June 2016 Newsletter

Georgetown Village

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Dear Georgetown Village Members,

We are very excited to be able to tell you that as of June 1, you can now request our new health-care related services!! You all received copies of our Friendly Companion Member's guide with last month's newsletter, and I am happy to answer any questions you might have about these new services. In May we trained our first group of volunteers to be able to offer these services.

These volunteers also received training on Medical Note Taking, in order to be able to accompany members to doctors and take notes to help you remember the important information. As we mentioned last month, both of these trainings were developed with the assistance of Iona Senior Services providing their staff and expertise. Be sure to give us a call next time you need this type of assistance!

Much thanks is owed to Leslie Smith, Health Care Committee Chair, and the GV Board of Directors. Leslie spent many hours working with Iona and myself to create these services and offer the training to local villages as well as our volunteers. Joan Kennan will be our Medical Volunteer Chair, joining Toni Russin, who is chair of General Volunteers. As Georgetown Village members, you are extremely fortunate to have such a hard-working and caring board of directors! Our board is very anxious for **you** to **get involved** and work with them to continue to grow and improve Georgetown Village. If you are interested in serving on any of our committees, or have suggestions for us, please contact the office.

We are having a general volunteer training on Thursday, June 9. If you or any of your friends are interested in becoming Georgetown Village volunteers please let me know and plan to attend one of the trainings on June 9.

Georgetown Village members have been invited to a luncheon sponsored by Long & Foster on June 8 at 11:30 am. Long & Foster hosts this luncheon annually for the Georgetown Senior Center, and they also wish to host Georgetown Village members. There will be music, delicious food and other treats. Please call the office-202-999-8988 to rsvp if you are interested in attending this luncheon.

Also, on June 8th is our author wine and cheese, featuring GV member, Ann Satterthwaite-see back of newsletter for more information. Our trip this month, is on June 17, to the US Botanical Gardens, a beautiful setting and local treasure.



June Programs Mondays June 6 5:30 Happy Hour-Daily Grill June 13 10:15 Book Discussion-3139 N Street NW June 20 10:30 Brain Games- Office

Tuesdays

<u>June 21</u> 5:30 pm-Happy Hour-DG <u>June 28</u> TBD-Movie Night & Dinner

Wednesdays

June 1 & 15 10:30-Portable Electronics Support Group-1680 Wisconsin Ave. NW June 8 11:30 am- Long & Foster Senior Luncheon 3240 O Street 5:00 pm-Author Wine & Cheese-Ann Satterthwaite-3240 O Street NW

Thursdays 10:30 am Coffee Talk St. John's 3240 O Street NW June 9 3:00 pm & 5:30 pm-Volunteer Training-GVOffice

Fridays

<u>June 3</u> Make up Session w/ Lynne Glassman <u>June 17</u> 2 pm-Botanical Gardens

Author Wine & Cheese featuring Ann Satterthwaite June 8-5:00 pm 3240 O Street

Our author talk this month features GV Member, Ann Satterthwaite, speaking about her new book, <u>Local Glories, Opera Houses on Main Street</u>, Where Art and Community Meet. To most people, the term "opera house" conjures up images of mink-coated dowagers accompanied by tuxedo-clad men in the gilded interiors of opulent buildings like the Met in New York or La Scala in Milan. However, the opera house in the United States has a far more varied-and far more interesting history than that stereotype implies.

In Local Glories, Ann explores the creative, social, and communal roles of opera houses that flourished in small towns across the country. As one reviewer states, "Before YouTube there was television, and before that there was radio, and before everything there was the town opera house. Ann Satterthwaite's study of this rich and intricate building type is nothing less than the story of the emergence of mass culture in America."--Michael J. Lewis, Faison-Pierson-Stoddard Professor of Art, Williams College. Ann is also the author of <u>Going Shopping:</u> <u>Consumer Choices and Community Consequence</u>s, and she has been the recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Docent-led Tour of the U.S. Botanical Gardens -Friday, June 17-2 pm

On Friday, June 17th, at 2 pm we have a date with some amazing plants and their environments. We will relish the sights, smells, sounds and textures of plants that thrive in deserts and the tropics, that have medicinal properties and are rare or endangered, and some that have survived for 150 million years. All this, and much more, is to be seen in the conservatory at the U.S. Botanical Garden. The conservatory was built by the Architect of the Capitol in 1933, and consists of two courtyard gardens and 10 garden rooms under glass, totaling 28,944 square feet of growing space. A docent will lead us through the various gardens and exhibits under a huge glass dome, while we experience the habitats and climates that sustain an enormous range of plants and flowers. There will also be time to wander through the Flora exhibit. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, this art exhibit showcases some of the plant species and communities found throughout the national park sites. As always, call Lynn if you would like to go. If people would like to meet for lunch before the tour we will arrange a table at a nearby restaurant.

Book Discussion-Me Before You June 13 at 10:15 am-3139 N Street NW

This month's book, <u>Me Before You</u> by Jojo Moyes, is a NY Times best seller, and the story is being made into a movie, scheduled to open during the summer. The NY Times states that, "Me Before You" is a love story and a family story, but above all it's a story of the bravery and sustained effort needed to redirect the path of a life once it's been pushed off course. I know that we will have an interesting discussion about the book, and I look forward to hearing everyone's thoughts about the book.