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Local Scholarship Fund Has Record-Breaking Year

BY WILMA GOLDSTEIN

he Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's (SWNA) Education and Scholarship Task Force (ESTF) held its 49th annual awards ceremony and gave out college scholarships to 32 recipients, all of whom either live in zip code 20024 or attend Richard Wright Public Charter School, which is now located in 20024. For the first time since the pandemic confined us to our homes, a hybrid ceremony was held with the in-person celebration on August 7th at Westminster Church, where we were welcomed back by an audience of 80, including students, their families and friends. An additional group of 30 watched on Zoom and that combination resulted in one of the records that was

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Scholars pose with members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Education and Scholarship Task Force and sponsors at the 49th annual awards ceremony.

Rubell Museum Announces Inaugural Director Ahead of October Opening

BY MELISSA SILVERMAN

his month, the Rubell Museum, a contemporary art museum preparing for opening on I Street SW, announced Caitlin Berry as its inaugural director.

In the role, Berry will oversee engagement with the DC community, public programs, museum operations, and work with Don and Mera Rubell and Juan Valadez, Director of the Rubell Museum in Miami, to develop the DC museum's exhibitions and installations drawn from the Rubell's extensive collection of contemporary art.

"Caitlin's knowledge and passion for the DC arts community make her the perfect partner for weaving the museum into the city and surrounding region," said Mera Rubell in a press release. "She is deeply committed both to artists and to making art accessible to a wide range of audiences, which is our goal in creating this museum."

Berry's experience working with art communities across the DC metro region includes previously serving as Director of the Cody Gallery at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia and as Director at Hemphill Fine Arts, one of DC's leading art galleries. Berry has also curated exhibitions at the Culture House in Southwest.

A champion of local artists, Berry curated the 2019 and co-curated the 2020 editions of Art Night, an annual exhibition and fundraiser to support the Washington Project for the Arts. She *See "Director," page 2*





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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was absolutely shocked and disgusted by your cover story about the shooting at the Wharf in the August 2022 issue of The Southwester. The title of the story "Virginia Resident Killed by Off-Duty Police Officer at The Wharf" seemed to suggest an innocent person was gunned down in cold blood by a rogue cop. The entire article went on to support such an outrageous narrative. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

As a resident of the Wharf, I have written a letter to Commander Jason Bagshaw to thank him and his wife for their heroism. It is obvious to everyone but The Southwester that the man he shot was, in fact, brandishing a firearm and was a clear and present danger to all the innocent people trying to enjoy a night out at the Wharf.

The entire city of DC should be grateful to have someone like him protecting the citizenry. I sent a copy of my letter to MPD Chief Robert Contee. I encourage everyone in Southwest DC to do the same.

Commander Bagshaw did his duty and acted very bravely.

I challenge The Southwester to write a follow-up story in the next issue of your newspaper - one that focuses on the facts and drops your obvious anti-police bias. You might consider showing at least some appreciation for the Metropolitan Police Department's efforts to protect us, especially the heroic actions of Commander Bagshaw.

> Sincerely, Tom Haser Water Street SW

DIRECTOR

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serves on the board of Tephra Institute of Contemporary Art in Reston, Virginia and is a member of the Washington, DC Chapter of ArtTable. She holds a Post Baccalaureate in Gallery Management and a B.A. in Communication and Art History from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

With renovations on the historic Randall Junior High site nearing completion, the Rubell Museum is slated to open October 29. As she prepares for her new role, Berry agreed to share her thoughts by email with The Southwester.

The Southwester: Congratulations on this new role. What is your vision for the museum, and what do you hope to accomplish as inaugural director?

Caitlin Berry: It is an enormous honor to work with the Rubells in sharing their bold collection with the DC community. We share a devotion to artists and art being made now, and our shared vision is what attracted me to the role initially. This vision is informed both by artwork by some of the most compelling artists working today and by the historic building in which it resides. The Randall School has been so lovingly brought back into use for this purpose and I look forward to filling its halls with new generations of curious minds who wish to learn something new.

SW: How do you see the museum fitting into the Southwest community? Can you address the physical space as well as any outreach events you may be planning?

CB: It is our hope that the museum serves as a community hub and beacon for the neighborhood, and that by revitalizing a local landmark, we will be bringing generations of DC residents back to this beloved building and reinvigorating it as a public and educational resource. While outreach and programming are still in development at this time, we are committed to ensuring that the museum is accessible to the local community through free admission for all DC residents.

SW: How is your working relationship with the Miami museum, and does the Rubell family see a connection between the DC and Miami locations? Why choose Southwest DC as the second location?

CB: The Miami and DC museums will operate as two distinct institutions, both committed to showcasing contemporary art. In terms of choosing DC as the location for a second museum, the Rubells have a long history with the city, and have interacted with the arts community here through studio visits, exhibitions, and loans to local institutions. The museum leadership team believes artists play an important role in contributing to the national dialogue, making DC a fitting location for audiences to engage with works that respond to the ideas and issues of our time. Southwest DC is home to a vibrant and engaged citizenship who are open to this new cultural resource that the museum provides. DC has given us an incredible opportunity to make the museum integral to the life of the neighborhood while preserving this historic building and once again making it accessible to the community.

SW: Tell us about your history in the DC-area art scene. What is unique or special about the arts community in our region?

CB: I have never been more excited about the art community here! Artists are flourishing, galleries are opening and arts leaders are collaborating across organizations and sectors. The DMV area is very special to me and has been very good to me since moving here in 2013. I had the great fortune of working for George Hemphill of Hemphill Fine Arts for many years when I first moved to Washington. There, I was introduced to the richness of the Washington Color School; artists like Alma Thomas, Sam Gilliam, Kenneth Victor Young, Gene Davis, Thomas Downing, Anne Truitt, William Chistenberry to name a few. These artists were living and working in the city in the 1960s and 70s amidst great social upheaval and change, not so different from the times we are living in now. Often these artists were teachers for subsequent generations of artists, many of whom live and work here today. It was working with and advocating for these contemporary artists which I found so fulfilling. Through my work as a dealer and advisor and most recently as Director of Cody Gallery at Marymount University, I continued working with local artists from Richmond to Baltimore to bring their visions to life. There's truly no place like the DC region, unique in its humanity, resilience and inquisitive nature.

SW: What are your priorities in terms of showcasing artists of color or sharing a broad diversity of artists with your visitors?

CB: The Rubells have been collecting contemporary art since 1965 and during that time have been deeply engaged with supporting the work of artists of color. This is perhaps best articulated in the exhibition 30 Americans, which presents artwork by 30 Black artists in the Rubells' collection and was actually shown here in DC at the Corcoran in 2011 and has been traveling to different venues nationally for the past 12 years. The Rubells' dedication to sharing diverse viewpoints and lived experiences is the cornerstone of the museum's educational mission both in Miami and now in DC. Our programming and partnerships in DC will reflect that commitment and vision for making the museum accessible and welcoming to all.

SW: As the museum approaches opening, what are you most excited about? Anything special planning for the grand opening or early months of operation?

CB: I'm most excited to inspire emotional connections to the artwork on view and welcome the local community to the Rubell Museum DC. We certainly have plans in the works for our opening programming and exhibition which will be rolled out in the coming months. We are looking forward to sharing those details with you!





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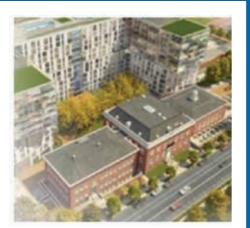
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The project is a mixed-use redevelopment of a former school property. The former school property (Randall School) will be rehabilitated to a new contemporary art museum. A new multi-unit residential building with a two-level underground parking structure will be built on the north half of the property. A large ground level outdoor courtyard will connect the Randall School renovation and the residential building..

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Faith Community



Christ United Methodist Church, as seen from 4th Street SW.

Courtesy of the Author

Christ United Methodist Marks 60 Years of Community Contributions

BY GEORGINE WALLACE

Christ United Methodist Church has graced the southeastern corner of 4th Street and I Street SW for nearly 60 years. Formed as a merger of the Gorsuch Methodist Church at 4th and L Streets and the Lewis Memorial Congregation, the church remains a strong and active presence in the Southwest community.

For the last five years, Pastor Monica Raines has led the congregation. A self-proclaimed "military kid," Raines thinks of Fayetteville, North Carolina as her hometown. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of North Carolina and was called to Southwest not long after graduating from the Wesley Theological Seminary in 2017. When asked about the project or achievement that brings her the most satisfaction, she responded that the relationships she has forged in the community matter the most to her. The 5000 Food Ministry is the byproduct of some of these relationships.

The 5000 Food Ministry was created in March of 2020. Initially, the church provided 40 bags of fresh produce every other week from their garden and purchased other goods from the Capital Area Food Bank. Thankfully, kale, lettuce and other healthy greens grow in abundance under the green thumbs of church volunteers. Some of these vegetables still grace the bags, but donations from patrons of the Saturday Farmer's Market comprise a large percentage of the bags. The use of the Farmer's Market evolved out of a partnership with Ward 6 Mutual Aid. This partnership also enabled more residents to receive assistance.

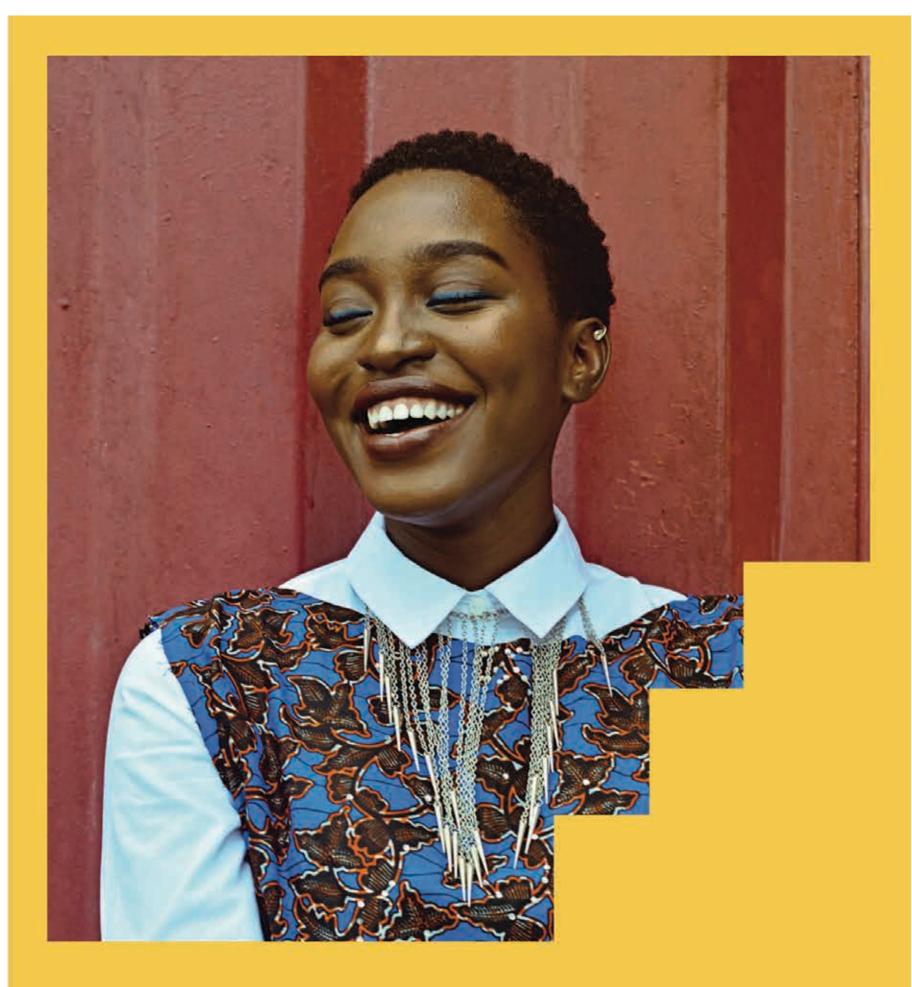
As a result of the pandemic, several church members moved from Washington. Popular programs, such as the Men's Breakfast every third Saturday, could not be held. The Pastor hopes to continue it one day. On a happier note, the church's choir performs on Sundays with growing regularity. The church also plans to be able to make their social hall and sanctuary available for rent within the near future.

The 10:15 a.m. Sunday service is in the hybrid phase and will be for the foreseeable future. Details on how to enjoy their Sunday service or help them in their community efforts can be found at: https://christchurchinthecity.org/.

Southwest Strong! to Host Talk for National Disaster Preparedness Month

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month, and Southwest Strong! - the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Emergency preparedness Task Force - will host a free public talk. The topic is "The Emergency Financial First Aid Kit: How to Get Your Financial Resources in Order Before a Disaster."

The talk will take place September 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Neighborhood Library. Speakers include Cynthia Harrison, Metropolitan Washington, DC Area Hope Financial Well-Being Coach and Jena Roscoe, Hope Senior Vice President. All are welcome to attend.



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National Air and Space Museum to Open **Renovated West End in Mid-October**

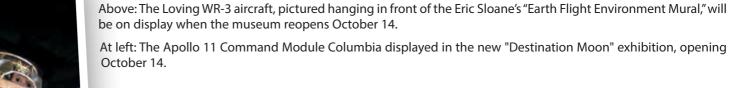
BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

fter embarking on a large-scale renovation project in 2018, the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum will reopen half of its flagship building on the National Mall Friday, October 14. Eight new and renovated exhibitions, the planetarium, museum store and Mars Café will open on the building's west end.

"This is one of the most exciting times in the National Air and Space Museum's history," said Chris Browne,



Courtesy of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum



the John and Adrienne Mars Director of the museum in a news release. "When we open the first reimagined galleries, we hope all visitors are inspired by artifacts on display for the first time, favorite icons of aerospace presented in new ways and diverse storytelling."

When the museum reopens its doors, exhibitions such as "America by Air," "Destination Moon," and "Early Flight" will highlight historic moments and objects in the museum's collection. In addition, new features include the "Kenneth C. Griffin Exploring the Planets Gallery," where visitors can take a virtual tour of the solar system and learn what it would be like to walk on another world through an immersive, interactive experience.

The renovated museum will fea-

ture hundreds of new artifacts, including Jackie Cochran's T-38, the plane Cochrane flew when she became the first woman to break the sound barrier. The full-sized X-Wing Starfighter that appeared in Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker, on loan from Lucasfilm, will also be displayed for the first time.

Free timed-entry passes will be required to visit the reopened museum, and will be available on the museum's website beginning September 14.

Free Broadcast of Washington National Opera's *Carmen* Comes to Audi Field

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

elebrate the seventeenth season of free opera broadcasts when the Washington National Opera (WNO) brings George Bizet's Carmen to Audi Field, home of the D.C. United, on Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m.

American mezzo soprano Isabel Leonard stars as the tragic heroine Carmen, who lives life on her own terms. Michael Fabiano performs as Don Jose, the soldier who must have Carmen - or kill her. Ryan Speedo Green sings the Toreador role of Escamillo, including a dramatica arrival on a live white horse.

Carmen is not only one of the most frequently performed grand operas, it is one that gets people singing. There is the "Seguidilla," which is a dance that Carmen performs, then the "Habanera," another kind



Courtesy of Scott Suchman

Isabel Leonard and Michael Fabiano in Carmen at the Washington National Opera.

of dance. The most famous from a square in Seville piece is the Toreador's Song, a widely-known tune used in many movies and Bugs Bunny cartoons.

The troupe of dancers and chorus are dressed in period costumes in rich earth tones. This vivid music is matched by WNOs vibrant staging, as the story moves

outside a cigarette factory to Lily Pasta's tavern, on to the smuggler's mountain pass camp and finally to a dramatic end outside of the Seville arena.

Green, who sings the Toreador role, is a star bass-baritone with the Metropolitan opera who was inspired to become an opera singer after seeing a performance of Carmen. In *Sing For Your Life* by Daniel Bergner, which starts with Green's early life in Suffolk, Va., includes his time as a teenager imprisoned in the now-closed DeJarnette Center in Staunton and his early training in music, Green is quoted as saying. "The singing the sets, the outfits-I was transported."

Such is the magic of the opera!

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Event Timeline

2:00 p.m. - Gates open for pre-opera fun

4:00 p.m. - Carmen begins The production is approximately 90 minutes, and is performed in its original French with projected English titles. Seating on the field is available on a first come, first serve basis.

Audi Field concessions

will be open for the broadcast and during the pre-show activities. Guests who plan to sit on the outfield grass may bring blankets; chairs are not permitted on the field. Only flat shoes (nothing with a heel or cleat). No tents, umbrellas, metal, plastic, glass, or aluminum containers of any kind, hardsided coolers or containers of any size. No bags larger than 14" by 14" by 6" will be allowed into Audi Field. No backpacks will be allowed ("cinch bags" that fit the size restriction will be allowed).

Pre-Show Activities

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy the festive family friendly atmosphere. The special preshow entertainment will include performances by local artists, photo opportunities, arts and crafts for children of all ages and chances to win prizes.

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SWNA Education and Scholarship Task Force

SWNA ESTF - Education and Scholarship Task Force was established to encourage and assist youth in the Southwest Washington DC, Ward 6, Zip code 20024 neighborhood to pursue a post-secondary education.

Southwest **SWNA** Neighborhood Assembly

Federal, Local Funding Announced for Flood Protection, Affordable Housing on Buzzard Point

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

n August, two separate investments in Southwest's rapidly developing Buzzard Point were announced by DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, including new funding for flood protection and affordable housing.

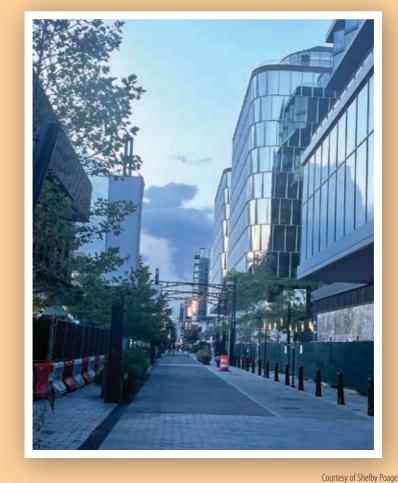
On August 10, Bowser announced \$20 million in new funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to strengthen resilience to climate change amid rising sea levels and more frequent and severe natural disasters. The funding was provided through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program, which helps communities fund mitigation actions to combat climate change and protect communities that are vulnerable to disaster. The DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency submitted several projects for consideration, of which five were selected.

Among the selected DC projects is the District Department of Transportation's Project Scoping for Living Shoreline in Buzzard Point, which will receive \$242,987 in federal funds and \$132,013 in local funds. This multiyear project will work to develop comprehensive flood protection along Buzzard Point to reduce building and property damage, as well as protect the area's transportation infrastructure to maintain its function during and after flood events.

On August 11, Bowser announced an addition of \$170 million to the District's Housing Production Trust Fund to support 11 affordable housing projects. The funds will serve as gap financing for the projects, in addition to a mix of Local Rent Supplement Vouchers and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The projects will produce 955 net new affordable homes while preserving another 164 homes across the city.

Southwest's Parcel B Buzzard Point Senior is among the projects to receive additional funds. It will produce 110 net new units of affordable housing, with a majority targeting the District's lowest income households. The project is a collaboration between Volunteers of America National Services and Hoffman & Associates.

Photo of the Month



The Wharf Phase 2 opened to pedestrians on the Southwest waterfront.

If you would like to submit a photo for consideration as Photo of the Month, email it to editor@thesouthwester.com.





Each month check out the most recent issue of the paper for activities and games to help you discover SWDC! Have a suggestion? Email us: editor@thesouthwester. com. Check out next month's issue for the answers!

Spot the difference!

Can you spot the differences in the two scenes below?





Answers from August 2022 issue

Differences: The flying pterodactyl is in a different place in both pictures; the sun is different in each picture; the right picture has a pink flower, a heart and a baby dinosaur; the egg in the right picture has a hat.



WORD SEARCH: BACK TO SCHOOL!

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Jokes!

Who is the king of the pencilbox? The ruler! (Submitted by Ella)

Why do math books always look so sad? They are full of problems!

How does a scientist freshen her breath? *With experi-mints!*

Would you like to submit a joke for Kid's Corner? Email it to editor@thesouthwester.com. Include your first name so we can tell other kids who sent it in!

Math Moment!

Can you complete these equations?

a. 10 x 5 =	e. 89 + 11 =
b. 50 -25 =	f. 19 + 10 + 1 =
c. 800 + 200 =	g. 77 - 7 =
d. 8 x 8 =	h. 9 x 9 =

SCHOLARSHIP

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broken, giving us a total audience of 110, an all-time high.

Audrey Hinton, ESTF member and chair of this year's Scholarship Awards Celebration, welcomed attendees by informing them that the program would indeed be a celebration. "This year, the Task Force will award scholarships to 32 students," Hinton said. "That's more students and more money than we've ever given away in our 49 years of awarding scholarships!

After her welcoming remarks, Hinton introduced Donna Purchase, President of SWNA, who appeared virtually. Purchase noted that this was a recordbreaking year for the Scholarship Fund at every level. "We are very proud of you and look forward to watching you soar," she told the students.

This year's awards were given to 15 first time scholars, 16 returning scholars and the first scholar to receive a graduate school scholarship from SWNA partners Friends of Southwest (FOS). The FOS scholarship for graduate study is named after the late Southwest community activist Coralie Farlee, and the inaugural award was presented to graduate scholar Julia Benedith (UW-Stevens Point).

Awardees included first time scholars LaDawnah Best (Florida A&M), Sabrina Burton (UDC), Daniel Dandridge (UDC), Tyauna Gray (Clark-Atlanta), Asha Haddox-Rossiter (Ohio State), Isaac Holt (Beloit), SaDaja Keith (UDC), Makhi Lawson (UDC), Alexander O'Sullivan (Yale), Amaya Randolph (Fayetteville State), Charles Smith (George Mason), Shakiya St. John (Johnson C. Smith), Amani Walker (Delaware State), Adrionna Williams (Elizabeth City State), Breanna Wynn (Kent State).

Returning scholars were Dia'Mynn Brown (Bowie State), Cedric Caschetta (WV State) Gabriella Grimaldi (GW), Steven Guo (GW), Dehja Harris (Trinity DC), Eleanor Holt (Clark-MA), Sydney King (Xavier-LA), Nour Mahmoud (VA Commonwealth), Jackson Muise (BU), Kendall Parks (Jackson State), Dayonna Queen (U of Hartford), Shaniah Robin (UDC), Aidan Smith (GW), Jordan Watson (VA State), Aaliyah Wilkinson (VA State), Una Yarsky (UMD-Baltimore).

The 32 scholarships delivered another record-breaking moment, as the previous high for total scholarships presented was 24.

Task Force member Bonita White, herself an ESTF major donor, spoke to the group on the value of being a contributor, sharing that she was able to complete her college studies debt-free because of scholarships. She noted that the value was not just the money, but having the support of a close-knit community. She encouraged those who had yet to give to become a donor for this year's effort. We also heard from Laura Howell, a new Task Force member, on the importance of small



Creativity Award winner Grace Mitchell-Jenkins poses with her cupcakes.

donors. Howell told the audience how she gives monthly, using her bank in the same way she pays her bills, establishing an amount to be deducted each month for a contribution to ESTF. She encouraged them to do the same. In a year of affordable monthly deductions, a small donor could easily become a major donor.

A matching funds challenge for \$1,500 was set for the event. Due to the generosity of our attendees, we not only matched that amount, we exceeded it! This was another record breaker of the day.

Two of our scholars provided entertainment during the ceremony. Richard Wright Public Charter School graduate Amani Walker sang "Heaven" and was accompanied on piano by Noah Blair. Asha Haddox-Rossiter, Duke Ellington School of the Arts 2022 graduate, sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." A grateful audience enjoyed these two lovely interludes.

Thelma D. Jones, who has chaired several SWNA Task Forces and is now leading the Youth Activities Task Force, introduced our keynote speaker, Eric Smith. Smith joined ESTF this year and was recently appointed co-chair to serve with Vyllorya Evans. Smith is a Southwest resident and believes in giving back to the community. He sponsored both the awards ceremony and a pizza party held the week before at Waterfront Park, where the scholars, their friends and families, donors, and Task Force members were able to meet each other. ESTF is fortunate to be a recipient of his generosity.

Smith directed his message, "Tips for Your Journey," to the scholarship recipients and praised them for their accomplishments, while also providing specific tips that were relevant to where they are in their journey of life. He urged the recipients to: (1) do what you need to do and you can do what you want to do; (2) work hard now; (3) seek perspective, not validation; and (4) establish your dreams and never lose focus.

Smith, following his own advice after working for the federal government, decided he wanted to be his own boss. So he co-founded TISTA Science & Technology Corporation, which contracts with over 32 government agencies and employs over 2000 people.

Task Force member Carolyn Harvin introduced Peter Eicher, President of Friends of Southwest DC (FOS), a scholarship partner for more than 20 years. This year FOS decided to fund the same four scholars as the last two years, Peter Guo, Eleanor Holt, Sydney King, and Aidan Smith. FOS for the first time created a scholarship for graduate studies which they awarded to Julia Benedith, who will use her scholarship as she pursues a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, in Educational Sustainability. The scholarship was created to honor the founder and longtime president of FOS, Dr. Coralie Farlee, who passed away in 2020.

"Coralie was deeply committed to Southwest DC," Eicher said. "Her countless activities on behalf of Southwest epitomized the qualities of service, activism, and altruism. She was an especially strong proponent of higher education, which is why we created a scholarship in her name." FOS and ESTF are excited about the first graduate school scholarship and hope it opens the door for more scholarships for graduate study.

Perry Klein, who chairs the SWNA Technology Task Force, informed the students that his assistants have refurbished donated laptop computers that are being offered for free to them. Noah Matthews, a high school student, worked on this project and refurbished around 70 desktop computers. Matthews was introduced at the meeting and served as one of the photographers for the awards ceremony. Perry and Sue Klein's granddaughter refurbished all 65 laptops, and it was noted that she completed this when she was only 8 and 9 years old!

The highlight of the afternoon arrived when co-chairs of the scholarship selection process, Task Force members Rick Bardach and Delmar Weathers, gave out scholarship certificates to our 32 scholars. That brings our total to 261 students who have received scholarships since 1974, the first year of scholarships, and we are still counting the contributions that continue to come in for 2022 to add to the \$515,000 raised through 2021.

Another first for 2022 was the Special Recognition Awards. The winners included former scholar Grace Mitchell-Jenkins, who won the Creativity Award. She is making good on her training in pastry and baking and served tasty and exquisite cupcakes for dessert during the reception following the awards ceremony. Former scholar Christopher Johnson won the Courage Award for finding a path for completing his education after he and his family became homeless. Asha Haddox-Rossiter, a 2022 scholar, won two awards -- the Academic Excellence Award for her straight A's through high school, and the Community Service Award for 350 hours of volunteer service during her school years.

We also received a new scholarship from the Kenneth V. Rogers and Cora L.Williams Foundation to be given to two first time scholars - Amani Walker (Delaware State) and Adrionna Williams (Elizabeth City State University-NC).

The program closed when Audrey Hinton made her acknowledgements to the students, their families, teachers, and the ESTF volunteers. She then introduced Vyllorya Evans, who has chaired or co-chaired ESTF since 2009. Evans gave closing remarks that included her thanks to donors.

In thanking FOS for its continuing partnership with ESTF, Evans said, "Our latest scholarship for graduate school scholars initiated by FOS and appropriately named after the late, great Coralie Farlee, is not only an example that we recognize our friend Coralie for her amazing life and dedication to encouraging education; it also insures that her spirit lives on in this flourishing Southwest community."

Evans also made an announcement for the 50th year celebration that will take place next year. Under her guidance, the Task Force continues to grow, adding more scholars, more dollars, and more members.

Please watch this newspaper regularly for advertisements and articles about our 50th year celebration, as we unveil ways in which we will need your help. The first step is to locate as many of the now 261 scholars and former scholars and invite them to our celebration. We will need the "neighborhood historians" to help us in our search. Please visit our website https:// www.swnascholarship.org for more information.

We are still accepting contributions. You can contribute in several ways:

By mailing a check to SWNA @ P.O. Box 70131, Washington, DC, 20024. Please put "ESTF contribution" in the left-hand corner of your check. Donate online at https://www.mightycause. com/story/Swna-Scholarship. You can also instruct your bank to send monthly contributions from your account to ESTF.



Facts To Sway Reluctant Fiction Readers

BY KITTY FELDE

hey say there are two kinds of people in the world: those who read fiction and those who read non-fiction.

Fiction fans argue that stories improve a person's capacity to

understand and mentally react to other individuals and social situations.

Non-fiction aficionados argue that fact-filled books help kids develop critical thinking skills and trains them to understand complex texts.

Some kids want just the facts, ma'am. No fiction for them.

Amy Hermon, a school librarian in Michigan and host of the podcast School Librarians United says when it comes to some of her "tough customers," she turns to the other half of her collection: non-fiction. "Often I can win over converts by first promoting nonfiction," she says, "which require less commitment and might be perceived as less intimidating for reluctant readers."

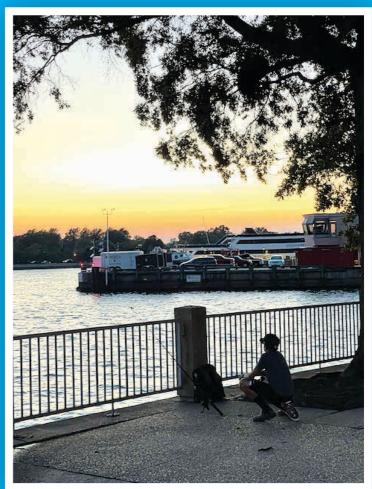
A few categories work particularly well, she says. Books about

> gems, dinosaurs, the National Geographic "Weird but True" series, books about paper airplanes, sports, ancient Egypt, spies, sharks, and volcanoes fly off the shelf.

Librarian Amy Hermon confesses that she "didn't grow up devouring books." So there's hope for kids who aren't natural-born bookworms. (Worms! Another great non-fiction topic!)

Kitty Felde is host of the Book Club for Kids podcast, the awardwinning show where kids talk about books.

Southwest Moment



Courtesy of Eric Allen An 11-year-old fisherman catches and releases large catfish on the Southwest waterfront.

OPERATION HOPERATION

September is National Preparedness Month!

We're honored to partner with U.S. DHS FEMA to promote economic emergency preparedness, recovery and resilience. Come learn about the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit - EFFAK!

September 8, 2022, 6pm Southwest Neighborhood DC Public Library

Speakers: Metropolitan Washington, DC Area HOPE Financial Well Being Coach Cynthia Harrison & HOPE SVP Jena Roscoe

> www.operationhope.org www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness

Back to School Bash Provides 1,500 Backpacks and 500 Devices to Local Students

BY REGINA MAZUR

or more than two years, the mission of Ward 6 Mutual Aid has remained the same: providing Black and Brown youth and families with the resources that others in DC may already have, and whether it's after-school enrichment and tutoring programs, or lifesaving work, Ward 6 Mutual Aid has been instrumental in keeping our community safe and providing our neighbors with food and supplies. A partnership between the Christ United Methodist Church and the Southwest Pod of Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid (SYC/W6MA) as well as their collective work with Black and Brown grassroots organizations have proven to be an incredible contribution to this cause.

SYC/W6MA continuously seeks different ways to assist the community by leading different projects throughout the year. Events such as food distributions, and clothing drives are just a small part of the actions that SYC/ W6MA undertakes to help the community. The Southwest Pod is incredibly grateful for the donations and support that they continue to receive.



The Third Annual #WeKeepUsSafe Back to School Bash was a success! But there's still much more work to do:

With the help of our dedicated supporters and community partners, the third annual *#WeKeepUsSafe Back to School Bash* at Audi Field was a huge success, providing over 1,500 backpacks and 500 digital devices to Black and Brown students in mostly Wards 5-8! In partnership with the D.C. United Foundation and sponsored by several great community organizations (including the Capital Yacht Club Community Chest), we threw a great party on August 27 at Audi Field full of families, fun, and food to celebrate the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you for standing in solidarity with our mission to ensure Black and Brown DC youth have access to the tools and resources necessary to succeed this school year. The Bash is still going! You have until Friday, September 23, to support even more Black and Brown youth this school year. Visit serveyourcitydc.org/b2sb for more information and to contribute to keeping the work going!

Interested in ways to help?

SYC/W6MA continues to collect non-perishable foods, toiletries, and household cleaning items on Wednesdays and Fridays 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church's back courtyard gate (900 4th Street Southwest: entrance near library).

This Month's Donation Needs:

- Food: instant coffee, tuna, soup, breakfast bars, pasta noodles, Ensure, salt, pepper, sugar.
- Cleaning: dish soap, spray disinfectant
- Household: new or gently used bed

sheets (twin, full, and queen); bath towels; hand towels; kitchen towels; lightweight plates, bowls, cups/ glasses, and silverware

Personal Hygiene: deodorant, mouthwash

You can find the SYC/W6MA table at the Southwest Farmers Market every Saturday of the month (weather permitting). Donations of fresh produce, meat, and dairy products are accepted and help to provide a healthy selection of food. Please stop by to say hi and donate.

Food Distribution takes place at Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) at 900 4th St SW. On the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. CUMC gives out groceries, paper products, and cleaning supplies. SYC/W6MA gives out fresh produce, eggs, and bread every Saturday at the same time and location. If you need additional support with food and supplies, please call the Mutual Aid Hotline at 202-683- 9962 or email ward6mutualaid@gmail.com

Want to Learn More or Get Involved? We need more people to help with the food distribution on Saturdays. Please contact us for more information at swmutualaid@serveyourcity. org





Southwester Community Calendar | September 2022

Due to COVID-19, there may be last-minute changes to these events. Be sure to check the web references or telephone numbers in the listings.

ALL MONTH, Be an Artist Take & Make Kit. Come show your artistic side! Pick up a Take & Make kit all about being an artist, trying different kinds of art, and showing your creativity in different ways. For kids aged 5-12, while supplies last. Southwest Library.

ALL MONTH, Take & Make Recycled Magazine Coasters. Stop by and pick up a kit to create and design a recycled magazine coaster -- an ecofriendly and functional craft! Meanwhile, find out more about how you can help the environment. Kits are available in the Southwest Library Teen Space while supplies last. Ages 13-19.

ALL MONTH, National Self-Improvement Month Word Search. Get inspired with a fresh start to the school year with a word search for National Self-Improvement Month (September) in the Southwest Library Teen Space! Give your completed puzzle to Teen Librarian Abby for a prize all month while supplies last. Ages 13-19.

SAT 3/SUN 4, 18th Annual DC JazzFest. The signature event of DC JazzFest will take place at The Wharf over Labor Day Weekend from September 3-4 on District Pier. Join us for live music performances by incredible artists - from homegrown talent to NEA Jazz Masters. District Pier.

SUN 4, 1-5 P.M. Family Game Day. Children and their families are invited to visit the Children's Room on Sunday afternoon to play a selection of games that will be made available. Southwest Library.

THURS 8, 6-7:30 P.M. Talk: The Emergency Financial First Aid Kit. September is National Disaster Preparedness Month! Please join us for a talk hosted by SW Strong! - The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Emergency Preparedness Task Force. Speakers are Cynthia Harrison, a Financial Well Being Coach and Jena Roscoe, Senior Vice President, Operation Hope. Southwest Library.

FRI 9, 7-8:15 P.M. What is Tantra? Buddhist Perspective on Enlightenment. Friday night lecture - what is tantra? Buddhist perspective on enlightenment with visiting guest teacher: Kadam Michelle. Standard cost: \$15. Financial hardship: \$7.50. Kadampa Meditation Center.

SAT 10, 8 A.M.-1 P.M. Waterfront Neighborhood Yard Sale, 4th & N Streets SW and surrounding sidewalks. Score fabulous bargains on household and other items. Participating complexes: Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Channel Square, Town Square Towers, Potomac Place Towers, and Carrollsburg Square. Bring cash and a big bag! Rain date 9/17 (check SW social media).

SAT 10/SUN 11, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. Grandparent's Day Crafts. Grandparents Day is September 11th! Come make and decorate a fun card for the grandparents in your life. All supplies will be provided. Southwest Library.

SAT 10, 7-9 P.M. Faith & Film Zoom Presentation, "King Richard". Armed with a clear vision and a brazen 78-page plan, Richard Williams is determined to write his two daughters, Venus and Serena, into history. Training on tennis courts in Compton, Calif., Richard shapes the girls; unyielding commitment and keen intuition. After-film discussion led by Rev. Brian Hamilton. All Invited! Contact the Westminster church office for Zoom link (202-484-7700/ wpcdcoffice@gmail.com)

SAT 17, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. Seasonal Craft: Back to School & Hispanic Heritage Month. Children ages 3-12 are invited to stop by the Children's Room to do a fun seasonal or book-themed craft. Southwest Library.

SAT 17, 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. / SUN 1:30-3:30 P.M. SW Library Book Sale. Friends of the SW Library announce their upcoming BOOK SALE. Books, DVDs, CDs & more? Most items \$1 and \$2. Some children's books and CDs are \$.25 or 5 for \$1. Questions? Email scvegan5@gmail.com. All proceeds support events and supplies for the SW Library.

SUN 18, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. Constitution Day Activity. Kids and their families are invited to come take part in a fun Constitution Day activity! Flex your trivia muscles, do a preamble puzzle, and try your hand at writing an amendment! Southwest Library.

THURS 22, 4-5 P.M. Teen Dungeons & Dragons. Newbies welcome! This first Dungeons & Dragons event will start with an introductory video explaining the game for absolute beginners and time and guidance to create your character. Campaigns will begin in following Dungeons & Dragons sessions. Ages 13 – 19. Southwest Library.

MON 26, 4-6 P.M. Teen Movie Night. Head to the Southwest Library STEAM Lab for a viewing of a 2010 teen comedy inspired by The Scarlet Letter starring Emma Stone (rated PG-13)! Ages 13 – 19. Southwest Library.

THURS 29, 4-6 P.M. Teen Crafternoon: Banderitas. Harness your creativity and learn about banderitas, also known as papel picado, to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. These delicate tissue paper flags are perfect for adding fun and color to your space. Ages 13 – 19. Southwest Library.

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Mondays-Fridays at Noon (St. Dominic's Catholic Church) or Wednesday evenings (St. Augustine's Episcopal Church). Post-pandemic we have resumed live meetings. This fellowship is open to all men and women who desire to recover from alcoholism. You will be welcome for more information; contact Josie at 202-880-6971.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSN CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, 4th Thursday of the month. 11 A.M. to 12 NOON. Free and open to the public. Are you caring for someone with dementia? Every 4th Thursday at 11 A.M. social worker Vickie Henrikson and nurse Carroll Quinn host a support group sponsored by the Alzheimer's Assn that is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers of persons with dementia. Monthly meetings are held at St. Mathew Lutheran Church at the corner of M Street SW and Delaware Ave SW. For questions and concerns, reach out to Vickie Henrikson at 202-251-7117 or Carroll Quinn 513-673-9921.

ANC6D MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING, 2nd Mondays of the month (no meeting in August).

BABY LAP TIME, Thursdays, 1-1:30 P.M. Fun for non-walking children ages birth to 1 year only. Space is limited; admission is first-come, firstserved. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$10 cover and food for sale. Schedule at https://westminsterdc.org/jazz-%26-blues-1, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

BREAD FOR LIFE - BREAKFAST, Sundays, 8-8:45

A.M. Free Breakfast. The pandemic has forced us to change how we serve breakfast—but we still offer a free breakfast every week as a to-go bag with a breakfast sandwich, juice, fruit, and slice of cake. If you would like to volunteer with Bread for Life, please contact Virginia Mathis, lead organizer and kitchen manager for the program at vacooking1@ hotmail.com. Contact: chee-cheemathis@staugustinesdc.org. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Room, 555 Water Street SW. www. staugustinesdc.org/

BREAD FOR LIFE - LUNCH, Saturdays, noon. St. Augustine's offers free lunches to students and other young folks every Saturday at the Greenleaf Recreation Center at 3rd & N streets SW. www. staugustinesdc.org/bread-for-life

CHAIR YOGA, Mondays, 11 A.M. - Noon. Gentle movements to increase flexibility, strength, balance & endurance, adapted for all body types. Careful instruction promotes proper breathing, meditation, positive thinking, & deep relaxation. Westminster Presbyterian Church. Any questions? Email instructor, Pamela Wilson, wilsonpj108@ gmail.com

CHESS CLUB, Thursdays, 6 P.M. Southwest Neighborhood Library. Chess boards and pieces provided, just bring yourself and a desire to learn and hone your chess skills!

CHURCH CLEANING, Saturdays after morning service, St. Dominic Church. www.stdominicchurch. org/

COLOR MY WORLD, Thursdays, 4:30 P.M. Children of all ages are invited to join us for a Thursday afternoon coloring club, where we'll brighten up the world together. Coloring pages, designs, crayons, and coloring pencils will be provided. Southwest Library.

COVID FREE SELF TEST, Saturdays, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. 48 hour results. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PERSON WALK-IN CLINIC, Wednesdays, 1-4 P.M. Call DC Volunteers Lawyer Project to make an appointment: 202-425-7573.

ENCORE ROCKS CHOIR REHEARSAL, Tuesdays, 6:30-8 P.M. Seated 90-minute rehearsals. Tuitionbased and led by a professional choral conductor. For additional information, contact: https:// encorecreativity.org/programs/encore-rocks

EVENING PRAYER, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. https://www.staugust-inesdc.org/

FAMILY STORY TIME, Mondays, 10:30 A.M. Fun for the entire family, these 30-40 minute story times are packed full of books and activities designed to be enjoyed by all ages. Promoting language and literacy skills, these story times are a great way to further your child's lifelong love of reading and learning. Southwest Library.

FARMERS MARKET SW, Saturdays 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. at the Lot SW, 4th & M St SW. Join us to show support for our farmers and food artisans selling local produce, sustainable meat & eggs, fresh baked breads, and hot cuisines from around the world. The market features live music and performances, community organizations, kids' activities, and special giveaways and promotions throughout the season, with support from our sponsors at the Southwest Business Improvement District and Waterfront Station.

Community Grant Opportunity

he Southwest Community Foundation announces a special grant opportunity that opens October 1, 2022. The Foundation expects to make awards up to \$10,000 each, for innovative projects which enhance the lives of people living in Near Southwest DC. (20024). The grant funds have been made possible by a community-benefits agreement negotiated by ANC6D.

Established in 2015, The Southwest Community Foundation fosters ways to strengthen the volunteer and not-for-profit sectors of the Near Southwest community. Serving as a formal, impartial, nonpartisan vehicle, it directs philanthropic monies where they are most needed and best deployed. The Foundation accepts funds and donations intended for the benefit of residents of Near Southwest, defined as the area bounded by 14th Street SW, Independence Avenue, South Capitol Street, and the Potomac and Anacostia rivers. This area includes residents of all ages, races, and incomes, in public housing, market-rate rental units, and single-family homes.



Community Foundation

The Southwest Community Foundation welcomes grant applications for programs, operations, and projects from nonprofit organizations that are based in Southwest or primarily serve Southwest residents. The Foundation will publish application guidelines on its website by October 1. The deadline for submission will be December 1. Awards will be announced and distributed in early 2023.

The Southwest Community Foundation will hold an information meeting via Zoom on September 13th at 1:00-2:00pm. To be added to the invite list, please contact the Foundation at SWCFDC@ gmail.com with your contact information.

For further information, stay in touch with Southwest Community Foundation | Improving Life in Southwest DC (sw-community-Foundation.org).

Universoul Circus Lights Up National Harbor



Photos Courtesy of Matthew Koehler.

CALENDAR

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HYBRID GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN, Sundays, 10 A.M. 4-12 years old. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

HYBRID SEATED YOGA, Mondays, 11 A.M. - 12 P.M. Low impact stretches and mobility exercises performed under the direction of Pamela Wilson. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

HYBRID WORSHIP SERVICE, Sundays, 11 A.M. All Welcome to share in inspiring worship! Westminster Presbyterian Church.

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, Fridays, 6-9 P.M. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$10. Food for sale. Schedule at https://westminsterdc.org/jazz-night-in-dc-schedule . Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MAKE IT! Tuesdays, 4-5 P.M. Come make something awesome at the Southwest Library! Every Tuesday after school we'll make something--a craft, STEM project, experiment, or design. All materials provided--just bring your imagination! Southwest Neighborhood Library.

MEDITATION MONDAY NIGHT ONLINE, Mondays, 6 P.M. These classes include a guided meditation, short teaching, and beautiful chanted prayers for world peace. The focus is on solutions to problems in daily life, authentic optimism, and the development of altruistic love and compassion. Suitable for everyone. Each class is self-contained and can be joined on a drop-in basis. Everyone is welcome. Kadampa Meditation Center https://meditation-dc.org/

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (ZOOM), Wednesdays, 7-8 P.M. Contact Westminster Presbyterian Church for more information: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com

PARENTS' TAX CLINIC WITH MOTHER'S OUTREACH NETWORK (FREE), Wednesdays, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. Have you received your Child Tax Credit? Your Earned Income Tax Credit? Every Stimulus payment? If not, or if you have questions, stop by Southwest Library on Wednesday between 11 am and 1 pm. At no charge, we will consult with you about how to get your government refund, if eligible. This event is hosted by Mother's Outreach Network. Southwest Library.

RESISTANCE BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM), Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. Discuss timely issues on Jesus and social justice. Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org/

REST AND REFLECT, Tuesdays, 6 P.M. To participate in-person for this chanted prayer session doors open 15 minutes before start time and lock promptly at start time. Kadampa Meditation Center. https:// meditation-dc.org/

SENSORY PLAYTIME, Fridays, 10:30-11:30 A.M., Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are invited to play and explore their senses in front of the Library. Just bring your imagination; we'll supply the materials. Southwest Neighborhood Library. https://www.dclibrary.org/southwest

STORY TIME FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS, Wednesdays, 10:30-11 A.M. Come join us for stories and songs for your little ones! We will have fun and help babies and toddlers develop literacy skills. Southwest Neighborhood Library Large Meeting Room.

STORY TIME, Thursdays, 6-6:30 P.M. Come to the Southwest Library for story time fun! On Thursday nights, you're invited to come to the library in your pajamas for Pajama Story Time! Contact southwestlibrary@dc.gov for more information.

SUNDAY UNWIND THE MIND MEDITATION, Sundays, 6:45 - 7:30 P.M. Suitable for everyone, these meditation classes offer practical methods to improve the quality of our lives through meditation and Buddhist teachings. Each class is available by drop in and you can come to either the entire series for the month or by individual class. Each class is self contained. Everyone is welcome.

THEMATIC BIBLE STUDY (Virtual), Second Thursdays, 7 P.M., If you don't know our Zoom channel address, just email Rev. Scott at priest@staugustinesdc.org and he will be happy to send you the info! All are very welcome to join us. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. https://www.staugustinesdc.org/

THURSDAY EVENING MEDITATION, Thursdays, 7:15 - 8:30 P.M. Suitable for everyone, these meditation classes offer practical methods to improve the quality of our lives through meditation and Buddhist teachings. Each class is available by drop in and you can come to either the entire series for the month or by individual class. Each class is self contained. Everyone is welcome. For support with our online classes, prayers & events: support@meditation-dc.org

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB (WSCC), First and Third Wednesdays, 7 P.M. Visitors are always welcome to take part in our meetings. Ring the Christ United Methodist Church doorbell at the 300 Eye St entrance to enter the meeting.

YOGA AT THE WHARF, Sundays, 9-10 A.M. through August 30th. Unwind with an hour-long vinyasa outdoor yoga session taught by District Flow Yoga every Tuesday evening and Sunday morning on Transit Pier at The Wharf. Enjoy waterfront views and fresh air as you shed the stress of the day or greet the new one. The class costs \$15. Tickets must be purchased on Eventbrite. We look forward to seeing you on the pier!

20's AND 30'S HAPPY HOUR - VIRTUAL, Second Thursdays, 6-7 P.M. The 20's & 30's group meets virtually for Happy Hour, and you're invited! Here, you'll find young adults creating time and space for intentional community. All are welcome to this space. This Happy Hour is meeting VIRTUALLY via Google Meet. - https://meet.google.com/yny-tdqkiir. For additional information or questions, please email Lori at Lopitts12@qmail.com.

VIEW OUR ON-LINE CALENDAR AT WWW.SWNA.ORG

Submit Calendar events to calendar@thesouthwester.com by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

VISIT THE NEW SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC BOX ART WRAPS!

New traffic box art wraps have been installed throughout the neighborhood to enhance community character and celebrate Southwest's identity. Each has its own story and inspiration, so be sure to visit our website to learn more.



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