

## DECEMBER 2018

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

#### Celebrate with ERCV!



Welcome to the holiday season! I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and are ready to celebrate some more. We are kicking off the month with ERCV's annual holiday party on Sunday, December 2, from 3 to 5pm in the Takoma Co-Housing Common Room at 6827 4th Street NW. Service members needing a ride should contact the ERCV office. If you want to celebrate with your neighbors, enjoy festive food, drinks, and music, and even, with a little luck, win a gift, then this is the place to be! Bring family and friends (and anyone interested in our Village), and we'll make it a happy time for all.

At times it seems as if 2018 has simply flown by. At ERCV we've done and learned a lot along the way. I'm proud of the community we're creating and appreciate the myriad ways we have helped and supported each other. So if you haven't yet renewed your ERCV membership or considered making a tax-deductible gift, now would be a great time to do it. If you'd like to do more for ERCV as a Member or Volunteer, or ask more of it in the coming year, now is a good time to let us know. This is your Village. As we make plans for 2019, we want to make sure that you are involved, that you are part of them.

My fellow Board Members and I are looking forward to seeing you at our holiday party. Please come say hello to us, so we can meet each other -- or get to know each other even better. I hope you'll feel free to ask questions about ERCV or share what's on your mind. We can talk; we can dance; we can make a toast to the end of this calendar year and the beginning of the next. Wishing you all good health, happiness, and a holiday season full of good cheer.

--David Mackoff



## SPOTLIGHT: THE ROAD HOME

ERCV Board member Susan Learmonth attended a November 8 workshop offered by Iona Senior Services and Forest Hills of DC, “**The Road Home: Planning for a Successful Hospital Stay and Recuperation.**” She learned some valuable pointers she would like to share with our Village members and friends. Please see the summary of the workshop posted on our website.



### Two important reminders. . .

- Renew your ERCV membership today! Support our mission of community-building and ensure that we can continue to serve our members.
- Be sure to vote in the December 4 special election for Ward 4 representative on the State Board of Education! Service members may request a ride by contacting our office. Call 202-656-7322 or email [info@eastrockcreekvillage.org](mailto:info@eastrockcreekvillage.org).

### . . . and some useful information:

- Christmas dinner for those who are alone this Christmas and those who are in need – Home delivery of a Christmas meal is offered by the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Christmas Day, December 25. Call 202-526-8300 ext. 101 to request a delivery.
- Abilities-Ride program – This is an alternative to MetroAccess that gets you there faster and could even cost less. You pay the first \$5, Metro pays the next \$15, then you pay any amount over a \$20 fare. Unlike the Transport DC \$5 taxi, this service is not limited to rides in DC and has no limitations on destination. Call Regency Taxi Co. at 301-990-9100 for service to/from Montgomery County and Silver Cab at 301-277-6000 for service to/from PG county.
- If you are not signed up for MetroAccess but are limited in your ability to use MetroRail and MetroBus services, the ERCV office has application forms and can assist you in the application process. Call us at 202-656-7322 or click on [info@eastrockcreekvillage.org](mailto:info@eastrockcreekvillage.org) to reply directly by email.



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR DECEMBER EVENTS --



[Sunday, December 2, 3:00-5:00 pm](#)

**ERCV HOLIDAY PARTY! SEE THE INVITATION ON OUR WEBSITE!**

Fridays, December 7, 14, & 21, 3:00-4:00 pm

### **CHAIR YOGA FOR SENIORS**

- A gentle movement class that can be enjoyed by anyone; no experience or special equipment is needed. Wear comfortable clothes. No need to sign up for the class ahead of time, but we will send you an email or a phone reminder on Thursdays if you request it; service members may request a ride by calling the office (202-656-7322); or click here to email us directly: [info@eastrockcreekvillage.org](mailto:info@eastrockcreekvillage.org). We have been having 6 participants but would love to have more!
- **Location:** Upstairs Conference Room 2 at Juanita Thornton/Shepherd Park Library, 7420 Georgia Ave. NW. There is limited parking at the library and paid street parking on Georgia Ave., as well as free 2-hour parking on the side streets. There is an elevator to the second floor. All are welcome!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

- **Fri., Nov. 30, 6:00-8:00 pm: *Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting*** -- At The Parks at Walter Reed, 1010 Butternut St. NW. Ringing in the winter season with a live performance by the Gay Men's Chorus, seasonal music sing-along accompanied by guitar, festive snacks, and lighting of the 20-foot holiday tree led by Councilmember Todd. In case of bad weather: Sat., Dec. 1, at the same time.
- **Sun., Dec. 16, 3:00 pm: *Encore Chorale—Free Holiday Concert*** -- At Cultural Arts Center of Montgomery College, 7995 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Parking in garage on King Street behind the Center. Hear seasonal holiday favorites & the world premiere of Julian Wachner's "Alleluia Flourish." ERCV Villagers Bill & Nancy Foster and Gay Gellhorn are chorus members. No tickets or reservations necessary.
- **Fri., Dec. 21, 5:00 pm: *The Day of the Sun's Return, the Winter Solstice*** -- At the Montgomery College Planetarium, 7613 Fenton St. (the southernmost end of Fenton) in the Science South Bldg. The planetarium show will explore the astronomical events associated with the first day of winter and will demonstrate how the position of the solstice with respect to the fixed stars has changed over the millennium. Free and open to the public. Park in the Montgomery College garage on King St.