

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jane Eleey



Welcome back to the VILLAGE with a VIEW!

Some of you may remember that in the June VILLAGE VIEW, we challenged Villagers, Neighbors, and Volunteers to let us know about any new service or learning/information/fun experience that they either would like to offer or be interested in receiving through Penn's Village. Here's a sample of just some of the requests we are now working on or exploring as we go into the fall season:

- new Affinity Groups, including Spanish Conversation, Bridge, and Writing
- request for help with organizing material for a book
- need for a companion to accompany a 96-year-old member to his swimming pool

If you were at our Town Hall Meeting last January (the coldest night of the year, as I recall), you were there to share Lois Evans' enthusiastic unveiling of the 2018 strategic goals formulated by our Board of Directors, volunteers, and other community representatives. Since the Town Hall, Penn's Village Committees have been

hard at work on achieving these goals so that we can continue to provide and expand these great programs and services and support the vibrant community that defines our village.

In August, committee chairs from Finance, Fundraising, Marketing and Communications, Program, Membership and Welcoming, and Services met with Penn's Village Board members to review progress on activities and actions to support the objectives of the 2018 Strategic Plan. It was impressive to hear reports about how many initiatives are well underway.

Here is a sampling of what's going on: As reported by the Finance and Fundraising Committees, the Hamilton raffle was very successful. We plan to increase our exposure in the business community through membership in the Chamber of Commerce, thanks to a generous donation from a member, as we expand our fundraising efforts in this important support sector.

Marketing and Communications reported the successful launch of our new logo and is aggressively addressing website optimization. Another Penn's Village Preview program was relaunched, and additional presentations are being planned in other neighborhoods. Promotional materials are being developed based on personal narratives of what Penn's Village means to its members.

The Program Committee is leveraging the highly successful Silver Binder presentation for community-edu-

cation programs to a wider audience, and a diversity task force is starting up to help us focus on reaching out to a broader population.

Membership and Welcoming is collaborating with the Program Committee to recognize and welcome new Penn's Village members, and a new-member Happy Hour is being planned.

It's going to be a lovely autumn!




Updating the strategic plan clockwise around the table: Kristin Davidson, Brian Wengenroth, Molly Lenowitz, Mario Oropeza, Harriette Mishkin, Mindy Mozenter, Jane Eleey, Karen Lynch, Lois Evans, and Marianne Waller.

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FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee, under the leadership of Molly Lenowitz and Mario Oropeza, announces their schedule of programs for September. Please register at 215-925-7333. Check the website for up-to-date information.

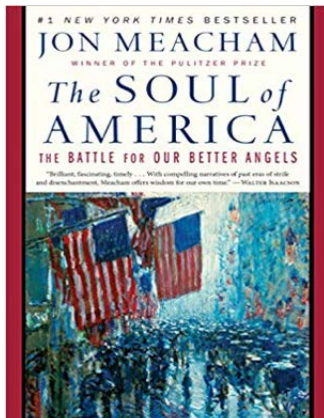
Friday, September 6, 2:00 pm. Show & Tell for Grown-ups. Remember when you hauled treasured possessions to school and told why you loved them so much? Well, now you have the chance to share on a whole different level. Bring a photo, letter, family heirloom or any artifact and share your story about it or just come and listen to others. Led by Penn's Village member and Personal Historian, Marianne Waller. MacColl Room, First Presbyterian Church, 201 South 21st Street.

Wednesday, September 11, 2:00 pm. Predicting the Future: What Is Artificial Intelligence and How Is It Being Applied in Healthcare? Explore the fascinating topic of artificial intelligence with Dr. Gary Weissman of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Hyatt at the Bellevue Hotel, 200 S. Broad Street.

Thursday, September 12, 4:30 pm. Wine and Cheese Tasting. For all of you Penn's Village food connoisseurs, the new Heirloom Market at 2303 Bainbridge Street will be hosting a complimentary tasting of select wines and cheeses for your enjoyment, followed by a discussion of the characteristics of what is being served as well as the best pairings. Heirloom Market is a smaller, local source-based market (from Giant Supermarkets) that specializes in natural and unique food and beverage items. Join us to say hi to our new neighbors and to sample what they have to offer.

Wednesday, September 25, 10:00 am. How to Select a Medicare Part D Prescription Plan. Open enrollment for Medicare prescription coverage (Part D) begins on October 15 and ends on December 7. Richard Salkowitz, Penn's Village member and volunteer, will demonstrate how to use the Medicare.gov website to select the plan that best meets your needs, taking into consideration factors such as your current medications and acceptable co-pays. Richard has extensive experience in the fields of risk management, insurance, human resources, and employee benefits. So that we can provide another Penn's Village benefit at the same time, Lindsay Dymowski, president of Centennial Pharmacy Services, will provide flu shots. MacColl Room, First Presbyterian Church, 201 South 21st Street.

**HOLD THE DATE:
LUNCH AND BOOKS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019
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Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham helps us understand the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear. In this inspiring book, Meacham reassures us, "The good news is that we have come through such darkness before"—as, time and again, Lincoln's better angels have found a way to prevail. *Send your book suggestions for the winter Lunch and Books to Mark Raymond: murray-mond@comcast.net.*

Happy Hour in August, celebrated at M Restaurant.



The Village View Reader Survey Results Are In!

Thank you to all our readers who took the time to respond to *The Village View* survey earlier this summer. We especially appreciate your valuable suggestions! Beginning with this edition of our newsletter, you may notice a few changes that we have made in response to your feedback

- a simplified Events Calendar with postings limited to Penn's Village events
- the All Around Town column featured in every issue
- film and book reviews now appearing exclusively on our blog, accessible through the Welcome Page on our website (pennsvillage.org)
- more articles on eldercare issues such as health and legal concerns
- occasional recaps of well-received Penn's Village program events

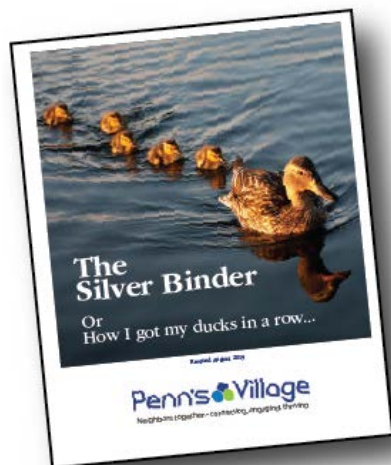
Welcome back to *The Village View*! We look forward to bringing you the village news as we approach the one-year anniversary of our monthly publication.

The Village View Editorial Board

ACTIVE AGING

Getting Your Ducks in a Row with The Silver Binder

by Kristin Davidson



Did you ever have a planned hospital stay? How about an emergency one? Does anyone close to you know where to find your personal and household information: automatic charges on your credit cards, insurance information, living wills, retirement accounts, important contacts? Or maybe you are the close friend or family member frustrated because you can't locate important papers.

Penn's Village has the solution for you with our ongoing series of workshops, led by volunteer Mario Oropeza, that describe how to prepare and use The Silver Binder. Mario will hold the next workshop on Tuesday, October 15, at 2:00 pm, at the William Penn House Community Room, 1919 Chestnut Street. The session will be packed with useful ideas and information on the easiest ways to compile your own Silver Binder. Binders will be available for purchase at the session – at a price that covers the cost of preparation and printing – and a digital version will be made available.

What does The Silver Binder include?

- a three-ring binder with section dividers allowing easy removal and the addition of updated information
- blank forms for all categories of information (plus a digital version in Word)
- space to include your own important papers (living wills, deeds, car titles, etc.)
- sample documents
- supplemental information

If you have friends who could benefit from the workshop, please encourage them to attend – members and guests are welcome. (There is a modest surcharge for the binder for nonmembers.) We will continue to feature this workshop in different locations around central Philadelphia.

Members who have attended one of these workshops (and taken the time to complete The Silver Binder) report a feeling of peace of mind that they have taken a big step to prepare for the future and to ease the task of family and friends.

What Matters Most to Older Voters

Next Avenue is a public media website for people 50+. They asked their readers what issues mattered to them the most in the 2020 election. Here are the

top three election issues submitted by respondents:

- climate change (47%)
- Social Security (31%)
- health care (21%)

HELP WANTED!!

Researchers have found volunteering to be beneficial for well-being. Volunteer opportunities can keep older adults engaged in the community and provide meaningful experiences. Our readers may want to look for ways to volunteer if they do not already.

Help Us Take Penn's Village to the Neighborhoods



If you live in Queen Village or Point Breeze/Hawthorne, the Membership and Welcoming Committee needs your help as we reach out to people in your neighborhood who might be interested in learning more about Penn's Village. If you can help us by holding a small event in your home featuring a "Penn's Village Preview" presentation by our Executive Director, Jane Eley, please email her at jane@pennsvillage.org or call her at 215-925-7333.

Call for Active Committee Members

Picture yourself at this table with other Penn's Village volunteers who serve on our vital committees, helping to make plans for today's activities and tomorrow's services. Most committees meet for one hour, once a month, and contribute to decisions and initiatives for fundraising, marketing and communications, programs and events, and membership and welcoming outreach. Your ideas and contributions are very much needed and welcomed. When committees achieve their goals, Penn's Village achieves its goals, and we all benefit. To find out more about volunteering as a committee member, call Jane Eley at 215-925-7333.



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To become a volunteer, visit www.pennsvillage.org and click on "Volunteer." We have a variety of volunteer opportunities to suit different interests, skills, talents, and schedules.

Do you know that talking about Penn's Village to family, friends and strangers is the best way to grow Penn's Village?

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All AROUND TOWN

Selected Cultural Events and Activities for September 2019

The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus (includes the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, The Academy of Music, and The Merriam Theater) begins their fall season this month. Event details, times, and tickets are available at www.kimmelcenter.org. Highlights for the month include: the blockbuster *Hamilton* at the Forrest Theater, through November 17 (purchase via Telecharge.com or in person at the Forrest); Philly Pops – *Pops Goes to Hollywood*, September 27-29; Opera Philadelphia's *Festival O*, September 18-29; *La Noche* (dance), September 30 (free); *Sittin'In* (jazz), September 4 (free).

Opening night Concert and Gala of the *Philadelphia Orchestra* on September 18 features music from Italian operas. This year's free Opera on the Mall at Independence National Historical Park will broadcast *La bohème*, September 14. Tickets available through operaphiladelphia.org.

Young Frankenstein opens at the Walnut Street Theater on September 3 and runs to October 20. *Ragtime* opens at the Arden Theater on September 19 and runs to October 28.

September in Dilworth Park: Live @ Lunch returns on September 4. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, enjoy this live music series from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm. This series is supported by Temple University, as guests of all ages will love the unique selection of talent which will include Temple University students and alumni on select Thursday afternoons.

On Wednesday nights at 5:00 pm starting on September 4, *Rhythm & Brews* brings local blues artists to Dilworth Park. Refreshing Stella Artois and happy hour offerings like \$5 beer, \$6 wine and \$7 Jim Beam Peach cocktails will be available to guests 21 and older, along with fall-inspired fare from the Air Grille. For more event details, visit CCDParks.org.

Center City District Restaurant Week Returns September 15-27 with more than 120 participating restaurants serving up an exciting and delicious variety of three-course dinners for only \$35 per person and many serving three-course lunches for \$20 per person. Visit CCDRestaurantWeek.com for a list of restaurants and links to make reservations via OpenTable.com.

And Now There Are Three!



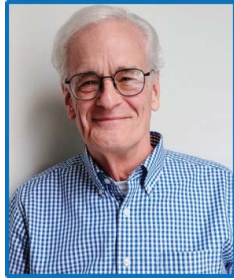
Congratulations to Rose and Ryan Fortese. The family welcomed baby Caroline Millie, who was born at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Big sisters Nora and Blair are adjusting well to the new addition. Rose was the Penn's Village Administrative Coordinator for the last two years, managing program communications, producing the newsletter, and so much more.

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	10	10	11 2:00 pm Artificial Intelligence Chamber of Commerce	12 4:30 pm Wine and Cheese Tasting Heirloom Market 2303 Bainbridge	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 2:30 - 4:00 pm Le Cercle Francophone d'Histoire Athenaeum	24	25 10:00 am Selecting Medicare Part D Flu Immunization MacColl Room	26	27	28
29	30 2:30 - 4:00 pm Le Cercle Francophone d'Histoire Athenaeum				GREEN - Penn's Village Event PURPLE - PV Members Only Event	

A very sincere thank you to The First Presbyterian Church for generously providing space to Penn's Village and for always being there for us.

INTRODUCING



WALKER BROWN: Well Placed by Sherrill Cresdee

Spending his career in sales and marketing, living in the midwest and northeast, and raising two children, in 1990, Walker and Shelia Brown found themselves in southern New Jersey, where they remained until moving to Philadelphia in 1994.

An active member of Christ Church, Walker joined its Sages group that was established to hold after-service, speaker

-led conversations on myriad topical issues. Attending one such discussion about caregiving, he followed it up by contacting Jane Eeley to learn more about Penn's Village and what volunteering opportunities existed. [So many, Dear Reader, if you would like to join in!]

Once involved, Walker has discovered the experience to be both, "...different and more social, especially after attending the recent Town Hall. . .", than he had first thought. For now, he is primarily a visiting companion and/or handyman when not pursuing his real love, history, "...don't get me started." Any kind.

A Master Docent, Brown leads tours of Philadelphia's City Hall [Wednesdays], develops tours for Hidden City [Printer's Row among them] and, a lifetime sailor, he also has guided tours of submarines and a Spanish American War

vessel at the Independence Seaport Museum that incorporates a maritime history of the Delaware River.

Not sitting idle while Walker is enthusiastically recounting, say, historic Philadelphia publishers, Sheila Brown worked for Philadelphia Futures, mentoring high school students throughout their four years in an effort to get them into higher education.

For Walker Brown, "The best part of a tour is when the tour groups begin to visibly show their enjoyment by becoming more engaged in the history, start to smile, and leave their cellphones in their pockets." He believes that in addition to putting people together, "...talking about history is a 'different kind of sales,' and places people into the larger context of their knowledge of Philadelphia and their country."

Le Cercle Francophone d'Histoire

Penn's Village continues its French-group series at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia with lecturer and moderator Eric Simonis, a native French speaker and private French instructor. The Series combines love of the French language and of history with this fall's theme: SÉRIE DE CONVERSATIONS D'AUTOMNE: "LES GRANDS BÂTISSEURS".

The autumn series begins with two sessions in September – Monday, September 23 and Monday, September 30, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. There is a session on October 7 and two in November – Monday, November 11 and Monday, November 25. Open to members only. If you're not a member of Penn's Village and wish to participate, please visit our website – pennsvillage.org – for an application and membership information. If you wish to participate and are not already a member of the group, respond to Jane Eeley at jane@pennsvillage.org. All levels of French proficiency are welcome.



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