



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

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Calendar

January

- 13**—CCCA Executive Committee, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 19**—CCCA monthly meeting, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 25**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 27**—Chevy Chase DC Friends of the Library, Winter Book Sale, Members Preview, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Library
- 27**—2nd Dist. Citizens Advisory Council meeting, 7:00 pm, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW
- 27**—CCCA Garden Club, 7:15 pm, Community Center
- 28-31**—Chevy Chase DC Friends of the Library, Winter Book Sale, Library

February

- 1**—Chevy Chase DC Friends of the Library, Winter Book Sale, "Bag Day," 4:00 to 8:30 pm, Library
- 1**—Chevy Chase DC Library Book Club, 7:00 pm, Library
- 8**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 9**—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 10**—CCCA Executive Committee, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 16**—CCCA monthly meeting, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 22**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 pm, Community Center.

Join or renew your membership in CCCA today!

NEXT MEETING 7:30 PM , TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Our Association's Next Hundred Years

Now that our Association's centennial year has concluded, it's time to take stock and focus on the next 100 years. In recent years, our Association has engaged in a wide variety of community activities. For example, we've sponsored events such as candidate forums, preschool fairs, a senior expo, and Chevy Chase DC Day. We've coordinated and maintained projects such as the Rain Garden at the Community Center, the plantings on Connecticut Avenue, and art exhibitions. We've supported community "Friends" groups, as well as the community-based, non-profit Avalon Theatre. We've organized our Neighborhood Watch Program and the Garden Club. We've published our monthly newsletter and our weekly NW Current column that keep our neighborhood apprised of local events and concerns. In all our efforts, we have endeavored to promote the common interests of our Chevy Chase community.

As we begin our second century, the continued success of our Association depends upon the participation of you, our members. We need your help to identify the community events, projects, and forums that our Association should seek to promote in the future. We need your involvement in our Association's various administrative and public activities committees. (A list of committees is on the back page.) Indeed, if you have a particular public interest, we likely have a committee for you. And, if there's not yet a committee that covers your interest, we would be glad to entertain forming one that does. Our Association has accomplished much for our Chevy Chase community in the Association's first 100 years. We look forward to achieving even more together in the years ahead.

Please join us on Tuesday, January 19th, at 7:30 pm, at the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Connecticut Avenue) to learn more about our Association's current activities and to participate in shaping our Association's future. Light refreshments will be served.



ASSOCIATION CONCLUDES CENTENNIAL YEAR

Association President Julia Ulstrup, with some help from a future member, cuts the ultimate centennial cake at the opening of the exhibition "Better Homes: Where Happiness and Contentment Will Reign," at the Community Center. See inside for more on the exhibition.

—Photo by J. Lawlor

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727-4600

Community Center Holiday Open House

Classes And Programs Featured

This year's Chevy Chase Community Center Holiday Open House, held on December 15th, was a fun and festive celebration. The event highlighted many of the Center's most popular classes and programs, including ballet, gymnastics, juggling, piano, pottery, and rock band. Attendees also enjoyed a demonstration of the ancient Chinese art of Qi-Gong, which uses breathing and visualization techniques along with graceful gentle movements to re-

lieve stress and increase flexibility and energy. The Association co-sponsored the open house, providing a special array of holiday refreshments. Councilmember Mary Cheh was in attendance that evening, as was Councilmember Muriel Bowser's Community Outreach Director, Brandon Todd. Special thanks go out to Community Center Site Manager, Ralph Wright, and his capable staff, for producing a wonderful event.



Clockwise from upper left: Jugglers successfully exchange pins; Dancers gracefully perform; and Gymnast enthusiastically jumps on trampoline. —Photos by F. Scott

Chevy Chase DC Library

Winter Book Sale And Book Club

Chevy Chase DC Friends of the Library (FOL) will host its annual winter book sale from January 27th to February 1st, at the library. On January 27th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, there will be a preview sale for FOL members. Current members will receive renewal forms in January. New or renewing members may also pick up a membership form in the library.

From January 28th to 31st, the sale will be open to the public during regular library hours. February 1st is "Bag Day," from 4:00 to 8:30 pm; books previously priced at \$ 1 or less will be available at \$5 per brown grocery bag. Higher priced books will be half price.

The FOL is looking for volunteers to help prepare for the sale and staff the event. To volunteer, or if you have questions about the sale, contact Bette Landish at blandish@comcast.net.

The Library's Book Club will meet next on Monday, February 1st, at 7:00 pm, at the library. The group will be discussing *I, Claudius* by Robert Graves. This classic novel of ancient Rome was written as a fictional autobiography of the 1st-century-AD emperor Claudius. To learn more about the Chevy Chase DC Library Book Club, contact Librarian Emily Menchal at Emily.Menchal@dc.gov.

From the Neighborhood

Architectural Orgins Of Chevy Chase DC

The Association's Stephen Zipp explains an architectural design at last month's opening of the "Better Homes: Where Happiness and Contentment Will Reign" exhibition at the Community Center (right). The exhibition features houses in Chevy Chase DC built from architect's original drawings; manufacturer's catalogues; and builder's plan books. The Association, along with Historic Chevy Chase DC, organized the exhibit to illustrate the physical development of the Chevy Chase community over more than 100 years, as part of the Association's Centennial celebration, and to recognize the distinctiveness of the growth of our community. The exhibition is scheduled to continue through March 21, 2010, with regular viewing times on Mondays through Fridays, from

10 am to 8 pm, and on Saturdays, from 10 am to 3 pm. Special thanks to Stephen Zipp and Teresa Grana for coordinating the effort.



photo by J. Lawlor

Focus On The Community Center

Wordsmiths Compete Tuesdays

For three decades, Tuesday evening at the Chevy Chase Community Center has been the competitive Scrabble center for the Washington, DC, area. The center hosts the official club of the North American Scrabble Players Association, attracting players from across the region.

Although they may not be well known to "kitchen table" Scrabble players, Scrabble



Stefan Fatsis (left) and Bob Linn (right) square off at Scrabble match play. —Photo by J. Lawlor

clubs across the United States sponsor two-person, 50-minute games where players match not only word knowledge but lots of strategy—for example, when and where to play short words like OE, AAL, and ZIN that might either set up or block a 7-letter, 50-point-bonus "bingo."

Club members also take part in public service activities. Stefan Fatsis, author of the Scrabble book "Word Freak," runs games for students at Alice Deal Middle School and Janney Elementary School. In addition, several club members run a Scrabble class for inmates at a Montgomery County corrections facility.

The public is welcome at the club any Tuesday. Rounds start at 5:30, 6:20, 7:10, 8:05, and 9:00 p.m. Newcomers are given lists of acceptable 2- and 3-letter words, which they can consult during the game, and are paired with opponents of approximately equal ability. For more information, visit the club's Web site at <http://dcsclub.org>. —Ted Gest

Public Safety

Charland To Head PSA 201

In mid-December, Lt. Antonio Charland was assigned as the supervising officer for our Police Service Area (PSA) 201, replacing Lt. Michael Lockerman, who was reassigned to another police district. For eight years, Lockerman, working closely with our community, led a dedicated group of officers to combat crime in

our area effectively. Second District Commander Matthew Klein noted that, "[a]s a successful PSA lieutenant, Lockerman was tapped to mentor newer lieutenants at the Fourth District." We appreciate Lt. Lockerman's outstanding service to our community and wish him well in his vital new assignment. (Continued)

Garden Club Update

On Wednesday, January 27th, our Garden Club welcomes Mary Jo Lalley, the orchid expert for the American Plant Garden Center and Nursery, which promotes EarthWise gardening that encourages growing plants without chemical pesticides. Ms. Lalley is bringing plant specimens to her hands-on Everything Orchids lecture to best demonstrate the care, repotting, and fertilizing techniques required for these unique plants. Come to the Everything Orchid talk and shake off the winter blues. The meeting, which is open to everyone, will be held at the Chevy Chase Community Center, at 7:15 pm. If you have any extra garden books or magazines, bring them to share or trade.

Northwest Neighbors Village

Northwest Neighbors Village (NNV), which is part of the Senior Services Network, supported by the D.C. Office of Aging, is a non-profit organization created to help the residents of Chevy Chase, D.C. live comfortably and safely in their own homes and neighborhood as they age. In addition to providing service referrals and volunteer assistance to its members, NNV coordinates a number of varied social activities, including the weekly "Java and NNV" (Wednesdays at 2:00 pm at Bread and Chocolate) and a new book club. NNV's Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 16th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at a location to be announced. To learn more about NNV, visit www.nnvn.org.

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Lt. Charland, in his twentieth year with MPD, is returning to the Second District where he was a patrol officer from 1990 to 1996, including six months when he worked in our community.

In 1996, after being promoted to sergeant, Charland moved to the Fourth District, where he worked until his recent promotion to lieutenant and his subsequent assignment to



PSA 201 Lt. Antonio Charland —Photo by J. Lawlor

PSA 201. At our PSA 201 meeting earlier this month, Charland emphasized that he will be proactive in promoting crime prevention in our community. We welcome Lt. Charland and look forward to working with him.



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