

THE HAMILTON STREET CLUB

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The club will be closed for summer break July 29 – Sept 6

Kudos to Doreen Bolger who has recently been named to the *Baltimore Sun* Hall of Fame. Doreen was cited for her 17 years of leadership of the Baltimore Museum of Art. During her tenure there she revitalized the museum while supporting and encouraging local artists. According to Doreen, her greatest accomplishment was eliminating the admission charge giving the people of Baltimore and beyond a chance to come in contact with the great works of art in the collection. We congratulate her for all her accomplishments.

The Spring Cocktail party last month was a great success. The venue and refreshments were memorable and it was a pleasure seeing so many new members mingling with more seasoned members such as myself.

The next large get together will be at the Annual Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at the Maryland Club. More information will be forthcoming, but plan to hold the date.

While some popular events in July already have a waiting list, you might want to join the Current Events session or the book discussion. And remember you can always come for lunch with a friend. Just be sure to check that there is no scheduled speaker's program on the day you would like to come. Mondays and Fridays (with the exception of Bastille day) are good as the program committee doesn't schedule speakers on those days. Hope to see you at the club.

Joan

JULY PROGRAMS

WAIT LIST ONLY: 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, an 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 12. Book Discussion: Lunch at noon, discussion to follow. What do you do when your sophisticated, cosmopolitan city becomes besieged by militants who commit terrible atrocities. Somehow, you manage to survive being homeless due to bombings with their destruction, suffering and death? But the time arrives when you finally decide you must leave, knowing you may never return. What do you take? Who goes with you and who stays behind? Come meet and discuss Saeed and Nadia, a young man and a woman, who have just met at an evening class on corporate identity and product branding. Yet they know their familiar world will not continue. It will soon be necessary to flee the approaching specter of Islamic fundamentalism. But

where can they go? How can they get there? What if that country doesn't accept refugees. Or is a country that doesn't see you as human at all. Our novel is Exit West by Mohsin Hamid and the discussion will be led by **Ellen O'Brien**.

WAIT LIST ONLY: Friday, July 14. Bastille Day Celebration. Lunch begins at Noon. **Alexandra Deutsch**, the Director of Collections & Interpretations at the MD Historical Society will present "It's Complicated: The American Bonapartes and France." Come celebrate with us! It is always a fun day focusing on French culture and the program is in English so no knowledge of French is required. Enjoy the French ambiance of the Club with French music in the background, a meal with a French flair prepared by our wonderful chef, a brief, fun quiz with some prizes, and closing with our singing of the Marseillaise. We will end before 2:00. Vive la France!

Monday, July 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.

Thursday, July 20. ANNUAL CRAB CAKE LUNCHEON. Lunch at noon. Join other members of the club in doing what club members do best – talking together while enjoying Maryland crab cakes. This is the perfect way to meet before the August break. Guests are always welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 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, September 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Janice Moore: Janice has retired from her position as Director of Libraries at Roland Park Country School. Her interests include education, history, political science, reading, and gardening. Thank you to Jean Brune and Louise White for proposing her membership

Helen Coplan: Welcome back to Helen who has returned to the club.