



The Key to Your Community

VILLAGE NEWS



From left, Dina Michels, speaker Dr. Diane Rowland, Vice President at Kaiser Family Foundation, and Mary Procter, past CHV Board President.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Food for Thought

As a relative newcomer to the Hill, I continue to periodically pinch myself when I realize that I actually get to live in this remarkable place. Capitol Hill Village's first Salon Dinner of the 2015 season certainly left me with a lot of pinch marks!

What could be more "Capitol Hill" than a classic 19th century row house, a fabulous meal, interesting dinner companions, and an after dinner talk by a national health policy expert who happens to live on Capitol Hill and belongs to Capitol Hill Village. The salon, hosted by Kathryn Powers, with speaker Dr. Diane Rowland from the Kaiser Family Foundation, certainly set a high bar for the 16 Salons that will follow through May of this year. I have no doubt, however, that each of the remaining 2015 events will be as enjoyable as they are diverse. [See page 7 for a list of upcoming Salons with a few good seats left as of press time.]

A graduate of Wellesley College, who later earned a masters degree

at UCLA and a doctorate at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Rowland worked on health policy issues at Harvard and Hopkins, for the U.S. House of Representatives, and for the Carter Administration before joining the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) in 1993. (The Foundation is not affiliated with Kaiser Permanente.)

As Vice President at KFF, Dr. Rowland has driven the nonpartisan research and communications efforts of the KFF Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured; advised the Clinton administration on health reform; and expanded KFF's policy support work to include the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicare, market reforms, HIV, and global health policy. Dr. Rowland also chairs the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) established to advise Congress on issues related to Medicaid and CHIP, and she is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

How Successful Was the Capitol Hill Village Gala? You Tell Us!

Shortly after the Gala, a lot of people asked me, other Board and Gala Committee members, and the CHV staff "was the Gala successful?" Our immediate response was "Yes!" We had record attendance of more than 400 guests and surpassed our goal of raising 20 percent of the Village's operating budget in one night.

We realize, however, that this response is somewhat organization-centric, because of equal if not greater importance is what our guests, many of whom are Gala veterans, thought of the event. After all, in simple terms, *you* are our customers, so you tell us how it went!

Accordingly, our sincere thanks to the 115 Gala attendees who responded to a recent post-event online survey. We value your time and your input!

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CHV Events for Late February–March 2015

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Monday, February 23, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

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Open to All

Thursday, February 26, 1:00 pm

Private Home

Social Bridge Group

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Members and Social Members

Thursday, February 26, 5–6 p.m.

Starbucks, Third and Pennsylvania Ave. SE

Capitol Hill Cancer Support Group

Are you currently fighting cancer? Are you a cancer survivor? Are you a caregiver? You are not alone. Let's meet to share stories, treatments, resources and support.

Open to All

Thursday, February 26, 6–7:30 p.m.

Private Home

Village Opera Society

Note: Signup deadline is 3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25

Come listen for foreshadows of future operas while hearing echoes of Wagner as Sheridan Harvey plays excerpts from Strauss's first opera "Guntram," a tale of love, murder, and renunciation. For a chance to hear this rare opera, attend the Washington Concert Opera's performance on Sunday, March 1 at 6 pm.

Members & Social Members

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With these qualifications, it is no surprise that Dr. Rowland held the February 8 Salon Dinner attendees spellbound as she talked about the current situation regarding Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

She noted that the ACA was large and complex. As with most legislation, largely reflecting political reality, ACA would only pass as a patching of the existing health system rather than a rebuild. She added that the ACA also needs a number of technical fixes, in part because of the somewhat unusual route the bill took through Congress. The politics of the 111th Congress did not support the ACA being developed as separate bills in the House and Senate and then finally reconciled and technically improved by a joint House and

Senate conference committee before final passage.

Instead, to work within the needed votes in the Senate, the House accepted the Senate version and very little could be done to amend it or to fix certain aspects before sending it to the President. Furthermore, after the fact technical fixes—standard operating procedure for much of our country’s legislative history—currently are stymied by the polarized and highly partisan atmosphere on the Hill where much of the focus on ACA has been on repeal, de-funding, or Supreme Court challenges.

Yet, since the ACA’s passage, approximately 10 million people have gained access to health insurance, despite a Supreme Court ruling that allowed individual states, rather than the Federal ACA



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Roberta Shapiro

legislation, to determine whether or not to expand Medicaid to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. This ruling allowed states to choose to *deliberately* leave a gap in coverage for very low-income adults who did not qualify for the state’s pre-ACA Medicaid eligibility levels but who made too little to be covered by the Federal premium subsidies on the ACA exchanges. States that did not expand Medicaid eligibility, thereby creating the coverage gap, were largely southern states that left a disproportionate number of poor African Americans without coverage.

Even with these issues, Rowland remains cautiously optimistic about the long-term impact of the ACA on coverage for uninsured Americans; although, she saw a possible Achilles heel in the King v. Burwell challenge to the ACA pending before the Supreme Court. If the Court finds for the plaintiffs, Federal tax credits would not be available to low income Americans who buy coverage from the ACA-mandated insurance exchanges in states that chose to use the Federal health insurance exchange website rather than creating their own. Such a decision could seriously diminish the ACA’s long-term impact and viability.

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Dr. Rowland (left) with Kathryn Powers, the salon dinner host.

Creole Valentine's Day Dinner Extraordinaire with Bill Doggett



Some very fortunate Gala attendees were—in the silent auction—able to secure a seat at a special dinner party hosted by Capitol Hill Village member and noted chef Bill Doggett. The theme was a combination of Valentines Day and Mardi Gras so the setting was romantic and the food Creole inspired. It opened with gumbo, followed by oysters on the half shell, sliced apple salad, and barbecued ribs. Then came three desserts: King cake (a Mardi Gras staple), Tennessee whiskey cake (pictured) and beignets (can't have a New Orleans meal without them). Of course, there was plenty of champagne!

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According to Dr. Rowland, the atmosphere surrounding the ACA is very different from the atmosphere that existed when Medicare and Medicaid were enacted in the mid-1960s. The spirit of collaboration, of seeking the 70 to 80 percent common ground that used to extend across political boundaries, is all but extinct.

In addition, the media and the culture of mass communication have changed. As traditional media outlets have faced financial pressures, and as new and often unvetted communications technologies have replaced them,

journalists with subject matter expertise are becoming increasingly rare. Thoughtful analytics and investigative reporting has given way to 140-character Tweets and 30-second sound bites.

In a statement that would, in fact, make a pretty good Tweet, Dr. Rowland concluded that “we are living in a *fact-free environment*” where policy-making is no longer thoughtful and where ideologues only want to use data and facts selectively to support their predetermined positions and philosophies. Dr. Rowland suggested that perhaps only by

humanizing these issues, showing how they impact real people who are working and trying to care for their families, can we begin to find common ground again.

Needless to say, as the dozen attendees headed into the cool Sunday evening, I think that they all felt that their stomachs and their heads had been well-filled by this excellent Salon Dinner. Our thanks to Kathryn Powers and Dr. Diane Rowland, and to all of our Salon speakers and hosts, for their wonderful contributions to CHV.

How Successful Was the Capitol Hill Village Gala? *continued from page 1*

So, what did these 115 surveys, plus 240 additional narrative comments tell us?

First the good news:

- ▶ Fully 76 percent of Gala attendees thought that the event was “Excellent” or “Good” and only 1.8 percent thought it was “Poor” or “Very Poor.”
- ▶ The pre-event communications about parking, security requirements, and pre-event logistics were rated “Excellent” or “Good” by 91 percent of attendees.
- ▶ Similarly, the Navy Yard facilities, especially the parking, the lobby, and the ballroom, received approval ratings of 88-90 percent.
- ▶ Folks were also very satisfied with the check-in process and loved the volunteers who staffed the registration desk and coat room. In the case of the coat room staff, guests showed their appreciation with \$208 in tips. (FYI, we spent the tips on a “thank you party” for our terrific volunteers.)
- ▶ Overall, the various aspects of the Silent Auction received approval ratings from the mid-70 percent range to the 90 percent range, with some suggestions for a wider range of auction items and item prices and some suggestions about using larger print sizes for the bid sheets.
- ▶ The formal program also received approval ratings in the 75-80 percent range, with some consistent requests for a shorter formal program, but also several “shout outs” for a good job by the master of ceremonies, Bruce Brennan.



- ▶ Similarly, the band, the music and the dancing were well received.

Despite these generally very positive responses to an event that involved a lot of “firsts” for the staff, volunteers, and committee, clearly there also is a lot of room for improvement. We heard you loud and clear, that attendees wanted:

- ▶ Shorter waiting times to gain access to the venue through Navy Yard security
- ▶ More food, a larger choice of foods, and short buffet lines; although when asked, there was very little interest in a “sit down” dinner
- ▶ A somewhat shorter formal program
- ▶ Smoother logistics for the live auction (This was CHV’s first live auction and we learned a lot about how to make bidding and bid recognition go more effectively, especially in such a large room.)

All in all, despite these opportunities for improvement, almost 95 percent of attendees indicated that they were “Very Likely” or “Somewhat Likely” to attend the Gala next year. And, what was really gratifying were the responses we received from

CHV Board President Enrique Gomez, volunteers Julia and Daniel Romero, and Gene Butler.

(Photo: Alex Romero)

first-time Gala attendees, many of whom came to us through sponsor tables populated by people who had NO previous contact with Capitol Hill Village. In fact, when we went over the attendance list, we discovered that we had guests from 11 states, *including guests from Illinois, California, and Pennsylvania who came to Washington just for the Gala.*

So once again to all those who contributed, attended, helped plan, or volunteered at the Gala, thank you! And while we know that there are improvements to be made, we hope that in the end you’ll agree with the attendee who wrote in response to the question “How Likely Will You be to Attend Next Year’s Event?”:

“Very likely to attend. This is a major event for Village members, and I think it’s very important for building and supporting the community as well as for raising money.”

Or perhaps, we should just quote the “man (or woman) of many words” who responded to this question with “*Absolutely!*”

So, we hope to see you all at the Gala next year!

Space Still Available in Salon Events

Capitol Hill Village salon dinners offer the chance to talk with experts on a variety of topics in a small-group setting in Capitol Hill homes. There may be some space still available in the following CHV dinner salons. Check with the Village Office if you would like to attend. **This is the list at press time.**

March 6 Jeff Nussbaum, speechwriter for Vice Presidents Biden and Gore, "How to Get to (almost) the Top in the World of Political Speechwriting," \$75

March 11 Dr. Joel Brennan, "Fighting Epidemics: Ebola and Beyond," \$75

March 21 Bill Novelli, Georgetown University professor, "Cutting-Edge Thinking for Reform of Health Care Delivery," \$75

March 28 Ted Van Griethuysen, "A Life in the Theater," \$75

April 18 Mark Sherman, Associated Press reporter, "A Look at the Nine from a Supreme Court Insider," \$75

April 26 (noon lunch) Scott Pace, GWU professor and director of the Space Policy Institute, "Space Age Lunch," \$75



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May 9 Navy Blue Angels pilot Tom Winkler, "From Capitol Hill to the Wild Blue Yonder," \$75

May 17 Dr. Pegi Jodry, Smithsonian Paleo-Indian archeologist, "Using Archaeological Clues to Recognize an 11,000-Year-Old Healer," \$75

May 20 George Hawkins, head of DC Water, "Inspiring Leadership and an Anacostia You Could Swim In," \$75

May 20 Demonstration Italian Cooking Class, Hill's Kitchen, \$100

Hine School Project Set to Get Underway

Now that all of the legal hurdles have been cleared, the project to redevelop the Hine School location is expected to get underway this Spring. Project plans call for a retail and office complex and 158 residential units.

The project site is bounded on three sides by Pennsylvania Avenue, 7th and 8th Streets SE. C Street SE would be reopened between 7th and 8th Streets, and new buildings would be erected on both sides of that street.

The first action is demolition and excavation that is expected to occur between April and October of this year. Construction is slated to begin in November, with the first units planned to open for occupancy in June 2017.

The status report was provided by developer EastBanc at the February 10 Area Neighborhood Commission 6B meeting. The construction schedule, site plans, and other news will be provided on the project website at www.hineschool.com. The developer also promised a 24-hour hotline for calls regarding safety concerns during the construction period.

While the flea market will be re-located in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between EastBanc and ANC 6B (on the project website), on March 22, Frager's will vacate its location on the pad across from Eastern Market.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Please call 202.543.1778 during regular office hours (9 am to 5 pm) or send an e-mail to info@capitolhillvillage.org

NEWS YOU CAN USE...

Digital Downloads from the DC Public Library

The DC Public Library is offering a series of free classes on accessing on-line content on Thursdays through March 12 at the Hill Center. A DCPL staff member will demonstrate an online resource and provide assistance with use of e-readers and tablets. Remaining classes are:

February 26—Zinio, which is a digital magazine database which allows you to download (permanently) the latest issues of magazines like Harpers, US Weekly, the Economist, and Rolling Stone.

March 8—Mango. Explore a second (or third, or fourth) language with the library's language learning database Mango.

March 12—Tagging History with DigDC. Explore the Public Library's new online archive of digitized photos, maps, and oral history and learn how you can contribute important information to the archive.

Register for any or all of the classes by e-mailing David.Quick2@dc.gov.

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GAMES VILLAGERS PLAY... Click Clack, Click Clack

There is a small group of Villagers that gets together weekly to play the ancient Chinese game of Mahjong. If you walk past the house on game days, you might hear something that sounds like birds on bamboo, and the word Mahjong means exactly that in Chinese.

The noise comes from the clicking of tiles—there are 144 of them on the table for each game, which is usually played with 3-4 persons. And while the game originated in China, it is popular in other parts of the world including in the United States in the 1920's and 1930's.

A game that is played with tiles carrying Chinese characters and symbols might appear pretty mysterious at first, but it actually resembles some card games familiar to most people, especially rummy.

Players draw 13 tiles and take turns drawing and discarding tiles until they create a winning hand. There are two types of tiles: those with both numbers and symbols and those with only symbols. To win, a player has to create a hand with 4 matching 3-piece sets and 1 matching 2-piece set. When that occurs, they shout “Mahjong” and the game is over.

The Village group is fairly low-key, but it is said that if you go to the streets of Beijing, you will hear the click-clack of the tiles at a very fast pace.

Two of the core group, Patrick Hamilton and Carmen Weischman talked about how much they enjoy getting together in different homes and getting to know their neighbors as well as enjoying the game. Patrick said they were invited to use a common space at a local store, but they declined, preferring the cozier environment created in private homes.



Patrick Hamilton offers advice to newcomer Kathy Truax.



Part of the Village core group contemplates a move. Each player holds 13 tiles and the “walls” in the middle are the tiles to draw from.



A Mahjong set.

CHV Events for February–March 2015 *continued from page 3*

Check the CHV website for programs that may be added: www.capitolhillvillage.org

Friday, February 27, 12:30-1:30 pm

Southeast Neighborhood Library, 7th and D Streets SE.
(Accessible entrance on D St.)

Balance Class

Join other members in this monthly balance class, which will help you recognize that strength and agility are the best defenses against falls. Practice skills that will keep you on your feet. The class is taught by a volunteer physical therapist from Physiotherapy Associates. Reservations required.

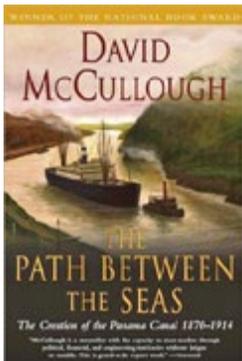
Members, Social Members, Volunteers, and Guests

Wednesday, March 4, 6-7:30 pm

Private Home

History and Biography Book Group

Note: Signup deadline is 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 3.



The group will discuss *Path Between the Seas* by David McCullough. This highly praised book is the story of the heroes, villains, political intrigue and engineering feats involved in the construction of the Panama Canal.

Members and Social Members

Thursday, March 5, 2-4 pm

Labyrinth Games & Puzzles, 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE

Games and Puzzles Group

Join other CHV members and their friends for two hours of brain-stretching, bantering fun. Owner Kathleen and her colleagues will introduce you to new games that they like, and teach you to play them.

Open to All

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Friday, March 6, 6:30 pm

National Democratic Club, 30 Ivy St. SE (between New Jersey Ave. and Canal St.)

Dinner Party



Note: Signup deadline is 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 3.

In this spacious venue, guests will enjoy a dinner that includes choices between: two appetizers; three entrees (including one vegetarian); and two desserts. The cost of this three-course meal will be \$35, including taxes and gratuities. Beverages will be charged individually and, if not purchased at the bar, paid for in cash to Paul Cromwell, the member providing us access to the NDC, a private club. For easy conversation, diners will be seated at tables of no more than six. CASH ONLY.

Members, Social Members, Volunteers and Potential Members

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am

Your Home

Hazardous Waste Pickup

Note: Signup deadline is 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 4

Hazardous materials and personal papers will be picked up from CHV members' homes for delivery to the District's safe disposal site. Personal papers (medical records or financial files) will be shredded at the drop-off site, viewed by the CHV delivery team to ensure they are destroyed.

Hazardous wastes for pickup include paint, house cleaners, batteries, televisions, computers and their accessories, video equipment, and other items listed on DPW's website at: <http://dpw.dc.gov/node/466802>.

CHV recommends that you remove your hard drive from computers you are disposing. If you need assistance doing so, call 202-543-1778 or e-mail info@capitolhillvillage.org to request a pickup or assistance with the drive.

Members only

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Private home

Cinephiles

Note: Signup deadline is 3 pm, Wednesday, March 11

Each month, participants in this film discussion group view one or more of the films listed before the scheduled meeting. At the meeting we discuss the films already viewed and select the next month's choices. Participants should call the CHV office to register attendance and learn of the address. View one or more of the following films before the meeting: *Timbuktu*, *Red Army*, *Paddington*, and *Song of the Sea*.

Members & Social Members

Friday, March 13, 9:00 am

Your Home

Volunteer Spring Cleaning Assistance

Note: Signup deadline is 3 pm, Monday, March 9

Employees from National Geographic will assist with carrying two shopping bag-size amounts of clothing and linens that will be picked up by the volunteers and delivered to Martha's Table in a bag that can be carried. Bags should be left outside for pickup - no need for member to be present. Volunteers will also assist with any outdoor tasks such as raking leaves, moving outdoor

furniture, and other small tasks. If you would like the assistance of the National Geographic volunteers, please call or email the CHV office. Please include the type of task and any special instructions.

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Friday, March 13, 9:00 am

Your Home

Book Pickup

Note: Signup deadline is 3 pm, Wednesday, March 11

Books, CD's, videos or DVD's are picked up monthly from members' homes for donation to the Friends of the Southeast Neighborhood Library. If you have extra books, CD's, videos or DVD's that you would like to donate, please call the office to let CHV know the quantity of items you have and to receive instructions for the pickup. Please do not include travel books more than 5 years old, any books in poor condition (old, mold, discolored, worn or torn), or out-of-date business, economics, and technical books.

On pick-up day, please place items in a visible area outside your home, labeled so volunteers can identify them.

Members only

Friday, March 13, 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Church of the Brethren, 337 North Carolina Ave. SE

Volunteer Opportunity



NOTE: Signup deadline is 3 pm Wednesday, March 11

Join CHV and other volunteers to assist with serving, cooking, and cleaning during the lunch service every second Friday of the month. If you would like to participate, please email bnp@washingtoncitycob.org. Reservations required.

Members, Social Members, Volunteers

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Open to All

Tuesday, March 17, 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Eastern Shore, Maryland

Eastern Shore Fishing Village Trip

NOTE: Signup deadline is 3:00 pm, Friday, March 6

Participants will depart the Hill Center at 9:00 am for departure to Tilgman Island on Maryland's Eastern Shore. After a tour and lunch, participants will either: (Option 1) continue to Rock Hall for a second fishing village tour followed by dinner before departing for DC; or (Option 2) return to DC with a stop at the Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD. Please let the office know which option you prefer. Costs include transportation costs for drivers, lunch, fees, and other incidentals.

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Join other CHV members and their friends for two hours of brain-stretching, bantering fun. Owner Kathleen and her colleagues will introduce you to new games that they like, and teach you to play them.

Open to All

Please RSVP to all events, and let the CHV office know if you need a ride, by calling 202.543.1778 during regular office hours (9 am to 5 pm) or by e-mailing info@capitolhillvillage.org

Tuesday, March 17, 6:00-7:30 pm

Private Home

Literary Club

Note: Signup deadline is 3 p.m. Monday, March 16

In March, we will read Myra MacPherson's *Scarlet Sisters: Sex, Suffrage and Scandal in the Gilded Age*.

You may never have heard of the Caflin sisters (Victoria Woodhull and "Tennie" Caflin), but their American contemporaries knew them well. These two sisters, feminists and progressives way ahead of their time, founded a stock brokerage in New York (not something women did), founded a radical newspaper which promoted suffrage and "free love," addressed Congress, and one of them (Victoria) ran for President on the same ticket as Frederick Douglass. A part of our "forgotten history," they packed lecture halls across the country and interacted with virtually every important figure of their time. PBS's Jim Lehrer calls this book "A fabulous delight of a read."

Members and Social Members

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am

Eastern Market Metro Plaza

Urban Village Walkers

NOTE: Signup deadline is 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 7

Walkers will cross the 11th Street bridge and head for the Fredrick Douglas House, Anacostia Community Museum, "Big Chair" and other notable sights before stopping for lunch along Martin Luther King Avenue. The walk is about 6.2 miles, with a possible early out at the Anacostia Metro Station after 4.2 miles.

Members and Social Members

Wednesday, March 25, 9:00 am

Your Home

Household Goods Pick-up

Signup deadline: 3:00 pm, Monday, March 23

Donated household items will be donated to A Wider Circle's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program. Members who sign up will need to be home on the pick-up day during a two-hour window that will be provided when they sign up.

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Items of interest include: beds, kitchen tables and chairs, baby items, end tables, coffee tables, cleaning products, vacuum cleaners, kitchenware (pots, pans, utensils, toaster, etc), microwave ovens, fans, air

conditioning units, towels, bedding, baskets, personal care items and rope (for transport). This pick up does not include clothing (contact CHV for more information on donation of clothing).

Members only.

Thursday, March 26, 1:00 pm

Private Home

Social Bridge Group

Do you know how to play bridge, or would you like to learn/relearn? We hope to have fun playing bridge while trying to reach consensus about how to bid. No master points involved. Come join us! Please RSVP by calling the CHV office at 202-543-1778 or e-mail info@capitolhillvillage.org.

Members and Social Members

Thursday, March 26, 6:00-7:30 pm

Private Home

Village Opera Society



Members heard tenor Robert Baker describe his life in music and sing last October. In March, he comes to tell of his recent experiences behind the scenes and on the stage of the Washington National Opera

production *Dialogues of the Carmelites*. He will sing the role of the Chaplain, one of the few male roles in this Poulenc opera.

Members & Social Members

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Friday, March 27, 12:30-1:30 pm

Southeast Neighborhood Library, 7th and D Streets SE. (Accessible entrance on D St.)

Balance Class

NOTE: Signup deadline is 3 pm Wednesday, March 25

Join other members in this monthly balance class, which will help you recognize that strength and agility are the best defenses against falls. Practice skills that will keep you on your feet. The class is taught by a volunteer physical therapist from Physiotherapy Associates. Reservations required.

Members, Social Members, Volunteers, and Guests

Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm

National Theatre, 1330 E. St. NW, Accessible

"Blithe Spirit" with Angela Lansbury

NOTE: Signup deadline was January 2

Fifty-eight years after making her pre-Broadway stage debut at the National Theatre in "Hotel Paradiso," television legend, Oscar-recipient, and five-time Tony Award-winner Angela Lansbury returns to the National Theatre for two weeks this spring in her Tony Award-winning role as Madame Arcati, in Michael Blakemore's revival of Noel Coward's comedy, "Blithe Spirit." This special limited engagement follows the internationally acclaimed sold-out runs on Broadway and in London's West End.

Metro is the easiest way to get to the theater (Metro Center station). Please let the CHV Office know if you need transportation.

Members, Social Members, and Guests

Monday, March 30, 6 pm

Member home

Potluck with Vegetarian Options

NOTE: Signup deadline is 3 pm Friday, March 27

Come together with fellow members to mingle and eat a potluck meal, with vegetarian options. Bring something you've prepared or buy something to bring like an appetizer, dessert or a beverage. If you would like to host a future potluck, please call CHV to volunteer.

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Monday, February 23, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Southeast Library, 403 7th St. SE, Accessible

Caregiver Support Group

Capitol Hill Village and Iona Senior Services are partnering to offer a support group for individuals who are care-giving for an older family member or friend with memory loss. The group, led by professionals from Iona, is free and open to all with the generous support of The Residences at Thomas Circle. Interested individuals should contact CHV at 202-543-1778 for more information and to sign up.

Open to All

Friday, April 3, 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Church of the Brethren, 337 North Carolina Ave. SE

Volunteer Opportunity

Join CHV and other volunteers to assist with serving, cooking, and cleaning during the lunch service every second Friday of the month. If you would like to participate, please email bnp@washingtontcitycob.org. Reservations required.

Members, Social Members, Volunteers

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Continuing Weekly CHV Events

NOTE: You do NOT need to RSVP for continuing events, but please confirm events by calling the office at 202.543.1778 or by e-mailing info@capitolhillvillage.org

Every Monday • 2:00 pm

Garfield Park, South Carolina Ave. at 2nd Street SE

Petanque

Join a group of Capitol Hill game enthusiasts each Monday for a friendly game of Petanque, the French game of boules that is similar to the Italian game of bocce. Paul Cromwell provides instruction for beginners. For further information call Paul at 543-7530. (See the article on page 12 of the December 2014 News for further information.)

Open to All

Tuesdays and Thursdays • 10:00-10:45 am

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church 4th Street & Independence Avenue SE

Qigong

The gentle, powerful Chinese movement exercise known as qigong (pronounced chee gong) is offered by CHV member Joni Bell, who has practiced this discipline for 10 years. Her strength and balance have improved remarkably, and she credits the activity with helping her as a 30-year patient with multiple sclerosis. Free for CHV members.

Members and Social Members

Every Wednesday • 1:00–3:00 pm

CHAW, Seventh and G Street SE

Second Wind

Join a group of CHV members who meet to raise their voices in song under the direction of a master musician/chorister to learn new music and enjoy the sound of our own voices. The bar for participation is not high, just a love of singing together. While the ability to read music is a plus, it is not required, and there are no auditions. All are welcome—especially men's voices. For further information, contact Marsha Holliday at 202-544-2629.

Members and Social Members

Every Wednesday • 3:00 p.m.

Private home

Mahjong

Mahjong is a game that originated in China. Similar to the Western card game Rummy, Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation and involves a certain degree of chance. Join a group of members and volunteers who meet to play together. To sign up for this group and learn of the meeting location, call the CHV Office at 202-543-1778.

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Saturday, April 18, 3:00 pm

Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway,
Bethesda, MD, Fully Accessible

“Uncle Vanya”

NOTE: Signup deadline is 3 pm, March 25

Celebrate Spring with fellow Village theater lovers at a matinee performance of Chekhov’s classic “Uncle Vanya,” in a new translation by Pulitzer-winning playwright Annie Baker. Ms. Baker’s award-winning translation of the play brings modern language to this timeless story of relationships and yearning, to create a version that sounds to our contemporary American ears the way the play sounded to Russians during the play’s first productions. This “Uncle Vanya” reintroduces audiences to Chekhov’s enduring wit, insight, and emotional depth. It was hailed as one of the top 10 shows of 2012 by The New York Times and New York Magazine. The cast includes Nancy Robinette, a favorite of many in the Village, as well as well-regarded D.C. mime Mark Jaster, and Joy Zinoman, founder and

former artistic director of Studio Theater. The Village group will get together at a nearby restaurant after the show for a meal and conversation. The theater is across the street from the entrance to the Bethesda Red Line Metro station.

Tickets are \$35 each, but they need to be purchased before the March 25 deadline in order to assure that CHV can get the discounted price. Call the Village office at 202-543-1778 or e-mail info@capitolhillvillage.org. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to reserve before the deadline: a minimum number is required to sign up by that time. When you call, please also let us know if you are interested in the after-show get-together. For those traveling by car, ride-sharing is encouraged and the Village can facilitate carpooling; let the office know if you are interested.

Please make your check (\$35 per ticket) payable to Capitol Hill Village with “Uncle Vanya” noted on the line at the lower left; either bring or mail it to Capitol Hill Village, 725 Eighth St. SE, Unit 4, Washington, DC 20003.

Members, Social Members and their Guests

Special Auction to Benefit Capitol Hill Village

Two Stays at Deep Creek Lake Condo—Each Stay for Four Nights (Mon-Thurs)

For a nearby vacation, think about a few days at a lovely Will O’ the Wisp condo at Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland. A host of amenities await you during your stay, including an indoor pool and spa, sauna, racquet ball court, a full fitness facility and game room. Will O’ the Wisp offers an ideal level lakefront location with a sandy beach. Located in the heart of Deep Creek, guests are just steps away from various area attractions including state parks, skiing, a movie theater, restaurants, and shops. This one bedroom condo, generously offered by Roy Rodriguez, can sleep four people.

Additional Information: Available March through end of May 2015 dates, according to availability.

Starting bid \$200; to make a bid, please email Executive Director, Roberta Shapiro at rshapiro@capitolhillvillage.org.

Two highest bids will be selected based on receipt by: Monday, March 9 at 2 pm.

