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Potomac Community Village News

Join us at our brown bag "Lunch and Learn" program! Tuesday, Dec. 6, 12:30 p.m.

We holding the first of what we expect will be a series of daytime events, with a brown bag Lunch and Learn program on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 12:30 p.m., with guest speaker (and PCV member) Hrand (Randy) Kurkjian. Born in Haifa, Palestine in 1922 to Armenian refugee parents who fled there from the Ottoman Empire's Armenian genocide, Mr. Kurkjian became a U.S. citizen in 1951. His life's work became helping developing nations and the U.S. government as a consultant. During his talk, titled "My Contributions to My Adopted Country: Decades of consulting in the developing world," he will share stories of his adventures and experiences of more than thirty years working and living overseas.

The program is at the Community Room in the Potomac Library, located at 10101 Glenolden Dr., Potomac. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. PCV will provide beverages and dessert. Reservations please, so we know the quantity of refreshments to purchase and how many chairs to set up, at 240-221-1370 or click on the RSVP for this event on the PCV website home page, www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

Winter Pot-Luck Dinner and Campaign Memorabilia, coming on Dec 15

For our Winter Pot-Luck Dinner, folks are needed to help set up the room, starting at 5 p.m. Please call Joan Kahn (301-294-6801) or Linda Perlis (301-299-6181) if you can help. And thanks in advance!

For the Pot-Luck Dinner, the following are the food assignments, based on the first letter of your last name: Please bring 8 – 10 servings.

- *A – E: Desserts
- *F – K: Salads/side dishes
- *L – R: Entrees/main dishes
- *S – Z: Appetizers (cheeses, veggies, dips, snacks)

After the dinner, Arthur Lappen will speak on an especially timely topic - political campaign memorabilia - about collecting presidential election pins and buttons. He will discuss the historical background underlying campaign pins and buttons, the types of collectibles and how to obtain them, what is most likely to increase in value and the hobby of collecting these items. Mr. Lappen will bring several trays of pins and buttons to illustrate his remarks and for perusal. Be prepared for his presidential trivia quiz. There will be prizes!

Please RSVP for the potluck dinner online at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org or by calling 240-221-1370. Any questions, please c contact Joan Kahn (301-294-6801) or Linda Perlis (301-299-6181).

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 15, 6 – 9 p.m.

Potluck Dinner at 6, followed by Arthur Lappen on

"Election History in Miniature: Presidential Campaign Memorabilia"

at the Potomac Community Center

11315 Falls Rd., Potomac

Free! All welcome, but please bring food to share. Bring your friends and neighbors!

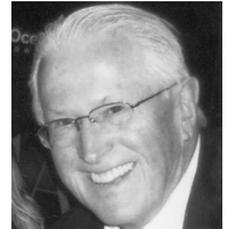
Holiday Friends and Storm Buddies

As winter and the Holiday Season approach, we begin to think about gathering with friends and with being safe when winter storms hit. PCV has programs that deal with both of these concerns:

- **Our Holiday Friends program**, under which members invite a fellow member or two, who might otherwise spend the day alone, for a meal marking one of the season's holidays.
- **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. For an invitation, to be a host, or you want to know more about Holiday Friends or Storm Buddies, please call Dita Smith at 301-983-9354.

Getting to Know You: Meet Paul Sheppard

Do you know the person sitting next to you at the PCV event you're attending? Have you met the person sitting in front of you? We all feel happier when we know some folks at an event we're attending. To help us get to know one another, we're profiling a few of our members in our newsletter. Please look for these members at our events, and introduce yourself!



A warm welcome to new PCV member, Paul Sheppard, a Potomac resident since 1976 who originally hailed from Long Island, New York. Those of you who grew up in the New York area might recall the voice of Paul's dad, Bob Sheppard, who served as the public address announcer of the New York Yankees and New York Giants and is honored in a monument next to Mickey Mantle in center field at Monument Park in Yankee Stadium.

After being educated at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Paul's long and varied career took him from being a ticket agent for American Airlines and working his way up the managerial ladder in that company and then serving as president of Victoria Station Restaurant to what he calls his "second career" as a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley. He was also a corporate officer and senior vice president for Marriott International and traveled the world, visiting such varied places as Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Caracas, Acapulco and many locations in Europe. He fills his days now with buying and selling condos, being a partner in My Water Store (ask him about it), consulting for the hospitality industry, and consulting as a financial advisor, a service he offers free of charge to PCV members. Considered by his friends to possess perseverance, honesty, integrity, the ability to communicate, and a sense of humor, Paul enjoys swimming, golfing at Congressional Country Club, and playing poker -- with two World Series wins in Las Vegas.

Another Successful Group of Fire Safety Home Inspections



A joint effort between PCV and the County's fire department offered free fire safety home inspections in early November as a benefit for PCV members. Several PCV member households took advantage of this opportunity. Thank you to PCV member Elisabeth Schouten for coordinating this event for us. We'll be offering this program again in the spring.

Coming in December and January...

- **Book Group meets on Tuesday, Dec. 20**, 1:30 – 3:30, to talk about "*The Marriage of Opposites*" by Alice Hoffman. New and current **members only** are invited the third Tuesday of the month at the home of Linda Perlis. For directions or questions, call Julia Medin (301-762-1290) or Linda Perlis (301-299-6181).
- **Coffee and Conversation returns on Tuesday, Jan. 10**, 10 - 11:30 a.m., at the Corner Bakery, Westlake Drive, near Montgomery Mall, for a chance for members and non-members to meet, chat with other Potomac neighbors. Open to all.
- **Docent-led Tour for PCV members of the newly reopened National Gallery East Building**, January date TBD. To learn more, please call 240-221-1370 or email us at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

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