

**NEW! MUSIC ON THE HILL FESTIVAL
VCU SPONSORS GALA
OPENING EVENT**



Proud of the community and its members, we are especially proud to sponsor the Opening Gala for Music on the Hill's Concert Series, which is inspired by John Mark Pellegrino, son of longtime members John & Alice Pellegrino, and nephew of long-time "family members", Jerry & Carol Pellegrino. Daughter, Kristin Pellegrino, an accomplished violinist, performed with the Chrysalis trio last June, a success which sparked this idea. Together, both families developed a new concert series concept, and decided to begin early promoting the upcoming cultural event...

Of course, when Jerry and Carol first mentioned the opportunity, VCU was excited to help support the effort. Perhaps, you might want to help in some way, as well. Check out their website at www.musiconthehillri.com for details.

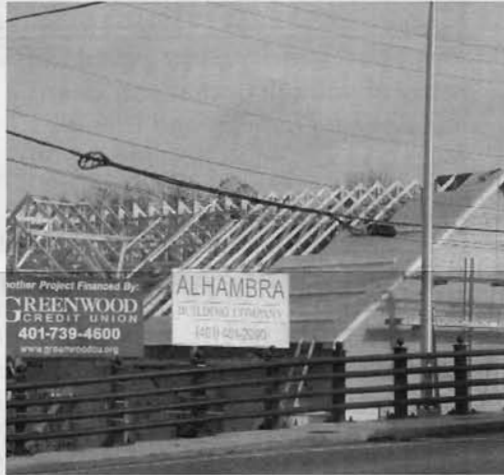
According to Jerry & Carol, "this should be an exciting kickoff, attempting to bring in a new audience for chamber music. Starting with appetizers, a sampling of music will follow as the "main course". The amazing chefs of Federal Reserve will present their sumptuous desserts to finalize this festive evening. You will want to be part of VCU's sponsored event."

With fifteen great RI musicians, and the energetic local support from families and friends, this is a must-see event!

**SAVE THE DATE! WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 4TH!**

For tickets or more information, contact: Marianne Barao at VCU or Jerry and Carol at: Music on the Hill, P.O. Box 633, E. Greenwich, RI 02818.

**LANDMARK GREENWOOD INN BUILDS UPON ITS SUCCESS!
WE'RE HAPPY...AND HAPPY TO HELP!**



The neighborhood favorite restaurant Greenwood Inn has its renovations well underway, with energy efficiency, state of the art equipment, enlarged bar and dining capacity to seat 170 patrons.

Well-known to us and so many of our members, The Papa family has been serving us for three generations. Keith Papa reports that his grandparents bought the restaurant in 1954. He also was quoted in the Warwick Beacon as saying "Greenwood Credit Union really came through for us." We can't even count the number of fabulous lunches, dinners and various celebrations for which they did the same for us!!!

Watching the progress, we are all anxiously awaiting the finished project!



MINI'S MAKING A WISH TOY DRIVE

What a great way to get in the holiday spirit and kick off the season...Mini Cooper style.

Members and staff once again participated in the Mini's-Making-A-Wish (MMAW) toy drive to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of RI. More than 50 toys were dropped off in our lobby during the month of November. Mortgage Department Manager, Kurt Lauth represented VCU on December 2nd as he joined other MMAW members on their toy run and rally to deliver toys to Make-A-Wish Foundation headquarters in Cranston. We packed Kurt's gold Mini Cooper full of toys and sent him on his way. Thanks to everyone who participated!

A total of 36 Mini Coopers joined the fun, with 1400 toys in tow, plus \$5000 in cash. We're proud to help this worthwhile cause.

