



# The Village In Howard Newsletter

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## ADOPT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY DRIVE

TVIH has offered to support a family of two from the HopeWorks' (formerly the Domestic Violence Center). Please visit our website [www.thevillageinhoward.org](http://www.thevillageinhoward.org) to find a link to their wish list.



1. Please select an item you would like to give and email [quickdraw4589@gmail.com](mailto:quickdraw4589@gmail.com) with your selection. Many items can be given by more than one person and can be duplicated. The list will be updated as needed so check the list before making your purchase.

2. Gift cards are always welcome.

3. Gift wrapping would be appreciated though not necessary.

4. Please label your gift either "Woman#40" or "Girl#40". Bring your gift to the TVIH Center no later than Monday, December 10th. We will have designated boxes for the recipients.

5. We will deliver our gifts to HopeWorks for distribution to the family.

Thank you. Your gift will make this holiday a joyful one for this Howard County family.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming 4 new TVIH members:

Nancy Brennan and Henry Taylor

Sharon Chaiklin

Marlene West

We hope to meet each of you at the Get Acquainted Coffee on December 3, at 10:30AM and our Annual Meeting and Holiday Gathering on December 6 at 6:30PM. Your registration is required for both these events. Please go to the website ([www.thevillageinhoward.org](http://www.thevillageinhoward.org)), login, click on calendar, find these two events and register.

## FRONT PAGE NEWS

The Village in Howard is a growing, dynamic community, and we want our newsletter to reflect this forward movement. We are looking for three to four members to work on enhancements for the newsletter. This group will work closely with Cheryl Neely, TVIH manager, who edits our

newsletter, over the next three months as an editorial board. We anticipate providing opportunities for more member input as well as highlighting programs and activities with photos to promote our dynamic, warm and friendly community to members and others who receive our newsletter. Interested? Contact: [lynda.rotter@gmail.com](mailto:lynda.rotter@gmail.com)

*We wish you joy, peace and many blessings during this holiday season and in the New Year.*

**We remind you that the TVIH Center will be closed on December 24, December 25, December 31 and January 1.**

## DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know about TVIH's Circle of Care benefit for full members? If you want a coordinator to handle non-medical services during your short term (6-10 week) recovery, Circle of Care can help you. Call the TVIH office 443-367-9043 for more information.

A FOND FAREWELL to TVIH Bill Gretsche who is moving to Raleigh, NC this month. Bill has contributed much to the IT and Communications Committees and will be missed.

## A SECOND GLANCE

Beginning January 1, 2019 TVIH memberships will increase to:

Individual: ASSOCIATE	\$165
Individual: FULL	\$385
2 Member Household: ASSOCIATE	\$275
2 Member Household: FULL	\$495

- IT Committee needs a person who can apply their good organizational skills to the online documents in the TVIH website. Contact George Millican at [geejayemm@gmail.com](mailto:geejayemm@gmail.com)
- TVIH needs office and transportation volunteers. Please contact Susan Hailman at [shailman@comcast.net](mailto:shailman@comcast.net)



## ACCOLADES FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUN-RAISER

"Thanks to Joy Cheung, the TVIH Players, an amazing team of volunteers and a group of exuberant spectators, our annual fun-raiser was a rousing success. We enjoyed delicious food, entertainment, photo opportunities, a raffle and an auction. Fundraising aside, from a member-of-the-audience point of view, 'Fall Back to the 60's' was pure fun. To witness the talent and joy of the TVIH Players was nothing short of inspirational. And for us, making new friends at our table was a bonus by itself that made the evening so worthwhile. We may not have won the 50-50 raffle, but our time was 100% delightful." — Gayle and Chuck Sternheim

Enjoy these pages of smiling faces taken by Dick Voelker.











# GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

**Come join the Village Wrappers  
at**

**Barnes & Noble – 4300 Montgomery Road – Ellicott City**

**Thurs. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 9 PM**

**Friday and Saturday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 AM to 3 PM**

To volunteer email Kathy O'Rourke at [k\\_orourke@verizon.net](mailto:k_orourke@verizon.net)



**Gift Wrapping: It's all about cutting  
corners and tying up loose ends**

**All gift wrap provided by B&N**



**Enjoy the camaraderie with TVIH friends, all the while doing  
a great service for the holiday shoppers.**

**Last year we raised over \$450 in donations, all in the spirit of  
the holiday season.**



## TRAVEL NEAR, TRAVEL FAR POTLUCK

*"Twenty years from now you will be  
more disappointed by the things  
you didn't do than by the ones you did.*

*So, throw off the bowlines,  
sail away from the safe harbor,  
catch the trade winds in your sails.*

*Explore. Dream. Discover."*

*— Mark Twain*

One of the many marquee events of TVIH is the monthly travel and potluck dinner. The talks are presented by TVIH members and guests who have travelled near and far to very fascinating and diverse destinations. The programs are held at the Howard County Central Library beginning with time to socialize and enjoy a potluck dinner of uncommonly delicious food. The evening concludes with a 45-minute travel talk experience, punctuated with interesting dialogue and often, spectacular photographs. The event is an inspiring and fun-filled evening!

### We are very pleased to present our Travel Talk Program for 2019.

<b>January</b>	Voyage to the North Pole by Joy and Frankland Cheung
<b>February</b>	A Potpourri of Speakers 1 - The Aborigines of Australia by Adrien and Stephen Meskin 2 - 30 Great Photos by members of the TVIH Photo Club 3 - Poland by Marsha Birnbaum [20 minutes]
<b>March</b>	Budapest and Prague by Nancy and Dick Krantz

<b>April</b>	A Five Week "Artist in Residency" in the Great Smoky Mountains [photography] by Rod Barr
<b>May</b>	Berlin by Jane and Kim Sherman
<b>June</b>	On the Wild Side of Trinidad & Tobago by Dick Voelker
<b>July</b>	15-day Panama Canal Cruise by Claire and Ron Farris
<b>August</b>	No speaker, Summer Holiday
<b>September</b>	China (Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Chengdu, Guilin and Yangshuo) by Christine and Ken Lobo
<b>October</b>	A Potpourri of Speakers 1 - Umbria, Italy and environs by Ron Putz 2 - More Great Photos by members of the TVIH Photo Club 4 - TVIH trip to New York City by John Eberhard
<b>November</b>	Norwegian Coastal Voyage by Paul and Therese Verchinski
<b>December</b>	No speaker, Holiday Season <i>Details of each program will be featured on our monthly calendar.</i>

### And we would be remiss if we did not recap a wonderful year of presentations in 2018:

Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice; Russia by Viking River Cruise; A Walk through the English Cotswolds; A Photographic Journey into Panama's Wilderness; Colorado River Rafting; Bulgaria: Early and modern history, including visits in 2013-14; Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Utah National Parks; Eating, Working and Socializing in Szechuan, China; and How to Prepare for Your Planetary Vacations.

## EVENTS OPEN TO ALL

*Open to members and non-members. Join us to learn about the Village.*

**Happy Hour:** Tuesday, December 4, 4:00PM to 6:00PM. at The Columbia Ale House, 6480 Dobbin Center Way, Columbia, MD 21045

**Sneakers and Coffee:** Meets every Saturday at Lake Kittamaquundi at the People Tree at 9:00AM

**Monday Morning Meanderings:** Meets every Monday from 10:00AM – 12:00PM at Lake Elkhorn dock.

**Lunch Bunch:** Each Wednesday from 11:30AM - 1:00PM In December we will enjoy lunch at the Silver Diner, 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075. 443-733-5213

**Bridge Group:** Meets every second and fourth Tuesday each month at 1:00PM at Wegman's in Columbia. If interested, contact Sarah Spence at (410)730-9269, online registration is not available.



# TVIH MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REQUIRING REGISTRATION

## THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT:

- Visit the website at [www.thevillageinhoward.org](http://www.thevillageinhoward.org) and sign in. After you have signed in, click on the “Calendar” tab for the activities for this month or for future months. Click on the activity you want to register for. If you are having difficulty registering on the website, please call the office at 443-367-9043.
- Call the TVIH Office at 443-367-9043 to register. If no one picks up, please leave a message and a volunteer will get back to you.
- Click this link to go directly to the website Calendar:

[http://thevillageinhoward.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=2&club\\_id=855297&sl=504175908](http://thevillageinhoward.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=855297&sl=504175908)

*Note: All events will take place at TVIH Center unless otherwise specified.*

## Game Night

*Saturday, December 1, 7:00PM until 9:00PM*

Join fellow TVIH friends in a fun evening of friendly competition, laughs for everyone, and games that are a hoot to play!

## Get Acquainted Coffee

*Monday, December 3, 10:30AM until 12:00PM*

An opportunity for new TVIH members or members who have not participated in recent events to find out more about Village activities and programs.

## Fire and Fall Prevention for Aging Adults

*Wednesday, December 5, 10:00AM until 11:30AM*

From age 65 on, we are more prone to injuries from falls or death due to fire. Please join us to learn ways to prevent these injuries. Presented by the Howard County Fire and Rescue Department.

## Speakeasy: The Conversation Workshop

*Sponsored by Horizon Foundation*

*Thursday, December 6, 10:00AM until 12:30PM*

Session three will focus on Advance Directives; presentation by Attorney Jessica Gorsky who specializes in senior law matters.

## TVIH Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration

*Amherst House, Kings Contrivance Community Center  
7251 Eden Brook Drive, Columbia, MD 21046*

*Thursday, December 6, 6:30PM until 8:30PM*

A once a year event for ALL TVIH members to learn about the accomplishments of the last year, what's ahead for the new year, and a short presentation on programs. Afterwards, join everyone for delicious holiday desserts.

## Holiday Cookie Exchange

*Friday, December 7, 2:00PM until 3:30PM*

Join others for a cookie exchange and good conversation. Beverages will be provided.

## My 3 Cents

*Wednesday, December 12 at 2:00PM until 4:00PM*

Open discussion about Sherry Turkle's book “Reclaiming Conversation: The Power of Talk in a Digital Age”.

## Elders' Wisdom Collective

*Thursday, December 13, 11:30AM until 1:00PM*

An open discussion and sharing of information related to aging.

## Barnes & Noble Bookstore Gift Wrap Fundraiser

*Barnes & Noble, Long Gate Shopping Center*

*Thursday, December 13, 21, and 22. Times vary each day.*

Join the fun and help raise money for TVIH by volunteering for a 2-hour shift to gift wrap purchases made by store patrons. Times of our participation vary each day; please check calendar for more information and registration.

## Mah Jongg

*Friday, December 14 and December 28,*

*10:00AM until 12:00PM*

A tile-based game of skill, strategy and calculation involving a degree of chance. Registrants must have knowledge of or attended one of our previous instruction sessions.



## **Columbia Jazz Band Christmas Concert and Dinner at LaPalapa**

*Saturday, December 15, beginning at 6:00PM*  
*Howard County Historical Society Museum, 6:00PM*  
*LaPalapa Grill and Restaurant, 8:00PM*

Enjoy an evening of Christmas favorites played by a fabulous jazz band. Afterwards we'll meet at LaPalapa for dinner or dessert.

## **Holiday Lunch at Baldwin Station in Sykesville**

*Tuesday, December 18, 11:30AM until 1:30PM*  
*7618 Main Street, Sykesville, MD 21784*

Enjoy a delicious lunch with other members in this lovely restored restaurant in the old Sykesville train station.

## **Easy Yoga, Stretch and Guided Meditation**

*Tuesday, December 18, 12:30PM until 1:30PM*

Easy yoga demonstrates postures and stretches followed by guided meditation and relaxation.

## **The Village Readers**

*Thursday, December 20, 10:00AM until 11:30AM*

Our December selection is "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman.

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