

Georgetown Village

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

As you know, May 4 is our annual fundraiser, this year honoring our dear friend, champion and Board Vice President Tom Birch for his longstanding dedication to our community.

Nancy Taylor Bubes, a faithful friend and dynamic supporter of the Village is Chair of the event, which will help ensure a fun and successful evening, which will include a Silent Auction. The items will be very different than those found at our anniversary party. We already have 2 vacation homes and look forward to receiving more! If you have a place to donate, or would like to help us get donations, please contact me at gailnordheimer@gmail.com. We are delighted to report Georgetown's popular Leopold's Kafe, which many of us know and love, will provide delicious European fare and Foley & Lardner LLP is again hosting us at Washington Harbour with magnificent views over the Potomac.

Georgetown Village resources are small, but you, the members, know best that its impact on the quality of our lives is great, thanks to the thousands of hours of time and expertise provided by dedicated volunteers who deserve our deep gratitude. **But membership dues cover only about half of our budget – the rest must come from generous support from members, volunteers and generous individuals and businesses.**

Those of you who can make an extra gesture of gratitude for the work of the Village are invited to become sponsors of the party (call Lynn for sponsorship details). We would love to include many members and volunteers on the invitation so please let us know by March 17th if you can become a sponsor. Your generosity will help us continue to expand our services.

Villages are becoming increasingly popular nationwide. A recent survey of U S Villages found that in 2010 only 35 were operational. BY 2016 there were 155 Villages with dozens more in development. The main factors that determine whether Villages will continue to prosper include their ability to recruit new members, the commitment of their volunteers and their financial resources. Our Village is working hard on all these fronts as we look forward to more successful years.

Gail Nordheimer, President

Mondays

March 6

5:30-Happy Hour-Daily Grill

March 20

10:30 Brain Games-GV Office

March 27

**10:15 am-Book Discussion-
3143 O Street NW**

**Movie Night-Details to be
announced**

Tuesdays

March 21

5:30 Happy Hour-Daily Grill

March 28

**1:30 pm-Cherry Blossom Tea &
Tour at the National Cathedral**

Wednesdays

March 1 & 15

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

Thursdays

March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

**10:30 am Coffee Talk
St. John's 3240 O Street NW**

March 2, 16 & 30

1 pm-Trader Joe's

March 30

**6:00 pm-Martin Tolchin-
President Trump-What's Next?
3240 O Street NW**

Fridays

Safeway Transportation

Saturday

March 11

**12:55 pm-Metropolitan
Opera's La Traviata-701
Seventh Street**

Sunday

March 5

2 pm-Gridiron Reprise Show

Cherry Blossom Tea and Tour-Washington National Cathedral 3/28 at 1:30 pm

Enjoy a cherry blossom tea and tour of Washington's National Cathedral. There will be an in-depth Cathedral tour followed by traditional English tea with sandwiches, scones and special cherry blossom accents and a scenic view of Washington. The tour begins inside the Cathedral on the main level (the Nave) at 1:30 pm. Tea follows in the Pilgrim Observation Gallery at 2:45 pm, you might want to be sure to eat a lite bite for lunch as tea will be late. At the afternoon tea we will be served tea sandwiches, scones, sweets and hot tea.

This is a very popular DC activity and difficult to obtain reservations-our hard-working program committee made this reservation for us on November 3! We have limited space so be sure to sign up quickly if you want to join us. A charge of \$30 covers tea and the tour.

Martin Tolchin-President Trump-What's Next? March 30 at 6:00 pm 3240 O St NW

Join us for a special talk by Martin Tolchin discussing what we can expect from the new administration. Will Donald Trump moderate or double down? Who's up and who's down? How much of a backlash will there be? What should we be doing? Martin Tolchin brings his incredible knowledge and experience to Georgetown Village members!

After 40 years at the NY Times, mostly covering congress, Mr. Tolchin founded 2 publications, *The Hill* and *Politico*. He is also the author, with his wife, of 8 books on politics, including "To the Victor: Political Patronage from the Clubhouse to the White House" which has been cited in five Supreme Court decisions as the authoritative work on the subject. Mr. Tolchin is currently a Senior Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and an enthusiastic Georgetown Village member. This talk is being given at 6 pm in order for our working members to join us, and it open to the community. We will be providing wine and light refreshments, please RSVP-202-999-8988.

Next Book Discussions-Lonesome Dove – 3/27 and Hillbilly Elegy-4/24

On March 27 we are discussing Larry McMurtry's Pulitzer Prize— winning classic, *Lonesome Dove*, the third book in the *Lonesome Dove* tetralogy, is the grandest novel ever written about the last defiant wilderness of America. Journey to the dusty little Texas town of Lonesome Dove and meet an unforgettable assortment of heroes and outlaws, whores and ladies, Indians and settlers. Richly authentic, beautifully written, always dramatic, *Lonesome Dove* is a book to make us laugh, weep, dream, and remember. Joan Kennan is hosting this month's book discussion at her home-3143 O Street NW at 10:15 am. Our book discussions are open to all members, join us!

On April 24, we are discussing the NY Times best seller *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance describing the Appalachian values of his upbringing and their relation to the social problems of his hometown. Alongside his personal history, Vance raises questions such as the responsibility of his family and people for their own misfortune. Journalists wrote that this book was of specific importance during the 2016 presidential elections as Vance compassionately describes the white underclass that fueled the campaign of Donald Trump and a resurgence of outsider politics. The NY Times wrote that his direct confrontation on a social taboo is admirable regardless of whether the reader agrees with his conclusion. The newspaper writes that Vance's subject is despair and his argument is more generous in that it blames fatalism and learned helplessness rather than indolence. John Podhoretz described the book as among the year's most provocative. This book has topped the best seller list in August 2016 and January 2017, and I am sure it will provoke an interesting discussion amongst GV members. We are meeting at the home of Charlotte Streidel , 4501 Connecticut Avenue.