

THE HAMILTON STREET CLUB

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The Club will be closed November 11, 24 & 25.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Thursday, November 3, 2016. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. Kathleen Barry, PhD, Executive Director of the Historical Society of Baltimore County (www.hsobc.org), will discuss the history of the women long known as “stewardesses.” While admired as gracious hostesses of the air with a cosmopolitan lifestyle, female flight attendants were also subject to rules that required them to leave when they turned 32 or got married and, by the late 1960s, skimpy uniforms and slogans like “Hi, I’m Cheryl – Fly Me.” Wanting more than glamour, activist stewardesses battled airlines for better working conditions and more dignity, and in the process served as high-profile participants in the historic remaking of women’s employment over the 20th century. Barry is the author of *Femininity in Flight: A History of Flight Attendants* (Duke University Press, 2007)

Wednesday, November 9. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon: Lunch at 12:15. Preservation, Demolition and Change: What’s Happening in our Historic Neighborhoods. With nearly one hundred neighborhoods officially designated as historic, Baltimore has one of the richest collections of old buildings and communities in the nation. Some are thriving with residents, active street life, and vibrant commercial spaces. Others are struggling under generations of disinvestment and have vacancy rates of 25% or more. This year city and state officials have launched programs aimed at demolishing vacant rowhouses, stabilizing historic buildings, and getting under-utilized properties into the hands of people who can rehabilitate and reuse them. As the city’s historic preservation nonprofit organization, Baltimore Heritage has been involved in many of these initiatives. Please join Baltimore Heritage’s director **Johns W. Hopkins** in a discussion on current demolition and stabilization efforts in our historic neighborhoods, the challenges they face, and what changes we are already seeing take place.

Tuesday, November 15. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. SAVOR THE SEASON. The holidays are fast approaching-- time to think of celebrating and entertaining friends and family. **Kerry Dunnington**, one of Baltimore’s outstanding caterers, a food consultant/recipe developer, and award-winning cookbook author will inspire us with a talk on creative preparation of delightful and seasonal cuisine. She will demonstrate how to arrange a festive centerpiece with seasonal fruits and vegetables, and then recycle the materials into recipes featuring the fall harvest. Samples of some of her delicious recipes will be offered for members to enjoy, and she will be ready to sign copies of *This Book Cooks* and *Tasting the Seasons*, guides to sustainable living and healthy food consumption.

Monday, November 21. 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, November 22, 2016. Book Discussion: Lunch at noon. *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel will be discussed by psychoanalyst and psychiatrist **Tom Allen** who will give us a psychoanalytic perspective on trauma (PTSD) as it applies to the story of Pi (short for Piscine), an unusual boy brought up on a private zoo in India. Pi's father decides to move the family to live in Canada and sell the animals to the great zoos of America. The ship taking them across the Pacific sinks and Pi finds himself on a lifeboat with a hyena, an orangutan, a zebra with a broken leg and a Bengal tiger called Richard Parker. *Life of Pi* was the 2002 Mann Booker prize winner. Dr. Allen will give a second book and author discussion on January 26, 2017 on J.D. Salinger and *Catcher in the Rye* and PTSD.

Monday, November 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

WAIT LIST ONLY: Please note this program is now a buffet luncheon. Thursday, December 8. Luncheon with Guest Speaker. Upstairs at Noon, Lunch at 12:15. Popular Baltimore lecturer, **Judy Pittenger**, will present **Charles Dickens: "The Man Who Invented Christmas."** Our image of Christmas—the snowy landscape, the festive gathering and family feast, the yuletide spirit of generous giving—was largely established by England's most beloved novelist Charles Dickens. Although he celebrated the festival of Christmas in many of his works, it was primarily his beloved story *A Christmas Carol*, published in 1843, that revived and preserved Christmas customs of Olde England and made them central to our own American celebration. In this program we will consider the development of Christmas from a relatively minor holiday to a major festival celebration which reflects the enduring influence of Charles Dickens. We will discover why London's Sunday Telegraph proclaimed him in 1988 as "The Man Who Invented Christmas." **In order to meet the high demand for this program, we will offer a buffet lunch and row seating for no more than 50 in attendance. For dining convenience, if they wish, members can take their buffet lunch upstairs in our lounge.**

Tuesday, December 13. Luncheon with guest speaker. Upstairs at noon. Lunch at 12:15. Historian **Mary C. Jeske** will speak about *A Tale of Two Families: Charles Carroll of Carrollton and his Relationship with his Granddaughters*. Carroll, a leader of the American Revolutionary movement in Maryland, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and one of the wealthiest men in Maryland, was the patriarch of a large extended family. Dr. Jeske will focus on his unique relationship with his three Caton granddaughters—the *Three American Graces*—in comparison and sharp contrast to his comparative neglect of the daughters of his only son, Charles Carroll of Homewood. Jeske is an editor at the *Charles Carroll of Carrollton Family Papers*.

Thursday, December 15. HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Noon. 'Tis the season, so please join us for the Club's traditional holiday gathering. Following a buffet luncheon, Marilyn Tabb will play the piano upstairs for caroling or listening. Guests are most welcome. And, if you should arrive a bit early, the Upstairs Lounge will be open as usual for wine and soft drinks.

Monday, December 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.

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Thursday, January 5. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon: Lunch at 12:15. *Nineteenth Century Baltimore – A City of Immigrants.* This illustrated talk examines Baltimore's role as a major port of entry for immigrants. During the period from 1866 to 1900 over 610,000 people came to the City in search of a new beginning. Many were from the countries of northern and central Europe such as Germany, Poland, Russia, Austria-Hungary, Bohemia and Lithuania. Most of these immigrants sailed on the North German Lloyd Steamship Line from Bremen, Germany to piers 8 & 9 at Locust Point located adjacent to Fort McHenry. From here, they started their new lives in America. **Wayne Schaumburg** has been giving tours and lectures on Baltimore history for over 35 years, covering topics from architecture to the Great Baltimore Fire, and he is well known around town for his tours of Green Mount Cemetery. Mr. Schaumburg taught in the Baltimore City School system for nearly four decades, and currently teaches courses at Towson University, Notre Dame of Maryland University, and the Community College of Baltimore County.

Thursday, January 12. Luncheon with Guest Speakers: Upstairs at noon. Lunch at 12:15. Ever wonder what it would be like to circumnavigate South America? You can do this without leaving the comforts of home when our member **Alice Cherbonnier** and her partner, retired psychologist **Sumner Clarren**, take us *Around South America in 67 Days*. They'll offer lively commentary about the multifaceted histories, cultures, environmental and social issues, politics and arts of our vibrant Neighbors to the South as they show up-close views of such marvels as Macchu Pichu, the Chilean Fjords, Andean volcanoes, Tierra del Fuego, pristine Antarctica, the immense Amazon and Devil's Island.

Thursday, January 19. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon. Lunch at 12:15. The Goucher Prison Education Partnership (GPEP) gives men and women incarcerated in Maryland the opportunity to pursue an excellent college education. GPEP, as directed by **Goucher College's Amy Ai-Mei Roza**, offers Goucher courses at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women and the Maryland Correctional Institution – Jessup. For those needing additional support to be ready for college work, GPEP also provides college preparatory courses. Almost 100 men and women are enrolled as Goucher students through GPEP and are held to the same rigorous academic standards as students on campus. Courses are taught on site by Goucher faculty as well as by outstanding professors from nearby universities. The inclusion of these talented, dedicated students enhances and strengthens the entire Goucher academic community as it stimulates awareness and meaningful dialogue about justice, incarceration, and educational access. GPEP is made possible primarily by private grants and individual donations. Courses, books, and supplies are provided to participating students at no cost.

Monday, January 23. 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.

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Thursday, January 26, 2017. Book Discussion: Lunch at noon. Psychoanalyst and psychiatrist **Tom Allen** continues the discussion of psychoanalytic perspective on trauma (PTSD) as it applies to J.D. Salinger. He will discuss Salinger's novel *Catcher in the Rye* for insight into Salinger's psychological reactions to his prolonged exposure to combat during World War II. Salinger was a heroic survivor of some of the worst battles on the Western Front, starting with landing on the beaches of Normandy and ending with the Nazi surrender. With survival constantly threatened,

soldiers must do whatever is necessary to survive. But there are inevitable psychological consequences for that. Salinger was very reluctant to talk about his wartime experiences except with others who shared the same experience, as is common among combat veterans. Dr. Allen will discuss the clues to the impact of the war on him that can be found in disguised form in his writing, especially in *Catcher*, which Salinger worked on throughout the war, and for 6 years after it.

Thursday, February 16. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon. Lunch at 12:15.

Come learn about a very popular specialized literary genre when Baltimore-based science fiction writer **Sarah Pinsker** tells about her burgeoning career. "I like to explore the edges," she said in a recently published interview, "technologies that are useful but can lead to unexpected problems." Her novelette, "Our Lady of the Open Road," won the Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers Association's Nebula Award in 2016. Her fiction has been published in magazines including *Asimov's*, *Strange Horizons*, *Fantasy & Science Fiction*, *Lightspeed*, *Daily Science Fiction*, *Fireside*, and *Uncanny* and in anthologies including *Long Hidden*, *Fierce Family*, *Accessing the Future*, and numerous "year's best" compilations. Her stories have been translated into Chinese, Spanish, French, and Italian, among other languages. Sarah is also a singer/songwriter with three albums on various independent labels (the third with her rock band, *the Stalking Horses*) and a fourth forthcoming.

AROUND THE CLUB

The Accessories Sale Committee wants to thank everyone who contributed and bought the jewelry, scarves, handbags, hats and belts at the Annual Meeting. We all had a wonderful time encouraging our friends to go ahead and buy!

The fact is the items were beautiful and far more valuable than what we individually paid for them at the sale, but that is a wonderful perk of membership. For those of you who contributed, thank you so very much for sharing what you haven't been wearing recently; the new owners are thrilled with their purchases, and we are very happy to report that everyone's generosity who participated has brought in \$2865 for the club.

Kudos to the Accessories Sale Committee, headed by Marsha Ramsay, which not only provided many of us with dazzling new ways to brighten up our wardrobes, but also added additional heft to our coffers. What an impressive venture and bravo to all who helped make it such a success. Many, many thanks, Joan Feldman