August 2015

The Club will be closed July 31-Sept 8 for summer break.

● Some of you missed a wonderful Club event on July 14, Bastille Day! The Club was filled to capacity. A yummy Salad Nicoise was on the menu and the biscuits were hot. A glass of wine encouraged conversation in English and French among members and guests. Several potential members joined the fun as well. The highlight was a visit from Travis Marley, the young attractive pastry chef for Petite Louis in Roland Park and Columbia, as well as Cinghale, Charleston, and Johnny's. He shared how chocolate is processed from bean to bar AND shared trays laden with delicious pastries for each table. Oooh la la!

● The August bill will include a $90 assessment which is designed to tackle the current budget deficit, now a bit over $7,000 and likely to grow during August [when we're closed but still have expenses and no income] and September. Several generous members have already made gifts well beyond $90. Board members are delighted with their good will gestures of trust in the future. We have over $2,500 as a head start . . .

● Watch for the Annual President's Letter within the September newsletter. It will bring you up to date on a variety of important Club-related issues. In the meantime enjoy the August break, relax, and catch up on your reading!

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Thursday, September 10. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Our Fall programs open with the opportunity to hear **Fred Bronstein, Dean of the Peabody Institute** of The Johns Hopkins University, speak about the new challenges young musicians face in these changing times and 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. This program has been re-scheduled from April 30.

Monday, September 28. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 15. Oval Table; Lunch at Noon. Joan Feldman will give a discussion on a three week trip to India she and her husband took last February/March.   Joan, together with representatives from an Indian based travel company, drew up a tour designed specifically for her and her husband.   The teaming metropolis of Mumbai, the peace and calm of the Great Stupa at Sanchi, the incredible, religiosity of Varanasi, the luxury of the Lake Palace Hotel in Udaipur, and fantastic sculpture and paintings in ancient caves and temples are just a few of the astonishing sites they encountered.   A country where meat eaters are in the minority and where 'beef' roams the streets but is never on the menu, a country of incredible contrasts, of vibrant colors, sights and smells - India is a world unto itself and the trip of a lifetime for the Feldmans.

Monday, October 26. 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.

Thursday, October 29. SAVE THE DATE: Annual Meeting at the Maryland Club. More information to come.