

Upcoming Events for January/February

Book Club – 1/16 3-4:30pm *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

Lunch at the Nile Restaurant – 1/19 12pm
Please RSVP to 202.656.7322 by 1/16.

Book Club – 2/13 3-4:30pm *No Book Chosen as of yet.*

Valentine's Open House – 2/14 4-6pm
Please RSVP to 202.656.7322 by 2/1. Wear your red outfit and bring a favorite candy, dessert, or hors d'oeuvres to share. We will have a 50-50 raffle and gifts; beverages provided.

JANUARY 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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FEBRUARY 2017						
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President's Corner



Gloria Sulton, ER CV President
Photo by David Hamilton

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY TO EAST ROCK CREEK VILLAGE! This past year has been a learning experience for all of us. We are evaluating our activities and offerings to consider what was great and also what didn't go over so well. I would love to hear from you about what you liked, what you didn't like, what we could do better, and what you would like us to do in 2017. Please call me at 202.726.4444.

Thanks to all of you who renewed your memberships and to those who made contributions to ER CV. Remember, if you do not need services, your contribution as a social member is tax-deductible. Your continued support will ensure that ER CV is here when YOU need it, so renew today and ask your neighbors to join.

Should you begin to need services, you may simply convert to a service membership.

ER CV is seeking funding from various sources, including ANCs 4A and 4B, and recently submitted a major grant application to the DC Office on Aging (DCOA). The DCOA grant, if awarded, will initiate a membership subsidy program for extremely low-, low-, and moderate-income residence in our service area. While we accept subsidy memberships from all our neighborhoods, we will focus on Brightwood and Manor Park, where 2015 census indicates there is a preponderance of income-eligible seniors. To continue to grow this program beyond the grant period, ER CV will undertake a special appeal to raise \$12,000. Do keep ER CV at the top of your list of favorite charities. We wish to be here when you need us.

Thank you! *Gloria*

ER CV CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS!



Members gather at the ER CV Office to celebrate the holidays, exchange gifts and win a drawing.

Volunteer Chat



Carroll Green

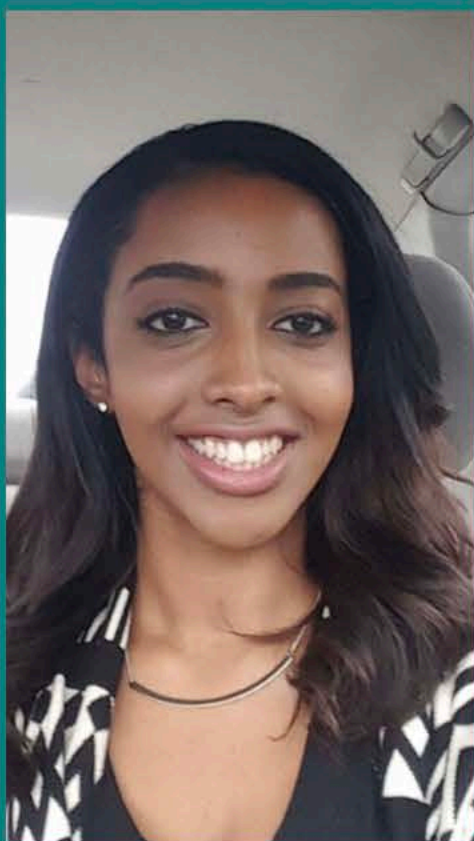
Monday before Christmas I got a call to assist a member who had frequent medical appointments, sometimes two in a day, for several weeks at two different locations.

On Wednesday, I picked up the member at 10:15 for an 11:00 appointment at a local hospital. I escorted the member into the treatment facility, waited to get a legal parking space and returned to the facility to wait for the member. About 90 minutes later, appointment concluded, we were off to a 1:00pm appointment. On the way home we dropped off prescriptions at CVS. Because of the holiday season CVS could not say when they would be able to fill two of the prescriptions and recommended we try the Giant pharmacy next door. Giant indicated the prescriptions would be ready on Friday, the same day the CVS prescriptions would be ready.

On Friday, I picked up the CVS prescriptions without a problem. However, at Giant I learned that the member's insurance card had expired. After a phone call from me, the member found the new card, so after picking up the card, I was able to get the final two prescriptions. All is well that ends well. The member was smiling as I departed, and I felt exhilarated by being able to help an individual in need. After all, that is what a Village is about: neighbors helping neighbors!

(Carroll Green is one of the founding members of ERCV and has been volunteering all year.)

The University of Maryland Intern to Join ERCV



Bethelhem Tesfaye

Bethelhem Tesfaye, a senior from the University of Maryland, will join ERCV for the spring semester. University of Maryland has a very intricate application process for the organization and ERCV was satisfied to be accepted into the internship program and to have the opportunity to accept Bethelhem. She has an extensive background in nonprofit volunteering and won an award from President Obama for her work. She also has experience in surveys and research as well as hands on work with the homeless community.

Do you have a family member, a neighbor or a friend in Ward 4 who might benefit from our services? Give Executive Director **Sharon Flynn** a call at **202.656.7322** and let her know.



Apply for a Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption



Did you know that you can apply for an exemption from sidewalk shoveling enforcement if you are living in your own home and are over 65 years old and/or disabled? The exemption must be applied for annually. To learn more about the shoveling exemption, you can go to snow.dc.gov/service/sidewalk-shoveling-exemption or call 711. To apply for an exemption, go to leaf.dpw.dc.gov/WSAExemption/.

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