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## Mt. Zion Hosts CAG for "DC Jazz"

*April is Jazz Appreciation Month!*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019  
MOUNT ZION METHODIST CHURCH  
1334 29TH ST.  
RECEPTION 6:30 PM, PROGRAM 7:00-8:00 PM

Please join us for the April CAG Public Meeting. Maurice Jackson, GU Professor and author of *DC Jazz: Stories of Jazz Music in Washington, DC* will lead a dynamic conversation with fellow DC authors Blair Ruble, Bridget Arnwine and Rusty Hassan.

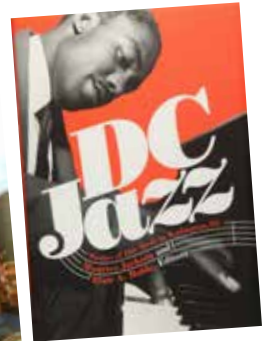
Refreshments graciously provided by Stachowski's.



Maurice Jackson



Mount Zion United Methodist Church



*DC Jazz: Stories of Jazz music in Washington, DC*

## MEET NEW MEMBERS AND HEAR HIGHLIGHTS OF CAG WORK

CAG's Annual Meeting which includes Board of Directors and Officers elections and awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 14. The meeting will include the presentation of CAG's prestigious awards to outstanding

community leaders for 2018. The reception and annual meeting will be hosted at Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street. This year we are also having a special reception at 6:00pm for new members of CAG.

Treasurer Jerry Libin will report on the financial condition of the organization and we will hear updates from the chairs of several of the committees.



*Photos from 2018 Annual Meeting courtesy of The Georgetown*

PLEASE JOIN US TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND HONOR PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY  
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Tuesday, May 14 / New member reception 6:00pm / Reception 6:30pm / Program 7:00pm  
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## UPCOMING CAG MEETINGS

### Jazz Public Meeting

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Program 7:00-8:00 pm

### CAG Annual Meeting

May 14, 2019  
Dumbarton House, 6:30-7 pm.  
New Member reception 6pm.

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— LEE CHILD  
Georgetown Garden Club

# President's LETTER

Dear CAG Community,

With the CAG Annual Meeting close at hand, I realize this will be my final letter to you all as President. At the CAG elections on May 14th, members will vote for and welcome a new President and eight Board Members. (Four Board Members are appointed by the incoming President upon her/his election.)

Let me use this space to thank and recognize the current CAG Board Members who make CAG a leader in representing residents on numerous boards, local organizations and committees and who provide residents with information and support on issues large and small within this historic district. My fellow officers this year were Cheryl Gray, Jerry Libin and Tara Sakraida-Parker, along with General Counsel Richard Hinds. They took their responsibilities seriously and set some new directions for CAG to better meet the organization's mission.

Board members included: Florence Auld, Jennie Buehler, Karen Cruse, Hazel Denton, Christopher Mathews, John Rentzepis, Jennifer Romm, Elsa Santoyo and Bob vom Eigen. An interesting fact is that these dedicated CAG Board Members also expanded the CAG message by being members or observers of, or working directly with the Georgetown Ministry Center, Georgetown Community Partnership, ABC Board, Jackson Art Center, ANC2E, Georgetown BID, Hyde School, various churches, Georgetown Village, the DC Council and Councilmember Jack Evans' office, DDOT, Old Georgetown Board and Urban Forestry. Thank you.

In addition CAG has numerous committees chaired by strong members that add to the organization's health and value in the community including Concerts in the Parks, ABC, Development, Historic Preservation & Zoning, Infrastructure, Community Meetings, Membership, Oral History, Parking, Public Safety, Transportation, Trash & Rats and Trees for Georgetown. Chairs (see masthead in this newsletter) work many hours each month with their volunteer committees to meet our 2019 goals.

All of us volunteers would be considerably less effective without a strong professional staff. Leslie Maysak as Executive Director brought the organization this year to a level of professionalism that has served us well. Mandi Howard for part of the year and Lisa McCluskey and Catherine Shaw have built a stronger organization through their hard work and dedication. Thank you.

Is there more we can do to serve our community going forward? The answer is 'yes.' We constantly seek to add value to living in Georgetown. With more of you offering to join the CAG 'family', with your precious hours and financial support 2019-2020 can be another banner year.

It has been a joy serving as your president this year.

Pam Moore, PRESIDENT



*Pamla Moore and members of the  
Development Committee in December. Leslie  
Maysak, Cheryl Gray, Tara Parker, Brittany  
Sawyer, Katie Shannon, and Jennifer Romm*

## Meet Lisa McCluskey

Lisa McCluskey began as CAG's Program Administrator in February. She has a professional background as communication lead at trade associations and graphic design. Lisa is very active in several community organizations in Ward 3 and is happy to use this experience at CAG. She lives in Glover Park with her husband and 3 children. When she is not volunteering and running to sports events she enjoys reading and getting outside to enjoy nature in our lovely city.

# GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, May 11, 2019  
10 am - 5 pm

Large and small, some never seen before, the 2019 Georgetown Garden Tour provides a visit to the elegant, the secret, the intimate and surprisingly spacious gardens of Washington's oldest neighborhood. This year's tour takes place on Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Tickets are \$40 before April 30 on the website, [www.georgetowngardenclubdc.org](http://www.georgetowngardenclubdc.org)

On May 1 the ticket price will be \$45 on the website and on the day of the tour at Christ Church, 3116 O Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Refreshments for ticket holders will be served from 2 pm to 4 pm at Christ Church.

The tour is sponsored by the Georgetown Garden Club to benefit local organizations with emphasis on the preservation and maintenance of public gardens, parks and green spaces. Past beneficiaries have included Book Hill Park, Tudor Place gardens, Trees for Georgetown, the rose garden at Montrose Park, Rose Park,

Volta Park Habitat Garden, Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy and the Georgetown Waterfront Park.

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202-337-3373; [otoobad@comcast.net](mailto:otoobad@comcast.net).

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Washington, DC

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## Update from Rats & Trash Committee

Patrick Clawson, *Chair*

CAG cooperates with Georgetown University on annual trash cleanups. This year in April the committee and volunteers will meet for coffee and bagels before we clean up the hillside between Prospect and Canal west of 37th (the densely forested steep hill of National Park Service land).

As part of the Georgetown Community Partnership between the university and the community, GU has done quite a bit to address trash issues in West Georgetown. This includes:

**Monitoring for violations.** Several times a week, the Office of Neighborhood Life (ONL) folks document violations of trash rules. For residents, that means DC Municipal Regulations (DCMR); for students living off-

campus, that also means the rule agreed to with the community that trash cans will not be on public display (DCMR allows cans to be in public display, but not in public space). This fall they found 95 violations in West Georgetown, exactly half by students. That is way, way down from what they were finding a few years ago.

### Penalizing students who violate the rules.

The big drop in trash violations is due to tough enforcement. This fall, 27 incidents were referred to the Office of Student Conduct, resulting in 23 cases in which a student was found responsible. For the entire community (including Burleith and Foxhall), 93 students completed sanctioned work totaling 356.5 hours. Again, this is way down: students have gotten the word that if they violate the rules, they will be found out and they will have to serve sanction hours.

By the way, repeat offenders have to pay fines and if need be, go to "trash school."

**Trash patrols.** At least weekly (usually more often), University trucks regularly circulate looking for bulk trash items left out. This is helpful, but they don't remedy the more unsightly things like trash cans filled with trash floating in rain water.

**Property maintenance equipment.** ONL has snow shovels, rakes, lawnmowers, hedge trimmers, etc. which students can borrow. This fall, 16 students did so. The most popular time for borrowing equipment is during the winter snow storms.

For more information about trash/rat issues, call the CAG Rodent and Trash Committee chair, Patrick Clawson, [clawsonp@aol.com](mailto:clawsonp@aol.com), 202-302-1722. Help with these issues is most welcome!



## MARCH 19 MEETING AT ST. JOHN'S FOCUSED ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Over 125 CAG members and neighbors joined Historic Preservation and Zoning experts at St. John's Episcopal church on March 19th for a panel discussion at CAG's public meeting. HPZ committee Chair Elsa Santoyo served as moderator and was joined by Tom Leubke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), Tim Dennee, Architectural

Historian, DC Office of Planning (OP)/ Historic Preservation, Richard Williams, FAIA architect and Joe Gibbons, ANC 2E Commissioner. A lively Q&A followed the panelists' comments that included topics such as roof decks ("Never in Georgetown"), neighbor notification and public approval of monuments at Georgetown cemeteries such as Oak Hill.

A delightful array of libations, refreshments, sweets and savories was graciously donated by BOWA and enjoyed by the assembled. Many thanks to our generous sponsor!



*Dave Jackson, Pam Moore and Joe Gibbons*



*Panel discussion participants*

## NEW SURVEY CONTAINS SUPRISING FINDINGS ABOUT COMMUNITY HOPES FOR JELLEFF

Strong Support for fitness and exercise programs for all ages as well as community programming complement traditional organized soccer and basketball needs.

A diverse group of more than four hundred community members participated in a survey about the future of the Jelleff Community Center. The survey found a series of insights that could inform the upcoming renovation. Those include:

- **More than 50% wanted Jelleff to include Yoga, fitness and other exercise classes and spaces.**
- **Just over 30% expressed strong support for basketball and soccer facilities.**
- **20% wanted more general community related programming ranging from photography to art classes to movie screenings and senior wellness.**



*ANC 2E commissioners Elizabeth Miller and Kishaan Putta*

"If we take a close look at the survey, it is clear that we should be thinking more broadly about exercise, fitness and community programming as a way to serve the most residents and make Jelleff as vibrant as possible," said ANC Commissioner Elizabeth Miller.

"This survey is intended to inform DPR about the community's needs and priorities. The Georgetown community deserves a modernized rec center and seems to want a multipurpose space that serves residents of all ages," added ANC Commissioner Kishaan Putta.

Taken over six weeks in the winter of 2019, 411 residents filled out the survey via Survey Monkey. More than 85% of respondents lived in 20007 zip code, the other 15% were in neighboring zip codes. 65% of respondents were between the ages of 35-64 and nearly all had children. 20% were ages 64+

Below are a selection of comments registered by survey participants:

*"Would love to make this a REAL community space!"*

*"It is important to focus on making this a strong community resource providing as best possible a safe place with a full range of activity spaces for ages pre-K through seniors."*

*"It is imperative that Jelleff be a multi-generational facility. Now it is only geared to youth. We have so many seniors in this neighborhood, and we have a need for programs."*

*"Jelleff needs to be rebranded as open to the community. It feels like a private gym and the activities on their fields/courts always seem associated with private leagues."*

*"Thanks for surveying the community."*

*"Very excited to see what the future holds for Jelleff!"*

# Chameleon Georgetown

Edith Schafer

We know that you want to be up to date on the latest trends so here is what you need to know, and it's from Japan where many cutting-edge ideas originate. Maybe you already know about Forest Bathing, but in case you don't there is probably still time for you catch up. Some of us only learned about it in February which was an odd time to learn about it because it seemed that it required one to take off one's clothes and dive into an available woodland pool. But that's not all there is to it, as you will see.

A small group of us went down into Dumbarton Oaks Park where we prepared ourselves for a new experience by trying to hear if the sap was running in the trees yet (it was too early) and generally absorbing the world around us. The Japanese call this shinrin-yoku and it is about reconnecting with nature and rejuvenating your life. Even though we may have gone as sceptics we went home as converts ready to try again in May. If you substitute 'immersion' for bathing and 'nature' for forest it all makes perfect sense. The Japanese have a different way of expressing themselves, but it's all about fighting nature deficit disorder which we have as much as they do.

If you can't find a suitable woodland pool, don't worry about it. It works anyway.



## MAPPING GEORGETOWN



### WHEN YOU THINK OF GEORGETOWN, DOES A FAVORITE IMAGE COME TO MIND?

Share your treasured moments with the world in an illustrated book that will be published by Georgetown resident, Marilyn Butler. Write to [mappinggeorgetown@gmail.com](mailto:mappinggeorgetown@gmail.com) to request a mapping template, ready for you to doodle, decorate and preserve what's special about our little corner of the universe. Or pick up a "Mapping Georgetown" template at the CAG office, located at 1365 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 200.

Feel free to take an extra one for a neighbor, friend or out-of-town guest. "Your responses will be treasured," notes Marilyn, and they will also be archived in the Georgetown collection at the Peabody Room of the Georgetown Public Library. Your completed map should be sent to Marilyn Butler, P.O. Box 25465, Washington DC 20027.

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# REMEMBERING RAY

**R**aymond Joseph Kukulski, a longtime Georgetown resident, died unexpectedly on January 10, 2019 at Georgetown University Hospital at age 77. He suffered a ruptured cerebral aneurysm.

Mr. Kukulski was born in Chicago, the son of Henry Kukulski and Josephine (Bies) Kukulski. He is survived by his sister, Mary Ann (Kukulski) Stinn; his niece, Lori (Stephen) Doerner and nephews David (Joanne) Stinn, Larry, Daniel, and Michael Stinn; great uncle to Elizabeth (Alec) Zurek and Nicholas (Shannah) Doerner, and Jacob Stinn; great-great uncle of Benjamin and Lillian Doerner and of Felicity and Asher Zurek.

After graduating from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota, Mr. Kukulski served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, including a tour as a gunnery officer on a destroyer, the USS John R. Craig, patrolling the South China Sea. He was subsequently posted to the Defense Nuclear Agency in Washington.

In civilian life, Mr. Kukulski first worked for Informatics, a company that developed software for managing complex legal cases. He subsequently worked in the Anti-Trust Division of the U. S. Department of Justice working on the Bell Telephone cases and later led the litigation support effort for several large pension cases being prosecuted by the Office of the Solicitor in the Department of Labor. Under his decade of leadership at the Labor Department, technological support was expanded from document intensive cases to all data analysis and evidence management for all of the Department's enforcement and program areas that required them.

Mr. Kukulski was very active in Georgetown civic affairs. He was a member of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E and its chairman. He served as President



of the Citizens Association of Georgetown for a three year term, during 2001-2004.

An avid and capable sailor, he crewed for close friends on Starbound, their wooden cruising ketch, joining them as they twice circumnavigated the globe. He visited the Leeward Islands, the Galapagos, the Marquesas, French Polynesia, the Indian Ocean, and South Africa among many other ports and countries. More recently, he traveled to Poland, Ireland, Bulgaria, France, England and Italy. A keen interest in military history drew him to battlefields, shipyards, and reenactments.

He was never happier than when restoring his home and working in his woodworking shop, an underground room often referred to as the "Bunker". Among his numerous, varied interests were historic preservation, protection and restoration of Chesapeake Bay and its tributary waters, and cultural offerings presented at the Kennedy Center, Tudor Place, and Dumbarton House.

Always willing to lend a hand or a tool to friends with projects to do, Mr. Kukulski was well known for his generous and cheerful nature. His outstanding hospitality regularly brought together a myriad of close and longtime friends who will cherish his memory.

*Credit: The Georgetownner*

## SAFETY TIPS FROM THE CAG PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Catherine Shaw, *Public Safety*

From ANC Commissioner Elizabeth Miller:

**Theft from Auto:** MPD reported at the March ANC 2E meeting that there had been 472 thefts from cars in the neighborhood to date - an 89% increase from last year!!! "Theft from Auto" is strictly a crime of opportunity and can be prevented if you remove the opportunity. Keep valuables out of sight (use your trunk). Never leave cell phones, computers, iPods, iPads, briefcases, backpacks, suit cases, bags from shops, packages to be dropped off at UPS, etc. in your car. Don't do it. Ever. Not even if you're going in to grab a coffee at Starbucks for 3 minutes (a friend had her daughter's backpack stolen at 3pm in the afternoon - lap top in back pack). Be vigilant! And always LOCK your car.

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# The House on R Street

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Once it was the center of power and glory. A place where Washington's elite gathered to discuss world affairs, where Presidents and Princesses dined. It was one of the most famous freestanding houses in Georgetown. Groundbreaking decisions were made there, for the woman who lived there was Katherine Graham, Publisher of the Washington Post. "Mrs. Graham", as she was known by most, hosted numerous soirées at her historic house at 2920 R Street. Her horseshoe driveway was often filled with the limousines of celebrities and captains of industry. One could only imagine the activity that swirled within.

Kay Graham died in 2001. The Graham house, once a place of distinction and hospitality, stands dark and deserted. Each time I pass by, I think of Mrs. Graham and the many other Georgetown doyens who filled their houses with the joyful noise of Gatsby-esque gatherings, lit them with candle light and filled them with music, conversation and camaraderie. Those day have passed, but hopefully, soon again, bright lights and gracious hosts will return to Georgetown, and the house on R Street will be restored to its former place of prominence.

## DE LA CRUZ GALLERY HOSTS CAG FOR TOUR OF GLENN LIGON EXHIBIT

CAG members joined Gallery Director Al Miner for an intimate tour of the latest art exhibit at GU's newest art gallery. This is the second private tour graciously offered exclusively to CAG members since the gallery opened last Fall.



Left: Artwork by Glenn Ligon on top of a wallpaper design featuring the Washington monument designed by Andy Warhol and never put into production. Photo credit: Hayley Pivato

Right: Pictured are Catherine Shaw, Carrington Tarr, Hayley Pivato, Cheryl Gray, Al Miner, Leslie Maysak, Katie Shannon, Rodrigo Yano and Jennie Beuhler



## AROUND TOWN: GEORGETOWN IN BLOOM

Spring has sprung in Georgetown! Beautiful blossoms accent the historic Renwick Chapel located on the grounds of Oak Hill cemetery.

Photo credit: Leslie Maysak

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND CALENDAR

**Apr 18**

**Dumbarton at Dusk: Architecture Edition** – 5:30–8 pm, Come see Dumbarton House in a whole new light. Enjoy free admission, live music, cash bar, light refreshments, pop up exhibits, and the ambiance of Dumbarton at Dusk. April is Architecture Month. Dumbarton House is participating by highlighting the architectural features of the museum, displaying blueprints, and making plaster of Paris mold magnets with Dumbarton at Dusk guests.

**Apr 24**

**Georgetown House Tour Patron Party–Carnot Residence**

**Apr 26-28**

**The Georgetown French Market** returns Friday through Sunday on Book Hill

**Apr 27**

**Georgetown House Tour–St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Apr 27**

**Georgetown Walking Tour: African American Communities–Dumbarton House**, 12:00–2 pm, Uncover the rich history of Georgetown's African-American communities. Begin your tour in Herring Hill and learn about the eighteenth-century community of enslaved and freed African-Americans who lived in the neighborhood. Continue exploring Georgetown and see the churches and schools established by African-American Georgetowners during the nineteenth century. Walking tour is two hours, rain or shine.  
<http://dumbartonhouse.org/events>

## PLANNING AHEAD

**May 10**

**Halcyon hosts Fast Forward conversation between host Marla Beck**, CEO and co-founder of Bluemercury, and Jean Case. Ms. Case advocates for the importance of embracing a more fearless approach to innovate and bring about transformational breakthrough and is the author of the new book *Be Fearless: 5 Principles for a Life of Breakthroughs and Purpose*.

**May 14**

**CAG Annual Meeting**, Dumbarton House 6:30-7 pm. New Member reception 6pm.

**May 22**

**27th Annual Tudor Place Spring Garden Party**. Bruce Whelihan, a stalwart and longtime supporter and former trustee, will be honored at the biggest fundraiser of the year.

**July 9**

**Georgetown's Annual Sunset Cinema summer outdoor movie kick off**



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