

DUPONT CIRCLE *Village*

Shattering the Stereotype

“Two and
two make five”

— George Orwell, 1984

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Welcome New Members!

Frederick Ahearn
Peter O'Boyle
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Norman Peters
Ali Rebatchi
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Did You Know? Dupont Circle Village's Health & Wellness Services

Did you know the vast array of services that your Village membership offers you? In the area of Health and Wellness, the Village has expanded the services

By Bob McDonald available over the past few years.

This expansion has been overseen by the Health and Wellness Committee under the direction of its Chair, Sarah Burger, working in close collaboration with Eva M. Lucero, our Executive Director. The Committee has worked diligently in developing enhanced services as well as personnel resources, both professional and volunteer.

For most of us, our attention probably does not focus on such services until we need them. Then suddenly some health challenge comes along and our needs change. It can be a fall, a lab report, a new diagnosis, a bout with depression, a change in our abilities. Whatever it is, we experience a need and wonder where to turn to get assistance.

The Village wants you to know that we are there with you to offer information, strategies, programs, help, and support. One of our goals as the Health and Wellness Committee is to make information

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President's Notes



David Schwarz

Once in a while, it's worth reminding ourselves what a bargain we get with our Village membership. Single members pay \$400/year (couples somewhat less per person). For that we get a wide array of cultural and social activities; multiple yoga, tai chi and meditation sessions each week; volunteer help when we need it; access to a social worker/case manager and a geriatric nurse; vaccination clinics; and the wisdom and knowledge of our 320+ membership. In fact, while we offer our members more social opportunities and services than any other village in DC, we are the bargain-basement outlier among those that have professional staff. More typical is the fee structure of Georgetown or Cleveland-Woodley Park, where individuals pay around \$600 (and couples around \$900) for full-service membership.

How do we do that? It is not by having lower expenses: it costs almost \$1,300/member to run DCV. Our biggest expense is compensation for our great staff and contractors. But we also have to pay for our facilities. Unlike several of our sister villages, we have no free neighborhood venues for our use — no library, senior center, or other easily accessible public space. So, we make up the difference between our dues and our costs in two ways. The first is by receiving grants from

the District of Columbia — currently providing about 12.5% of our budget. Second, and more importantly, we rely on the generosity of our more well-off members. Donations in various forms and the income from bequests cover about 67% of our expenses. Because of that generosity — your generosity — DCV has a comfortable \$1.4 million in reserves. Among other things, that enabled us to actually reduce individual membership dues (from \$500 to \$400) five years ago, along with providing free membership to our longer-term members once they turn 85. It also underwrites our ability to reduce or waive dues for our low-income members. And we have generally been able to balance our budget while increasing the level of service we provide year after year.

However, that picture is beginning to change — reflecting both good and bad news. The good news is that we have been growing — not because we have been actively recruiting, but simply, and organically, through word-of-mouth recommendation. Five years ago, our membership was around 250. Currently it is around 325. We (the leadership and Board) think this is a good thing. Our members are our ultimate asset: everyone who joins brings a new set of talents, experience and social connections to the Village, and, yes, in some cases, also financial resources. But, in the short term,

increased membership also means increased expenses — especially for staff and facilities to expand our service capacity. To make some of the necessary investments, the Board this year approved a deficit budget that spends \$40K more than we anticipate taking in. We felt comfortable with this deficit, because of its minimal impact on our reserves.

But there is also some bad news. To begin with, our continued support from DC is now in doubt, with our grant likely to be cut in 2026 and possibly discontinued altogether in the out years. In addition, we are likely to need an additional \$30K for staffing in the coming year. Add to that the generally increased cost of everything, and it looks like this year's \$40K deficit could easily balloon to \$100K in 2026. While our reserves could still handle that deficit level short-term, it is not sustainable long-term if we want to secure the financial future of the Village.

So, what to do? We want to continue growing — and to continue growing the services and events and classes that make the Village valuable to our members. But we will look hard at whether we are spending money unnecessarily, especially for the expenses responsible for this year's deficit. Beyond that, we need to look at our revenue, including dues. While we do not want to raise our dues to the level of our sister villages, we could still consider a modest increase. By itself, that would not close financial gap, but it would help. Beyond that, we will certainly focus on additional fundraising. This will include the roll-out of planned giving and legacy donation programs for those of our members who can and want to underwrite our long-term financial health. Certainly, we are not facing anything like a crisis at this point. But we can no longer afford to be complacent either.

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on these services more accessible and understandable. During this month of September, we are focusing on two channels to help acquaint you with our services.

First of all, the Village has made a major revision to our website at www.dupontcirclevillage.net. There is a brand-new **Health & Wellness** section on the website. I invite you to take a look at this. On the main Health & Wellness page we distinguish between those services that are directly **Related to Medical Issues** and those **Related to Living Healthy and Well-Being**. The following lists provide you with the variety of services. As you review the website, you will learn more about each of them.

Services Related to Medical Issues:

- Care Management / Professional Support Services
 - Social Worker
 - Health Care Manager
- Villager Care Committee
- Care Groups
- Meal Mavens
- Medical Notetaking
- Understanding Medical Reports and Terminology
- Friendly Calls and Visits
- Vaccination Clinics
- Volunteer Services

Services Related to Living Healthy and Well-Being:

- Live and Learn Program
- Choosing the Right Facility
- Villager to Villager Support for Health and Well-Being
- My Way: Preparing for the Inevitable

- Navigating the Path Ahead
- Physical / Mental Activity Programs
- Personal and Home Safety
- Resources and Referrals

In addition to the lists of services, the Health & Wellness section of the website also provides a section of FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions.

We hope you take a look at the website and become more familiar with our services.

The second channel to improve awareness of DCV's Health & Wellness services is a special session of the **Live and Learn Program** scheduled for **Monday, September 29 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm**. At this session to be held in-person in the Quaker House Living Room above the Village office. Our professional staff will review and explain these services and will provide ample time for questions and answers. The presenters will include:

Eva M. Lucero, DCV Executive Director
Meaghan McMahon, DCV Social Worker
Lee Reed, RN, DCV Health Navigator
Villagers who regularly attend DVV's Navigating the Path Forward

The presenters will also explain the processes for accessing the services.

We hope to see you there on September 29!



Quick Bites

If you like Thai food, you will love **Sura**, a small family run restaurant at 2016 P Street. Four of us (repeat customers) went during Happy Hour (4:00-6:00, Monday-Thursday) to be ahead of the crowds. We shared family style food. Each delicious dish is served quickly, as it's ready. We ordered sesame rice chips & dip, jerk Pa's dumplings, quail egg wontons, calamari, garlic shrimp Kari rice. The presentation, aroma and flavors of each was amazing. Sura has a cozy vibe - small, basement restaurant with eleven steps to go down as you enter. When it's busy (particularly on weekends) the noise level is high. It's at the corner of Hopkins & P Streets and could easily be missed but search, stop and find. You'll be rewarded with a flavorful unique meal. — *Nancy Turnbull*

Note for groups: staff does not issue individual checks.

September Calendar

Visit the DCV website [calendar](#) to find further information for each event listed below.

REGISTER Online, or at admin@dupontcirclevillage.net, or contact DCV Office at (202) 436-5252

Monthly Soup Salon will resume in October

Happy Hour — Baby Shank Restaurant and Bar

Wednesday, September 3rd, 5:00 — 6:30 pm

Location: 1602 U St, NW

Registration Deadline: September 2nd

Contact: nys2dc@gmail.com or (585) 469-1182

DCV Annual Ice Cream Social

Thursday, September 4th, 2:00 — 4:00 pm

Location: Friends Meeting Room

2111 Decatur Pl, NW

Registration Deadline: August 29th

Contact: admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Film Noir Movie Screening and Discussion

Saturday, September 6th, 2:00 — 4:00 pm

Location: DCV Office

2121 Decatur Pl NW

Registration Deadline: September 5th

Contact: patricia.baranek@yahoo.com or (202) 812-4854

DCV Social Hour at Inspir

Wednesday, September 10th, 4:30 — 6:00 pm

Location: Inspir (formerly The Fairfax at Embassy Row)

2100 Massachusetts Ave NW

Registration Deadline: September 8th

Contact: nys2dc@gmail.com or (585) 469-1182

Clara Barton House and Missing Soldiers Museum Tour

Friday, September 12th, 10:00 — 11:30 am

Location: Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum
430 7th St NW

Registration Deadline: September 10th

Contact: afgottlieb@gmail.com or (202) 387-4020

My Way: Preparing for a Preferred End of Life for Myself (Session 5 of 6)

Monday, September 15th, 3:00 — 5:00 pm

Location: FMW Assembly Room

2111 Decatur Pl, NW

Registration Closed

Contact: abigailwiebenson@gmail.com or lsawin@verizon.net



LGBT Happy Hour: Pride on Tap

Wednesday, September 17th, 5:00 — 6:30 pm

Location: Anslin DC Beer Garden

1740 14th St NW (corner of 14th and S Street)

Registration Deadline: September 15th

Contact: fwalterdc@gmail.com or (202) 271-7727

Tour — Woodrow Wilson House — Hattan

Thursday, September 18th, 2:00 — 3:00 pm

Location: 2340 S Street, NW

Registration Deadline: September 15th

Contact: sdkskh@earthlink.net or 202-288-9297

Home Social Hour — Parein

Thursday, September 18th, 5:00 — 6:30 pm

Location: 1642 Beekman Pl NW - Apt D

Washington, DC 20009

Contact: jonp@verizon.net or (202) 297-2877

Tour of Meridian International Center — Merricks

Friday, September 19th 10:30 — 11:30 am

Location: 1630 Crescent Pl NW

Washington, DC 20009

Contact: bmerricks@msn.com or (202) 328-0746

Fall Vaccination Clinic (1 of 2)

Friday, September 19th, 12:00 — 5:00 pm

Location: DCV Office

2121 Decatur Pl, NW

Washington DC 20009

Contact: execdir@dupontcirclevillage.net or 202-436-1212

Hispanic American Month Film: El Norte

Saturday, September 20th, 2:00 PM until 4:00 pm

Location: DCV Office

2121 Decatur Pl, NW

Washington DC 20009

Contact: mlheppel@gmail.com

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Fall Vaccination Clinic (2 of 2)

Friday, September 26th, 12:00 — 5:00 pm
Location: DCV Office
2121 Decatur Pl, NW
Washington DC 20009
Contact: execdir@dupontcirclevillage.net
or (202) 436-1212

MONTHLY EVENTS

Men's Book Group

Monday, September 8th, 11:00 am
Location: 2121 Decatur Place NW
Register online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Navigating the Path Ahead

FTuesday, September 9th, 2025, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Location: Virtual
RSVP: Register Now online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Mystery Book Group

Friday, September 26th, 2025, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Location: Virtual
RSVP: Register Now online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Live and Learn: How to Stay Well so You Can Age at Home (In Person Only)

Monday, September 29, 2025, 3:30 PM until 5:00 pm
Location: DCV Office - 2111 Decatur Pl NW
Contact: volunteer@dupontcirclevillage.net or
(202) 436-5252

RECURRING EVENTS

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

Tuesdays, 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm
Location: DCV Office
Limit: 8
RSVP: Register online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Online Meditation

Mondays and Thursdays, 9:00 am — 9:30 am
Location: Virtual
RSVP: Register online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252



Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, 10:30 am — 11:30 am
Location: Virtual
RSVP: Register online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Accessible Mat Yoga

Mondays, 3:30 pm — 4:30 pm
Location: Virtual
RSVP: Register online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Coffee and Conversation

Thursdays, 10:00 am — 11:00 am
Location: Annie's Paramount Steak House
1609 17th Street, NW
RSVP: Register online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Bridge Group

Thursdays, 1:30 pm — 3:30 pm
Location: DCV Office — enter at 2111 Decatur Pl NW
RSVP: Register online DCV Office
admin@dupontcirclevillage.net or (202) 436-5252

Mahjong

Thursdays, 2:00 pm — 4:00 pm
Location: hosted live by Roberta Milman
RSVP: rmilman@comcast.net or (202) 667-0245

Knitting Group

Every Thursday, 4:00 pm
Location: Online and in the DCV Office
RSVP: Sheila Lopez at sheilablopez@gmail.com

Dupont Circle Walking Group

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 am (Winter/Fall)
8:00 am (Spring/Summer)
Location: meet at the fountain in Dupont Circle

Adams Morgan Walking Group

Every Tuesday, Thursday at 8:00 am
Meet at northwest corner of Kalorama and Columbia
that borders Kalorama Park

Give Back or Pay it Forward

By Monica Heppel

When you visit or call Dupont Circle Village (DCV) you are most likely to interact with one of our three dedicated office staff: Eva, Francine or Ellen. But however hard they work, the Village would not exist without the work of volunteers. Whether it's a Board Member helping to build our Legacy Fund, a member helping with the monthly Live and Learn, a member coordinating the next museum tour, or a member welcoming Villagers into their home for a social hour — volunteers are what keep our Village vibrant and thriving. If you enjoy being part of the Village, **Give Back**. And since most of us will need support at some point, **Pay It Forward**.

This doesn't have to be a major commitment, although fortunately there are many volunteers whose involvement is. If you cook, it can be once a year making green beans for the Thanksgiving meals we offer to Villagers or once-a-month making deviled eggs for the birthday party. If you enjoy games, you can organize and host a game night, either in your home or at the office. Pick your game. If you like to read, you can pick a book, invite others to read it and set a time and place to meet and

discuss. Who knows, this might turn into an ongoing book club. If you enjoy sleeping in, start an afternoon or early-evening walking group. Additionally, Dupont Circle Village depends on volunteers like you to provide essential health and wellness services. Whether it's taking notes for a member during a doctor's visit, or simply offering companionship with a call or visit, your help matters.

We'll match your interests and availability with a meaningful way to give back—or pay it forward—in our community.

- To help with activities and events, email MAC co-chairs Beth Merricks at bmerricks@msn.com or Monica Heppel at mlheppel@gmail.com
- To volunteer for health-related services, contact Eva M. Lucero at execdir@dupontcirclevillage.net
- To become an official DCV volunteer, email Ellen Brody at volunteer@dupontcirclevillage.net

No matter how much time you have, there's a way to make a difference. We'd love to have you join us!

LGBT Elders Day Luncheon Remarks

By Bob Spiegel

In February 1969, I led a successful campaign to eliminate the gender conforming clothing requirement at the Bronx High School of Science. I graduated from Science on the 27th of June. After midnight, I received a phone call from a fellow radical in which he asked me to meet him and a comrade in Greenwich Village, where some sort of riot was taking place.

Since the Stonewall Uprising, I have been involved with more than a dozen sexual minority rights groups. Among them has been Senior Action in a Gay Environment, which was founded by law school classmate and me in 1977. The first organization to focus on LGBTQ+ older adults, it was renamed Services & Advocacy for LGBT Elders in 2004, and SAGE in 2016.

As a member of the Gay Liberation Front in 1970, I mobilized non-activist Stonewall rebels and Greenwich Village residents for the first Christopher Street Liberation Day March. Following the 40th New York Pride March in June 2009, I accepted an appointment to Stonewall

Veterans Association executive committee which included being group's liaison to Washington. Founded in 1973, the Task Force was the first prominent national group dedicated to achieving freedom and justice for sexual minorities. While I was serving as its volunteer coordinator from 1978 to 1982, I revised the charter so women could be executive director, advocated adding "lesbian" to group name, and championed inclusion of bisexuals and transgender people.

During the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights that took place in Washington, DC in 1987, I coordinated the first display of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt. Covering a space larger than a football field, the quilt brought HIV out of the shadows for 200,000 demonstrators on the National Mall. Through its 1,920 fabric panels, it served both as a reminder and celebration of many lives lost.

On the 40th Anniversary of the first Christopher Street Liberation Day March in 2010, I gave what I called Spiegel's Greenwich Burg Address. It took place at the

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New York Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center. It was a speech to the Stonewall Veterans Association honoring those few who had participated in first demonstration for a new sexual liberation movement.

At the request of a GAO colleague, I testified at Discrimination on Basis of Sexual Preference Hearings before the Arlington County Board in 1989. A month later, the colleague sent letter thanking me for my having persuaded this local government to extend its antidiscrimination protections to lesbians and gays — 31 years before similar rights were recognized statewide in VA.

On account of my being considered a pioneer in the sexual minority rights movement, I was interviewed for the NYU Stonewall@50 documentary as well as the associated 2019 NYU Law magazine article "Matters of Pride."

September Birthdays



A very happy birthday to all Villagers celebrating September birthdays!

Helen Walsh, Irene Price, Lynn Lewis, David Stevens, Sarah Burger, Raquel Sussler, Suman Sorg, Nancy LaVerda, Peter Bloom, Karen StJohn, Jon Parein, Dorothy Marshak, Dan Emberley, Dianne Laughlin, Sara Steinmetz, John Long, Pender McCarter, Fred Michaud and Shirley Campbell.

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August Birthdays



Leslie Sawin hosted the August birthday celebrants. L-R **Steve Kittrell, Jeanne Downing, Sheila Lopez, Patrice Coss, Rob Nevitt, Stacie Marinelli, Monica Heppel, Ilene Ellenbogen, Susanne Rosenthal, Olga Hudacek and Bill O'Brien.**

Saluting DC's Centenarians

By Charlotte Holloman

Recently, I was informed by a representative from DC's Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) that there are 70 people living in DC who are at least aged 100 and older. I was astounded - who knew?! If you'd asked me how many centenarians there are I would've guessed around two dozen, no more than that and certainly not as many as 70. Our government is in the process of celebrating them. I was told they have an impractical plan to soon try to bring them all together at a live event - a group photo-op with elected and appointed officials I imagine. Let me count the ways...

When I was a child, it wasn't often that anyone lived to attain the ripe old age of 100. NBC4's Willard Scott wasn't yet around to call out their names and put their faces on television framed in a Smucker's jar. In the early 50's I only knew one person that old, a Negro woman living in Ohio named Hallie Q. Brown who was a friend of my maternal grandparents. We were referred to as Negro or colored people back then, not yet Black or African American. Hallie Q told me brief stories, historical vignettes, and I was fascinated by her. She lived nearby on the same rural college campus as my grands. She was a small, thin, white-haired lady, and was slightly stooped over. For all of my life, Hallie Q has been my model of what 100 looks like. Shriveled. My grands made a big fuss over her whenever she came to their house and I knew she was really special, although I didn't know why. I just loved being around her because she was alert and paid attention to me.

We don't yet have any centenarians among our members in Dupont Circle Village. I checked with Eva. And I for one know less than a handful of them living around the city. Notably, they are all African American and all are women. As I write, I don't know the gender breakdown of the city's centenarian population, but I would guess confidently that most are women.

My aunt, Grace Holloman Davis, EdD, was my father's youngest sister. She will turn 102 in November. I've been her caregiver-in-charge and medical advocate for several years, as I had been for two of her three older sisters, as well as my mother. None of my other family members lived beyond the age of 94. My father was only 82 when he passed. Last September, Grace had to be relocated from her one-bedroom apartment in SW into a rehab and



long-term care facility. It wasn't safe for her to continue living alone. I selected Unique which is in NoMa not far from where my aunt grew up in the Shaw neighborhood. In my opinion the staff at Unique take very good care of her, and though mostly bedridden now Grace appears to be quite comfortable.

In July, I was contacted by Unique's recreation director. He wanted me to know that the facility was planning to honor Grace and another centenarian resident, a woman approaching 104 whom I didn't know and hadn't met. The celebration would be coordinated by Unique's staff through the patronage of at-large DC City

Councilman Robert White, and DACL. He was inquiring if I had a biography of Grace that he could share with city officials.

I had a paragraph which had been written by and for Arena Stage last year when the theater saluted Grace's career as a DC public school educator, as a prelude to a play they were showing about another DC public school educator. I found a second brief paragraph through our family's church, where she had been an active and valued supporter and volunteer for all her life. I took that and what I knew and remembered her life's experiences and wrote a solid one-page chronicle of the highlights and milestones of her century of living. She has remarkable educational and experiential credentials and is aware enough to be able to help me with important dates.

As I write I realize that through all of her life's praiseworthy accomplishments she was never recognized and revered and celebrated so much as she is now for living as long as she has. I could see that Unique's other centenarian was the matriarch sitting at the top of her large and loving and respectful family primarily it seemed because she was its eldest member. She likewise was being celebrated for staying alive longer than anyone else. Each of them was given a letter and a proclamation which was read aloud, and each was given a red, white and blue lanyard with a gold-toned medal attached. There were sandwiches and cookies for guests and a large electronic rotating photo display. What was most apparent to me about my aunt and the other celebrant was how incredibly happy they seemed on this occasion where they were surrounded by close friends and family, and where they were the absolute center of everyone's attention. Age has its privileges.

Meet Members

Roy Wyscarver and Ann Bryant

by Tom Carmody

Roy Wyscarver and Ann Bryant joined the Dupont Circle Village (DCV) about 2 years ago. With Ann still working, they have not been as active in the Village as they wish but have enjoyed some Home Social Hours as well as attending the Gala. Ann had read about “senior villages” some years ago and always intended to volunteer but life always seemed to get in the way. They both see the Village as key to helping them remain in their home in future years.

The two met while attending graduate school at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts where Roy obtained his PhD in economics and Ann studied political science. Serving together on the graduate student council provided the chance to meet and spent time together before Ann left for a semester of study in Rome. While Ann was from the immediate area and attended Colby College in Maine for her undergraduate degree, Roy was reared in Robstown, Texas, graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas as a systems engineer and then transferred to Clark.

Roy moved to DC after he got a job with the US Treasury. He is retired but still has close ties to the department as a board member of the Treasury Historical Association and as a docent. Ann followed him to DC, first resettling refugees then, after law school, practicing immigration law for about 25 years while serving as a longtime board member of AYUDA, a provider of near-free legal services to immigrants and battered women. She also taught immigration law at Georgetown for several years. More recently, she obtained a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and currently works as a psychotherapist.

Ann and Roy have lived in the Dupont Circle area for over 40 years, moving a few times but always staying very close to their current location on S Street NW. They have been in their current home for 33 years with their two children living with them. Ann worries a bit about the many steps in their home and hopes that others in the Village may have creative solutions to allow them to remain in their home!



Outside of the Village activities, Roy and Ann enjoy good friends they have made here, and the many exciting activities offered by DC. They name the Folger Theatre and the Gala Theatre in Columbia Heights as favorite performance spaces. Their neighborhood also provides excellent spots for dining, including: Lauriol Plaza, Vagabond, La Tomate, Anju, and the fabulous sandwiches at the Dupont Market. (We all agreed that 17th Street NW is one of the best kept local secrets in DC!)

Roy and Ann both enjoy the many museums in the area, with the Phillips Collection and the National Gallery of Art their favorites. Roy also added the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum to the list, commenting that Ann had given him flying lessons for a birthday which really piqued his interest! Both are avid readers, with Ann taking a break from our interview in a local coffee shop to visit the next-door bookstore to buy a book! Ann thanks Roy for introducing her to science and science fiction.

And, Roy and Ann will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in late November! No plans made as of yet but please be sure to congratulate them when you see them next!

Out and About



▲ A group of villagers enjoying a spontaneous meal together at Duke's Grocery, arranged through the Village Meet Up option.



▲ **Carol Galaty** and **Ken Shuck** took a break from packing to explore potential locations for Ken's National German Genealogical Association in the Pennsylvania Dutch region near Lancaster, PA. During their search, they discovered the charming town of Lititz, which offers a fascinating blend of early Moravian and Amish cultures, as well as a rich tradition of German pretzel-making.



▲ **Joyce & Bill O'Brien** and their family in Northern Wisconsin to celebrate Joyce's upcoming 80th Birthday!



▲ Villager **Lynn Lewis** whitewater rafting on the American River in California with grandson at the helm and her son keeping granny from slipping into the drink.



◀ Villagers touring Knollwood, a senior living community in upper NW DC.

Out and About



▲ **Rebecca Martin** and **Abigail Wiebenson** were part of the Encore Chorale performance in Cork Ireland this summer.



▲ Villagers enjoying a tour of the National Academy of Sciences Building.



▲ **Abigail Wiebenson** enjoying time with her three boys and their families in Cocoa Beach, FL this summer.

Out and About



▲ **Ken Shuck** and **Carol Galaty** visited Chincoteague between two massive storms. While delivering downsizing items to their children, they stopped at Assateague National Park. Amid 20-mph winds and towering waves from the approaching Hurricane Erin, they found a striking contrast: wild ponies calmly sheltering in marshy woodlands beside a beach where the storm had already washed away dunes, the parking lot, and part of the peninsula the day before.



▲ Villagers enjoying the **With Passion and Purpose** Exhibit at the National Gallery of Art. The exhibit celebrates 175 works of objects by Black artists.



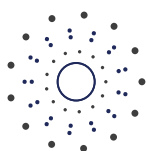
▲ On August 22nd, Villager **Pender M. McCarter** attended the outdoor wedding of his New York cousin's daughter — joining 120 family members and friends at a home in upstate New York overlooking Round Lake and Camp Treetop, in the Adirondack State Park, the largest wilderness preserve in the Lower 48. Pender booked lodging in a small Gilded Age hotel on Mirror Lake in Lake Placid, the site of the Olympic Winter Games in 1932 and 1980. Flying low on a two-propeller plane with eight passengers from Boston to the Adirondack Regional Airport, he captured this view of a cerulean blue Saranac Lake sparkling in the six-million-acre wilderness preserve — with more acres than the Grand Canyon, Great Smoky Mountains, and Yosemite National Parks combined.

July Birthdays



Joyce and Bill O'Brien hosted the July birthday celebration. L-R Ceceile Richter, Marie Marcoux, Kristen Durfee, Claudette DuCran and Sandra Yarrington were the honorees.

DCV Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Dupont Circle Village (DCV) is committed to being a diverse, equitable and inclusive organization. We condemn all forms of discrimination in our society. We aim to make our organization one that is open and welcoming to all. We recognize that the human experience comes in all colors, shapes, abilities, economic circumstances, ages, backgrounds, gender expressions and identities, and sexual orientations. We strive to celebrate these differences and recognize how they benefit our community. To this end, we will do what is necessary for us to grow as a community and as individuals who respect and care for one another.



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