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The club will be closed on Friday, April 3, for Good Friday.

APRIL PROGRAMS

Wednesday, April 1. Oval Table; Lunch at noon. TRIBUTE TO THE KING(S). Upon the retirement of Dr. Gary Vikan from the Walters Art Museum, the docents decided to honor him with two of his favorite things...the Walters collection and Elvis! This somewhat irreverent presentation combines selected art works with appropriate Elvis recordings in homage to Gary's serious scholarship linking the devotion given an American idol (Elvis) and that given to Ancient and Medieval Saints. For the docents Gary made the profound personal and fun, so they decided to give him a dose of his own medicine. Join HSC member **Barbara Guarnieri** as she shares this lighthearted accolade with us. It's a great cure for a broken funny bone! **Gary Vikan will be our honored guest.**

Wednesday, April 8. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Peter Hinderberger, M.D., *TREATING BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT---ALL AT ONCE.* Peter Hinderberger, MD, PhD, was born, raised and educated in Switzerland. While still in medical school and working on his doctoral thesis, he came to believe that conventional medicine, based on physical science and statistical methodology, can only assess *physical* changes within a *group* of people. It does not take the *laws of life* and the *individual's* needs into consideration. Thus began a lifetime of study and practice of conventional and complementary medicine and how they address the needs of individual patients and promote optimal well-being by providing health care through an integrated approach. Dr. Hinderberger is co-founder and medical director of the Ruscombe Community Health Center established in 1984. He is involved in a clinical trial at The Johns Hopkins Hospital after successfully treating a patient with stage 4 colon cancer using mistletoe. Dr. Hinderberger will describe his mission, the wide field of complementary therapies available today and how they work with conventional medicine to support patient well-being and outcomes.

Thursday, April 16. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. If you have ever explored the Walters Art Museum's exhibition of medieval manuscripts, you know that it is one of the preeminent collections in the nation. With more than 900 illuminated manuscripts, 1,250 of the first printed books (ca. 1455-1500), and an important collection of post – 1500 deluxe editions, this extraordinary collection chronicles the art of the book over more than 1,000 years. After lunch at the Club, **Martina Bagnoli**, the Andrew W. Mellon Curator in Charge of Medieval Art and Manuscripts at the Walters Art Museum, will take us on a tour through the manuscript room housing these treasures. As the space is small, the group will be limited to 12 persons, so sign up early!

Monday, April 20. Current Events Discussion: Lunch and Discussion at noon. Please join us as we contemplate and try to understand the issues of the day with the help of articles by respected thinkers. Come and bring your informed views and your sense of humor.

Monday, April 27. French Table: 12:00-1:00. Join other Club members for an hour of conversation and lunch, *en français* with a little English, but mostly French. You don't have to be fluent to enjoy the hour -- come listen and speak when you wish. Please sign up in advance.

Tuesday, April 28. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Gil Sandler, a Baltimore native son whose storytelling expertise has most recently been showcased weekly on WYPR, attended city public schools, served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and came home to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He then embarked on two remarkably long-lived parallel careers in Baltimore: operating his eponymous advertising and public relations firm, and writing freelance op-eds and columns for "The Sun," "The Evening Sun" and "The Sunday Sun". As one example of his prodigious productivity, his popular "Baltimore Glimpses" column ran weekly for 31 years in "The Evening Sun." After selling his company in 1988, he was named director of communication of The Abell Foundation, a position he still holds. He somehow found time during all this professional activity to write four books about Baltimore and contribute stories to other publications and earn a master's in liberal arts from Hopkins. He and his late wife of 52 years, Joan, raised three children, yielding seven grandchildren. We are in for a real treat when our distinguished guest Gil Sandler spins his lively tales about Baltimore's people, history—and quirks.

Thursday, April 30. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Be on hand to hear about **Fred Bronstein's** exciting first year as **Dean of the Peabody Institute** of The Johns Hopkins University and get some insight into his plans for the future of this important Baltimore institution. Dr. Bronstein is an accomplished pianist, dedicated music educator, and successful chief executive of American symphony orchestras, most recently the renowned St. Louis Symphony. His stints as president of the Omaha Symphony and the Dallas Symphony all involved significant educational outreach. As a performer, he toured for eight years and can be heard on New World Records as part of the chamber group Acqualis. Dean Bronstein notes the move to Peabody is a natural extension of his career long interest in the formation of young musicians.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 5. Luncheon with Guest Speaker. Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Johns Hopkins University Director of Program in Museums and Society, Elizabeth Rodini, PhD, shares her extensive research about a small, truly elegant house museum in Paris, the **Musée Nissim de Camondo**, built in the early 1900s to accommodate a family and their important collection of 18th century furnishings and decorative arts. The museum, next to the Parc Monceau, exudes elegance and has a fascinating story. Moïse de Camondo, a banker, and his family spent three years building this home which was patterned after the Petit Trianon at Versailles. Tragedy eventually besieged this family as Moïse's son, Nissim, for whom the museum was named, was killed in World War I and a few years later his daughter and her family were deported to Auschwitz. The house is maintained as if it were still a private home and is preserved in its original condition. Join us to hear more of this remarkable story about this beautiful museum.

Wednesday, May 6. New Members Luncheon: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:30. Invitations to new members and their proposers have been sent, but this is also an occasion for

others to sign up to meet our new members. This will be an opportunity to learn about some commonalities members share, as well as hear about unique experiences that make our members so interesting.

Wednesday, May 13. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Jo Briggs**, Assistant Curator of the 18th and 19th Century Art at the Walters, will talk briefly about putting the 'Rye to Raphael' exhibition together before leading us [with the help of a couple of docents] through the Museum's 4th Floor galleries. You'll see early objects collected by William Walters the father, his awakening to European art, and the glorious objects purchased by his son Henry at World's Fairs and elsewhere -- including two Faberge eggs, plus bibelots purchased in their St. Petersburg workshop! It's all stunning and you'll enjoy Jo's entertaining and informative presentation.

Thursday, May 14. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. Our guest speaker is **Robert S. Ford, former Ambassador to Syria, 2010–2014**, and former Ambassador to Algeria, 2006-2008. He retired a year ago from the State Department and is currently a Senior Fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington. Ford has been described “as one of the best Arabists at the State Department.”

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Thursday, May 21. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Since its inception, the Institute of Christian and Jewish Studies has been employing a diverse group of scholars to craft programming and further the interfaith dialogue. Newly hired Muslim Scholar, **Homayra Ziad**, PhD., was a tenured professor at Trinity College in Hartford, Ct. She earned her doctorate degree in Islamic Studies at Yale University. She is helping ICJS to launch *Abraham's Children*, an adult educational curriculum that guides Jews, Christians, and Muslims in interreligious dialogue. Her scholarly interests include theologies of pluralism, religion and humor. She is deeply involved in interfaith initiatives and educational outreach on faith. Recently she appeared in a movie that features a Muslim's woman's role in defying the Nazi occupation of France. www.icjs.org

Thursday, May 28. HAMILTON ST. CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON, Noon for Members and Guests. 'Tis the season for our annual Spring fling, to be held at the Club this year. This special occasion will be a perfect opportunity to bring guests, including prospective members, downtown for lunch with us. At the same time you can also take in the new art exhibition at our own Gallery 2. Mark your calendars now!

Thursday, June 4. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. We welcome back **Vincent Lancisi and cast members from the Everyman Theatre**. Artistic director Lancisi will give us an update on what's in store for Everyman Theatre as it continues to thrive and to help make Baltimore's theatre scene flourish. The rollicking fun of “Blithe Spirit” will be shared with

members and guests as Everyman actors present some favorite parts of the play. This will certainly be a delightful afternoon at the Club!

Wednesday, June 10. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon; Lunch at 12:15.

The new President of **Goucher College, José Antonio Bowen, PhD**, has taught at Stanford and Georgetown and was Dean of the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University. The author of over 100 scholarly articles, he has also appeared as a musician with Stan Getz, Bobby McFerrin, and others. He has written a symphony, music for Hubert Laws and Jerry Garcia, and is the author of *Teaching Naked: How Moving Technology Out of Your College Classroom Will Improve Student Learning*. Dr. Bowen will discuss the future of the Liberal Arts education and how colleges can better integrate learning across the campus, while offering a product that has enough value to compete with the free alternative online.

Wednesday, July 1. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15.

Back by popular demand, **Professor Joel Grossman** will discuss the **recent decisions of the Supreme Court**. Professor Grossman is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, specializing in the areas of American Politics, and Law and Politics. He is co-editor of "The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court" (2005, 2nd Edition).

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Iva Turner: In Iva's words her family fled Communist persecution in Czechoslovakia and emigrated to the United States in 1950. She retired after 41 years as an educator, teaching and later as an administrator at Bryn Mawr School and Gilman School. She was the first woman to be Head of the Upper School at Gilman. She full intends to continue as a lifelong learner while adding in gardening, theatre and needlepoint.