

Park View Village

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PVV PROGRAM CALENDAR

PVV's annual picnic, 6 to 8 pm on Friday, June 2 at Morrison Park shelter (off of Chicago Ave., on 2nd Street, between Red Front store and Waterman School). Please bring one potluck dish per person (couples bring 2): a main course, veggie or salad, and/or a dessert; plus your own plates, cups, cutlery and napkins; and soft drinks or juice as desired. Water will be provided. Dinner begins around 6pm... followed by music by Bob Bersson and fellow-members of the Countryside Garage Band. In the event of severe weather, the picnic will be cancelled. Questions: call Keith Gnagey, 540-383-9771.

“State of Older Adult Care: an Interdisciplinary Conference,” June 9-10 at JMU.
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BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE:

At the April board meeting the board identified a project we affectionately refer to as “Park View Village 2.0” as a top priority for the summer and early fall. The board reaffirmed the mission statement: to provide neighborhood members with community-building activities and home-based services, thereby promoting independence, convenience, safety, and well-being, for those who wish to live in their own home in a multi-generational community. Also the board asked additional members for help with the project. (Cliff Lind, Sadie Showalter and Ann Yoder have responded so far.)

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WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

Jill McGlaughlin (left, with Evelyn Driver) conferred with guests following her talk on April 7. See page 2.

DYSLEXIA: a challenge for many children, parents and teachers



Jill McGlaughlin and a few in her PVV audience. Photos by Greg Versen

Many bright, capable people our age struggled in school because of an unrecognized problem – dyslexia. That still happens. The disability continues to be misunderstood by the public and even many educators, says Jill McGlaughlin, who spoke to us on the topic April 5. According to the International Dyslexia Association, “Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities.”

Jill described the struggle to find her son, Grady, and daughter, Marley, the help they needed with dyslexia in their early school years. They’re doing well now in private school, she said, thanks to receiving more individual attention than their public schools could provide.

As he and Jill learned about their children’s dyslexia, Jill’s husband, Chad, realized he had dyslexia himself. That had never been diagnosed when he was a child, and the schools’ gaps in understanding still impact many children’s learning, said Jill, who has become an advocate for better dyslexia diagnosis and teaching strategies.

Jill, daughter of PVV member Greg Versen, participated later that month in a conference held at JMU by the Virginia Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (VBIDA). For more information on dyslexia, contact Jill at jillpmcg@yahoo.com or VBIDA at 3126 West Cary Street #102, Richmond, VA 23221; vbidapres@gmail.com; 804-370-7941.

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*Those who love deeply
never grow old.*

*They may die of old age,
But they die young.
Benjamin Franklin*

A gem of a winter tour: Hugo Kohl's Jewelry; Museum



On February 7, eight PVV members visited Hugo Kohl's Jewelry Store and The Museum of American Jewelry Design and Manufacturing, located in downtown Harrisonburg's Ice House,

Kate Hill began by showing samples of jewelry manufactured on-site using machines, tools and dies from the 1840s to the early-to-mid 1900s. Hugo Kohl identifies as a goldsmith but also works with silver and platinum, depending on a customer's wishes. The museum tour began at his vault that contains the largest collection of jewelry dies in the U.S. and is second to one in Paris (with over 3,000 hand-engraved dies, most dating from the 1800s, according to the website, <https://hugokohl.com/>). He uses these in his manufacturing process.

We were given a detailed history of American jewelry making, which had its beginnings in Providence, RI, and nearby states. A combination of factors led to the manufacture of fine jewelry: ship captains wanting their surplus gold and silver coins converted into

added-value products, and growing middle and wealthy classes during the Victorian era looking for items to adorn themselves and make a “class” statement.

Hugo demonstrated different sized presses used in the manufacturing process, worked by immigrants who had limited English but could produce quality products. The large manual press, which Hugo demonstrated, could deliver several tons of pressure and produce the delicate piece of jewelry he holds in his hand in the photo at lower right.

Following the tour, group members shared a delightful meal at nearby Food.Bar.Food.

If there is enough interest (no more than 12 persons at a time), Greg Versen is willing to arrange another trip for those who could not make this one: gregversen@gmail.com.

By Greg Versen

Older adult care: upcoming conference

Educational Opportunity at JMU on Friday June 9 and Saturday, June 10, 2017.

Several area organizations are sponsoring an event “**State of Older Adult Care: an Interdisciplinary Conference**” to be held at Festival Conference Center at James Madison University. The presentations and breakout sessions are quite varied and likely of interest to many of our Park View Village members. You do not need to be a “professional caregiver” to attend. Registration costs \$60.00 plus a \$2.50 processing fee for your credit card charge. The PVV board had decided to reimburse \$20.00 of the registration cost for any member who attends and submits their bill to our treasurer, Nancy Gunden. To register and obtain detailed information about the topics and presenters, go to www.jmu.edu/socwork/olderadult.html. We will have a few conference brochures available at our picnic in June 2. Contact Evelyn Driver at 540-432-1505 if you have questions about this event.

By Evelyn Driver

A first real orientation of new members

Six people, representing 5 of 6 new households who recently joined Park View Village, were invited for the first orientation to our Village. The group included members of a three-generation household. The orientation was led by Paul Yoder, member recruitment chair. The new members met over breakfast on May 3 at the Gathering Place.

Since this was a first for Paul, he was able to learn from other Villages by posting a request on Village-to-Village Network, where he received at least 6 responses. This is a valuable resource for learning the “ropes”, says Paul. His main emphasis was that members “let us know what they need and want from us.” Our intent is to help fulfill their needs and requests.

Normally, new member orientation would involve more staff or board representation and more in-depth training. What we did, says Paul, was make introductions and request, “What motivated you to join?” The exchange was very positive, and members

were able to verbalize their interests and requests. They want and will expect to need more services as they age. One interest was that PVV develop more collaboration with VMRC for services needed to stay in their own homes. There was affirmation for providing a PVV-authorized "handyperson" who could look after things that are found too difficult for an older person to do, but would not merit employment of a vendor.

Paul shared some statistics confirming their desire to stay in their own homes as long as possible. He also listed benefits of staying connected, such as feeling support, staying mentally sharp, developing a more active lifestyle, having better health outcomes and enhancing a sense of well-being and happiness. He also shared that the majority of Baby Boomers want to live as long as possible in their own homes, and many even prefer to die there. They need services until such time as more supportive care may be required.

The board is hoping that orientation meetings will serve as a resource for ongoing adaptability to members' needs and requests.

By Paul Yoder

BOARD PRESIDENT UPDATE (continued from p. 1)

The May Board and Project Team met for the first time on May 22. The project started with a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis of the Park View Village. The process is leading team members to interesting conversations. If you have input or comments, please contact a member of the team.

We look forward to hosting the annual summer picnic potluck June 2 (see page 1). Also the board encourages members to participate in the upcoming State of Older Adult Care Conference at JMU June 9 and 10 (see page 4).

Have a good summer.

Keith Gnagey, PVV Board President

Vendor Spotlight



PAINTER: OC Painting LLC

Paul Yoder recently informed me of a local interior house painter he is ready to recommend to the Park View Village membership: **OC Painting LLC**.

The owner, J. Osman, has a small crew, caters to interior painting jobs, and does good work at a reasonable price.

Mr. Osman can be reached by cell phone at 540-432-3990 or by office phone at 540-432-3990.

John Spicher, PVV Vendor Services Chair

NOTES:

- “**Enhancing the Power of Aging**” will be the theme of this year’s **Village-to-Village National Gathering, Nov. 6-8 in Baltimore**. Locations for the annual meetings vary; this year it’s relatively near us. Want to go? Ask any PVV board member, and/or find <http://www.vtvnetwork.org> and click on “Conference 2017.”
- **PVV MOVIE NIGHTS** are on break until Fall.

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A Spring sunrise over the EMU quad

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Deadline is July 17, 2017 for submissions to PVV’s July-August bimonthly newsletter. Send items to Chris Edwards, editor, 434-0457; chrisedwardshburg@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June

Shirley Yoder Brubaker, Edna Brunk, Sarah Marie Weaver, Edwin M. Yoder, Paul A. Yoder, Nancy Gunden

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