More CAG Concerts This Summer

June 21 Highlights Fathers Day; July 5 Features Parade

Beat the summer heat and spice up your Sunday routine at the CAG Concerts in the Parks Series at 5 pm on Sunday June 21 in Rose Park (26th and P Streets) and again on Sunday July 5 in Volta Park (34th and Q Streets).

June 21 features the Melodime band’s eclectic mix of rock, blues, folk, and country music that has turned the group into an award winning band. There will also be Father’s Day activities including craft tables to make Father’s Day cards and even design your own “Best Dad” medal—plus a special Father-Child dance. So bring dad—and granddad—to enjoy a fun afternoon and the free Hagaan Dazs ice cream cones. There will also be an award for the “Best Pic-nic” highlighting the most fun, fancy or creative spread.

Back by popular demand, the Image Band (www.imageband.com) will return on July 5 with the dynamic rhythms infection sounds of their Caribbean/Reggae music. And new this year, since it’s Fourth of July weekend, there will be a parade around the block at 4:30 (form up at the playground at 4) for kids and dogs in red white and blue.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for $5 each to win a $1500 combination of spa, exercise and beauty treatments in our Pampered in Georgetown raffle. It’s worth buying a chance to enjoy a two night stay at the Georgetown Inn; a spa package from Erwin Gomez Salon; a haircut plus a manicure/pedicure at ILO Salon; 10 yoga classes at Down Dog Yoga; and a manicure/pedicure and wax from Polished. The drawing will be at the end of the third concert on July 5 at Volta Park.

A big thank you to our generous sponsors who make the concerts possible: Coldwell Banker, HSBC Bank, Friends of Rose Park, Friends of Volta Park, Georgetown University Hospital, Nancy Taylor Bubes at Washington Fine Properties, Clyde’s, Jean Smith, Haagen-Dazs, the Georgetowner, and the Georgetown Current.

See more photos on page 14.

Russian Embassy to Host CAG Gala on October 2

Reserve the evening of Friday, October 2, for the Citizens Association of Georgetown’s Fall Gala at the magnificent Russian Embassy on upper Wisconsin Avenue. Honorary chairs of the event are His Excellency and Mrs. Sergey Kislyak and Senator John Kerry and Mrs. Theresa Heinz. The theme of the evening is Midnight in Moscow and will feature première Russian vodka and caviar, traditional Russian entertainment, and a sumptuous dinner buffet.

The Gala will be a formal but fun evening with dancing and music by Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra—tails and ball gowns are optional. There will be a waltz contest in the beautiful main hall of the embassy and an amazing auction including Aeroflot tickets to Russia and the Bolshoi ballet.

The CAG Gala brings together over 300 residents, businesses, organizations and government leaders to socialize and dance the night away to raise funds to underwrite CAG’s mission of historic preservation and improving the life of the community. Midway in the evening several Georgetown residents will be honored for their contributions to the community.

Invitations will be mailed in August. Special sponsorship opportunities are available—call 337-7313.
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I am thrilled to be elected the new president of the Citizens Association of Georgetown. While growing up in the Washington, DC area I was drawn by Georgetown’s charm and energy. I attended Georgetown University and lived both on and off campus. I worked in the local restaurants. I got to know my neighbors and the community. I was hooked—and have stayed in and around Georgetown since graduating. It has been wonderful watching its metamorphosis and I know the citizens have had a lot to do with that. CAG has been front and center on issues big and small. I first got involved with the organization through the Concerts in the Park series and have co-chaired the CAG Fall Gala for several years, meeting many spectacular people in the process. These social events help to weave the relationships that make Georgetown feel like a cosmopolitan small town. When the community comes together we can make sure our voice is heard.

The seventh annual Concerts in the Park series kicked off with a “Rocking and Green” theme. 300 neighbors picnicked and enjoyed the sounds of the Nattie Beaux Band in Volta Park. Volunteers scooped free Haagen Dazs ice cream cones, kids planted seedlings in biodegradable planters they decorated, reusable shopping bags were handed out, clowns fashioned wild hats out of balloons and HSBC Bank gave out free energy efficient light bulbs. We are now gearing up for the Father’s Day concert in Rose Park which we will celebrate with the contemporary music of Melodime. Mark your calendars for June 21. Then on July 5 everyone’s favorite Reggae group, The Image Band, will transform Volta Park into our own little tropical oasis. As always, there will be treats for the kids.

CAG & Trees for Georgetown would like to thank Herb and Patrice Miller for opening their spectacular home for our fundraising reception on May 28. Over 160 neighbors braved the elements to give their support for a greener Georgetown. The Trees Committee put together a wonderful evening.

Georgetown University is in the process of developing their ten year campus plan. There was an all day community information session on May 30. University representatives and their architects showed various options that are on the table. Some of them included more on-campus undergrad dorms, an 8000 seat “convocation center,” graduate student dorms on the block where 1789 is located, and relocating the hospital to somewhere else on campus. They still have a lot of work to do before anything can be presented to the Zoning Commission. They seem genuinely interested in community input. We’ll be sure to keep you informed about future meetings.

As Georgetown gears up for summer, we are working closely with the MPD to ensure that our streets are safe. The Board met with Commander Klein and reiterated our hope that the Full Stride Program (foot patrol officers) will be reinstated to the full eight officer complement before the summer crowds descend. It is our belief that such a program is the most effective policing policy. Officers form relationships with both the citizens and the merchants and are able to gather important information. They have even become familiar—on sight—with a significant number of the criminals. We know this program has worked in the past. We are striving to see it continue.

The CAG Oral History project is moving ahead smartly. Neighborhood "scout" Nola Klamberg has talked with dozens of people who have agreed to be interviewed and Annie Lou Berman has held two two-hour training sessions for fifteen volunteer interviewers—a truly fascinating array of people! Louise Brodnitz and Patty Murphy have organized research materials and Rick Cunningham has lent his technical expertise regarding digital recording devices. Let us know if you’d like to be part of this exciting project.

I hope to see you at the concerts in June and July.

—Jennifer Altemus
Fleeting As Summer

Think about the many incarnations that we have lived through and will live through if we just stick around long enough.

Mrs. Ramsay, in Virginia Woolf’s *To the Lighthouse*, looked around the dinner table in the candle light at her extended family and thought, “It will never be this way again.” Right. Whether the changes are subtle, or enormous, it would never be that way again. For her or for us.

We need a quick synopsis of where we are now, beginning with where we live. Georgetown has changed and so have we. In the sixties, hippies lived in the houses that you see when you enter the District from Key Bridge. It seemed that the inhabitants were always hanging out of the windows looking dazed and purposeless. But then quite a bit of Georgetown was seedy looking, or is the word shabby? The homeless lived on Book Hill. Small areas that served no real purpose were weedy and neglected, but then so were the parks.

Something happened, the weedy areas are now bowers. Where 28th Street meets Pennsylvania Avenue is a prime example. Now crape myrtles rise there out of a sea of roses. Ditto where 33rd Street diverges from Wisconsin, ditto the border of Rose Park along O Street. And how about Volta Park—Bradford pear trees line a green and stately urban park. It used to be a graveyard. Is the Waterfront Park a shot in the arm, you bet it is. Not to mince words, Georgetown looked terrible this spring.

A quick synopsis of what we are: worried, I dare say. We are reminded of all that time takes away, we are worried about losing the things that we have, worried about what will happen next. What we really, really don’t like is uncertainty. Okay, let’s call a spade a spade; we have a touch of cosmic dread.

Uncertainty is a persistent reality in this life. We say to ourselves, if this happens then that will happen, and we have no control over any of it. Can’t we just relax and enjoy what we have? Of course not. We are plagued with not knowing what the future will bring—and how much to fear it.

But wait a minute, maybe things aren’t as bleak as they sometimes seem. Maybe the Doomsday clock isn’t really at one minute to midnight. Maybe all those countries where everybody is fighting everybody else will figure out that’s a dumb way to live. Maybe.

Distraught, we run to the computer to be distracted from our worries and what do we find? Jaguars are threatened with extinction, there are many fewer songbirds now, the black-footed ferrets are dying because farmers are poisoning the prairie dogs, if you send money immediately perhaps we can save the last few Florida panthers. And what about the polar bears? Last, but certainly not least, Sarah Palin is busy destroying wolves so that they won’t eat the caribou and there will be more caribou for hunters to shoot. Has the world gone mad?

In the meantime it’s summer, summer, summer. Wonderful summer. The soundless footsteps on the grass. May our concerns turn out to be as fleeting as summer.

—Edith Schafer

GEORGETOWN Baby Boom

Congratulations and a Warm Welcome to the New Little Ones

Bill and Sarah Pietragallo on Poplar Street:
Francesca—April 7

J. Eric Crupi and Renee Esfandiary Crupi and big sister, Alexis on 33rd Street:
Gavin Alexander—May 16th
A Tale of Russian Diplomacy and Romance in Georgetown

As the CAG Gala at the Russian Embassy approaches this Fall, consider a fascinating historical connection between Georgetown and Russia. One story that may not be popularly known is the love affair between a 53-year old Russian Baron and a Georgetown school girl and the life they made together at 3322 O Street, NW.

Baron Alexander de Bodisco, a Russian diplomat with the title of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, came to Washington in 1838 in search of a suitable house for the Russian legation and rented 3322 O Street for that purpose.

That same year Baron de Bodisco had a Christmas party at which he hosted his two nephews studying at Georgetown College - and met 16-year old Harriet Beall Williams, the third daughter of a government clerk descended from a Georgetown founding father, Ninian Beall. The diplomat fell in love with Harriet and was seen walking her to the Lydia English School for Girls at 1305-15 30th Street (now Colonial Apartments). There was gossip about this May-October relationship and some alluded to the couple as “Beauty and the Beast,” as Harriet’s beauty was widely renowned. He sparked a small scandal among the community when he proposed to Harriet, and her family opposed the match because of de Bodisco’s age. However, the Baron told Harriet she might find someone more attractive than he was, but would never find anyone who loved her as much. In time, her family yielded and the Baron began wedding arrangements. He even ordered the bridesmaids’ dresses and taught the young attendants how to walk and conduct themselves.

The wedding in April 1840 was a “brilliant” event at the bride’s home at 3050 R Street, NW (now site of the Hurt Home for the Blind). Senator Henry Clay escorted the bride because her father had died, and other distinguished guests included President Martin Van Buren, Daniel Webster, and members of the Washington diplomatic corps, Army, and Navy. The bride wore a gown of exquisite brocade fashioned in the Russian style. Her veil of rare lace was held by a red velvet coronet, which shimmered with diamonds; her other ornaments included a pearl necklace and pin. The Baron was attired in his blue court costume with decorations studded with precious stones. The coat had a deep silver lace frill down the front and at the cuffs. The reception was held at the Russian Legation.

As a wedding gift, Baron de Bodisco purchased the house at 3322 O Street and gave it, along with a rare gem, to his young bride. The marriage of the wealthy and worldly diplomat to young Harriet appears to have been very happy. They had seven children and a busy social life with lavish parties. Baroness de Bodisco was an asset in diplomatic circles and it appears she helped engage the Washington governmental circle with the business community of Georgetown more closely. She frequently wore creamy white satin with costly old lace and was said to be as beautiful as the famous Eugenie of Russia, with the same superior tact and grace. At one point, President Van Buren gave a dinner party in honor of the Russian Minister and his lovely wife.

Perhaps the most outstanding de Bodisco event was the reception in honor of Emperor Nicholas’ birthday. Among the 800 guests was the wife of President John Tyler, who reported the following: “The ladies were served at small tables in an apartment on the second floor of the house, while their escorts gathered on the floor above for their repast. The tables were laid with gold service, and scores of servants waited upon the guests. The ball was likely the grandest of the season.”

Baron de Bodisco died suddenly in 1854 and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Georgetown. He had “urged his wife to remarry when he died in order to make some other man as happy as she had made him.” Harriet took the plea to heart and married British diplomat Captain Douglas Scott, in 1860. They were posted to India and, eventually, moved to the Isle of Wight. Former Baroness de Bodisco sold 3322 O Street in 1876. The home is currently the residence of Senator John Kerry and Teresa Heinz.

Baron and Baroness de Bodisco played an important role in diplomatic and business circles while living at 3322 O Street. The story is a fine example of architectural, historical, and cultural significance in early Georgetown history. It also brings to mind the notable connections Georgetown has with the international community, and seems a fitting tale to highlight before the elegant Gala to be held at the modern Russian Embassy on October 2.

—Nola Klamberg
Mayor Speaks at May CAG Meeting; Awards Presented

The first order of business at the May CAG meeting was a membership vote on the nominated slate of officers and directors, and a by-law change. Attendees voted to eliminate the positions of second and third vice president and have only one vice president. They also approved having the board meet by conference call if necessary. Treasurer Bob Laycock gave the financial report. The following officers were elected unanimously: President—Jennifer Altemus, Vice President—Luca Pivato, Treasurer—Bob Laycock, Secretary—Tara Scopelliti, and Directors—Louise Brodnitz, Diane Colasanto, Renee Esfandiary and Brenda Moorman.

Denise Cunningham welcomed Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans who made remarks and introduced Mayor Adrian Fenty. All three joined in the presentation of the CAG annual awards.

A special appreciation award was given to Davis Kennedy For “Exceptional Support of the Georgetown Community as Publisher of The Georgetown Current.” Denise said “Serious community newspapers are a treasure. Nothing is as important to people as what’s going on in their backyard. Davis runs four community papers under the umbrella of the Current Newspapers. The Georgetown Current tackles the issues fairly and square... from our local association meetings to award-winning investigative journalism.... He is a credit to his profession and to this community.” Davis accepted the award saying “Georgetown is a true pleasure for us to cover as the Citizens Association, the business groups and the university all are quite reasonable in what they ask of each other. The three groups have different objectives, but they realize they must work together if they are to be truly successful. We at The Georgetown Current thank you for your kind recognition and thank Georgetown for its ability by and large to work together for the good of the entire community.”

A special appreciation award was also given to John Thomas, Director of Urban Forestry Administration for work establishing a population of 130,000 street trees within the District and ensuring their health and safety. In the past ten years, UFA has planted 14,500 trees, pruned over 40,000 and removed 7,000 dead or dying and forged a strong partnership with CAG’s Trees for Georgetown committee.

Harry Belin was presented the Belin Award which was named after his father “who was an extremely important part of Georgetown’s history and a past president of CAG.” Denise pointed out that the Belin’s have been instrumental since 1923 when Harry’s grandfather, Lamont Belin, purchased a home on 3.5 acres in Georgetown saving it from being torn down and being replaced with a hotel. Three generations of the family have cared for and shared with the community their magnificent home, Evermay. Harry has been very generous with CAG and many other organizations hosting important Georgetown events there.
Jerry McCoy received the Charles Atherton Award for Exceptional Service by a Dedicated Public Sector Professional for his outstanding and dedicated work preserving and protecting historic Georgetown with his stewardship of The Peabody Collection. For nearly 10 years ago, Jerry has been the historian and archivist of the Peabody Collection and also of the Washingtoniana Collection at the Martin Luther King library. Denise said “we are deeply indebted to him for his loving care of our significant past and can’t wait until he is firmly ensconced in his new digs in our new library.”

The William A. Cochran Award For Exceptional Efforts to Protect and Enhance the Community’s Parkland and Architectural Resources was given to The Friends of the Georgetown Waterfront Park headed by Bob vom Eigen. Noting that this year the award “should be called the perseverance award,” Denise saluted this group and the over 200 other individuals under various organization names “who have worked tirelessly to raise funds and awareness of our Waterfront Park, a jewel that now stretches from Washington Harbour to Key Bridge.”

Jack Evans presented a cerimonial resolution from the DC City Council honoring Senator Charles H. Percy for his many years of work toward establishing the Georgetown Waterfront Park. His grandson Charles Percy Rockefeller accepted the honor on behalf of Senator Percy.

Jack Evans congratulates Davis Kenney as Mayor Fenty looks on

Past President Denise Cunningham (r) passes the microphone to newly elected CAG President Jennifer Altemus

Friends of the Waterfront Park were honored with the William A. Cochran Award
Old House for Sale After a Fire

The gray house at 2812 P Street sits snugly on the south side of the street between 28th and 29th Streets. It is still boarded up after a fire which swept through the downstairs front section of the house nearly two years ago. The fire started in the kitchen and spread to the front hall and the dining room but not to the living rooms or bedrooms in the rear of the house.

Soon this house will be offered for sale “as is.” A contractor has been chosen to do minimal repairs to the front façade of the house. New windows will be installed on the P Street side of the house and parts of a new roof will be put on. Other than that, the house is as it was after the fire. The kitchen remains a shell for the new owners to install their own dream cooking chamber. The interior charred walls remain and serve as evidence of what happened.

But the house has the possibilities of becoming a dream home again. The bones are still there. The six bedrooms are nicely sized and the public rooms are inviting and attractive. The generous garden was once an Oehme, Van Sweden garden with their signature grasses; it later became a Michael Barlett garden with his well known perennial flowers. There is a long black pool with flagstone space on the side for outdoor entertaining—and two garages.

The owner of the house had lived there since the early sixties. The house was filled with important art and furniture and was the scene of many distinguished parties. I hope it will be restored to that place again.

—Anne Emmet

A Grand Virtual Tour of Georgetown

For the curious or the escapist among us, the mapping of satellite imagery provides a birds-eye view of Georgetown—a panorama of roof-tops on a computer screen, with no need to board a balloon, blimp, plane, or spacecraft.

Anonymity, however, is not how one would describe Google’s new street view feature.

We can now journey at street level, peering at every home, judging décor, style, and upkeep. Cars, whether glistening clean or smudged with dirt, can be catalogued as to the extent of owner care. (Google does blur license plates, and will sometimes blur faces caught by its ubiquitous cameras the result of early instances of the camera catching people where they shouldn’t have been.)

To begin a grand virtual tour, simply click on Google’s map feature, and type a street address in Georgetown. When the typical street grid map appears on screen, drag the small orange gold figure (looking not unlike an Oscar) to the mapped address, and voila, begin your street-view tour.

On the grid map, all the streets that have a street view are outlined in blue, and nearly every street in Georgetown can be traveled. One simply follows the direction one wants to go by clicking on the arrowed line. The image can be panned up to the sky above, or the asphalt below, and swiveled 360 degrees.

Google added the District of Columbia to its ever growing list of cities with street-view in November 2008. The Google camera-mounted cars have made at least three forays in or near Georgetown to produce and update the images. One can often discern approximately when a street view was recorded by changes in constructed buildings, differences in foliage, and traffic. The changes can be abrupt: if one drives north on Rock Creek Parkway, the season instantly goes from lush early summer to the decline of late Fall when one crosses Virginia Avenue.

—Walter Groszyk
New Farmers Market Opens in Upper Georgetown

The Glover Park-Burleith Farmers Market will launch its opening season on Saturday, June 13 between 9 am and 1 pm. Ten vendors will sell locally grown fruits and vegetables, baked goods, eggs, meat, and other fresh products in the Hardy Middle School parking lot on the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and 34th Street. The market will run every Saturday between June 13 and October 3.

“The market is ‘producer-only,’ meaning that all products brought to market have been grown, raised, and produced by the people selling them to you,” said Lauren Shweder Biel, founder and President of DC Greens, Inc., the non-profit group that is organizing and managing the new market. DC Greens, Inc. is dedicated to providing the Glover Park, Burleith, and Georgetown communities access to local produce and “lost food knowledge.” It also strives to serve as a conduit between regional farms, food and nutrition experts, and local schools. Lauren said she is appreciative that start up funding was provided by the Glover Park Citizens Association.

Half of the vendors coming to the Glover Park-Burleith Farmers Market currently participate in other District farmers markets, such as Dupont and U Street, while the other half will be making their DC debut. Select vendors will accept WIC coupons. The new farmers market and DC Greens, Inc. aim to bring fresh and locally produced products to area residents, while also providing information about the nutritional benefits of eating fresh vegetables and how to grow them yourself. The market will feature workshops and demonstrations throughout the season on topics including nutrition, gardening, and composting. DC Greens, Inc. also plans to sponsor “lost food knowledge” workshops in the fall that will include classes on pickling, canning, cheese-making, and other useful food processing techniques while working with neighborhood schools to develop seed-to-table education. DC Greens, Inc. is also proud of their involvement in the Farm to School movement in DC. “We’re really hoping that this becomes a vibrant community meeting ground and a neighborhood institution,” said Biel.

Local bluegrass musicians, Andre Acosta and John Kaparakis, will be playing at the market, alternating with The King Street Bluegrass Band. Volunteers will provide support to farmers on market days. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please email market@dcgreens.org.

ANC 2E Salutes Denise Cunningham

Adopted unanimously at the ANC 2E meeting held on June 1, 2009:

In recognition of her dedicated and effective service to the community, ANC 2E commends Denise Cunningham. For the past two and one-half years as president of the Citizens Association of Georgetown, Denise has provided strong and inclusive leadership within the community. With exuberance, style, warmth, persistence, a keen eye for the practical and a passion for civic improvement, she has led CAG ably. Equally important, Denise has been a positive and collegial voice for cooperative efforts among all elements within our community, including residents, businesses and the university. Her leadership skills and dedication are a model for us all. We hereby acknowledge and express our appreciation and gratitude to Denise Cunningham for her outstanding service and positive impact on our community.
Clean-up Crew: Organized by GU’s Assistant Director of Off-Campus Student Affairs Ray Danieli (front center), a group of students has been working regularly to help keep trash off the sidewalks of west Georgetown.

The Trees for Georgetown fundraiser at Patrice and Herb Miller’s home was a delightful evening. Pictured here are DC Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Sangdra Baer, Herb Miller, TFG Chair Betsy Emes and Ward 2 Councilmember Jacks Evans.
Caroline Van H. Bean’s Sketches of Georgetown

Recently I “rediscovered” a cache of 39 pencil and charcoal sketches depicting Georgetown views drawn by Caroline Van H. Bean between 1945 and 1960. The sketches were located in the course of processing over 400 boxes of archival materials that were rescued from a fire that heavily damaged the Georgetown Branch Library, where the Peabody Room was located, on April 30, 2007.

While a large portion of the Peabody Room’s art collection depicting Georgetown personages and places was heavily damaged by water, the Bean collection received NO damage. Due to the fragile medium of the Bean works, had they been exposed to water they most likely would have been completely lost. I was amazed that the drawings came through the fire unscathed.

Bean, who used her maiden name professionally, was married to English aviation-automotive engineer Algernon H. Binyon. She was born in Washington in 1879. It was at her father’s office, Dr. Tarleton H. Bean, an ichthyologist for the Smithsonian Institution, that she began painting on wrapping paper at the age of 5.

A graduate of Smith College in 1903, Bean went to London and became a student of American water colorist John Singer Sargent. During WWI her exhibit “New York in Wartime” was described by critics as “brilliant and joyous.” Besides exhibiting at the Corcoran Gallery and the Chicago Institute of Arts, Bean had a successful career as a portraitist.

In 1934 Bean won first prize in The Evening Star Better Homes contest for “modernizing” an old Georgetown house. Before she became a resident at the Washington Home in 1978, Bean lived at 1619 30th St., NW. She passed away in 1980 at the age of 101.

A few of the sketches in the collection depict well known Georgetown landmarks such as the Old Stone House on M. St., Georgetown University, and the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. The remainders are residential Georgetown street views, some of which show structures that are no longer extant.

The following list details houses in Georgetown that Miss Bean sketched. The public or owners of any of these abodes who would like to view the original artworks are welcome to contact me.

27th Street (1346-50); C29
27th Street (1400 block @ Poplar Pl.); C14, C34
28th Street (1524); C25
29th Street (1139); C4, C30
30th Street (1239); C27
32nd Street; C24
33rd Street (1524); C28
34th Street near Volta; C31
35th Street (e. side between Prospect & M); C5
35th Street near N; C11, C13
N Street (s. side 3100 block); C20, C32, C33
O Street (3322); C18
O Street (s. side looking E. before Potomac); C16
O Street near 36th; C36
P Street (2716); C35
P Street (3019 & 3021); C8
P Street (n. side between 30th & 31st); C9
P Street (s. side 3500 block); C12
Q Street (3124); C26
Dumbarton Street (2800 block); C-2, C21
Reservoir Road (s. side 3300 block); C3, C22

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Moving from house to house enjoying wine, appetizers, dinner and desserts—over 100 Georgetowners and Hyde parents and faculty participated in the Georgetown Progressive Dinner, a fundraiser for the Hyde Elementary School. From paella to lasagne—sangria to martinis—ice cream and cookies to cheese and fruit—diners delighted in an array of food and drink. The coup de grace was a magnificent dessert spread at the home of Cathy Brentzel (Evermay South). Shown left are diners—Hyde parents & faculty and Georgetown families enjoying the homemade meal prepared by BBC Reporters (and Hyde parents and Georgetown residents) Philippa Thomas and Richard Lister in their home.
Safeway is offering free delivery of groceries in Georgetown: go to social safeway.com (which links you to safeway.com and you order from there) or 10% off groceries at other Safeway stores... you can follow the construction work at the Safeway site on a webcam at http://oxblue.com/pro/open/rocheconstructors/safeway2912.... rumor has it that next year Pottery Barn is closing at the 31st and M location – to be replaced by a Brooks Brothers ... the delightful Stitch in Time knitting shop on Wisconsin avenue has closed... Collins Veterinarian Hospital has cared for First Dog, Bo ... Joe Biden was spotted at his granddaughters crew races... the Obamas were at Citronelle in early May — she had a lobster burger and he had short ribs... SweetGreen goes mobile with a state of the art ice cream truck that serves Sweetflow — check it out at SweetGreen.com/SweetflowMobile.com... Italian kitchen store Snaidero Kitchen + Design may move to Cady's Alley on M Street featuring custom designed kitchens from famous Italian designers and architects... after "months of rumors, speculation suspense and negotiations," Carol Joynt has signed a lease extension with Nathans landlords.

You’ll Hear it on the Grapevine...When You Sign up for CAG’s Listserv

The GeorgetownForum listserv is an online community bulletin board open to CAG members and non-members alike. Using e-mail, people who have signed onto the GeorgetownForum listserv, seek and exchange information on safety, local events, local businesses and services, and items of importance to the neighborhood. The exchanges are moderated, so only relevant messages are sent to the entire listserv community. Started in 2007 almost 700 Georgetowners are now participating.

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Concert sponsors HSBC Joe Reamer, Jennifer Altemus, with Coldwell Banker’s Michael Brennan

New concert banners marked the May concert

Erika and Kieran Donohue introduced baby Molly at the May concert

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Summer Community Events and Calendar

Fri. June 19  Georgetown University Family Movie Night on the Lawn; featuring Monsters, Inc.; 7:30 pm; Copley Lawn, Georgetown University, 37th & O Streets; free

Sat. June 20  Fête de la Musique; 4pm until midnight; Embassy of France, 4101 Reservoir Road; $8 admission, $5 for students (with valid ID); visit www.HouseofFranceDC.org for more information.

Sun. June 21  FREE CAG Concert in the Park featuring The Melodime Band and Fathers Day Activities; 5 pm; Rose Park, 26th & P Streets.

Mon.-Fri. June 22-26  First Session: Georgetown Summer History Weeks; half- and full-days available; ages 3-12; fee; reservations required; call 965-0400 ext. 110 or email TMosconi@TudorPlace.org; visit DumbartonHouse.org or TudorPlace.org for more information.

Tues. June 23  Chamber Music Concert featuring The Friday Morning Music Club; 7:30pm; 2715 Q Street; reservations required; call 337-2288 ext. 450; visit DumbartonHouse.org for more information.

Mon. June 29  Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E Public Meeting: 6:30 pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; agenda available at www.anc2e.com; call 338-7427 for more information.

Sat. July 4  Friends of Book Hill Park Dog Parade and Show at Book Hill Park; 10:00 am; corner of Wisconsin Ave and Reservoir Road, behind the Georgetown Library. Bring your pooch to parade through the park and enter a variety of competitions, plus photo ops with Uncle Sam. More info call: 944-2753.

Sun. July 5  FREE CAG Concert in the Park featuring The Image Band; 5 pm; Volta Park, 34th & Q Streets; preceded by a “4th of July” parade at 4 pm starting at the Volta Park Clubhouse.

Save the Date...the CAG Gala will be a Midnight in Moscow on Friday, October 2.