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September 2024 Newsletter

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Dear GV Members,

For my final newsletter note as president of the board of Georgetown Village, I write to thank the board and membership for the honor of serving as president and to discuss the incoming officers of the Village for September 2024 through the 2025 board and annual meeting. I expect these changes to be adopted by the board at that upcoming meeting.

First, I have a few brief thoughts on being in the leadership team of Georgetown Village over the last six years and am grateful to have served during most of that time with Josh Kuhnert, Emily Sommers, and Toni Russin. When I first joined the board, we were an incredibly dynamic organization providing outstanding service to assist our older adult members and bringing spirit to the local community. We remain exactly that, with more organizational structures in place. During the last six years, we have endured Covid, but, at the same time, reorganized in a way to creatively support our members. We moved into the Village Square, which has been an incredible blessing to our efforts. Last and extremely important, I would mention the Bill Plante Conversations, which are stellar programming in his honor thanks to Robin Smith who endows and organizes them.

We are incredibly lucky to have four superb officers moving into the leadership of the Village in September. I look forward to passing the presidential baton to Judith Bunnell who serves on the board currently, is a leading light for the Georgetown ministry and church community, and served in the city leadership of Seattle, Washington. Next, I would like to acknowledge the service of Emily Sommer on our board as a member for five years, our secretary, and a leader of our stellar program efforts. She will serve as vice president for one year before exiting the board, working with Judith on our key initiatives.

The Treasurer position of any organization is critically important to keep a financial house in order, and we have found the perfect person in Dr. Michael LaCour-Little. Michael taught finance at California State University and also served as a senior director at Fannie Mae. Our incoming secretary is Betty Greenwold who has served as our assistant secretary during the past year and also served honorably on the Hillandale board of directors.

I know this leadership team will bring forward the best of our past efforts and blend them with excellent steps into our future. I will remain on the board as the immediate past chair and am happy to help the new team in any way possible.

We are a special organization and are lucky to have competent, dedicated, and special staff in the persons of Lynn, Bethany, and Varnita. Please continue to support our mutual efforts. I can assure you we are a worthy enterprise.

Carol A. Kelly  
President

Special September Programs for GV Members-See Calendar for Full Program Schedule

Dr. Robert Jayes, MD FACP- Home Based Primary Care-An Update  
September 18 at 5:30 pm GV Square or Online

Dr. Robert Jayes is the Medical Director of the GW MFA House Call Program which he founded in 2004 with other colleagues in the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Care. This program now sees over 350 homebound patients and teaches students and residents about the special needs of the homebound and terminally ill. Join us on September 18 to learn more about this important program and how it fits your needs. Dr. Jayes is passionately committed to seeing that systems of primary care in the country serve the frailest patients that have the greatest needs. We are excited to offer our members the opportunity to meet and learn from Dr. Jayes!

*GV Diner En Blanc*-September 19-5:30 pm-1801 35<sup>th</sup> Street NW

GV is hosting our own version of the well-established “*Diner En Blanc*” and we are very excited to have you join us! At a traditional *Diner En Blanc* participants wear white and bring their own tables, chairs, and food to a public space to enjoy a communal meal. We are adapting the concept and will have the tables and chairs set up for you. We are asking Village members and volunteers to bring their own food, beverages, napkins, flatware, décor, etc. Attire requirements will be adjusted to allow off-white, tan, khaki (close-to-white attire, in other words.) Another feature of our Village *diner* is that in the true Village spirit we want the event to be accessible to everyone! Therefore, we are asking members who can help other members to let us know. Be sure to RSVP

Author Talk-David Roll, *Ascent to Power* Interviewed by John Doolittle Sept. 26-5:30pm

GV member, and acclaimed author, David Roll will be interviewed about his latest book by GV Board Member, John Doolittle. Join us in the Village Square for the discussion of this timely book. As one statement about the book reads “In a time when seamless presidential transitions can no longer be taken for granted, acclaimed author Roll examines the most consequential presidential transition in U.S. history; from Franklin Roosevelt to Harry Truman.”

*Ascent to Power: How Truman Emerged from Roosevelt’s Shadow and Remade the World*, reveals the fascinating story behind Truman’s sudden transition to president in the wake of FDR’s death. David is also the author of *George Marshall* and *The Hopkins Touch*, and co-author of *Louis Johnson and the Arming of America*.

Excursion to Ladew Topiary Gardens Sept. 27 -10 am-4 pm

Join your friends from Georgetown Village for a lovely day exploring Ladew Topiary Gardens. We will have a walking tour of the gardens and lunch before returning to DC. The cost of the trip, including transportation and lunch will be \$50 a person. Scholarships are available if finances are a concern.

DCVC Launch Party-Sept. 28-Rain Date Sept 29 12:00-3:00 at GV

We have told you all about the new DC Village Collaborative-join us to meet people from other Villages and celebrate this new organization with food and music!