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### **THE CHAIR'S CORNER:**



Thank  
you

As we prepare to launch East Rock Creek Village, I just wanted to express how grateful we are to the many individuals and organizations that have helped us along the way. As a result of your generosity, we have raised \$21,000 of our \$25,000 in start-up costs.

A special thank you to Deborah Royster, the new executive director of Seabury Resources for the Aging, and to her husband, Robert Malson, for their support from the very beginning of our journey. Deborah and Bob hosted an open house on October 25, 2012 sponsored by Neighbors Inc. to talk about the village movement. They also hosted an elegant tea party fundraiser for ERCV.



*Deborah Royster at tea party March 29, 2015*

We would be remiss if we did not especially thank Cynthiana and Bill Lightfoot for hosting a garden party fundraiser at their lovely home. Their public pledge to join East Rock Creek Village kicked off our successful summer membership campaign.



*ERCV VP Carroll Green addressing garden party guests on May 30, 2015*

We are also grateful for the \$500 donation from Neighbors Inc., and the \$500 donation from the Shepherd Park Citizens Association.

A very special thank you is also extended to ANC 4A for their \$3,000 grant to support our volunteer screening and training program and to ANC 4B for their \$1,500 grant to help equip and set up our office.

We are pleased to report that 60 of our 108 pledged members have mailed in their dues or paid them online through PayPal. Installment payment plans will be available starting December 15, 2015.

We have mailed out membership applications, but they are also available at [www.eastrockcreekvillage.org](http://www.eastrockcreekvillage.org), at the "Join" tab.

For those of you have not yet sent in your dues, please mail your check with your ERCV Membership Application and Agreement to:

East Rock Creek Village  
Post Office Box 60622  
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ATTN: Treasurer

We will continue to call in their dues all this month, so that we can meet all our critical needs including the purchase of our liability insurance policy and paying for background checks on our volunteers.



*Fred and Lee Tyner, Fred Schirmmacher, Kathy Hussein, and Susan Learmonth at ERCV Volunteer Training November 11, 2015*

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING:** Thirty volunteers attended the 3 training sessions held November 7-15, 2015. Our training featured Mary Ann Hardy, a trained nurse and medical advocate, who talked about mental health and cognitive issues for older adults. The Physical Therapy Department at George Washington University also presented tips on assisting older, frail, and assistive-device-dependent people.



**OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** We are pleased to announce that Sharon Flynn will be the first executive director for East Rock Creek Village. Sharon was executive director at Suited for Change and Women's Voices, Women Vote, deputy director of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, and program manager for the launch of the national "Do Not Call Program." She brings excellent fundraising and marketing skills to the job, along with a lot of experience engaging volunteers in nonprofit work.



*Sharon Flynn*

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Sunday, December 6, 2015, from 3 to 5 pm for our last fundraiser of the year** at the home of Daniel and Loretta Neumann Smith, 7124 Piney Branch Road, NW. Tickets are \$50 at the door.

**Friday, January 15, 2016 for the official "Launch Party" for East Rock Creek Village.** The venue will change because we have decided the party should be an event that is free to all ERCV paid members and trained volunteers.

**Choose just one of the following dates for volunteer training! 1)** Saturday, January 9, 2016, from 9:30 am to 1 pm at the Washington Ethical Society 7750 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW; **2)** Sunday, January 24, 2016, from 1:30 pm to 5 pm at Ohev Sholom, located at 1600 Jonquil Street, NW; and **3)** Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 9:30 am to 1 pm at the Washington Ethical Society, 7750 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.