

Painting The Way

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November Speaker -

Sandy Magyar introduced Neil Roberts from PRP Wines. Neil, who has been with PRP for 20 years, is a wine consultant and hosts wine tasting parties.



Neil Roberts, Sandy Magyar

Neil told about the five S's in wine tasting – see, smell, swirl, sip and swallow. Some of the points he stressed are:

- ▶ Most wines produced these days need to be consumed at an early age – within two years.
- ▶ Always hold a wine glass by the stem and not the bowl or you warm up the wine.
- ▶ What makes wines different from country to country is the type of grape, the soil, water and climate.
- ▶ White wine has a shorter shelf life than red wine.
- ▶ Keep all wines out of direct sunlight and away from vibration (such as your refrigerator).

All in all, the program was most informative!

January 11 Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11 at 3pm in the clubhouse. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Verville (one of our directory advertisers and a local dentist) who will talk about the latest news in cosmetic dentistry.

Following our meeting will be Happy Hour at the club from 5-7 pm with a Mexican Buffet dinner from 6-8pm.

February 9 - Luncheon Meeting

Our February meeting will be a luncheon with a special guest speaker, Donna Hicken, from the Hicken Foundation

and a local news anchor on Channel 12 (11 on Comcast.) For anyone not familiar with the Hicken Foundation, it was set up by Donna after two bouts of breast cancer, to help women who are in need of financial aid while they go through breast cancer treatment.



Donna has written a book "The Good Fight" about her battle with cancer.

Sign up for the luncheon will start at our January meeting. Details will be announced shortly.

Charles E. Bennett Fund Thanks

Last year, our donations totaled \$3,900 and helped to provide Christmas for 10 families. This year, we also collected \$3,900 and needed to help 20 families with the help of our very frugal elves. These ladies deserve a big pat on the back, because this is not one-stop shopping, but they all say how rewarding it is and how good it makes them feel.

Our funds for the remaining school year are extremely low, so anybody out there that still wishes to contribute may send a check to Barbara Szymanski at 3552 Olympic Drive. During the last few weeks, we also helped two families with their rent.

The following are our wonderful members who shopped to make Christmas very special for very needy families:

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| Rita Altman | Denise Beauchamp |
| Debbie Brown | Kathie Cardon |
| Ann Colantuono | Kim Hanson |
| Betty Holmes | Marlene Jacobs |
| Mary Karney | Karen Kennedy |
| Mary Lee Thompson | Dottie Lunt |
| Jackie McCann | Coral Nettuno |
| Phyllis Peterson | Doe Sankey |
| Sharon Sprott | Kaaren Tague |
| Judy Williamson | Dorothy Wood |

The unselfish giving of their time and energies at this time of year is greatly appreciated.

President's Message

What a great year we had in 2005!!! My hat is off to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to complete our key projects over the last few months. Our results are nothing short of spectacular.

- ▶ Our membership is at an all time high.
- ▶ Directory and Luminary Sales surpass all past years.
- ▶ We've added "Helping Hands" to our Sunshine group .
- ▶ We formed a "Charity Committee" for allocation of monies.
- ▶ Our scholarship contributions were unprecedented.
- ▶ We helped Hurricane Rita and Katrina survivors.
- ▶ We now have our own website.
- ▶ Our Hospitality Group has welcomed scores of new residents.
- ▶ You have clothed and helped many children at Charles E. Bennett.
- ▶ You collected food for the needy, prepared food baskets for the elderly and donated Christmas trees to underprivileged children

On behalf of your Executive Board, thank you for caring for others and each other.

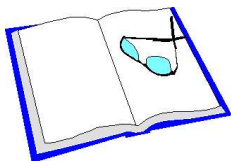
Our speaker in January will be Dr. Verville who will give us insight into what's new in cosmetic dentistry.

See you at the meeting!

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January 25 Book Club Meeting

This month, the Book Club will be held at Barbara Long's home. Barbara lives at 1924 Quaker Ridge. We will be discussing *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve. Remember to bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Oh, the date is January 25th and the time is 11AM.



See you there!

If you have any questions, give me a call at 529-7524.
Thanks! Donna Medara

Medicare D Questions and Answers

Don't forget that the Medicare Part D questions that could not be fully answered at the November 30 meeting are now posted on our website: www.MPWC.org .

Check under the "Members Only" area. Again, many thanks to Betty Alix for presenting the program.

Support Our Advertisers!

Please don't forget to check the ads in our Member Directory and our Classified Ads. These are all contributing to help us support our community. Please give them a call the next time you are in need a service.

Most of the advertisers are service people and companies that our members have dealt with personally and they are highly recommended!

New Email Addresses:

Please make note of the following new email addresses:

Charlotte Beck	Cbeck2241@comcast.net
Sue Dake	sldake@bellsouth.net
Alice Kerrigan	jdk32043@bellsouth.net
Donna Medara	dmedara@bellsouth.net
Marsha Zupan	djzooop@bellsouth.net

Charlotte Beck's new address and phone 13057 Triple Crown Loop, Gainesville, VA 20155, (703) 743-2241.

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