



Meeting Dates and Times

Jan 2 at 2-3:30PM - BOARD Meeting at BGC
Jan 9 at 5-6:00PM – General Meeting at BGC
Jan 16 at 1 PM – Chat and Chew
Feb 6 at 2-3:30PM - BOARD Meeting at BGC
Feb 13 at 4-5:30PM – Afternoon Tea Party at BGC – No general meeting on this date!
Feb 20 at 1 PM – Chat and Chew
***See Chat and Chew section for more details.**



President's Message



Happy New Year! 2024

As we start the new year, we want to thank those who worked really hard to support our chapter as we came back after the pandemic hiatus. Thank you to:



2023 AWARDS

Annette Thompson – for her mentorship, leadership over many years and continued dedication to our chapter.
Lori Jupin – for her leadership of the School Supply Team.
Janet Prouty – for handling all of our financial records, obligations, and reports.
Robert Jupin – for explaining and helping with our reincorporation effort.
Marisa Young – for her leadership of our food drive, nursing home support and toy drive.
Gail Gomila – for leading the Book Drive.
Allen Beach – for leading the games.
Nancy Dols – for arranging the Chat and Chews.
Betty Tobiason – for caring for each member and sending our cards.

Barbara Thomas (BT) – for editing and producing the monthly newsletter.

Claudette Lease – for handling our dinners and serving as our photographer.

Fay Sutherland – for helping everywhere there is a need.

Marcus Jupin – for helping load so many of our heavy materials.

Charlyn Simpson – for her support, encouragement, and cooperation.

Evelyn Pizzonia – for handling the 50/50

Sandra Miller – helping our members, especially our new members.



Kudos to two successful service efforts during December. Marisa

Young lead a toy and food drive for the CARES Hub in Gaithersburg.

Our chapter teamed up with the state AARP free movie and asked for participants to bring food – and bring food they did. Rather than the can or two we asked for, the families brought bags of food. The contributions went to the CARES Hub.



Our January meeting will be at 5 PM on January 9 and will feature a slide show on National Parks in Utah and Arizona. The presenters are Tom and Nancy Parker.



Starting at 6 PM we will have an awards presentation followed by dinner from the popular Mission BBQ. Please make a dinner reservation no later than Jan. 2 with Claudette at claudette1944@hotmail.com.



We are planning a special Valentines afternoon tea celebration on Feb. 13 at 4 PM catered by Foodies Farms & Friends. This will replace our regular meeting. The menu will include shaved ham, bree & cranberry jelly heart shaped sandwiches, focaccia hearts with smoked salmon, cucumber and dill cream cheese filling, red velvet cupcakes with butter cream, petit strawberry tarts, and gingerbread hearts. The cost is only \$15 per person. We hope to see you all there. RSVP to Claudette at claudette1944@hotmail.com.



Membership Form and Dues

Gentle reminder. If you have not paid your dues for 2024, please do so. So far, dues are our only source of income. If you have not yet filled out a membership form and paid dues, please see **Sandra Miller** to do so. Also, please send Sandra Miller (sg_miller@yahoo.com) any updates regarding your personal contact information such as telephone numbers, emails, and home addresses. We want to make sure you are getting all the communications as they happen.



This Month's Birthdays

Let's celebrate & wish the following a happy birthday!

- Dorothy Brown – Jan 18
- Janet M. Prouty – Jan 19
- Barbara R. Beall – Jan 22



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Chat and Chew

Woodside Deli Germantown Join the January 16th Chat and Chew at 1PM that will be held at Woodside Deli in Germantown. 13048 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, MD 20874. Phone: (301) 972-6812. Please sign up with Nancy Dols at nancydols17@gmail.com.

2023 in review

