

Prancing and Dancing in Style

By Kaye Dutrow

The Londonderry Fashion Show continues to be a favorite semi-annual event. On Thursday, November 20, eight residents and one staff member pranced and danced down the Clubhouse runway wearing colorful and attractive outfits which the participants had chosen. We enjoy seeing our friends and neighbors wearing styles or colors that may be different from their personal wardrobes. Maryann Priddy, the owner of Taylor Marie's Apparel, helps participants select flattering styles and sizes. Erica Hardeo and Lorraine Flisher also lend a hand in the selection process. If they say, "This is so you!," it probably is.

Erika Taylor, an administrative aide who has worked at Londonderry 15 years, started the show dancing to lively music selected by Lorraine Flisher. Each participant is asked to provide a fun fact. Some mentioned how much they love living here, while others mentioned that they have spoiled

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kitties at home. (Is there any other kind?) Isobel Tascher commented that her outfit “hides a multitude of sins.” We chuckled and made a note of that outfit!

Our dear friend and neighbor, Margaret Bryan, right, who has lived here for 21 years, participated for the first time. Not only did she look terrific in her “Spice” (apricot)-colored top, she chose her own music—“The Old Gray Mare.” We think you are still



what you used to be, Margaret, even if the old gray mare ain't!

Before and after the show, residents have the chance to purchase clothing. Models receive a 15% discount. Maryann travels to other senior living facilities, mostly on the western shore; however, she gets up extra early to travel from Frederick to Easton. Apparently, we are very good customers!

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Thanks to Lorraine Flisher who provides the soundtrack and Erica Hardeo who organizes the event and provides lunch for the participants.

The Fashion Show will probably return in the spring. Contact Erica Hardeo if you would like to participate. Not only is it fun, but it's a good way to meet and to get to know other residents. ♦



Halloween Hoopla

By Jay Craig

It was All Hallow's Eve and Londonderry's Director of Community Engagement Erica Hardeo was not about to allow this special day to pass without having a party. Residents were invited to a Halloween bash at the clubhouse and were asked to wear whatever costume suited them for the occasion. The clubhouse was bedecked in all things ghoulish with



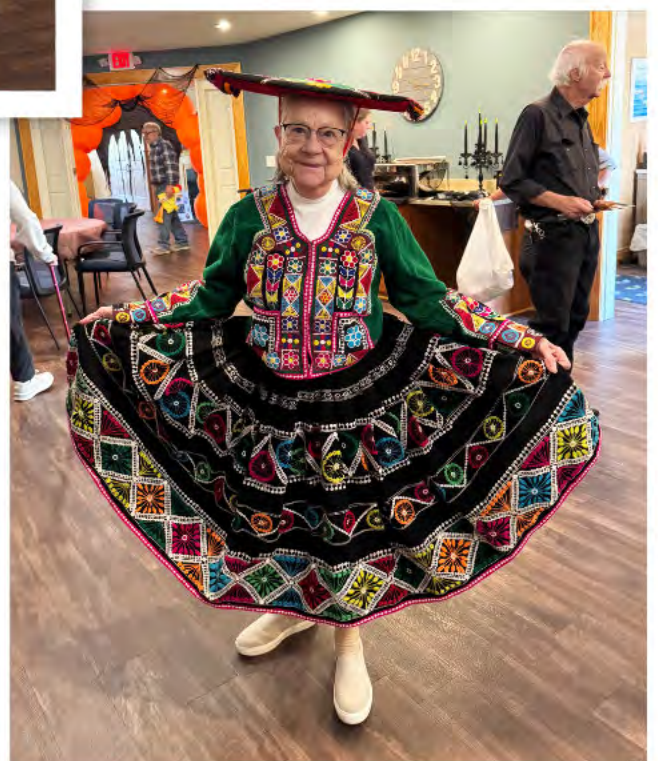
the color orange representing the harvest and black representing the approaching winter; of course, there was a scary witch hiding behind the entrance to the room.

Our great maintenance staff set the room up to accommodate about 60, but had to quickly set up



more chairs and table space as the room filled with about 80 or so residents dressed in a variety of festive, spooky, and magical costumes in preparation for a Halloween fest. We were entertained by residents who showed up as a Roaring Twenties Couple, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Zelda Sayre (top), Tequila and Lime, a cow, The Spice Girls (above, Ground Turmeric, Basil, Kosher Salt, Fireball Cinnamon, Italian Seasoning and Garlic Powder), and a traditional Peruvian woman wearing vibrant clothing and a uniquely styled hat (right).

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The lights were dimmed and the Halloween atmosphere exploded with fun and games for young and old (mostly old). Erica's ingenuity was in full display with the fun games she created, like the Monster Freeze dance (right) where participants danced to music, but had to freeze when the music stopped.

Not to be outdone, several couples entered the Wrap the Mummies game (below) where



couples had to wrap each other in toilet paper within a specific time frame with the winners being the couple most fully wrapped. Erica apologized for borrowing the paper from the housecleaning budget established by LaCree Brown, Director of Housekeeping Services.

While all this Halloween hoopla was happening, in an adjacent (quieter) clubhouse room, a tarot card reader, Cari Fisher, was interpreting what the cards had to say for those who had signed up for individual readings.

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The staff joined the celebration by dressing themselves in costumes representing humorous plays on words. The puns were made to create multiple meanings of the costumes they wore, and the audience had to determine what each costume represented.

Adding to the magical afternoon, our talented chef, Brendan Keegan, Director of Dining Services, conjured up seasonal treats like sausage bites (devil's fritters), meatballs, and a variety of cheeses, meats and crackers to tempt every palate. The food and beverages complemented a Halloween bash to remember. The clubhouse seemed to be bursting with energy, with laughter heard throughout the room and a spirited costume contest to round out the festivities.

One of the biggest surprises of the afternoon came courtesy of Delores Craig, who took home the top costume prize (winners below). Dressed in a convincing-looking police uniform and wig, she was so thoroughly transformed that many residents didn't



recognize her at all. Coming in second were Charles and Ann Yonkers attired in authentic Roaring Twenties clothing with Ann's dress embellished with beading, sequins, and fringe. Clare Kettell came in third with her very eccentric clothing she called "Mrs. Mismatch."

At Londonderry, Halloween is not just a special time of the year, it is a celebration of community with a little bit of mischief that could not occur without our wonderful staff. It was an all-hands event with staff members: Erica Hardeo, LaCree Brown, James Brooks,

Director of Buildings and Grounds and his staff, Lorraine Flisher, Director of Health and Wellness, CEO Christine Harrington, and Brendan Keegan and his staff.

Until next year, we will remember the howlingly good time we had at this event and eagerly anticipate what Erica Hardeo has up her sleeve for the next entertaining community adventure.🎃

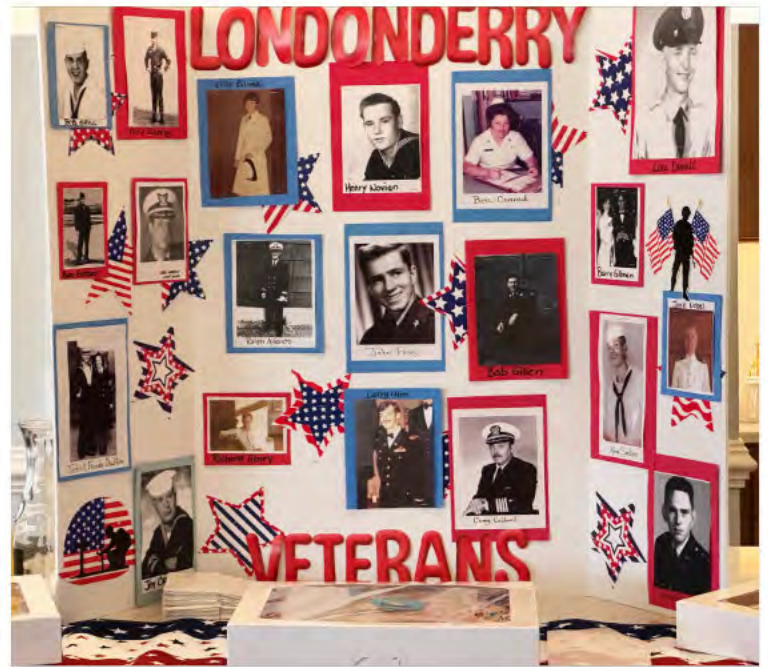


Veteran's Day Breakfast

By Jay Craig

It was 11 AM on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when World War I was effectively concluded. This was the armistice that ended the fighting on the Western Front of World War I. Here in the United States, we celebrate this occasion as Veterans Day, honoring the service of all U.S. veterans. In many parts of the world, it is known as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day, also honoring armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. In the U.S., we specifically honor the fallen on Memorial Day.

The idea that World War I was “the war to end all wars” was nothing more than a slogan and a naive hope. The treaty signed to end that war was so flawed that some believe it was the impetus for the conflict in World War II. Living in Londonderry allows for unique relationships to occur, and it was a privilege to know some World War II veterans who lived here. Although those great veterans are no



longer with us, 35 or so other veterans remain in the community and are proud of their service to the country.

To honor their service Erica Hardeo, Director of Community Engagement, along with other Londonderry staff, invite Londonderry veterans to meet, enjoy some good fellowship and food and to remember those who have gone before us. This is an annual event that always occurs on the 11th day of the 11th month.



This year's event was held in the dining room where 22 of the 35 veterans assembled for a wonderful breakfast prepared by Chef Brendan Keegan, Director of Dining Services, assisted by line cook Alexandria “Alex” Eller. To begin the festivities, Don Goodliffe led the group in the singing of “God Bless America” and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Prominently displayed in the middle of the room was the Missing Man Table. There are several items displayed on the table that serve as a powerful image of unity and sacrifice. The description of these items was read out loud for all to hear:

The tablecloth is white symbolizing purity, a single rose reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades in arms, a red ribbon represents the determination to account for everyone, a slice of lemon reminds us of the bitter fate of those we lost, an inverted glass reminds us that they cannot have a toast with us, the Bible represents strength gained through faith, the salt is symbolic of a river of tears shed by loved ones, the candle reflects our hope for their return and the empty chair reminds us that our comrades are not there.



The veterans of Londonderry represent every branch of military service, and their backgrounds are as varied as the responsibilities they had in the military. There were retired military veterans, along with those who served three or four years. We had high-ranking officers like Navy Captain Craig Caldwell and Coast Guard Captain John (Jack)

Harrauld who both retired from the military after many honorable years of service. Several other military officers were in attendance, like Ken Sadler who sailed to Lebanon on the heavy cruiser USS Des Moines. It was great to see Beatrice (Bea) Conrad, an Air Force captain and nurse Ellie Belinski, a Navy veteran. John Foss kept the Russians at bay while stationed in Alaska during the Korean War. Jerry Fairbanks trained troops in guided-missile maintenance while in the Army.



Although sitting in perfectly capable aircraft, Dick Codrington, left, jumped out of them as a paratrooper, and Larry Ulm flew missions in combat zones in Vietnam.

Sitting together in groups of five or so, we were treated to coffee and orange juice to begin the dining portion of the

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event. Richard Williams, Director of Security and Transportation, along with Erica Hardeo and Director of Housekeeping LaCree Brown kept our coffee cups full while other staff

members like Lorraine Flisher, Director of Health and Wellness, CEO Christine Harrington and James Brooks, Director of Buildings and Grounds, kept the food coming.

Rachel Smith and Kristina Carson of Sales and Marketing and Controller Jennifer Hughes stopped by to see how things were going and to say hello.

We were presented with a wonderful assortment of breakfast goodies beginning with a beautiful multi-layered



portion of French toast smothered in pecans and syrup. Several of us had to save part of the French toast in order to gorge ourselves with bacon, sausage, cream chipped beef (a military staple) and an interesting egg concoction that warmed the bellies of hungry veterans.

It is heartwarming to know that the great staff of Londonderry appreciates its veterans and recognizes us each year with a wonderful event to remember those who served in the military. The staff at Londonderry have an unwavering commitment to honoring veterans which speaks volumes. The community's veterans come from many walks of life, and are grateful for the recognition of their service and thankful to the staff at Londonderry for remembering. ♦

Welcome

New Residents

Frederick & Suzanne Betz #206

Mildred DePallo &

George "Bob" Shipman #126

The Londonderry Community is the Best!

By Stan Reed

On September 24, Katie Fox, from the Talbot County Public Schools, came to speak to the Rotary Club of Londonderry about ways we could support Easton Elementary students and teachers. She spoke about a Care Closet in the school that provides personal items for students in need.



She also spoke about a program to adopt a classroom to help support financial assistance for classroom projects.

At the October residents meeting, Rotary Club's leader, Lari Caldwell, told the rest of the community of our plan to raise

supplies and funds for the school. The outpouring of support was amazing. At the Rotary meeting in November, followed by the residents meeting, Katie returned to accept and thank all of us for our contributions. We provided many bags of personal items, including new winter coats. We also donated enough money to adopt 20 classrooms and an additional \$300 dollars for more supplies for their Care Closet. Katie was tearful about the wonderful support Londonderry residents provided. ♦



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The Return of the Pop-Up Boutique

By Patricia Bradley

On November 5, the Pop-up Boutique from the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Easton appeared once more in the Activities Room at Londonderry. It was six months after their last visit in March, and the shopping ladies and gentlemen were ready for it. There was the same great variety of items at wonderfully reasonable prices and the same feeling of doing some good for others while increasing one's own good fortune.



This totally volunteer effort on the part of the church members serves the needy in Talbot County. All proceeds from the morning shopping spree will go to distributing food, clothing and furnishings to people who need it; or it may help in paying rent, utilities, medical and prescription bills.



In addition to that, I can tell you you will never meet a more friendly, attentive sales crew that encourages you all the way. I was sorely tempted at the jewelry table—it's always fun to look. But I came away with a quilted vest in a lovely shade of green; it was, in fact, just what I needed. ♦



To further support the organization, Londonderry plans to offer residents monthly trips to the SVdP Thrift Store, the first one scheduled for Friday, December 12.

Tea at Reynolds Tavern

By Kaye Dutrow

Located on Church Circle in Annapolis, the Reynolds Tavern was built in 1747. Williams Reynolds conducted his hat business, rented rooms and operated an “ordinary” (a.k.a. tavern) which served hot and cold food and liquor to visitors. On Friday, November 21, Londonderry residents visited Reynolds Tavern for Afternoon Tea. As we entered the dining room of this beautifully restored tavern, we felt transported back to the 18th century.

Riley, our efficient server, explained how our Afternoon Tea would proceed. We had so many choices and appreciated



her guidance. We first selected our scone and our tea. Some chose Paris tea while others ordered Earl Grey or Oolong. Pots of hot tea quickly arrived followed by two large three-tiered serving plates filled with mouthwatering treats. The bottom plate had the selection of scones we ordered. The savory plate included finger sandwiches and savory tarts. The top

plate had an assortment of tea cakes and pastries which offered a variety of flavors. In addition to all the good food, we also enjoyed the company and the conversations with other residents and staff.

We thoroughly enjoyed the Afternoon Tea at Reynolds Tavern and would definitely like to return. Thanks to Erica Hardeo for organizing the trip and to Mike Robbins for driving us to Annapolis and returning us safely home. ♦



Denton Diner Breakfast

By Jay Craig

The monthly gathering of hungry men of Londonderry assembled at the community center on November 7 for a trip to the Denton Diner for another breakfast happening. Eleven of us piled into the van, which was piloted by Chris Andrews, Lead Maintenance Tech, and accompanied by Bob Heggelke, Security Guard. In his typically outstanding manner, Chris demonstrated his driving skills in a safe and courteous manner, getting us to the restaurant in about 25 minutes or so.

The van seemed to be a little perkier that morning and somehow generated a moderate 72 degrees of ambient temperature within the cabin even though its temperature gauge was reading 82. Although securely buckled in our



seats, a few of us had to be helped figuring out those harness contraptions before we left for the trip.

Upon our arrival, we were met by our host who seated us at a long table along the left



wall of the diner. Seated from front left and counterclockwise above are Don Goodliffe, Ken Sadler, Dick Codrington, Steve Cades, Jay Craig, Bob Heggelke, Chris Andrews, Richard Henry, Barney Johnson, Bob Gosser, Roger Bollman, John Foss, and Henry Novian.

Our server, Victoria, at left, came to the table immediately and took orders for coffee and other beverages. During our stay, our coffee mugs remained full, and our breakfast orders were delivered quickly. The food was plentiful and tasty. One of the plates was piled high with bacon and had to be shared with others. With a couple of individuals being “scrapple connoisseurs” our meals are usually judged by how it’s served, and it passed the test on this occasion.

The guys had a good time talking about important topics of the day and basically solved most of the problems occurring throughout the world. Politics were mentioned without becoming too political, and we generally enjoyed each other’s

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company with interesting conversations and a laugh or two. An always important topic is age, as most of us are older than 40, and one of the group stated that he never has a problem starting a sentence but sometimes forgets how to end it.

The trip back was uneventful, and we made good time under the supervision of Chris and Bob. The front gate at Londonderry is always a welcome site, signaling a quick late-morning/early-afternoon nap with a full

stomach and pleasant thoughts of another breakfast adventure behind us. Erica Hardeo, director of community engagement, does a great job in setting up these events. If you have any questions, please contact her or any of the regular breakfast-outing bunch to learn more about our experiences. If interested in future trips, keep an eye on CATIE near the end of each month to find out what breakfast experience will occur within the first week of the following month. ♦

Recycling 101

By Donna Tossit

Gary Lasako and Angie Webb from Maryland Environmental Service came to Londonderry on November 18 to give us all a briefing on recycling on the Mid-Shore. Gary, MES Senior Project Manager, led off with an overview of the not-for-profit, independent state agency's mid-shore regional partnership, serving Caroline, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Kent Counties.

The Midshore Regional Solid Waste System has two main collection sites—a transfer station in Talbot County and a landfill in Ridgely—along with 33 resident drop-off locations for recyclables.

Angie, MES Chief of Recycled Products and Marketing, described the recycling program. The top 10 recycled products are cardboard, paper, food boxes, mail, beverage cans, food cans, glass bottles, jars (plastic and glass), jugs, and plastic bottles and caps. She

emphasized that the following items should NEVER be put in recycling: plastic bags or wrappings (take them to a grocery store bag collection station), electronics, and textiles and clothing.

Batteries—both lithium and alkaline—also should NEVER be put in recycling or even in the trash because of fire hazard. A collection box is being placed in the Londonderry mailroom for used batteries, which will periodically be taken to Staples for proper



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disposal. Until then, you may drop off your batteries at the front desk.

Angie described what happens to the collected recyclables. First, they go to one of the local materials recovery facilities where they are sorted both mechanically and manually, separated, baled and then sold into the recyclables marketplace to be turned into new products. She emphasized that most of the recyclables sold stays in the U.S., being sold primarily to facilities east of the Mississippi.

Paper and cardboard become new boxes and packaging. Soda and water bottles marked #1 PET become textiles, carpeting and new bottles. Milk jugs and other non-colored bottles marked #2 HDPE become new bottles. Colored bottles and jugs marked #2 HDPE become toys and new bottles. Glass bottles and jars are melted down and processed in Pennsylvania into new bottles and jars. Steel cans also are processed in Pennsylvania, becoming construction and industrial materials. Aluminum cans are processed in Kentucky and become new cans back on shelves in only 60 to 90 days.

With the help of James Brooks, Londonderry's director of buildings and grounds, Angie and Gary answered a few questions about concerns and procedures specific to Londonderry. A few takeaways:

- Lids can be left on plastic bottles, and they don't need to be crushed.

- Containers should be rinsed but don't need to be "pristine." Labels do not have to be removed.
- Styrofoam is NOT recyclable.
- Plastics marked #5 ARE recyclable (the recyclers don't like them but will take a limited amount), but #6 are NOT and should be placed in the trash. Some of our new to-go containers are #5, some are #6—nothing is easy, right? Making it even harder is that the designations are VERY tiny on many of the containers, hiding under the lip at the edge. The most-used black rectangular containers and their clear lids are both #5. Any plastics with no number on them should be thrown in the trash.
- Small plastic pill bottles should be thrown away, as they are too small for the recyclers to handle properly.
- Our recycling should be placed in bags before putting it into the round blue bins. When collected by maintenance, the bags are emptied into the community's big recycling dumpster. If placed in paper bags, those bags can be recycled, too, so use them whenever possible.

Overall, it was an interesting presentation, although I'm not sure it alleviated some of the confusion about our specific recycling issues. Just try to do your best—every piece that you recycle is one less item going to the landfill. ♦

Londonderry's Housekeeping Services

By Jay Craig

One of the important benefits of living in Londonderry is how residents are cared for by the community's professional staff. From maintenance to dining to recreation and socialization, from health and wellness to living in its clean environment with security protections, life at Londonderry is made easy. A vital cog within the gears that makes Londonderry a great place to live is its Housekeeping Services Department.

Led by its ever-smiling and quiet leader, LaCree Brown, the team consists of Tylean Collins, Sandra Gibson, Gail Graham, Brenda Nichols-Brown, and Heather Turkington. LaCree is like a silent motor that keeps the gears running and is assisted by a group of professional housekeepers with a combined 60 years of experience just within our community.

Gail, Heather, Ty, LaCree, Brenda and Sandra

Londonderry's cleaning crew comes from a variety of backgrounds and experiences with the same aspirations in life as many of us have. LaCree loves to go shopping in her spare time. Tylean ("Ty") loves football with her favorite team, the Cowboys. Sandra loves to read and thought seriously about becoming a teacher. Brenda loves to spend time with family. Heather loves boating, and Gail loves to cook and hug people.

To hone their skills, the ladies receive safety tips from our Security and Transportation Department and have regular meetings to discuss their operations. At least quarterly, the team takes a break to enhance camaraderie and fellowship with a pop-up breakfast or crab feast, and they usually get together to celebrate Christmas. LaCree is an integral part of the team and assists them with cleaning and motivates them whenever possible. She has many responsibilities within

the community and usually commits herself to the cleaning requirements at the Manor House.

In the quiet corners of Londonderry, this spirited group of ladies band together to brighten the interior spaces and apply their professional skills to enhance the environment within our community. These are the

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Housekeeping (cont. from page 16)

Londonderry ladies of lint-free cloths and Lysol, better known as members of housekeeping services. Armed with all the tools necessary, the ladies have a knack for finding dust in places where residents would not dare to look. Their bi-weekly cleaning rounds are put on full display as they apply their trade to 147 separate cottages and apartments and all interior spaces of the community's common areas.

Neither freezing temperatures with snow and slush nor blistering summer heat can halt their arrival at our front doors on cleaning day. Their tools are simple but very effective, and like clockwork every other week, each apartment and cottage within our community receives a gentle transformation. Without hesitation, the team rolls their cleaning carts from place to place ensuring that every residence and interior common



area is cleaned. In addition, they are an integral part of refurbishing units before new residents move in and work directly with James Brooks, Director of Building and Grounds and his team and with Rachel Smith and Kristina Carson of our Sales and Marketing Department.



Their cleaning carts may carry cleaning supplies, but what they really deliver is comfort and care to our residents. So, let's give a huge shout out to the ladies who make Londonderry a special place to live, and be careful when running into Gail because a big hug may be coming your way. ♦

A Musical Journey

By Linda Cades

With holiday travel looming just ahead, many of us wish there were an easier way to get away from it all. Ashley Watkins and Denise Nathanson proved that it is entirely possible to travel though time and space using only Ashley's flute and Denise's cello.

Together they took us on a musical journey from late 17th century France to 20th century New York cabarets. They played songs, mostly familiar and some a bit less so, to help us all set out on an adventure without going any further than the Londonderry clubhouse.

As a duet, Ashley and Denise focus often on the music of underrepresented women composers. This performance included Sonata #3 of six composed by then 16-year-old Anna Bon, a court musician and contemporary of Mozart.

About 200 years later, Marilyn Bliss composed "Blue Dawn" which introduced us to Native American music. Ashley explained that Ms.



Bliss is herself an accomplished flute player and that "Blue Dawn" is often played on a Native American flute. In addition, we heard a ballet piece called "Pas de Deux" by Lauren Bernofsky, who is best known for writing music to appeal to school kids, but who also composes more sophisticated music as well.

Opening their program with a piece by Jean Joseph Moret, known formally as "Rondeau" but more universally as the theme from Masterpiece Theatre, Ashley and Denise also played three pieces from Handel's *Water Music* and "Berceuse," a lullaby by Reinhold Gliere.

Bringing us back to the Victorian Age, Ashley and Denise played two fabulous songs from Gilbert and Sullivan—"I'm Called Little Buttercup" from *H.M.S. Pinafore* and "Poor Wandering One" from *The Pirates of Penzance*. "Irish Airs and Jigs" carried us to the Emerald Isle before we returned to ragtime America with Scott Joplin's "Easy Winners." Ashley and Denise concluded their program with a song

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we could all still sing: Bart Howard's "Fly Me to the Moon."

If you missed this musical journey, you can catch Ashley and Denise with pianist Veronica Tomanek performing as the trio called Still Waters on January 11, 2026, at Holy Trinity in Oxford.

Such a terrific performance deserved an encore, and happily, there was one. Before she played "Blue Dawn," Ashley mentioned that she wished she owned a Native American flute so she could provide the unique sound that instrument makes.



Londonderry resident Ken Sadler who, as everyone knows, has been exceeding expectations for north of 90 years, rose to the occasion. Ken owned just such a flute which he presented as a gift to Ashley after the show. Thanks to Ken, we all look forward to hearing Ashley play that flute in concert sometime soon. ♦

The Elves Have Been Busy



The Londonderry Elves have been working their tiny fingers to the bone creating magical ornaments for the tree we sponsor at the annual Talbot Hospice Festival of Trees.

Before Thanksgiving, four of the elves gathered all the ornaments created over the past few months and decked out our assigned tree. We hope you have an opportunity to go see the tree during the Festival at the Tidewater Inn. More details and photos will follow in next month's *Tred Avon Times*. 🌲



Thanksgiving Dinner at Londonderry



Ken Burns's *The American Revolution*

By Linda Cades

Most of us took courses in American History in high school, college or both. Many years later, we recall some key dates and events: the Boston Tea Party, the first Continental Congress, and the battles at Lexington and Concord. We celebrate our Declaration of Independence every Fourth of July.

In episode one of his new six-part film series, *The American Revolution*, Ken Burns reminds us that a lot happened before even one shot was fired or a single word declaring our independence from Britain was put to parchment.

Supported by the work of dozens of historians, historical documents, and letters and diaries of those who were “in the room(s) where it happened,” Burns reminds us how

difficult creating our democracy was. He fills us in on everything that happened before a wildly diverse group of people, living in various areas of the country with often conflicting interests, could get together and declare themselves a new country.

For one thing, there was a war, now called either the “Seven Years War” or the “French and Indian War,” fought mostly in Europe from 1756–1763. However, that war spilled over to the American colonies, where the people who lived there were still British, French or Spanish subjects.

On this side of the Atlantic, it became a war between the British on one side and the French and Spanish on the other. The Six

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Nations, a confederacy of tribes of Native Americans who had lived on and owned the land for millennia before any European ever set foot on it, were drawn into the conflict on both sides.

The Treaty of Paris, signed in 1763, proclaimed the British the victors and greatly extended the part of North America they claimed as theirs. However, King George III and his parliament, having spent a lot of money fighting the war, needed to raise money and settled on taxation as a way to do that.

In 1765, they passed the Stamp Act, which was hugely unpopular with the colonists, who had to pay a tax on virtually any document created. That was followed by the Townsend Acts, which taxed products colonists needed to buy like glass and tea.

Led by the Sons and Daughters of Liberty, boycotts of British goods followed, along with a 17-month long occupation of Boston. Protests followed, leading to the Boston Massacre of 1770, an early skirmish that became the American Revolution.

A new tax on tea in 1773 led to the famous Boston Tea Party. Leaders like Samuel Adams,

Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Paine decided enough was enough and called for a revolution. They urged the former British colonies to unite against the King and create a new country. It would be a democracy, with laws made with the consent of the governed. It would be unlike any other government then existing.

In 1774, the first Continental Congress met, including representatives from all the colonies except Georgia. Together, they created Committees of Safety and Inspection designed to enforce the boycott of British Goods. They also, for the first time, saw themselves as Americans, separate and apart from Britain.

War became inevitable. On April 18, 1775, British troops left Boston, determined to fight what they thought of as a ragtag group of rebels and to destroy munitions kept in Concord. Two lanterns appeared in the steeple of Boston's North Church, telling Paul Revere that the British were coming by sea. On April 19, now celebrated in Massachusetts and Maine as Patriot's Day, open warfare erupted in Lexington and Concord.

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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In May 1775, the Second Continental Congress met and the 13 former British colonies united against British rule. There were huge differences among them. Some were slave holding; others opposed slavery. Some depended on agriculture; others were more urban. However, they all decided that their future was brighter as an independent country with leaders they elected themselves. In 1777, they adopted the Articles of Confederation, our first Constitution.

**Have ideas to share?
Photos? Stories?**

We welcome contributions from our fellow residents. Just contact a newsletter committee member or join us at our monthly meetings in the Londonderry Library.
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All of that happens just in episode one of Ken Burns’s *The American Revolution*. Our intrepid Director of Community Engagement Erica Hardeo will be showing episodes two through six in the living room at our community center on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 PM.

If you missed episode one and/or you can’t make it to any of the other episodes, not to worry. The series is streaming on Maryland Public Television. It is well worth the time to devote to watching it. It reminds all of us, as Americans, how difficult it was to create the world’s first real democracy and that our form of government—of the people, by the people, for the people—is worth defending. ♦



Parting Shots



Some Halloween creatures, Chuck's Garden looking lush, and our new kayak stand

