

## Georgetown Village

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

We know that many of you are traveling this summer, and we look forward to hearing about your trips and adventures. For those of you who will be in town, remember, the Village does not take a summer vacation-we are here for you all year!

This reminds me of a recent discussion I had with a member. The person had been a member since we started and shared that although our programs looked great, that's not why s/he joined the Village. In actuality, s/he has a lot of friends and doesn't need us for social activities. At this point the member needed some extra assistance, and I was there talking about the many ways we could help-grocery shopping, prepared meals, transportation, garden assistance, etc.

This discussion pointed out to me, that although we think you all know how much we can help you, perhaps you don't! We have volunteers who are happy to help you in many ways. Our philosophy continues to be-**Just Ask!** For example, one of our members was feeling overwhelmed by the idea of having to sort through piles of paper and organize medical records, so we have a volunteer cheerfully helping with this and they are making great progress. Did you know we could help tame paperwork? Another member needed to move some heavy furniture in order to have the carpets cleaned and we had a couple of volunteers go over to give a hand moving the furniture. Another member is going out of town for a vacation this summer, and our volunteer is feeding the cat and watering the garden every other day.

These are just a couple of volunteer requests that I pulled out of our recent list of volunteer requests that we filled. **If there is something you need help with-just ask!** As other members will tell you, our volunteers show up with a smile, are very helpful, and really good company, don't hesitate to call the office and ask for help.

I will be out of the office June 12-16 participating in the Georgetown University Nonprofit Executive Management Certificate Program. The last week of June I will be visiting Iceland and Amsterdam with my family for our vacation.

Enjoy your summer whether you are here or away,

*Lynn*



#### **Mondays**

##### **June 5**

**5:30-Happy Hour-Daily Grill**

##### **June 12**

**10:15 am-Book Discussion-  
Dark Money-3315 Q Street NW**

#### **Tuesdays**

##### **June 20**

**5:30 Happy Hour-Morton's**

##### **June 27**

**Movie Night-Details TBD**

#### **Wednesdays**

##### **June 7 & 21**

**10:30-Portable Electronics  
Support Group-1680 Wisconsin  
Ave. NW**

#### **Thursdays**

##### **June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**

**10:30 am Coffee Talk**

**St. John's 3240 O Street NW**

##### **June 8 & 22**

**1 pm-Trader Joe's**

##### **June 22**

**6 pm-SMP**

**Medicare/Medicaid Fraud  
3240 O Street NW**

#### **Fridays**

**Safeway Transportation**

**June 9-6:30 pm-9:30 pm**

**Merlot's Masterpiece-1512 U  
Street NW**

#### **July Special Programs**

##### **Fridays**

**July 14 9:30 am-Kenilworth  
Park and Aquatic Gardens-  
1505 Anacostia Avenue NE**

**July 21 11:30 am-Union  
Market-1309 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW and  
the Dolcezza Gelato Factory  
and Shop-550 Penn Street NE**

## **Merlot's Masterpiece-June 9 -6:30 PM -1512 U Street NW**

Merlot's Masterpiece is a "paint and sip" experience. Merlot's Masterpiece promises that if you can paint a stick figure, its teachers can teach you how to paint a masterpiece. Wine is available for purchase. The project for June 9 is "Starry DC Nights" (think Van Gogh). There is limited on street parking and a parking garage at 14th and U Streets. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP WAS MAY 26-Call to check if there is still room.

## **Book Discussion of Dark Money June 12 -10:15 am-3315 Q Street NW**

Our book group is reading and discussing Dark Money by Jane Meyer this month. Dark Money is a non-fiction book that shows an in-depth report of a network made up of the wealthy and the influential and their goal of creating a clear plan to change the American political structure.

Jane Meyer spent five years conducting hundreds of interviews-including with several sources within the network-and scoured public records, private papers, and court proceedings in reporting this book. In this book she traces the trail of the billions of dollars spent by the network and provides portraits of the colorful figures behind the new American oligarchy.

## **Happy Hour Tuesday, June 20-5:30 pm -Morton's Steakhouse -3251 Prospect Street NW**

Last month after a last minute switch in venue some of us enjoyed a lovely happy hour at Morton's Steak House. It was so nice that we decided to go back again in June. I hope you will join us to enjoy their extensive Happy Hour member of low-priced food and beverages.

## **Senior Medicare Patrol Program-Medicare/Medicaid Fraud Preventions June 22 -6 pm**

On Thursday evening, June 22 we will have Wes Morrison, a speaker from the Senior Medicare Patrol Program. The SMP Program helps Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries prevent, detect, and report potential health care fraud, Wes will also speak about Medical Identity theft, which can result in more than losing time and money. You can be denied a Medicare service or equipment because records falsely show that you already received it. The program will offer tips for protecting yourself as well as information on how to obtain all the benefits you are entitled to receive.

Join us at 3240 O Street NW at 6 pm to learn how you can prevent this from happening to you, or a loved one. Light refreshments will be served, please RSVP so we know how many people to expect.

## **Upcoming July Trips**

July 14 @9:30. NPS Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, 1505 Anacostia Ave, NE. This is a tranquil preserve with short trails and a boardwalk through pond and marsh, gardens, greenhouses, and a visitor's center. A lovely place for birding. Peak bloom for the famous water lilies and large lotus flowers is July 15 and for this reason I hope to arrive at the Gardens at 9:30 on July 14 (the flowers close up in the mid-day heat). We will carpool and leave Georgetown at 9. RSVP NO LATER THAN JULY 10.

July 21 @11:30. Union Market, 1309 5th Street, NE and the Dolcetta gelato factory and shop, 550 Penn Street, NE. Union Market is a warehouse food market with a host of artisans offering charcuterie, empanadas and more. Forty local artisans gather to display their food for a year-round indoor bite bazaar. We will shop and eat for about an hour+ and then head to the Dolcetta gelato factory and store. Gelato is for sale in the factory store. We will carpool from Georgetown and leave about 11. Please confirm attendance NO LATER THAN JULY 17.