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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



East Rock Creek Village is a *community!* Our June 4 Swing into Spring fundraiser was evidence that our members and friends enjoy being together and celebrating the benefits of “neighbors helping neighbors.” Our attendees were a diverse and happy group of all ages, including some guests from Germany, and one friend of the Village even brought her young son to observe a volunteer organization in action.

Did you miss the event? We welcomed a record-breaking attendance, almost double last year’s! The community room of Washington Ethical Society was a perfect venue, and tables with white tablecloths and festive centerpieces filled the room. Thanks to all who contributed to this wonderful Upper Ward 4 gathering. If you were not there, you missed out on the fabulous tastings from Dolci Gelati Café, Gist Family Catering, Mark’s Kitchen, Moh Moh...Licious, Nile Restaurant, and Tito’s Pollo. We also had fine wine from Morris Miller. Please be sure to patronize these excellent establishments and tell them East Rock Creek Village sent you.

In addition to the delicious food, a highlight was the lively music provided *gratis* by The Devitt/Jenkins Duo. We are also grateful for the contributions from our corporate supporters Absolute Organizing Solutions; Gloria Owens, Realtor; and Landis Construction. Thanks to you all!



During the program we recognized major donor Carroll Green; “star” volunteers Krayna Feinberg, Bill Foster, and Andrea (Andy) Gay; and our dedicated photographer, David Hamilton. Your contributions are invaluable to the success of the Village and we sincerely thank you for your service.



I would be remiss if I did not give a big “shout out” to our newest members, Colbert and Gwendolyn King. Colbert was our Master of Ceremonies but also turned out to be a rather good comedian, beginning with some humorous comments. But before he concluded, he said, on a more serious note, that he recognized that this organization was meant for him—and he presented his membership check on the spot! I could not top that for a great way to end a beautiful afternoon. A few lucky ones also went

home with raffle gifts, but the big winner of the 50/50, Debby Thomas, generously returned her winnings. Truly a class act! A special thanks to our "public officials" who pitched in and lent a hand with setup and cleanup! Thank you Stacey and Brandon!



ERCV is alive and well. The Board members and volunteers have filled in the blanks left by departing Executive Director Sharon Flynn—whom we honored at the gathering with words of thanks, a gift, and a lovely flower arrangement—and so far, no missteps. We continue to seek

new members to join our community of support, so please invite your neighbors to come to one of our upcoming Open Houses (see below for information) and learn more about ERCV. Remember we have a new Basic Social Membership starting at \$200.



On a slightly different note, I was pleased to join The Civic League of North Portal Estates community as it celebrated its 50 years of service with a feast on June 17. Thank you to this fine organization for your kind welcome. We hope that many of your members will be joining East Rock Creek Village. – *Gloria Sulton*

PLEASE INTRODUCE US TO YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

We are holding two Open Houses at the office during July:

- Wednesday, July 12, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 30 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.

You, our readers, are our best ambassadors! Please invite friends and neighbors to join us for coffee and conversation to learn about the benefits of ERCV membership and the satisfaction of helping our village by volunteering. Basic social membership dues now begin at \$200.

Late Breaking News! We've just confirmed having Chair Yoga every Friday at 3PM through July and August at the ERCV office!

ERCV INVITES YOU TO JOIN US --

Sunday, July 9, 3:00 p.m. — [WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, TRUSTS: WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE LAW IN DC](#)

- Micah Salb, Esq., litigates and provides counsel in the field of estate planning, trusts, and probate. He is familiar to many of us from the Shepherd Park listserv.
- We may want to avoid thinking about these matters — but really, it is so important to plan for the future, and this is a good time to begin learning what we need to know.

Saturday, July 15, 3:00 p.m. — [WEEKEND BOOK CLUB](#)

- Join ERCV friends for a discussion of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. This is the story of the African-American woman who became an unwitting pioneer for medical breakthroughs when her cells were used to create the first immortal human cell line in the early 1950s. The book investigates the social wrong committed by the medical establishment, as well as the medical advances to which it led.
- Here is club designed for those who may not be free on week-days or evenings – but all are welcome!

Friday, July 21, 10:00 a.m. — [TOUR OF THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM](#)

ERCV Board member Peter Kramer, a tour guide at the Museum, will lead a tour for Village members. This is a wonderful opportunity!

- **Accessibility:** The exhibit is located on three floors, but elevators and ramps make it accessible to all. If you will need a wheelchair, please mention this when you register.
- **Registration is necessary for this event.** Register directly with Peter: 202-723-2383 or 202-255-0621; or e-mail pkramer@gmx.ch
- **Transportation:** When you register, Peter will offer to meet you at the Takoma metro station (the museum is a 5-10 minute walk from the Smithsonian station); or he will try to help arrange car pools for those who want to go by car. There is a parking garage on D St. SW is in walking distance.

ERCV PARTICIPATES IN WORKSHOP AT IONA

Two volunteers from East Rock Creek Village, Susan Davis (also a Board member) and Gracie Baten, attended a workshop at Iona Senior Services in May to learn how senior villages are taking steps toward better supporting service members through “capacity risk assessments.” They found the workshop very informative in bringing to our attention areas that we should consider addressing. The Board is hoping to learn more about this approach.

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

- [Free outdoor fitness class](#) – every Tuesday evening through October, 6:30 p.m. at The Parks at Walter Reed. Instructor-led exercise class for all levels of fitness. Free parking and water available on-site. Enter through gate at Butternut & Georgia Ave. NW.

- [Smithsonian Folklife Festival](http://www.festival.si.edu) – Thurs., July 6 – Sun., July 9: See detailed information at www.festival.si.edu
- [Ft. Stevens Anniversary Commemoration](#) – Sat., July 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 13th & Quackenbos St. NW: all-day family activities at the park and nearby Battleground National Cemetery
- [Shepherd Park Library Coffee & Conversation](https://www.dclibrary.org/labs/studio) – Wed., July 12, 11:00 a.m.: a chance to make a connection with your fellow library users. Note: The Studio Lab Express has relocated from MLK Library to Shepherd Park. To learn more about classes in Photoshop, Video Basics, & more, visit <https://www.dclibrary.org/labs/studio>



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