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The Power of Words Word of the Month: Physical Distancing (instead of social distancing) We can remain socially connected while staying six feet apart for physical distancing.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Mr./Mrs. Jay & Rita DePew, Free Standing Home 838.

Long time volunteers at RWC with the Parkinson's Support Group, Jay and Rita always knew they would live at RWC.

Jay graduated from Palm Beach H.S. and received his B.S. from the U.S. Naval Academy. He served 5 ½ years on a destroyer. He joined EDS (Electronic Data Systems) in information technology services. His job took him (and the family) to Newport RI, Tehran, Kuwait and finally to Maryland. Jay has volunteered with the Parkinson's Support Group, Unity of Richmond Remote Services and has served on both the RWC Board of Trustees and Foundation Board. He was a Master Oyster grower, avid sailor, and golfer.

Rita also graduated from Palm Beach H.S. and received her B.A. in Elementary Education. She taught in Springfield VA, Atlanta GA and both Newport RI and Kuwait. An active volunteer, Rita has been a major player in the Parkinson's Support group, as well as spearheading the Parkinson's Care Partners group as volunteer coordinator. She also developed the Parkinson's Group annual meeting. She is very interested in healthy nutrition, reading and is an active member of the YMCA.

M/M Peter & Helene Braatz, Free Standing Home 828.

A New York and New Jersey couple found the Northern Neck about 15 years ago and have called it home. You may know Peter and Helene as they are both active volunteers in many local organizations and have been frequent attenders at RWC community events, such as Viewpoints.

Peter attended North Shore School on Long Island,

majoring in History and Geology at Ohio Wesleyan University, and attended both University of Oklahoma and Rutgers for professional development classes. His corporate banking career took him up and down the East Coast. Peter was past President of the Bluff Point Community League and the NN Wild Turkey Association. He enjoys gardening, fishing, reading history and refinishing antique furniture. He is also a member of the Rappahannock Rifle and Pistol Club and of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Helene attended Bergenfield High School and received her B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University where she majored in Home Economics, Art and Interior Design. Her career included working in Interior Design and an Architecture firm; senior sales manager to a silversmith and as an antique dealer with her own shop. Helene also volunteers at the Historic Bluff Point School and the Rappahannock Art League. She enjoys gardening, decorating, fiber arts, sewing, music, reading and church activities. She is a member of Alpha Delta Gamma.

Mrs. Janet Waite, Apartment 214. Born in Watertown, NY, Janet has lived in Syracuse most of her life. She attended Immaculate Heart Academy and also took business courses. Professionally Janet worked in many areas of the business world. At New York Life she was a secretary; worked in sales; trained as a bank teller, and worked at BCBS as a receptionist. In her church, Janet taught Sunday School, worked in Catholic charities, and participated in church music ministry. She enjoyed sewing making most of her clothes, singing soprano in choirs and playing the piano.

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Fitness Classroom #
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Lakeview Grille
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NOVEMBER
2020

Detach the cover of *The Gazebo Gazette* and place it on your fridge or desk to view the activity schedule for the entire month. Activities are subject to change. Please watch RWC -TV, Channel 85 daily for the latest updates. REMINDER: WE WILL HAVE A MAX OF 6 PEOPLE SIGN UP FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR OFF CAMPUS TRIPS INCLUDING WEEKLY SHOPPING. An asterisk (*) means a RSVP or sign up is required.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Naturally as we enter the fall season approaching the holiday, it is fitting to focus on another very apparent attribute of our neighborhood – GENEROSITY. Throughout the year examples of GENEROSITY are visible at RWC. However, that attribute takes on a more central focus as we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. It's too early to think about Christmas (64 shopping days left as I write this), but it is never too early to be Thankful for the GENEROSITY of our neighborhood.

Soon you will receive the Foundation's Annual Report which will highlight, recognize and thank the many benefactors and supporters of the Foundation and RWC. The flagship example of GENEROSITY is the faithful support of the Foundation Fellowship Fund which enables residents to live at RWC even when their financial resources are depleted. This hallmark attribute of the Westminster-Canterbury communities is possible only through the generous donations of residents, families, staff, vendors, grantors, and friends.

We celebrate Veterans' Day in November to honor those who have served our country in the armed forces with a display of our resident veterans' service. This display demonstrates the GENEROSITY residents and staff who gave of themselves at the risk of losing their lives to protect and preserve the freedoms we hold dear.

As we approach Thanksgiving our annual drive to provide food for those facing challenges in life will reflect the GENEROSITY of our neighborhood toward our greater community. The annual Resident Employee Christmas Fund is an amazing example of GENEROSITY toward our staff. Each year, residents and clients provide an extraordinarily meaningful gift to each of our staff members in gratitude for care, services, and concern provided during the year. For many of our staff, this generous gift makes Christmas possible for their families and loved ones. Having grown year over year, the Employee Christmas Gift is a profound statement of GENEROSITY and outpouring of love for our staff. Through staff and resident GENEROSITY, the Employee Emergency Fund is there for staff members who experience unexpected challenges and needs. Examples of GENEROSITY abound on so many levels throughout our wonderful neighborhood it is im-

possible to list each one; however, this sample gives you a sense of how we make a positive difference each day in so many lives. I am thankful for and inspired by the GENEROSITY of all. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving season!



Welcome Neighbors..cont'd from Pg. 1

M/M Neil & Diane Smart, Cottage 619. A second generation resident, Neil's parents lived at RWC in the 'early days'. Because of this connection, Neil and Diane have known of RWC almost since its inception. Both raised in military families, the Smarts have called the Northern Neck home for many years.

Neil was born in Carthage TX and graduated from Washington-Lee HS in Arlington VA. He received his B.S. Engineer from the U.S. Naval Academy and his MSCE from the University of Missouri at Rolla. He also graduated from the Army Aviation School and the National War College.

Neil's love of music is a big part of his life. He began piano lessons in Vienna while his father was stationed there. Over the years he has served as church organist and choir director, was president and Pipe Leader of the Kilmarnock Pipe & District band, and even taught himself woodworking so he could build a harpsichord. He is still passionate about music and enjoys cooking.

Diane was born in Spokane, WA and traveled extensively with her military family. She graduated from the Orleans American HS in France and received her OT degree from the University of Kansas. She worked as an occupational therapist (OT) in various duty stations and was proud to be a military spouse. You may remember Diane from her sales days at the All Occasion Card Shop in Kilmarnock. Hers was the smiling face you usually saw at the counter! Diane has volunteered at her church and at the NN Free Health Clinic as a front desk receptionist. She enjoys reading mysteries and doing a variety of crafts.

GREAT COURSES* "HISTORY OF THE SUPREME COURT, PART 1"

Thursdays, November 5 – December 17,
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Auditorium

12 Lectures in a Six (6) weeks course.

Over the years since its first session in 1790, the United States Supreme Court has risen from a body with little power and prestige to become the most powerful and prestigious judicial institution in the world. Its decisions have profoundly shaped not only American law but also our society, as the nation has grown dramatically in population, geographical expanse, racial and ethnic diversity, and technology. This course on the Supreme Court in American history will trace the Court's development from its founding to the present, with a focus on the landmark cases that have reflected conflicts in American society.

These lectures are divided into three sections of 12 lectures each, corresponding to important periods in the Court's history. The first section covers the period from the American Revolution to the end of World War I.

Class size will be limited to 25 maximum.

Chairs will be appropriately spaced, and participants will need to wear masks. Please sign up at the Front Desk.

SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIE

November 28 —7:00 PM—Channel 85

Featuring: Planes, Trains & Automobiles

While trying to get home to his family in Chicago for Thanksgiving, marketing executive Neal Page runs into one disaster after another -- which includes being stuck with insufferable salesman Del Griffith as his unshakable traveling companion. (1987), Rayed R, 1 hour, 32 minutes.

Cast Steve Martin, John Candy

PIANIST LYNNE MACKEY: EXPLORING THE MUSICAL JOURNEY: "AN ACT OF BALANCE"

Friday, November 20—4:00 PM—Channel 85

Pianist Lynne Mackey will present a recital: **Exploring the Musical Journey: "An Act of Balance"** recorded specifically for the RWC audience. A highlight of the recital will be the very exciting and well known "Waldstein" Sonata of Beethoven. Also featured will be music of several 19th century composers, including Schubert, Schumann, Chopin, Grieg, and Tchaikovsky. The program will be just about 1 hour in length. Immediately following the recital a virtual reception will be offered for Q&A with the artist. Look for a Zoom invitation the week of November 16.

FIT BITS: MIND AND MUSCLE

NOVEMBER 26, 2020
THE WELLNESS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING. THE FITNESS CENTER AND POOL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO USE.

ORIENTATION FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS OF THE WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Orientation process starts with the following steps:

- Take a tour of the facility if you have not already done so.
- Go through a health history appraisal.
- Sign a waiver.
- Have a doctor fill out an RWC medical clearance form.
- Complete a fitness assessment.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Jonathan at 438-4290 or Alex or Demetrick at 438-4852

CROQUET AND DISC GOLF

We will be extending the season into November, until the weather turns bad. If you have any questions about how to reserve a spot, please call Jonathan (4290) or use our link to sign up. If you need the link please contact us.

Dates to play Disc Golf are Thursday November 12th and 19th at 11:00am

FITNESS CENTER AND POOL

If you are interested in using the Fitness Center or the pool, please make an appointment by calling Jonathan (4290) or using our link. If you need the link please contact us.

We all need a good laugh to decrease stress. Here are some jokes of the month

"Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?" "He sensed fowl play."

"Why did they let the turkey join the band?" "Because he had his own drumsticks."

"What do you call a running turkey?" "Fast food."

"What did the turkey say to the computer?" "Google, google."

THE RED, RED ROOTS OF RWC

Green above and all around on the woody paths of RWC,

But red below the walking feet, the roots of trees-a warning.

Who painted each one in turn, the hundreds of rootlets, crisscrossing

Obstacles, snaking, budging, competing to find nourishment for

Leafy greens, or piney needles from soil enriched by falling foliage?

Our aging feet and dimming eyes call for discerning human help, so

Somebody took up cans of paint and marked a cautionary mark

On each root-once, again, for the roots had done their best to shed

The red before, a struggle of nature for leverage against human

Imposition, even if necessary and well conceived.

Patience is the hallmark of our staff, and landscapers are no exception.

God bless them each for what they do day by precious day,

To turn our lives from impossible to enriched.

For Damon and his crew, with appreciation

From Milena Van Sant

PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION – WHAT IS IT? AND WHO HAS ACCESS TO IT?

Personal health information is any information pertaining to you – health, demographics, medical diagnoses, treatments, or medications. Under the Affordable Care Act, personal health information can only be shared between the provider and the patient - you and your doctor.

At RWC this information is collected when you move in and is stored in your electronic health record (EHR). Only you and providers with a need to know can access this information. Because this is your information you have the right to grant access to whom-ever you believe should know – your spouse, your children, the person you named to act as your health care agent in your Advance Directive, even your clergy, attorney or friend.

You can choose to name anyone or no one. Its simple and takes only a few minutes. You complete a form called the Personal Health Information Access Authorization Form – PHI for short. List the person, their relationship to you, sign, and date it. It is scanned into your EHR and becomes part of your medical record until you remove it or change it.

If you would like more information about the PHI or to complete/update your current PHI, please call Maria Ferrand at 438-4011.

VETERANS DAY 2020

Many things have changed in 2020 due to the pandemic, but one thing never changes – how we love and value our resident veterans at RWC!

Nearly 60 military veterans live at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury and their photos and stories will be on display as part of an annual Veterans Wall of Honor exhibit, held each November. Collectively, these vets have given nearly 400 years of service to their country.

RWC residents who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and/or the Cold War will be featured. Each display includes a photo of the resident in uniform, when available, along with a current photo and short biography including branch of service, years served, special engagements and commendations.

A special video will be played on November 11 at 11:00am to commemorate Armistice Day and to honor those veterans we call friends, family, and neighbors.

If you are a veteran and we do not have your information, please reach out to Maria in the Resident Life office. She will be honored to collect your information and display your picture.

SPIRITUAL DEVOTION: DEDICATED, FAITHFUL AND HOLY

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I'd like to take a moment this month to share a simple story of blessing. I'm thinking of our recent "Blessing of the Animals" gathering. I'll admit I was a bit uncertain of what to expect in terms of turnout this year and figured to myself "numbers don't matter," and "if only a handful are on hand that's just fine," and "this surely is well-worth doing even if only for a few." Oh ye of little faith, Chaplain. Participation was stellar, the atmosphere electric, and the overall spirit was one of great joy! Among other things, we reflected on the place of pets in our lives:

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." (Roger Caras)

"A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down." (Robert Benchley)

"Time spent with cats is never wasted." (Sigmund Freud)

"I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals." (Winston Churchill)

"I care not for a man's religion whose pets are not the better for it." (Abraham Lincoln)

We were reminded of the wonder of all God's creation – the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and the many beloved creatures who walk or crawl on the earth – and how God declared them all to be good. The glory of a horse running, the beauty of an eagle in flight, the majesty of a dolphin leaping, how all display the wonder of sacred life.

But what stood out to me the most of all was the blessing itself, and specifically the "two-way" nature of it all. On the one hand, our pets, each and every one, received a blessing. But they weren't the only ones: I know

the same was true for me personally, and I hope it held true for you too. And if that weren't enough: at the conclusion of the ceremony we paraded with our pets past the Westbury Clubroom so that those unable to join us outside we're still able to join in the festivities. These folks were truly touched. (Thanks to Bonny Magerko for this great idea.) Think of the beautiful thing that happened: not only did we receive a blessing ourselves, but we were also able to share a blessing to others. This all reminds me of something Jesus once said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So true. The RWC family is awesome. And so now, at this very special time of year, I'd like to say Happy Thanks-giving: so many blessings received. And, so much blessing to share!
Chaplain Greg Houck

COMING SOON

The **Tuesday Bible Study Group** will resume meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 11:00AM. Meetings will be held in the auditorium. Social distancing and the wearing of masks will be observed. Chaplain Houck will be leading the study for the time being until our current outside visitation policy is revised. We hope to see you there!

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Nancy Hall	October 2, 2020
Mr. John Frye	October 9, 2020
Mr. Robert Vaughn	October 14, 2020
Mr. Edwin Smith	October 18, 2020

GIVING TUESDAY IS DEC. 1



You are so generous over the holidays and have so many good causes tugging for your attention. And now we have Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It often is written for social media with the hashtag [#GivingTuesday](#). The movement was created in 2012 as an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the holiday season.

If after your Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping, you want to give back, please consider the [RWC Foundation Fellowship Fund](#) on Giving Tuesday.

You can donate online, drop off or send a check to:

RWC Foundation
132 Lancaster Dr.
Irvington, VA 22480.

SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION WHILE YOU SHOP!

Did you know that you can support the RWC Foundation when you shop on Amazon? Its AmazonSmile program allows shoppers to choose a charitable organization to support and then Amazon donates .05 percent of the order price to that nonprofit. Just Google AmazonSmile and with a few simple steps you can establish the charity you want to support (our Foundation!). AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

BLACK FRIDAY CRAFT SALE

**Friday, November 27,
10:00 am—3:00 pm
Auditorium**

Looking for a handmade crafts for a Christmas gift this year? Want to skip the lines and avoid the crowds? You can shop right here within the safety of RWC. We will also offer online ordering through Amazon for those who are not tech savvy.

We still need resident and staff crafters to donate their goods.

Please, no used items or food.

NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWING: CARE, COMMITTEES & COMMENTARY

NOVEMBER TRIPS

KILMARNOCK HISTORICAL MUSEUM*

Friday, November 13—1:00 PM—Front Lobby
Kilmarnock Museum holds & displays memorabilia from Kilmarnock's past, including watermen's and farmers' tools and pictures of their activities. There is also a room dedicated to Kilmarnock's business/commercial heritage, and the connection to sister-city Kilmarnock, Scotland. Another room deals with the cultural history, and yet another shows the devastation of three (3) fires. Please sign up at the Front Desk to attend.

TRIP TO NOWHERE*

Wednesday, November 25—1:00 PM—Front Lobby

Need to just get out and enjoy the scenery of the countryside? Sign up at the Front Desk to explore new roads you've never been down.



NOVEMBER ART CLASSES

Santa Paintbrushes*

Wednesday, November 4—11:00 AM—Art Room 2
CLASS LIMIT: 8

Crafts with Corks*

Friday, November 6—11:00 AM—Art Room 2
CLASS LIMIT 8

Jewelry Making*

Wednesday, November 11 11:00 AM—Art Room 2
CLASS LIMIT: 8



Kindness Rocks

Friday, November 13—11:00 AM—Art Room 2
CLASS LIMIT: 8

Step by Step Painting

Wednesday, November 25—11:00 AM—Art Room 2
CLASS LIMIT: 8

NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Polls open 6:00am, Tuesday, November 3, for in-person voting.

RWC will provide transportation at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM—Front Lobby
Please sign up at front desk



HOOKED ON BOOKS: EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND LEARN

The RW-C Book Group's November selection is *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett (2020). A best-seller about twin sisters, one of whom passes as white, and their California daughters, one of whom is dark-skinned. We'll meet Monday, November 23, at 10:30. Note the Check-Out sign for the Book Group people; they have "first dibs" on the book!

The RW-C Library acquired Baldacci's latest book, *Walk The Wire*, in May of this year. Since then, it has been checked out by ten readers. The Large Print version came to us in July, and it has been checked out by eight readers! And the new 900 page Ken Follett book and all three of his earlier Kingsbridge Series are currently checked out.

More 2020 books! *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman (about a bank robber and "a hostage situation"), *A Good Marriage* by Kimberly McCreight, donated and recommended by Tanya Bohlke; *The Searcher* by Tanya French; and a biography of James Baker, *The Man Who Ran Washington*, donated by Jay White.

New 2019 books: *The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott, a novel donated by Cecil Schwartz, *Island of the Sea Women*, a Lisa See novel donated by Tish King, and a non-fiction, *The Rise of Wolf 8: The Triumph of Yellowstone's Under Dog*, donated by Marilyn Hess.

Large Print News: *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis, *Blessing in Disguise* by Danielle Steel, *Death Wears a Beauty Mask* by Mary Higgins Clark and *Outfox* by Sandra Brown are all from Elaine Lowrey. *The Killings at King Fisher Hill* by Sophie Hannah is a new Hercule Poirot Mystery. New-to-the-Library is the *Three Sisters Island* trilogy by Nora Roberts.

New-to-the-Library Biographies include four from Walt Klein – Winston Churchill, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and Donald Rumsfeld. Another donor has given a biography of Robert Kennedy. Also from an anonymous donor, *Looking for Lincoln: The Making of an American Icon*. It's the heaviest book in the Library, but well worth paging through at a library table.

Other New-to-the Library books include a History, *Castle of the Eagles: Escape from Mussolini's Colditz* by Mark Felton, with the anonymous donor's note, "Wonderful!" *A Spy Among Friends: Kin Philby and the Great Betrayal* was donated by John Roberts, with a recommendation from Gloria Wallace. A Catherine Coulter novel in Mass Media comes from Susan Jones. *Dear John*, from Susan Read, brings our Nicholas Sparks collection to ten.

CoriAnn Aground and *The Stove Pipe Club* are recent books by local author Stan Parsons, both set in Northumberland County's fictionalized Ophelia, and both in Fiction Paperback. The captain of *CoriAnn*, a charter fishing boat, is murdered on page 1!

Four of the RW-C Library's Virginiana books will be featured on the forthcoming "Zooming In On Lancaster County History" series; register with the Lancaster Virginia Historical Society for the Zoom link (804-462-7280 or www.LancasterVaHistory.org). Robby Robison will talk about *The Lawsons of White Stone* on November 17; Claudine Curry Smith's granddaughter will talk about Smith's *My Bag Was Always Packed* on December 3; Lois Williams will talk about *The Lees of White Stone* on January 7; and Margaret Forrester and Page Henley will talk about her book, *The Home Birth Records of Dr. Peirce: 1919-1954* on January 21.

Lois Williams, Library Committee Chair