# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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## IT'S DEFINITELY FOR THE BIRDS

The "Wild Bird Center" moves into Cabin John in early December featuring products, gifts and antiques concerning birds and nature.

"With the canal nearby and the wooded setting, Cabin John is likely to attract people interested in nature and wildlife," says owner-manager George Petrides of Bethesda, in explaining his choice of location for the center. Experienced in wildlife management, Mr. Petrides plans to conduct seminars and classes on wild birds at his new store. The trees on the property will also provide a feeding station for the more than 25 species of birds he has already sighted in the area.

The store will stock a variety of birdfeeders and seed primarily, although books and gifts for those with serious interest in birds will also be available. "Studies show that one-third of people older than 16 years of age feed birds, and that quality of life rises for those involved in nature," says Mr. Petrides, whose father authored the classic book, The Peterson Field Guide to the Trees and Shrubs.

The Wild Bird Center will be located at 7687 MacArthur Boulevard.

-- J. Bekelman

## OF CONCERN TO CABIN JOHN CITIZENS.....

Many items of concern to Cabin John citizens will be on the agenda of the next Citizens Association meeting on Tuesday, November 26, at 8 p.m., at the Clara Barton School. They include:

1. An update on land use developments in Cabin John by Bob Wilkoff and Betsy Lawrence. There are 9 projects of current concern.

2. A report on the membership and directory canvass now going on directed by Diane Lee, Barbara Martin and George Stockton. (The canvasser should be at your door soon, if he or she hasn't already reached you.) CJCA Secretary Arleen Dwyer reports that response to the mailing of the annual report with the last issue of the Village News has already brought in several hundred dollars in dues and contributions.

3. The future of Clara Barton School. CJCA President Wanda Veraska wrote to County Executive Gilchrist asking that current occupants of the building be allowed to stay in the building after renovation is completed. Verbal assurances to this effect have now been given at least for the Clara Barton Center. The Center and the 3-and-4-Year-Old School have moved to the new wing of the building temporarily because of the major repairs planned for the old part. The future of Seven Locks Press is not yet clear.

4. Safety issues -- particularly with respect to traffic on MacArthur Boulevard -- will be discussed.

5. A report on the status of the new recreation center.

All citizens of Cabin John are welcome at the meeting. Refreshments will be served!

## HELP PRODUCE THE VILLAGE NEWS!

The Village News needs a few more writers, editors, typists, etc., to join the fun in producing the paper. And Susan Gelb, business manager for the past 6 or 7 years, would love to train her successor! It takes a couple of hours a month. Susan deserves a little change. So call her at 229-5851 and offer to give her a hand.

## NEWS OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

The financial statement for the Village News for the year ending last August 31 was as follows:

| Income | |
|---|---|
| Advertising | $325.40 |
| Subscriptions | 90.00 |
| T-shirt sales | 1515.00 |
| 1984 Crab Feast | 571.09 |
| Misc. donations | 48.00 |
| History booklets | 357.00 |
| CJCA contribs. | 480.00 |
| Total | 3386.49 |

| Expenditures | |
|---|---|
| P.O. Box rental | 20.00 |
| Bulk mailing fee | 40.00 |
| Printing | 1026.36 |
| Labels | 92.96 |
| Postage | 733.59 |
| T-shirts | 936.00 |
| History booklets | 312.54 |
| Total | 3161.45 |

The balance on hand on 8/31/84 of $346.45 added to the net income for the year produced a total on hand as of 8/31/85 of $571.49. In addition, however, the VN owes the Citizens Association about $1000 for funds advanced to produce the T-shirts.

## CRAFT FAIR AND LUNCHEON AT C.J. METHODIST CHURCH

Looking for holiday gifts? Why not try the Craft Fair at the Cabin John United Methodist Church (77th and MacArthur) on Saturday, Dec 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.?

The fair will feature quilts and pillows, crocheted items, stained glass, fabric covered albums and frames, and baked goods.

The luncheon, priced at only $4.50, includes a choice of a beef & rice casserole or a ham entree, vegetable, dessert and beverage.

## INTRODUCING YOUR NEIGHBORS.....

As the holiday season and school vacation approach, we tip our hats to the many public and private school teachers who live in Cabin John.

Montgomery County's school system benefits from several Cabin John residents. Jonathan Greenburg, who moved to the area last year from Florida, teaches modern world history to 11th and 12th grade students of Whitman High School. His daughter, Phoebe, is a senior at Whitman. Gene Wright, 79th Street, teaches math and computer science at Montgomery Blair High School. He also assisted the county in developing new high school curricula for advanced computer languages such as Pascal. Judie Muntner, River Rock Terrace, who formerly developed computer courses for county teachers, is now a teacher specialist for the school system's gifted and talented education. Marge London, Persimmon Tree Court, is the reading specialist at Farmland Elementary School and also leads classes in Little Feet Aerobics for students at three are elementary schools.

Private schools draw talented teachers from Cabin John too. John Davison, Woodrow Place, teaches 7th grade history at St. Albans School and also serves as director of special projects. In addition, he heads Georgetown Youth Activities, a sports and games program that runs clinics and camps. Also at St. Albans, Martha Pierce, 79th Street, teaches biology and, in past years, chemistry to upper school students. At Sidwell Friends School, Clint Wilkins, Arden Road, is principal of the upper school and has taught comparative religion and history. Linda Schlafman, Carlynn Court, teaches Sidwell's fifth grade using a thematic curriculum on medieval times. She recently returned from her annual three-day class visit to live and work at a Mennonite farm in Pennsylvania. Cecilia Woodward, Persimmon Tree Road, teaches students with learning disabilitie through The Learning Workshop in McLean and at Blessed Sacrament School in Chevy Chase.

(If you are an educator, let us know and we will include you in future issues. Next time we'll highlight the people of Cabin John in construction trades. If you'd like to tell us about yourself or your neighbor -- we ask permission before we print -- write to the Village News at P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818.)

Volunteer staff for this issue: Judy Bekelman, Cherry Doyle, Judy Duffield, Susan Gelb, Kay Kemp, Andy Rice, and the mailing team.

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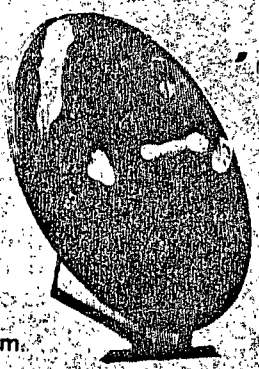
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"She signed up for lessons in ballroom dancing too," Luis says. "She just announced to me that the course was paid for and we were enrolled. So I went. Once I missed but she told me the handsome instructor danced with the ladies whose partmers did not come, so I didn't miss any more." After their ballroom dancing course, the Luzuriagas discovered they enjoyed the Big Band dances on Saturday nights at Glen Echo.

Both sons attended college in Canada; currently Denis is studying commercial art and industrial design in Toronto, while Marco, finished with his undergraduate program, is now working on a Master's degree in business administration at American Universitv and living at home.

Home is in MacArthur Park, the townhouses on Wishbone Terrace, south of MacArthur Boulevard. Martina and Luis bought the last of the 44 homes, the model house. "We wanted a place near the river, and Cabin John was familiar territory. We used to have an apartment near the Army Map Service and often came hiking along the towpath. It's wonderful to live right here by the canal and the river in such a lovely little town."

Martina has put her training and talent to work in decorating their home, with beautiful effects achieved by mirrors, light colors, and a comfortable elegance. Luis has served on the MacArthur Park board, and explained to me how MacArthur Park works. It is a private concern, responsible for its own upkeep. The county does not maintain the division, but rather the MacArthur Park Association hires a company to cut all the lawns, remove trash, plow snow from the streets, maintain the road surface, and do landscaping in the common areas. Any proposed additions or external alterations to homes must be submitted for approval to the architectural review board of the Association. Committees are active through the year, and the general membership -- all homeowners -- meets once a year.

Since the Luzuriagas have moved to MacArthur Park, there have been several home sales there. "Americans move so often. In South America, and in Germany too, people have a home for a lifetime and are very reluctant to move away from their relatives. In the United States people move whenever it might be to the advantage of their careers or when they might like to try a different part of the country. It's good to have that freedom, but there is a drawback in weakening family ties and feelings of tradition."

Working for the World Bank is a unique experience. Headquartered in Washington, the Bank employs about 20% US citizens, 80% international people. The Bank strongly encourages families of employees to come to Washington. The wives' organization of the Bank is extremely active, with projects, special interest groups, volunteer efforts, and language studies. Martina takes advantage of these offerings as well as of other local opportunities. "You can do anything you want in Washington," she marvels, "anything."

Future plans? "Probably we will stay here another 5 years, then return to Ecuador." And in Ecuador? Luis foresees working as a consultant in his field; Martina has an idea that she might organize and present fashion shows. Observing this dynamic duo, you believe that they will continue to discover and enjoy the world.

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The People of Cabin John

## THE LUZURIAGAS: A ZEST FOR LIFE

By Barbara Martin

When the Potomac River overflowed the canal towpath in early November, Luis Luzuriaga was worried. "How will I get to work if the towpath is damaged?" Every morning Luis rides his bike from Cabin John down the towpath to Georgetown, then to the World Bank at 18th and H. It's an unusual way of commuting, but then many things about the Luzuriaga family are unusual.

Luis grew up in Ecuador and took a degree in electrical engineering in Argentina. He is a power engineer, specializing in the construction of power plants. In the 60's he went to England for a postgraduate program in Manchester. And that's where I met my beautiful German wife," he says with a smile.

Martina Luzuriaga grew up in East Germany, near Leipzig. Just before the Berlin wall was put up, she went to West Germany on a visitor's visa to stay with relatives in a section of Germany called Lake of Constance, near Austria and Switzerland. She never returned to East Germany. She took secretarial training and hotel management training, and -- to improve her English -- got a job in Manchester, England. She enrolled in evening English classes and discovered a fellow student, a young man from Ecuador who was studying to improve his English too. Martina recalls, "There were so many women from Europe in that program, and so many men from South America. A lot of marriages came from that language school.

Martina and Luis married and Luis worked for a year and a half for a British manufacturer of electrical equipment. Their first son, Marco. was born during this time and is therefore a British subject. Denis, their younger son, was moved after they moved to Quito, Ecuador, where Luis worked for a public utility. After 4 years, the Luzuriagas left Quito for Evanston, Illinois. Luis felt he could advance in his profession by moving to the United States, and Martina was eager "to expand," a theme she has followed all her life. From Evanston the family moved to Michigan, then to Brazil, "where we all learned Portuguese."

I asked what language their sons -- with a German mother and an Ecuadorean father -- were most comfortable with. Both spoke together: "English, definitely." Martina explained, "We always spoke English in our home. And wherever we lived, the boys went to American schools. They have no accent; they speak English just like Americans. Their Spanish sounds like Luis', but their German does have a South American accent."

After 4 years in Rio de Janeiro, "we decided to move back to Quito. The children needed to have a permanent home and to be among their family. In Quito were grandparents, many aunts, uncles, and cousins." For 7 years, Luis was the general director of a public utility in Ecuador and the Luzuriagas expected never to move again. But in 1981 Luis was asked to join the World Bank in Washington.

The family decided it was an opportunity they shouldn't pass up and so began a new phase of their life. In his job Luis considers loan requests from Latin American utilities and monitors those construction projects which are approved. He has projects in Brazil, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti (where he carries on business in French). This means about nine on-site visits a year, and each trip is two weeks.

Sometimes Martina goes along, but often she is too busy. A lady of many talents and enthusiasms, Martina has earned a degree in interior design (in Brazil where the program was given in Portuguese), has studied public speaking and small business management at Montgomery College, and has completed a modelling course at Barbizon. She also qualified for a D.C. tour guide's license and studied flamenco at Glen Echo.

NEWS FROM THE FIREHOUSE

The Cabin John Fire Department will begin selling Christmas trees on Sunday, December 1, from 10 am to 10 pm at their new fire station at 8201 River Road (¼ mile west of Seven Locks and River Roads). Proceeds will go towards the purchase of new advanced life saving equipment....

The Fire Department will host a children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Decmber 14, from 12 noon to 3 pm at the new fire station. Fun, refreshments and entertainment will be provided,and Santa will be making a special guest appearance. Moms and dads are welcome too!...

Attention children, moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas! Be on the lookout in your neighborhood in mid-December. Rumor has it that Santa will be riding a bright shiny fire engine through your neighborhood.Be on the lookout.

HOUSES FOR SALE.

According to Cindy Offterdinger (897-8048 or 951-0313), the following properties in Cabin John are currently for sale:

1 Ericsson Rd., contemporary, 2br, 1ba, $97,900
29 Ericsson Rd., rambler, 3br, 1 ba, $79,999
2 Froude Circle, rambler, 2br, 1ba, $79,900
7509 MacArthur Blvd., colonial, 5br, 1½ba, $200,000
2 McKay Circle, rambler, 2br, 1ba, $74,500
6608 80th Pl, Cape Cod, 5br, 3ba, $179,000

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(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: January 18 The rate is 50¢ per line.)

BABYSITTERS NEEDED. Occasional weekdays when 11-year old son is home sick and mother works. Also occasional weekday/weekend evenings. Call 229-6522.

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I WOULD LIKE to split wood for you this fall and winter and pay me $11 an hour. John Moses, 229-3507.

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THE LUCHS FAMILY home for holidays from Foreign Service are looking for a house in Cabin John for all or part of December 20 - January 10 period. Call Fran Patch,229-8542, with offers or suggestions.

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FOR SALE: Ross BMX bike, excel. cond., recently overhauled, new seat, etc. $65. 229-0307.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(This calendar is open to all community-related groups. Please send your announcement to the Village News, P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Deadline for the next issue is January 18,1986.)

Sunday, November 24 "The Third Man" is shown at the Bethesda Co-op Free Film Series. 7:30 pm, at the Co-op, 7945 MacArthur Blvd. (On December 8, the film will be "Citizen Kane" and on December 22 "It's a Wonderful Life".)

Tuesday, November 26 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, 8 pm, Clara Barton School

Saturday, December 7 Craft Fair and Luncheon at the Cabin John United Methodist Church, 77th and MacArthur, 11 am to 4 pm

Saturday, December 14 Children's Christmas Party hosted by the Cabin John Fire Department at the new fire station, 8201 River Road, 12 noon to 3 pm.

### ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 15TH

Community residents will gather on Sunday, December 15, for the yearly holiday party sponsored by the Citizens Association. The event will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parish hall of the United Methodist Church at 77th and MacArthur.

All Cabin Johners are welcome, and especially those with small children. A visit from Santa Claus is promised, and there will be singing of carols. Refreshments will be served, and custom has it that each family brings some cookies or snacks for the refreshment table. This year, in addition, everyone is asked to bring a can or package of food for later distribution to the needy.

Barbara Martin is chairing plans for the party. She expects a special feature to be some songs by boys and girls in the Cabin John 3-and-4-Year-Old Nursery School.

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