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APRIL PROGRAMS

Wednesday, April 6. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. Jed Dietz - Director of the Maryland Film Festival, President of the Producer's Club of Maryland. Jed Dietz is an icon in Baltimore—Maryland—across the country and beyond. He is also a familiar guest speaker at the Hamilton Street Club. We are thrilled that he has agreed once again to address us with a sneak preview of the 2016 Maryland Film Festival. The Maryland Film festival is an annual five-day event that takes place in early May. This year's festival is slated for May 4 – 8. Each year the Festival screens approximately 50 feature films and 75 short films of all varieties—narrative, documentary, animation, experimental, and hybrid—to audiences of tens of thousands. The festival aims to provide film for everyone in an inclusive and friendly atmosphere, at the same time adding to the larger film dialogue across the country and the world. In 1993, Mr. Dietz founded the Producers Club of Maryland, Inc., a not for profit corporation to help the Maryland Film Office attract more film and television production to Maryland. The organization has been instrumental in a significant increase in the film business in Maryland. Mr. Dietz is also the founder and general partner of Film Development Partners. FDP is a limited partnership investing in ideas for feature film production. The fund has been used to develop ideas into screenplays for a variety of producers, ranging from the actor Kevin Bacon to Larry Turman (*The River Wild*), and now has 15 projects in various stages of development.

Thursday, April 7. Book Discussion: Lunch at noon, Discussion to follow. If your New Year's Resolution was to read more, come to discuss the books of Alexandra Fuller: *Don't Let's Go to The Dogs Tonight* or *Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness* or her latest *Leaving before the Rains Come*. Shortly after her birth in 1969, her family moved to Rhodesia in 1972 and tried to farm, right in the midst of a civil war that was tearing the country apart. All the books detail Ms. Fuller's young life with humor, but they are really a love letter to her mother, a hard drinking woman whose madness was fueled by the death of three of her children. Despite tragedy, Ms. Fuller's books brim with laughter as she recounts her unique African upbringing. Whether you have read one of her wonderful books or not, join us on April 7th to learn more about her amazing life. **Ellen O'Brien** will lead the discussion.

Tuesday, April 12. 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.

Thursday, April 14. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon, lunch at 12:15. As the former head of *Riverlife* in Pittsburgh, **Lisa Millspaugh Schroeder** led successful riverfront renewal initiatives and guided the creation of 13 miles of park space along the rivers. She now leads Baltimore's Parks & People Foundation at a crucial time in the City. She will discuss her work in Pittsburgh and her vision for the future of Baltimore's environmental, social, and physical health.

Monday, April 18. 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, your sense of humor, and perhaps a guest or two.

Monday, April 25. 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 26. Oval Table: Lunch at noon. *Behind the Scenes on Walnut Hill.* Soon we'll be thinking about gardening, so to "get in the mood", please join garden owner, **Penney Hubbard**, and writer, **Kathy Hudson**, for a behind-the-scenes look at ***On Walnut Hill: The Evolution of a Garden***. Since its publication in October, this elegant coffee table book has taken Baltimore by storm. The garden, developed by A.C. and Penney Hubbard over 46 years, was transformed by the late and renowned plantsman and designer Kurt Bluemel. Hudson chronicles the story of the garden and the story of the family in their garden, while breathtaking photographs by award-winning Roger Foley capture one year of the life in the garden. As Anne Raver, former *New York Times* garden columnist, says, "Any great garden changes with the seasons, and every hour of the day, but this one has changed the Hubbards and become their world."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 3. Luncheon and Tour: Lunch at noon, Tour at 1:00. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is the nation's first Cathedral. It was built from 1806-1821. A major restoration completed in 2006 returned the church to its original design, as envisioned by America's first bishop, John Carroll, and as planned by renowned architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe. After lunch at the Club, we will walk to the Basilica for a 1 pm tour. LIMITED TO 20 ONLY.

Thursday, May 5. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. We welcome back **Vincent Lancisi and cast members from the Everyman Theatre**. As Everyman celebrates its 25th anniversary, Artistic Director Lancisi will reminisce about the highlights of the past decade and a half and tell us what's in store for our continuing theatrical enlightenment and pleasure. To close out this amazing season, two classic plays will run in repertory: Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* and Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Adding to our exciting program, two Everyman Resident Company actors (TBD) will share with us how performing in repertory has affected them as actors.

Monday, May 16. 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, your sense of humor, and perhaps a guest or two.

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SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 19. Spring Cocktail Party 6-8 pm. To be held at the Garden at 4 E. Madison Street. Please watch the newsletter for more information.

Wednesday, May 25, Luncheon with Guest Speaker. Upstairs at noon; Luncheon at 12:15. Our speaker is **Kristen Hileman, Senior Curator and Department Head of Contemporary Art at the Baltimore Museum of Art** and chief within its contemporary art department. Hileman

previously was an associate curator at the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden. She has taught as an adjunct instructor at both the Corcoran College of Art and Design and George Washington University. She lectures frequently at metro-area galleries and organizations and has juried a number of exhibitions in the area. Her talk will provide an overview of what you can expect to see on view in the Baltimore Museum of Art's Contemporary Wing in the coming months. She will focus on a selection of recent acquisitions, perennial visitor favorites, and works that stretch the boundaries of art, discussing the different approaches today's artists take to making work and the BMA's collection strengths.

Wednesday, June 1. Oval Table, Lunch at noon. Club member **Jacqueline Slavney** will discuss her exhibit of photographs, which is on permanent loan to the club. Originally from England, Jacqueline moved to the United States at the age of 24. She learned the basics of photography as an undergraduate at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore where she studied with Beverly Wilgus. Since then she has worked independently — originally in the darkroom and has now transitioned to digital photographic composition. She does her own printing using only the highest quality inks and finest papers. Her photographs have been shown in a number of galleries in the Baltimore area, including the Gomez Gallery, Galerie Françoise et ses Frères, Gallery G, the Barn Gallery at Ladew Gardens, and at the Maryland Federation of Art in Annapolis. Her photographs are in many private collections in the US and the UK.

Tuesday, June 7. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **George L. Scheper**, Senior Lecturer of Advanced Academic Programs at The Johns Hopkins University, will discuss how *fin-de-siècle* Vienna experienced an explosion of creativity in music, art, literature, philosophy, and science. Dramatic transformations from traditional to avant-garde forms of expression played out in coffee houses, salons, galleries and concert halls. This cultural paradigm shift to modernism that elsewhere took place over hundreds of years, happened in Vienna within the space of just a couple of generations, making Vienna 1900 a veritable laboratory of modernism. We'll explore the remaking of the old Hapsburg capital into a city of bourgeois high culture with the creation of the *Ringstrasse* and the innovations of Secessionist art and architecture.

Monday, June 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, your sense of humor, and perhaps a guest or two.

Thursday, July 7. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Back by popular demand, **Professor Joel Grossman, an authority on constitutional law and the Supreme Court** will discuss the **Court's 2015-2016 decisions**. Professor Grossman is Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, and Academy Professor at Johns Hopkins University and an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Law School. He was chair of the political science departments at both Hopkins and the University of Wisconsin, Editor of *Law & Society Review*, and Chair of the Wisconsin Judicial Commission. He won campus teaching awards at both Hopkins and Wisconsin, and in 2005 won the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association.

Wednesday, July 27. Luncheon and Tour: Lunch at noon, Tour at 1:00. After lunch at the Club, we will take a tour of the Garrett Jacobs Mansion. The creation of the mansion and the story of those who occupied it for six decades — 64 years, from 1872 to 1939 — exemplify the Gilded Age in the United States. The Garrett Jacobs Mansion was created by a woman of unlimited means and opulent tastes — Mary Sloan Frick Garrett Jacobs. She hired two of the nation's most renowned architects — first Stanford White and 20 years later John Russell Pope — to create a setting for entertaining leaders of industry, culture, and society in a manner that rivaled the wealthy of New York society and eclipsed

any in Baltimore; this was one of the eight homes and estates owned by the Garrett family. This is her story, the story of the times in which she lived and how her family shaped our nation's history.

AROUND THE CLUB

Congratulations to Club Member Carla Hayden: President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate Pratt Library CEO Carla Hayden to serve as the 14th Librarian of Congress. Upon confirmation, she will be the first woman, the first African American, and only the second actual Librarian to serve as Librarian of Congress. What a well deserved and wonderful recognition of her tremendous talent. Dr. Hayden has restored and magnified the library's world-renowned reputation, and she has continued Enoch Pratt's legacy by providing a place of learning with outstanding resources, services, and programming for all citizens. During the confirmation, Dr. Hayden will remain dedicated and fully involved in the day-to-day operations of the Pratt Library system, including the on-going Central Library/State Library Resource Center.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Peggy Sparr: Peggy has recently retired from a long career with Medicare and Medicaid but is still an active member of the JHU Choral Society and garden club. Her interests include scuba diving, theater, modern art, gardening, reading, travel, and photography. Thanks to Jane Meyer and Bettina Jenkins for sponsoring her membership.