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Season's Greetings



The Shepherd Preparatory Orchestra Cello Quartet, under the direction of the students' instructor, Stephen Czarkowski, will perform a variety of seasonal compositions, arranged specially for cello quartet. Members performing in this year's ensemble include Anna-Claire Bowers, Senior - Jefferson High School; Mary

Schrader, Junior - North Hagerstown High School; Lee Greuber, Senior - Martinsburg High School, and Stephen Czarkowski - adjunct professor of cello, Shepherd University. Each of the students is a member of the Shepherd Preparatory Orchestra, a student orchestra in residence at Shepherd University. The orchestra provides

opportunities for over 70 local string and wind students from elementary through college age to play in a youth orchestra of outstanding caliber. The orchestra will present its first concert of the season on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Frank Center Theater. The concert is free and open to the public.

Last Week

Jay Jones has a passion for history. This passion has transformed into a meaningful business, Ascent Video, which provides a way for people to not only convert their outdated historical formats such as 8mm film to DVD, but to create visual and oral histories of their life or that of a loved one. Jones creates video histories for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and funerals. He noted that in a recent issue of *Entrepreneur Magazine*, video history production for funerals was in the top 100 new businesses, because family and friends want to "remember them in life not in death."

"I loving being part of people's history," says Jones. His love of hearing and seeing people's lives helps him to create a permanent record, a DVD that tells a personal story. Jones's clients have the opportunity to reformat old 8 mm film, VHS, slides and pictures in the most current digital format. More importantly Jones and his wife Samantha create a video history using film, pictures, and slides provided along with an oral history from the client. Jones presented some samples of his work and we got to see the magic when the oral history, translated into a narrative and recorded by Samantha, is added to the visual to bring life to images and memories.

When asked what technology is coming after DVD, Jones noted that high-definition and Blue Ray formats are emerging. But because the technology changes so quickly, Jones recommends always keeping a master copy on DVD.

Ascent video also offers services to restore the color and motion of 8mm film, black and white pictures, and VHS to DVD format.

Club News

The annual meeting of the club was conducted. The slate of candidates for club officers was presented. A call for nominations from the floor was made and having no floor nominations offered, a motion to cease was unanimously passed. A motion to accept the slate as presented was unanimously passed and the following officers were elected for 2007-08 term:

President: **David** Miljour
Vice President: **Tom** Trumble
Secretary: **Rick** Caruso
Treasurer, Rotary Club of Shepherdstown: **Ken** Mann

Treasurer, Rotary Charitable Foundation of Shepherdstown, Inc.: **Dale** Homan
Community Service Chair: **David** Gross
Club Service Chair: **Carl** Moore
Vocational Service Chair: **Greg** Jaranko
International Service Chair: **Lois** Turco

Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Paul Pritchard announced that the Jefferson County Commission has endorsed a study of the Shepherdstown heritage area. He also noted that "our friends across the river in Maryland" have expressed an interest in participating as well. The Heritage Group held a meeting immediately following the Club meeting.

Visitors

Several visitors attended the meeting. Jim Surkamp, County Commissioner and guest of **Doug** Alexander; Pierre Angelo, guest of President David Gross; Josh Nester, guest of **Phil** Hill; Mike Murdock of Blue Moon Productions, and guest of **Bill** Howard; Curt Mason, guest of Paul Pritchard; and Samantha Jones, co-owner and wife of presenter Jay Jones of Ascent Video.

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Guest Josh Nester was asked to draw the winner, and a winner he drew - himself! With an incredulous look on his face as he read the winning number he exclaimed "Well, that's hardly fair!", then coolly slid his winnings into his pocket.

Special Days

Since the last official club meeting is December 19, all remaining December birthdays and anniversaries have been included. Birthdays: **David** Drennen, Dec. 20; **Carl** Moore, Dec. 23; **Hank** Walter, Dec. 28; **Holly** Frye, Dec. 29. Anniversaries: **Greg** & Carolyn Corliss, Dec. 27; **Ken** & Jantina Mann, Dec. 28.

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Thanks to this week's scribe, Julie Siler