

THE HAMILTON STREET CLUB

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SAVE THE DATES! The Board is pleased to inform its members of the annual **Spring cocktail party** which will be held at **Jane Daniel's beautiful home on Wednesday, May 24**. Also, the members of 14 West Hamilton Street (known to us as the Men's Club) have invited us to tour Clifton Mansion and then join them afterwards at 14 West Hamilton Street for lunch on Saturday, September 23. Details will be forthcoming.

And for those interested in more immediate gratification, there are so many enticing programs to choose from in March. Several already have waiting lists so, don't delay, bring a friend and sign up for a stimulating afternoon at the club. I also want to remind our members of special groups that meet during the month - members who want a congenial group in which to talk French or discuss current events or who wish to play Mah Jong or bridge can find these pastimes at the club also.

MARCH PROGRAMS

Thursday, March 2. Luncheon with Guest Speakers, followed by exhibition tour at The Walters Art Museum, Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. Ferocious Beauty: Wrathful Deities from Tibet and Nepal. Striking works of Himalayan art depict wrathful Buddhist deities with fearsome qualities. Although they may appear intimidating, these deities use their power to guard against antagonists and thwart obstacles to the spiritual goals of their devotees. Join us to meet Baltimore collectors **Berthe and John Ford**, and learn about their collecting philosophy. Following this brief introduction, we will visit the gallery to tour the exhibition, which features nearly a dozen sculptures and paintings from the Ford collection, with curator **Katherine Kasdorf** to deepen our understanding of these compelling images.

WAIT LIST ONLY: Thursday, March 9. Evening dinner at 5:30pm and performance of The Marriage of Figaro at Peabody at 7:30pm. JoAnn Kulesza, music director/chair of the Peabody Opera Department and HSC member, will present 'juicy appetizers' and 'insider information' on the people, plot and shenanigans that comprise the Musical Feast that is Le Nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro). This opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is a comedy about servants outsmarting their master, the triumph of love over adversity and an array of characters and their secrets that might exist even in your own neighborhood. **Limited to 30 in attendance for Dinner and Opera.**

Tuesday, March 14. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. The SEED School of Maryland (SEED Maryland) is a statewide, public, college-preparatory boarding school offering an extraordinary learning and living experience in preparation for college and beyond. SEED Maryland opened in 2008 as the second SEED school and graduated its first class in 2015. It serves 400 students in grades 6 through 12. Students live on campus from Sunday evening through Friday afternoon. The program is tuition-free and serves students into and through college graduation. To date, 98% of SEED Maryland graduates have been accepted to a four-year college. **Jon Tucker** has served as the Head of School at The SEED School of Maryland since 2015. Prior to

coming to SEED, Mr. Tucker worked for 6 years at The SEED School of Washington D.C., most notably as the Director of Student Life. He brings 18 years of experience working with young people as he worked for 11 years at The Boys and Girls Club. He believes that education is key in changing lives and the trajectory of families and communities.

Monday, March 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.

WAIT LIST ONLY: Thursday, March 23. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; lunch at 12:15. The newly-opened Baltimore Immigration Museum covers the story of the 1.5 million immigrants who landed in Baltimore (America's third port of entry) during 1830-1914 as part of a global and international immigration movement of 60 million people. The Museum is located in an actual boarding house in Locust Point where immigrants stayed temporarily, waiting for job and housing opportunities in Baltimore, just a few blocks from the Immigration Pier where their ships landed. The discussion will cover America's immigration policies in the 1920s ("closing the gates") and the immigration liberalization of the 1960s. **Dr. Nicholas Fessenden** is the historian/treasurer of the Baltimore Immigration Museum. He taught history at Friends School during 1972-2010 and as also taught as an adjunct at Towson University, Maryland Institute of Art, and Community College of Baltimore County.

Monday, March 27. 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.

WAIT LIST ONLY: Wednesday, March 29. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Architect **Diane Cho**, a principal of the Baltimore firm Cho Benn Holback, will discuss her work renovating and redesigning the Chesapeake Shakespeare Theater, Everyman Theater, and, most recently, Center Stage. As theatergoers will attest, her work has changed the nature of experiencing theater in Baltimore. Come learn more about her philosophy of theater design and the challenges inherent in renovating an historic building into a viable modern theater.

Thursday, March 30. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. **James Riggs**, Vice President of Osprey Property Companies will be our guest to share the progress of 20 East Franklin Street, the construction directly across the street. Named Franklin Lofts & Flats, the project includes reuse of the building on Franklin and new construction at the rear, on Hamilton Street. Once complete the project will include 41 apartments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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.

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.

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.

Thursday, May 11. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Jonas Rappeport, 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. Rappeport 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.

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. Spring Cocktail Party to be held at the home of Jane Daniels, more information to come.

AROUND THE CLUB

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Diana Schram: Diana is a retired museum collections registrar and certified fundraising manager. She volunteers as a server at the "Breakfast Club" at Manna House and is chair of her college class fundraising committee. Her interests include arts and crafts, nature, travel, cats, music, Feldenkrais, women's rights and obligations, neural science, anthropology, archeology, Spain and Mexico. Thank you to Pamela Young and Sandy Teitelbaum for sponsoring her membership.