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The Club will be closed on Monday, January 18.

Often, when a store extends a sale, it's because response has been poor.

NOT at the Hamilton Street Club . . .

We have extended suspension of the \$175 initiation fee for new members
from February 29 until the end of September 2016

BECAUSE IT IS ATTRACTING ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN

Members are inviting friends to visit the Club so they can experience for themselves the pleasures of membership. So far, we have welcomed six new members since July and another eight have been proposed. This is not an advertising campaign. It is an invitation for valued friends to visit and discover the best kept secret in Baltimore: a welcome place where women who have contributed to and care about the future of our beloved city and region can enjoy the company of others with similar interests. It is a perfect time to introduce your friends to the rewards of membership in the Hamilton Street Club. What are you waiting for?

JANUARY PROGRAMS

Wednesday, January 13. Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:30. Invitations have gone out for **Lunch by Chance**, an occasional opportunity to join members you may not see regularly and their guests. Because we are a cohort of remarkable women, this is a wonderful chance to become better acquainted with members who are not always at the Club when we are. It's always encouraging to hear the responses of others who have attended in the past. Words like 'What fun' and 'Pleasantly surprising' and 'So glad I went!' are often the reaction. If you are not on the January list, sit tight -- your turn for a *chance meeting* is in the future. **All members are welcome to sign up after the January 6th deadline.**

Thursday, January 14. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. The Baltimore Improv Group (BIG) is Baltimore's premiere improvisational theater company. Founded in 2004, the organization has grown from four performers in a rowhouse basement to a company of 60, producing over 130 shows a year. **Mike Harris** will be talking to us about the history of BIG and what it is like to develop a performing arts company in Baltimore, as well as leading a short improv workshop for everyone at the event. It will be fun, it will be silly, you will want to wear comfortable shoes. Mike Harris has been the Executive Artistic Director of the Baltimore Improv Group since 2010. In addition to performing and teaching with BIG, he teaches at the National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts (NCDA) in Washington, D.C. and is a member of Actors' Equity. Mike

has performed in theaters across the DC/Baltimore area.

Tuesday, January 19. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon, Lunch at 12:15. Goucher College's English Department chairperson, **Juliette Wells**, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of publication of Jane Austen's *Emma*, will speak about why *Emma* is important to Austen's career as an author, in terms of what it shows us both about her literary mastery and her sense of herself as a professional writer. Dr. Wells also will share the little-known story of the first American edition of *Emma*, published in Philadelphia in 1816. The only one of Austen's novels published in the U.S. during her lifetime (1775-1817), this Philadelphia *Emma* is now exceptionally rare: only six copies exist worldwide, and one of them is part of Goucher's exceptional Jane Austen collection. Learn how this edition came to be and what the surviving copies have to tell us about Austen's early readers.

Monday, January 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.

Monday, January 25. 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.

Wednesday, January 27. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. We are very fortunate to welcome **Josh Sharfstein**, MD, Associate Dean for Public Health Practice and Training, at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Previously, he served as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as the Principal Deputy Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as Commissioner of Health for Baltimore City, and as health policy advisor for Congressman Henry A. Waxman. He will speak to us about *Changing Times in Health and Healthcare*, a topic that has been at the forefront of discussion and debate for the last several years and is sure to affect us, our families and our pocket books. Dr. Sharfstein is eminently qualified to read the tea leaves and let us know what's in store in the near and distant future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch will be available to our members in February at noon who would like to attend the ART SEMINAR LECTURE SERIES on **Tuesdays in February**. If you have never attended ASG lectures, we hope you will take advantage of combining our offerings. The guest fee for the art lectures is \$15 at their door. Lectures start at 1:30 in the auditorium at the Walters Art Museum. Please make a reservation in advance. You are encouraged to bring guests too!

Wednesday, February 3. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon, Lunch at 12:15 Many of us are experiencing family changes as we look towards downsizing, moving parents or ourselves to a retirement community, and just plainly organizing and decluttering our homes. **Sally McCabe**, founder and CEO of Next Step Baltimore, talks about practical and emotional challenges involved in making a transition, sorting and disposing of possessions, staging a home to sell, moving logistics, and more. Simplify, organize, and live clutter free!

Wednesday, February 10. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Gone but not forgotten: a favorite columnist, **Susan Reimer**, will join us for reflections of her career and her segue into retirement. She will also have her book available which is a collection of her early columns. If there is time we can get some gardening tips too.

Monday, February 22. French Table: 12:00-1:00. Join other Club members for an hour of

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Monday, February 22. Current Events Discussion: Lunch and Discussion at noon.

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Save the Date: March 10. Enjoy dinner at the Club at 6 p.m., followed by a performance at Peabody of Mozart's great opera *Così fan tutte*. Details to follow.

AROUND THE CLUB

Please be sure to welcome two new Hamilton Street Club members.

Mary Elizabeth Cieslicki is a policy analyst at the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She is interested in current events, Latin American affairs and swimming.

Marlyn Robinson is a professional theater artist and former equity actress who has taught and directed plays throughout the mid Atlantic. She enjoys a variety of cultural activities and intellectual pursuits.