

## Georgetown Village

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

You should have received your invitation to our Third Anniversary Party, on December 11 in Blake Hall. Please be sure to let us know whether you are planning to join us by calling or emailing the office. At this year's party we will be highlighting our members by displaying work you have created. This could be books you have written, art work, objects from your travels you'd like to share, etc. Please let us know what you will be bringing to display so we are sure to have enough display tables set up. We will also have some great items donated by local businesses to raffle off at the party. Join us to celebrate our third anniversary, our parties are always a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing you at this one!

Last month we conducted a volunteer survey, highlights of this survey are shared on the back page of this newsletter.

Lastly, we would like to ask you to consider a donation to Georgetown Village when making your year-end donations. Our budget is based on donations and grants as well as membership fees. Your help is important to enable us to continue to provide services and activities.

#### Fun Volunteer Requests of the Month:

Although I usually highlight unusual requests, our volunteers have been having such fun this month, I wanted to tell you about it. One of our volunteers got to help a member put photos together for a holiday card. Another volunteer also enjoyed helping a member organize digital photos. Both volunteers shared that the best part of these assignments was talking with the members and hearing the stories connected with the photos!



#### December Programs

##### **Mondays**

##### **December 1**

**5:30 pm-Happy Hour-Daily Grill-Monday HH special- all well drinks and HH food \$4.00**

##### **December 8**

**10:30 pm-Book Discussion House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende** at the home of Joan Kennan-3143 O Street NW  
**1 pm-Caregivers Support Group**-St. John's Church  
**2:15 pm GV Discussion Group**  
Holiday Memories-come share yours!

##### **Tuesdays**

##### **December 16**

**5:30 pm Happy Hour-(DG)**

##### **December 23**

**TBD-Movie Night & Dinner**

##### **Thursdays**

**10:30 am Coffee Talk**  
**St. John's 3240 O Street-**  
use Potomac St. entrance.

##### **December 4-**

**8:30 am-Trip to Winterthur-1 ticket still available**

#### **Office Closings**

**December 24, 25 &26**

**December 31 & Jan. 1**

**Enjoy all the holidays!!**

**Merry Christmas,  
Happy Hanukkah,  
Happy New Year!**

## Summary of 2015 Volunteer Survey Results

On October 2, we released an electronic survey to 57 volunteers, we experienced a 53% response rate. The majority of the respondents volunteer 1 to 3 times per month. 86% of them were very satisfied with their volunteer experience and 14% were satisfied. Volunteers stated that what they enjoy most about volunteering for GV is; “Opportunity to meet interesting people”, “Opportunity to help”, “I have met some amazing people I would never have met”, “I feel as though I have received much more than I have given. The folks that I have helped are so thankful and gracious. It has been a pleasure”, “Meeting and helping the wonderful people in our community”.

These are only some of the wonderful statements we received from our enthusiastic volunteers, please don't hesitate to ask for help, as you can see from the above statements, our volunteers truly enjoy meeting and helping our members!

Georgetown Village wants our members to be aware of the following concerns:

Package theft is a common problem in our area. Here are some tips to help prevent your packages from being stolen this holiday season:

- Require a signature with all package delivery.
- If you won't be home, have the company leave the package at a local shipping center.
- If UPS is making the delivery, sign up online for their U.P.S. My Choice program, which sends an e-mail or text message to the customer just prior to package arrival. The package will be rerouted if nobody is home.
- Retrieve your mail as quickly as possible after delivery.
- If you can't retrieve your mail daily, have a trusted person collect it.
- If you're traveling, have the post office hold your mail until you get back.
- Never leave packages outside your door.
- Insure any packages you send.

**If a package is stolen, please contact your local postmaster or nearest Postal Inspector to file a formal complaint.**

### Scam Alerts

There have been a number of scam attempts reported by members lately. Some people have received calls from people claiming to be from the IRS and asking for personal information. The IRS only contacts taxpayers by mail, they do not contact people by phone. If you receive a call from the IRS or from someone claiming to be from your bank or credit card company do not give out any personal information. If possible, ask for a phone number and the name of the person and then call the bank, or credit company yourself using a number on the card or looking up the bank phone number. You can ask if they have been trying to reach you, and if that person works there. You can also request that information be sent to you by mail before responding to any questions, or giving out information. If you have any doubts, please call the GV office and we will work with you to figure out if a call or information request was legitimate.

