

Georgetown Village

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Dear GV Members,

The board joins me in wishing you a happy and healthy New Year. Now that the holidays are over, our programming is continuing with the next Chat session featuring Isabel Sawhill. Please be sure to sign up promptly if you want to attend our Chat sessions as they are held in private homes and space is limited.

We also have some great excursions planned for this month, including private tours of the Sackler Museum and the new Duke Ellington School of Arts campus.

As you might have heard, the Daily Grill is now closed which means that our men's lunch group will try a new restaurant this month! They are meeting at Paolo's on Wisconsin Avenue at 12:30 on January 10. Please call the office to let us know if you are planning to join them so we are sure to have a large enough area. Paolo's has promised a semi-private space for the group, and that should make conversation easy. Also, in February we will meet at a new place for our Monday night Happy Hour, watch the email blast or next month's newsletter for the new location. Our third Tuesday Happy Hour will take place at Morton's as everyone seems happy there, please send in any suggestions you have for Happy Hour locations.

Remember, we run an IT Support Group on the first and third Wednesday of the month, If you received new electronics for the holidays and you would like help learning how to use your new toys, bring them to our IT Support Group and we are happy to help you!

As we start the new year, please remember to share your thoughts and ideas about Georgetown Village with us. If you have program ideas, of need services we do seem to offer, please contact the office or a board member. We are always open to ideas and suggestions and would love to hear yours!

Now that the holidays are over, if you need help organizing your decorations, or other in-home assistance, be sure to call the Village and we will send you a volunteer.

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

Lynn



Mondays

January 1

New Year's Day-Office Closed

January 15

10:15 am-Book Discussion-The Sympathizer 3139 N Street NW

Tuesdays

January 16

5:30 Happy Hour-Morton's

January 23

2 pm-Tour of Duke Ellington School of Arts-3500 R St. NW

Movie Night-Details TBD

Wednesdays

January 3 & 17

10:30-Portable Electronics Support Group-GV Office

January 10

12:30 pm-Men's Lunch @ Paolo's -1303 Wisconsin Ave.

January 31

12 pm Arena Stage-Sovereignty

Thursdays

January 4,11,18 & 25

10:30 am Coffee Talk

St. John's 3240 O Street NW

January 4 & 18

1 pm-Trader Joe's

Fridays

Safeway Transportation

January 5 -2 pm-Docent led tour of the Sackler Museum

Sunday

January 14

1 pm Chat With-Isabel Sawhill-3150 South St. NW

Tour of Sackler Museum-Jan. 5th @ 2 pm 1050 Independence Avenue SW

Our docent-led tour of the Sackler will focus on Buddha: Art and Practice Across Asia and we will also see Divine Felines: Cats of Ancient Egypt, Luxury in Ancient Iran, Ancient Bells of China and Gupta's Terminal. You will also learn about the surprising connections between the current exhibits and how they were chosen.

If you are interested in joining us for this tour please call the office to sign up by 1/3/18.

Chat With Isabel Sawhill January 14th 1pm-3pm 3150 South Street NW

This month's Chat With speaker is long-time GV member Isabel Sawhill, senior fellow at The Brookings Institute. Isabel will be discussing her latest book, *Generation Unbound: Drifting Into Sex and Parenthood Without Marriage*.

Isabel V. Sawhill is a senior fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution. She served as vice president and director of the Economic Studies program from 2003 to 2006. She has been a co-director with Ron Haskins of the Center on Children and Families. Prior to joining Brookings, Dr. Sawhill was a senior fellow at The Urban Institute. She served in the Clinton Administration as an Associate Director of OMB, where her responsibilities included all of the human resource programs of the federal government, accounting for one third of the federal budget. Her research has spanned a wide array of economic and social issues, including fiscal policy, economic growth, poverty and inequality. Over the past decade, her major focus has been on how to improve opportunities for disadvantaged children in the U.S.

This member-only program offers you the opportunity to interact with Dr. Sawhill in an intimate setting, share your thoughts and hear her ideas. Attendance is limited to the first 20 people who sign up, if you are interested in attending get in your reservation early.

Guided Tour of Duke Ellington School of the Arts-Jan 23 -2 pm 3500 R Street NW

During this two hour guided tour, we will have the opportunity to view the Museum Studies department's exhibition and possibly get a sneak peek at the set up and tech for the Vocal Music and Instrumental Music departments' joint performance scheduled for that evening. We might even get a glimpse of the rehearsal too. RSVP by calling or emailing the office by January 19.

The Sympathizer –January 15 -10:30 am-3139 N Street NW

This month's book is a best-selling novel and recipient of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Set as the flashback in a coerced confession of a political prisoner, the book tells the story of the South Vietnamese Government in 1975 and subsequent events in American exile in Los Angeles, through the eyes of a half-Vietnamese, half-French undercover communist agent. The spy remains unnamed throughout the novel from the fall of Saigon, to refugee camps and relocation in Los Angeles, to his time as a film consultant in the Philippines, and finally to his return and subsequent imprisonment in Vietnam. A Vietnamese reviewer noted that, finally, Americans have a chance to gain a new perspective on the war, one that is in contrast to the one provided by Hollywood myth-makers.

Remember, our book group is open to all, whenever the book looks interesting to you, join us! Also the book group is always open to suggestions,