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**The club will be closed November 11, 26 & 27**

### **Important Volunteers Sought**

A great idea to boost membership: Invite staff members and/or volunteers at nearby nonprofit organizations to join us for lunch when there is a program or during 'Lunch by Chance' on October 14 or January 13. Your personal invitation is very effective. You would host at least three ladies of your choice at the Club between now and the middle of February 2016. They will meet other members and learn the pleasure of becoming one themselves. Initiation fees are waived until February 29. You could be a foursome for lunch or you can host each lady individually. The choice is yours! The organizations surrounding the Hamilton Street Club include (but are not limited to): **Center Stage, Maryland Historical Society, Maryland Institute College of Art, Peabody Conservatory, Pratt Library, Walters Art Museum**. If you volunteer at one of these organizations and want to become a Club heroine, please call Dawn [410/727-4896] or send her an email: [manager@hamiltonstclub.com](mailto:manager@hamiltonstclub.com). Your president and the Membership and Finance Committee members bless you and THANK YOU.

### **NOVEMBER PROGRAMS**

**Wednesday, November 4 . Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15.** NY Times reporter **Scott Shane** has covered terrorism for *The New York Times* over the last decade. In his recently published book, ***Objective Troy***, he weaves the clash between president and terrorist into both a riveting narrative and a deeply human account of the defining conflict of our era. Anwar al-Awlaki, who directed a plot that almost derailed Obama's presidency, and then taunted him from his desert hideouts, will go down in history as the first United States citizen deliberately hunted and executed by his own government without trial. Scott's presentation will include video clips and slides. Many of you may recognize his byline as he was a reporter at *the Baltimore Sun* from 1983 to 2004 and still resides in town.

**Monday, November 16. 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.

**Thursday, November 19. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon, Lunch at 12:15.** Delegate **Brooke Lierman** will proudly tell you she represents those parts of Baltimore that touch the water. As a successful freshman in the House of Delegates, efforts to improve and increase educational, social, and employment opportunities, as well as public transportation, have drawn her focus and energies. Not resting over the summer, Brooke, along with several fellow

freshman City legislators, organized a tour of *Baltimore Behind the Scenes* for first-term legislators, showing a bipartisan group of more than 25 delegates and senators some of the innovative work being done by city schools and advocacy organizations. As another legislative session nears, Brooke is committed to re-introducing bills for pay-stub transparency, community clean up and greening, an Angel investment credit, and other legislation important to the Baltimore community. She will talk with us November 19<sup>th</sup> about the challenges faced as a first term delegate and the work ahead in the 2016 legislative session.

**Monday, November 23. 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

**Thursday, December 3. Luncheon with Guest Speaker. Upstairs at noon: Lunch at 12:15.** We welcome **Ann G. Giroux** for a presentation of her new book, *Guilford: Image of America*. Ann is a historian, garden enthusiast and former consultant for historic projects for the State of Maryland. Her book is a well-researched history of one of Baltimore's most prominent neighborhoods that today remains a showcase example of the American garden city movement.

**Monday, December 14. 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, December 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 and your sense of humor.

Watch for your invitation to **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 surprising to learn the response of those who have attended in the past. Words like 'What fun' and 'Pleasantly surprising' and 'So glad I went!' are often the reaction. The next one is **Wednesday, January 13**. If you are not on the January list, sit tight -- your turn for a *chance meeting* is in the future.

## AROUND THE CLUB

**Mah Jong:** Is anyone interested in playing Mah Jong? Rosemary Eck has generously donated a beautiful mah jong set to The Club, so we would like to start a weekly game. The plan is to play in the morning and then stay for lunch. Please let Dawn know if you are interested and what day(s) you could play. If you have not played before but are interested in learning, please let Dawn know. The Friday bridge game has been quite a success, so we are hoping to follow that model for a successful mah jong group.

### Art at the Hamilton Street Club

The art program at the Hamilton Street Club is entering a new phase. We are discontinuing our rotating *Exhibit A* shows, which brought to the club four exhibits per year of the work of professional regional artists. In this new phase we have been fortunate that one of our club members, **Jacqueline**

**Slavney**, has agreed to make a long-term loan of her photographs available to us. A selection of her elegant and insightful work has been installed both upstairs and downstairs at the club.

**Jacqueline Slavney** is a professional photographer who has exhibited widely and been collected by many in our city. Much of her work has investigated the regional landscape under various light and weather conditions. Other of her photos examine aspects, large and small, of buildings and institutions of note in Baltimore. Her sharp artistic eye and technical mastery of the medium is evident in all her work.

We know you will enjoy the opportunity to closely examine and savor these works.

**Mary Walker**

Chair (retired): Hamilton Street Club Art Committee