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Oxford Trip

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Shakespeare, Shaw and Niagara Falls

Christopher Plummer stars in *Caesar and Cleopatra*

Join us for a week of theater, museums and natural beauty when we head to Canada **October 13 to 18**. We will attend two plays at the world-famous Stratford Shakespeare Festival, ride behind Niagara falls, tour the Rockwell Museum of Art and Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y., tour a winery in a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired barn and enjoy a fabulous dinner in a former church.

Our journey begins **Monday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 a.m.** Our first stop en route to Canada will be Williamsport, Penn., where we'll have lunch at Le Jeune Chef at the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute. Then we're off to Niagara-on-the-Lake, one of the prettiest towns in Canada. Our home for the next two days will be the luxurious Prince of Wales hotel. Located in

the heart of historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Prince of Wales is an oasis of Victorian elegance filled with 21st century comforts. Among its honors is *Travel and Leisure Magazine's* List of the 500 Best Hotels in the World. After breakfast Tuesday, we'll meet our guide for the drive to the spectacular Niagara Falls. We'll also get an up-close view of the falls as we take a cruise aboard the Maid of the Mist. As a special treat, we'll enjoy lunch at a lovely restaurant right at the brink of the Falls. Niagara-on-the-Lake is the home of the Shaw Festival and we have secured a limited number of tickets for the Tuesday matinee of *Mrs. Warren's Profession* for those who choose not to visit the falls. One of George Bernard Shaw's best-loved works, this play tackles sex, love, money and morality.

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Roger Mudd to speak at the Village Center

Roger Mudd, one of the leading figures in broadcast news, will discuss his book, *The Place to Be: Washington, CBS, and the Glory Days of Television News*, on **Tuesday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m.**

Mr. Mudd's memoir, based on his own notes and extensive interviews, looks back at his 20 years in the CBS News Washington bureau. He joined the network in 1961, and as the congressional correspondent, became a star covering the historic Senate filibuster debate over the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Mr. Mudd was one of just a few major figures at CBS News when the network was at its peak.

After leaving CBS, he was co-anchor of NBC Nightly News until 1983 and then co-anchor of Meet the Press until 1985. Mr. Mudd was also primary anchor for more than 10 years with The History Channel. He retired from full-time broadcasting in 2004. Mr. Mudd is the recipient of the Peabody Award, the Joan Shorenstein Award for Distinguished Washington Reporting, and five Emmy Awards.

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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That evening you are on your own to dine at the hotel or at one of the many cafes or restaurants within walking distance of the Prince of Wales.

The next morning after breakfast, you'll have free time to explore the shops and sights of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and treat yourself to lunch. As we depart from Niagara-on-the-Lake, we'll stop by Inniskillin Vineyards for an architecture tour of Brae Burn, a 1920s barn believed to have been inspired by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright. Before leaving, we'll have the chance to sample select Inniskillin wines, including its famous ice wine.

After the winery tour, we will drive to Stratford, a city acknowledged around the world for its natural beauty and outstanding theater, and check into our home for two nights, the Arden Park Hotel. This 4-star hotel is the newest hotel in Stratford and has an indoor pool and whirlpool, fitness facilities, and a fine dining room and lounge.

Following dinner (on your own) we will attend the evening performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* at the nearby Festival Theatre. Shakespeare's tale of Katherina and Petruchio is as hilarious as it is controversial.

Thursday morning we will tour the Costume Warehouse and take a closer look at the work of the Festival's world-class designers, wardrobe staff and prop-makers. Thousands of costumes and hundreds of props are catalogued and stored at the third-largest costume warehouse in North America. The rest of the day will be free so you can explore the charming shops and gardens of Stratford then get back in plenty of time to get ready for our evening of dinner and theatre.

We will dine at the elegant Church Restaurant, housed in a historic building that dates back more than

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Two Talbot treasures and a cruise on the Tred Avon

Explore two of Talbot County's oldest and most beautiful towns as we travel to Easton and Oxford for a day on Maryland's Eastern Shore on **Friday, June 20**. Our first stop is historic Oxford, the first port of entry in the Tidewater area. In 1694, Oxford and Annapolis were selected ports of entry for the entire Maryland province. As a result, and until the American Revolution, Oxford enjoyed prominence as an international shipping center surrounded by wealthy tobacco plantations. It was home to many of Maryland's prominent citizens, including Robert Morris, a shipping agent, and his son, Robert Morris, "financier of the Revolution," as well as Tench Tilgh-

man, George Washington's aide who carried the news of Cornwallis's surrender to the Continental Congress. We'll tour this charming town and visit the Oxford Museum. Then we'll enjoy lunch along the waterfront at The Masthead. Lunch will include choice of crab cake sandwich, fries and coleslaw or fried chicken with coleslaw and sliced tomatoes, choice of dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Following lunch, we'll board a tour boat for a cruise down the Tred Avon River. Upon arriving in Easton, we'll take a driving tour of this town that has been named one of the top ten small towns in America. We'll learn about many historical and cultural sites including the Third Haven

Friends Meeting House, built in 1682 and the oldest religious building in use in the U.S. Then we'll visit the Historical Society of Talbot County and experience a snapshot of colonial life in the 18th and 19th centuries. Behind the museum, you'll find beautiful Federal-style gardens. You'll also have time to explore the shops and stores. We'll depart from the Village Center at 8 a.m. and should return by 6:30 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes round-trip transportation, tours, lunch, boat ride, and all taxes and gratuities is \$99. Residents and a guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up beginning June 7. There are 34 spaces available.

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See monster of a hit on Broadway

Join us **Sunday, June 29**, for a day in New York and a ticket to see the Mel Brooks/Susan Stroman musical extravaganza, *Young Frankenstein*. The show has been nominated for three Tony Awards, eight Drama Desk Awards and ten Outer Critics Circle Awards.

If you're a fan of musical comedies you'll love this show. The score includes "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and the unforgettable "Putting On the Ritz." The fabulous cast includes Tony Award-winners Roger Bart, Sutton Foster, and Shuler Hensley, as well as the hilarious Megan Mullally and Andrea Martin.

We will leave the Village Center at 8 a.m. and arrive in New York with plenty of free time before the 3 p.m. matinee. Our bus will

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Play Ball!

Join us for a ballgame at the brand new Nationals Park when the Nats play the Houston Astros on **Sunday, July 13**.

The ballpark, which opened with a win in March against the Atlanta Braves, was built in less than two years at a cost of \$611 million and is the first "green" stadium in the country.

We'll leave the Village Center at 12 p.m. and return by 6. The cost of the trip is \$59, which includes transportation, discounted seats in section 237 (under cover and a short walk from the entrance), and driver gratuity. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; non-residents may sign up June 14. There are 24 tickets available.



Michael Dirda on the joys of reading

Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Michael Dirda will discuss his career as a literary journalist and answer your questions about books and book reviewing at the Village Center on **Monday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m.**, in a presentation entitled "Reading, Writing and Reviewing: Thirty Years at The Washington Post Book World."

Dr. Dirda has been editor and writer for The Post Book World for the past thirty years, and was the winner of the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for criticism. His tasks range from writing reviews of literary fiction, intellectual history, children's books, science fiction and fantasy, mysteries, poetry, and biography, to features and personal essays about books. In a review of Dr. Dirda's work, the Washington Post wrote: "Although he earned a Ph.D. in comparative

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All movies now begin at 7 p.m.

A Note from the Program Directors

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• Turn off cell phones • Do not take food or drink into the auditorium • Arrive on time for all events • Unless it is an emergency, please stay until the conclusion of the program. It is distracting to others in the audience and insulting to the presenters when people walk out. Plenty of time to catch the shuttle bus will always be allowed.

Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m. — *Into The Wild* — A young man leaves his middle class existence in pursuit of freedom from relationships and obligation. After graduating from Emory University in 1992, top student and athlete Christopher McCandless abandons his possessions, gives his entire saving account to charity and hitchhikes to Alaska to live in the wilderness. Along the way, he encounters a series of characters who shape his life. Stars Emile Hirsch, Marcia Gay Harden, William Hurt, and Hal Holbrook. Rated R. Running Time: 140 minutes.

Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m. — *The Great Debaters* — A drama based on the true story of Melvin B. Tolson, a professor at Wiley College Texas. In 1935, he inspired students to form the school's first debate team, which went on to challenge Harvard in the national championship. Stars Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 123 minutes.

Thursday, June 19, 7 p.m. — *Enchanted* — Classic Disney animation meets contemporary urban chaos when a frightened princess is banished from her magical animated homeland to modern-day New York City in this romantic, musical comedy. As the cruelty of the big city soon begins to wear down the fairy-tale exterior of the once-carefree princess, the frightened Giselle soon finds herself falling for a friendly but flawed lawyer. Stars Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, and Susan Sarandon. Rated G. Running Time: 97 minutes.



Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m., — *Juno* — Juno, a whip-smart teen, confronts an unplanned pregnancy. With the help of her best friend, Juno finds her unborn child a "perfect" set of parents; an affluent suburban couple, Mark and Vanessa, longing to adopt. Luckily, Juno has the total support of her parents as she faces some tough decisions and ultimately figures out where she belongs. Stars Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Jennifer Garner, and Jason Bateman. Running Time: 91 minutes. Rated PG-13.

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100 years. The organ pipes and altar are still intact, along with the vaulted roof, carved woodwork and stained-glass windows.

After dinner, we will be treated to a performance of *Caesar and Cleopatra* with legendary actor Christopher Plummer in the leading role. For 60 years, Mr. Plummer has had a distinguished career on stage and in more than 100 movies. His association with Stratford began in 1956, and in this production of Shaw's comedy he will play the role of Caesar.

Following breakfast, we will depart for Corning, a charming town in the Finger Lakes region of New York and home of the Corning Museum of Glass.

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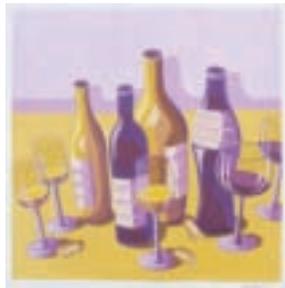
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FRIENDSHIP GALLERY

Montgomery County Art Association to exhibit this month

The Montgomery County Art Association will hold a juried exhibit at the Friendship Gallery in June. All are invited to meet the artists at a reception on **Sunday, June 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

MCAA was established in 1954 and its members come from the entire metropolitan area. The organization offers opportunities to network with other artists; membership is open to anyone over 18 years of age. Visit their website at www.montgomeryart.org.



Purple and Yellow Wine by Sara Becker

This year's juror is Antonia Ramis Miguel. She has shown her work in individual and collective exhibitions in her native Spain, the United Kingdom, Austria, and the United States.

The exhibit begins June 2 and runs until June 29. 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. Art work 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.



Berry My Heart by Vicky Surles

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Upon arrival in Corning, we'll tour one of Corning's hidden gems—the Rockwell Museum of Western Art. This museum features an excellent collection of historic and contemporary Western and Native American art. In the late afternoon, we'll check in to the Radisson Hotel in Corning. That evening, you are on your own to dine at the hotel or at nearby restaurants. On the final day of our trip, we'll explore the world's most comprehensive collection of historic and art glass at the Corning Museum. If you like, for a fee of \$15 you may try your hand at making your own glass souvenir. You may enjoy lunch on your own at the museum's cafe. We'll leave Corning and stop for a fast-food dinner before returning to Friendship Heights. Sign-ups begin for residents and one guest immediately at the Village Center. Non-residents may sign up beginning June 16. The cost of the trip, which includes round-trip transportation, five nights deluxe accommodations, five breakfasts, lunch, one dinner, day at Niagara Falls or play at Shaw Festival, winery tour and tasting, museum admissions, tickets to two plays, and all taxes and gratuities, is \$1349, per person, based on double occupancy. The single supplement is \$450. Sign up by June 30 and pay \$1299. A deposit of \$500 is due at sign-up. A second payment of \$500 is due Aug. 1. The balance is due Sept. 1. The initial deposit is fully refundable until July 7. There are 25 spaces available. We encourage all attendees to consider purchasing trip insurance. Information about trip insurance is available upon request at the front desk.

According to the U.S. Department of State website, the current (until June 1, 2009) law reads: "U.S. citizens need to present either A) a passport, passport card (available spring 2008), or a WHTI-compliant document (Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative); or B) a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, along with proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate. Several travel agents, who were consulted, recommended having a passport.

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>1</p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Depart for Charles Town</p> <p>9 a.m.: Yoga</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Coffee and Sunday Papers</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:15 a.m.: Fit-4-Ever</p> <p>10 a.m.: Great Books</p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Resistance Training For Seniors</p> <p>1 p.m.: Strength Training with Tonya</p> <p>1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: Beginning Spanish</p> <p>7 p.m.: Yoga</p> <p>7 p.m.: Café Muse</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club</p> <p>9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi</p> <p>1 p.m.: All About Balance</p> <p>1 – 2:45 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening</p> <p>3 – 4 p.m.: Tea</p> <p>3 – 5 p.m.: Suburban Nurse Specialist</p> <p>7 p.m.: Mat Pilates</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:15 a.m.: Fit-4-Ever</p> <p>10:15 a.m.: Yiddish</p> <p>11 a.m.: Chair Exercise with Tonya</p> <p>1 p.m.: Suburban Lecture: Diabetes Management</p> <p>1 p.m.: Portraiture in Pencil and Pastel</p> <p>7 p.m.: Concert: Seth Kibel Swing Band</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club</p> <p>9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi</p> <p>11 a.m.: Still Life Painting</p> <p>11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Village Playtime</p> <p>6 p.m.: Scrabble</p> <p>6:45 p.m.: Acrylic or Oil Painting</p> <p>7 p.m.: Movie: Into the Wild</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:15 a.m.: Drop-in Tai Chi</p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events</p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Strength Training with Cheryl</p> <p>1 p.m.: Frederick Moyers in Concert</p> <p>1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p> <p>1 p.m.: Refresher Bridge</p> <p>3 p.m.: Advanced Bridge</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club</p> <p>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Twin Springs</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Coffee and Sunday Papers</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Art Reception</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:15 a.m.: Fit-4-Ever</p> <p>10 a.m.: Great Books</p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Resistance Training For Seniors</p> <p>1 p.m.: Strength Training with Tonya</p> <p>1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p> <p>6:30 p.m.: Beginning Spanish</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club</p> <p>9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi</p> <p>1 p.m.: All About Balance</p> <p>1 – 2:45 p.m.: Blood Pressure Screening</p> <p>2:30 – 4:30 p.m.: Drawing and Painting</p> <p>3 – 4 p.m.: Tea</p> <p>3 – 5 p.m.: Suburban Nurse Specialist</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15 a.m.: Fit-4-Ever</p> <p>10:15 a.m.: Yiddish</p> <p>11 a.m.: Chair Exercise with Tonya</p> <p>1 p.m.: Health Insurance Counseling</p> <p>1 p.m.: Portraiture in Pencil and Pastel</p> <p>7 p.m.: Concert: Machaya Klezmer</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club</p> <p>9:30 a.m.: Tai Chi</p> <p>11 a.m.: Still Life Painting</p> <p>11 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Village Playtime</p> <p>1 p.m.: Chinese Brush</p> <p>6 p.m.: Scrabble</p> <p>6:45 p.m.: Acrylic or Oil Painting</p> <p>7 p.m.: Movie: The Great Debaters</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15 a.m.: Drop-in Tai Chi</p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events</p> <p>10:30 a.m.: Strength Training with Cheryl</p> <p>1 p.m.: Bridge Group</p> <p>1 p.m.: Refresher Bridge</p> <p>2 p.m.: Tea and Talk: Teddy Roosevelt</p> <p>3 p.m.: Advanced Bridge</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:15 a.m.: Walking Club</p> <p>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Twin Springs</p>
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Shuttle bus hours

Monday through Friday 6:40 a.m. to 9:40 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Village Center Hours

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Tea and talk: a tour of historic homes

Elizabeth Smith Brownstein will present a slide lecture entitled "If This House Could Talk: Historic Homes, Extraordinary Americans" at the Village Center on **Friday, July 11, at 1:30 p.m.** Ms. Brownstein will take us on an armchair tour of 28 homes, from a former royal palace to a New York tenement, from a bachelor's mansion to a writer's cottage, and a 17th-century homestead to a visionary house of the future. Homes she will discuss include those of Frank Lloyd Wright, Robert Frost, the Adams family, James Madison, Abraham Lincoln, Edgar Allan Poe, Booker T. Washington, and, Eleanor Roosevelt. All are American treasures.

Ms. Brownstein is a television researcher, producer, and author who last spoke at the Center in April on Lincoln's Cottage. Copies of her book, *If This House Could Talk*, will be available for purchase. After the presentation, please stay for tea. Sign up for this free event by calling 301-656-2797.

Shredding Service returns to the Village July 24

On **Thursday, July 24, from 5 to 8 p.m.**, a truck from Shred-it will provide community shredding service in the Village. The truck will park on Friendship Boulevard adjacent to the Village Center (the same space where the MVA bus stops every month). Village residents are invited to bring your materials for shredding. The shredding company representative will provide a Certificate of Destruction after every shred. *This service is available for Village residents only.* Special thanks to Council member Maurice Trebach for suggesting this idea.



CLASSES and CLUBS

**PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES.
PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY FOR THE FULL SERIES. NO REFUNDS AFTER CLASS BEGINS.**

ART

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Helene Sze McCarthy, begins June 12. Meets Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$100. Session ends Aug. 21. The class will not meet on July 3. Minimum number of students is 6. Limit: 10 students.

DRAWING AND PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskell, begins June 10. Meets Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Session ends Aug. 12. Limit: 18 students. Note new day.

PORTRAITURE IN PENCIL AND PASTEL

This 6-week class, taught by Marianne Winter, begins July 2. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Students use photos and reproductions of artwork. Bring a pad and pencil or pastel to first class. The cost is \$65. The session ends Aug. 6. Limit: 8 students

EXERCISE AND FITNESS

ALL ABOUT BALANCE

This 6-week class begins July 1. Meets Tuesdays, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Instructor Tonya Walton teaches simple exercises to improve overall balance. The cost is \$62. Session ends Aug. 5.

CHAIR EXERCISE WITH TONYA

This 6-week class begins July 2. Meets Wednesdays, from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Instructor Tonya

Walton teaches how to improve strength and energy, maintain and tone upper and lower body muscles through chair exercises. The cost is \$62. Session ends Aug. 13. There is no class on July. 9.

STRENGTH TRAINING WITH TONYA

This 6-week session begins July 7. Meets Mondays, from 1 to 1:50 p.m. Instructor Tonya Walton teaches how to increase mobility, flexibility, balance, and overall strength. The cost is \$62. Session ends Aug. 11.

TAI CHI (THURSDAY)

A 6-week session begins June 12. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Email questions to instructor Thomas Johnson at Taijitaj@comcast.net. Session ends July 24. There is no class on July 3.

TAI CHI (TUESDAY)

This 6-week session begins June 17. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$40. Email questions to instructor Thomas Johnson at Taijitaj@comcast.net. Session ends July 29. There is no class on July 8.

ONGOING GROUPS, CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING/SUBURBAN NURSE

A Suburban Hospital nurse offers free blood pressure screenings Tuesdays from 1 to 2:45 p.m., and consultations from 3 to 5 p.m.

COFFEE AND CURRENT EVENTS

This long-running discussion group meets informally every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

FHUN

The Friendship Heights Urban Network (FHUN) brings together young professionals, young parents, and college students. Check FHUN's website at www.fhun.net.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Book lovers participate in lively presentations and discussions of works, usually taken from the Great Books series. Meets Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Jean McNelis at 301-656-6695.

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

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

TEA TIME

Complimentary tea and cookies is served Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

VILLAGE PLAY TIME

Toys and play equipment will be set out in the auditorium most Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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 Marjorie Yahraes,

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YIDDISH

Meets Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. to speak and read in Yiddish. Contact Maurice Singer at 202-362-0883 for details.



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literature from Cornell, Dirda has somehow managed to retain well into middle age, a myopic 12-year-old's exuberant passion for reading. You may well conclude that Dirda has indeed read everything worth reading." Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797.



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CONCERTS

Summer Concerts are performed Wednesdays, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Hubert Humphrey Park. In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be held in Huntley Hall in the Village Center.

Wednesday, June 4 — *Swing with Seth Kibel*

— Clarinetist Seth Kibel brings his lively quintet to Hubert Humphrey Park for an evening of swing featuring dancers from GottaSwing. Join in the fun and learn some moves during a free dance lesson from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 — *Machaya Klezmer* — Join us for an evening of some of the finest klezmer music in the country by local artists. This high-energy, nationally recognized klezmer band returns to Friendship Heights. Formed in 1988, the band has mastered the feeling and dynamism of authentic klezmer music and has duplicated the marvelous and lively sound of the famous klezmer bands of the 1930s. The band features Susan Jones, Barbara Hess, Jay McCrensky, Fred Jacobowitz and Brian Choper.

Wednesday, June 18 — *Timothy Roberts* — Native Texan Tim Roberts is the principal saxophonist and national tour soloist with the U.S. Navy Band and has performed in Canada, Europe, and Russia, as well as the U.S. He brings his quartet to Hubert Humphrey Park for an evening of music featuring classical saxophone.

Wednesday, June 25 — *The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Jazz Ensemble* — This Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Foundation award-winning music program plays a variety of venues in the Washington, D.C., area. Each year the group's members change as students graduate and go on to college.

Tea and talk: Teddy Roosevelt

History buff and popular speaker, Edward Fritz, will present a slide/lecture on the life of President Theodore Roosevelt at the Village Center on **Friday, June 13, at 2 p.m.**

Mr. Fritz calls Teddy Roosevelt the "most dynamic, exciting, and robust president in our nation's history."

Mr. Fritz is a retired statistician who researches and gives talks on American and English history. After his presentation, please stay for tea. Sign up for this free event by calling 301-656-2797.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

How to Manage Your Diabetes

Learn how you can better manage your diabetes at this month's Suburban Health Lecture at the Village Center on **Wednesday, June 4, at 1 p.m.**

Dr. Aaron Chidakel will review the symptoms of diabetes and the complications that can be encountered if it is not treated. Learn about new medications and testing procedures as well as the importance of diet, exercise and other lifestyle changes.

There is no cost for the talk, but please call 301-656-2797 to let us know if you plan to attend.

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Screening for skin cancer

Chevy Chase dermatologist Sean Gunning will administer free skin cancer screenings at the Village Center on **Wednesday, June 25, from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Dr. Gunning's interests include the evaluation and treatment of skin cancer, as well as general and cosmetic dermatology. He graduated with honors from Duke and NYU Medical School. After an internship and residency at Walter Reed, he continued as a member of its teaching staff and was an assistant professor at the Uniformed Services University. He is the only dermatologist to have served in Iraq.

Screenings, held in complete privacy, will last about ten minutes. Call 301-656-2797 to make an appointment. Early detection is the best defense against all forms of skin cancer!



Feelings about vision loss

Blindness is the most feared chronic disability in this country. Hundreds of thousands of people have had their lives changed by loss of vision. Despite recent strides in research and rehabilitation, many of our fears and feelings may remain.

At our next Vision Support Group meeting on **Tuesday, June 17, at 12:30 p.m.**, Nina Glasner, MSW, will guide the group in facing feelings about vision loss. Ms. Glasner is an associate professor in the John Hopkins University Department of Ophthalmology.

Bring a bag lunch; dessert and a beverage are provided. The Support Group is a partnership of the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington and the Village of Friendship Heights. Please call 301-656-2797 to register.



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Cafe Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on **Monday, June 2, at 7 p.m.**, presents a reading by poets Christopher Conlon and Erica Dawson.

Christopher Conlon is the author of three books of poems, the most recent of which is *Mary Falls: Requiem for Mrs. Surratt*. He has also written a collection of stories, *Thundershowers at Dusk*, and his novel, *Midnight on Mourn Street*, is scheduled for publication this year.

Erica Dawson won the 2006 Anthony Hecht Prize for her first book, *Big-Eyed Afraid*. Her poems have appeared or are forthcoming in *Barrow Street*, *Blackbird*, *Sewanee Theological Review*, *Southwest Review*, and *Virginia Quarterly Review*, and the next edition of *Best American Poetry*.

Café Muse opens at 7 p.m. with refreshments and classical guitar by Michael Davis; readings begin at 7:30. Attending poets are invited to participate in an open reading that concludes the 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 sponsored public programs for over 30 years.

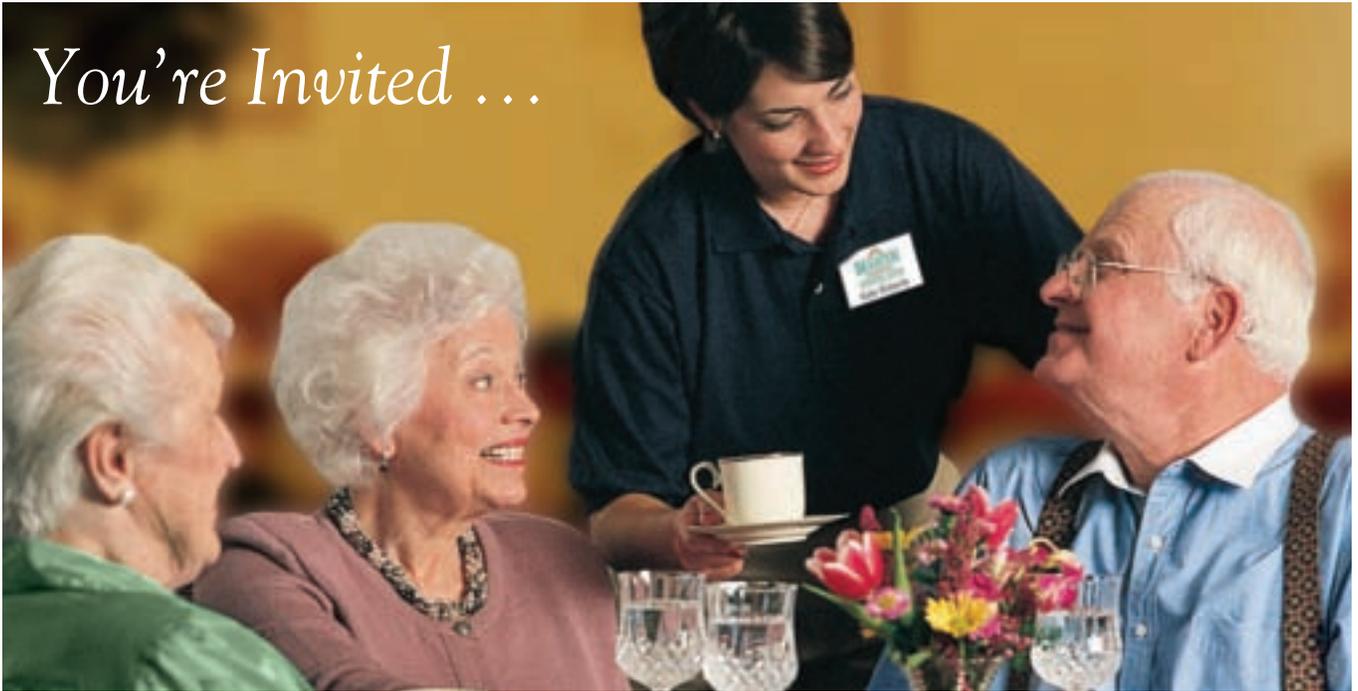
Tea and talk: China, inside and out

The 2008 Olympics represent China's move to occupy global center stage. East Asian economics specialist Erland Heginbotham, will speak on major reforms that have opened China's economy and how they led to its impact in energy, finance, commodities and globalization at the Village Center on **Friday, June 27, at 2 p.m.**

Dr. Heginbotham is a professor of Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and also teaches at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center. In 1982 he concluded twenty-seven years as a diplomat with the U.S. Foreign Service. His duties included serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia, and as the first Director-General of the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service overseeing some 700 officers in 53 posts abroad. Since 1982 he has held a number of positions including senior staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Director of the Office of Industries of the U.S. International Trade Commission; senior research fellow at the Institute for Defense Analyses; founder and director of Gateway Japan; and, Director of the China Agriculture Strategy Project at the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs.

After his presentation, please stay for tea. Sign up for this free event by calling 301-656-2797.

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Tuesday, June 17th, 6:30-8:00pm

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Village Council Corner

Centenarians Honored at Community Day



The Village Council hosted our 22nd annual Community Day event (celebrating the anniversary of the Village Center opening) on May 13. On behalf of the Village Council, Mayor Melanie White gave special recognition to two Village centenarians, **Rena Hayes** (see photo top left) and **Anna Rosenblum** (see photo bottom left), continuing a tradition we began last fall.

A large crowd was on hand to enjoy food from



Famous Dave's Barbeque, music by David McLaughlin's bluegrass band, and the beautiful weather.

Streetlight Project to Begin

As this issue goes to press, conduit installation work is set to begin for the last phase of streetlights in the Village. Ten new lights will be installed on the east side of Friendship Boulevard (by Highland House West) and on both sides of The Hills Plaza near South Park Avenue. The lights will be the same style as the others throughout the community (see photo at right).

The conduit work is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete and will include setting the bases for the poles. Installation of the lights by a separate contractor will follow.

Council actions at the May 12 meeting:

- Approved new lobby furniture and carpet;
- Approved Center auditorium sound system upgrade and acoustical treatment;
- Approved proposal for Village audit;
- Approved proposal for streetlight conduit.



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