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The Club will be closed on Friday, April 14th for Good Friday

Thanks to all the members who contributed to the annual gift fund for the Club's dedicated staff. We appreciate all that Dawn Elardo (manager) Mike Plitt (chef), Cindy Merritt (server), and Evette Holmes (server) do to make our Club a home away from home.

A reminder that if you change your address, telephone number, email or any contact information to please let Dawn know so that we can keep our address list current. Also, please remember to let Dawn know if you can not attend a program for which you have signed up. This is especially important if the program has a waiting list.

Finally, put **Wednesday, May 24th, 6-8pm** on your calendar and plan to attend the **Club's Spring Party** which will be held at **Jane Daniel's home**. Details will be included in the next newsletter.

Hopefully our snow is behind us and we will have sunny skies ahead.

Joan

APRIL PROGRAMS

POSTPONED; PLEASE WATCH YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR A NEW DATE COMING SOON

Tuesday, April 4. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Phoebe Hayes, Director of Horseman's Relations at Laurel and Pimlico Race courses, will discuss her work at these two horse racetracks, the plans of the current owners, the Stronach Group, for the facilities, and the outlook for the 2017 Triple Crown races. The history of Pimlico Racetrack is tightly tied to the history of Maryland and the annual Preakness Stakes is one of the premier sporting events in the nation. Ms. Hayes will take us 'behind the scenes' to find out how the many people involved--horse owners, trainers, jockeys, racetrack owners, stablehands, etc--coordinate this event.

Thursday, April 13. Luncheon and Tour with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15: Center Stage Tour to follow. Gavin Witt, Associate Director and Director of Dramaturgy at Baltimore Center Stage and docent **John Fischer** will provide a personal tour of the \$28 million renovation of our beloved Center Stage, the State Theater of Maryland. The former Loyola High School is once again re-invented for the purpose of nourishing our artistic talents and imaginations. We will see behind the scene spaces—the new education wing, the amazing, costume shop, the new 90 seat third theater space and hear first hand of the adventures and skills such an undertaking demands. This third renovation confirms that the future of theater in Baltimore is full of possibility and surprise.

Monday, April 17. 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.

WAIT LIST ONLY: Thursday, April 20. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon. Lunch at 12:15. **Ralph Webster**, in his first book, *A Smile in One Eye: A Tear in the Other*, tells the story of the Wobsers, prosperous, churchgoing and good Germans, living in a small East Prussian town. With the rise of Nazism, they are told they are Jews and are persecuted, even though they have been Baptized and confirmed as Lutherans. The author reports on how his family's life is destroyed as they flee their heretofore comfortable lives. Ralph Webster's father is the central figure in this remarkable story. The book raises the question: What does it mean to be Jewish: Is it a religion, a race, an ethnicity?

Monday, April 24. 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 25. 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, April 26. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Exploring Ireland and Irish Heritage. Celebrate Irish history and culture and enjoy **Denny Lynch's** delightful power point presentation. The images that Denny will present are of the lovely people, landscapes and castles he has photographed during many sojourns in Ireland. Denny will also highlight the historical ties between Ireland and the State of Maryland. So don a little green and come on a delightful visual tour of Ireland.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 9. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. The Maryland Women's Heritage Center, the first comprehensive state center of its kind in the nation, recognizes the contributions of Maryland women who have made contributions in the arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, human rights, law, medicine, the military, philanthropy, and science. You've heard of notable Maryland women such as Clara Barton and Helen Delich Bentley, but are you familiar with Sister Mary Elizabeth Lange and Madeleine Lemoyne Ellicott? The Center honors both historical and contemporary women in the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame as well as Unsung Heroines who have shaped their communities. **Diana Bailey**, Executive Director of the Center and formerly with the Maryland State Department of Education, will discuss programs offered by the Center, including leadership development for young girls, and will highlight some of the famous and not-as-well known Maryland women who have made a difference in our state and the nation.

Thursday, May 11. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Jonas Rappaport, M.D.** will present "The Three Wannabe Presidential Assassins I Examined". He is the founder of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law and was Chief Medical Officer for the Supreme Bench in Baltimore City. As Baltimore City's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rappaport consulted on virtually all major forensic psychiatry cases in Baltimore City during his career. Nationally, he consulted on the Arthur Bremer (attempted assassination of presidential candidate George Wallace), Sarah Jane Moore (attempted assassination of President Ford), John Hinckley (attempted assassination of President Reagan).

Monday, May 15. 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.

Tuesday, May 16. Book Discussion: Lunch at noon; discussion to follow. “Join a book discussion with other Hamilton Street Club members. The selected book, “The Dark Flood Rises” by Margaret Drabble was just published by Farrar, Strauss & Giroux (325 pages). Part story, part a set of vividly detailed snapshots of the routines of aging, this novel follows the protagonist, 70-something Fran Stubbs as she criss-crosses England on behalf of a trust that researches living arrangements for the elderly. Fran may think that longevity has ruined old age but you will meet up with a cast of characters who disagree and who find intellectual nourishment in hosting younger friends or comfort in teaching the “late Style” of poets or pleasure in pre-cooked meals, fine wines and nightly serenades from Maria Callas. These characters form a community which may be preoccupied by death and accidents but the writing skills of Margaret Drabble impart perception and understanding of lives well lived. New member Jackie Noller will lead the discussion. **Note: Hardcopies of this book are on reserve at The Ivy Bookstore, 6080 Falls Road, for Hamilton Street Club members at a 10% discount. Just identify that you are a member and the discount is yours. Amazon carries both hard copies and an e-reader edition.”**

Monday, May 22. 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, May 24, 6-8pm. Spring Cocktail Party to be held at the home of Jane Daniels, more information to come.

Thursday, July 6. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Popular lecturer **Professor Joel Grossman, an authority on constitutional law and the Supreme Court**, returns to the club to discuss the **Court's 2016-2017 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.

AROUND THE CLUB

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Marianne (Flip) F. Kreitner: Flip has retired from her role as Director of Constituent Services for Senator Barbara A. Mikulski. She is the Horticultural Chair of the Ten Hills Garden Club, President of Friends of Maryland's Olmsted Parks and Landscapes, President of the Westside Democratic Club, and a member of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. Her interests include travel, American and European history, fiction, biography, restoring old houses, water color painting, cooking, gardening, rescue dogs, conservation, and public landscape. Thank you to Anne R. Gossett and Carlisle V. Hashim for sponsoring her membership.

Martha Anne Delea: Martha, a retired attorney, was a board member of the Johns Hopkins Club. Her interests include current events, reading, music, art, gardening, and golf. Thank you to Sheila Peter and Martha Cukor for sponsoring her membership.