#### December 2016 Newsletter

# Georgetown Village Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Dear Georgetown Village Members,

I hope you plan to join us at the Village's special Fifth Anniversary Party on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> when members and volunteers are toasted and thanked for your participation and friendship this year. We are so grateful that Clydes is once again providing delicious food while Nancy Taylor Bubes' wine and special gifts and terrific Raffle prizes will make this year's party better than ever. So be sure you have called the office to accept your invitation.

As the year draws to a close, we are evaluating our services and the accomplishments of the past year. We welcome your feedback and suggestions. Feel free to contact the office, or give me, Gail Nordheimer, a call at 202-337-3112

We are extremely pleased to report that the early response to our End of Year Appeal has resulted in a generous outpouring of support. As more of your neighbors learn about the Village and all the services we provide, they are happy to help us with financial contributions. If you have friends or relatives you would like us to send an appeal letter to, please contact the office.

As you may know, membership renewals are due for many members at this time of year, but membership dues alone cover only about 55% of our annual expenses, so the rest must come from generous supporters. Village funding must cover staff salaries and payroll taxes, subsidized memberships, rent, insurance, accounting, and communications materials, etc. - all necessary for us to deliver quality services and programs to our members.

There are several easy ways to make a gift to the Village: cash, stock or from your IRA. For the longer term, we recently launched the Legacy Society to recognize those who inform us the Village is in their will. You can also honor or remember family, friends, members and others through your tax deductible donation to Georgetown Village, Inc., an IRS-designated 501 (c) (3) organization. All donations will be recognized on our web site, www. Georgetown-Village.org.

May your holidays be full of health, happiness and the joy of community,

Gail Nordheimer, President



# **Mondays**

December 5

2:00—Membership Committee Meeting-1680 Wisconsin Ave. 5:30 –Happy Hour-Daily Grill December 12

10:30 am-Book Discussion-Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing-3400 O Street NW December 19

10:30 Brain Games- GV Office 1680 Wisconsin Ave-RSVP December 26 & January 2 GV Office Closed

# Tuesdays

<u>December 20</u> 5:30 pm-Happy Hour-DG

## Wednesdays

December 7 & 21

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

## **Thursdays**

December 1,15, 22, & 29
10:30 am Coffee Talk
St. John's 3240 O Street NW
December 1 & 15
1pm Trader Joe's
December 1
2 pm Friendly Companion &
Medical Note Taking Training

# **Fridays**

Safeway Transportation

<u>December 2</u>

10 AM-Trip to Weschlers-909 E

Street NW

#### GV Visit to Weschler's -December 2 @ 10 AM-909 E Street NW

Georgetown Village members have been invited for a special visit to Weschler's auction house. As one of the nation's leading auctioneers and appraisers and as Washington D.C.'s only auction house, Weschler's has been in the unique position to auction property from many prominent local estates over the years.

Weschler's staff has created a wonderful program for the Village. It will include coffee and bagels, a discussion of the auction process and an opportunity to view the exhibition that presents the pieces for sale at their next major auction. The specialist staff has also offered to appraise up to two small pieces for each of us. Mark your calendars for this unique event—Friday, December 2, 10 am. at 909 E Street NW.

#### Book Discussion Books for December 12 & January 16

On December 12, GV members will be discussing <u>Endurance</u>: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing. The astonishing saga of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's survival for over a year on the ice-bound Antarctic seas, as Time magazine put it, "defined heroism." Alfred Lansing's scrupulously researched and brilliantly narrated book -- with over 200,000 copies sold -- has long been acknowledged as the definitive account of the Endurance's fateful trip. The book discussion will take place at the home of Toni Russin-3400 O Street NW.

On January 16 we are discussing <u>A Man Called Ove</u> by Fredrik Backman Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell."

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

# SAVE THE DATE: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 5 PM

In celebration of Beacon Hill Village's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Village Movement Beacon Hill Village and the Village to Village Network are hosting a special event with Atul Gawande, author of <u>Being Mortal</u> as the keynote speaker. We will be streaming this event and hosting a watch party, complete with dinner for our members and volunteers.

Georgetown Village also plans to host a discussion of <u>Being Mortal</u>, so you might want to get yourself a copy of this important book as a holiday gift!