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The club will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day

Spring is in the air and programs are plentiful at The Hamilton Street Club. In addition, the Annual Spring Cocktail Party on Wednesday, May 24 is a delightful venue to meet and mingle with members and their guests.

And for all of you attending the various programs at the club, I remind you that in addition to two hour metered parking on Charles and Center Street, you can find four hour metered parking on Franklin Street from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The Peabody garage on St. Paul Street, just a block from the club, also offers two hour parking for \$6.00, three hours for \$7.00 and four or more hours for \$8.00.

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MAY PROGRAMS

RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 14. **Wednesday, May 3. 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, going home each weekend. Students must meet particular criteria in order to apply to the school such as being eligible for free or reduced meals, coming from a single parent household, having an incarcerated family member, and/or receiving temporary cash assistance under the State Family Investment Program. A lottery is held each Spring in order to select the incoming 6th grade class for the following academic year. Our speaker, **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.”

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 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.

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED: 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."**

Thursday, May 18. Luncheon and Pratt Tour; Lunch begins at noon, tour to follow. On January 19, 1934, the 125th anniversary of Poe's birth, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, under the direction of Joseph L. Wheeler, opened the Edgar Allan Poe Room to the public, marking the inception of a formal relationship between the Pratt and the memory of one of America's literary giants. The Poe room is closed during the current renovation of the historic Central building, but once again **Michael Johnson**, manager of Special Collections for the Pratt and the State Library Resource center will meet with Hamilton Street Club member in the Pratt's Mencken room to discuss the collection and present some of the remarkable Poe material. The large Pratt collection includes letters written by Poe to Maria Clemm, his aunt and to Virginia Clemm, his 13 year-old cousin who he later married, correspondence with other writers of the day, the well-known lock of Poe's hair from the Amelia Poe collection, and other memorabilia including images and daguerreotypes of the poet and significant others in his life. After lunch May 18 at the club, we will make a short walk to the Pratt to hear about this fascinating collection. **Please note due to limited space in the Poe Room, this event is limited to 18 in attendance.**

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.

Wednesday, May 24. 6-8pm: THE HAMILTON STREET CLUB SPRING PARTY. Mark your calendar for the annual Hamilton Street Club Spring Cocktail Party, which will be held at the lovely home of Jane Daniels, 210 Ridgewood Road, 21210. This event will be sure to fill up quickly so sign up as soon as possible. \$45.00 per person. **Reservations must be made no later than Wed, May 17; no cancellations will be taken after this date.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH: Thursday, June 1. 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.

Wednesday, June 7. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Elizabeth Keyes** is an immigration law expert from the University of Baltimore School of Law, where she directs the Immigrant Rights Clinic. She has worked with immigrant communities in Maryland for more than a decade, and will be sharing her knowledge about recent developments concerning the U.S. immigration system. She will give an overview of some of the systemic issues, the most recent policies for enforcement, and the impact of those policies on our communities.

Monday, June 19. 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, June 20. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Shriver Hall Concert Series has been presenting the world's leading chamber music ensembles and recitalists since 1966 on JHU's Homewood campus. With past performers including Jacqueline du Pré, the Beaux Arts Trio, and Dawn Upshaw, find out how a concert season is put together, what's going on in concert life today, and what to look forward to in the 2017-18 season. **Catherine Cochran** is executive director of Shriver Hall Concert Series. Prior to that she spent 14 years at New York's 92nd Street Y as director of concert programming, among other roles.

Monday, June 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, 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.

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.