



*Gail Nordheimer*

## From the President

Thanks to the Communications Committee headed by Henri LaMotte and her merry band of volunteers who are ready to interview members and volunteers, write articles about Village activities and help us create a newsier newsletter every other month. To join the Newsletter Committee, please contact the Georgetown Village office to let Lynn know of your interest.

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU – plan to join us for a great celebration of Georgetown Village when we honor Tom Birch, our illustrious neighbor, friend, and Vice President of the Village for his many years of service to Georgetown, the Washington DC area and so many valuable non-profit organizations.

We'll gather on the balconies of Foley & Lardner's beautiful offices in Washington Harbour to admire the best view of the Potomac as we enjoy Kafe Leopold's delicacies, wine and flowers provided by Nancy Taylor Bubes and the chance to bid on some enticing Silent Auction items donated by wonderfully generous local businesses. A partial list of items is inside this newsletter.

Make sure to put Thursday, May 4th 6:00 – 8:00 on your calendar and RSVP at [Georgetown-village.org](http://Georgetown-village.org), or call 202-999-8988. Your support makes it possible for our Village to provide more than 65 services a month to our members along with activities we all enjoy together. Membership dues cover about half our budget so your deeply appreciated support as a Sponsor or ticket buyer is needed to enhance Village services, increase the number of subsidized members and continue our programs.



*Tom Birch, our honoree*

*-Gail Nordheimer, President*

## We hope to see you at our weekly events

Happy Hour is always on the 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday: May 1 & 16.

Movie Night is always the fourth Tuesday of the Month (unless there is a conflict): May 23.

Coffee Talk is every Thursday morning at 10:30. NOTE: We will NOT meet on May 4 due to the fundraiser. Coffee Talk is at St. John's, 3240 O Street, NW. Please use the Potomac Street entrance.

The Portable Electronics Help Session is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month: May 3 & 17 at the GV Office, 10:30 am.

Book Discussion Group meets May 15 at 10:30 am at 4501 Connecticut Avenue, Apt 1110. The book to be discussed is "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Cather.



## Encore Chorale to Perform May 13 & 18

Started in 2007, Encore Creativity for Older Adults is the largest choral music program of its kind in the country. The National Endowment for the Arts funded a three-year study concluding that seniors who participate in a professionally run arts program have improved health and higher morale. Over the last ten years, Encore has changed the lives of many older adults entering new stages of life – retirement, personal health issues, or coping with the death of a partner. Today, Encore offers 15 chorales and 5 rock n’ roll choruses in the DC/MD/VA area. One of our members, Joan Kennan, has been singing with Encore for over 7 years and has enjoyed not only the musical benefits, but also the opportunity to meet other singers, both through the weekly rehearsals and the music camps which take place every summer.

To celebrate its 10-year anniversary, all of the area Encore singers--approximately 1,000 in number--will perform on the stage at DAR Constitution Hall on Saturday, May 13, at 3:00 pm. The performance is free to the public but tickets are required. For more information, please visit [www.encorecreativity.org](http://www.encorecreativity.org). If you are unable to make the DAR concert, the DC -based Encore Capital Chorale will perform the same program in a more intimate venue at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street, NW, on May 18 at 7:30 pm.

*Article by: Joan Kennan*

## Martin Tolchin at Georgetown Village



On Thursday, March 30, many of our members, volunteers and guests (102, to be exact) gathered at St. John’s to hear Martin Tolchin discuss what we can expect of the Trump administration. Marty is an enthusiastic member of GV.

He wrote for 40 years for the New York Times, mostly covering Congress. He founded two publications: The Hill and Politico. He is the author with his wife of eight books and is currently a Senior Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars.

In his opening statement, Tolchin gave his frank assessment of Mr. Trump’s character (no holds barred), his perceived strengths (if any) and (many) weaknesses, and his accomplishments (or lack thereof) since the election. This was followed by a Q&A period. Will Mr. Trump moderate his views or double down? How much of a backlash will there be? What should we be doing to get through the next four years? Should we expect Mr. Trump to serve out his entire term? (The answer to the last question: “Yes, unless...”)

It was a phenomenal program. Plans are in the works for a GV “Current Events” discussion group, which Tolchin has graciously agreed to lead occasionally. We are very fortunate indeed to have such a resource in our midst!

*Article by: Hans Kaper*



*Members enjoying tea at the Cherry Blossom Tour of the National Cathedral*

### Georgetown Village extends a warm welcome to the following new members who joined in 2016

Nancy Schaefer, Betsy Cooley, Page Smith, Sara Adams, Harry Hogan, Robert Dodds, Marcia Coppel, Jean Smith, Barbara & Robert Hall, Jean Perry, Lynnette Kelly, Kay Cederroth, Martin Tolchin, Edilia Gutierrez, Ruth Lane, Rosemary Segalla, Gladys Vanasse, Frances Tyler, Jo-Ann Serrani, Sandra Maane, Ferenc Reich



*Andrea & Jim Kiernan on an amazing balloon ride over the 2,000 pagodas in Bagan, Myannar*

## Meet our new member Jo-Ann Serrani



Major changes are never easy, but when recently-widowed Jo-Ann Serrani was challenged by her DC-based daughter to create a new life, she was ready. Within no time she left New Jersey, bought an apartment and looked to get involved in her new neighborhood. Happily for Georgetown Village, she met our President, Gail Nordheimer, who immediately invited her to the 2016 Annual Village Party. Outgoing and vivacious herself, Jo-Ann found Village members and volunteers to be “wonderful, warm, accepting and kind”.

She decided to give the Village a try, and has subsequently discovered it to be “a lifeline.” She became a volunteer driver although, as she jokingly remarked, she first had to learn her way around Georgetown. She is co-chair of the Membership Committee and is on the Events Committee. But besides volunteering, she enjoys the social aspects of the Village, especially the cultural outings and Happy Hour. She participates in movie evenings and sometimes in the book group. She has discovered the Village to be a great source of friendship, with people from widely different experiences, but who are all fun to be with.

But Jo-Ann has a busy life outside the Village too. Besides taking enrichment classes through OLLI at AU, she volunteers at the Smithsonian American History Museum as an “ambassador.” And in a very different capacity, she helps at Safe Shores, a family advocacy program, working with children in crisis. It is a wonder she has time for herself, but Jo-Ann loves to travel. She spent Christmas in Colombia and is off to Greece in the Fall.

From the outset, Jo-Ann was swift to tell her daughter that she would make a life for herself. And in less than a year, she has achieved that goal. Her philosophy is “to find somebody doing something right” and we are delighted that she thinks Georgetown Village is doing just that.

*Article by: Andrea Kiernan*

### May 4 SELECTED SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Bistro Lepic.....	\$50 Gift Certificate
Blues Alley.....	4 tickets Sunday-Thursday
Sequoia Restaurant.....	\$250 Gift Certificate
Fitness Together.....	Jump Start Personal Training \$399
Parkway Dry Cleaners.....	\$50 Gift Certificate toward premium service
T&U Mongolian Cashmere.....	Organza Cashmere Scarf
Rosewood Hotel.....	The Grill Room - \$150 gift certificate
Vermont Vacation Home .....	One week – value \$1000
The Washington Ballet.....	2 tickets to The Nutcracker - \$250
Scout Bags.....	5 bags: DJ, Hepburn, Crossbody, 3-Way Bag, Pocket Change, ID Case
Burton Optician.....	Designer frames – value \$375
Doctor of Dress.....	Custom Color Analysis/shopping guide, make up session - value \$250
Thomas Sweet Ice Cream.....	3 gift certificates
Georgetown Nails.....	Manicure and pedicure – value \$90
Hair Lounge.....	Hair cut and style – value \$90
Il Canale .....	Gift certificate for 1 visit
Roche Salon.....	Yon-Ka Facial & haircut – value \$200
Lynn Golub-Rofrano.....	Lake Wallenpaupack, PA vacation home, weekend or week-long stay
Hinckley Pottery.....	Try It! session – value \$90
Ace Beverage.....	Case of wine

## Join Us for These Upcoming Tours

**Saturday, April 22** @1:30PM guided tour of the **National Gallery of Art East Building**, "Dialogues in Modern Art 1960-Present." We will meet the docent at the information desk in the East Building. There is a very nice grab-and-go cafe (Cascade Cafe) in the East Building for lunch before the tour.

**Tuesday, May 2** @10AM-12PM **US Arboretum, Azalea Collections Tour**. We will meet in the Visitor's Center at 9:45. Stroll along wooded hillside trails amid a brilliant spring display of blooming azaleas while learning about the origins and culture of these popular shrubs. Barbara Bullock, curator of the renewed Arboretum Azalea Collections, will tell how Arboretum research has contributed hundreds of new varieties for gardeners. She will advise on all aspects of growing azaleas and answer questions. See the Glenn Dale Hillside Renewal Project, a major renovation to improve conditions that increase the vigor and bloom production of azaleas by controlling invasive plants, and by pruning/thinning seed saplings. Fee: \$15.00. Registration is required.

**Tuesday, May 9** @noon, **REHAB 101 seminar** and complete buffet lunch @ Forest Hills of DC, 4901 Connecticut Ave, NW (free on-site and street parking). REHAB 101 is a presentation that will help you plan for a more successful hospital recovery. Reduce your stress when facing a scheduled surgery or an accident that lands you in the hospital and you are confronted with many decisions for achieving your recovery. The program will walk through the process of getting through a surgery, a good rehabilitation experience, and a positive transition home. Various options will be explained including acute rehabilitation, sub-acute rehabilitation and home therapy services.

**Friday, May 12** @11AM -3PM. Docent led **tour of Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey House, Alexandria, VA**. We will tour Woodlawn at 11 and the Pope-Leighey House at 12:30. There is a 7-minute walk between the two venues. Fee \$18.00 (tickets can be purchased at Woodlawn Museum shop). We will have lunch after the tours at the Mount Vernon Inn.

**Tuesday, May 23**, 8:30AM-3PM. **Potomac cruise on The Spirit** from Pier 4, 6th and Water Streets, SW **to Mount Vernon and return**. The Spirit departs DC at 8:30 AM and arrives at Mount Vernon at 10 AM. We will tour Mount Vernon and have lunch until 1:30. Boat departs Mount Vernon at 1:30, arrives DC at 3PM. Cost \$47.95 (includes admission to Mount Vernon). Registration required.

**For reservations email [Lynn@georgetown-village.org](mailto:Lynn@georgetown-village.org) or call 202-999-8988**