



## **Georgetown Village**

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

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Dear GV Members,

We are very excited to be celebrating our 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a functioning Village! With your help, we have grown into a successful neighborhood organization, making a real difference in the lives of our members. If you have not yet let us know you are joining us for the party on December 6, please call or email the office as soon as possible. This will be a fun evening with wonderful food and drink provided by Clydes of Georgetown and Nancy Taylor Bubes. The raffle this year include goodies from many of your favorite neighborhood stores including; Via Umbria, Happy Nails, Rodmans, Salon Rive Gauche, Martin's Tavern, Bridge Street Books, Café Milano, Dalton Brody, Peacock Café, Sushi Keiko, Aveda, Trader Joe's and many others.

Raffle tickets are once again only \$10/each, \$25 for 3, \$50 for 7 and 15 for \$100. We take cash, checks or credit cards, so come prepared to support your Village and win great items!

Our Drum Circle is starting this month, join us on December 10 for a fun afternoon and an introduction to drumming for those of you who have not yet been fortunate enough to participate in a drum circle. If you enjoy it, we will try to schedule a monthly drum circle. Call or email the office to sign up to participate.

Our special outing this month is to the Willard InterContinental Hotel where we will enjoy the Holiday Caroling and Happy Hour. See the back page of the newsletter for more information.

If you have not yet joined our Mens Group for lunch, you are missing out! The men enjoy each other's company and share their areas of expertise as well, so you have the opportunity to get to know your neighbors better and learn something in the process!

Don't forget to call the office if you need assistance. As great as our many programs are, we really are here to help you-please give us a call at 202-999-8988 if you need assistance. Winter is a great time to get organized-we have volunteers to help. We also have volunteers who are happy to help you hang holiday decorations, or create holiday photo cards online. We assist members in many ways, don't hesitate to call and ask us to help YOU!

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our many programs,

*Lynn*

#### **Mondays**

**11:30-Exercise Class-3116 O Street NW (No Class 12/24, 12/31)**

#### **December 10**

**10 am-Book Discussion-La Rose 3400 O Street NW**

**11:30-Exercise Class**

**3 pm-Drum Circle-3116 O Street, Christ Church Parish Hall**

#### **Tuesdays**

#### **December 4**

**5:30 Happy Hour-Mai Thai**

#### **December 18**

**5:30-7:30 Special Program & Happy Hour-Caroling at the Willard Hotel-1401**

**Pennsylvania Avenue NW**

#### **Wednesdays**

#### **December 5 & 19**

**10:30-Portable Electronics Support Group-GV Office**

#### **December 12**

**12:30 pm-Men's Lunch @**

**Pinstripes -1064 Wisconsin Ave**

#### **Thursdays**

#### **December 6**

**6:30 pm**

**GV Anniversary Party-3240 O Street NW**

#### **December 13, 20, 17**

**10:30 am Coffee Talk-3240 O Street NW**

#### **December 20**

**Trader Joe's Transportation-sign up by Wednesday at 3 pm**

#### **Fridays**

**Safeway Transportation-sign up by Wednesday at 3 pm**

## **Drum & Fun –December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm-Christ Church Parish Hall-3116 O Street NW**

Drum Circles are a time-honored method of healing and helping others. Group drumming helps alleviate isolation, when our rhythms are in sync, we feel better about ourselves. Scientific studies have shown that drumming can; reduce tension, anxiety and stress, help control chronic pain, and boost the immune system.

Join professional drummer and drum circle facilitator, Katy Gaughan as she teaches us how to get bass, tone, and slap on the drum! Katy supplies the drums, you supply the fun! We know you will be talking about how much you enjoyed this for days-come and give it a try!

## **Book Discussion-December 10-La Rose-10 am -3400 O Street NW**

*LaRose* is set in North Dakota, on an Ojibwa reservation in the "era of George W. Bush and 9/11". The novel's protagonist is LaRose Iron, a young Native American boy. His father, Landreaux Iron, accidentally shoots LaRose's best friend and neighbor, Dusty Ravich, also 5 years old, in a hunting accident, when the buck Landreaux had aimed at suddenly moved from in front of the boy. Dusty's parents, Peter and Nola, become devastated. To compensate for their loss, following an ancient custom, LaRose's parents, Landreaux and Emmaline, give him to Dusty's family, to find a way to resolve their guilt.

While Peter and Nola are initially reluctant to accept LaRose into their family, perceiving it as an act of betrayal towards their own dead son, they soon warm to him. The book also introduces the stories of several of LaRose's ancestors, who were sent to residential schools and endured many traumatic experiences.

The book received primarily favorable reviews. *USA Today* gave it 3.5 out of 4 stars while *The Sydney Morning Herald* described it as a "page-turner," *The Kansas City Star* described it as "brutally beautiful, and *The A.V. Club* described it as "everything you want a novel to be. *LaRose* was described by *The Washington Post* as a "masterly tale of grief and love and by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as a "brilliant, subtle exploration of tragic histories.

Please note new time for the book discussion so you can attend exercise class afterwards!

## **December Excursion-Holiday Caroling at the Willard Hotel –Dec. 18-5:30-7:30 pm**

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 @5:30-7:30 PM we are going to the lovely Willard InterContinental Hotel to listen to their lovely holiday caroling. Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, the Willard InterContinental's holiday caroling lineup has evolved into one of the most comprehensive of its kind in Washington DC with a wide array of highly accomplished choral and vocal ensembles from around the DC metropolitan area. The Washington Chorus will perform on December 18. The Willard InterContinental Hotel is a historic luxury Beaux-Arts hotel located at 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

This seemed like a great location for the December 18 Happy Hour and for those who wish, beverages and food are available at the Round Robin Bar in the hotel lobby.

Please let us know if you would like to join us by December 14. Also, let us know if you would like to share transportation to the hotel.