

Georgetown Village

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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May Programs

Mondays

May 4

5:30 Happy Hour-Daily Grill

May 9

**10:15 Book Discussion-1415
31st Street NW**

May 16

10:30 Brain Games- Office

May 30

Memorial Day-Office Closed

Tuesdays

May 17

5:30 pm-Happy Hour-DG

May 24

TBD-Movie Night & Dinner

Wednesdays

May 4 & 18

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

Thursdays

10:30 am Coffee Talk

St. John's 3240 O Street NW

May 5

**6:00 pm-GV Annual Fundraiser
3000 K Street NW**

May 19

**2:00 pm Friendly Companion
Volunteer Training**

Fridays

May 20

**10:15 am-GV Tour of
Hillwood Estate Gardens
and Mansion with Lunch**

President's Perspective

Dear Georgetown Village Members,
Enclosed with this month's newsletter is a new Membership Form which we hope you will read, sign and return to the office as soon as possible.

After more than four years of operation we recognize that many members' contact information is out of date, especially email addresses, mobile phone numbers and emergency contacts. Included in the form is a new waiver of responsibility for the Village. Many other Villages include a waiver like it with their membership applications and it's important for us to have yours on file.

Unless you have received an invoice with this packet your dues are paid for 2016, just put a check next to your membership category to aid in our record keeping.

Also we are excited to be getting ready to launch our new Friendly Companion Hospital Visiting Program and Medical Note-taking services, Last month we offered a train the trainer session for representatives of many other DC area villages and some GV volunteers. The training session was led by staff from Iona and Georgetown Village. They will now serve as trainers for additional volunteers so that Village members throughout the city will receive appropriate assistance when they are in a hospital. This month we are running a training session for GV volunteers and volunteers from Palisades Village. If you are interested in becoming a Friendly Companion Volunteer or Medical Note Taker, please join us on May 19.

I hope you will join with me to acknowledge Leslie Smith, Secretary of the GV board and Lynn Golub-Rofrano, our dedicated Executive Director, who worked closely with Iona Senior Services to create the Volunteer and Member Handbooks for our new Friendly Companion Hospital Visiting project. Without their dedication, hard work and special knowledge it would not have been possible.

Gail Nordheimer
President

Medical Note-Taking & Friendly Companion Volunteer Training-May 19-2 pm

As you know from Gail's article, we are gearing up to offer more medical-related assistance to our members. Our Member's Guide to the Friendly Companion services is included with this newsletter. Please take the time to read through the guide so that you can be fully prepared, if and when you need this service. We included some resources as well as helpful information should you ever be hospitalized. It is best to read this information over when you DON'T need it, in order to be best prepared should the need arise.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to take notes at doctor's visits or becoming a Friendly Companion volunteer, please join us for a special training session at 1680 Wisconsin Ave NW. Call the office to register for the training or with any questions about these new services.

GV Trip to Hillwood Estate & Gardens May 20-10 am-1:30 pm

We have a special treat for Georgetown Village members this month, when we will have a guided tour of the beautiful Hillwood Gardens as well as the mansion. The gardens are beautiful and should be fully in bloom when we visit! Our tour is scheduled to start at 10:30, but if you arrive at 10, there is a wonderful informational video that offers an introduction to Marjorie Post's life and the legacy left at Hillwood. If you are unable to join us and would like to see the video it is available online-<http://www.hillwoodmuseum.org/about-hillwood/marjorie-merriweather-post>

The tour of Hillwood costs \$18.00 and includes a docent led tour of the gardens and house. Following the tour we have reserved tables at the café, where you will pay for your own meal. To reserve your space on the tour call the office by May 17 and let us know if you will need a ride or if you can drive other members.

Book Discussion-The Lady in Gold-May 9 at 10:15 am-1415 31st Street NW

This month's book, The Lady in Gold by Anne Marie O'Connor is a fascinating work, ambitious, exhaustively researched and detailed. O'Connor traces the convoluted history of Gustav Klimt's dazzling gold-leaf portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer from its commissioning in 1903 to its sale to cosmetics heir Ronald Lauder in 2006.

O'Connor is a correspondent for the Washington Post and her diligence and research abilities are on clear display in this fascinating book. Join us to discuss the intricacies of the art world and the ethical questions raised through the tale of this painting. We are meeting at Sara Mashek at 10:15, the discussion will start promptly at 10:30 am. Copies of the book are readily available at the library or in book stores.