

Georgetown Village

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

We were fortunate to have our student interns, and GV Board President, Jessica Townsend and Treasurer, Pat Scolaro attend some of the National Village Gathering, which allowed us to cover more of the sessions. Advocacy for seniors, and community services were a large part of the discussions. Mayor Gray gave the keynote address and there were villages there from all over the country. It is always interesting to hear what the other villages are doing and share our programs.

Speaking of programs, we are looking to start some new ones this fall, and I wanted to remind you to contact the office if you wish to participate in any of the following:

A gourmet dining group-members will eat out once a month at one of the cities better restaurants.

Bridge Classes or games-do you want to teach, play, or learn to play bridge?

Writing Class-are you interested in learning creative writing?

Scrabble games-do you play? Would you like to sharpen your skills with a monthly game?

We are always happy to start new programs or groups, if there is enough interest.

We want to warn our members that there have been a number of scam and fraud attempts via the phone and internet lately. Verify any phone calls or emails carefully!

Unusual Volunteer Request of the Month:

While traveling, one of our members used their security camera and noted that a paper had been left on their porch. Although a neighbor, not the Village was covering paper pickup while they traveled, this member called the office and a volunteer removed the paper within the hour!

October Programs

Mondays

October 6

1:00 pm Caregivers Support Group-St. John's Church
2:15 pm-GV Discussion Group-St. John's Church

November 3-

10:30 am-Book Discussion
Rita Sharon's home

Tuesdays

October 21

5:30 pm Happy Hour-(DG)

October 28

TBD-Movie Night & Dinner

Wednesdays

October 15-LDTSU for
Winterthur trip-12/4

Thursdays

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

Fridays

October 24

10:30 am-Trip to National Harbor-Ride the Capital Wheel and enjoy a nice lunch overlooking the water, See back page for details.

Trip to National Harbor-October 24 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

This month's trip is to National Harbor, we will ride the Capital Wheel-National Harbor's newest iconic attraction! With the installation of the Capital Wheel we have joined, London, Seattle, Niagara Falls, Brisbane, Perth, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Malacca Island, Pigeon Forge and Myrtle Beach, all of which have observation wheels that have become very popular with tourists and natives alike. From the top of the wheel you can see the Washington Monument, US Capitol, Alexandria, and Prince George's County. After riding the wheel we will have lunch at one of

the lovely restaurants in National Harbor overlooking the water. The group will vote on where to eat. Following lunch, you will have a few minutes to walk around and see what is there. We are leaving from St. John's Church at 10:30 am and we will be back at approximately 2:00 pm. The cost of the day, which includes round trip transportation from Georgetown and a ride on the Capital Wheel is only \$43.00 person.

This trip is handicapped accessible, there is a minimum amount of walking and the van will drop us off less than two blocks from the wheel. Please call the office with any questions.

GV Discussion Group begins October 6

This group is open to all members and will offer you the opportunity to share thoughts and resources with your neighbors. The group will meet monthly and choose the topics for future discussion. The discussion group is being facilitated by MSW student, Tracy Welch, and the October 6 discussion will focus on senior benefits in the DC area. Join us to learn about your benefits, and share resources you have discovered.

Next Book Discussion-Paradise Lost: Smyrna 1922 by Giles Milton

Our book group is reading this book based on September 9, 1922 when the Turkish cavalry rode into Smyrna, an opulent and cosmopolitan city in the Ottoman Empire and within ten days destroyed the city. The book is the story of greed and brutality as well as the story of the greatest humanitarian rescue mission of the early 20th century. This unique work of historical narrative is drawn from diaries and journals and recreates the twilight world of the doomed city. The book was very well received, and one reviewer stated that 'Milton's book celebrates the heroism of individuals who put lives before ideologies'. Join us on November 3 at 10:30 am to discuss this book at the home of Rita Sharon.

Costumes of Downton Abbey at Winterthur December 4 LDTSU-October 15

Here is your chance to experience the world of Winterthur founder Henry Francis du Pont and his contemporaries and the contrasting world and costumes of Downton Abbey. Cost \$120 includes round trip deluxe coach transportation, tours, hot buffet lunch at Mendenhall Inn, tolls, taxes and all gratuities. You must sign up by October 15.