell exemplary recognition seal. SVWC has received this seal for the past several years. This is just one of the tools that our management team and Board use to assure the short- and long-term financial success of our community.

Jeannie Shiley

The Woodworking Shop: A Community Asset

Need a broken chair fixed? A table refinished? A bookcase built? A lamp repaired? Forget the yellow pages. All these problems can be handled by SVWC's Woodworking Shop. Located across the street from the Fitness Center, the shop was added to the campus for residents' use in SVWC's early years. Residents Les Hubert (also the founder and initial editor of *Westbury World*) and Dick Tyler were its de facto managers/craftsmen. After their passing, they eventually were succeeded by George Burgess and Jimmie Harp.

George has been in the shop for 13 years. He developed an interest in woodworking late in life, stemming from his involvement in restoring an old barn. Jimmie joined George in the shop about a year later. He has had sawdust in his veins since he was a boy. Jimmie seldom finds a job too difficult. He was not even fazed by a resident's request to build a real coffin. (He did.)

In addition to individual building and repair projects for residents, George and Jimmie have built things for the entire community to enjoy, including the furniture in the Chapel, the puzzle tables in the Commons and Winchester Hall, and 10 outdoor benches for Mother Nature's Team.



Photo by Sue McKenzie

George and Jimmie

The shop charges for the cost of materials. Labor is free, but donations, all of which go to the Fellowship Fund or the Employee Emergency Fund, are welcome. In 2020, donations totaled about \$2,000.

Any resident can use the shop. There are no fixed hours. Initially, it is best to contact Jimmie, ext. 739, to arrange entry and an orientation on the basic machinery.

Paul Arnold



Library News — April Acquisitions

FICTION

Dark Sky	C.J. Box
A Simple Murder	Linda Castillo
The Paris Library	Janet Skeslien Charles
Serpentine	Jonathan Kellerman
The Girl from the Channel Islands	Jenny Lecoat
The Sanatorium	Sarah Pearse
Eddie's Boy	Thomas Perry
The Scorpion's Tail	Douglas Preston
Faithless in Death	J.D. Robb
Our Darkest Night	Jennifer Robson
The Kitchen Front (LP)	Jennifer Ryan
We Run the Tides	Vendela Vida
All the Ways We Said Goodbye	Beatriz Williams

NON-FICTION

The Black Church	Henry Louis Gates Jr.
A Promised Land	Barack Obama
When Harry Met Minnie	Martha Teichner

The Power of Words

Word of the Month:

Person needing assistance with eating

(instead of "feeder")

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Chaplain's Message

Even though we have turned our clocks forward to Daylight Savings Time, and it is still dark when I awake in the morning, I am delighted that I am now greeted by bird song. Sometimes, I just listen, before getting up to start my day. Thus, it has been for many years: no matter how tough the winter has been, no matter how gloomy the skies, spring always comes, announced with the sight of buds on the trees and the sound of birds singing in the early morning. The crocuses spread their purple, yellow, and white petals like gentle banners, and warmer breezes whisper the promise of sunnier days ahead. As the Song of Solomon (2:12) announces, "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."

To me, spring is a time of renewed life and hope, of visible, explosive growth. It is also a time of release. Animals are released from their winter caves. We humans are able to venture out of our homes and again contemplate outdoor exercise and meals. The Jewish holiday of Passover commemorates the release of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, and, with Easter, Christians celebrate Christ's and humanity's release from death and resurrection to new life.

From cold to warmth. From grey to green. From captivity to freedom. From death to life. Spring reminds us that, despite the suffering and distress that can beset our lives at any time, the rhythm of the seasons—the rhythm of life—continues its course of renewal and growth. The Spirit is still creating and breathing life into this often dark and troubled world. The sun still shines through the clouds and creates rainbows. Love still calls us to treasure the relationships we have and to grow new ones.

Happy spring to all of you. May these coming weeks be a time of renewal and hope, as the days grow longer and warmer, as the buds blossom, and as the birds herald the presence of new life all around us.

Betsy Stow

SVWC Shred Day

The annual Shred Day will be held on Thursday, April 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A shred truck will be parked next to the Fitness Center. No need to remove staples. Call ext. 821 for assistance.

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A Sight for Sore Eyes

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