

## Georgetown Village

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming fundraiser on May 13. If you have not yet sent in your reservation, and you are planning to join us, please do so as soon as possible. This is our only fundraiser for the year and your support of Georgetown Village is very important to us!

**Georgetown Village** is also actively **recruiting new members**. We have not really done much membership recruitment since we launched, but, through word of mouth, we have continued to grow. At almost 200 members, our goal is to grow past that number. There are a couple of prospective member wine and cheese events scheduled at board member's homes, and other venues. If you have friends or neighbors you think might be interested in attending an event and learning more about the village, please send their contact information to the office, and we will be happy to invite them to an upcoming event.

Our **Happy Hour** on **May 4** will be at **Mama Rouge**, and on **May 19** we will be at **Fiola Mare**. On May 6 our **Gourmet Dining Group** is eating at **Bistro Lepic**-call the office to make your reservation for any of these activities. We have been having a lot of fun at our **Brain Games**-join us on May 13 for some laughs and to stretch your mind!

#### Georgetown Village to the Rescue

This month's GV to the rescue story features one of our members who was unexpectedly hospitalized. Upon release from the hospital, the doctor required the member to completely change their diet. With one call to the village, we were able to arrange for a volunteer to do the grocery shopping and meet the member at their home, the day they were discharged, with a bag of acceptable food to aid their recovery.

Please remember **the next time you need something, all you have to do is ask!**



#### May Programs

##### Mondays

###### May 4

5:30 pm-Happy Hour-Mama Rouge-3000 K Street NW

###### May 11

10:30 am-Book Discussion-1415 31<sup>st</sup> Street

###### May 18

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

###### May 25

Memorial Day-Office Closed

##### Tuesdays

###### May 19

5:00 pm- Happy Hour-Fiola Mare

###### May 26

TBD-Movie Night & Dinner

##### Wednesdays

###### May 6

6:30 pm-Gourmet Group-Dinner at Bistro Lepic

###### May 13

10:30 am-Brain Games-St. John's Board Room-Use Potomac St. entrance  
6 PM GV Cocktails at Sunset-3000 K Street NW

##### Thursdays

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

##### Fridays

June 12-Tour of Ladew Topiary Gardens and Manor House

## **Book Discussion-May 11 -Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland**

Our book discussion group is enjoying great popularity, thanks to the interesting books selected by their committee. This month we are reading a novel, Luncheon of the Boating Party In her fourth art-related historical, Vreeland (*Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, 1999, etc.) provides an in-depth look at one of Renoir's most famous paintings-you can see the actual painting right here in town at the Phillips Collection.

Luncheon of the Boating Party is Vreeland's most ambitious book yet, detailing the production of a single painting through seven points of view. Pierre-Auguste Renoir's most famous work was ripe for fictional treatment. Luncheon, housed at Washington's Phillips Collection, features 14 models, some famous, some not, with one not even conclusively identifiable. Renoir set out to make a masterpiece in 1880 and succeeded: "Figures, landscape, genre subject - all in one. Throw in a still life too," as he plans it in Vreeland's novel.

Impressionism aimed to capture the moment. Vreeland's novel aims to capture everything that went into making that moment. The painting may portray a group of friends lazily enjoying a summer afternoon on the Seine. But, as Vreeland details, it took weeks of execution, none of them easy. The starving artist sometimes had to choose between paying his models and purchasing paint, all while struggling to assemble his large party on successive Sundays before the summer light disappeared. An old lover forbidden to continue modeling by her possessive fiancé threatens to ruin the work entirely: Ever since *The Last Supper*, 13 figures in a painting have been bad luck.

## **Traveling Happy Hours-Mama Rouge & Fiola Mare**

In the nicer weather we are broadening our horizons and trying out a new happy hour at Mama Rouge on May 4. We will meet at 5:30 in the nice front area that they offered to reserve for us. Having passed by the restaurant at that time, they seem to be much quieter and it should be easier to have a conversation. Their Happy Hour specials include \$5.00 drinks, \$3 Banh Mi (sandwiches with choice of fillings) or \$5 Hors D'Oeuvres-including spring rolls, dumplings, chicken lettuce wraps, pommes frites, crispy Thai chicken wings, calamari, etc.

## **Ladew Topiary Gardens and Manor House-June 12**

GV members have a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of these beautiful gardens and extraordinary manor house on June 12. We will tour the gardens at 10:30 am have lunch at 12 and tour the house at 1 pm. The gardens are truly outstanding and the home is filled with many treasures that Harvey Ladew collected during his extensive travels. The 22 acres of formal gardens reflect Ladew's elegance, style and sense of humor. In addition we have a reserved seating for lunch, when you call to RSVP I will read you the menu choices. Cost of the trip is \$19 for the tours and \$12.00 for lunch. Total for the day is \$31.00. We are planning to carpool, if we need to rent a van there will be an additional charge. Please rsvp as soon as you know you can join us!