The Monday March 9 CAG meeting will focus on our exciting new oral history project which is just getting off the ground. Committee Chair Louise Brodnitz and other key committee members will talk about the genesis of the project and goals and procedures. We will talk about tying this living history into the Peabody Room...and to a new website.

Startup money for the project comes from a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to collect and record a “living” history of Georgetown’s remarkable homes, buildings and structures as seen through the eyes of long time residents. A major emphasis of the project is to record information about Georgetown buildings and places (houses, institutions, schools, churches, parks, cemeteries, and businesses) as experienced, remembered, and articulated by Georgetowners. We want to capture the vibrant and diverse history of Georgetown as seen by those who live (or have lived) here.

The Committee is seeking volunteers to conduct the interviews — training and guidance for interviewers will be led by Annie Lou Berman.

Neighborhood “scouts” Nola Klamberg and Emily Goldblatt are eager to identify long-time (and former) residents who would like to talk about their experiences and memories of growing up, living, raising families, and/or doing business in Georgetown. Interview coordinators Nola and Emily hope to arrange interviews with our oldest residents at the outset of the project to tap their unique and irreplaceable knowledge. Please let our scouts know (via the CAG office 337-7313 or cagmail@cagtown.org) if you would like to be interviewed — or if you have people to suggest for interviews. The committee is also looking for volunteers to do research, take pictures, help with website design, and assist with transcribing and organizing.

Also at the March 9 meeting, other CAG committee chairs and board members will be on hand to update members about CAG’s many other activities including Public Safety, Beautification, Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), and Historic Preservation. We welcome your interest, ideas and suggestions and will be delighted to talk with you about getting more involved. In addition, the newsletter editors are looking for people who might like to write or help edit.

So bring your best questions and brightest ideas to the March 9 meeting at St. John’s Church Parish Hall. Reception begins at 7 pm and the program starts promptly at 7:30.

Wear’n o’the Green to Kick Off CAG Concerts

CAG’s own live leprechauns will greet you, your family, and friends at Halcyon House on Sunday afternoon March 8, for a whole pot full of shenanigans (including games, crafts, dancing, Irish coffee, beer, and light buffet) to support the 2009 CAG Concerts in the Parks.

One of the most joyful programs the citizens association has initiated is the free summer Concerts in the Park program. On three Sundays — this year May 17, June 21 (with a Fathers Day theme) and July 5 (preceded by a Fourth of July parade) — hundreds of residents of all ages gather at Rose or Volta Park to have a terrific time talking, laughing, picnicking and listening to music. This will be the series seventh year. It began as the brainchild of Elizabeth Miller, a slew of young volunteers joined in, and now Rene Esfandiary is taking on a major role as co-chair.

Like everything, the concerts cost money to produce. We pay the bands, we rent the stage, we pay for permits, we buy the treats. This is where you can help. From three until six o’clock on Sunday afternoon, March 8, Halcyon House will be the setting for a Luck-of-the Irish Family Kick-Off

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President’s Letter

Each of us all too well understands the severe downward spiral our economy is experiencing. Every day it becomes more difficult to be upbeat, hopeful and optimistic. But at the risk of being called Pollyannaish, I would like to try and find the opportunities our association can uncover in the current circumstances.

This board has always taken a very sharp pencil to our budgets and we continue to do so. Your donations and membership dues are the bulk of our income and we are careful and mindful stewards of your contributions. We attempt to wring the most bang for the buck from each dollar and we’re squeezing even harder now. We’ve been able to extend the scope of many of our programs by applying for and receiving private and public grants. We can extend our reach even further with more volunteers. Not all initiatives take money, they take time. I know what a precious commodity that is. As is the case with financial contributions, please give what you are comfortably able. We are extremely fortunate to be living in this community. We can and are making it even better every day. I ask each of you, whether through financial or time contributions, to give us a hand.

Public Safety Update

Congratulations to Commander Matt Klein. The Metropolitan Police Second District former Acting Commander has been awarded the full rank. Our association, along with representatives of the ANC, the Business Improvement District (BID) and the University, have formed a good working relationship with Commander Klein in his first months in our district and look forward to continuing that open dialogue about the ongoing needs of our community.

Congratulations are also in order for the swift arrest of suspects in street muggings that have occurred on the far East side of Georgetown. On Sunday morning, after several more of these incidents had occurred on Friday and Saturday, Commander Klein issued the following statement, “Over the past three days, the Second District experienced a series of street robberies in which victims were knocked to the ground and had purses or other property taken from them. I am happy to report that last night, we arrested two subjects that we strongly believe were responsible for the vast majority of those violent cases. The arrests were made after bringing in additional resources to the Georgetown and Dupont area in order to provide support to 2D units as well as provide high visibility to prevent further crimes.”

Our Public Safety Block Captains will be meeting at 6 pm Wednesday, April 1. If you would like to be a block captain — or if you want to know who has volunteered for your block — check out the public safety section of our website at www.cagtown.org. Coordinator Helen Darling welcomes calls from interested persons and volunteers (338-1353).

Safeway Construction

Within the next month or so, the Social Safeway as we know it will be history. It will be razed and new construction, expected to last 12-15 months, will begin. Though final approvals have not yet worked their way through the Old Georgetown Board, the designs are pretty close to being accepted. Representatives of the store have also presented plans to the ANC and to our board and so far, it’s looking good. It’s larger than the existing footprint...growing from about 45,000 to 60,000 square feet. And it will front directly on the sidewalk, with parking being moved to a second level rooftop. The store will also be accessible from the ground level where there will be additional, yet to be identified, retail stores.

Details on construction hours and traffic flow are still being worked out with the powers that be. CAG representatives are in on the discussions and have been giving input on the impact to the neighborhood.

Georgetown University

No date yet for the next community input meeting regarding the 2010 Campus Plan. It’s supposed to be held in the spring, but according to University representatives, they are not yet ready to commit to a specific date. Meanwhile, the campus plan website at http://community.georgetown.edu/campusplan.html includes an issues report that summarizes and responds to questions and concerns received to date, enrollment numbers, off campus student housing numbers, and a campus plan schedule.

The Off Campus Student Living office, housed in a townhouse at 36th and N Streets, has hired a new community liaison. Pam O’Connell can be reached at 687-3428 or at ocsl@georgetown.edu.

Words For Our Times

One of my favorite all-time quotes seems particularly apropos for our times and the goals of our association. It comes from Leo Burnett, who in the depths of the Great Depression, founded an advertising agency in Chicago.....

“If you reach for the stars, you may not quite get one, but you won’t come up with a handful of mud either.”
The Social Safeway

Once upon a time there was a charming little historical village. It grew and grew because people wanted to live there. To serve these people it had a large food emporium that many frequented to buy their choice meats and fresh vegetables, and coincidentally have the opportunity to meet and greet each other. That is not to say they went there for the purpose of socializing, it was a fringe benefit. So evolved the Social Safeway.

What a wonderful image it conjures up! In the past it used to be full of stylish blue-haired ladies consulting with the butcher over their forthcoming dinner party, while someone else pushed the cart for them.

When that era faded somewhat, younger trendy women— the yummy mommies— appeared. That’s how it is now. In the next aisle there might be a couple speaking French or some one you haven’t seen for twenty years. All in all it is a scene, and who doesn’t like to make the scene?

Which brings us up to the present day. They are going to tear down our Safeway and replace it with the latest thing in grocery stores. They are calling it a life style center. The new store will be two stories high and come right up to the sidewalk, with parking in back. Storm runoff will not go down to Dumbarton Oaks Park as feared, it will go out to the street. There will be some planting (cryptomerias?) to screen the new building from the Park. Small shops will be featured at the front of the building. Inside the main store there may be a gelato bar, a hearth oven, a sushi bar, a Starbucks and a nut bar.

It is to the Safeway’s credit that their website is actually called The Social Safeway because then we get to play with the variations: a flash of humor in an otherwise serious business. We used to be the Singles Safeway; there is a Soviet Safeway and a Secret Safeway (can’t tell you where it is), a Socialite Safeway (at the Watergate) a Scary Safeway and a pseudo Safeway.

Two personal observations: the checkers are uniformly pleasant and obliging. The music is really annoying.

The plans have cleared most of the innumerable commissions and boards and demolition will start soon. What will become of us in the next couple of years? Presumably we won’t starve, maybe this is an opportunity to do subsistence farming in our back yards. On second thought, I guess not.

Hang in there until we meet again at the nut bar.

—Edith Schafer

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HSBC Hosts CAG February Meeting

On February 9 over sixty CAG members and friends visited at the new HSBC bank at 1715 Wisconsin Avenue, enjoyed chocolates and champagne, and heard from regional president, Aimee Daniels. Jerry Libin was the lucky winner of the dining certificate door prize.

Pictured here are (l to r) CAG member Emily Goldblatt, and HSBC’s Joseph Mirarchi, Aimee Daniels, Branch Manager Joseph Reamer, Valery Volkau, and Rehman Azam.
fundraiser party. There’ll be Celtic dancers and jig demonstrations, face and nail painting, cookie decorating, a pot of gold and family photos with a leprechaun. And for grown-ups, there’ll also be an Irish Pub!

It will be a grand time and it couldn’t have happened without the generosity of John Dreyfuss who once again has given us the use of his magnificent home. John will also be on hand to give tours of the house he has magnificently restored.

Invitations were mailed last month and there is unique generational pricing: Three Generations of adults and children $250; Two Generations of adults and children $175; One Generation: couple $125 or individual $65. So bring the grandkids — or your parents! If, by any chance, you didn’t receive an invitation, please call the office at 337-7313.

Don some “creative green” and help ensure these joyous summer Sundays thrive.

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Friends Along the Way

Most of us who live in Georgetown have established collegial relationships with a number of people who make our days a little brighter, among other places, the grocery store, the service station, the wine shop, the dry cleaners, or on the street. Through the years one builds on these friendships as we exchange pleasantries and sometimes more with our friends behind the bars and counters of the places they work — and in some cases the places they have staked out on our streets and bridges.

My friend Breezy, for example, has been sitting on the M Street Bridge for as long as I can remember. Well read, well versed in current events and well spoken, he hails from the Northern Neck of Virginia, where my Grandmother’s family was from. He did his basic training for the Army at Fort Jackson, in Columbia, South Carolina, just thirty miles from my hometown of Camden. He loves chocolate, reading the Washington Post, conversing with people, and always has a smile and hug for me. He’s had a hard life, but retains a positive outlook, believing that tomorrow will be a better day, and after the recent election he confided that now he’s “sure of it.” I look forward to seeing him whenever our paths cross.

Hang Lee works long hours at Midtown Cleaners, but always has a gracious welcome for her many customers. Few know her name, her Korean origins, or the fact that she is a mother of two grown girls whom she and her husband put through college and culinary school. She arrived in this country with little English and little hope of finding work, but eventually she learned to run a cash register, process credit cards and become an accomplished seamstress. I see her on a weekly basis and count myself lucky to be her friend.

And there are many others — Sue and Nancy at Safeway, Judy and Susan at P Street Pictures, Lovell Elliot at Sun Trust Bank, Guillaume Choquet at O Salon. The list goes on and on. What a pleasure to live in a place where there are so many opportunities to get to know so many people who turn ordinary and sometimes tedious tasks into joyful encounters.

—V V Harrison
In 1933, after living abroad for several years, Col. and Mrs. Harold Hinton moved into a charming clapboard house at 1425 34th Street where they led an active social life. Eva worked as a society reporter for the Washington Post and the Star, while her husband was a New York Times correspondent.

Within a few years, Eva Hinton expressed a growing interest in her Georgetown community and her first concerns were rats and city garbage collection. Eventually, Eva’s preservationist interests found expression in her concern with businesses spreading into residential Georgetown, particularly along P Street east of Wisconsin Avenue. Homes were increasingly being converted into businesses, so Eva called a friend and was immediately invited to a meeting that same evening to discuss the issue.

Soon she was “hooked” and began tackling thorny issues related to zoning. Eva pushed for a hearing before the DC Zoning Commission, which resulted in the elimination of commercial uses of 12 acres in Georgetown east of Wisconsin Avenue. By 1949, she was pushing for the Old Georgetown Act which, when enacted into law in 1950, designated the community a historic district. As we now know, this was a major turning point in the preservation of Georgetown.

Eva Hinton had spunk and conviction. When learning of a DC plan to widen Wisconsin Avenue between Q and R Streets, she responded, saying, “That means cutting down all the trees and tearing up the sidewalks. Do you want to make Georgetown look like Los Angeles? I’d rather have a small over-crowded road than a gigantic over-crowded road.” She was further quoted as saying “Georgetown was beginning to run down when my husband and I moved here in 1933. But I don’t mind something rundown. It has possibilities.”

The Washington Post described Eva Hinton as “patrician, impervious, abrasive, single-minded, sharp-tongued and dedicated...and, socially, totally charming.”

In early years, there had been two neighborhood associations in Georgetown working for betterment of the community. The Georgetown Citizens Association of Georgetown was founded in 1878 and open only to men, while the Progressive Citizens Association, begun in 1926, was open to men and women. By 1963, the two organizations merged, and the resultant organization became a more powerful tool in preservation efforts. That year, Eva began serving as Zoning Chairman of the newly-formed Citizens Association of Georgetown (CAG), and she continued in that role until 1981. As such, she attended hundreds of meetings, overseeing land use and historic preservation. At one point, her husband served as President of the organization, and together they worked tirelessly on many issues.

When plans threatened to tear down the Old Stone House at 3051 M Street to make way for additional parking, Eva fought the effort and helped save the oldest standing structure in DC. She opposed the demolition of the Francis Scott Key Home near Key Bridge, suggesting, “some directional adjustment could have been made to preserve the home.” She was a strong opponent of a subway line into Georgetown and an early advocate of the Georgetown Waterfront Park.

After her death in April 1985, at the age of 84, The Washington Post described Eva Hinton as “patrician, impervious, abrasive, single-minded, sharp-tongued and dedicated...and, socially, totally charming.” The Georgetowner praised her important efforts, saying “It was Eva Hinton who fought the good fight. It was Eva Hinton who crusaded to save the Old Stone House when developers wanted to tear it down, and it was Eva Hinton who pushed the zoning rules that have preserved Georgetown above M Street, mainly as a single family preserve.”

Many of Eva Hinton’s papers are now in storage at the MLK Library as part of the Peabody Room collection. They are an invaluable resource providing a fascinating history of CAG and of Georgetown itself.

—Nola Klamberg
Georgetown Gets an A in Walkability

A Seattle company that developed an online rating system to identify the most walkable addresses in the country rates Georgetown a “Walkers’ Paradise” with a score of 90 out of 100. Walk Score (www.walkscore.com) ranks addresses, as well as whole neighborhoods, based upon a simple idea: the number of different types of amenities (grocery store, coffee shop, movie theater, drug store, etc.) within a short walk from a home is the leading predictor of whether people walk. Points are awarded for the closest amenity in each category. If less than a quarter mile — maximum points!

While Georgetown is in the top ten most walkable neighborhoods in DC, (by Walkscore’s measure we’re number 10), Dupont Circle ranks tops in the city, with a whopping 99 out of 100 average. My own house ranks only 86 but I feel luckier than that: for fresh ginger root in a hurry, a last minute birthday card, a cash machine, or a bus to that certain ‘most walkable’ neighborhood, I need only walk a block or so. You can see how walkable your house, or your cousin’s house in Indiana, is by going to Walkscore’s website: www.walkscore.com.

Of course for a true “car-lite” lifestyle, the ranking is only an approximation. Walkscore doesn’t take into account public transit, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, safe intersections and topography. To help solve this, the site added Google Street View, for a more nuanced impression of walkability. If the fledgling Google Transit (www.googletransit.org) acquires WMATA’s data (WMATA is balking, so far), then that link will allow Georgetown, with its 13 different bus routes and metro connections, to really show off as a “Walkers’ Paradise.”

—Louise Brodnitz

Two Calls You Should Make When Disturbed by GU Students: One to MPD and One to SNAP

Call #1 to Metropolitan Police Department at 911

Call and report the incident or noise or problem to the MPD. The MPD assigns foot patrols to Georgetown based on the number of calls they get — and from what location — so you also should register a complaint/request help by calling the police at 911.

Call #2 to SNAP at 687-8413:

The Hotline is answered 24/7 by a Communications Officer with the Department of Public Safety. If the call is placed during SNAP’s hours of operation, the officer contacts the SNAP personnel on duty and directs them to the address of the complaint. If the call is placed while SNAP is not in operation (either after 3 am on a weekend night or during the week) the DPS officer immediately dispatches MPD to the scene. The SNAP personnel, drawn almost exclusively from the senior staff of Residence Life, arrive on the scene within minutes and ask to speak to a resident of the house. At this time they inform the resident(s) that a complaint has been made and they must take immediate steps to rectify the situation, quiet the party down, and ensure that the disturbance ends immediately.

If the SNAP personnel do not feel comfortable that the residents will take these steps as quickly and extensively as possible, they are advised to alert DPS, who then dispatch MPD to the scene. If there is another call to the Hotline after SNAP has responded to the residence, DPS is instructed to dispatch MPD.

The communications officer asks a caller to the Hotline to give his/her name, address, and telephone number. This information is kept entirely confidential and is only used by the Office of Off Campus Student Life to respond to the caller and inform them that the University will follow up with the incident. Through calling the Hotline, unlike calling 911, the University has documentation of the student address where the disturbance was created and can follow up with the students and levy sanctions when appropriate.
Changes in Interim Library Hours

Due to a funding shortfall in the District’s budget, the hours of the new Georgetown Interim Library at 3307 M Street will be modestly reduced. The new hours take effect Monday, March 2. They are:

**Tuesday and Thursday: Noon to 8 pm**
M, W, F, Sat - 9:30 am - 5:30 pm (no change)
Sunday: 1 pm to 5 pm (no change)

Because of these changes, the Book Group (which kicked off on Thursday, March 19 with a discussion of Aravind Adiga, “The White Tiger”) will now meet from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The events for children shift as follows: “Storytime” for ages 3-5 years will now meet on Monday mornings at 10:30 and “Mother Goose on the Loose” (newborns to 2 years) will meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:30.
Contemporary & Compatible Symposium

Do you have an interest in architecture and historic preservation? One of the discussions sure to raise differing points of view is the consideration of contemporary building projects in established neighborhoods. (Think Apple store?) The Historic Districts Coalition has planned Contemporary and Compatible: A Symposium on Contextual Modern Design in Historic Districts to examine the architectural and preservation concepts involved when considering new construction projects proposed for historic communities.

On Sunday, March 15, between noon and 4:30 pm, the symposium will be held in the auditorium of The Historical Society of Washington DC (Old Carnegie Library at 801 K Street NW). Architect Amy Weinstein, FAIA, will start the program with a look at Washington’s “historic contemporary architecture” (the styles we know today as Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Richardsonian Romanesque, etc.) and the important architectural concepts of scale, massing, materials, and rhythm that define a neighborhood’s context. Robert Sponseller, AIA, of Shalom Baranes Architects, will present the “Language of Modernism” (the hallmarks of modern architecture) and how that is expressed in contemporary buildings. Martin Moeller, senior vice president and curator of the National Building Museum, will follow with a presentation of local contemporary buildings and offer his evaluation of them.

The latter part of the symposium will investigate three case studies of projects to see how the architect/owner approached the site, how communities and historic preservation officials responded to the concept, and how the review process shaped the final project. A final short session will feature pointers for residents who give testimony before boards and commissions - tips from people who have heard a lot of community testimony.

The symposium, developed specifically for representatives of neighborhood organizations and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, is also highly relevant for architects practicing in historic districts, architecture students, and all residents who are interested in the topic. To reserve a place, send your name, address, phone number, email, and $10 check (payable to the Dupont Circle Conservancy) to: Rick Busch, 1520 Caroline Street NW, Washington DC 20009. For more information: email CapHRS@aol.com or call (202) 543-0425.
Fillmore Arts Center’s Dinner with an Artist

Georgetowners can share an intimate dinner with some of Washington’s most interesting and accomplished artists — and benefit Georgetown’s own Fillmore Arts Center which provides award-winning arts programs in DC public elementary schools, including Hyde Elementary.

Prominent people in music, theater, dance, sculpture, architecture, writing, photography and cooking will be featured at the salon-style (no more than eight people) Dinner with an Artist fundraiser on Thursday, March 12. Tickets for dinner with one of the following people are $175 per person and must be purchased by Friday, March 6. For reservations or information, e-mail dwaa2009@gmail.com or call Anne Coventry at 202-236-7405. Featured artists are:

" Chuck Brown, musician and DC’s own Godfather of Go-Go.

" Brianne Bland, ballerina with The Washington Ballet.

" Nina Burleigh, author of Unholy Business and other heralded non-fiction.

" Matt Mendelsohn, photographer whose work Washingtonian hailed as “a breed apart.”

" Margaret Boozer, sculptor whose unique clay works are in the Renwick Gallery.

" Todd Gray, chef and founder of the super-hot Equinox restaurant.

" Philip Kennicott, Pulitzer prize-winning architecture critic at the Washington Post.

" Eric Schaeffer, artistic director and co-founder of the Signature Theatre.
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