

## SENIORS' CHAT

# Don's Column



Hello, Happy Hands Members and Friends,

See pages 3-7 for a recap of the June 5 picnic. Fifty people attended in person. Let us all give a big applause to the Menu Committee and the BBQ Grillers!!! Also, a very big applause to everyone that brought side dishes and desserts. For more information about Lake Fairfax Park, see: [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake\\_Fairfax\\_Park](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Fairfax_Park).

A group of Happy Hands members attended the Fairfax First Responder and Safety Resource Fair on June 1 (see page 9 for pictures). On June 2, NVRC held a Tea Party Fundraiser and Silent Auction (see pages 10-13 for pictures). On June 15, NVAD had a picnic at Burke Lake Park.

As usual, Stay Happy Safely with Our Awesome Hands!

~ Don



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...to the folks with birthdays in **July**

JoAnn Pelarski [10th]  
Tom Drake [13th]  
Janice Dillman [15th]  
Jeanne Lavelle [17th]  
Alfred Traurig [19th]  
Bill Morris [20th]

Patty Ely [21st]  
Cindy Pettie [22nd]  
Vicki Shank [25th]  
Tom Dowling [26th]  
Cheryl Rockburn [26th]  
Eleni Triantafell [26th]

# Happy Hands In-Person Meeting

## July 10 at 10:00 AM



We will have our in-person monthly meeting on July 10 (not July 3) at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH  
BAGS AND BEVERAGES.**



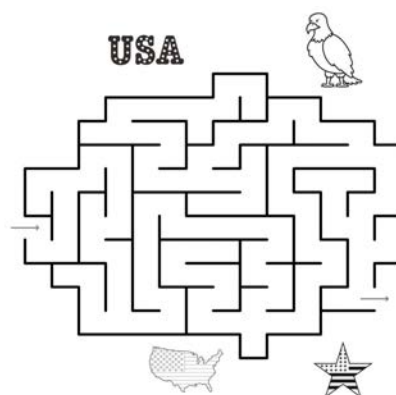
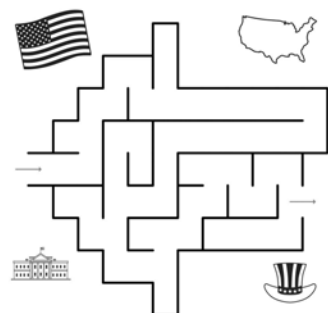
Before lunch, we will have two brief presentations:

- Repurposed Parachutes by Lois Herberger
- Fire Blanket by Jonathan Kiell

After lunch, we will do "Olympics Trivia Questions."

## Thanks to:

- Stan Smith for presenting "Titanic: The Exhibition" via Zoom on May 22 [<https://youtu.be/gnHwOv2-D5U>]
- The Picnic Committee for picking Lake Fairfax Park for the picnic on June 5
- The Picnic Menu Committee for organizing the menu list for the picnic on June 5
- The BBQ crew for grilling at the picnic on June 5
- Everyone for bringing side dishes and desserts for the picnic on June 5
- Everyone who helped with room set-up before and clean-up at the picnic on June 5
- Pat Beech for doing the monthly HH Newsletter issue
- Melanie Williams and Jonathan Kiell for proofreading the monthly HH Newsletter issue
- Debbie Jones and Pat Beech for preparing the monthly HH Newsletter hardcopies for mail





# Happy Hands Picnic on 06-05-2023 at Lake Fairfax Park



**Master BBQ Chef**  
Jonathan Kiell



**Jonathan Kiell with his assistants**  
Bob Hickey, Eddie Drawdy,  
Tom Dowling, and Cyril Potosky

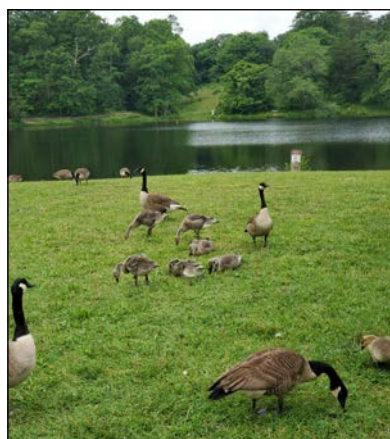


Photo Credit:  
Cathleen Potosky



**The grill**  
is on FIRE!!!



**The Three Ls**  
Laurie Warren, Laura Sweeney,  
and Laurie Dowling



**Menu Committee**  
Pat Beech, Lois Herberger,  
Jill Moebus, and Cathleen Potosky



**Fanwood Graduates**  
Rick Thompson, Josephine Bergner,  
Kerry Mike, and Thelma Schroeder



**Don Ames**  
with Cooper



# Happy Hands Picnic at Lake Fairfax

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Rick Thompson,  
Bob Hickey, and  
Cathy Thompson



Eddie Drawdy  
and Laurie  
Dowling



Lois Herberger, Richard  
Cohen, Cathy Thompson,  
and Thelma Schroeder



Cathleen Potosky,  
Deanna Dunham,  
and Joan Corley



Tom Dowling  
and Bob Hickey



Barbara & George Sidawy,  
and Neil Ferris



Hazel Carr and  
Kristine Fisk



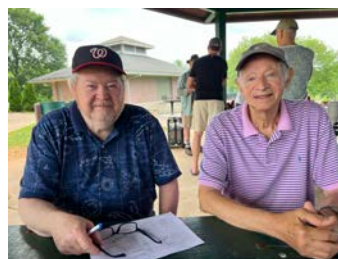
Cheryl & Rocky Rockburn,  
and Alfred Traurig



Eddie Drawdy,  
Barbara Eger-Klatt,  
and Walter Klatt



Barbara Sidawy  
and Eileen Goran



Steve Williams  
and Serry Fahmy



Denise & Tom  
Drake



Laurie Dowling, Cyril Potosky,  
Jill Moebus, and Stan Smith



Lois Herberger, Pat Beech,  
and Jonathan Kiell



# Happy Hands Picnic at Lake Fairfax

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Jean Buffardi, Tom Dowling, and Jill Moebus



Thelma Schroeder, June Freeman, Margaret Huang, Rick Thompson, Eileen Goran, Laura Sweeney, and Cathy Thompson



Paul & Peggy Daniels



Eileen Goran and Stan Smith



Tim & Jeanne Lavelle



Laura Garrett



Laurie Warren and Laurie Dowling



Cathy Thompson and Denise Proulx



Melanie Williams



Eddie Drawdy and Bill Morris



Josephine Bergner and Kerry Mike



# Happy Hands Picnic at Lake Fairfax

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Photo Credit: Cathy Thompson



Denise Drake  
and Jill Kotchen



Bethany Adner





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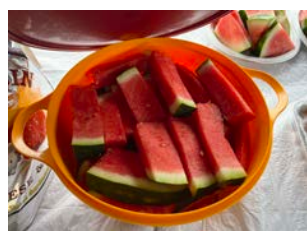
Margaret Huang, June Freeman,  
and Bethany Adner



Josephine Bergner

Barbara Eger-Klatt and Walter Klatt

Denise Proulx



Laurie Warren

With Nuts

No nuts

Bill Morris

Cathy Thompson

George &  
Barbara  
Sidawy



Paul Daniels

Josephine Bergner





# News of Interest



**CATHY & RICK  
THOMPSON  
SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS  
AWARD**



Rick and Cathy Thompson were named the recipients of the Outstanding Volunteers Award for their service to the Special Olympics at the 2024 Charles County Special Olympics opening ceremony on May 4, 2024. They were awarded a \$500 voucher to use at Southern Maryland Blue Crabs baseball games.



Source: [https://www.somdnews.com/independent/news/local/special-olympics-kicks-off-in-charles/collection\\_78c14826-0be7-11ef-ab28-cbd8cfe7a9ea.html](https://www.somdnews.com/independent/news/local/special-olympics-kicks-off-in-charles/collection_78c14826-0be7-11ef-ab28-cbd8cfe7a9ea.html)

Several Happy Hands members' granddaughters were in dance recitals in June.

Left: Melanie Williams with Ashlyn

Middle: Julie Greenfield with Elle

Right: Becky Sadler with Saylor & her brother Kesley



Cathleen & Cyril Potosky were in Frederick, MD on June 15 to host a booth at the "Sis Gaye and Donna's Fabulous Pop-Up Shop" event. This event had local pop-up vendors and food vendors.

Cathleen's shop was called "Cathy's Little Boutique." She made upcycled and original accessories, jewelry as well as some men's accessories and catnip toys.



# Fairfax Disability First Responder and Safety Resource Fair



On June 1, Happy Hands members attended this fair to practice a traffic stop and talking with the police (J. Loesch and A. Marshall).



**NVRC**  
Debbie Jones



**The Arc of Northern Virginia's Tech for Independent Living Program**

Pat Beech, Tom Dowling, Police Officer J. Loesch, Police Officer A. Marshall, Laurie Dowling, Eddie Drawdy, Lois Herberger, Jonathan Kiell, and Jill Moebus



**Fairfax County 9-1-1**



**Ready Fairfax**



**Preparing for Emergencies**



**Fairfax County Sheriff's Office**



**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**



**Fairfax County Police Fair Oaks District**



# NVRC Tea Party Fundraiser and Silent Auction



Tea Sandwiches



Gianny Cruz and Eileen McCartin (NVRC Executive Director)  
with volunteers from local high school ASL programs  
(servers and preppers)



Sheri  
Bloomingburg



Tea Cookies



Melanie Williams, Rachel  
Lanoue with daughters Ashlyn  
and Jordyn, and Steve Williams



Pat Beech and  
Adele Polk



Alice Crume and  
Mardie Younglof



Pearl Johnson and  
Jamie Berke



Stephanie Thomas  
and Joan Ehrlich



Pam Gannon



Jeremy Smith and  
Stephanie Kiessling



Marsha Magnet and  
Andrew Magill



# NVRC Tea Party Fundraiser

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Robert Goodwin and  
Marsha Smith



Laurie Dowling and  
Lois Herberger



Stephanie Thomas and  
Kristie Ketchum



Sara Franco and  
Barbara Silber



Deanna Dunham  
and Jill Moebus



Cindy Mann and  
Cathleen Potosky



Valerie Hawkins and  
JaQuese Hawkins



Stan Smith and  
Eileen Goran



Katy Saini and  
Indy Dixon



Joan Komen and  
Bonnie O'Leary



Wendy Cheng and  
Julie Greenfield



Tom Dowling and  
Barbara Eger-Klatt



Tables displaying different baskets for the silent auction

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# NVRC Tea Party Fundraiser

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Katy Saini with  
"Kitty and Friends"



Joan Ehrlich  
with "Family  
Tea Time"



Melanie Williams with  
"Trader Joe's Basket of  
Snacks" and "Tower of  
Lego Sets"



Julie Greenfield  
with "Coffee  
Basket"



Alice Crume  
with "Yoga  
Mat and Class"



Robert Goodwin &  
Jamie Berke with  
"Dried Fruit and  
Honey Baked Ham"



Joan Komen  
with "Cooler  
Picnic  
Essentials"



Stan Smith with  
"Travel Basket" and  
"Cat Lovers  
Collection"



Adele and Fiona Polk  
with "ASL Basket", "Paris Cafe  
Basket", "Picnic in a Basket", and  
"Family Games Box"



Marsha Magnet with  
"Dog Lover" Basket



Laurie Dowling  
with "Wine  
Lovers Dream"



Cindy Mann  
with  
"Live Plant"



Pearl Johnson with  
"Keep Writing"





# NVRC Tea Party Fundraiser

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The “ASL Basket” included three “La Moderna” boxes of Sign Language Pasta.

See <https://lamodernausa.com/ensenas/> for more information about this.



## May and June Birthday Celebration



Sitting: Melanie Williams, Jill Moebus,  
George Sidawy, and Joan Corley

Standing: Jonathan Kiell, Hazel Carr, Barbara Sidawy,  
Steve Williams, Mary Ann & Tim Beatty,  
Lois Herberger, and Pat Beech



### The Birthday Group

Sitting: Jill Moebus, George Sidawy,  
and Joan Corley

Standing: Hazel Carr, Barbara Sidawy,  
Steve Williams, Tim Beatty,  
Lois Herberger, and Pat Beech







# NVAD Picnic on 06-15-2023 at Burke Lake Park



Approximately 50 people attended the Strawberry Festival Cook-Out at Burke Lake Park on June 15, 2024. Thanks to Joan Corley and Cynthia Ascencio for the pictures.



Cecile Lim and Phuong Dang



Barbara Sidawy, Kitty Shenoy,  
Serry Fahmy, Cynthia Ascencio,  
Blue Shenoy, and Tony Heller



Jeanne Lavelle and  
Russell Almond III  
for Strawberry Festival



Cornhole Tournament

Left: Jamie Berke, Neil Ferris, and Tim Lavelle  
Right: Scott Connatser and George Sidawy



Barbara Eger-Klatt  
showing CHW  
flyer (see page 16)



Robert Goodwin



Anna Marie  
Sparks



Peggy Daniels  
and Gary Viall



Bill Morris



Peter Brawley, Mike Yared,  
and Paul Daniels



Emily Lehecka



# NVAD Picnic at Burke Lake Park

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Tom Dowling, Kea Manfredonio, Laurie Dowling, and Al Manfredonio



Karen Abrams and Renee Connor



Tom Drake, Bill Athy, Donna Graff-Viall, and Wendy Ting



Jennifer Connatser



Denise Drake and Maria Dollhopf



Mario Ascencio and Regina Sleeper



Cynthia & Mario Ascencio, and Nhoc Li & Phuong Dang



Serry Fahmy, Cecile Lim, Regina Sleeper, Cynthia Ascencio, Phuong & Nhoc Li Dang

## 4TH OF JULY

Word Scramble

1. ITPCIATOR \_\_\_\_\_
2. MRAEACI \_\_\_\_\_
3. KREISOFRW \_\_\_\_\_
4. TFHRUO \_\_\_\_\_
5. LTEYBRI \_\_\_\_\_
6. GFAL \_\_\_\_\_

7. ERMUMS \_\_\_\_\_
8. CNIEEDEDNNPE \_\_\_\_\_
9. LYUJ \_\_\_\_\_
10. LNTREADCOAI \_\_\_\_\_
11. BEUCBRAE \_\_\_\_\_
12. ETSAST \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on page 28





**Virginia Community Health Worker Association  
announced the new virtual online classes  
for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities!**

- ★ Do you want to become a Community Health Worker (CHW)?
- ★ Are you interested in working with people?
- ★ Are you fluent in American Sign Language?
- ★ Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?

For more information, see YouTube at <https://youtu.be/5yRUI-OOhPI>  
or email the CHW Instructor at [trainer@chwofva.com](mailto:trainer@chwofva.com). To register,  
see: <https://site.corsizio.com/event/659843ecc275b3f353fd56c5>.

**WHEN:** September 16, 2024 to November 1, 2024  
**DAYS:** Virtual classes on Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Thursday  
**HOURS:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (virtual)  
**TOTAL HRS:** 70 hours

**Upon successfully meeting all course requirements, you will  
become the first cohort of Deaf or Hard of Hearing CHWs in  
Virginia!**

**\*\*The CHW Instructor is Deaf and fluent in American Sign Language.**



# Cruising Around The World

## with Barry and Vicki



**What:** A 196 Days Voyage around the world

**Date of this report:** Saturday, June 15, 2024

**Current Location:** At Sea

**Heading To:** Banjul, Gambia, Africa



Our 8th segment “All Around The World” began at Cape Town, South Africa and will end at Lisbon Portugal. From there we have one more segment before disembarking at NYC on July 12.



Oman is a country with three separate land areas. We docked at the Port of Khasab, which lies on the Musandam Peninsula.



Front wooden door of a 17th century Khasab Castle in Oman, originally built for the Portuguese, then the Omanis took over in 1624 and used it as a military base, later simultaneously as a residence for the Wali (Governor) of Khasab. It is currently a museum showcasing the history of the ancient culture of the Musandam Peninsula.



In the center of the courtyard at Khasab Castle is a modern replica of a traditional Barasti (palm thatch) that is called summer house and is constructed by using the stone pillars with the permeable wall that are made from the branches of palm trees.



Khasab Castle/Fort also displays three old Omani boats that originate from the village of Kamzar in the northern part of Musandam Peninsula.



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Bukha Beach at the Musandam Peninsula, Oman



Three girls from the ship begged me to tag along with them for a henna tattoo!! My first and very likely, the last!! The hand shown at the top of this photo is from the woman who did my henna tattoo.



Museum of the Future in Dubai, UAE



Boulders along a beach on the island of Mahe, which lies in the northeast of the Seychellois nation in the Somali Sea part of Indian Ocean.



A magical evening at Al Sahara Desert was Fun! FUN!! FUN!!!  
Barry is seen here dancing to the sounds of drum beats!



At Al Sahara Desert where we enjoyed the true essence of Arabic hospitality.



A twisting skyscraper in Dubai, UAE as seen from a complimentary shuttle bus' window. New skyscrapers are sprawling across this modern clean city.



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Vanilla plants at a working Spice Plantation, Jardin du Roi, at Anse Royale, Mahe.



Giant Tortoise at Jardin du Roi



Hartebeests, species of African grassland antelope family (also known as hirola) at Tsavo East National Park, Kenya



African buffalo at Tsavo East National Park



Zebra Family - see the little one ?  
At Tsavo East National Park



African Elephants at Amboseli National Park, Kenya



Red headed agama lizard - what a beauty!



Barry took a chartered one hour flight from Moi Airport in Mombasa to Amboseli National Park in southern Kenya. He was thrilled with delight to see Mount Kilimanjaro !!!



Waterbuck at Amboseli National Park, Kenya



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Grant's Gazelle  
at Tsavo East  
National Park



A traditional dhow boat near the  
port at Zanzibar Town on the island  
of Zanzibar, which is part of the  
Zanzibar Archipelago.



Local greeters at the Port of  
Mombasa, Kenya



One of the largest and most notorious slave markets in East Africa was here at Stone Town, Zanzibar. The Cathedral Church of Christ and its nearby surroundings were the site of the slave market. We visited the heart-wrenching monument, a sculpture done by Clara Sornas in 1997, and the slave chamber where the slaves were kept before they were auctioned off.



Stone Town is a city of historical and artistic prominence in East Africa. Its architecture, mostly dating back to the 19th century, reflects the diverse influences underlying the Swahili culture, displaying a unique mixture of Arab, Persian, Indian and European elements. For this reason, the town was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. Most of the Zanzibar doors in town are over 100 years old.



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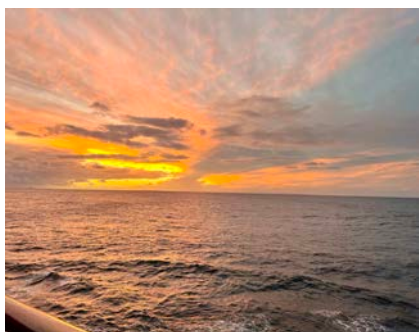
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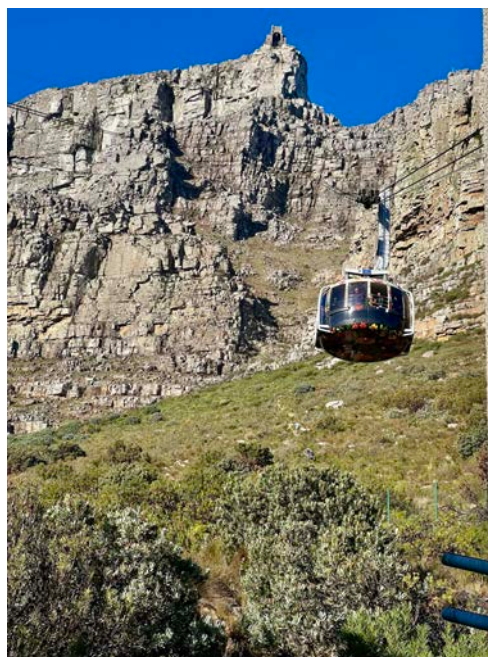
Welcome committee at Mamoudzou on the island of Grande-Terre at the port where the ship docked.



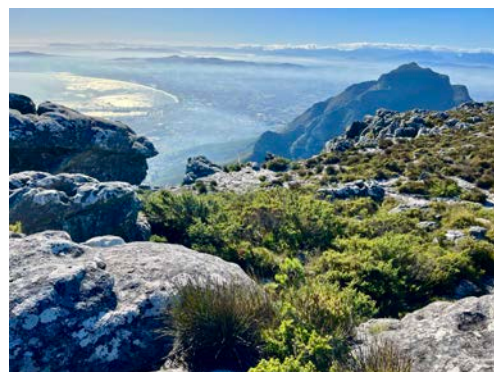
The Old Fort, Maputo Fortress, was built by the Portuguese in 1781.



A view of the sunset from our stateroom balcony



The cable car at the Table Mountain National Park, Cape Town, South Africa. A plateau sits at the top where you can admire the peninsula from several view points.



A magnificent view at the top of Table Mountain, Cape Town, South Africa. Nice trails at the top.



Susanna, former Gallaudet colleague of mine, and I enjoyed walking the trails at the top of Table Mountain.



A leisurely drive along Chapman's Peak was one of the highlights, near Cape Town, South Africa



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Noordhoek Beach at the Cape Peninsula is a great place for surfing!



At Simon's Town, we headed over to Foxy Beach where newly constructed boardwalks took us to within a few feet of the African Penguin colony.



Scenic Boulders Beach - home of the African penguins



19th century Victorian Bathing boxes at St. James Beach outside of Muizenberg, South Africa.



The National Council of Provinces is one of the two Houses of Parliament at Cape Town.



A rare sighting of a white squirrel at Company's Garden, Cape Town!! Not only one, but half a dozen were seen!



The National Assembly is one of the two Houses of the Parliament in Cape Town. Gallaudet alumna Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen (1992, G-2005, H-2009) retired as a Member of Parliament (MP) after 23 years. Due to a fire, the roof will be repaired.



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The Magistrate's Residence (Goerke House) at Luderitz, Namibia belongs to the Namdeb Diamond Corporation - went inside for a quick tour ! Critics consider this building as "the best preserved and richest house of the period with remarkable interiors".



Lesser Flamingoes at the lagoon near Walvis Bay, Namibia. Their main diet consists of small invertebrates.



Highest sand dune in Namibia , elevated at 1,257 feet. Sure wish I could have done some sand boarding!



Stunning "moon-like" landscape at Namib-Naukluft National Park, Namibia



This is a unique welwitschia mirabilis plant over Dolerite ridge at Moon Valley Welwitschia Drive, Namib Naukluft National Park.



Our Lady of Grace Cathedral at São Tomé, was rebuilt in 1814 with its last modification done in 1956. The last modification of the church incorporated an eclectic revival style, with a neo-romanesque main façade.



The rocky outcrops at Namib-Naukluft National Park are characterised by high, isolated inselbergs and kopjes that are made up of dramatic blood-red granites, rich in feldspars and sandstone.



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Impressive blue and white tiles at the main altar at Our Lady of Grace Cathedral.



Ship had a "carnival fair" onboard.



Barry won an outdoor sun hat for making a hole in one.



Vicki competed with a ship mate and won the picture puzzle. She accepted the prize of a mobile photo stand.



Lome, Togo



Weighing a load on top of the head is standard across the developing countries in Africa.



The beaches at Lome, Togo



Men repair fishing nets at Sekondi, Ghana



Traditional Ship Building at Sekondi, Ghana



A neighborhood village at Takoradi, Ghana



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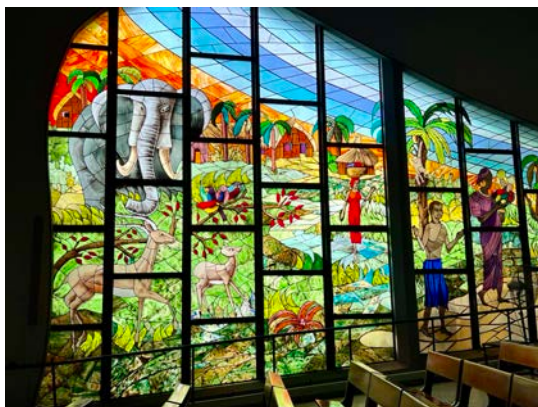
Women clean fish at a harbour in  
Sekondi, Ghana



The high-spirited traditional  
cultural show at Raybow  
International Hotel at  
Takoradi, Ghana was lively !



St. Paul's Cathedral is a Roman  
Catholic cathedral located in the  
city of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.  
The modern cathedral, which  
was designed by the Italian  
architect Aldo Spirito, had its  
first stone placed in 1980 and  
dedication in 1985 both times by  
the late Pope John Paul II.



The cathedral has stunning  
stained glass windows also  
designed by Aldo Spirito. The  
artistic imagery inside the  
cathedral is not only Biblical in  
theme but also has a special  
focus on the Ivorian people's  
Christian faith.



# New FaceTime Reactions on Apple Devices

The iOS 17 upgrade for Apple devices, Messages-like reactions were added to FaceTime or a third-party video conferencing app (i.e., ZOOM). Those reactions lighten up your video with visual effects. You can trigger them using physical hand gestures. For example, one thumb-up triggers a LIKE, and two thumbs-up triggers FIREWORKS. Similar, one thumb-down counts as a DISLIKE while two thumbs-down initiates a rain shower.



For the Reaction gestures, see: <https://youtu.be/5TIAtHUiGJI> and <https://youtu.be/BMwAvQt-jbQ>.

For more information, see:

















- \* <https://support.apple.com/en-us/105117>
- \* <https://www.macrumors.com/how-to/use-reaction-effects-facetime/>
- \* <https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/use-video-conferencing-features-iph11a0b5671d/ios>

Gestures to Trigger Reactions (see chart on right):

- \* Heart Shape using both hands — Heart Emoji
- \* Thumbs Up — Thumbs Up Emoji
- \* Two Thumbs Up — Fireworks
- \* Single Thumbs Down — Thumbs Down Emoji
- \* Two Thumbs Down — Cloud
- \* Victory / peace sign with one hand — Balloons
- \* Victory / peace sign with two hands — Confetti
- \* “Rock On” Sign on both hands — Laser

If you don't want those FaceTime Reactions, you can disable them by opening FaceTime on your Apple device. See: <https://youtu.be/j7UgidawDQ8>.



Reaction	Gesture	Icon
Hearts		
Thumbs-up		
Thumbs-down		
Balloons		
Rain		
Confetti		
Laser burst		
Fireworks		



# JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3  NO EVENT	4 	5	6
7  Social Night at Wegmans (p. 28)	8	9	10  HH Monthly Meeting (p. 2)	11 	12	13
14	15 	16	17  HH Social at Wegmans (p. 28)	18	19	20
21  Social Night at Wegmans (p. 28)	22	23	24  Fine Tuners Meeting 10AM-12PM	25	26 	27
28	29	30	31  NO ZOOM			

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## “Gardens of Glass: The Art of Craig Mitchell Smith”



The outdoor exhibition at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley (MSV) features 30 larger-than-life glass sculptures of flowers, insects, and more.

“Gardens of Glass” highlights include a chandelier of 600 autumn-colored glass leaves suspended from a maple tree, a 16-foot-tall stainless-steel dandelion topped with a iridescent glass puffball, and a sculpture inspired by apple blossoms (created just for the MSV exhibition). Craig Mitchell Smith is one of the most innovative kiln-glass artists. “Gardens of Glass” opened on June 8, and will be on view in the MSV gardens until October 13, 2024. Exhibition fees are: \$15, \$10 Senior Citizens at age 60+, \$10 ages 13-18, \$5 for ages 5-12, free for up to age 4.

For more information, see: <https://www.themsv.org/events/gardens-of-glass-the-art-of-craig-mitchell-smith/>





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Don Ames, Chair  
[\[dames@cox.net\]](mailto:dames@cox.net)

URL: <https://www.nvrc.org/happy-hands/>



### Fine Tuners for 2024-2025

Front Row: Steve Williams (Treasurer),  
 Don Ames (Chair), Eddie Drawdy (Vice Chair),  
 and Melanie Williams (Secretary)

Back Row (All are Members-At-Large): Cathleen Potosky,  
 Jill Moebus, and Lois Herberger

Insert: Member-At-Large - Bob Hickey

### Answers for 4th of July World Scramble

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| 1. Patriotic | 7. Summer       |
| 2. America   | 8. Independence |
| 3. Fireworks | 9. July         |
| 4. Fourth    | 10. Declaration |
| 5. Liberty   | 11. Barbecue    |
| 6. Flag      | 12. States      |

## Silent Social at Wegmans

This occurs on the first and third Sundays of each month at 7:00PM in Fairfax Wegmans at the corner of Route 29 and Monument Drive (Upper Level, near the stairs). Registration is suggested. The dates for the Silent Social Chat are July 7 and 21.



The date for HH Lunchtime Social Chat is July 17 at 10:30AM.

Please come join the very informal chat; the group often includes students and interpreters looking to learn and practice ASL. You can also get your groceries while you are there! For more info, contact Jonathan Kiell at [jona3ki@msn.com](mailto:jona3ki@msn.com) or see: [https:// www.meetup.com/aslbridge/](https://www.meetup.com/aslbridge/).

## Additional Happy Hands 2024 Members (100 members as of June 25, 2024)

**Membership:** Thanks for joining or renewing your membership for 2024.

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| • Bethany Adner      | • Walter Klatt   |
| • Josephine Bergner  | • Jeanne Lavelle |
| • Hazel Carr         | • Tim Lavelle    |
| • Carol Duffy Clay   | • Bill Morris    |
| • Tom Drake          | • Cyril Potosky  |
| • Kathy Ferris       | • Susan Rountree |
| • Neil Ferris        | • Prudence Shaw  |
| • Kristine Fisk      | • Barbara Sidawy |
| • June Freeman       | • George Sidawy  |
| • Margaret Huang     | • Laura Sweeney  |
| • Barbara Eger-Klatt | • Alfred Traurig |