

Georgetown Village

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

Enclosed with this newsletter is a print copy of our 2013 Membership Satisfaction Survey that was emailed. **Please take a few minutes to let us know what YOU think!** If you prefer to fill this out online and no longer have the link, please let me know and I will resend it to you. We would like these mailed back to PO Box 3563, Washington DC 20027, no later than June 15 as that is the date we will be closing the survey. If you would like a copy of the results, please let me know, all responses are kept confidential, and online responses are anonymous.

GV members have been invited to join the Georgetown Senior Group for a lovely lunch sponsored by Long & Foster on June 4 at 11:30 in Blake Hall. RSVP to GV office asap.

I am taking a vacation to Italy this summer, and will be out of the office from June 23 through July 4. The office will be covered in the afternoons on Mondays through Thursdays by Sarah Diaz, our student from Catholic University. Please leave a message if you do not reach her and she will get back to you as soon as possible. If possible, please let us know what your needs are early in the month and I will work to fill as many of them as possible before I leave.

Please note that this newsletter covers the months of June and July and be sure to save it to participate in our fun summer programs! Remember to call the office if you need any assistance, see article on back for ideas of the variety of help we offer.

Enjoy the summer months-Lynn Golub-Rofrano



June/July Programs

Mondays

June 2

2:00 pm Fit for Life Elements

5:30 pm-Happy Hour- Daily Grill-1310 Wisconsin Ave

June 9 & July 14

1:00 pm Caregivers Support Group-St. John's Church

June 16, &30

2:00 Fit for Life-Elements

July 7

5:30-Happy Hour

July 14 & 28

2:00-Fit for Life-Elements

July 21

5:30 pm-Pinstripes

Tuesdays

June 17 & July 22

5:30 pm Happy Hour-(DG)

June 24 & July 29

Movie Night & Dinner Out

July 15

2:00 pm-German Disc. Group

Wednesdays

June 11

4:00 pm Volunteer Training-GV office-3000 K Street NW

June 18

6:15 pm-Sunset Stroll-Meet in lobby of 3000 K St. NW

July 16

9 am-6 pm-Winery Tour
Sign up ASAP

Thursdays

10:30 am Coffee Talk

St. John's 3240 O Street- use Potomac St. entrance.

Fun Summer Trips

This summer we have scheduled a trip to the **Virginia Vineyards** on July 16-if you have not yet signed up, you must do so as soon as possible! Cost, including lunch transportation, winery tours and tastings is \$125 dollars and checks should be made out to GV.

On July 21, we will be visiting **Pinstripes** for a fun evening of Bocce and a meal. We are meeting at Pinstripes, in Georgetown Park, entrance off Wisconsin Avenue. The cost of Bocce is only \$5.00 per person, per hour and we will be ordering our individual meals off the menu. This should be a fun, cool way to get out of the summer heat! Call the office if you will be joining us so we reserve enough courts.

Upcoming Books

Our Book Discussion Group is reading, **I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai, for discussion on August 11 at 10:30 am, at the home of Rose Marie Caponio, 3139 O Street NW. If you are looking for a good summer read-we will be discussing **The Goldfinch** by Donna Tartt in September.

New Groups

We have had interest in starting a **Gourmet Dining Group** to eat at four star restaurants in the local area for lunch or dinner, on a monthly basis. We have also had interest in starting a **Bridge Group**-please contact the office if you are interested in either group.

A Week in the GV Office (reprinted from our email blast)

On Monday, May 12 we received 14 requests for volunteer assistance. The first request was from a member who needed transportation that day! Although we do not guarantee the availability of a volunteer for same day transportation needs, we were able to help this member in this case. The second request was for outdoor home assistance with gardening and weeding and for a volunteer to take them shopping to a nursery. The phone then rang with a request from one of our members who feared they might have a virus on their home computer. Our IT volunteer was able to go over a few days later to fix this. Another IT request came in that day, with someone needing assistance attaching a new keyboard to an ipad. One of our younger volunteers was able to fix that in a jiffy, and even gave the member some pointers and tips on using the ipad! Then the phone rang with a member calling to request help raking leaves and cleaning out debris that had blown onto the basement steps. One of our members wanted help putting together IKEA furniture and moving some furniture in their home. Later Monday afternoon, we had five other requests for medical transportation, as well as a request for transportation to our Health Care Advisory Lecture on Thursday evening. To finish the day, we had two more requests for outdoor assistance, one to spread mulch and clean up winter debris, and lastly one to have a volunteer come over to give advice about what plants might work in what areas. As the week went on, our phone continued to ring with 6 more requests for medical transportation, a request for someone to come over and examine a lock that might be loose, a request for a volunteer to help shred old papers, and to finish the week, more medical transportation. We had a request from one of our members for a Professional Service Referral for a tailor that does simple seams as the person had lost weight and wanted some simple alterations. In discussing this request with the member I was able to ascertain that this did not need to be professionally done, and arrange for a volunteer to sew these seams for our member. I am sharing this list to give you an idea of the variety of help our Village volunteers provide on a weekly basis.

Surely, there is something we can do for YOU! Please call the office if you need help, as I hope you have noticed from the description above, our volunteers are very talented in many different areas!