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The club will be closed on Monday, March 25 for Memorial Day.

MAY PROGRAMS

Tuesday, May 5. Luncheon with Guest Speaker. Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Johns Hopkins University Director of Program in Museums and Society, Elizabeth Rodini, PhD**, shares her extensive research about a small, truly elegant house museum in Paris, the **Musée Nissim de Camondo**, built in the early 1900s to accommodate a family and their important collection of 18th century furnishings and decorative arts. The museum, next to the Parc Monceau, exudes elegance and has a fascinating story. Moïse de Camondo, a banker, and his family spent three years building this home which was patterned after the Petit Trianon at Versailles. Tragedy eventually besieged this family as Moïse's son, Nissim, for whom the museum was named, was killed in World War I and a few years later his daughter and her family were deported to Auschwitz. The house is maintained as if it were still a private home and is preserved in its original condition. Join us to hear more of this remarkable story about this beautiful museum.

Wednesday, May 6. New Members Luncheon: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:30. Invitations to new members and their proposers have been sent, but this is also an occasion for others to sign up to meet our new members. This will be an opportunity to learn about some commonalities members share, as well as hear about unique experiences that make our members so interesting.

Wednesday, May 13. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. **Jo Briggs**, Assistant Curator of the 18th and 19th Century Art at the Walters, will talk briefly about putting the 'Rye to Raphael' exhibition together before leading us [with the help of a couple of docents] through the Museum's 4th Floor galleries. You'll see early objects collected by William Walters the father, his awakening to European art, and the glorious objects purchased by his son Henry at World's Fairs and elsewhere -- including two Faberge eggs, plus bibelots purchased in their St. Petersburg workshop! It's all stunning and you'll enjoy Jo's entertaining and informative presentation.

WAITING LIST ONLY: Thursday, May 14. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. Our guest speaker is **Robert S. Ford, former Ambassador to Syria, 2010–2014**, and former Ambassador to Algeria, 2006-2008. He retired a year ago from the State Department and is currently a Senior Fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington. Ford has been described “as one of the best Arabists at the State Department.”

Monday, May 18. 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.

Monday, May 18. 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, May 18. Kulture Klub: Lunch and Conversation at Noon. One of the joys of HSC membership is the lively conversations we share. So much to share, so little time. Kulture Klub ameliorates this with an entire luncheon dedicated to conversation focused on all aspects of the arts. Creating, experiencing, exploring, responding, discovering. This winter arts season is drawing to a close. What will next season hold for us? Travelers will have returned with experiences worthy of sharing. Opinions about Baltimore's arts renaissance will be welcome. Something new, something old, something surprising. Bring your curiosity and wit to share and enjoy this smorgasbord of conversational delights. **Jeannette Festa** will host the session.

Thursday, May 21. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Since its inception, the Institute of Christian and Jewish Studies has been employing a diverse group of scholars to craft programming and further the interfaith dialogue. Newly hired Muslim Scholar, **Homayra Ziad**, PhD, was a tenured professor at Trinity College in Hartford, Ct. She earned her doctorate degree in Islamic Studies at Yale University. She is helping ICJS to launch *Abraham's Children*, an adult educational curriculum that guides Jews, Christians, and Muslims in interreligious dialogue. Her scholarly interests include theologies of pluralism, religion, and humor. She is deeply involved in interfaith initiatives and educational outreach on faith. Recently she appeared in a movie that features a Muslim's woman's role in defying the Nazi occupation of France. For more information, visit www.icjs.org

Thursday, May 28. HAMILTON ST. CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON. Noon for Members and Guests. 'Tis the season for our annual Spring fling, to be held at the Club this year. This special occasion will be a perfect opportunity to bring guests, including prospective members, downtown for lunch with us. At the same time you can also take in the new art exhibition at our own Exhibit A. Mark your calendars now!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 4. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. We welcome back **Vincent Lancisi and cast members from the Everyman Theatre**. Artistic director Lancisi will give us an update on what's in store for Everyman Theatre as it continues to thrive and to help make Baltimore's theatre scene flourish. The rollicking fun of *Blithe Spirit* will be shared with members and guests as Everyman actors present some favorite parts of the play. This will certainly be a delightful afternoon at the Club!

Wednesday, June 10. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at Noon; Lunch at 12:15. The new President of **Goucher College, José Antonio Bowen, PhD**, has taught at Stanford and Georgetown and was Dean of the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University. The author of over 100 scholarly articles, he has also appeared as a musician with Stan Getz, Bobby McFerrin, and other greats. He has written a symphony, music for Hubert Laws and Jerry Garcia, and is the author of *Teaching Naked: How Moving Technology Out of Your College Classroom Will*

Improve Student Learning. Dr. Bowen will discuss the future of the Liberal Arts education and how colleges can better integrate learning across the campus, while offering a product that has enough value to compete with the free alternative online.

Monday, June 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 and your sense of humor.

Thursday, June 18. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon; Lunch at 12:15. Irving Berlin: The Man, His Music and Stories That May Surprise You. We will reflect upon the influence of Irving Berlin on the development and performance of American popular song. A Russian immigrant, Berlin changed the course of American music. *Alexander's Ragtime Band, God Bless America, Easter Parade* and *White Christmas*, are among the timeless lyrics. He stowed many songs in a trunk that he felt did not work or that others convinced him were not good. Often these *Trunk Songs* became among his greatest and most popular hits. **Sandra Livingston** will tell the story of Irving Berlin, while concentrating on the legend of the *Trunk Songs*. She has done community theater and directed shows for organizations in the Baltimore area. For over 10 years she sang with the vocal trio *Showstoppers* that performed in the Baltimore area. She has given presentations on Irving Berlin for groups both locally and in Florida and has taught a "class" on Berlin at the Community College of Baltimore County Senior Institute and The Myerberg Senior Center.

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Wednesday, July 1. Luncheon with Guest Speaker: Upstairs at noon, Lunch at 12:15. Back by popular demand, **Professor Joel Grossman** will discuss **Recent Decisions of the Supreme Court**. Professor Grossman is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, specializing in the areas of American politics and law and politics. He is co-editor of *The Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court* (2005, 2nd Edition).

Tuesday, July 14. Bastille Day Celebration. Lunch begins at Noon. Come celebrate with us! Enjoy the French ambiance of the Club with French music in the background, a meal with a French flair, and a marvelous presentation on **chocolate** by Foreman-Wolf's talented young **Executive Pastry Chef, Travis Marley**. He graduated from Baltimore International College with an associate's degree in baking & pastry and currently makes between 70-100 different types of pastry and confections every week. Travis' goals are to transform ingredients and to reinvent old ideas. His experience extends to traditional French, Italian, and American pastry. We will also have a brief and fun quiz, with prizes, and will end before 2:00.

Monday, July 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 and your sense of humor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mimi Mules introduces herself: Having come to Baltimore for a presumed 4 years of college more than 50 years ago, I can honestly say my affection and interests (and one of my kids) are here. My working life involved human genetics and molecular and cell biology, but as evidence that both sides

of my brain were functioning at some level, I have always enjoyed reading, theater, history, art, travel...and the list goes on. My daughter has described me as a left-wing liberal. I prefer to think of myself as appropriately concerned about the environment and global warming, gun violence, female reproductive rights, and education. I am looking forward to the very interesting programs at the Hamilton Street Club and to meeting the women there. Thank you to Judy Storey for encouraging me to join and to those who have already made me feel welcome.