



From the President

Dear Members, Volunteers and Special Donors,

As I reflect on Georgetown Village's sixth year, I'm thrilled by the new services and exciting activities we added during 2017 for members and volunteers to enjoy. We thank each and everyone of you – you are making a difference for your neighbors through your membership dues and generous contributions of your time and financial support. I'm especially pleased to report that in response to our end of year appeal, we received \$11,080 which more than meets our requirement to apply for a matching gift from the Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation.

Volunteers are the life-blood of our Village. As Lynn noted at the party, last year we drove our members more than 550 round trips to doctors, grocery stores and other destinations along with the dozens of other varied services. But none of this would work so smoothly without our devoted staff who provide assistance and continuity for all of us. It's for this reason we must seek contributions that along with membership dues cover essential administrative costs. You may be surprised to know that your contributions account for close to 50% of our budget.

We were especially excited to announce at the Anniversary Party in December that **Shirley Barth**, one of our most devoted members and volunteers has chosen to leave her IRA to the Village, which makes her the first member of the Village's new **LEGACY SOCIETY**. Please consider joining the Georgetown Village Legacy Society with a planned gift. There are a number of ways to do this such as making the Village a beneficiary of your IRA or including a bequest in your will or living trust.

You can also support Georgetown Village with a CURRENT tax-free gift from your IRA if you are 70 ½ or older. The advantages of a Tax-Free IRA Gift are:

- *You will not be taxed on a direct transfer from your IRA to the Village
- *Your gift will count against your required minimum distribution
- *You can give up to \$100,000 per year to the Village and other charities.

Please note that your transfer must come from your IRA directly to Georgetown Village just as a gift of appreciated stock must be delivered directly from your brokerage account to the Village. For more details please contact the office.

I'm excited by all the events planned for early 2018 described in this newsletter and hope you will let us know your ideas about places you would like to visit, interesting speakers and any new services that would make your life easier, safer and more pleasant. This is YOUR VILLAGE so join a committee or send us a note – we welcome your ideas as much as we value your requests and your support.

- **Gail Nordheimer, President**

Shirley Barth

Shirley Barth is not easy to catch at home. Although she no longer performs Bharatanatyam, classical Indian temple dancing, she still takes ballet lessons, plays tennis, travels, enjoys the Village's social activities, is on the Events Committee and has probably stuffed more envelopes for Georgetown Village than almost anyone else. Shirley was a founding member of the Village and remembers its earliest incarnation with just a handful of participants, which she describes as a "very nuts and bolts" affair. Having recently enjoyed celebrating our sixth anniversary, she says it just gets better every month and attributes an enormous amount of its success to Lynn.

Originally from Ohio, her first job was in public relations for the Cleveland Health Museum and she once appeared on television with a bowl of goldfish as an aid to promoting an exhibition on evolution. At the time television was totally "live" so this was her creative solution. But she had always wanted to live in DC and soon managed to find a job in media communications for the Public Health Service, where she ultimately became Director of Public Information. Over the years she responded to media inquiries on topics as wide ranging as President Kennedy's stance on birth control, the AIDs epidemic and NIH's support for Timothy Leary's medical use of LSD.

Shirley has lived in Georgetown since 1962 and has seen a lot of changes. When she first arrived, many of the large houses had been converted into apartments shared by young single people and there were fewer young families. She regrets the loss of so many individually-owned stores and remembers when there were four hardware stores, many bookshops and a balloon man who walked the streets, selling balloons to passers-by. But she can't imagine living anywhere else.

When she asked her Investment Advisor if she could bequeath her IRA to a charitable organization, Shirley immediately thought of Georgetown Village but was concerned it would be a complicated procedure. He told her it would be easier to designate the recipient separately from the will. To her relief it was extraordinarily easy - just a one-page form. She is delighted to have done it, and the Village is extremely grateful for her generosity.

-Andrea Kiernan

Carol Schwartz Tells All

Georgetown Village invites the community to hear Carol Schwartz speak about her new memoir called "Quite A Life! From Defeat to Defeat and Back". Carol knows about the dynamic world of local politics having served for 16 years on the DC Council. She talks about her life with characteristic candor and her opinions with unbridled honesty – and usually with humor. She will speak on Thursday, February 8th at 6pm at Christ Church Georgetown at 3116 O Street, NW. Please call the Georgetown Village office at (202)999-8988 if you plan to attend as light refreshments will be provided. Georgetown Village welcomes our neighbors and interested persons to attend our community lectures at no cost.

We hope to see you at our weekly events

Happy Hour is always on the 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Movie Night is always the fourth Tuesday of the month (unless there is a conflict).

Coffee Talk is every Thursday morning at 10:30 at St. John's, 3240 O Street, NW.
Please use the Potomac Street entrance.

The Portable Electronics Help Session is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the GV Office, 10:30 am.

Book Group will meet on February 19 at Margot Backas' house to discuss "Mukiwa"

Jo Anne Peele: Georgetown Village Featured Volunteer

As our members well know, volunteers are what make the Georgetown Village what it is – a community of neighbors helping neighbors. Without them, we could not provide the services we do. A Georgetown Village member might hesitate to ask a friend to pick up groceries or hang a picture, but Village members know that they can pick up the phone and make a request, assured that there will be a volunteer who is ready and able to lend assistance.

The Village is fortunate to have many such volunteers and this month we are featuring a longtime volunteer, Jo Anne Peele. Jo, an attorney by profession, lived and worked for a law firm in St. Louis until 1986 when, after coming to Washington on a six-month rotation with her law firm, she realized she liked Washington so much that she and her family decided to move here permanently. She doesn't remember exactly how she heard about the Georgetown Village but when she did, she thought it was a great idea. Jo contacted Lynn and the next thing she knew, she was attending a volunteer training! She has been a volunteer ever since.

Jo has fulfilled many different service requests but, primarily, she has driven members to and from medical appointments, including several times to Walter Reed Hospital campus which is apparently very big and difficult to navigate and where she and the wheelchair-bound member spent considerable time racing around trying to find the right department – it was, as Jo describes it, “an interesting experience”. Jo has also volunteered in the Village's office, helping with mailings, fundraisers and other paper work which she enjoys.

Lynn says, “Georgetown Village is extremely fortunate that Jo Ann has chosen to volunteer with our organization. She is extremely generous with her time, and our members really appreciate her warmth and caring while she is assisting them. Many of our members ask for Jo Ann by name when they call in their requests as she has been so nice to them in the past!! Of course, we have many warm volunteers and that is really why we're so successful as a Village!”

Volunteering for the Georgetown Village has been a great experience for her – she has met many interesting neighbors she would not have met otherwise. Fortunately for the Georgetown Village, Jo plans to continue her volunteer activities and we are indeed lucky to have her!

-Joan Kennan

Village members gathered on January 14th at Pam Godwin's elegant home to hear Isabel Sawhill, local Georgetown neighbor, distinguished economist and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution speak about her most recent book, *GENERATION UNBOUND* and to discuss the issues of dramatic increases in the numbers of children being raised by single women and some of the proposed solutions.



Join Us For These Upcoming Tours and Events

Tuesday, February 6 at 11AM Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Road. A 30-minute guided walking tour followed by a 30 minute video presentation. We will also have a French lunch in the Embassy cafeteria.

Thursday, February 8, @ 6PM, Christ Church Georgetown, 3116 O Street. Meet the author and hear her discuss her new book, **"Quite A Life!: From Defeat to Defeat.....and Back" by Carol Schwartz**. Carol talks about her life with candor, honest opinions and humor. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Monday, February 19 at 10:15, Book Group at Margot Backas' house to discuss "Mukiwa"

March 12, Book Group will meet at Sara Mashek's house to discuss the new bestseller "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee.

A Chat with Jane Macleish, well-known local garden designer will also be held on **March 18th**.

A Talk by Marty Tolchin on "What's Next With Trump" date to be decided

Further details about these March events will be available in the weekly newsletter.

Please remember to call the office to reserve your place at all events, (202) 999-8988.

Our editor, Henrietta LaMotte, thanks our writers: Joan Kennan, Carol Cavanaugh, Ann Satterthwaite, Andrea Kiernan, Hans Kaper and our proof readers, Motrya Hanas and Nancy Schaefer.

Remember To Renew Your Membership. If you have an invoice that is due, remember to renew promptly.



GEORGETOWN VILLAGE

Calendar of Events - February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Coffee Talk Transport to Trader Joe's	2 Transport to Safeway	3
4	5 Happy Hour	6 Tour of Embassy of France at 11:00	7 Portable Electronics	8 Coffee Talk Carol Schwartz speaks about her book	9 Transport to Safeway	10
11	12	13	14 Mens Lunch @ 12:30 Group at Paolo's	15 Coffee Talk Transport to Trader Joe's	16 Transport to Safeway	17
18	19 Book Group at Margot Backas' house at 10:15	20 Happy Hour	21 Portable Electronics	22 Coffee Talk	23 Transport to Safeway	24
25	26 Movie Night	27	28			

Be Smart About Safety

We all know that we must call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. But did you know that over 70% of calls made to 9-1-1 come from mobile phones, and when you dial 9-1-1 from a mobile phone, the 9-1-1 call takers have very little information to help you – only your phone number and a very general sense of your location.

Seconds count when there is a fire, an accident at home or in a vehicle, or when you experience a medical emergency. Seconds save lives. The solution is Smart911. Smart911 is accredited by the Better Business Bureau and secured by SSL and Norton.

Sign up today at <https://www.smart911.com>. Your safety profile is free, private, and secure. With Smart911, both 9-1-1 call takers and first responders know exactly what you want them to know in any kind of emergency, whether the call is from the home or any mobile phone.

Examples of information you can enter into Smart911 are names, phone numbers, existing medical conditions, allergies, disabilities, special medical equipment, medications, access points to your home, pets, floor layouts, bedroom locations, etc.

In Washington, DC, you should call 9-1-1 if you can, or text 911 if you can't.
(Text messages only; no photos or graphics.)

Other useful phone numbers:

3-1-1 for service requests to the DC Government

202-727-9099 for non-emergency calls to the Metropolitan Police Department

-Hans Kaper

New DC Recycling Requirements Begin January 1st

Friday, December 29, 2017

(WASHINGTON, DC) Earlier this year an expanded list of recyclable items was announced in the District. While residents serviced by the Department of Public Works (DPW) have been able to recycle the new items for several months, starting on January 1, 2018, all residential and commercial properties—including multi-family dwellings, office buildings, and restaurants—will be required to recycle this full suite of materials. And to make things simple, the items that should be recycled are now uniform throughout DC—whether you're at home, work, or school.

The District strives to achieve a goal of diverting 80 percent of citywide waste from landfills and waste to energy facilities. The increased number of recyclable items and focus on resident education aims to assist in achieving this goal.

New items added to the list of recyclable items in the District include: pizza boxes; paper and plastic plates, cups, lids, and to-go containers; plastic produce, deli/bakery containers, and trays. Through the addition of these items, the District joins a select group of cities that accept foodservice packaging for recycling, thereby supporting the development of local and national solutions to recycling new materials.

As a reminder, plastic bags, wraps, and film are not accepted in the District's recycling. These items clog facility equipment, imposing downtime and safety hazards to recycling facility employees. Many supermarkets and large retailers have plastic shopping bag return/recycling bins in their stores. Residents are asked to place recyclables into their blue bins loose, or in paper bags.

For more information and resources related to recycling in the district, please visit zerowaste.dc.gov.