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The Center's celebrating

The Village of Friendship Heights marks the 19th anniversary of the opening of the Village Center with festive food and fun on **Wednesday, April 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Prior to the main festivities, join us at 6:30 p.m. when we will officially dedicate the bus shelter in front of the Village Center. The family of longtime Village resident Ilse Hess donated the shelter in her memory.

Refreshments will be an assortment of sweets from Clement's Bakery and Gifford's Ice Cream, both Washington favorites for decades. Entertainment will be by the Alexandria Choral Society's Children's Chorus. This group of youngsters, which has appeared at the White House, the National Gallery of Art, and on Fox Morning News among other venues, will present a program exploring different musical masters, styles, and languages. Proposed as a pilot program in 1999, the ACS Children's Chorus is now enjoying its fifth season with 50 members.



A Broadway spectacular of the highest Excalibur

Join us for a one-day trip to New York City on **Saturday, May 14**, to see a matinee performance of "Spamalot," Broadway's newest hit that sold out before it opened.

Starring fair maidens, brave knights, and killer rabbits, "Monty Python's Spamalot," is a hilarious musical adaptation of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," the 1975 film that is the best loved and most successful of the Monty Python screen ventures. The script was written by Python member Eric Idle; Mike Nichols is the director. The fabulous cast includes Tim Curry as King Arthur; David Hyde-Pierce as Sir Robin; and Hank Azaria as Sir Lancelot.

We will leave the Village Center at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in New York in time for lunch (ask us for suggestions of restaurants near the Shubert Theatre at 225 W. 44th Street). We'll depart from New York right after the show and stop for a fast food dinner on the way home (on your own). We will arrive back in Friendship Heights before 11 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$169, which includes a discounted seat in the Orchestra, transportation, and all taxes and driver's gratuity. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up April 8. There are 26 tickets available.

Madeleine Albright to speak at the Center

In 1997 Madeleine Albright became the first female Secretary of State and the highest ranking woman in the United States government. She was an active participant in some of the most dramatic events in our history—from the pursuit of peace in the Middle East to NATO's humanitarian intervention in Kosovo. Secretary Albright will speak at the Village Center on **Sunday, April 10, at 3:30 p.m.**



During President Clinton's first term, Secretary Albright served as the United States' Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a member of Clinton's National Security Council. As Secretary of State, she reinforced America's alliances, advocated democracy and human rights, continued on page 16

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Meet McCoy— He's a dog with a job

Join us at the Village Center on **Sunday, April 17, from 1 to 2 p.m.** when we welcome McCoy, a Bernese Mountain Dog who helps with Canine Disaster Relief Services, and who calls Friendship Heights home. McCoy and his friend Elicia Brand will help to teach children about some very special dogs. Elicia will read *Angel in a Dog Suit*, the story of Smudge the angel who dons a dog suit to help people in need. Following the story, McCoy will entertain us with tricks. Children will have the chance to pet McCoy, and Elicia will discuss the proper way to approach dogs. Here's a great opportunity to acquaint your child with those furry, four-legged friends. Everyone is welcome, but the program will be especially popular with children. The event is free, but please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 if you plan to attend.



Spring cleaning sale at the Center

Join your Friendship Heights friends and neighbors for a spring "yard sale of sorts" on **Sunday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Village Center. Whether you're selling or shopping, this sale offers a chance to enjoy early spring with your neighbors. Weather permitting, tables will be set up in Hubert Humphrey Park. In the event of rain, the sale will take place in Huntley Hall in the Village Center. A limited number of six-foot tables will be available to sellers for \$15 each. Pre-registration is required. Please stop by the Village Center to sign up. There is no charge for this event. Just stop by and have fun.



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ON the GO...

Take me out to the Nats Game

Baseball has returned to Washington after a 30-year hiatus and we've got the hottest tickets in town. Join us for an afternoon of baseball at RFK Stadium as we watch the Washington Nationals take on the Atlanta Braves on **Thursday, April 21**. We'll depart from the Village Center at 11:30 a.m. and will return following the game. The price of the trip is \$29, which includes round-trip transportation and a seat in the 522 section of the stadium, in the upper stands between home plate and third base. Sign-ups for residents and one resident guest begin immediately. Nonresidents may sign up beginning April 12. There are 23 seats available.



Don't be sheepish: come to the Sheep and Wool Festival

Spend a day at the Howard County Fairgrounds on **Saturday, May 7**, and enjoy the annual Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. There are sheepshearing and working sheep-dog demonstrations as well as seminars in spinning and knitting. More than 200 vendors will sell wool and supplies, knitted garments and items, baskets, and traditional handcrafts. There will be live music, good food (bring cash), and hundreds of sheep!

We will leave the Village Center at 9:30 a.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. Children five and older are welcome if they are accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$30, which pays for transportation, admission and driver gratuity. Residents with one guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up beginning April 8. There are 35 spaces available. **Wear comfortable shoes that you don't mind getting muddy—these are fairgrounds!**

MusicaliTea at Strathmore

The Levine School of Music is offering a free performance by adult students and faculty artists at the Music Center at Strathmore on **Wednesday, April 13**. We'll depart from the Center at 10 a.m. and take the Metro to Strathmore. Metro fare is on your own. The performance lasts about 45 minutes, and will be followed by light refreshments. We should return to the Center by 1 p.m. The concert is free, but preregistration is required. Sign up at the Village Center. There are 24 spaces available.

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ON the GO...

Last chance for Fallingwater

Don't miss the chance to see two great Frank Lloyd Wright creations, Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, enjoy a delicious French dinner, stay at an historic mountaintop inn, and lunch at Nemocolin Resort. We're taking it all in when we visit the beautiful Pennsylvania highlands on **Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5. The last day to sign up is April 12.**

In addition to visiting Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, we'll enjoy a lovely French gourmet dinner and visit Fort Necessity National Battlefield, which commemorates the precipitating events of the French and Indian War. We'll depart from the Village Center at 7:30 a.m., and arrive in time for lunch at Fallingwater. Following lunch, we'll tour this spectacular home, built over a waterfall in 1936 for the family of a Pittsburgh department store owner.

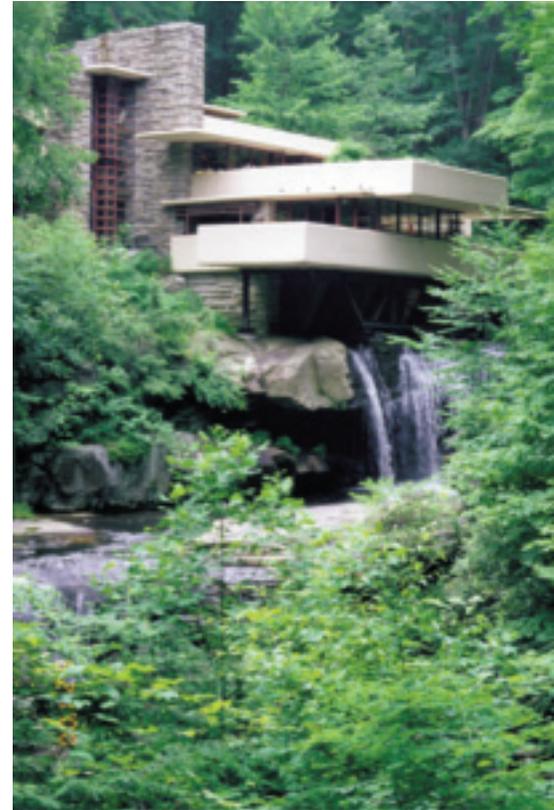
After our tour of Fallingwater, we'll check into the Summit Inn, our home for the evening. The Summit Inn Resort is a mountaintop landmark, renowned for its panoramic four county views and its nostalgic fireplace.

Dinner will be at Chez Gerard, a renowned French restaurant in nearby Hopwood.

The next morning enjoy a full breakfast at the resort before we depart for a tour of Fort Necessity National Battlefield, which includes the battlefield, reconstructed fort, Mount Washington Tavern, and visitor's center.

Next we're off to Nemocolin Resort for lunch at the Golden Trout restaurant. Following lunch, we'll tour Kentuck Knob, another home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Though not so famous as Fallingwater,

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Sen. Obama at National Press Club luncheon speaker series

Join us for a trip to the National Press Club on **Tuesday, April 26**, to enjoy a three-course lunch and hear the newly elected Senator from Illinois, Barack Obama. The topic will be Social Security, and Sen. Obama will be joined by James Roosevelt, former Associate Commissioner of Social Security.

Sen. Obama, the keynote speaker at last summer's Democratic Convention and elected to the Senate in November, serves on the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Veterans' Affairs Committee and will also serve on the Foreign Relations Committee. Following the Senator's remarks, he will take questions from the audience. These must be written on cards provided at the table or



Senator Barack Obama

ahead of time by email. Go to www.press.org/calendar, click on the date and "Submit a Question."

The National Press Club was founded in 1908 and has included in its membership 17 consecutive

presidents of the United States, from Theodore Roosevelt to Bill Clinton. About 70 NPC televised luncheons a year provide a national forum for the views of people in the news. We will take a brief tour of the NPC before we leave.

The menu will be determined by the chef. If you require a vegetarian meal, please indicate that when you register. We will leave the Village Center at 11:30 a.m. and return before 3:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$49, which includes lunch, transportation and driver gratuity.

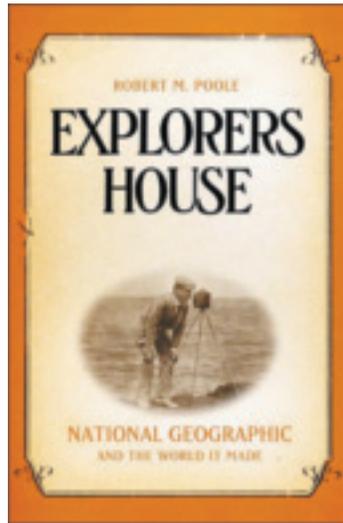
Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up April 8. There are 19 spaces available. **The deadline to sign up is April 19.**

A behind-the-scenes look at the National Geographic Society

For more than 100 years, the National Geographic Society has brought "the world and all that is in it" to millions of people. Through its unparalleled research, exploration, publications, and photography, the organization and its magazine have, in many ways, defined how we see the world. Robert Poole, retired Executive Editor of "National Geographic," has written the first authoritative history of this unique institution in *Explorers House: National Geographic and the World It Made*. He will discuss his book in a slide-illustrated lecture at the Village Center on **Monday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m.**

Mr. Poole, a 21-year veteran of "National Geographic," had unprecedented access to Grosvenor family correspondence and to the magazine archives and has written an insider's account of this remarkable institution and the family behind it. Photographs presented at the lecture are all from the archives and the family collection.

Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797. Copies of the book, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for sale.



Susan Stamberg: A radio chauvinist in a high tech world

Nationally renowned broadcast journalist Susan Stamberg will discuss working in the radio industry in this age of TV and the Internet at the Village Center on **Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.**

Ms. Stamberg is special correspondent for National Public Radio. She is the first woman to anchor a national nightly news program and has won every major award in broadcasting. She has been inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame and the Radio Hall of Fame. She served as co-host of NPR's award-winning newsmagazine "All Things Considered" for 14 years. She then hosted "Weekend Edition Sunday," and now serves as guest host of NPR's "Morning Edition" and "Weekend Edition Saturday," in addition to reporting on cultural issues for all the NPR programs. One of the most popular broadcasters in public radio, she was once described by novelist E.L. Doctorow as "the closest thing to an enlightened humanist on the radio." Her thousands of interviews include conversations with Laura Bush, Billy Crystal, Rosa Parks, Dave Brubeck, and Luciano Pavarotti.

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Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. — The Notebook.
This adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' best-selling novel revolves around Noah Calhoun's regular visits to a female patron of an area nursing home. During these visits, Calhoun reads from an old, faded notebook containing the sweeping account of a young couple whose love affair was put to a halt after their separation during World War II. Seven years later, the couple was reunited, and, despite having taken radically different paths, they found themselves unable to resist the call of a second chance. Stars James Garner and Gena Rowlands. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 126 minutes.

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m. — Booksigning with Jill Scharff and Jaedene Levy. See page 16 for details.

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m., — Café Muse. See page 18 for details.

Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m., — No Movie— Town Hall Meeting on Development.

Town Hall Meeting on Development

At the request of Montgomery County Council member Howard Denis, we are hosting a meeting on construction on **Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m.**, at the Village Center. Representatives from the two major projects currently under construction, Chevy Chase Center and Wisconsin Place, will provide an update on construction progress and answer questions. The meeting is open to the public.

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FRIENDSHIP GALLERY

Hello dolls!

The very creative works of the G Street Doll Club will be on display in the Friendship Gallery at the Village Center during April.

The work of the G Street Doll Artists is nationally known. These dolls are very sophisticated works of art made of cloth, paper, wood, or porcelain. Each one is unique – and all are delightful.

The exhibit begins April 2 and runs until April 30. The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception on **Sunday, April 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Artwork in the auditorium is occasionally not available for viewing because of activities in that room. Please check with the front desk receptionist when you arrive.



All dolls on this page created by Sue Daniel of the G Street Doll Club.

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NEW CLASSES

BEGINNING BRIDGE

Learn the rudiments of bridge. Taught by Martha Lisser, a retired teacher and principal and experienced bridge teacher. Each student must bring a deck of cards. The 6-week course starts May 16. Meets Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$90 for residents; \$100 for nonresidents.

CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH

A 12-week course for Advanced Beginner to Intermediate begins April 20. This is designed for students who have learned enough French for simple day-to-day communication and now want to improve their knowledge and confidence. Students will learn basic expressions and grammar. Emphasis will be on conversation, listening comprehension, reading, and grammar. Instructor Kader Hamdad has taught adults and students at Alliance Française of Washington, D.C., and the University of Algiers. The class meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$50 for residents; \$75 for nonresidents. A minimum of nine students is required.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH 1

A 12-week course for Beginners begins April 15. Students will learn basic expressions and grammar. Emphasis will be on conversation, listening comprehension, reading and grammar. Instructor Elena Marra-Lopez has taught teenagers and adults at Sidwell Friends School, Washington International School, Montgomery College and the USDA Graduate School. Sup-

plies will be an extra charge. The class meets Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$200 for residents, \$210 for nonresidents and \$120 for anyone 65 or older.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH 2

A 12-week course taught by Elena Marra-Lopez for continuing students begins April 12. This class is for students who took Conversational Spanish 1 this winter or have some knowledge of Spanish. They will continue learning conversation, listening comprehension, reading and grammar. Supplies will be an extra charge. The class meets Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$200 for residents, \$210 for nonresidents and \$120 for anyone 65 or older.

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

A 5-week course, taught by Ed Starr, begins April 25. Meets Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Students will read and discuss Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* and attend a production of the play (date to be decided by class). Ed is an actor and director and president of the Montgomery County Seniors Theatre. Cost for the course for residents is \$30; nonresidents pay \$45. All materials are included in the fee. Ticket to the play will be an additional cost. See story on page 9.

MAT PILATES

A 6-week session begins April 12. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$65 for residents and \$75 for nonresidents. Pilates is not recommended for pregnant women or those who have compromised spinal conditions. Instructor Ginger Russell has been certified in Pilates Matwork Exercises by the

PhysicalMind Institute. Please bring a Pilates/Yoga mat and bath towel. Session ends May 17. (Maximum number of students is 15)

PORTRAITURE IN PENCIL AND PASTEL

This 6-week class is taught by Marianne Winter and begins April 13. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Students will concentrate on achieving likeness using photos or reproductions of artwork. Ms. Winter is an award-winning artist and photographer. Please bring a pad and pencil or pastel to the first class. The cost is \$60. (Maximum number of students is 8.) Session ends May 18.

STILL LIFE PAINTING

A 12-week course with noted artist Joan Samworth emphasizing the elements of art: line, color, texture, shape and value. Class is designed to meet the needs of all levels of experience. Advance at your own pace with individual critiques and instruction. Suggested media are pastels, watercolor, acrylics, color pencil. Supply list will be handed out first day of class. Begins April 7. Meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Bring a bag lunch.) The cost is \$165 for residents; \$170 for nonresidents.

TAI CHI (Thursday)

This 6-week session begins April 21. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$30. Session ends June 2. No class on April 28.

TAI CHI (Tuesday)

This 6-week session begins April 19. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to



10:30 a.m. The cost is \$30. Session ends May 24.

YOGA (Daytime)

This 8-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins April 3. Meets Sundays from 9 to 10:20 a.m. The session includes semi-strenuous postures, stretches, and coordinated breathing, as well as a quiet period for relaxation and meditation. Wear loose clothing, bring a blanket or large towel and mat (can be purchased at class). Don't eat for 2 hours before class. The cost is \$80 for residents and \$95 for nonresidents. Class will meet April 3 and 17, May 1, 8, and 22, June 5, 19 and 26.

YOGA (Evening)

This 8-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins April 4. Meets Mondays from 7:30 to 8:50 p.m. See description above. The cost is \$80 for residents and \$95 for nonresidents. Session ends May 23.

ONGOING GROUPS, CLUBS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

Free assistance offered by the Maryland Cooperative Extension's Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program. Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Call 301-590-2819 for an appointment; walk-ins are welcome.

SCRABBLE

This group of Scrabble players meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Center.

VISION TRANSITIONS

Low vision doesn't have to mean "no vision." These free monthly meetings offer education and support for people with vision problems. Sponsored by the Prevention of Blindness Society, Vision Transitions meets one Wednesday a month at the Village Center and features talks by guest speakers. To register, call 301-656-2797. For more information, call 202-234-1010 or visit www.youreyes.org.

WALKING CLUB

Leaves the Center every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. for a walk through a nearby neighborhood. Contact Helen Davis, 301-718-6340, or Margarita Babb, 301-656-8684.

Death of a Salesman — on the page and on the stage

Ed Starr returns to the Village Center this spring to teach a course on Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. The course will study the characters, themes, and structure of the play and try to determine why it is considered American literature's most important play. Ed is directing a production of the play at the Chevy Chase Community Center, and members of the class will attend a performance and talk with some of the actors.

Ed Starr has been involved in community and professional theater in the Washington area for many years. He is an actor and director and president of the Montgomery County Seniors Theatre. The course begins April 25 and meets Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. See "Classes and Clubs" on page 8 for more details.

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Calendar of Events 2005

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Village Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month (except on holidays) at 8 p.m. at the Village Center. The next meeting will be **Monday, April 11**. The agenda for the meeting is sent to the manager of each building in the Village the week before the meeting with the request that it be posted.

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The Friendship Heights Village Center is open to everyone. People who live or work in the Village are especially welcome.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL LUNCH AND CONCERT

April's special lunch, prepared by Dwight Robinson of Brighton Gardens, will be held on **Friday, April 15, at 12:15 p.m.** The menu will be spinach salad, baked cod, vegetable couscous, zucchini and carrots, and pecan pie for dessert. The cost is \$7, which must be paid when you make your reservation. Please reserve your seat by Wednesday, April 13.

After lunch, please stay to enjoy the music of violinist Hilda Seibel and guitarist Hank Bryante **at 1 p.m.**

CONCERTS

Concerts are performed Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Huntley Hall. Before entering the auditorium, please turn off any cell phones or electronic devices. If you arrive after the concert has begun, please wait for a break in the performance before entering.

Wednesday, April 6 — Minter, Minter and Company. The husband and wife team of pianist/ arranger George and Marilyn delight the audiences with their cabaret act of popular standards and show tunes. They make music with all the glitz you would come to expect of artists who have appeared in the world's foremost night clubs.

Wednesday, April 13 — No concert— Community Day.

See page 1 for details.

Wednesday, April 20 — Kinor Dance Company. The Kinor Dance Company of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington brings to life the multicultural heritage of the Jewish people through music and dance

with choreography that blends Israeli folk dance with modern dance. The program will feature the quartet "Or," a dance that celebrates hope and light; the trio "The Way It Was...The Way It Is" with music originally performed by Itzhak Perlman from "In The Fiddler's House," a dance in which compassion and joy are woven together to form a nigun (song/dance); "Women of the Bible," "Yemenite Dance," and "Joy and Spirit of Israel." On the program will also be a new solo, "Lullaby", to the Yiddish melody "Raisins and Almonds" and "Dream of Hope, Dream of Despair", a Holocaust solo. Recent performances by Kinor have been at the Rayburn House Office Building for a Congressional reception, for the Gerber Adult Seminars at the Jewish Community Center, and for the Jewish Festival at the York Jewish Community Center in Pennsylvania. Barbara Supovitz, Kinor's Artistic Director and Choreographer, founded the company in 1972. Supovitz attended The Juilliard School and received a Master of Arts degree from The American University. Company members are Julia Balsley, Colleen Barnes, Pamela Broberg, Miriam Cramer, Kristie Genovese, Rachel Elazar, Steven Gerstein, Barbara Supovitz, and Josy Traum.

Wednesday, April 27 — Silver Strings. This classical quartet, a favorite among Friendship Heights audiences, returns to the Village Center for a performance ranging from classical to jazz, and waltzes to love songs. The quartet features Audrey Maxwell, violin; Richard Weilenmann, piano; Edward Kapuciarz, violin; and Linda Kapuciarz, cello.

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From foreign to feline correspondent

Georgie Anne Geyer is a veteran foreign correspondent and syndicated columnist who has interviewed Anwar Sadat, Saddam Hussein, Fidel Castro, and numerous American presidents. She's known for her articles and books about



kings, queens, and statesmen. But her latest book is about a completely different royal line: cats. Ms. Geyer will discuss *When Cats Reign'd Like Kings — On the Trail of the Sacred Cats* at the Village Center on **Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m.**

In her exploration of feline history, Ms. Geyer explores the connections between the royal and sacred felines of ancient civilizations and the beloved domestic cats of today. She traveled around the world to solve the puzzle of how cats came to occupy their unique positions in the lives of humans.

Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797. Copies of the book, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for sale.



Pictures of paradise

Join us for a "Walk in Waikiki" on **Wednesday, April 27, at 12:30 p.m.** when Veneeta Acson discusses the history of this beautiful part of the world with a slide presentation at the Village Center.

Dr. Acson moved to Hawaii while she earned her doctorate in linguistics from the University of Hawaii and became enamored of the history and culture of the islands. She began tracing the origins of the street names and unearthed fascinating information about Hawaiian history. The result was *Waikiki: Nine Walks Through Time*, a walking tour guide that takes the reader from ancient history through the monarchy to today's towering hotels.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling 301-656-2797. Feel free to wear your muumuu! (Dr. Acson is the daughter of longtime Village resident Alice Acson. A bench in the entry of the Village Center, which was given in her memory, is appreciated every day by visitors to the Center.)

TO YOUR HEALTH

April's Vision Transitions

Vision Transitions meets this month on **Wednesday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m.** The topic is "Coping with Low Vision from a Personal Point of View." The discussion will be led by Janet Morrison, Director of the Macular Degeneration Network.

Vision Transitions offers free monthly education and support for people with vision problems and is sponsored by the Prevention of Blindness Society. To register, call the Center at 301-656-2797. For more information about Vision Transitions, call 202-234-1010 or visit www.youreyes.org. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Healthy habits and lifestyle changes

This month's Suburban Lecture on **Wednesday, April 13, at 1 p.m.**, will emphasize the importance of diet and exercise for a healthy lifestyle. Dr. Carol Bullard Bates will discuss age appropriate nutrition and activity levels as well as tips on dealing with stress and anxiety in the course of daily living. Dr. Bates is a psychologist who specializes in stress management and healthy habits to help people lead more active lives. There is no cost for the talk, but please call 301-656-2797 to let us know if you plan to attend.

Improving your quality of life

Kathy Ward is a recreation therapy consultant who has spent nine years studying ways to improve cognitive and motor skills, decrease depression and anxiety, adapt to changes brought on by illness, and improve relationships with family and friends. She will present her findings in a discussion at the Village Center on **Wednesday, April 20, at 3 p.m.** Kathy is a faculty member of the Washington Geriatric Education Center Consortium, co-founder of World Elder Land, the author of *Nurturing Wellness for a Better Quality of Life*, and a resident of Friendship Heights Village. Please call the Center at 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming.

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Madeleine Albright, continued from page 1

and promoted American trade and business, labor, and environmental standards abroad.

Secretary Albright was a child refugee whose family fled Czechoslovakia, first from the Nazis and later from the Communists. She has dedicated her life to international study, and as a leader in international relations, she has helped change the course of history and is one of the most admired people of our time. Secretary Albright is the founder and principal of the Albright Group, a global strategy firm. She is also Chairman of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and also serves on the Board of Directors of the New York Stock Exchange.

Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797. Copies of her book, *Madam Secretary: A Memoir*, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for sale and signing.

Fallingwater, continued from page 4

Kentuck Knob is much cozier. On the way home, we'll stop for a fast-food dinner (on your own) and should return to Friendship Heights by about 9:30 p.m.

The cost for the trip is \$329 per person, double occupancy, which includes transportation, one night's accommodations, admission and tours of Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob, and Fort Necessity, one breakfast, two lunches and one dinner, and all taxes and gratuities.

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Remember—the deadline to sign up is April 12.

Please note: there is quite a bit of walking. Also, the Summit Inn is a historic hotel and does not have an elevator. We have reserved a limited number of lobby level rooms. Please let us know at sign-up if you need a room on the lobby level.

Privatizing Social Security

The notion of creating Social Security personal accounts is at the top of President Bush's domestic agenda. Social Security is the largest source of income for men and women 65 and older (compared with other earnings) and is a particularly critical source of income for those who are widowed, divorced, separated, or never married.



Economist Dr. Heidi Hartmann will discuss the possible effects of Social Security privatization at the Village Center on **Monday, May 2, at 1 p.m.** Dr. Hartmann is President of the Institute for Women's Policy Research and in 1994 was the recipient of a MacArthur fellowship award for her pioneering work in the field of women and economics.

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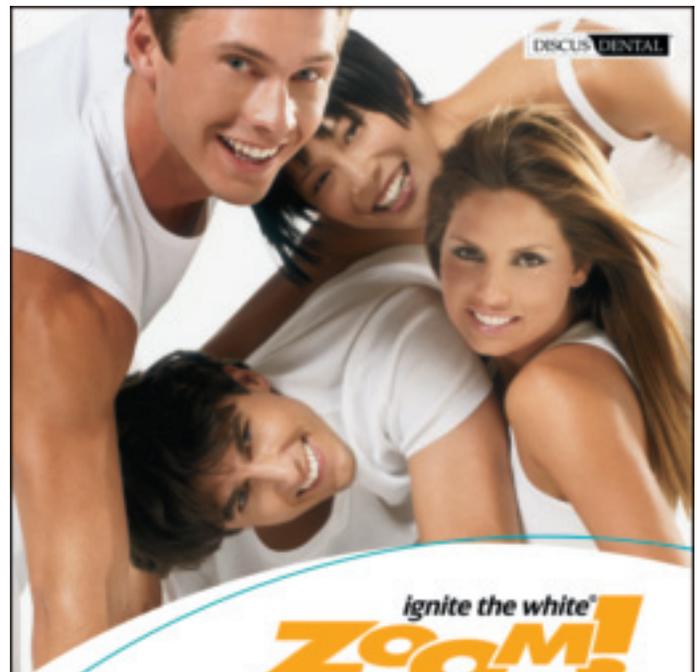
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Café Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on **Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.**, presents a translation reading with poets Luis Alberto Ambroggio and Semezdin Mehmedinovic and translator Yvette Neisser.

Luis Alberto Ambroggio is the author of seven collections of poetry published in Spain, Argentina, and the United States. He won the 2004 Spanish Television Award for poems on solitude. His latest book is *El testigo se desnuda*. Yvette Neisser is a poet, writer, editor and translator now working on translations of Ambroggio's poems for a bilingual collection to be released in 2006.

Semezdin Mehmedinovic, a Bosnian poet and writer, is the author of five books, most recently the collection of poems *Nine Alexandrias*. He was co-writer and co-director, with Benjamin Filipovic, of *Mizaldo*, a film shot during the Bosnian Civil War, which won first prize at the Mediterranean Festival in Rome in 1995. The readings will be followed by a discussion of the translation process.

Classical guitar selections performed by Michael Davis are presented each month at 7 p.m. Attending poets are invited to participate in an open reading that concludes the Café Muse program. A sign-up sheet will be available at 7 p.m.

Café Muse is presented by The Village of Friendship Heights and The Word Works, a nonprofit literary organization that has published contemporary works and sponsored public programs for more than 25 years. The evening is free, but please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming.



Drop-in bridge to begin this month

A weekly bridge group will start at the Village Center on **Friday, April 22**, and will meet every Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. We'll provide the tables; you provide the players, cards, and competition. Please call the Center at 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming so we will know how many to expect.

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