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PCV to the Rescue!

The unexpected arrived at the home of PCV member Anita one afternoon. Even before the smoke alarms had sounded, Anita and a visiting friend smelled smoke and found a fire in the gas clothes dryer in the laundry room.

Responding firefighters dealt with the situation and checked various parts of the house. Although direct fire damage was localized, there was widespread smoke damage. In addition, as Anita discovered, neatness does not count in fighting fires, so there was a mess to clean up.

Discussions with Anita's insurance company went well, and it was time to prepare for repairmen to show up. This required emptying shelves and drawers, packing items into boxes, and having all in readiness. Anita felt overwhelmed with so much to do in so little time. Her husband had passed away about two years earlier, she has no nearby family and felt she could not manage it on her own.

But PCV Volunteer Coordinator Dita Smith sprang into action. Wonder Woman (as Anita calls Dita) arranged for PCV volunteers to help, with members Marvin Friedman and Alice Goodman answering the call. The two of them spent a couple days working with Anita, filling boxes and making the area accessible to contractors. Anita says she is very grateful to PCV for "sending medicine to people in need."

In addition, Anita was able to participate in PCV's new Holiday Friends program, enjoying a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner at the home of PCV member Alan Mayer-Sommer. Well done, PCV volunteers!



Hexagon is coming – and PCV is going! Sunday, March 26 matinee



PCV is purchasing group tickets to the Hexagon show for Sunday, March 26 at 2:30 p.m., with tickets available to non-members as well as members. **Reservation deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 7**, so we can take advantage of all available discounts. Tickets are \$23 per person, including service charges, a discount of \$10.

Hexagon is a nonprofit organization composed of folks who enjoy creating and staging an original, political satire in the format of a musical comedy revue, while also raising money for local charities. They have been around for more than 60 years. The show will be at Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, DC. We will organize carpools and plan to have dinner together after the show.

You may reserve Hexagon tickets online at www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org, or by calling the Help Desk, 240-221-1370. Any questions, please call the Help Desk at 240-221-1370. Many thanks to PCV member Sheila Taylor for coordinating this program. We look forward to having a good time with our PCV friends!

Next Meeting – Thursday, Feb. 16 from 7 - 9 p.m.

**"Staying Safe in the Cyber World –
identity theft and other concerns"**

with Tracy D. Rezvani,

**Program Administrator, Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection
at the Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Dr., Potomac**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with PCV with a member-only special lunch!

It's a St. Patrick's Day lunch on Friday, March 17 at 1 p.m. at Lahinch Tavern and Grill, in the Cabin John Shopping Center. Menu items include a two-course Irish lunch for about \$20 (plus tax and tip) that includes an appetizer and an entrée specialty such as corn beef and cabbage, fish and chips, and bangers and mash. You can also order from the regular menu. To make payment easier, the restaurant will issue separate checks. This is a **member only** event, and space is limited. **Reservations by March 8**, either calling the Help Desk, 240-221-1370, or online at www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org. Thank you to Marcia Akresh for organizing this event!

Brrr! Winter's here, and so is PCV's Storm Buddies Program, and our Member-Only List of who to call to get your driveway plowed out

- **Our Storm Buddies program**, for members who would like a phone call to check on their well-being when the weather turns frightful – snow, ice, power outages, etc. If you want to know more about Storm Buddies, please call Dita Smith at 301-983-9354.
- **Member-Suggested Contractor List** for names of contractors of all types, including snow clearing. Just phone the Help Desk at 240-221-1370 for referrals and information.

Trip Report – A Docent-Led Tour at the National Gallery East Building



On January 9, 17 PCV members went on a member-only special tour of the National Gallery of Art East Building. This is the newer building, designed by I.M. Pei. Our museum guide described its architectural features and led us through a tour of works of painters and sculptors who worked between 1900 and 1960. The visit ended with a pleasant lunch in the Café. Thank you to our tour coordinator, Sheila Moldover. See www.Facebook.com/PotomacCommunityVillage.com for photos.

Coming up with PCV...

- **Deadline to register for the 100 Mile Challenge is Thursday, Feb 2, with registration open to non-members as well as PCV members. You must register by mail, as online registration has now closed.** The Challenge, which runs January 26 - May 5, is sponsored by the Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation, and PCV is entering as a group with the group name **PCVMovers**. The goal is to walk 100 miles in 100 days, or do equivalent exercise. Twenty minutes of continuous physical activity (such as a yoga class or golf) counts as one mile. The registration fee for age 55+ is \$5 per person. We will have PCV 100 Mile group activities over the next few months and prizes for our participants. The registration form and brochure are available at www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org under the ACTIVITIES menu. Once you have filled out your registration form, please send it, and your check, to: ActiveMONTGOMERY, 4010 Randolph Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902, so it is received by them by Feb. 2. Any questions, please email PCV's 100 Mile coordinators, Joan and Bob Spirtas at taralou2@gmail.com.
- **Coffee and Conversation meets on Thursday, Feb. 16, 10 - 11:30**, at the Tally Ho Restaurant in Potomac Village, on Falls Road, just south of the Potomac Library. RSVPs not required, but it helps us plan if you call the Help Desk at 240-221-1370 to let us know if you expect to attend.
- **The PCV Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb 21 at 1:30pm** discussing *In the Garden of Beasts*, by Erik Larson. (1933 Berlin, a turning point in history, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Nazi Germany.) There are multiple copies in the public library. If you want to participate, please RSVP to Phyllis Weltz at 301-983-1590 **by Thursday, Feb 16**, for directions and details.

**Thank
You!**

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