



Dupont Circle Village

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Marilyn Newton Leaving DCV Board

by Iris Molotsky

Renaissance woman doesn't begin to describe the talents and



Marilyn Newton, holding a copy of Kathryn Schneider Smith's book, Washington At Home, which Marilyn worked on as a photography researche

and energy Marilyn Newton has brought to Dupont Circle since she came to Washington from Kansas in 1984. Marilyn, who has served on DCV's board from its formation in 2008, is stepping down at the end of her term in September. I sat down to talk to her recently and, although I knew about many of her activities, I was surprised by the range and depth of her various involvements. In the interest of disclosure I should mention that

Joe Passonneau Dies

Just as we were ready to publish the newsletter we learned the sad news that **Joe Passonneau** died in his sleep this weekend. We send send his wife **Janet** and his family our condolences. A full obituary will appear in the September newsletter.

I am a friend, colleague and tennis buddy of Marilyn's – but even I was unaware of the extent of her civic participation.

"I think it's time to get some different people and ideas on the board," she says. "Organizations need to be open to new people and new ideas." But Marilyn will continue to work on several of her DCV pet projects; the Buddy Program, in which Villagers who want to participate are called monthly, with updates, activity information and to exchange ideas. The second program, the Visitors Group, is a new activity that will be introduced this fall. Under the auspices of DCV's Brad Edwards, Villagers will *continued on page 2*

DCV Celebrates Summer With Potluck Dinner

Villagers are invited to join us on Friday, August 26, for a wonderful summer evening get-together at the home of **Mary Haber**. Participants are invited to bring appetizers, but you are not required to bring a dish to attend.

Date: Friday, August 26
Place: 1769 T Street, NW
Time: 7-8:30 pm

RSVP: Bernice Hutchinson,
 202-436-5252; bernice@dupontcirclevillage.org

Mary will host us on her beautiful roof terrace. Please be aware that getting up to the terrace will involve a bit of a climb—52 steps!



DCV Board of Directors, August 2011. Front row from left: Nancy Hartsock, Alaire Rieffel, Judith Neibrief, Marilyn Newton. Back row from left: Brad Edwards, Peggy Simpson, Abigail Wiebenson, Curt Farrar. Not shown: Iris Molotsky

Marilyn Newton Steps Down

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begin visiting members – sometimes because of special needs, sometimes just to stay connected and strengthen our sense of community. And she will be host to the bi-monthly Village’s membership recruitment dinner September 6. Marilyn, who serves on the Village’s communication committee, also handles public relations for our monthly Live & Learn seminars.

Before plunging into neighborhood organizations, Marilyn tackled the daunting task of renovating her now-beautiful three-story house on N Street. The house had been vacant for two years and the first step required stripping it down to the bare walls. Luckily, she was able to preserve some decorative features like the ceiling medallion in her dining room, the graceful winding staircase and the wooden floors on the first floor. “It was necessary to jack up the staircase in order to preserve it,” she recalls. But after nine months the renovation was completed and Marilyn was able to move in.

That’s when she really began to make the neighborhood her own. Being in a historic district sparked her interest in historic preservation and she joined the Dupont Circle Conservancy, where she served as secretary. She also volunteered as a docent at the Heurich Mansion. She joined the Dupont Circle Citizens Association, where she

also served as secretary.

Later she served as a commissioner on the ANC2B. Villagers can see the results of her work every day: She headed the original restoration effort for 22 neighborhood callboxes and last summer, aided by DCV volunteers and others, she led a second round of sprucing them up.

She has served on the board for the Friends of the DC Superior Court, implementing a day care center for children whose parents are in court. She also has been a tutor at Ross School for a couple of years. She was a photo researcher for **Kathryn Schneider Smith’s** revised edition of *Historic Washington*. In her spare time, she manages an apartment building she owns on Hopkins Street. You might think all of this would keep her fully occupied. However, Marilyn, an avid tennis player since her teenage years, continues to play several times a week. I can attest that she’s a skilled, consistent player who gets to every ball. In addition to her tennis, she has enrolled, for many years, in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at American University. This year, she tells me, she will be taking courses in the theater, biology, and stress.

Marilyn graduated from Bradford Junior College in Haverhill, Mass., and earned her BA in English
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BOOKS NEEDED FOR FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE

Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10

If donating one or two boxes, weekdays or weekends, drop off at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street, NW, Great Hall, at the Donation Center across from the Circulation Desk.

If donating more than two boxes, please deliver to the loading dock (G Place—enter from 10th St between H and G Streets) behind the MLK Library between 8am and 5 pm. Please leave message for Bookstore manager Rob Schneider (202-727-6834) when boxes are left.

For more information: Robin Diener; 202-431-9254, rdiener@savedlibraries.org.

Please, no textbooks, magazines or obsolete nonfiction

Monthly Calendar

Tuesday, August 23:

5-7 pm: Wine Tasting Seminar plus Light Dinner. Ruth’s Chris Steak House, 1801 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Maria Denton, general manager of the restaurant and a certified wine educator will conduct the seminar.

Friday, August 26:

7-8:30 pm: Summer Potluck Dinner at Villager Mary Haber’s home. (*see page 1*)

Monday, August 29:

3:30-5 pm: Live & Learn Series: “Unbiased, Expert Management for Your Health Care,” Presenters are Stephanie Chong, director of operations, and Mary Ann Buckley, director of client services, for Seabury Care Management. No fee for Village members; \$10 for nonmembers. (*see page 5*)

Tuesday, September 6:

6:30-8:30 pm. DCV Information/Recruitment Dinner at home of Marilyn Newton, 2013 N Street, NW (*see box page 3*)

Tuesday, September 20:

9:30-11:15 am: Guided tour of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms at the U.S. Department of State. RSVP no later than Saturday, September 10, to Judith Neibrief at jneibrief@aol.com and please put STATE DEPARTMENT in the subject line.

Sunday, September 25:

Dance-a-lot-athon –A Tuneful Mini-Walk in Support of Charlie’s Place at Black Fox Lounge, 1723 Connecticut Ave, NW. (*see page 3*)

Tuesday, October 4:

10-11 am. Tour of President Lincoln’s Cottage. Cost: \$10 per ticket (senior group price). Transportation can be arranged. RSVP no later than Tuesday, September 20, to Judith Neibrief at jneibrief@aol.com and please put LINCOLN in the subject line.

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at the University of Kansas. She notes her “one regret in her life was that she was accepted at Stanford University for graduate school but decided to get married instead.” Her friends know that she has never stopped learning.

And she certainly is proud of her four sons, who are scattered in many directions. Robert, who has been living in Prague as a Foreign Service officer, is currently in Washington with Marilyn taking a Foreign Service retirement seminar. William is a coral reef scientist with the National Marine Sanctuary in Galveston, Texas. John is with a metal fabricating company in Olathe, Kansas, and David, who recently completed his PhD in education, has just moved to Marceline, Missouri, to become a high school principal.

Her last position in Washington before retiring was as marketing and public relations director for the Studio Theatre for 13 years, “working to fill the seats,” she says.

She says volunteering to help Villagers has been a great pleasure for her. “It feels good to be able to take people to doctors and know that I can help,” she says. Marilyn was present at the beginning of the Village and she has helped us shape programs and clarify our mission.

We’ll miss her on the board, but she has assured us that the Village will remain a part of her life.



Rick Busch working in Julia's garden.

A volunteer team of gardeners, spearheaded by **Marianne Anderson**, totally renovated **Julia Cuniberti's** backyard in August. The team included **Marilyn Newton, Rick Busch, Marianne Anderson, Allie Hutchinson** and **Gerry Schwinn**. Julia, who worked along with the team, was extremely pleased with the outcome.

DCV Recruitment Dinner

The Village is planning another bi-monthly information/ recruitment dinner to be held on Tuesday, September 6 at **Marilyn Newton's** home. These dinners have been well attended and highly successful. Please contact **Abigail Wiebenson** (abigailwiebenson@gmail.com) with names and recommendations for potential members.

Recent Sunday 'Soup's On' Session Great Success

August's speaker, **Elizabeth Smith Brownstein**, is the author of *Lincoln's Other White House: The Untold Story of the Man and His Presidency*. She discussed her research about the life and times of Abraham Lincoln during his visits to the presidential site, the Soldier's Home. This delightful and informative session was the perfect primer for the upcoming DCV Tour of President Lincoln's Cottage on October 4. Please go to Judith Neibrief's DCV Activities Announcements for specific details about the trip and how to register.

Dance-a-Lot-Athon To Help Homeless

On Sunday, September 25, from 6 to 9 pm, the Greater Dupont Homeless Project will be host for a Dance-a-lot-athon –A Tuneful Mini-Walk in Support of Charlie's Place at Black Fox Lounge, 1723 Connecticut Ave, NW. There will be lots of music and planners promise you don't have to dance to help a lot! DCV supports this effort, which is part of the annual Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program on behalf of Charlie's Place.

Community members are invited to come and enjoy swing and other music, along with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a discounted cash bar courtesy of **Black Fox Lounge**. The event is part of the annual Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program. It is free for anyone who has registered as a Walker or Virtual Walker in the November 19 Help the Homeless Walkathon and selected Charlie's Place as the beneficiary organization (bring your receipt). Others may join the Mini-Walk at the door for \$30 for adults; or \$25 for those 25 or under. (Sponsorship is available for those who need it. In that case, contribute what you can.)

Charlie's Place—an outreach arm of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church—has been working to end homelessness in Dupont Circle for 20 years. For more information, go to www.charliesplacedc.org

Report of Nominating Committee

The terms of four current Village board members expire in September: **Iris Molotsky, Marilyn Newton, Alaire Rieffel** and **Peg Simpson**. As directed by the First Amendment in the Bylaws, in July the board appointed three active Village members as a nominating committee to seek out, consider and propose candidates for these positions. The nominating committee consisted of **Burke Dillon** (chair), **Donald Jones** and **Kenlee Ray**.

Marilyn Newton informed the nominating committee that she did not wish to seek re-election to the board. The other three members were prepared to serve another three-year term. The committee's report was submitted to, and accepted by, the August meeting of the board. The four board members to begin their terms at the September Annual Meeting are: **Lucia Edmonds**, Iris Molotsky, Alaire Rieffel and Peg Simpson. The board welcomed Lucia Edmonds as a new member and expressed their very strong appreciation for the contributions of Marilyn Newton.

In preparing its nominations, the committee sent notices to the membership via the

executive director and the Google group, seeking volunteers and/or nominations for the positions. They also spoke with Village members seeking not only names but also views about what they should be looking for in board members at this time. A very strong interest in the Village, a collaborative style and a constructive approach to issues were considered essential. Diversity—by skills, neighborhood, gender, etc.—was also highly desirable. Candidates must have been active members of the Village for at least one year before assuming office.

*Burke Dillon, chair
Nominating Committee*

DC Jazz Jam Is Two!

The DC Jazz Jam celebrated its second anniversary on August 14. Started by ANC Commissioner Will Stephens in August 2009, it has grown to a Sunday evening ritual.

“When I launched the DC Jazz Jam two years ago, I had no idea what a rewarding experience it would turn out to be,” Will says. Each Sunday brings a different “house” band and it has been highlighted as a *Washington Post* magazine “Best Bet.” Join them on Sunday nights at **Dahlak**, 1771 U Street, NW, 6:30-9:30 pm

A Discussion with DCV's Executive Director Bernice Hutchinson



I recently sat down with Bernice Hutchinson to discuss her work and to ask her to share her thoughts on current and future Village activities. This is the first of a two-part series—Iris Molotsky

Q: *Most people know about your involvement with the volunteer program, but that is only one part of your responsibilities as executive director. What other programs are you involved with?*

A: A significant amount of my time goes to supporting the work of the board, providing input on policy, fundraising, membership development, and marketing. Partnership development is also critical and a fun part of the job. I am in the Dupont Circle community most days, meeting residents as well as business owners in the community.

Increasing the visibility of the Village is an intangible role that I play. It's impossible to measure the tons of literature I've distributed in the neighborhood. I also attend as many DCV committee meetings as I can so I can be informed about projects and activities. I sit in on the D.C. Falls Coalition

development group and provide my input on the implementation of this important work.

Working on our new Website requires technical skills and is very time-consuming. I spend considerable time talking with board members; this provides the basis for new programs and opportunities. I also respond to the many phone calls and e-mails I get each day!

Q: *Villagers know parts of the volunteer program from the email messages you send to volunteers in response to requests for services. But many are unaware of the extent of the volunteer program and how it works. What are the different components?*

A: There are four moving parts. First, there is volunteer recruitment. I use every opportunity to solicit new volunteers for the Village. During the upcoming 17th Street Festival in September, I will launch a major volunteer recruitment effort. I'm also excited about my contributions to the NOMAD public relations strategy that will make a pitch for the importance of volunteerism in the Village.

Second, there is volunteer training. I organize monthly guest speakers who discuss key topics on volunteering. Last month, HouseWorks conducted a session for volunteer drivers. Third, *continued page 4*



From The President

Peggy Simpson

Some of you have seen a draft of our 2012 calendar which we're producing with our virtual marketing partner, NOMAD. Everyone agrees that **Jim Vecchione** took some fabulous photos.

We had great photos last year, too, showing Dupont Circle in all seasons as well as some standout events such as Snowmageddon and Soccer in the Circle. *This year, we're featuring portraits of our own villagers.*

That horrifies some people. "No one will buy a calendar with pictures of old folks in it," one guy told me emphatically. "Just ask the villagers what they think are beautiful places in Dupont Circle and we'll get experts to take photos of them."

In other words – we can be heard but not seen? Heaven forbid!

Another skeptic said she gave last year's calendar to friends and relatives because they would enjoy the scenes of Dupont Circle. She won't buy any this year because her friends wouldn't care about people they've never met. Count her out, she said.

Well – I'm not counting anybody out.

Vecchione and NOMAD creative direct director **Jim Kingsley** have succeeded in capturing the quirky, whimsical, wise

and wry nature of DCV members — and more.

By using humor and great photography, we are challenging stereotypes about what "old folks" look like. We're not being shy about this. The calendar is titled "the coolest old people on the planet."

The title put off some people – until they realized the subtle slam-dunk move we are making on attitudes and then they often burst out laughing. The combination of the tart title and the richly textured photographs say, in essence: Look at us – we're interesting!

The aging-in-place Village movement is making lots of waves, nationally, and we expect our 2012 calendar to create its own buzz. We're expanding our calendar committee to double down on the marketing challenges and if you want to join us, speak up!

We hope to sell a lot of calendars but we also expect it to expand our reach within our community – to help us recruit volunteers, sign up members, get more donors.

We'll have some photo outtakes of the calendar in our next newsletter – and we can't wait to show you the calendar itself by mid-September. In reality, people buy a calendar not just because of pretty pictures but as a way to support an organization – and, in our case, to help us keep building a vibrant Village within the Dupont Circle.

Yoga Tip Of The Month:

from **Judy Silberman,**
DCV Yoga Master



Improving Posture and Flexibility of the Spine

Stand with your back a forearm-length away from a wall. Feel elbows touch the wall as your hands rest on your hips. Relax shoulders and elongate neck. Hold for three full breaths. Then twist your body and arms slowly around to one side until you can put your hands flat on the wall. Let your toes point in the direction you are twisting. Make a conscious effort to relax the shoulders and neck and keep the knees soft. Hold the stretch for three slow full breaths, rest, then repeat on the other side.

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there is volunteer retention. Part of that is communicating with volunteers to encourage their support, efforts, and great work. We also just celebrated volunteers with a cocktail party at the home of one of our members, **Bev Losch**. Finally, there is the matching component. It takes a lot of knowledge about Villagers and the volunteers to do this well.

Q: *About how many requests do you get a week, a month? And while the number of requests you handle is important, that's not the whole story. Some requests are easily and quickly handled—others take much longer. Could you give an example or two?*

A: The number of requests fluctuate depending on the season, amount of activities we have scheduled and

what's happening on Google groups. We've found that discussions on Google groups often stir up renewed interest in an uncompleted task as well as new volunteer projects.

I received 39 requests in the past month. However, the number of requests does not begin to tell the amount of time spent with each requestor, what it takes to advocate for their needs, time prepping volunteers to receive assignments and orchestrating ongoing "teams" of volunteers who are dedicated to helping Villagers on a regularly scheduled basis. Some requests are as simple as screwing in a light bulb, others have layers and are recurring assignments. Some of the work cannot be planned, like helping someone come up with an emergency plan for a recurring challenge or getting someone to the hospital after an accident or *continued, page 6*

Live And Learn Series



DCV Treasurer **Alaire Rieffel** said her parents had done everything right. They had prepared pertinent end-of-life documents including advanced directives, a will and explicit do-not-resuscitate instructions. And they talked to their doctors about that, frequently.

Yet a decade after preparing those documents, there was a showdown with their doctor, who cited his own religious beliefs in opposing end-of-life wishes about Alaire's mother.

Alaire's mother had developed Alzheimer's and, at the time of the crisis had suffered a stroke that flooded her brain with blood. Their doctor insisted he should take her from their small town in Georgia to a major hospital in Atlanta for an operation that Alaire said had only a 10 percent chance of success.

"I'm embarrassed to say I bought into the doctor's manipulation at first," Alaire said. "He made it sound that if the operation was a success, she'd be a totally normal person, which was absurd."

She said her father held firm in opposing the surgery. She came to realize that the operation "would likely have left her with both Alzheimer's and paralysis, which would have made the rest of my father's life most terrible." The doctor backed down.

Alaire and her family refused feeding tubes for her mother, as well as the operation, and she died 10 days later. "It was very traumatic," Alaire told a large group of Dupont Circle Village members in June at a Life & Learn seminar on end-of-life decisions.

The seminar speakers were from Compassion & Choices, a Denver-based nonprofit. **Matthew Nelson** is both a volunteer and a national board member and a frequent speaker advocating the need for a terminally ill person to have the legal right to palliative care and aid in dying. He also is a United Church of Christ minister.

Jared Hughes works in the group's Washington office and has specialized in promoting improved care and expanded choice at the end of life. Last January, New York Times health columnist Jane Brody noted that opponents had yet again stripped from the health care budget any Medicare reimbursement for doctors to talk to patients about end-of-life options. She wrote that people were on their own figuring this out but that one resource was Compassion & Choices, which not only had medical professionals and counselors on staff but also had prepared state-specific advanced directives and other documents.

The group is financed from membership dues and donations, which enables it to offer a free telephone counseling service for people wanting to talk through end-of-life issues. It works on end-of-life care options only with people who have received a terminal diagnosis

from a physician. Feedback from the seminar participants was very positive.

Subsequently, Compassion & Choices offered DCV members a \$10 discount on either annual or lifetime membership dues. If interested, contact Jared Hughes, 202-277-4557, jhughes@compassionandchoices.org. It's website is www.compassionandchoices.org.

August's Live & Learn topic is one that we all care about: how to take care of your own health needs—a sometimes daunting experience. There are many moving parts: a ton of evidence to sift through, an array of service choices to understand and a lot of decisions about care to make. Choosing providers can be tough. Even more complex is making decisions about the right hospital, rehabilitation facilities and specialist treatments.

A personal care manager can take all the guess work and stress out of making informed decisions.

Stephanie Chong and **Mary Ann Buckley** will explain the role of a care manager. Ms. Chong is director of Operations and Ms. Buckley is director of Client Services for Seabury Care Management. Their subject is "Your Life, Our Support. Care Management Defined." The site is the General Federation of Women's Clubs at 1734 N Street, NW from 3:30-5 pm, Monday, August 29. Contact **Linda Harsh**, 202-234-2567, lindajkh@mac.com for reservations.

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when serious illness strikes. A lot of my time is spent being an advocate. Connecting members to skilled counselors who help them avoid fines, scams, losing living space, remaining safe in their homes, and coming up with plans to organize their lifelong collections, or to simply embrace the new challenges and responsibilities in their lives.

Live & Learn Series Calendar

The last Monday of the month from 3:30-5 pm.

August 29: "Unbiased, Expert Management for Your Health Care." General Federation of Women's Clubs

September 26: "Home Health Care by HouseWorks." American Geophysical Union

October 24: "Medicare Open Season." Church of the Pilgrims

December 5: "Women and Heart Disease." Heurich Mansion



From left: Larry Stuebing, Lois Berlin, Wendy Hagen, Ellen Watkins, Judith Neibrief

Villager **Carol Galaty** was host for our new member dinner in August. Twelve people attended; half were new members. **Executive director Bernice Hutchinson** and several board members attended the dinner also. Carol reports, “We had drinks on the deck overlooking the neighborhood surrounded by flowers; many of the guests rode up to the 4th floor of our town house in our elevator. We then all came down to dinner in the dining room.” “The conversation was lively and it is always amazing when getting a group of new members together with some of the older members how many serendipitous overlaps there are in people’s lives, friendships, places of birth, colleges, careers and interests,” Carol says. “It was a lively evening scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30, but most people didn’t leave until well after 10,” she added.



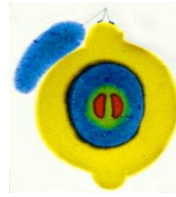
Jody Manor, one of the Village’s amazing tech volunteers, led the first Saturday morning techno clinic.

Saturday Techno Clinic Tackles iProducts

A new Saturday morning techno clinic has just started in the Village. On the second Saturday of the month, Village volunteers host roundtables and one-to-one appointments to discuss your computer needs and seek solutions to your portable technology woes. On Saturday, August 6, **Jody Manor** led a group of Villagers in a discussion about iPhones, iPads and iPods. Hosted by **Sandy and Dave Burns**, the clinic was a great way for them to get personal help for their iPad. In the months to come, we’ll tackle such issues as programming your telephone and more. We’d love to get your ideas on topics and locations to host this new activity.

Monthly Feature

Village Cooks Want To Know



Village chef **Judy duBerrier** is continuing with soup and salad recipes for the last dog days of summer. Keep in mind, she reminds us, that the simpler the dish, the more important it is to use the best ingredients and pay attention to details. This is especially important with the salad, which was designed by **Alexandre Dumas** in the mid-1800s for his royal guests and is still served to important people (like Villagers!) today.

Asparagus/Leek Soup

1 cup thoroughly washed, chopped leeks — white and green parts
 2 minced garlic cloves
 2 tbsp. olive oil
 1 lb. asparagus, cut into 1” pieces, tough ends discarded
 Low-sodium chicken broth
 2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
 1/3 cup lowfat yoghurt
 Optional toppings: shaved parmesan and crispy prosciutto.

Heat oil in a medium heavy-bottomed pot. Sauté leeks on medium-low 3 minutes or until slightly soft, then add garlic and cook for about a minute. Set aside 5 or 6 asparagus tops; add the rest to the pot. Pour in broth to cover vegetables. Simmer until barely tender. Puree cooled mixture with an immersion or other blender,

adding more liquid if desired.

Meanwhile, sauté reserved asparagus and prosciutto in small pan with a dab of oil. Reheat soup, remove from heat, then whisk in yoghurt and lemon. Ladle into soup bowls and top with prosciutto-asparagus mixture and a few shavings of parmesan cheese (use a vegetable peeler).

Salad Dumas

In a medium bowl, make a paste of the yolk of a hard-boiled egg and 1 tsp. very good oil (preferably truffle oil). Add and mix 1 tsp. each: anchovy paste (or minced anchovy fillet) yellow mustard, soy sauce and 2 tbs. good white wine. Now add 1 tbsp. chopped fresh tarragon, 1 small chopped cucumber and 2 tsp. minced celery. Gently fold in 2 or 3 small cold sliced potatoes. Add kosher salt and pepper to taste. Optional items at this point are: chopped white of egg and/or ½ cup tuna fish. Let sit 20-45 minutes. Mix again, check seasonings. Serve two portions on pretty leaves of romaine or red leaf lettuce. Top with 2 tsp. chopped gherkins and sprinkle 1-2 tsp. very good vinegar of choice over all. Tuck (optional) cold sliced beets between and around potato slices if desired. Certain gourmands like to cook mussels in champagne and serve alongside. This seems a bit of overkill and anyway, Dumas never endorsed this idea.

Questions/Comments/
 Recipe Submissions to:
judydubrier@verizon.net.

GW Senior Advantage Program Offers Course Audit Program to Villagers

All Villagers should have received a mailing from the George Washington Senior Advantage Program announcing an exciting opportunity for members of DCV. George Washington University is piloting a new course audit program for Senior Advantage Program members.

Since members of the Village are automatically enrolled in the program, this is a wonderful way for you to enhance professional skills, increase your knowledge, and take advantage of a great deal for coursework. Members of the Village who are 60 years of age or older can

choose from a wide selection of GWU courses on a not-for-credit basis during the upcoming fall semester. The GWU fall semester begins August 29 and runs until December 9. The cost to audit is \$65 per class plus lab fees where applicable. Registration begins on August 22.

See the August 15 *Top of the Afternoon* for details about the registration process or contact **Bernice Hutchinson**, 202-436-5252 or www.bernice@dupontcirclevillage.org

Fall Yoga Class

begins Thursday, September 1st at the Jewish Community Center. Time is 3-4:15 with Yoga master **Judy Silberman**. Classes cost \$80 for eight sessions. Contact **Judy duBerrier** for info and to enroll. 202-328-9123 or judyduberrier@verizon.net



Bev Losch, host of the volunteer cocktail party Speaking with Villager Dean Push

Village Party With A Purpose

Village Volunteers gathered on August 11 for a glorious cocktail party hosted by member **Bev Losch**. This was an opportunity to say thanks to the volunteers who work quietly behind the scenes to assist members of the Village. The event was short on speeches and provided guests with an opportunity to catch up and share the latest news. With August vacations in full swing, it was great to see more than 20 volunteers attending. Many volunteers sent text messages and e-mails from around the country sending regrets and wishing the party well.

The cocktail chatter was high spirited and from time to time slipped into a bit of shop talk. Volunteers were buzzing about the training series and new teams that are forming to support the needs of Villagers. Our host, Bev Losch, offered a delectable spread of tasty treats while **Bob Meehan** serenaded the group with a range of songs from classical to American standards on the baby grand. The event was a great success as evident by the last guests who slowly and reluctantly made their way to the door long after the cocktail hour had come to a close.

DCV Needs an Office: Please Help!

We've been searching for affordable office for more than a year. We require about 500 sq. feet, space that gives us storage, a table area for volunteers to help and meet and a desk for Bernice. If you have ideas, please contact president Peg Simpson: [202-265-2113](tel:202-265-2113); psimpson@attglobal.net. Many thanks!

Saluting Our Youngest Volunteer

Alexandra Hutchinson, 16-year-old daughter of executive director **Bernice Hutchinson**, is the Village's youngest volunteer. Allie, as she is familiarly known, was on the team working in **Julia Cunaberti's** garden this summer and she has provided the graphic and technical skills needed for place cards and name tags for most Village events.

She's also the Village photographer! Except for page 1, all of the photographs in this issue were taken by Allie. Many thanks, Allie, for all your work on behalf of the Village.

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