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Mayor Gray, Jack Evans, CAG Awards and Elections on May 30 at Dumbarton House

ayor Gray and Councilmember Jack Evans will be the featured speakers at CAG's annual awards and elections meeting on Wednesday, May 30. They will also help present CAG's prestigious awards to outstanding community leaders. The reception and meeting will be hosted this year by historic Dumbarton House at 2715 Q Street.

Annual Awards: The prestigious Belin Award will be presented to ANC2e Commissioner Ron Lewis for his expert and dedicated work in preserving the historic character of Georgetown.

Karen Daly at Dumbarton House will be honored with the William A. Cochran Award for "exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community's parkland and architectural resources."

The Charles Atherton Award will be presented to Ruth Werner, Committee Director in Jack Evans office, for "exceptional service by a dedicated public-sector professional for outstanding work preserving and protecting historic Georgetown." The Martin-Davidson Award to the business person who has contributed significantly to the community will be presented to Nancy Taylor Bubes of Washington Fine Properties.

Election of CAG officers and four directors will also take place at the May 30 meeting — which is the organization's annual meeting. The slate is Jennifer Altemus, President; Luca Pivato, Vice President; Topher Mathews, Secretary; Bob Laycock, Treasurer; and directors Diane Colasanto, Hazel Denton, Pamla Moore, and Bob vom Eigen. (See page 10). Treasurer Bob Laycock will report on the financial condition of the organization.

CAG members will also vote on proposed revisions to the bylaws which are posted on the CAG website, www.cagtown.org.

Please join CAG to hear from Mayor Gray and Jack Evans and to honor the members of our community who have made Georgetown a better place. The reception begins at 7 pm at Dumbarton House at 2715 Q Street. The meeting, the last one until September, begins at 7:30.

10th Anniversary Season of Concerts in the Parks

May 20 Concert is Pink and Green!



Kids singing with Rebecca McCabe

t's that time of year again! The weather is warm, the sun is shining, the flowers are in bloom, and the CAG Concerts in the Parks series is back in action Sunday, May 20 at Volta Park (34th and Q Street) at 5 o'clock.

CAG's first concert has a jam-packed line-up of activities for the entire family. Back by popular demand — Georgetown's own singer and song writer Rebecca McCabe will be performing her acoustic, country, pop rhythms and have the whole family singing and swaying.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Www.it's hard to believe it's May already. I LOVE spring in Georgetown. The flowers, the weather, the people out and about, my birthday... What's not to love? I hope you are able to make it to some of the exciting events coming up: the Garden Tour is this weekend, BabyLove's Tudor Place carnival is on May 12, Trees for Georgetown's fundraiser is May 16, the Georgetown Library's Artists Reception is May 17, Taste of Georgetown is June 2 and Volta Park Day is the following weekend.

I attended the one year anniversary celebration of the Dumbarton Oaks Park Conservancy project hosted by the Italian Embassy. Betsy Barlow Rogers, the founding president of the Central Park Conservancy, spoke about the incredible restoration of that Olmstead landmark. The pictures she showed demonstrated how much can be accomplished with a successful public private partnership. Using Central Park as their model, the Dumbarton Oaks Conservancy has taken on the 27 acres behind the mansion grounds. It's a big project but well worth it. They are going to start with one particular vista and move on from there. The fundraising goal for this first phase is \$75,000. More information can be found on their website www.dopark.org.

All of the parks in Georgetown benefit from these public private partnerships. The Friends of Rose Park is undertaking a major renovation project which will not be possible without private donations. The Friends of Volta Park hosts their annual (totally fun) fundraiser June 8 – 10. The Friends of Montrose Park is newly established and working on getting the tennis courts back into playing shape. And we are finally getting to enjoy the Waterfront Park!

Georgetown wouldn't be Georgetown without our parks. And, unfor-



Jennifer Altemus with Concerts Co-Chairs Elizabeth Miller holding Agnes and Renee Esfandiary Crupi holding Alexis

tunately, our tax dollars are not enough to maintain them. All of these organizations have websites with more information on how you can help. A little can go a long way. I encourage you to become a Friend!

The General Services Administration is in the process of selling the West Heating Plant on 29th near the Four Seasons. I had a chance to tour it and it felt like something out of a Terminator movie: 10 stories of old machinery in a dimly lit space with no one around. Very eerie. It was built in 1946-48 in order to provide heat to federal buildings in northwest DC (including the White House and State Department) and it hasn't been used in over ten years. But it has lots of green space abutting the canal.

GSA expects the Heating Plant will be offered in an online auction in September. I know that several developers are interested in it and I know that the Four Seasons would love to annex it to their current plot. From what I saw, it's going to cost a fortune to redevelop. But the spectacular views from the rooftop make it all seem worthwhile.

Since the property abuts Rock Creek, CAG and the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park would like to see part of the property converted into a park as was contemplated in the original Georgetown Waterfront Park plan adopted by the National Park Service. Ideally, GSA would include this as a condition of the sale but, so far, they haven't. They plan to put the property up for sale and be done with it. When GSA's new director, Dan Tangherlini, worked for the District he was involved with and supportive of the Georgetown Waterfront Park. We are hopeful that support will continue in his new role.

And, no President's Letter would be complete without an update on the GU Campus Plan. In early April the Zoning Commission granted the joint request made by Georgetown University, ANC 2E, CAG and the Burleith Citizens Association for a sixty day postponement of the filing dates in the GU Campus Plan case. We requested this in order to permit the opportunity for facilitated discussions regarding the terms and conditions of the Georgetown University Campus Plan. The new filing dates are now June 11th and June 18th with the narrow-scope hearing postponed from April 30th to June 25th.

Of course, our goal is to reach areas of agreement that work for all of us. We have tried negotiations before with little success. But we have been assured that all issues are on the table and that productive discussions with ensue. The University has new personnel in key positions who seem to be willing to think creatively on a long term solution to the problem. With the Zoning Commission stating unequivocally that we have proven our case that the University is responsible for adverse impacts on the community ----I feel we have a strong negotiating position. I am hopeful that in the next month I will be able to report some good news.

-Jennifer Altemus

ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

Mountain Pose

hanging aspects of Georgetown? You bet, time marches on. Even here, especially here. Has life gotten more complicated? Yes and no. It was always complicated, it's just that time has compressed, and everything is more rushed. We have a lot more gadgets and devices than we used to and they demand our attention. We can't seem to hide from them, and they always want quick answers, NOW. So we are awash in busyness, multitasking, flitting from one task to the next. The pace has guickened, this may make us feel important, perhaps sought after, but maybe frantic, overwhelmed? How do we cope with it?



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Stress victims of the early 21st century take heed, there is help. This is a dispatch from someone fresh from mountains in Mexico. It is about yoga. Exercise is useful too, but here we are going to talk about yoga. If attitudes from ancient India have infiltrated our little federal village, that's good. Everybody likes serenity.

Please bear in mind the following are thoughts from a novice. About yoga, you know the general idea: yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual discipline. Its goal is the attainment of insight and tranquility.

It's about surrender and discipline. Surrender means living in the moment, mindfulness. Getting rid of self-will, even briefly. Getting rid of the detritus of the past and the wreckage of the future. Everybody's past probably has some detritus, but how do we know the future has wreckage? Well, we don't, but we shouldn't worry about it, and don't have to if we stay in the present moment. Yoga is an intense physical and mental workout and you don't keep score.

How to get there, how to stay there? One size does not fit all. There are many forms of yoga, some hot, some cold, some flowing, some still. (Meditation) Then there are all those poses. I was quite taken with the poses: mountain pose, warrior pose (not as fierce as it sounds) saluting the sun, and more. All this is available right here in Georgetown.

Not yet a convert, but yes, an admirer, I found yoga useful and pleasant when I explored it on a recent trip to the mountains of Baja, Mexico. Saluting the sun in the mountains in a beautiful place is not bad. Saluting the sun and standing tall right here at home is not bad either, if I could remember to do it. But wait, first I have to check my iPhone, don't I? No, hyperactivity is just an escape from being in the moment. Just say no to it. Look for the still center.

Namaste.

-Edith Schafer

TREES FOR GEORGETOWN SPRING CELEBRATION May 16, 6:30-8:30 pm • 3327 N Street NW

Please join Trees for Georgetown on Wednesday, May 16, at the home of Patrick McGettigan, a house with a history.

Mr. McGettigan's house is one of a row of five "spec" houses built in 1817 by the mayor of Georgetown, John Cox. These were grand houses, in the Federal style, with stables for horses in the back, and became known as Cox's Row. Mr. Cox gave 3327 to his daughter. The house underwent many changes over the years, including division into apartments, until it was purchased and beautifully renovated by Mr. McGettigan in 1998.

Trees for Georgetown plants, cares for, and maintains residential street trees in Georgetown and has planted over 2,000 trees. Just one new tree costs \$900 to purchase, plant, and provide protective tree box fencing. We need your help to keep Trees for Georgetown growing!

For tickets and information contact: Betsy Emes, betsyemes@aol.com.

CAG Concerts in the Parks 2012 continued from cover

This year's May concert theme is "Pink and Green" to raise awareness for breast cancer and highlight the importance of living green. Concert-goers will be able to plant seedlings and decorate t-shirts. There will be information about both the city's re-cycling program and local efforts in the fight against breast cancer.

Sprinkles has donated cupcakes, Häagen-Dazs will be giving away ice cream cones, and the Ball or Nothing



Caroline Kuhnert enjoys a SnoCone

Mark your calendars for the rest of the series. Fathers' Day activities will highlight the Sunday, June 17 concert featuring the Morrison Brothers Band at 5pm in Volta Park. A special 4th of July

Food Truck, run by

the brother of Con-

certs in the Park

founder Elizabeth

Miller, will be on

sure to don your

award for most

inspired outfit!

preppiest pink and

green duds to win an

hand selling delicious

gourmet meatballs. Be

celebration concert will be held on Wednesday, July 4 at Rose Park featuring a parade at 4:30pm and the By & By Bluegrass performance at 5.

CAG thanks all our generous corporate and private supporters: Nancy Taylor Bubes and Washington Fine Properties, Tutt Taylor and Rankin/Sotheby's International Realty, Long & Foster Realtors, The Friends of Rose Park, The Friends of Volta Park, Georgetown University Hospital, Georgetown Floorcoverings, *The Georgetown Current*, *The Georgetown Dish*.

> —Hannah Isles Concerts Committee

Get Involved with Trees

rees for Georgetown, a CAG committee, has been working with Casey Trees and the DC Government's Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) to plant and maintain trees on residential streets. We are a very active group. We organize a major fundraiser each spring, raising about \$50,000, and we operate a telephone hotline, providing information and advice.

But we need help! We especially want to reduce the extraordinary burden on our hardworking chair, Betsy Emes. Specifically, we need volunteers to work on the following:

- To decide which of the many empty tree boxes will get the approximately 50 trees we plant each year. UFA gives us a list of eligible tree boxes; we decide which are the most appropriate for TFG planting.
- To monitor the first year after planting, in order to match our excellent 2011 results, in which we lost only one tree. We check to assure that trees were planted in the correct box; that the wrought iron fence is properly installed; that there is an ooze tube filled on a regular basis.
- To follow up on the health of the trees planted in the previous two years. We determine during the growing season whether the trees require additional (and very expensive) watering or if any trees need to be replaced.
- To write occasional articles for the GeorgetownForum, CAG Newsletter, and other outlets, and to periodically update CAG's website to be sure relevant articles are posted.

Please contact me or Betsy Emes, betsyemes@aol.com.

- Patrick Clawson, clawsonp@aol.com

NEWSBYTES

The **Georgetown Farmers Market in Rose Park** is starting Wednesday May 2nd from 3-7pm, rain or shine... The demolition debris from the old fountain at **Washington Harbour** has been taken away getting ready to start the new ice rink ... **M&T Bank** is moving in at the former Commander Salamander space, 1420 Wisconsin Avenue... The new "fast casual" Asian cuisine spot, **Shophouse**, is moving into the old Furin's space at 2805 M Street ... Demolition for the new condos being put in at the **old Hurt Home** on R Street is slated to begin in June and will last two months...**Nike** is planning a grand opening for 2013 with a major run featuring star athletes in May 2013... The National Park Service started reinstalling the swing gates on **Thos. Jefferson Street** and the canal will then fill again with water from 31st Street west to Maryland... Once the canal is filled, the **old canal tour boat** will float west where a crane will haul it out for its final trip to a museum.

The Man Nobody Knew: Carl Colby on his Father William Colby



Lucy Thrasher and Carl Colby



Hans and Helen Kaper with Martine and Guy deLusignan on the library terrace

arl Colby captivated the audience at the Citizens Association of Georgetown meeting as he talked about his new documentary film, *The Man Nobody Knew: In Search of My Father, CIA Spymaster William Colby.*

Following a reception on the terrace of the Georgetown Library overlooking the city, more than 100 people reconvened in the library meeting room to see a clip from the film about former Georgetown resident, William E. Colby, who was the Director of the CIA. Carl said he made the film to "find the father who was a ghost-like presence in the family home" as well as tell the story of the intelligence officer who became a major force in American history. William Colby rose through the ranks of "The Company," and was involved in covert operations in hot spots around the globe. He swayed elections against the Communists in Italy, oversaw the coup against President Diem in Saigon, and ran the controversial Phoenix Program in Vietnam, which sparked today's legacy of counter-insurgency.

Carl recounted numerous stories about his father: his friendship and admiration for Wild Bill Donovan; his parachuting into Nazi-occupied Europe as a young OSS officer (and almost shooting the resistance contact by mistake); and his reservations about the over throw of Vietnam President Diem. When Carl asked about the latter, his father said "I didn't support it but I didn't resign because I'm not a quitter. I can do more from the inside." Carl drew the portrait of an intensely loyal man who respected the chain of command but who communicated little with his family. As a child Carl said to him "I hear you are like James Bond," to which his father replied "Let's just keep it our little secret."

The film, now available on DVD and Blu-Ray at Amazon, Netflix and at First Run Features at www.firstrunfeatures.com, is a mix of rare archival footage, never-before-seen photos, and interviews with the "who's who" of American intelligence, including former National Security Advisers Brent Scowcroft and Zbigniew Brzezinski, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former Secretary of Defense and Director of CIA James Schlesinger, as well journalists Bob Woodward and Seymour Hersh. Carl said these interviews were not easy to get "just because I am the son" and explained to the audience how he convinced people to talk to him about his father.

Carl, who was born in Washington and graduated from Georgetown University, was greeted by a number of people who knew him or his parents over the years. He graciously acknowledged the family friends, journalists and intelligence community people in the audience during the Q+A session.

Guests also enjoyed a special display of CIA and intelligence related books put together by Georgetown Library Manager Lucy Thrasher. Everyone enjoyed special treats from the Pie Sisters — Alli, Erin and Cat Blakely — who provided dozens of their signature miniature "cuppies" for the reception.

-Betsy Cooley



Carl Colby greats friends

More Public Safety Block Captains

AG's block captain program continues to grow! Eight new volunteers signed up to be block captains in the last few months. They will serve as "crime communication central" for the residents on their block, passing on important messages from CAG about public safety and helping their neighbors work together to make their blocks cleaner, safer, and friendlier.

CAG's newest block captains are: Cherry Baumbusch (1400 block of 34th St.); Abigail Blomstrom (27th St. between Dumbarton and O); Nancy Taylor Bubes (31st St. between Q and Avon); Richard Hoppe (1500 block of 27th St.); Lilia Kakaradova (34th St. between Dent and Reservoir); Rula Norregaard (3000 block of Cambridge Place and 3000 block of Dent Place); Avery Miller (2800 block of R Street); and Susan Silverman (2800 block of Q St.). We're so pleased to have them on board!

What kind of information do the block captains pass along to their neighbors? The emails sent over the past several weeks give a good example. Over that period of time we alerted CAG's block captains to a series of burglaries in the neighborhood in homes where a door or window was left unlocked (and later also reported that an arrest had been made relating to a few of these cases). Block captains also learned the details of an attempted home invasion on the east side so they could warn their neighbors not to open their door to any strangers lacking proper ID. And just this week we circulated information about crime safety tips and police contacts that Officer Atkins distributed at one of the "meet and greet" sessions he conducts on Saturday mornings hosted by block captains.

The new volunteers bring CAG's block captain total to 73, covering 86 residential blocks. There are still many blocks in Georgetown that don't have a block captain vet. Check out the list in this Newsletter to find out who is block captain for your block. If no one is listed, please consider volunteering to be a block captain yourself. Contact Betsy Cooley at the CAG office, or send me an email at dcolasanto@gmail.com and we will fill you in on all the details. It's easy to do; it has a big impact on our quality of life; and it is a great way to get to know your neighbors!

> —Diane Colasanto Public Safety Committee

Sunny Safety Gathering



Maggie Handel and other CAG block captains hosted neighbors Saturday April 14 in Rose park to discuss safety issues with MPD Commander Michael Reese, Officer Antonial Atkins and other MPD officers.

CAG Public Safety Block Captains April 2012

Block Captain		Coordinators	Diane Colasanto + Bev Casserly	dcolasanto@gmail.com
Block	Street	NEW!!	Name	E-mail
1400	26th		David Abrams	jake.chase@juno.com
1500	26th		Michael Gerrior	michael@garchitectural.com
1200	27th (bet N and Olive)		Maggie Handel	maggie_handel@cotyinc.com
1300	27th (bet. N and Dumb)		Maggie Handel	maggie_handel@cotyinc.com
1300	27th (bet. Dumb and O)	NEW!!	Abby Blomstrom	abigail.blomstrom@teamaol.com
1400	27th		Benjamin Dean	benjamin_dean@hotmail.com
1500	27th	NEW!!	Richard Hoppe	rmhoppe@verizon.net
1200	28th (bet. M and Olive)		Janet Sumner (Jay)	jay.sumner15@yahoo.com
1200	28th (bet Olive and N)		Janet Sumner (Jay)	jay.sumner15@yahoo.com
1300	28th (bet. N and Dumb)		Teel Oliver	teeloliver@me.com

CAG Public Safety Block Captains April 2012 continued

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Block	Street	NEW!!	Name	E-mail
1300	29th (bet. N and Dumb)		Javed Hamid	javedhamid@comcast.net
1400	29th		Clarisa Ringlien	cringlien@gmail.com
1500	29th		Catharine Snowdon	catharine.snowdon@verizon.net
1000	30th		Ray Kukulski	RayKukulski@cagtown.org
1200	30th (bet M and Olive)		Anne Abramson	anneabramson100@yahoo.com
1300	30th (bet. Dumb and O)		Carla Bicks	rusher6323@aol.com
1400	30th		Virginia Poole	vpoole@earthlink.net
1500	30th		Shannon Warner	shannonhamm2@gmail.com
1600	30th		Traci Siegel	tracisiegel@gmail.com
1000	31st		John Hopkins	johnlhopkins@mindspring.com
1400	31st		Sara Mashek	saramashek@gmail.com
1600	31st (bet. Avon and R)		Kathryn Lyle	klwellness@aol.com
1600	31st (bet. Q and Avon)	NEW!!	Nancy Taylor Bubes	nancy.taylorbubes@wfp.com
1500	32nd		Judy Bunnell	judith.bunnell@yahoo.com
1600	32nd		Brad Gray	bradgray1@comcast.net
1200	33rd		Renee Esfandiary Crupi	esfandiaryr@sec.gov
1300	33rd		Renee Esfandiary Crupi	esfandiaryr@sec.gov
1400	33rd		Renee Esfandiary Crupi	esfandiaryr@sec.gov
1500	33rd		Patrick Clawson	clawsonp@aol.com
1200	34th		Jonathan Goldblatt	jonathangoldblatt@yahoo.com
1300	34th		John Salisbury	weedram2002@yahoo.com
1400	34th	NEW!!	Cherry Baumbusch	cherrybaumbusch@mac.com
1600	34th (bet Q+Dent)		Mark Grayson	graysondc@gmail.com
1600	34th (bet Dent+Reservoir)	NEW!!	Lilia Kakaradova	lilivass@yahoo.com
1700	34th		Karen Eastridge	kareneastridge@hotmail.com
1200	35th		Eric Weiss	tellericweiss@gmail.com
1600	35th (even #s)		Beverley Casserly	gypsy64526@aol.com
1400	36th		Michelle Galler	mgaller443@gmail.com
2700	N		Maggie Handel	maggie_handel@cotyinc.com
2900	N		Karen Morrison	karen.b.morrison@comcast.net
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2900	P		Henry Townsend	bus.henry@gmail.com
3000	P		Virginia Poole	vpoole@earthlink.net
3200	P		Constance Chatfield-Taylor	constance@fc-tv.com
3300	P		Barbara Downs	otoobad@comcast.net
2500	Q		Kenny Kraft	kenny.kraft6@gmail.com
2800	Q	NEW!!	Susan Silverman	sgms63@hotmail.com
3000	Q		Celia Ward	drcelia1@gmail.com
2800	R	NEW!!	Avery Miller	avery.s.miller@abc.com

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CAG Public Safety Block Captains April 2012 continued

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3000	R		Ellie Budic	ellie.budic@verizon.net
1600	Avon Place		Kara Lang	karaclang@gmail.com
3000	Avon Ln.		Kathryn Lyle	klwellness@aol.com
3000	Cambridge	NEW!!	Rula Norregaard	rnorregaard@msn.com
1000	Cecil Pl.		Leonard Ellen	leonard1965@hotmail.com
3000	Dent Pl.	NEW!!	Rula Norregaard	rnorregaard@msn.com
2600	Dumbarton		Perry Trimble	perry.trimble@db.com
2700	Dumbarton		Perry Trimble	perry.trimble@db.com
2800	Dumbarton		Debra Abell	debraabell@georgetownconciergeservice.com
2500	East Pl.		Michael Gerrior	michael@garchitectural.com
2600	East Pl.		Michael Gerrior	michael@garchitectural.com
2700	Olive St.		Cheryl Gray	cherylwgray@yahoo.com
2800	Olive St.		Caroline Scullin	carolinescullin@aol.com
2900	Olive St.		Craig Wilson	cwilson@usatoday.com
1200	Potomac St.		Sara Carroll	sarafcarroll09@yahoo.com
1300	Potomac St.		Sara Carroll	sarafcarroll09@yahoo.com
3200	Prospect St.		Sara Carroll	sarafcarroll09@yahoo.com
3500	Prospect St.		Shannon Pryor	shannolater@alumni.williams.edu
3600	Prospect St.		Shannon Pryor	shannolater@alumni.williams.edu
3300	Reservoir Rd.		Hans and Hillegonde (Helen) Kaper	hkapervb@mac.com, hgkaper@me.com
3200	Volta PI.		Josh & Amy Kuhnert	guskuhnert@gmail.com
3300	Volta PI.		Kim Betz	kimberbetz@aol.com
3400	Volta PI.		Sally Davidson	sallyfdavidson@aol.com
	The Cloisters		Beverley Casserly	gypsy64526@aol.com

Easy New Way to Report Water Problems

ustomers who spot water or sewer problems in the District may now send photos and their location to DC Water through their mobile web browsers. The mobile report-a-problem page at dcwater.com/problem joins the @dcwater Twitter feed and 612-3400 Command Center hotline as another easy, instant way to reach the water utility.

"We count on the public to be our eyes and ears in the field, because we can't be everywhere at once," said DC Water General Manager George S. Hawkins. "Now we've linked those eyes and ears directly to our Command Center in a way that makes it even easier to let us know what's happening."

The new web page will capture the problem location using a smart

phone's geo-location technology when available, saving the customer the trouble of typing in an address and increasing accuracy. Users may also upload photos, saving DC Water valuable time by helping to diagnose the problem before dispatching a repair crew. An instant, automated response with tracking number completes the transaction.

"Web-enabled phones and tablets are more popular than ever, and the District is a city of connected people," said DC Water Chief Information Officer Omer Siddiqui. "We've taken an interaction that used to take minutes and shaved it down to seconds, which helps our customers as they help us."

Contact Information: Alan Heymann; 202-787-2616; Alan.Heymann@dcwater.com



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BabyLove Carnival Saturday May 12



used clothing and gear to needy infants and children in the Nation's Capital. Special guests include George Stephanopoulos of "Good Morning America" and Septime Webre, Artistic Director of the Washington Ballet. The fun lasts from 10am-1pm at Tudor Place, 1644 31st Street NW. For more information, and to register, visit www.babylovedc.org.

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dalton pratt.

▼ ophisticated, refined, smart and unique — that's what you'll find at dalton pratt., one of Georgetown's newest boutiques for women's fashion accessories and home furnishings. Owners Caroline Dalton and Brittany Carlson strive to be different - and they are. Much of their merchandise cannot be found anywhere else in the area, from Gin Fizz — Grace Kelly's favorite scent — to Carine Letessier handbags decorated with vintage French scarves. Particularly unusual are the Clara Williams necklaces with interchangeable magnetic pendants that can also convert your evening clutch to a bag with a handle.

Upstairs, home furnishings include coffee tables of agate; boxes, frames and trays of shagreen; Wayland Gregory ceramics and original paintings by local artists. My favorite is an adorable "drinks" table made in a metal, leopard design, just big enough for one drink. Service at **dalton pratt**. is enthusiastic and personal with complimentary gift wrapping; local delivery and shipping are available.

Full disclosure: Caroline is my niece, but even if she wasn't, I'd love this intriguing store!

dalton pratt, 1742 Wisconsin Avenue NW, 333-3256, daltonprattdc.com.

-Betsy Emes

GEORGETOWN Baby BOOM

Congratulations and a Warm Welcome to the New Little Ones

Jennifer & Michael Spence on Prospect Street Colin Liu Spence — April 1st Elizabeth Arens & Topher Mathews on 33rd Street Eleanor Hart Mathews — JANUARY 8TH



From May 14 to 18, Sprinkles Georgetown is donating the proceeds from our vanilla cupcakes to the Citizens Association of Georgetown. Just look for the green tree to know you're eating for a great cause!



Slate for CAG Officers and Directors; Bylaws Changes

The nominating committee has proposed the new slate of officers and four of the directors. The proposed bylaw changes were in last month's newsletter and are posted on the website at www.cagtown.org. Voting will be held at the May 30 meeting.

President — Jennifer Altemus

Jennifer, raised in the Washington DC area, graduated from Georgetown University in 1988. She has worked for Capital Management Restaurants (J Pauls, Paolos, Georgetown Seafood Grill, and the River Club) and the Austin Grill. Currently, she is an event planner at the Library of Congress. An Georgetown resident for over seventeen years, Jennifer has served on the CAG Board for five years, co-chaired the Fall Gala Committee for four years and is active on GU Relations Committee. She is also CAG's representative with the Georgetown business community. She lives on Potomac Street.

Vice President — Luca Pivato

Gianluca Pivato moved to Washington, DC from Italy over 16 years ago and settled in Georgetown in 2001. He works for companies all over the world offering IT services, consulting, and technology to modernize legacy systems. As Vice President of the CAG Board, Luca Co-Chairs the Public Safety Committee assisting with MPD and block captain issues and is active on the GU Relations Committee. He also helps CAG with numerous IT projects.

Secretary — Topher Mathews

Topher, a Connecticut-native, moved to DC in 1999 to attend American University Washington College of Law. In 2003 he moved to R Street across from Montrose Park. In 2008 he started the Georgetown Metropolitan, a website covering news and issues affecting the Georgetown neighborhood. He continues to write for the site daily and produces over 700 articles a year. He also serves as a member of CAG's Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee. In 2009 he married his wife at Dumbarton House and they, and new baby Eleanor, now live on 33rd Street.

Treasurer — Bob Laycock

Bob, a CPA who lives on the West side, currently serves as Board Treasurer. He is a Professor Emeritus of Accounting at Montgomery College and Professorial Lecturer in Accounting at George Washington University. Bob has worked with the Trees for Georgetown committee for ten years and is an active Friend of Book Hill Park, having donated and helped plant hundreds of daffodils. Bob lives on O Street.

Director — Diane Colasanto

Diane, a resident on O Street, moved to Georgetown from New Jersey after retiring from a career as a public opinion researcher in 2003. Currently a Director, she is chair of the membership committee, an active member of the public safety committee and lead person recruiting and coordinating block captains. Diane also is helping CAG transition to an interactive database and website.

Director — Hazel Denton

Hazel Denton has lived on P Street for 16 years, during which time she has been active in a number of neighborhood activities and organizations including CAG where she has been involved in traffic, parking and other transportation issues. Hazel currently works as a consultant in health and population issues, teaches at SAIS (Johns Hopkins), Georgetown, and at the Academy of Hope. Previously Hazel had a 20-year career at the World Bank, preceded by government service, academia (Harvard Business School), and in advertising and marketing in London prior to coming to this country. She has a PhD in Economics from Harvard University.

Director — Bob vom Eigen

Bob and his wife, Ann, have lived and raised their children in Georgetown since 1978. Bob practiced law in Washington since 1970 until he retired in 2011 from the firm of Foley & Lardner LLP, located at Washington Harbour. He has served as President of the Friends of Georgetown Waterfront Park (FOGWP) since 2006, and served on the fundraising committee of the Georgetown Waterfront Park Commission that preceded FOGWP's creation. Bob also serves as the Vice President and Director of the Georgetown Village, which provides volunteer assistance to seniors living in Georgetown and Burleith. Bob became a CAG director in 2011, and serves on the Historic Preservation/Zoning subcommittee of CAG.

Director — Pamla Moore

Pamla Moore has lived on Dumbarton Street for 21 years, owned a Georgetown development and public relations firm for 10 years (1993 - 2003) and is a founding and current board member and pastpresident of Friends of Rose Park, Inc. Currently a Director, she chairs the Historic Preservation and Zoning Committee. She is married to Powell Moore and shares the joy of seven grandchildren.

> —Barbara Downs, Chair Nominating Committee

Jackson Art Center Open House May 20th

The Jackson Art Center is housed in the brick Victorian building across from Montrose Park on R Street. Home to the studios of more than thirty artists, sculptors, ceramicists, and photographers, the center is opening its doors for its semi-annual Open House on Sunday, May 20th between noon and 5pm. Stop by 3048 1/2 R Street NW to witness the gallery of spring paintings lining the hallways and enjoy light refreshments and live music. Free and open to the public. Visit www.jacksonartcenter.com or call 306-1722 for more information.

A Tour of GSA's West Heating Plant

s interior photographing is not allowed, how to describe the interior of GSA's West Heating Plant?

A way to think of it is as a set for film noir movies of the 1940's or... the movie Blade Runner. The style of *film noir*, as described by Wiki, is "stark light/dark contrasts and dramatic shadow patterning-a style known as chiaroscuro)". Shadows are a key feature of film noir, thus a typical reliance on black and white cinematography. Inside, the plant is a dark and foreboding collage of immense hulking machinery, steel girders, catwalks, and coiling pipes, illuminated by narrow shafts of light from stripes of vertical windows, grimed over time. As a set, it lacks only wafting clouds of steam and the throttled roar of the five boilers to create a sense of dread. After climbing flight after flight of open grated stairs, one arrives at the building roof, and the effect is transformational. A transformation from claustrophobic, industrial brutalism to a bright vista of uninterrupted horizon. The view is awesome.



View from the old heating plant

Some particulars. Several of the boilers are so large that they were installed during construction, and the plant built around them. The plant itself and the large yard area to its south were built on a concrete pad, as much as three to four feet thick. The thickness of the concrete has likely minimized any contamination of the soil beneath, and capped any hazardous pollutants that were present when the plant was originally built 65 years ago. The roof has three levels: the lowest covers the footprint of the entire building. A second higher level is set back from the former, and offers the view. A smaller and inaccessible third level, 10-12 feet high, cloaks the vent

stacks for the boilers. And the inside of the plant is full of asbestos.

The auction of the plant as surplus property is proceeding, although the process was delayed by an appeal of a determination that the plant was not suitable for future conversion to a homeless shelter. No homeless shelter can afford the many millions it will cost simply to remove the machinery and asbestos from the plant, even before undertaking its renovation into living space. Thus, everyone expects the sale to proceed.

-Walter Groszyk





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Sat. May 12	Civil War Georgetown Walking Tours; Tudor Place house tour through the eyes of those living through the Civil War at 10:30am; walking tour through the streets of Georgetown at 1pm; members \$8 for one tour or \$12 for both, nonmembers \$10 for one or \$15 for both; 1644 31st Street; www.tudor-place.org.				
Tues. May 15	Chamber Music by the Friday Morning Music Club;12pm; free but pre-registering suggested; Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street NW; www.dumbartonhouse.org for more information.				
Wed. May 16	Trees for Georgetown Celebration; 6:30-8:30pm; home of Patrick McGettigan, 3327 N Street; See p. 3.				
Thurs. May 17	Georgetown Village Presents: Skincare and Cosmetic Surgery: How to Look your Best; 6:30pm; plastic surgeon Dr. Diane Colgan talks about the latest trends in skincare and hosts a Q&A Blake Hall, St. John's Church, 3240 O Street; RSVP 999-8988 or email lynn@georgetown-village.org.				
Sun. May 20	Jackson School Open House; 12-5pm; enjoy light refreshments and live music while viewing paintings, sculp- tures, pottery, and more; 3048 1/2 R Street NW; free; for more information visit www.jacksonartcenter.com.				
Sun. May 20	CAG Concert in the Park featuring Rebecca McCabe; 5pm; Volta Park, 34th & Q Streets.				
Tues. May 22	Ancient Greeks/Modern Lives Lecture: Rites of Passage; 7pm; Dr. Judith Hallet, Professor of Classics at U. Maryland College Park will be exploring Roman holidays and rites of passage for warriors and women; Georgetown Library, 3260 R Street; visit www.dclibrary.org/ancientgreeks.				
Wed. May 30	CAG Meeting: Mayor Gray and Councilman Jack Evans Speaks; CAG Awards and Election of Officers; reception 7pm, program at 7:30pm; Dumbarton House, 2715 Q Street.				
Mon. June 4	ANC 2E Public Meeting; 6:30pm; Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; www.anc2e.com.				