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**SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS**

**WAIT LIST ONLY. Thursday, September 8. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Buffet lunch at noon.** Join us to meet **Kevin Kallaugh**, aka KAL, the award-winning journalist responsible for the amusing and provocative editorial cartoons featured in the *Baltimore Sun* and *The Economist* of London. He will speak about his work as an international satirist, commentator, and cartoonist and share some of his work related to the target rich 2016 elections. In an illustrated lecture, KAL will discuss the challenges of his craft and treat us to a live drawing demonstration. This program will be a lively season opener for Fall 2016! **In order to meet the high demand for this program, we will offer a buffet lunch and row seating for no more than 60 in attendance.**

**Tuesday, September 13. Accessories Sales Meeting. 11 am followed by Lunch.** Members are invited to join our committee to plan for our sale as a Club fundraiser. It promises to be fun! Please go through your closets and drawers and donate nearly new scarves, belts, handbags and jewelry for our members' only sale! Bring donated items to the Club no later than October 14th. The sale will be held from 11-12:30 at the Maryland Club prior to our Annual Meeting there on October 20<sup>th</sup>. For questions or home pickup, call Marsha Ramsay at 410-377-5360. Please call Dawn if you plan to attend on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, September 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.

**Monday, September 19. 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.

**Tuesday, September 20. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15.** Newly retired President and CEO of Sheppard Pratt Health System, **Steven Sharfstein, M.D.**, will address the issues mental health care of past, present and future with his recollections and reflections of his 25 years at Sheppard Pratt Health System. Dr. Sharfstein came to Sheppard as a vice president in 1986 and became president in 1992. During his presidency, Sheppard Pratt Health System evolved from a psychiatric hospital to a health system inclusive of inpatient, day hospital, intensive outpatient, outpatient, and special education services, with more than 38 locations throughout Maryland.

**Tuesday, September 27. Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:30.** Invitations have gone out for **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 always encouraging to hear the responses of others who have attended in the past. Words like *What fun and Pleasantly*

*surprising* and *So glad I went!* are often the reaction. If you are not on the September list, sit tight -- your turn for a Chance Meeting is in the future. **All members are welcome to sign up after the September 16<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, October 13. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15.** **Dr. Peter Beilenson** served as the Baltimore City Health Commissioner for 13 years under Mayors Kurt Schmoke and Martin O'Malley. He focused his efforts on improving child health outcomes (reducing lead poisoning, infant mortality and teen pregnancy); reforming drug policy (implementing a needle exchange program, starting an overdose prevention program, and increasing and enhancing drug treatment), and violence prevention (implementing Operation Safe Kids). He then served as Howard County Health Officer under County Executive Ken Ulman for six years. Among many initiatives, the most significant was the Healthy Howard Access Plan---one of only two comprehensive local health plans in the country providing a full range of clinical services to the uninsured. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act, Beilenson led the effort to implement a nonprofit health insurance co-op enabled by the ACA. He is currently CEO and President of the co-op: Evergreen Health. Beilenson has a bachelor's degree from Harvard College, a medical degree from Emory University, and a master's degree from then Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He is married to Chris, a social worker, and has five children. He will be talking about the benefits and challenges of the Affordable Care Act in its third year of full operation and will provide some thought on the impact of the election on Obamacare.

**Monday, October 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.

**Tuesday, October 18. Book Discussion: Lunch at noon.** *My Name is Lucy Barton*, by Elizabeth Strout. A daughter's prolonged stay in the hospital and an unexpected visit from her mother set the stage for remembrance, anguish, and a moving mother – daughter relationship in *My Name is Lucy Barton*, Pulitzer Prize- winning Elizabeth Strout's latest novel. Elizabeth Strout is best known for Olive Kitteridge's complex character, but in *Lucy Barton*, the author again runs the gamut from suffering to joy. After weeks in the hospital, Lucy recalls that she awakened to see her mother at the foot of her hospital bed. Although the two had not spoken for years, her mother sat at her bedside for weeks and told her stories of poverty, suffering, tension, and raw emotion in the small Illinois town where Lucy was raised. Later, Strout reveals to her readers Lucy's present life as a wife, mother, and writer, and how Lucy confronts her present life in the context of her past. Join **Betty Kansler** as we uncover in *My Name is Lucy Barton* the beauty and power of the prose that make Elizabeth Strout one of the best observers and writers of human relationships.

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Annual Meeting. Watch the newsletter for more information.**

**Monday, October 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.

## AROUND THE CLUB

**ANNUAL MEETING ENCORE!!** By popular demand we are planning our **Second Accessories Sale** to benefit the Club's coffers. So, please go through your closets and drawers and donate nearly new

scarves, belts, handbags and jewelry for our members' only sale! The sale will be held from 11-12:30 at the Maryland Club prior to our Annual Meeting there on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Members will remember having great fun as we try on our fellow members' contributions. Please bring your donated items to the Club in September where they will be stored before our committee sorts and prices each item. Please label your bag "For Annual Meeting." New members are urged to join our sales committee, which will hold its first organizing meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Club. Please contact Marsha Ramsay if you want to help ([ramsaymarsha@gmail.com](mailto:ramsaymarsha@gmail.com)) or have questions.