Carl Colby will be our featured speaker at the CAG meeting on Tuesday April 17. He will tell the fascinating back stories behind the film he made about his father, Georgetown resident and former Director of the CIA, William E. Colby: The Man Nobody Knew: In Search of My Father, CIA Spymaster William Colby. He recently produced and directed this feature-length documentary film on his late father, William E. Colby, former Director of the CIA, as well as the evolution of the CIA from OSS in WWII to today. The story is a probing history of the CIA as well as a personal memoir of a family living in clandestine shadows.

From the beginning of his career as an OSS officer parachuting into Nazi-occupied Europe, William Colby rose through the ranks of “The Company,” and soon was involved in covert operations in hot spots around the globe. He swayed elections against the Communists in Italy, oversaw the coup against President Diem in Saigon, and ran the controversial Phoenix Program in Vietnam, which sparked today’s legacy of counter-insurgency. But after decades of obediently taking on the White House’s toughest and dirtiest assignments, and rising to become Director of the CIA, Colby defied the President. Braving intense controversy, he opened up to Congress some of the agency’s darkest, most tightly held secrets and extra-legal operations.

Now, his son asks a series of powerful and relevant questions about the father who was a ghost-like presence in the family home - and the intelligence officer who became a major force in American history, paving the way for today’s provocative questions about security and secrecy versus liberty and morality. The film forges a fascinating mix of rare archival footage, never-before-seen photos, and interviews with the “who’s who” of American intelligence, including former National Security Advisers Brent Scowcroft and Zbigniew Brzezinski, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, former Secretary of Defense and Director of the CIA James Schlesinger, as well Pulitzer Prize journalists Bob Woodward, Seymour Hersh and Tim Weiner. Through it all, Carl Colby searches for an authentic portrait of the man who remained masked even to those who loved him.

Carl is an award-winning documentary filmmaker whose credits include films about Franz Kline, Willem De Kooning, Bob Marley, Frank Gehry, George Hurrell and Franco Zeffirelli (an Emmy Award winner). He was born in Washington, DC, graduated from Georgetown University and lived in New York and Los Angeles before returning to Washington in 2003 to make The Man Nobody Knew. He is a member of the Board of Directors of The OSS Society.

The April 17 CAG meeting will be at the Georgetown Library (R Street and Wisconsin Avenue) where there will be a special display of CIA and intelligence related materials. Weather permitting, the 7:00 reception will be on the lovely Book Hill terrace; and at 7:30 we will move to the main meeting room to enjoy the talk by Carl Colby.
Ah Spring! Oh Rats!

Ah, the first day of Spring. Cherry blossoms, daffodils, strolls along the canal and ... rats. Ugh! As the weather gets warmer we need to be extra vigilant about rodent control. So here is my Springtime reminder. If you are not part of the solution then you are part of the problem. It is DC law that all household trash be placed on the curb for pick up in containers with tight fitting lids no earlier than 6:30pm the night before pick up (Tuesdays and Fridays unless there is a holiday). Residents who put their trash on the curb in plastic bags are breaking the law and, more importantly, inviting rats into the community. The Department of Public Works can and will issue citations to residents who do not put their trash in cans with tight fitting lids. If you do not have a proper trash can you can call 311 to have one delivered to your house.

The city has also been working with the Georgetown Business Improvement District on eighteen trouble areas, mostly alleys. The businesses have hired one central exterminator, Western Pest Services. With just the one contractor, efforts are coordinated so rats don’t just move from one spot to another. I highly recommend that residents consider using Western for their homes. Residents having problems are also encouraged to give group consent to the Department of Health rodent control program to exterminate on private property.

Other actions you can take to mitigate the problem include picking up your dog droppings and cleaning up leaves and debris that offer rodent harborage. We must eliminate food sources and hiding places for rodents. If everyone does their part, the problem can get MUCH better.

Food Trucks

With all the work we are putting into rat abatement we worry about added litter on the streets. So when DCRA asked for comments on their new regulations on mobile food vendors, CAG weighed in. We stressed that the food trucks need to take any trash generated with them when they leave. We suggested an 18-month pilot program for the new regulations which we feel is crucial so we can revisit the issue and see how things are going. And finally, we asked for severe fines for parking too long in a residential zone. We didn’t ask that the trucks be restricted from residential streets because we haven’t seen a problem so far and we like them coming to things like the kids’ baseball games.

As the Concerts in the Parks “Whodunit?” Kick Off party at TD Bank was winding down the Ball or Nothing food truck pulled into the parking lot and gave all the guests a delicious meatball nightcap to round out the evening. Really fun idea - and REALLY good meatballs! Our thoughts are that the trucks go to where they can get a crowd and a small side street in the middle of the community probably isn’t a draw. But you never know, so we asked for the pilot program so we aren’t stuck with a bad situation should one arise. In the meantime, check out some fantastic mobile cuisine at the upcoming Concerts in the Parks.

CAG Meetings

One of the many wonderful benefits of membership in our association is our monthly membership meetings. We host these events at different venues around Georgetown and invite speakers to talk on a topic of interest. It’s a terrific opportunity to meet new neighbors and old friends in interesting spaces around the Village and maybe learn something.

Last month the Ritz-Carlton hosted us in their gorgeous event space (formerly the Fahrenheit Restaurant). Expert consultant and fellow Georgetowner, Debbie Weil, talked about the computer and Smartphone uses that are transforming our lives. She explained how you can use your computer to access the best local information (the Georgetown Metropolitan and Georgetown Dish) and how you can “talk” with your neighbors on CAG’s electronic bulletin board - www.GeorgetownForum.com.

I’m excited for April 17 to hear Carl Colby talk about his movie on his father, William Colby, at the Georgetown Library. Then in May the Dumbarton House will host our annual awards ceremony. Hope you can make these, too.

—Jennifer Altemus
Treats and Treasures

Recently this column featured — perhaps one should say gave in to — venting and kvetching. This was, of course, just a temporary sinking spell, and will be corrected right now. There are many treasures in our lives here, some obvious, some hidden.

When the spacecraft from Pluto lands in Georgetown and the small green people with pointy ears come out and want to know what’s going on here, tell them. Treats and treasures, right here, right now. Here are some useful nuggets of information on people and places.

Places: Leopolds, in Cady’s Alley, just like being abroad. The stylish jewelry store there, Jewelerswerk, interesting, imaginative, different. Sixty different artists, all kinds of prices. Note the irresistible little red rings with devil’s horns. J Chocolatier, which uses simply the best chocolate in the world to make their bonbons. Babettes, good stuff, also nearby. All fun.

People: Kristin at the UPS Store on N Street. She is unfailingly patient, kind and helpful. Ditto Ozra at the New York Cleaners on P Street, another one of nature’s noblewomen. Barry at Morgan’s Pharmacy. He is amusing, unboaring and helpful, a solid plus in our community. Bob at the Safeway, that man is a cheerful saint.

Good things: Baked and Wired — it’s just what you want in your neighborhood, it is local, well patronized, has personality. Then there is Mr. Lee and his everything store on the corner of N Street and 35th. He fixes lamps, he repairs shoes, he cuts keys, he sells hardware. He is a one-man band.

The monkey puzzle tree on the corner of 31st and R Streets. We all love it. What is it doing here? It’s an anomaly, that’s why we love it.

The owls sometimes at the bottom of Lovers Lane in good weather. The Lantern on P Street, a sweet seductive bookstore to lose oneself in. Kids break dancing at the Waterfront Park. The labyrinth there, it challenges you to find the right path, kind of a metaphor for life?

The echoing domes at the drop dead gorgeous little museum at Dumbarton Oaks. That’s what domes do, they echo. The museum itself — don’t overlook it — it lifts us up and takes us out of our petty little concerns in the best possible way. Speaking of the past, there is Sands of Time on P at 30th, it sells antiquities that also give us the long view, we who often seem to be obsessed with ephemera.

Gathering in Rose Park, kids and their nannies, everybody knows everybody, hangs out, it’s cute. It’s a scene, it’s a neighborhood. We are a neighborhood.

Someone asked if Georgetown was dying ... no, there is life in the old girl yet. So eat your hearts out little green people from outer space.

—Edith Schafer

Dumbarton Oaks Conservancy Celebration at the Embassy of Italy
Ambassador Claudio Bisogniero and Mrs. Bisogniero will host a reception Thursday, April 19 from 6-8pm at the Embassy of Italy to celebrate the 71st Birthday of the Park as well as to honor the Dumbarton Oaks Conservancy’s efforts to restore Dumbarton Oaks Park. Writer and lecturer, Elizabeth Rogers — the founder of the Central Park Conservancy — will be the speaker for the evening. The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited and advance RSVP is required: aaldrich@dopark.org or visit www.dopark.org.

NEWSBYTES

A second Café Tu-O-Tu is now open at 3421 M Street (beside Pie Sisters) and offers express delivery... It might not be what you thought would move in, but Edible Arrangements is set to open on the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Q Street... Joining the stores on Book Hill, The Dandelion Patch moved to 1663 Wisconsin Avenue from their spot in The Shops at Georgetown Park... The Boathouse Study continued at a 4-hour workshop where many different groups brainstormed on their basic needs of the waterfront, NPS will complete its study and set another meeting probably in late September... The Board of Zoning Adjustment approved S&R Foundation’s request to use Evermay as its headquarters, the group is also set to purchase Halcyon House soon... reports have it that Eastbanc intends to go through the design approval and construction drawing phase for residential condos at the Key Bridge Exxon site in the next 18 months, with a projected groundbreaking in the third quarter of 2013.
Spotlight on CAG Staffer Elizabeth Maloy

Elizabeth Maloy is the super competent, cheerful Program Assistant at CAG who coordinates many of our programs, such as Oral History interviews, writes for the newsletter, composes great email “blasts” about meetings and events — not to mention fielding multiple questions from residents. She covers so many bases, you almost don’t notice she is part-time in the CAG office.

But she also has a career as an elite athlete racing the mile and the 5000 meters in national and international competitions. She has her sights set on the London Olympics and will compete in the Olympic Trials in June in Eugene, Oregon. A runner since high school days in Albany, NY, she ran at Georgetown University as an undergraduate and graduate student where she was a four-time All-American and four-time Big East Champion. After college she ran for the New York Athletic Club, before signing a professional contract with New Balance (note her colorful NB gear!).

She has since travelled across the country and in Europe (Ireland, Italy, Belgium, and Finland) racing in major competitions. She trains under GU Coach Chris Miltenberg and still finds time to assist with the women’s track team. She has the Olympic “A” standard and ranks among the top 10 in the country in the 5000 meters. With her red ponytail, “Liz,” as she is known in the running world, works out at the Duke Ellington track at 38th and R Streets and on the tow path and in Rock Creek Park.

When interviewing Kevin Delany for the Oral History project, she discovered they were teammates through the NYAC — he ran for the club in the 1950s and competed in the prestigious Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden. Elizabeth competed in the Millrose Games in this past February!

When asked if she has any superstitions related to competing, she says “I need to have my pearl earrings!” She also says the best advice she has been given is “Always to take a step back and enjoy the moment. Every day is an experience — take it or leave it but always learn from it.” We are lucky to have Elizabeth at CAG — we all benefit from her excellent skills and sunny disposition.

—Betsy Cooley
The mystery of the missing artwork was solved March 3 as Georgetowners gathered at TD Bank to support CAG’s 10th Annual Summer Concerts in the Parks series. At the event, masterfully created by Kelly Doolan and Amy Kuhnert, guests enjoyed a Thomas Crown Affair themed evening complete with intrigue, mystery, and style.

The teller counters were transformed into a bar as guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d’oeuvres while piecing together clues of who stole the Katherine Sable print. The bank’s vault was wide open to accept guest bids on the print, donated by Heiner-Contemporary, and a Dianna Brous-sard necklace, donated by Hu’s Wear. The suspects in the case included Carol Joynt, Jack and Michele Evans, John and Kristen Lever, Topher Mathews, Nancy Taylor Bubes, and Jennifer Altemus. All acted a bit shady carrying mysterious backpacks, luggage, and guitar cases. National Conserva-tory of Dramatic Arts president Ray Ficca, who played the detective all evening, asked the important question: Whodunit? It turned out to be (encour-aged by cheers and applause from the crowd): CAG president Jennifer Alte-mus, who had tried to hide the loot in her vintage suitcase.

Music by DJ Anders pulsed throughout the evening, Sprinkles cupcakes were a special take home favor, and, an added bonus, complimentary meatballs from the food truck Ball or Nothing were waiting outside as guests left the party.

A special champagne toast, accompanied by divine Fleurir chocolate caramels, to celebrate the ten years of fab-ulous concerts was offered to specially honor concerts founder Elizabeth Miller.

The 2012 concerts are slat-ed for May 20th, June 17th (the Fathers Day celebra-tion), and July 4th (complete with a patriotic parade). The Concerts in the Parks thanks TD Bank for hosting and catering the party. And thanks also to Concerts sponsors: Sprinkles, Nancy Taylor Bubes — Washington Fine Properties, and George-town Floorcoverings.

—Elizabeth Maloy
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Over ninety people gathered at the Ritz Carlton on the balmy evening of March 19. Host Jeff Brower, manager of the Ritz Carlton, welcomed everyone to the elegant new meeting space.

Jennifer Altemus introduced Debbie Weil who talked about how social media has developed rapidly over the last few years. Recalling the time of slow dial-up connections used by relatively few people, she said that the majority of people are connected to multimedia now. A show of hands revealed that over 50% of the audience has “Smart Phones” - the cell phones that also access the internet and provide handheld access to email, maps, etc. Debbie emphasized that the advent of broadband and wireless internet has made information access so fast that people are increasingly eager to have it handy at all times. For example more and more people are making restaurant reservations via Open Table online and reading newspapers online. Older generations are adopting use of the internet to read and write blogs on many subjects, and increasingly using Facebook - especially to share photos. She explained how the new media has given rise to “citizen journalists” who have created important reports - and photos - all on their own as individuals. They have also created social revolutions — to wit, the Arab Spring. She suggested people access the local blogs such as the Georgetown Metropolis. (CAG provided a handout listing the local blogs.) She encouraged CAG to have a full Facebook page (in addition to our current Concerts in the Parks Facebook page) and to start a Twitter account which she described as “the source of news before it’s in the news.”

She amused the crowd by asking if anyone had Googled themselves. After some laughter, she said that if you use Facebook and Twitter, you gain more control over what people glean about you on the internet.

Debbie asked everyone to ask the person sitting beside them if they were basically optimistic or pessimistic about the future of technology. Answers ranged from concern about the young generation’s obsession with smart phones (Debbie said studies show the youngest generation is more adept at multitasking and are just as intelligent as in past years). Another person pointed out how helpful the internet and phones are in caring for elderly relatives — and what a boon they will be for aging people generally.

She explained the use of CAG’s GeorgetownForum listserv which serves as a community bulletin board/discussion site via email. (See directions on the CAG website www.cagtown.org.) Debbie has created a special follow-up information page for CAG at http://voxiemedia.com/cag which includes her slides and references.

Debbie closed by pointing out that we are living at the time of a truly profound revolution. A good example is that a 15-year old kid currently has access to more information than the President of the United States did 15 years ago.

A big thank you to the Ritz Carlton for hosting the delightful evening and to Debbie Weil for a lively presentation.

—Betsy Cooley
**Notice of Proposed Amendment to CAG Bylaws**

Article 8, Officers, Section 2, Election and Term is amended in part as follows: “The office of President shall not be held by one person for more than **four (4) years** consecutively.” This has been amended from the original three (3) year term.

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**Christ Church Georgetown Art Show and Sale**

**Saturday, April 28**

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Sunday, April 29**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Christ Church Georgetown
31st & O Streets

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**Georgetown Village Up and Running**

Georgetown Village is a non-profit organization established to help older residents age-in-place – in both Georgetown and Burleith. Since their launch in December, membership has climbed to nearly one hundred fifty people, ages fifty-five to over one hundred! While the Village provides its members with transportation and social outings, it benefits us all by creating community.

Executive Director of the Georgetown Village, Lynn Golub-Rofrano, said, “Our goal is to meet the needs of the seniors in Georgetown. At the moment, key needs are in the area of mobility and socialization.”

Trained Village volunteers drive and escort members to doctor appointments, on errands and for grocery shopping. In addition, the Village organizes regular events including happy hours, weekly coffee talks at St. John’s Episcopal Rectory, and a book club. In response to strong attendance and interest, happy hour will now be scheduled twice monthly and a second book club has been started.

One member recently launched a movie club that will meet at Lowe’s Georgetown on Tuesday nights (discount night for seniors). On their first outing they attended the Iron Lady and discussed the movie over dinner. “We like to help our proactive members drive the services we provide,” said Golub-Rofrano.

“We provide training for all of our volunteers,” said Golub-Rofrano, who has already conducted two trainings at Georgetown University. High school residents have also volunteered to help. “And with spring on the way, many residents will need help planting flowers and weeding their gardens,” she added. Recent volunteers have purchased and set up computer hardware and solved minor email and technical problems; acted as “friendly visitors” for members who are home-bound; and provided household help, including shoveling, organizing, weeding, streamlining kitchen cabinets and changing smoke alarm batteries. For the safety and security of its members and their families, the Village conducts background checks on all volunteers.

People interested in joining the Georgetown Village or volunteering should contact Lynn Golub-Rofrano, at 202-999-8988 or email lynn@georgetown-village.org.

—Brooke Carnot

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**Georgetown Village to Host Book Discussion**

The Georgetown Village will host a discussion group Thursday, April 19 at 6:30pm at St. John’s Church, 3240 O Street NW, to talk about the book *On Your Own: A Widow’s Passage to Emotional and Financial Well-Being*. Authors Alexandra Armstrong and Mary Donahue will be present to discuss their book and answer any questions. For more information contact Lynn Golub-Rofrano, Georgetown Village Executive Director, at lynn@georgetown-village.org.

Please RSVP (202) 999-8988
The Georgetown House Tour is celebrating its 81st Anniversary on April 28 as it once again highlights Georgetown’s finest historical, interesting, and unique homes. Since 1931, the Georgetown House Tour has delighted thousands of neighbors and visitors. “We are committed to making the 2012 Georgetown House Tour the most exciting and successful yet,” remarked Stephanie Bothwell, principal of Urban and Landscape Design who, along with renowned Washington interior decorator Frank Babb Randolph, is co-chair of this year’s tour.

The tour, from 11am to 5pm, will include the Parish Tea in Blake Hall at St. John’s Church (3240 O Street NW) featuring homemade tea sandwiches and sweets from 2-5pm. The tour is held rain or shine.

Prior to the House Tour, there is a Patrons Party on Thursday, April 26 to honor homeowners who are kindly opening their homes for the tour. The Patrons Party is a separate donation which also includes admission to the tour and tea.

Tickets for the 2012 tour are $40 per person before April 20, $45 per person after April 20, and $35 per person for groups of 20 or more. Online ticket sales begin March 5 and end April 26 at 5pm and can be found at www.georgetownhousetour.com. For further information about tickets and to be added to the mailing list, please contact the parish office at 338-1796. Or contact C.C. Christakos (703-304-8583) or Stephanie Bothwell (202-679-3175).

The Facts on Georgetown Households

I went through the recently released 2010 American Community Survey data from the Census to see what I could find about the “Georgetown household.” A household, in Census parlance, is a single living unit. It can be a studio apartment all the way up to Evermay. The ACS uses survey data to generate stats on what the average household in Georgetown looked like over the past five years. Here are the interesting bits:

There are 4,881 households in Georgetown. Of those, 89% are occupied, and 11% are vacant. Of all the households, 6.74% are single family detached homes. A full 49% are single family attached homes (i.e. a rowhouse). Four percent are part of a structure with two units, and 3% are part of a structure with three to four units. Thirty percent of households are part of apartment buildings with 20 or more units.

It’s not a surprise that 63% of Georgetown households were built before 1939 (in fact the only surprise is that it’s not higher). A few percentage of Georgetown homes were built in each decade since then, with the exception of the 1980s, when 11% of Georgetown homes were built.

The majority of occupied Georgetown homes (56%) are owner occupied. Surprisingly, the West Village has a much higher owner-occupied level at 63%. The East Village has an owner-occupied level of 51%.

This next one is tricky: From the perspective of the household, a full 46% of homes have been moved into since 2005. That’s not saying that 46% of people have moved here since 2005, just that 46% of homes have had some form of turnover since 2005. That number jumps to 68% when you look backwards to 2000. Six percent of homes have been occupied by the same occupant since at least 1979. Four percent have been occupied by the same occupant since at least 1970.

Fewer and fewer Georgetowners are driving to work; the number of households with no car inched up from the previous year from 22% to 25%. One car households stayed steady at 50%, while multi-car households fell to 24% from 28%.

As for rent, the median rent paid in Georgetown is $1,485 for the East Village and over $2,000 for the West Village. A total of 36% of rental units go for less than $1,500 a month. That might be the most surprising number in this group.

—Topher Mathews
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April Community Events and Calendar

Sat. Apr 7  Weeding Party in Dumbarton Oaks Park; 10-2; volunteers work with NPS to remove invasive plants from the Park; meet at the top of Lover’s Lane and R Street NW, gloves and tools provided; contact Ann Aldrich for more information, abaldrich@verizon.net.

Fri. + Sat. Apr. 6-7  Eggstravaganza at Tudor Place; 10am-12pm; egg roll contest, games, photo ops with the Easter Bunny; 1644 31st Street NW; register at www.tudorplace.org.

Tue. Apr. 10  Jazz Appreciation Month Celebration: “Miss Ella's Playhouse: a Jazzy Story Time;” ideal for elementary school age but all are welcome; 3:30pm; Georgetown Library, 3260 R Street; www.dclibrary.org.

Tue. Apr. 17  CAG Meeting: The Man Nobody Knew; Carl Colby talks about his new documentary film about his father, CIA Director William Colby; 7-8:30; Georgetown Library, 3260 R Street NW.

Thurs. Apr 19  Celebrate the 71st Birthday of Dumbarton Oaks Park; 6-8pm; Betsy Rogers speaks about her most recent book; hosted by the Italian Embassy, 3000 Whitehaven Street NW; free and open to the public, advance RSVP required; contact aaldrich@dopark.org or visit www.dopark.org.

Sat. Apr. 21  5th Annual C&O Canal Pride Days; volunteer event to improve the park. Also on Sat. Apr. 28: advanced registration required at www.canaltrust.org/trust/canal-pride-days.php; for more information contact Becky Curtis at curtis@canaltrust.org.

Sat. Apr. 21  Foggy Bottom Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit: Outside the Lines; in the yards of homes and businesses between 24th & 26th Streets NW and H & K Streets NW; self-guided tours available on the website, artist guided tours third Saturday of each month at I Str. & New Hampshire Ave. NW; www.FoggyBottomAssociation.com.


Mon. Apr. 30  ANC 2E Public Meeting; 6:30pm; Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta St.; www.anc2e.com.

Thurs. May 3  Old Georgetown Board Meeting; 9am; National Building Museum, 401 F Street NW, #311; visit www.cfa.gov for more information.

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