March 2015 Newsletter

Georgetown Village Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear GV Members,

WOW! February was an incredibly busy month; volunteers shoveled out members and cleaned off cars many times, we provided numerous rides to doctors, vets, grocery stores, GV activities, and hospitals, IT assistance including photo organizing, email help and cable hookup was provided, and we also helped carry laundry and transport clothing to dry cleaners. Is there anything we can do for you?

Our Gourmet Dining Group has enjoyed some fine meals, and discovered it is hard to get a reservation for more than 6 people at a better restaurant. If you are interested in being put on their email list and participating in gourmet dining please contact the office.

On Tuesday, March 17 we have another **Volunteer Training** scheduled, please tell your friends and neighbors, we can always use more volunteers! Also on that date another **Fiola Mare** Happy Hour with drinks from \$4-6, wine \$6.00 and special \$5.00 happy hour food choices. The tables can only hold 10 people, so please call the office to RSVP as soon as possible if you plan to join us.

Our trips this month include a special tour of the **State Diplomatic Reception Rooms**, as well as a private tour of the **Piero di Cosimo** exhibit at the **National Gallery of Art**. The tour of the Reception Rooms will be a special tour to make up for the cancellation of the last tour, you must RSVP by Tuesday, March 3 to join us.



March Programs

Mondays March 2

10:30-Book Discussion 5:30 pm-Happy Hour-Daily Grill-Monday HH special- all well drinks and HH food \$4.00

March 9

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

Tuesdays

March 17

3:00-Volunteer Training-3000 K Street NW 5:00 pm Special Happy Hour-Fiola Mare-3000 K Street NW March 24

TBD-Movie Night & Dinner

Wednesdays

March 11

7:00 pm-Gourmet Dining-Le Diplomat

March 18

10:30-Brain Games-St. John's Board Room-Use Potomac St. entrance

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

Fridays

March 6

10:30-Diplomatic Reception

Rooms Tour

March 27

11:00-National Gallery of Art-

11:00-National Gallery of Art-Piero di Cosimo-The Poetry of Painting

Tour of Piero di Cosimo: The Poetry of Painting in Renaissance Florence -3/27

Georgetown Village members have the opportunity for a special guided tour at the National Gallery of Art led by their professional staff on March 27 at 11 am. (Please note this time had not been confirmed at time of printing please check with GV office to confirm tour information.)

This exhibit is the first major retrospective exhibition of paintings by the imaginative Italian Renaissance master Piero di Cosimo. *Piero di Cosimo: The Poetry of Painting in Renaissance Florence* features 44 of the artist's most compelling paintings, including fanciful mythologies, powerful religious works (one on loan for the first time from the church in Italy for which it was created 500 years ago), and sensitive portraits. Several important paintings underwent conservation treatment before the exhibition, among them the National Gallery's *Visitation* altarpiece (c. 1489/1490).

Tour of US Department of State Department Reception Rooms-March 6 @ 10:30

As an apology for cancelling our last tour, we have been invited to participate in a **SPECIAL tour of the Reception Rooms** where we will see areas not usually shown to the public! You must call the office no later than Tuesday, March 3, to RSVP and be sure to bring a government issued photo id with you for the tour. Tour participants should report to the 23rd Street entrance between C & D Streets NW about 15 minutes prior to tour time. Participants must go through a security checkpoint before entering the building.

Brain Games Wednesday March 18 at St. John's Church

There are many studies that show the benefit of games. Researchers say that games work to stave off dementia, strengthen critical thinking skills and promote brain health. On the home page of our website we have placed a few links to games that can be played online. Of course, there is no substitution for the fun of playing in person, challenging each other to try harder and of course, the thrill of winning!

Whether you like word games, strategy games, memory games or solitaire games, we have something for everyone available at our game sessions. We are meeting at St. John's, in their cozy board room at 10:30 on March 18. Coffee and other hot beverages will be available. Hope to see you there!

Our games sessions are held in the rectory room at St. John's Episcopal Church located at 3240 O Street NW. To get to the area where we are enter through the Potomac Street entrance, the door is under a sign that says "Chapel of the Carpenter".