

The Claiborne Clarion

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Winter Solstice - Photo by Barbara Haddaway

Note the Date

January 11 – 7 PM
Claiborne Movie Season
Premieres

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – 5 PM
Join the “Monday Ladies Night
Group” at the Village Hall

January Birthdays

Barbara Haddaway	2
Paul Cooper	4
Judy Cockey	17
Koa Cureton	21
Ciara Lednum	23
Barbara McCaughey	27

Please contact Pat Flory at
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the birthday list



Photo by Robb Todd

Dream to Your Heart's Content

Winter is the best time to dream. There is nothing better than unfolding a map and planning the next vacation. It's time for sailors to dream about cruising in sapphire blue water, for gardeners to dream about planting next year's garden (more tomato plants or perhaps some asparagus?), and golfers to dream of their next hole-in-one. Dreaming is an important exercise. It's about the promise of good things to come.

In one of your dreaming times, please take a little time to think about ways the Claiborne Association might better serve our community. Do we want to stay small or do we want to expand our outreach to neighboring communities? How do we get more of our neighbors involved in our activities, especially younger families? How might we try to find ways/partnerships to ensure the Village Hall is self-sufficient in coming years? How might we help members step into leadership positions? Let your imagination roam!

I encourage you also to dream about the future of the Village Hall. Yes, we've come a long way, but we still have a way to go. Although the pandemic put the brakes on our group activities, there are hopeful signs of the Hall coming back to life. Though masked, audience members delighted in two concerts in the last week of December. It is heartwarming to see our Hall once again filled with so many familiar faces.

As promised in last month's newsletter, I plan to post a volunteer list of opportunities this month in the post office. When you have time, I invite you to look over the list and see if there is anything that might interest you. We now have four standing committees: the Landscape The Planning, The Building, and the Financial/Fundraising Committees.

Please consider joining one of these committees; they could all could use more help. Or you might simply sign up for a one-time activity that interests you. This would include watering the plants, setting up chairs, making event posters, recycling, taking part in a small construction job, baking cookies, etc. We could also benefit from a website technician and more editors for the Clarion.

St. Michaels Library Events...

Bay Country Chorus

The Bay Country Chorus is the Easton Maryland Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society which is one of the largest singing groups in the world. Learn about the origins of barbershop and four-part harmony and listen to a performance by the Bay Country Chorus. Tuesday, January 10 at 11:00a.m. at the St. Michaels Library. Light refreshments. This program is free.

"St. Michaels Floodwatch" with Andrew Thaler and Kate Vogel

Andrew Thaler, a deep-sea ecologist and member of the St. Michaels Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Commission, and Kate Vogel, a Coastal Resilience Planner for the MD Dept. of Natural Resources, will explain "The St. Michaels Floodwatch" an interactive tool to help people understand rising sea levels. This tool is especially important for ones living in the Bay Hundred area.

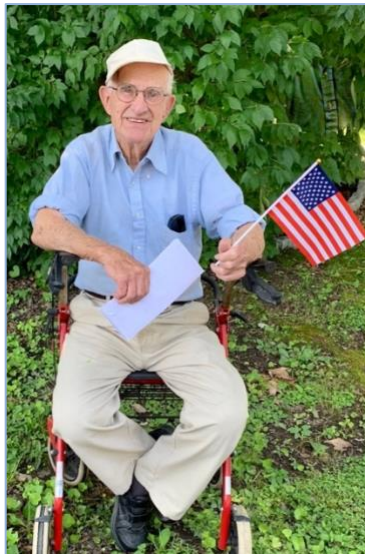
This free program is on Thursday, January 19 at 11:00a.m. at the St. Michaels Library.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the end-of-the-year fundraising campaign to benefit the Claiborne Association. As a result of your gifts, we were able to raise enough money to cover the operating costs of the Hall for another year - a gratifying achievement, and a great way to move into the new year!

Have a Happy New Year everyone!

PS. If you have not paid your 2022 membership dues (\$10.00), please place a check in the metal box just inside the post office door.

A Gift from Bob Todd



Our friend Bob Todd, who passed away last September, remembered the Claiborne Association in his estate planning. Bob's daughter, Caroline Timms, presented Association President Jim Richardson with a substantial donation last month. Bob was a treasured member of our community and we will remember him fondly.

The Library of Congress' Veterans History Project cataloged an interview with Bob. Click [here](#) to see the video.

Music Returns to the Hall



What a pleasure it was to listen to live music at the Village Hall during the holidays.

We were entertained by the Ukrainian musical group Gerdan. Lucky for us, they have a Claiborne connection and had played for us several years ago. They also played at the Avalon in support of Ukraine last spring.

It's good to have connections in the Big Apple! Renny's niece Abby, brought her friends and their band (well some of it) to brighten up our New Year's Eve. They are called the Women's National Hockey League and they were a delight to listen to.



A Poem for Winter

Dreams

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

Langston Hughes - 1902-1967

A Mystery House

Here are two different views of a Claiborne house that was located somewhere in the village. A note on the back of one photo says, "Shores". The photos came from the estate of Mindelle Moon the previous owner of the original Miracle House property now owned by Peter Korytnyk.

You can help your editors solve this mystery by helping us identify where this house was located and possibly identifying the people on the porch.



The car, by the way, may be an Oldsmobile from the 1920s.

Do You Know this Couple?

Let's have a little more fun with some old photos. Send a picture of yourself at an earlier point in your life and we'll see if anyone recognizes you.

Here's our first photograph.



Please send your photo to patflory@gmail.com