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**YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR ANY PROGRAMS OR EVENTS BEGINNING
DECEMBER 30th 9:00AM AT THE LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER LOBBY.**

New Year's Day Lunch Menu: A Fresh Start to 2026!

Join us for a special New Year's Day lunch designed to bring prosperity and good fortune for 2026! Our culinary team has prepared a delightful menu featuring traditional lucky foods alongside comforting classics and options to suit various dietary needs.



Date: Thursday, January 1, 2026
Time: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Location: Lakeview Grille
Reservations: Not required



Menu Highlights:

Soup & Sides:

Black-Eyed Pea Soup: A hearty and flavorful soup featuring black-eyed peas, which symbolize coins and monetary gain in Southern traditions, ensuring a financially prosperous year ahead.

Southern Collard Greens: Collard greens are a staple of southern cuisine and represent wealth in the new year.

Stewed Tomatoes: A comforting and classic side dish.

Creamy Mashed Potatoes: A beloved and satisfying accompaniment to any meal.

Main Courses:

Petit Poulet: Tender Cornish Hens

Flounder Florentine: This elegant preparation places flounder fillets on a bed of sautéed spinach, often topped with a creamy roux and sprinkled with parmesan cheese before baking to perfection.

Alpha-gal option will be available.

Sweet Endings & Accompaniments:

Assorted Breads: A selection of freshly baked breads to complement your meal.

Assorted Desserts: A variety of sweet treats to conclude your New Year's Day feast.

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS: OPEN TO ALL

Food Committee— January 12 at 2PM –Corrotoman Room

Activities Committee— January 14 at 10AM—Art Room 2

Community Wellbeing Committee— January 9 at 10AM—Corrotoman Room

Grounds and Landscaping Committee— February 25 at 10AM-Corrotoman Room

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	<div>12:30-CPL-Holy Communion</div> <div>3:00-MSP-RWC Community Worship Service</div> <div>11</div>	<div>10:00-FRL-Shopping*</div> <div>10:00-AR2-- Five Rivers Fiber Guild</div> <div>1:00-CGR-Catch Phrase</div> <div>2:00-COR-Food Committee</div> <div>2:00-AR2-Epoxy Tumblers*</div> <div>12</div>	<div>9:00-FRL-Trader Joe's & Lunch*</div> <div>10:00-AR2-Chat & Craft</div> <div>11:00-AR1-Grocery Pick Up</div> <div>11:00-CGR-Bible Study</div> <div>1:00-AR2-Watercolor Class</div> <div>2:30-FCR-Seated Volleyball</div> <div>13</div>	<div>8:00-LEC-Walking Group</div> <div>9:00-LEC-Healthy Food Bar and Blood Pressure Checks</div> <div>10:00-AR2-Activities Committee</div> <div>11:00-CGR-Grief Support</div> <div>2:15-AUD-Movie: The Princess Bride</div> <div>7:00-CGR-Poker Group</div> <div>14</div>	<div>LEC Work Days</div> <div>ALL EXERCISE CLASSES CANCELLED</div> <div>3:00-CGR-Praying the Rosary</div> <div>15</div>	<div>LEC Work Days</div> <div>ALL EXERCISE CLASSES CANCELLED</div> <div>16</div>	<div>10:00-FCR-Seated Volleyball</div> <div>4:00-MSP-BYOB Pub Night</div> <div>17</div>
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	<div>3:00-MSP-RWC Community Worship Service</div> <div>25</div>	<div>10:00-FRL-Shopping*</div> <div>10:30-CGR-RWC Book Group</div> <div>11:00-AUD-Canine Companions Presentation (U)*</div> <div>1:00-AR2-Communion to Rosary</div> <div>2:15-AUD-Movie: The American President</div> <div>26</div>	<div>10:00-AR2-Chat & Craft</div> <div>11:00-AR1-Grocery Pick Up</div> <div>11:00-CGR-Bible Study</div> <div>11:00-AUD-Annual Memorial Service</div> <div>1:00-AR2-Watercolor Class</div> <div>2:30-FCR-Seated Volleyball</div> <div>27</div>	<div>8:00-LEC-Walking Group</div> <div>9:00-FRL-Trip to Hampton Roads Railway Museum*</div> <div>1:00-AR2-Garfield's Visit</div> <div>7:00-CGR-Poker Group</div> <div>28</div>	<div>9:30-FRL-Virginia Holocaust Museum & lunch*</div> <div>11:00-AR2-Chinese New Year Fan Paper Plate Craft*</div> <div>1:00-CGR-Let's Play Boggle</div> <div>2:30-FCR-Line Dancing</div> <div>3:00-CGR-Praying the Rosary</div> <div>29</div>	<div>1:00-AR2-Making Paper Lanterns*</div> <div>2:15-FCR--Cornhole</div> <div>30</div>	<div>10:00-FCR-Seated Volleyball</div> <div>4:00-MSP-BYOB Pub Night</div> <div>31</div>

FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

We accomplished a great deal in 2025 from the significant renovations in the Chesapeake Center to the celebration of our 40th anniversary to a rousing Pine Wood Derby competition and most recently the splendid Christmas Play and Spirit Day programs. So many other events, celebrations, memorials, and activities took place within the bookends of 2025 as we worked together in community at RWC.

The Residents' Association refreshed its by-laws and committee purpose statements to capstone an active and productive year under Susan Moore's leadership. That engagement continues with new committee memberships and projects. I especially commend the newly constituted Community Wellness Committee as it seeks to enhance the spirit of community among residents and staff at RWC. I am grateful for the Committee's enthusiastic participation in a special (still secret at press time) project for Christmas. Thank you!

As we welcome many new residents to RWC this year and into next year, we will continue residential renovations. We will be implementing a new electronic health record system across RWC, which is a major undertaking. Several other projects are in the research and planning stages, and we will share more about those projects and other topics in the monthly Happenings sessions as they develop.

I close with gratitude for the marvelously generous gift from the resident community to our staff this Christmas. Your joyful and thoughtful recognition of their care and service is so very meaningful to each staff member.

I look forward to the new year with you and all the blessings it will bring.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBOR!

MRS. FRANCES DICKINSON

Mrs. Dickinson is coming to RWC from Florida and has moved into Apartment 101. She was born and raised in Terril, Iowa. She grew up on a farm. Her parents were farmers, and her mother had a huge garden, groves of trees, and plenty of animals. Frances said she had a fun childhood. Her father basically farmed soybeans and corn, and he had cattle and lambs he raised. Mrs. Dickinson stayed in that area and attended Terril High School.

After she graduated, she moved on to nursing school. She completed 2 1/2 years and married her husband, Curtis. He was in the military (Army Signal). He passed in 2020, and he is buried in Historic Christ Church. Mrs. Dickinson has four children, all boys. One lives in Spotsylvania, one lives in Blue Ridge, VA, one son is in a care home in Richmond and the one lives in North Carolina.

She has come to RWC because she is familiar with the facility and has friends here. It's not as hot as Florida and she missed the different seasons. Frances loves to do crossword puzzles and puzzles in the newspaper. She attends exercise classes twice a week. She LOVES to read!! She said, "Growing up, the library was very important to us."

Mrs. Dickinson retired in 1986. She went to nursing school. "I was very young my parents said you will do something right!" She went to nursing school and worked as a non-profit, non-licensed nurse in a hospital. She worked for 8 years in an office and helped to distribute a technical military magazine. She has volunteered at the American Legion, Historic Christ Church. She loves nature walks and board games.



JAMESTOWN WINTER LANTERN FESTIVAL & DINNER*

Friday, January 2-3:30pm-Front lobby

Cost = \$30 & dinner\$

TUESDAY MOVIE AT THE COMPASS: SONG SUNG BLUE*

Tuesday, January 6th-Time is TBD Cost =\$9

Song Sung Blue (2025) is a heartwarming biographical film about Mike and Claire Sardina, a real-life couple from Milwaukee who found love and local fame as a Neil Diamond tribute band called "Lightning & Thunder," capturing the joys, struggles, and resilience of chasing dreams and creating a blended family while celebrating music.

ASIAN MARKET ADVENTURES & LUNCH IN RICHMOND*

Thursday, January 8-9:00am-Front Lobby

Cost shopping & lunch\$

Explore the Lotte Plaza Market carrying everything from produce, meat, seafood, grocery, kitchen essentials, storage solutions, and cleaning supplies to unique home decor. You'll find character dolls, decorative items, and one-of-a-kind gifts that add personality to your home, along with a great selection of fancy goods.

Lunch at the Fat Dragon Chinese Kitchen!

TRADER JOE'S & LUNCH*

Tuesday, January 13-9:00AM-Front Lobby

NORTHERN NECK ORCHESTRA: (SUBSCRIPTION HOLDERS) *

Sunday, January 18-1:00PM-Front Lobby

The Sunday matinee concert on January 18, 2026 will include Amy Beach's Bal Masque, Florence Price's Adoration, Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings and Knoxville: Summer of 1915, with soprano soloist Alexandra Razskazoff, and Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring.

MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM OF HAMPTON ROADS*

Thursday, January 28-9:00am-Front Lobby

The Museum is actively under development. We are working hard to create an exciting experience in model railroading for you. We currently have 10 operational layouts in all the major scales, a locomotive race track, and a Carrera race car track. Come on by and see what we're up to.

VIRGINIA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & LUNCH AT STATION 2 IN RICHMOND

Thursday, January 29-9:30am-Front Lobby

Cost= guided tour =\$10+lunch\$

The museum provides a chronological walk through the history of the holocaust, drawing in stories of some survivors who made the Richmond area their home in the aftermath of the war. One particular family, the Ipsons (from Lithuania), are given extra focus in a section that we refer to as The Ipson Saga. The whole family were/are Holocaust survivors, and the son, Jay Ipson, cofounded our museum in 1997.

Your tour guided will walk you through a short film and their exhibits. It's a fair bit of walking but opportunities to sit are available throughout. 2 scooters available at the museum.

Station 2 was constructed in the former home of Engine Company 2. Built in 1899, the building housed Richmond's second city owned fire house.

Their menu has something for everyone but they pride themselves on picking the best of Virginia to source their food. Station 2 uses Virginia Buffalo Creek Beef, Manakintowne Specialty Growers for their greens, herbs, and edible flowers as well as Homestead Creamery ice cream made in the Blue Ridge mountains.

FITNESS CENTER NEWS:

JANUARY CLOSURES

The Fitness Center will be closed for a few days throughout January. Please read below the listed dates and stay up to date with Uniguest and Channel 85.

- January 1st and January 2nd for **New Years**
- January 15th and 16th for Life Enrichment Department **cleaning day**
- January 20th, 21st, and 22nd for **Fitness Assessments**

HEALTHY FRIENDLY FOOD BAR AND BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

January 14th 9:00-12:00

Join us in the LEC lobby to have your blood pressure checked and a healthy snack!

FITNESS ASSESSMENTS

Please sign up for your assessments in the LEC binder. An assessment is **REQUIRED** for all exercise participants. We will **NOT** have class, but the fitness center and swimming pool will be open for use. If you would like to go over your results, please schedule a separate appointment. Please call Macey at x4290 if you have any questions.

STAFF WORK DAYS

Life Enrichment Center will be **CLOSED**

Every January we take the opportunity to deep clean, organize and work on future schedules and plans. We will be closed on Thursday, January 15 and Friday, January 16. There will be no fitness classes, volleyball, line dancing, or cornhole.

NEW RESIDENT DIRECTORIES WILL BE HERE SOON

The final draft has been sent to the printers, so we hope to have them for you very soon.

SIGNING UP ON UNIGUEST FOR SELECTED PROGRAMS

Look for Gazebo Gazette article titles in this [teal color](#). Those are the programs you can easily sign up for through your Uniguest app on your phone , tablet or PC.

1. Click on “Independent Living Activities”

1. Locate the activity you want to attend
2. Click on “Register”

If you need to cancel, you may also do that following the directions above and clicking on “Cancel.”

Richmond Forum 2025-2026 Speaker Series
All forums will take place at 2:15PM in the Auditorium.

Monday, January 19—Europe's Next Generation with Sanna Marin

At 34, Sanna Marin became the world’s youngest serving prime minister, leading Finland through a historic era of transformation. Boldly shifting her country’s foreign policy with a landmark NATO bid, Marin has emerged as a symbol of modern, values-driven leadership on the global stage. Now, as Europe faces rising geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty, and growing internal divides, Marin offers a thoughtful and urgent perspective on what comes next. With the clarity of a seasoned leader and the optimism of a next-generation changemaker, she will share stories from her time in office and present her vision for a stronger, more unified Europe.

Monday, February 23—The Two-Party Problem with Joe Manchin, Andrew Yang & Justin Amash

Monday, March 23—Tracee Ellis Ross on Identity, Impact, & Joy

Monday, April 20—John Green: Perpetually Curious

HOOKED ON BOOKS: EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND LEARN

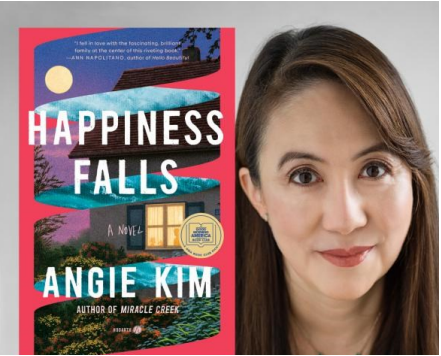
BOOK GROUP

The book club did not meet in December.

The selection for January is “Happiness Falls” by Angie Kim, and is about a biracial Korean American family in Virginia whose lives are up-

ended when their beloved father goes missing.

The book club meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:30AM in the **CHESAPEKE GAME ROOM FOR JANUARY**. Two copies of the book are available at the main desk at the back of the library. If you have any questions, call Maxine Luxton, x4200



NEWS

We have reorganized and labeled the two bookshelves at the front of the library as **Fiction New to the Library** (subcategories are Mystery, Fiction, Large Print) and **Nonfiction New to the Library** (subcategories are Biography, Nonfiction, Miscellaneous). Fiction is shelved alphabetically by author. Nonfiction is also shelved alphabetically by author except for biographies that are shelved by subject of the biography.

Most paperbacks are shelved in the “borrow and return – no checkout” section at the front-left part of the library.

DONORS

Thanks to our December book donors:

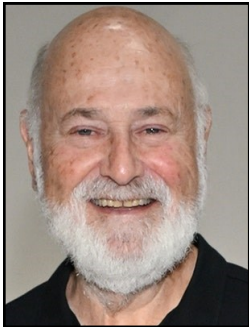
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Loretta Warren
Jay White

Please leave donations on the designated rolling cart at the front of the library and not on the main desk at the back of the library. We accept most new and recently published (within the last 10 years) hard cover and paperback books, and some older hard cover books in good condition. Our space is limited and books we don’t add to our shelves are donated to other organizations.

JANUARY MOVIE MATINEES

Matinees are at 2:15PM in the Auditorium. Popcorn and assorted drinks are provided.

This month we honor the films of Rob Reiner



A Few Good Men
Wednesday, January 7th

Jack Nicholson in 4x Oscar-nominated courtroom thriller

AMC Presents: A young Navy lawyer risks his career to uncover the truth during a military trial. (1992) Rated R, 2h, 12 minutes.

The Princess Bride
Wednesday, January 14th

Oscar-nominated fantasy with wit and adventure

Based on William Goldman's novel of the same name, The Princess Bride is staged as a book read by grandfather (Peter Falk) to his ill grandson (Fred Savage). (1987) Rated PG, 1h, 34 minutes.

Stand By Me
Friday, January 23rd

OSCAR® nominee

Four boys face a journey of self-discovery. (1986) Rated R, 1h, 24 minutes.

The American President
Monday, January 26th

Witty political romance with Michael Douglas, Oscar nominee.

A widowed U.S. President finds love with a lobbyist during a daunting election year in this witty and warm romance. Michael Douglas and Annette Bening star in this classic Rob Reiner film. (1995) PG-13, 1h, 53 minutes.

SPIRITUAL DEVOTION: DEDICATED, FAITHFUL AND HOLY

Why do you think they say about Christmas, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year?” I think it is more than just the festivities and food. I think it is more than just the family gatherings, socials and programs. I think it is more than just the gifts we give and receive. After Thanksgiving, I sense an almost palpable spirit that pervades the homes, the stores and streets, and the hearts of us all. There is an awakening of sorts, and atmosphere of expectation! Do you ever sense that? What could it possibly be?

As we read in the gospels of the Christmas story, there was an expectation for the fulfillment of what Gabriel said to Mary and Joseph. It was not just the excitement of this miraculous birth, but more of who that baby would be.

Deep in our souls is a hunger to connect with our creator. A hunger that cannot be quenched or satisfied by anyone other than our creator, God Himself. And I believe that as each Christmas comes around, our souls need to be connected to its creator is like a magnetic pull. A pull that tugs and yanks to be released of all that hinders it from connecting to God. A compulsion to be physically, mentally, spiritually aware of the presence of God. Man was created to be in relationship with God, never separated from Him. God has placed this hunger deep in our souls that can only be satisfied and fed by Him. And each Christmas, God is reaching out to us, calling us unto Himself. God is calling us to a loving and lasting relationship, or to a renewal of that relationship, where our souls deepest need is met by God Himself.

Do you ever notice how quickly the “Christmas Spirit” is gone. Decorating is un-

done, songs cease, and we return to life as normal. But, that awareness of God, that excitement and expectation, that spiritual wonder in the air does not have to disappear. The wonder of God’s love can continue throughout the New Year.

In what ways would you say that you are connecting with God? In what manner have you opened your life to experience God daily? What steps are you taking to keep that wonder alive to yourself and to others?

God never intended for His love and fellowship to be just an event once a year. He intended for it to be a soul satisfying, life enriching, awe inspiring relationship with Himself every day!

If you have lost that “most wonderful time of the year” feeling, is it possible that you are focused more on receiving than giving than on connecting to God? Is it possible you have ignored the gift God is giving to bring you into relationship with Himself? God still waits for you and me.

Ted Tompkins

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Resident/Staff Bible Study at 11am every Tuesday in the Chesapeake Game Room.

Sunday Church Services 2pm Westbury Clubroom for Assisted Living & 3:00 in The Pub for Independent Residents.

Grief Support 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 11 in the Chesapeake Game Room.

Rosary Group meets at 3 pm each Thursday in the Chesapeake Game Room for the month of January.

Communion to Rosary Group meets at 1pm the 4th Monday of the month in the Art Room 2 for the month of January.

NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWING: CARE, COMMITTEES & COMMENTARY

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

The December 3, 2025 Annual Meeting of the Resident’s Association was productive. Residents approved the 2026 slate of officers (see elsewhere in this newsletter) and also approved recommended changes to the Association Bylaws. The Board of Directors, Standing Committees, and resident Committee Chairs will receive copies of the 2026 ByLaws as will new residents. Any other resident may receive a copy on request. Contact Susan Moore x4206 or Amy Hinson x4024. As always, copies of draft and final minutes of our Resident Association Minutes are available on Uniguest and in hard copy in the Library. The next meeting of the Residents Association Board of Directors to which all residents are invited, is on January 7, 2026 at 10 am in the Auditorium. We hope to see you there. 2026 will be a positive year for the Association and residents. We have over 65 residents who volunteer on a committee. If you are interested in getting involved, please attend any of the committee meetings or contact the Committee Chair. You are welcome to sit in on any Committee meeting without joining. The January Committee meetings are listed in this newsletter. The Residents Association relies on a \$20 per person per year dues to fund activities throughout the calendar year. Last year dues helped pay for food and decorations for specific activities such as the Army Navy game, the Kentucky Derby, the Chili Cook-off and the popular BYOB Saturday Pub Night among others. Also dues pay for some of the flowers which commemorate resident passings and other expenses associated with Association activities. Please support our Residents Association by making out a \$20 per person check to the RW-C Residents Association or putting cash in an envelope and leaving your contribution in our treasurer Nancy Dupre’s box #705 at the front desk. Thank you. Susan Moore, President

COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Our first year for this committee ends with a greater appreciation and knowledge of each other and the community at RW-C and beyond. Awareness of how and where to find help and support is comforting. A simple hello, please, thank you and a smile are beneficial for the giver as well as the recipient. Our Staff

is here to help and guide us so share your ups and downs with them as well as with your family and friends.

GROUNDS & LANDSCAPING REPORT

Happy New Year, 2026. Our first wintery blasts have come and gone, now, winter is primed for our next few months. Our daylight hours are increasing (slowly) and soon the birds will be building nests. Until then, we will experience freezing days, icy walks, wind-swept landscapes and weather surprises. We must be mindful of ice buildup on sidewalks and streets where we walk. Report untreated areas prone to freezing. Damon is always prompt in treating these areas for our safety but walking your dog can be problematic because these street chemicals are harmful, and perhaps deadly, to our pet. Be sure to wash and dry their paws before they begin licking them. To help our shut-in blues, forcing forsythia stems to bloom is always welcome. After a cold winter, the buds of this species are preparing to open into their beautiful yellow flowers. You can fool Mother Nature by cutting stems and placing them in a vase of water inside. After about a week or two, the little buds will burst forth into a welcome sunny yellow display. I suggest that the stems be cut in mid to late January so that you can enjoy an early spring in February. We are fortunate to live here and be able to enjoy the kindness of Brent & Becky’s offer to provide non-profits with select flower bulbs. We are making arrangements to add a little cheer to the foundation plantings at the Birdsong House.

November rainfall 2.34”

December as of 12/19/25 1.76”

ANGEL TREE 2025:

Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to this year’s Angel Tree Drive. Together, we raised \$6,134.00. Your generosity will provide meaningful financial assistance to fellow residents during a particularly difficult time in their lives.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all involved and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, blessed New Year.

Denise Kenner

RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 7-10:00AM-Auditorium
All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

RESIDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION RESULTS

At the RWC Residents Association Annual Meeting on Dec. 3, 2025, residents approved the following slate of nominees for the Board and standing committees for 2026:

- President: Susan Moore
Vice President: Bob Woods
Treasurer: Nancy Dupre
Secretary: Jeannie McGuire
Immediate Past President: Vicki Marek-Young
Directors at Large: Bill Cole, Sara Delo, Maxine Luxton and Nancy Monroe
Quality of Life Committee: Brian Bennett -- 2 terms. (Patti Bozarth is already a member and will complete her second term in 2026. The President of the Residents Association is also a member of the committee according to it’s charter.)
Finance Committee: Janet Hemming, Bob Calves, Al Smy, and Bob Isenhour
Nominations/Elections: Joan Blackstone, Joan May and Carol Sennott.

Margie Beane, Secretary

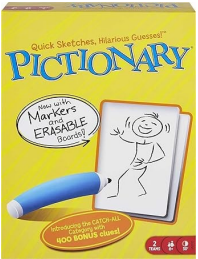
FIRST FRIDAY FORUM: NICK CAYTON, IT MANAGER, NICK CAYTON WILL BE SPEAKING ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE *

Friday, January 9-8:30am-Lancaster Room
Sign up required. LIMIT=50

MACULAR DEGENERATION GROUP RESTARTS MONTHLY MEETINGS
Thursday, January 22-11:00am-Main Street Pub

LET’S PLAY Pictionary
Thursday, January 22-1:00

Chesapeake Game Room
Pictionary is a charades-inspired word guessing game where players try to guess what their team mates are drawing. The game involves splitting into teams, with one player drawing a word or phrase while the others guess what it is. The game is known for its fun and laughter, as it challenges players to communicate ideas through sketches without using words, letters, or numbers.



LET’S PLAY BOGGLE
Thursday, January 29-1:00

Chesapeake Game Room
Boggle is a word game introduced in 1972, where players try to find as many words as possible from a grid of lettered dice within a set time limit. The game consists of 16 letter cubes arranged in a 4x4 grid, and players connect adjacent letters to form words.



OLD DOMINION VOLUNTEER CHAPTER OF CANINE COMPANIONS PRESENTATION*

Monday, January 26-11:00am-Auditorium
Canine Companions® consists of volunteers, puppy raisers and graduate teams from the Richmond, Virginia area. Our mission is to support Canine Companions through fundraising and community awareness. Lead with independence: Canine Companions is leading the service dog industry so people with disabilities can live with greater independence. This branch is from Matthews.



In November, fifteen veteran service dog teams came from across the U.S. to the Canine Companions facility in Mathews earlier this month to brush up on their training and learn some new skills. Canine Companions provides service dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities at no cost to the client.

GARFIELD’S RESCUE CAT VISITS
Wednesday, January 28-1:00-Art Room 2
Their vision is to eliminate the suffering of community cats on the Northern Neck of Virginia



Let’s Get Creative!

Epoxy Tumblers*
Monday, January 5th at 2:00pm
& Monday, January 12th at 2:00pm
Art Room 2
Help us create one of a kind cups for staff who have reached milestone years working for RWC. **LIMIT=4**



Lunar New Year Cherry Blossom Tree Pom-Pom Craft*
Wednesday, January 21st-1:00PM-Art Room 2
LIMIT=10
Craft adorable cherry blossom trees that celebrate the beauty of Lunar New Year.

Making Paper Fortune Cookies*
Thursday, January 22nd-11:00am
Art Room 2
LIMIT=8
Help us make festive gifts for your Chinese New year Party to come in February.



Chinese New Year Fan Paper Plate Craft*
Thursday, January 29th-11:00am-Art Room 2
LIMIT=10

Making Paper Lanterns*
Friday, January 30th-1:00pm
Art Room 2
Make festive décor for your home or for the Chinese New Year Party to come in February. **LIMIT= 10**

