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PCV's Membership Year Starts on July 1! It's time to join, time to renew!

Planning to join but been putting it off? Join now, and you can take advantage of our member-only Tech Tutorial (see details below), help make sure that PCV is there when *you* need it, just like any other insurance policy, and support a worthwhile cause. Standard membership, for those who live in the 20854 zip code, is \$150 for household, \$100 for an individual, and includes volunteer services, social activities, access to our Suggested Contractor list and our member discounts. Associate membership (if you live outside of 20854) is \$75 for a household, \$50 for an individual and does not include volunteer services. Dues are tax-deductible. Any questions, please contact us at 240-221-1370 or by email at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org. Membership forms can be found on the PCV website, www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org, or call or email us.

Afternoon tea is a new PCV tradition worth continuing!



We'll be holding another afternoon tea, on Thursday, July 7, 3 – 4:30 p.m. at the Corner Bakery, as a follow-on to our first, held on June 3. Says tea attendee Dita Smith, "I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet two other members I did not know, and whose company I found particularly stimulating. Broadening my circle of Village friends is the most important member benefit for me, at this point."

A Tech Tutorial – another benefit of membership - set for July 18

Does your electronic tablet confuse you? Is your smart phone mystifying? Does your laptop refuse to cooperate? Or do you have other problems or questions regarding your electronic "helpers"? High school students from the Bullis School will tutor, answer questions or share the most current apps from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, July 18 at the Potomac Community Center's Media Room #1. This free member benefit is a wonderful opportunity for PCV members to take control and full advantage of their electronic equipment, opening doors within easy reach to instant communication, information and entertainment. Please register in advance, either by calling the help desk at 240 – 221 – 1370 or emailing info@potomaccommunityvillage.org.

Next Meeting – Thursday, July 21, 6 – 9 p.m.
Potluck dinner and vocal music entertainment
Dinner at 6 p.m.; Program at 7:00 p.m.
Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd.

Our July 21 meeting promises to be festive and thoroughly enjoyable. At 6 p.m., the potluck buffet will open with our homemade delicacies. At 7 p.m., we'll honor our volunteers and community supporters, and then be serenaded by Just in Time, an all-female a capella group performing in "barber-shop" style harmony. For the dinner, please provide 8 – 10 servings of the following list, according to the first letter of your last name: A – E, appetizers; F – K, main dishes; L - R, salads or side dishes; S – Z, desserts.

To RSVP, either 240 – 221 – 1370 or email info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org. Questions may be directed to Joan Kahn at 301 – 294 – 6801 or to Linda Perlis at 301 – 299 – 6181.

Wheelchair ramps, computers, masonry, light bulb changing...

PCV and our volunteers offer assistance with practical needs, such as simple household chores, computer help, friendly phone calls and visits, occasional meals, transportation, errand running, along with information about reliable contractors and other needs – all designed to enable us to live a full life in our own homes.

Said one of our members recently: PCV “is one of the best things that has happened to me.” Why? In addition to getting help with transportation, this member has made new social connections, is continuing to learn and engage his mind, *and* is also volunteering to help PCV grow.

Recent calls to our Help Desk included requests for information about wheelchair ramps, names of contractors for bathroom renovation, masonry, gutter repair, and handyman services, requests for help with computer problems, changing light bulbs that had burned out and other household chores, and transportation assistance. If you think some volunteer help might make your life a little bit easier, or you’re thinking about volunteering to help others, please don’t be shy. Please call our Help Desk – 240-221-1370 – to talk about the possibilities.

Meet Owen Ritter, one of PCV’s Member-Volunteers

Some people earn five stars in their crown for helping others, and Owen Ritter is one of those. The son of Austrian immigrants, he grew up with a deep appreciation for all this wonderful country has given him, leaving him with a sincere desire to “give back,” and give back he has. A founding member of Potomac Community Village, he lends his services to those who need to be driven to local appointments, the grocery store, or wherever the need may be.



In the past, he earned the Jewish Volunteer of the Year award for helping to resettle Russian Jews. He also was instrumental in setting up a summer program at the David Taylor Model Basin, where he was employed as a research engineer, inviting young minority students for an introduction to engineering in action.

Always on the go, he biked daily to work and has continued biking for fun. He currently spends some of his week working part-time at Enterprise Car Rentals. Another of his pleasures is traveling with his wife, Margie. He lists among his travel highlights journeys to Israel, the panorama of breathtaking scenery in Alaska, and both Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks.

(Our thanks to Shirley Jacobus for interviewing Owen and writing our new “Meet a Member” feature. We’ll “meet” more members in future issues.)

Upcoming Events:

- **PCV’s table at the Fortune Terrace Walgreens on Tuesday, July 5,** (Senior Discount Day) 2 – 5 p.m., when we hand out fliers and newsletters and publicize the PCV mission. To volunteer to staff the table, please contact Honey Rosen, hhrosen@msn.com, or 301-983-1083.
- **Afternoon tea – Thursday, July 7, 3 pm.** at the Corner Bakery, Westlake Drive. See other side for details.
- **Tech tutorial – Monday, July 18, 10 a.m. – noon** at the Potomac Community Center Media Room #1. Members only. Register in advance. Details on other side.
- **Monthly meeting – Thursday, July 21, 6 p.m..** See other side for details.
- **Book Group – resumes on September 20, 1:30 p.m., after a summer break.** On June 21, after discussing “The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared” by Jonas Jonasson, attendees planned next year’s selections. The book group is for PCV members only but new members are always welcome. To receive advance information on the books and meeting dates, as well as for directions, and to RSVP, please contact Linda Perlis at 301-299-6181 or LJPerlis@gmail.com.

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