



PCV Post, The Newsletter of Potomac Community Village

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President's Letter

I am very pleased to report that we've hired Lynette Ciervo as PCV's new part-time Director of Engagement. I want to welcome her to PCV and introduce her to all of you as a welcome addition to our Village. We are very excited to have her working with us. Please read the "Introducing our New Director of Engagement" article on page 3 to learn more about her.

We plan on having a number of events where you'll be able to meet Lynette in person. We'll let you know the dates and times once they are arranged.

Though Lynette is now here with us at PCV, our real backbone will continue to be our members and volunteers. Everyone can help out to be part of this!

- We need members who will make phone calls to other PCV members.
- We'd love more help with creating wellness and educational programs that are open to *all* in our community. Non-members are welcome to help out.
- We need writers for our newsletter, and people to mail out print copies of our newsletters to members not on email. Non-members are welcome to help.

To offer your help or share ideas, please contact us at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org, or 240-221-1370. Please check out www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org to see our [CALENDAR](#) and our [PHOTO GALLERY](#). Members can also access useful articles on home safety, health and wellness by clicking on Members' Notebook under Members at the top of the page.

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Members, please join us on Saturday, Oct 22 for our Members' Wine & Cheese Party. See page 4 for details. Everyone, please make sure to join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 pm for a fascinating look at local history before the Civil War. Details are below.

And please mark your calendars for Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm, for our first in-person program with a speaker since February 2020. We'll be treated to a special program on *Will Adams, Fiddler of Ken-Gar*. See page 5 for details.

Please stay in touch - info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org, or 240-221-1370.

Best,
Owen Ritter, PCV President



Lots of PCV Events coming up!

- Oct 11 – Coffee and Conversation (see p.4)
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- Oct 25 – Coffee and Conversation (see p.4)
- Oct. 25 – Differing Historical Perspectives on Slavery (see below)

Save the date for our in-person evening program on Thursday, Nov. 17. Details on page 5

Advance registration is strongly preferred for our Coffees, required for our Lunches, Wine & Cheese event, Group Walk, Scrabble, Bridge, Book Group and all Zoom events. PCV Members, please log into your accounts and click on the "Register" button for the desired event. If you are a member without a login password, please inform us at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org, and the password creation email will be sent to you. If you are a non-member, or just need help registering, please contact the Help Desk, 20854HelpDesk@gmail.com, or 240-221-1370.

Coming on Tuesday, Oct 25, 7 – 8:30 pm, on Zoom
Differing Historical Perspectives on Slavery
with author and historian James H. Johnson of Montgomery History

To Register, click on [SLAVERY](#) or contact the Help Desk at 20854HelpDesk@gmail.com, or 240-221-1370

The word "slavery" brings up a mental image of the "peculiar institution" as it existed in the Deep South right before the Civil War. But slavery in the Washington, DC area was different. Author and historian James H. Johnston will discuss the differing perspectives on slavery that emerge from his two books, [The Recollections of Margaret Loughborough](#), about a daughter of the Old Dominion of Virginia, and [From Slave Ship to Harvard](#), which follows six generations of an African American family in Maryland. Join us by Zoom for this fascinating look at our local area's past history. Please register at [SLAVERY](#) so we can send you the Zoom link.

Introducing Lynette Ciervo...

PCV's New Director of Membership Engagement



Everyone, including seniors, needs strong social engagement and stimulating experiences in order to enjoy a higher quality of life, says Lynette Ciervo, telling us that she's seen the difference these kinds of interactions made in the lives of her parents and continue to make in the lives of family, neighbors and friends.

"By nature, we are social beings and need to be around others to thrive," says Lynette. "I enjoy bringing people together in meaningful ways to support each other but, also, importantly, to laugh and have fun!"

Professionally, she has worked for more than 35 years in the field of public relations and educational outreach, while also raising a family, caring for aging parents, and being an active volunteer. She considers herself a passionate voice and advocate for children and families.

Her decision to work part-time reflects the need to have balance in her life as she still has a daughter in school and a mother-in-law who lives in a local nursing home. She wants to work part time to be able to support family needs while also doing work that directly serves her community. And, she tells us, she has always enjoyed working with seniors.

Volunteering has been a priority throughout her life.

"I was raised by parents who put volunteering and helping others as a central part of who we were as a family," says Lynette. "Early on, my parents taught me that life is much more meaningful when you give to others." One particularly memorable experience was when she helped her parents find homes for children and families fleeing to the Washington area after the fall of Saigon.

Lynette's passion for and interest in volunteering is one of the aspects that make her a good fit for PCV with its dependence on volunteers. Lynette knows what it's like to be a volunteer, so she knows how PCV can better engage our volunteers and enhance the volunteer experience.

In addition to volunteering, Lynette enjoys boating, swimming, reading, entertaining, spending time with her husband and daughters, and spoiling her two Havanese dogs. She has lived in Rockville's Fallsmead neighborhood, and so in the 20854 zip code, since 1991.

Lynette's role at PCV is to help grow and support our membership, support our volunteers and work with our Program Team. We welcome her to PCV and look forward to an exciting collaboration.

New COVID Bivalent Booster Shots - Where to Get Them

New COVID booster shots are now available. Here is Maryland's [VACCINE LOCATOR](#), where you can search for the vaccine you want, i.e. the Pfizer-BioNTech Bivalent Booster or the Moderna Bivalent Booster, and then search for locations that offer them. Members who need help finding a location or making an appointment should contact the Help Desk at 240-221-1370, or email them at 20854HelpDesk@gmail.com. ***The CDC tells us that the definition they are now using for "fully vaccinated" means that you have received the most recent booster for which you are eligible. We will be asking those who attend in-person PCV events to be fully vaccinated, meaning they've gotten the initial vaccine doses and have received a bivalent booster.***

Coffee and Conversation on October 11 and 25

For members, volunteers and prospective members

PCV continues its popular outdoor "Coffee and Conversation" series with get-togethers on **Tuesdays, October 11 and October 25 at 3**, at the Starbucks at Fortune Terrace/Seven Locks Road, under the overhang. To RSVP, click [COFFEE](#) for October 11 and click [TEA](#) for October 25, or contact the Help Desk at 240-221-1370 or 20854HelpDesk@gmail.com.

Book Group meets on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1:30 pm, on Zoom

PCV's Book Group meets on **Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 1:30**, for members and volunteers, with non-members able to come once to try us out. RSVP to [BOOK](#) or to 20854HelpDesk@gmail.com or 240-221-1370, so we can send you the Zoom link. We'll be discussing a novel, *The Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See. For those who want to read ahead, November's book will be *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson or the sequel. Either will be fine.

Outdoor Lunch at Gregorio's, Thursday, Oct. 20

For members, volunteers and prospective members

Join us for lunch at Gregorio's at Cabin John Shopping Center, outdoors, on **Thursday, Oct. 20, from 12 noon to 2 pm**. Click [LUNCH](#) to register, or contact the Help Desk at 240-221-1370 or 2084HelpDesk@gmail.com. Prospective members are very welcome. **Respond, please, no later than Tuesday, Oct. 18.** Attendees pay for their own food and beverage.

Walk With Us, Enjoy the Fall Foliage, Sat, Oct. 22, 10 am



For members and volunteers... a walk in the Fallsgrove neighborhood enjoying the changing leaves, walking in the woods on natural paths if it's not muddy, on paved paths if it is. We'll meet at 10 am at the Starbucks in the Fallsgrove (Safeway) Shopping Center, at the intersection of Shady Grove Road and Fallsgrove Blvd. Bring a walking stick if you want, and water to drink if it's warm out. RSVP to [WALK](#) no later than Friday, Oct. 21, or contact the Help Desk, 240-221-1370, or 2084HelpDesk@gmail.com. When you respond, please leave your cell phone number so we can contact you on Saturday morning if there is a change in plans.

Members' Wine & Cheese Get-Together, Sat. Oct. 22, 3 - 5 pm

Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 3 to 5 pm, for a delightful wine and cheese gathering with fellow PCV members, offering time to chat with old and new friends, meet some new members and offer your ideas to our Board president and other board members. We'll also be sampling a delicious assortment of cheeses, wines and other goodies. Our get-together is at a private Potomac home, on the deck, weather permitting, indoors if not. **Space is limited; please RSVP no later than Sunday, Oct. 16.** To register, click [WINE](#) or contact the Help Desk at 240-221-1370 or 20854HelpDesk@gmail.com. The location will be sent to you when you register. **PLEASE NOTE: Now that it is so easy to get a Covid booster, we ask that all attendees be fully vaccinated, using the CDC definition that you have received the most recent booster for which you are eligible.**

Let's Play Scrabble! Let's Play Bridge! Dates TBD

For members and volunteers. We expect to continue our Scrabble and Bridge groups this month, but as of Sept. 30, dates and locations for these events had not yet been finalized. If you are interested in playing Scrabble or bridge with other PCV members and PCV volunteers, please be in touch with us by contacting the Help Desk, 240-221-1370 or 20854HelpDesk@gmail.com.

Coming on Nov. 17 - we're back in person! Free and open to all

Our program, on **Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm**, is **Will Adams, Fiddler of Ken-Gar**, with Julianne Mangin of Montgomery History. Fiddler Will Adams had deep roots in the African American communities of Montgomery County. In 1953, he was recorded by folklorist Mike Seeger (half-brother of Pete Seeger). Adams' family history offers a glimpse of African American life in Montgomery County from the final years of slavery to the mid-twentieth century. Learn how the music of both Adams and Seeger lives on among contemporary old-time musicians. To register, click on [ADAMS](#), or contact the Help Desk at 240-221-1370.

Location of this program, the first where we return to indoor monthly evening meetings with a speaker, is not yet set. **PLEASE NOTE:** Now that it is so easy to get a Covid booster, we ask that all attendees be fully vaccinated, using the CDC definition that you have received the most recent booster for which you are eligible. Our in-person meeting will have a masked section for those who feel more comfortable with that.

What we did in September

We ate and we talked and we walked and we read! We had two Coffee and Conversation get-togethers, lunch at Fontina Grille, a walk on the River Trail, and we Zoomed our book discussion.



From left: Don, Eleanor, Marie, Cecile and Joan at our Sept 14 lunch. An additional two tables of lunch attendees are behind them. The other picture is at the Sept. 6 Coffee and Conversation. From left: Moe, Mary Jane, Cecile, Allan, Richard, Nelly, Margie, Millie, Jane, Eleanor, Lisa, Sheila, Owen and Mel.

Welcome new members... Gerald and Patricia Tomlin

Thank you for renewing your membership... Rachel Becker, Julie Perlman, Merlyn Rodrigues

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