

Georgetown Village

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

This month we have our new column by board president Gail Nordheimer. This column will appear periodically, in this space.

President's Perspective by Gail Nordheimer

This year Georgetown Village will honor one of Georgetown's most dedicated leaders, Bob vom Eigen, at our 4th annual cocktail reception on Thursday, May 5th. As you may know, among Bob's contributions to the Georgetown community is his dedicated leadership of the Village as Founding Vice President. Perhaps more important to many of us, he has provided volunteer assistance to members 117 times, making him, at this time, our most active volunteer. This is not counting the number of glasses of wine he has poured at our parties! At the same time, Bob is currently President of the Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG) and of the Georgetown Waterfront Park.

In addition to sharing this evening with Bob, we expect this year's fundraising event to be better than ever. Washingtonian Magazine's number one restaurant, Fiola Mare, is providing the hors d'oeuvres! Thanks to Foley & Lardner, our celebration will once again take place in their rooms and terrace high atop Washington Harbour.

We hope you will plan to attend, celebrate Bob's achievements and, if possible, support your Village as a Sponsor of this reception. I don't have to tell you what the Village accomplishes each month and how meaningful the support of Village services and social and cultural activities are for many members. We are continually working to improve what we offer to our members. Currently, we are partnering with Iona to be able to offer you new health-related services.

The fundraising event plays a crucial role in making it possible for Georgetown Village to improve and expand our programs as membership fees cover only 55% of the budget. While we think of Georgetown as an affluent community, some who need membership services the most are unable to afford to pay dues. With your help the Village can continue to offer subsidized memberships to those neighbors on a completely confidential basis

Becoming a sponsor of the May 5th party shows us that you understand and appreciate the work of the Village and provides the support needed to help us move forward. Sponsorship commitments received by March 11th will be included on the invitation. Please call the office for more details about how to become a Sponsor and the benefits you will receive. We hope we can count on you, the members and volunteers who know the Village the best, to strengthen our wonderful Village.



March Programs

Mondays

March 7

5:30 Happy Hour-Daily Grill

March 14

10:15 Book Discussion-3315 Q Street NW

March 21

Brain Games-GV Office

Tuesdays

March 15

5:30 pm-Happy Hour-DG

March 23

TBD-Movie Night & Dinner

Wednesdays

March. 2 & 16

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

March 9

3:00 pm-Olive Oil & Vinegar tasting 1524 Wisconsin Ave.

Thursdays

10:30 am Coffee Talk

St. John's 3240 O Street NW

Fridays

March 11

11:00 am-GV Tour of Glenstone-the private museum in Potomac, MD-space is limited

Olive & Vinegar Tasting at Georgetown Olive Oil Company-1524 Wisconsin Ave.

Georgetown Olive Oil Company is a tasting gallery specializing in Olive Oils and Balsamic Vinegars. The current selection includes: Extra Virgin Olive Oils, Flavor Fused and Infused Olive Oils, Dark Balsamic Vinegars and White Balsamic Vinegars, Specialty Oils and Specialty Vinegars. They also carry natural Sea Salts, Accessories, Cosmetics, Pottery, Handmade Italian Ceramics and Art.

During the tasting event on March 9th, we will:

- Talk about extra virgin olive oil, its properties, health benefits and chemical analysis and they will explain some of the most popular olive oil “terms” and what to look for when buying olive oil.
- Taste olive oils with mild, medium and robust intensity from three different countries.
- Do a comparison tasting with supermarket bought olive oil.
- Talk about traditional style Balsamic Vinegar and taste dark and white balsamic vinegar.
- Do a comparison tasting with supermarket bought balsamic.

In order to show their guests various applications of the products sold we will also be served different food samples to try with the oils and vinegars.

Book Discussion –No god but God March 14 -10:15 am @ 3315 Q Street NW

On March 14 we are discussing the book No god but God by Reza Aslam. Though it is the fastest-growing religion in the world, Islam remains shrouded in ignorance and fear for much of the West. In *No god but God*, Reza Aslan, an internationally acclaimed scholar of religions, explains this faith in all its beauty and complexity.

Beginning with a vivid account of the social and religious milieu in which the Prophet Muhammad forged his message, Aslan paints a portrait of the first Muslim community as a radical experiment in religious pluralism and social egalitarianism. He demonstrates how, after the Prophet's death, his successors attempted to interpret his message for future generations—an overwhelming task that fractured the Muslim community into competing sects. The book discussion will be held at the home of Margtot Backas-3315 Q Street NW.

GV Tour of Glenstone-12002 Glen Road, Potomac Md-March 11 @ 11 am

Georgetown Village members have the opportunity to tour Glenstone, the private art museum in Potomac Maryland. Glenstone only opens for small groups so this is a unique opportunity open to GV members. RSVPs are due by March 4, 2016.

Notice anything different about this newsletter? Members of the board met with a graphic designer who did a great job of updating our logo and giving us a fresh look. We hope you like it too!