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*Guests at Garden Party on May 30, 2015*

#### **GARDEN PARTY IN SPRING SPLENDOR:**

Cynthiana and Bill Lightfoot hosted our second ERCV fundraiser on Saturday, May 30, 2015 on the elegantly decorated patio of their Colonial Village home. All the guests had a great time and gave to a good cause—starting a senior village to help seniors age in place in the upper Ward 4 neighborhoods of Brightwood, Colonial Village, Crestwood, Manor Park, North Portal Estates, Shepherd Park, and Takoma DC.

Brandon Todd, our new Ward 4 Councilmember and a staunch supporter of East Rock Creek Village, attended the party. Bill Lightfoot, a former DC City Councilmember and a prominent Ward 4 political fundraiser, announced he and his wife would join East Rock Creek Village. Other guests followed his lead, and that gets our summer membership campaign off to a great start.



**UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS:** We want to continue the conversation. Coffee chats have proven to be a very effective way of explaining how senior villages work by mobilizing unpaid volunteers to provide supportive services to seniors, as well as by providing educational and social activities that build community and help seniors thrive.

So join us for an informal chat with fruit, pastries, and coffee to learn more about East Rock Creek Village.

**Important Dates:** Lee Tyner is hosting a coffee chat on Friday, June 12, 2015, from 9:30 to 11 am at her home at 1401 Geranium Street, NW. Doris Spruell is hosting a coffee chat on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 9 to 11 am at 1437 Primrose Road, NW.

If you are interested in attending either coffee chat, please contact Susan Davis at 202-882-9537 or at [SusanDavis@erols.com](mailto:SusanDavis@erols.com).

**Future Coffee Chat:** Look for an upcoming flyer and notice on the Takoma DC listserv.



*Susan Davis*

**MEET OUR NEW DIRECTORS--SUSAN**

**DAVIS AND BOB SMITH:** At our May meeting, we added 2 new directors to the board of East Rock Creek Village to help us meet our fundraising and membership goals.

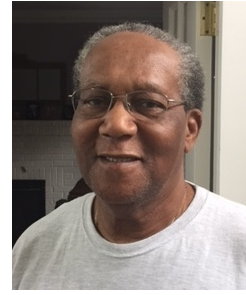
Susan Davis has lived in Shepherd Park since 1978 and plans to live there for 20 more years—eventually with the help of East Rock Creek Village. Susan has a master's degree in social work. She has worked as a health educator and counselor, as a volunteer coordinator, and for the last 20 years as a research interviewer. Through the years, she has worked as a volunteer with Neighbors Inc., the Rock Creek Community Garden, Shepherd Elementary School, and the DC Chapter of Amigos de las Americas which trains and supports area high school students who do summertime community service in Latin American communities.

Susan Davis was already a member of ERCV's Volunteer Committee. She organized coverage of Ward 4 polling places on April 28, 2015. Over 60 seniors interested in joining our village filled out contact cards at Coolidge High School, Shepherd Park Elementary School, and the Takoma Education Campus.

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**A THOUGHT FOR JUNE:**

*A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent*



*Bob Smith*

Bob Smith has lived in Manor Park for over 40 years. He brings his business acumen to our board having successfully operated his own automotive repair shop for over 32 years. Bob Smith Auto Repair was touted in the *Washington Post* on September 10, 1985, in *Washingtonian Magazine* in October 1971, and the Automotive Checkbook Consumer Magazine survey in September of 1971. Bob Smith's Auto Repair Klinique was listed on [www.cartalk.com](http://www.cartalk.com), hosted by Tom and Ray Magliozzi, also known as Click & Clack, on NPR, as one of the best auto repair facilities in the Washington, DC metro area. His clients included two former US vice presidents, cabinet members, DC mayors, judges, and regular folks.

Bob also taught summer classes at NIH and at the School Without Walls on automotive maintenance. In 1992, Bob was a consultant for the Center for Applied Legal Studies at George Washington University evaluating auto repair consumer protection cases.

Few people know that Bob also started the first senior softball league for the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. Bob also serves as an extraordinary minister for Nativity Catholic Church.

We welcome Susan Davis and Bob Smith to our board and know that with their help we will reach our fundraising and membership goals that much faster.