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Army Spouses' Club of the Greater Washington Area

March 2020



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LUNCHEON DATES

2020

March 19
 April 16
 May 21



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Happy March! Wasn't it fun to have an extra day last month?

I hope you enjoyed our fantastic International Showcase (our 23rd annual) as much as I did. As the saying goes, an event like this does not happen without the combined efforts of many, many people. Thank you to our international liaisons, Melissa Pederson and Margaret Lepak, who spent months planning and organizing the showcase and to the spouses and support teams representing Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Germany, and Thailand for sharing your home countries, customs, and culture with us. Ramona Smith spearheaded the USA table and, along with our ASCGWA board, did an amazing job creating a 4th of July picnic experience. Our club is grateful to Deidra Stubbs for her beautiful rendition of the National Anthem and God Bless America and to the talented dance troupe from Ecuador. If you missed the dancers' performance it is available on our club's Facebook page along with photos by our talented historian, Cecilia Dyer.

Please contact our parliamentarian, Jennifer Kiel, if you would like to serve in an executive or governing board position for 2020-2021. Many of our current board members (to include the executive board) are moving away from our area or volunteering to serve in different positions than the ones they currently hold. Jennifer, myself, or any of the present board members would love to answer any questions you may have about the board. Next year's executive board (president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and treasurer) will be voted on at the April luncheon and installed at our May luncheon. If you would like to volunteer for a governing board or committee position, Jennifer will share your interest with our incoming president.

We are privileged to have LTG Ronald Place, the Director of the Defense Health Agency, as our guest speaker at our March luncheon. LTG Place will be available to answer questions at the end of his presentation. How fortunate we are to have the opportunity to hear about such an important topic that concerns every member of our club. Kathy Fox, our first vice president, has been exceptional in providing us with interesting, enjoyable, and diverse programs this year. This luncheon will have a plated meal so please be sure to indicate your meal choice when you register for the event.

In closing, this is *your* club. Please share any suggestions or recommendations you have about any aspects of our club with me or with any of our board members. All board email addresses can be found on page two of this newsletter.

Warmly,

Michelle Funkhouser

BACKCHANNELS SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit an article, information about an upcoming club activity, movie or book review, restaurant recommendation, recipe, local event, or a must-see travel destination, please let me know! I would love your input!

All Backchannels submissions are due no later than the second Friday of each month.

Pictures from the monthly luncheon are due the following day on the third Friday of each month.

I can be reached at:
newsletter@armypousesclub.org

Fondly,
Jackie Habel
Editor



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ASCGWA 2019-2020

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VOLUNTEER



We have a few positions open on our 2019-2020 ASCGWA board. If you are interested in volunteering for a position, and making a strong impact in the community while working on a great team, please contact our president, Michelle Funkhouser, or any of our board members. We will be happy to speak with you!

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Bible Study

The Living Word Bible Study meets every Monday at 10 am at the Memorial Post Chapel on Fort Myer, across from the PX.

Please contact Nancy Jackson at jacksonjn@verizon.net.

Book Club

A story is always better when shared with a group. This club will read a selected book and then meet to discuss the book.

Please contact LaDonna at affinityclubs@armypousesclub.org.

Bridge Groups

The Bridge Group meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Army Navy Country Club of Arlington. You must have knowledge of how to play.

Please contact Henriette Gordon at hmg1776@sbcglobal.net.

Flick Chicks Movie Group

This group meets up to enjoy a movie together, as select movies that are of interest to club members are released.

Please contact Ellen Pirog at mcatmny@verizon.net.

Great Decisions

Do you enjoy talking about current events and exploring the rationale of our foreign policy decisions? Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching a DVD, and meeting in a discussion group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. A National Opinion Ballot is compiled and presented to the Department of State, Congress, and the White House at the end of the year.

Please contact Jill at specialactivities@armypousesclub.org if you are interested in leading this group (guidance on how to run this group can be provided).

Happy Hour Group

Meet new friends and catch up with other members at Happy Hour gatherings throughout the year in the DC/Northern Virginia area.

Please contact Kim Farnsworth at jkfarns@comcast.net.

Tea Group

This group meets to enjoy tea at various establishments in the area.

Please contact Ellen Pirog at mcatmny@verizon.net.

Tours

Throughout the year, various group tours are scheduled. One of the most popular is the yearly New York City bus ride with tickets to the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes show.

Please contact Mary Alice Jakso or Kelli Reynoldson at tours@armypousesclub.org.

Walk Around Washington Group

Each month a walk is organized in and around the Washington, DC area.

Please contact Nina O'Shaughnessy at ninaspangos@gmail.com.

or Mary Pawlow at mlspawlow@aol.com

Zip Code Groups

Zip Code Groups meet in one another's homes, at local restaurants, or visit places of interest and are a perfect opportunity to meet your ASCGWA neighbors in a smaller setting.

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23rd International Showcase





The ASCGWA board works hard to make sure our members get the most out of this club. We offer fun monthly luncheons, a bible study group, a book club, a bridge group, movie outings, happy hour meet ups, a tea group, fabulous tours, a walking club that incorporates fitness with getting to know the area, and zip code groups who gather monthly. Occasionally the board gets together for extra outings, such as a tour of the FBI's Hoover building where they got a bonus behind the scene visit to the evidence room. ASCGWA is now seeking fun, energetic, and hardworking volunteers who want to make a difference in their community for the 2020-2021 board. Please consider being a part of this rewarding team!

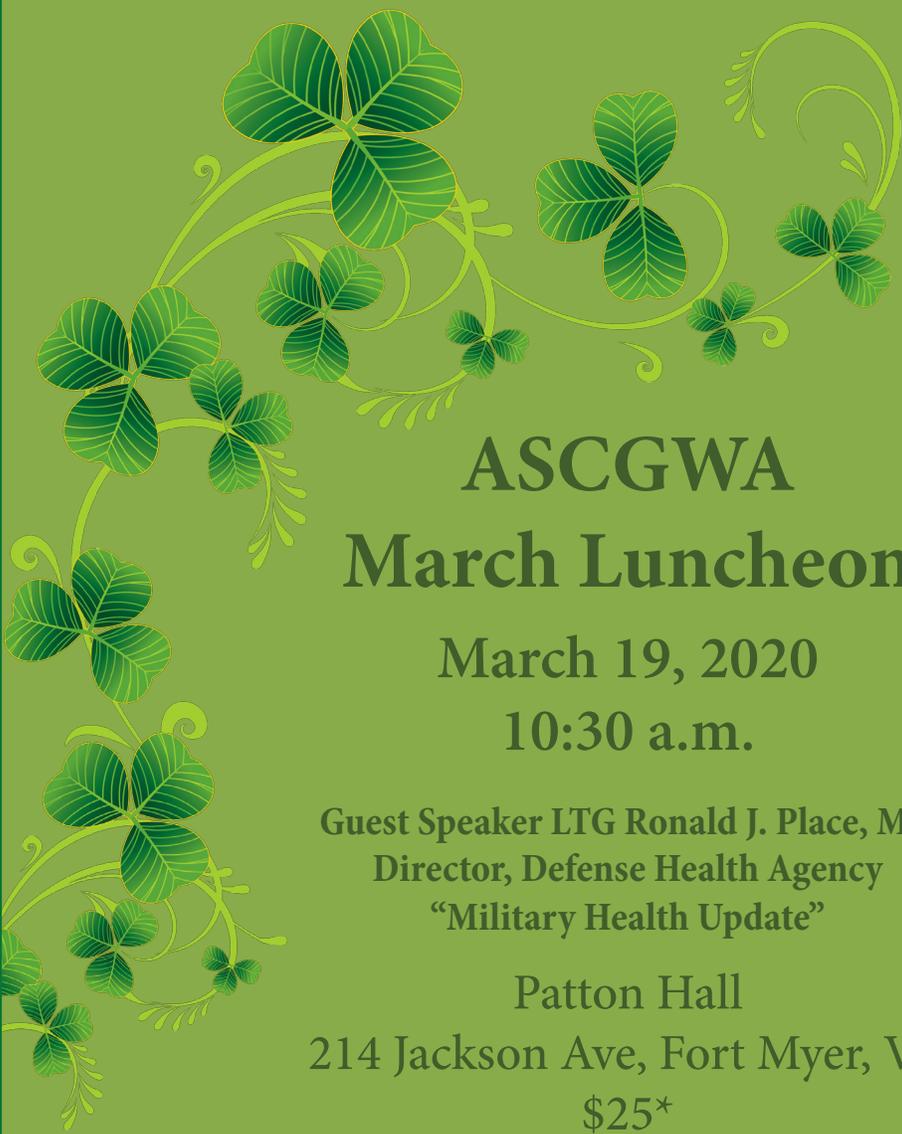


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ASCGWA March Luncheon

March 19, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker LTG Ronald J. Place, MD
Director, Defense Health Agency
"Military Health Update"

Patton Hall
214 Jackson Ave, Fort Myer, VA
\$25*

Charitable Cause
Fisher House

Please RSVP before March 13, 2020

*This will be a plated meal



Charitable Cause raised \$656.50 for WIRES (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Services, Inc.) and the Australian Red Cross at the International Showcase! Wow! We have the most amazing members!



Sending a warm thank you to our February International Showcase volunteers. Your generosity in helping to make the day such a success means more to us than we can say!

Linda Henry
Paige Kellogg
Sara Wade



March

CHARITABLE CAUSE

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Priority Items: Paper Towels, Plastic Food Containers, Dryer Fabric Softener Sheets, Keurig K Cups

Kitchen Items: Toilet Paper, Sugar, Creamer, Dawn Liquid Dish Soap,

Kleenex, Cascade Auto. Dish Soap, Bottled Water, Zip-Lock Bags, Canned Goods, Assorted Mini Boxes Cereal, Assorted Chips, Baked Goods, Prepared Meals

Supplies: 8 1/2 x 11 Copy Paper, Stamps, Pillows (Standard or Queen size), Fabric Softener Sheets, Ironing Boards-Standard, Iron Board Cover-Stand, Tide Liquid Detergent (HE only), Tide Pods HE, Pledge Cleaner, Lysol Spray, Febreze, Granite Counter Cleaner, Shout (Stain Re-

mover), Magic Erasers

Guest Items: Coffee Mugs, Flatware, Batteries (AA, AAA), iHome Clock Radio

Miscellaneous Items: Gift Cards (Amazon, Home Depot, Harris Teeter, Visa)



Our Fisher Houses are eco-friendly. When selecting items from this wish list, please consider eco-friendly items.

calling all
Vendors

Sign up. Show up. Sell.

We would like to thank the following vendors who participated in our February International Showcase:

Lainie Galang - Ooh Soy Goodness Candles
Heather Lantier - Dreadnaught Designs
Jennifer Phillips - Plunder Jewelry
Patti Prior-Gagliemo - Patti's Pretties

Want to sell your creative work? Know a great vendor you'd like to see at a luncheon? Please contact Christie Kehoe, Vendor Chair, at vendors@armypousesclub.org.



We love our volunteers and are always grateful for any extra help our members are able to give us. We can always use volunteers before, during, and after our luncheons. If you are able to lend a hand at one of our club tables (Fundraising, Special Activities, Hospitality, or Ways and Means) or at our photo booth, just let us know!

Our club uses Sign Up Genius to coordinate our volunteer needs. Please visit our club's web page to view the online sign up sheet. Simply click on the **Sign Up Genius** link at the bottom of our club's home page, or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Maggie Hollinger, at volunteer@armypousesclub.org.

MEMBERSHIP

We are always thrilled to welcome new members to our club, regardless of the time of the year. Membership information can be found on our web page or by contacting Diane or P.A. at membership@armypousesclub.org. Our membership directory has been printed and there is a blank page at the back where new members can be written in. Any new member who joins our club after the directory was printed will be listed in Backchannels. Please look for "new member" ribbons on name tags at our monthly luncheons and take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome our newest members.

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Is there someone that needs a little cheer, a get well wish, a condolence, or a congratulations? If you know of a member in need, please let us know.

Email the member's name, address, and the type of card that should be sent to Michelle at president@armyspousesclub.org.



The Army Spouses' Club of the Greater Washington Area (ASCGWA) is a non-profit organization seeking to enhance the quality of life of its members and the Military District of Washington community at large.

We offer friendship, monthly luncheons, special activities and many volunteer opportunities. Additionally, there are zip code groups to make it easier to connect to the military spouses who live near you. Our volunteers organize fun activities and share information about unique opportunities available in the Washington, D.C. area.



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ASCGWA 2020 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Each year ASCGWA awards merit-based scholarships to high school graduating seniors, college students, and military spouses living in the National Capital Region. In 2019 we distributed \$14,000 in scholarships to 12 worthy students.

Our 2020 scholarship application period will be open January 30 until March 15, 2020. Scholarships are awarded in three categories: High School Senior, College Student, and Member/Spouse. Application forms and eligibility requirements can be found on our ASCGWA website.

To learn more about the ASCGWA Scholarship Program, please contact Kim or Pikkwan at scholarships@armyspousesclub.org.



Wishing the happiest of birthdays to our members with a March birthday!

March 1 - Kimberly Kropf & Sarah Volpe | March 3 - Joan McCarty | March 4 - Kelly Evans, Naomi Francis & Barbara Valletta | March 5 - Shannon George | March 6 - Amanda Fanara-Roy | March 8 - Heather Kaiser, Anne Martin & Robin Schleifer | March 9 - Marja Hernandez | March 10 - Elsbeth Hoff, Olga Portell & Kimberly Wead | March 11 - Lauren Williams | March 12 - Renate Stewart | March 14 - Judith Hill & Catherine Leffler | March 18 - Pamela Robinson | March 19 - Gwyn Nielsen | March 20 - Kelly Peaks | March 23 - Kelly Hasbach | March 26 - Kate Thorne | March 27 - Jytte Hambric | March 28 - Alexandra Grinston | March 29 - Marla Myrick & Suzie Woodring | March 30 - Marie Landwermyer & Alecia Ritzema | March 31 - Kathy Fox



Luck is the much-celebrated theme of March. Several members were asked to share a story about when they felt lucky. Many agreed that life is good; therefore, they always feel lucky but for a few the following moments stand out:

1. Her husband got up early to be the first in line for tickets to see Hamilton in NYC, with no guarantee that he would get them. His five-hour wait paid off when he scored the only two tickets handed out that day; a set of complimentary tickets given by the cast. He then gave the tickets to his wife and daughter so they could attend together (Patti McMillan).

2. The date of the blizzard was Tuesday, March 14, 2017, her birthday. The schedule for the day was a board meeting and lunch, followed by dinner with her family when everyone could come after work. Due to the blizzard the meeting was canceled and her husband had a day off from work. What could have been a bust became a bonus. She and her husband had a quiet day at home celebrating her birthday and pie day with Ledo's pizza and his homemade apple pie. Dinner plans were postponed but that ended up extending her birthday (Judy Hill).

3. At Christmas time her mother-in-law

gave everyone lottery scratch off tickets. The ticket she received ended up being worth \$500 (Jennifer Bowen).

4. Her husband has come back safely from five deployments (Laura Basye).

5. The MWR in Bamberg was raffling off a ten-day bus trip through Italy and she won (Holly Scherer).

6. She always wanted a large family but after two children she was told there would be no more. She was blessed with a third child but at three months he stopped breathing. As he was being baptized in the emergency room, she told the priest that she went through a lot to have this child and he would live! Today that child is 35 and has two children of his own (P.A. Mancini).

7. A friend's work schedule changed and he was no longer able to go on his trip to Oahu. Because the airfare and hotel room were already paid for he offered her the travel package for only the \$35 name transfer fee (Naomi Frances).

8. She was not looking forward to the

move to the D.C. area but upon joining the Army Spouses' Club, she met a wonderful group of friends that make this tour special for her (Kelly Kreis).

9. She won a copy of *The Sound of Music* book, signed by the full cast, and it was presented to her by the mother of the actor who portrayed Friedrich (Deidra Stubbs).

10. Both of her children were adopted and she knows she was in the right place at the right time to have her amazing children (Lin Rhame).

11. On February 8 she celebrated her 65th wedding anniversary (Barbara Stubbs).

12. She went on a cruise with a few girlfriends and won the big onboard bingo game, which was enough to pay for her cruise and buy her friends a round of drinks (Jackie Habel).

13. The car was totaled in an accident in 1976 and both of her ankles were broken but her six week old son was not even injured (Linda Henry).



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\$35 package: 2" x 3.5" ad in the newsletter and on the web page includes design and graphics provided by ASCGWA (October - January or February - May).



TEA GROUP

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Tour 11:30 a.m. | Tea 1:15 p.m.

Hillwood Estate and Museum

4155 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Cost: \$45.00 for tour and tea | \$30.00 for tea only

Maximum number: 30

Join us for a tour of the Hillwood Museum, the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, followed by tea in the Merriweather Café.

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Freeman Store and Museum

7131 Church Street, NE, Vienna, VA 22180

Cost: \$31.00

Maximum number: 22

Enjoy a presentation on "The Language of Flowers" followed by afternoon tea in this historic 1859 building located in the heart of the town of Vienna.

Please contact Ellen Pirog at mcatmny@verizon.net for additional group information.

ASCGWA Book Club

Dates and Books

March 13

The Weight of Silence

April 17

Where the Crawdads Sing

For additional formation, contact
Debbie Gillum at dgillum8@gmail.com

Time
to
Travel



March Tours

March 13, 2020

Embassy of Canada

March 25, 2020

Daughters of the American Revolution

National Headquarters Building

Contact Mary Alice or Kelli at
tours@armypousesclub.org for tour information.



National Geographic Museum tour viewing the
Jane Goodall and the *Women: a Century of Change* exhibits.

Walk Around Washington Group



Walking along the W & OD Trail.



Discovering love on the Occoquan walk.

Out and About

One of the many benefits of living in this area is the plethora of activities the VA, MD, and DC area has to offer. Each month we will spotlight one event that catches our eye! Get out and enjoy the day!

National Cherry Blossom Festival

March 20 - April 12, 2020

The National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC, and celebrates the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan. Today's Festival now spans four weeks and welcomes people to enjoy diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit.

Additional information and tickets can be found at:

<https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org>



First Person

Paula Gibbs



Paula and Dave Gibbs

I have to confess to not being very involved in my husband's line of work or world for many years before all of a sudden, I crashed right into it. This is not unusual for a Kiwi military spouse. Typically, we have our own careers, pursue our own interests, live in homes in suburbia and bring up our families with only the very occasional intersection with the military world. This could be attending an ANZAC Day remembrance ceremony, going to a cocktail party or perhaps the annual ball. My husband's actual working life was a bit of a mystery to me and having a supporting sisterhood was virtually non-existent. I had no idea what other military spouses did day to day other than the kinds of things I did. You see, our total Defence Force is tiny compared to the US's, and there are not a lot of locations within New Zealand to get posted to so it is only when you get an overseas posting do you realize just how different life as a military spouse can be.

I can't tell you how excited I was when we were told that we were being posted to the US for a year in July 2014. It did mean I had to suspend my business, give up my job and leave one of our daughters for 6 months in New Zealand to finish school but the possibility of living here and the adventures we could have was so

alluring that we had to say yes. Oh, and bonus – you speak English! A couple of suitcases, a handful of boxes and our dog landed with us in Virginia. This is when we met American hospitality full-on for the first time and I vowed to absorb as much of it as I could while I was here; it was going to be a hectic and exciting 12 months. Our first taste was a huge 4th of July party with families from around the world and around the US; all of us watching the fireworks, eating barbecue and hot dogs, hearing the story of independence, and attempting to decipher conversation made up of a cacophony of accents and languages. It was a buzz and so quintessentially American – I loved it. Thanksgiving and Halloween, Star Spangled Banner, honoring veterans, tailgating, cowboy boots, baseball and more; we adopted them all. During this year was also when I encounter the spouse sisterhood (and brotherhood) through NDU's SPICE group, our American 'sponsor', so many family events and trips and a variety of friendship groups that sprang out of these connections. When the time came to go home, we had so many wonderful friends and connections we felt like our family was breaking up and it hurt.

In 2016, I came with my husband (he was Deputy Chief of our Navy at the time) to the US so that he could attend an international naval symposium in Newport, Rhode Island. I was delighted to find out that the symposium also offered a spouses' program which I fully took advantage of and attended everything. I was SO impressed by the ladies, what they do to support each other and to support their spouses, their community and the military effort. I was hooked on the idea.

There was no hesitation when NZDF asked us to come back to serve, in 2017. To be the Defence Attaché at such a large post, to be part of the American military community, experience America first hand and represent our own country was an opportunity of a lifetime. This time it was two dogs, a cat, four suitcases and way more boxes that arrived in DC. Settling in took a while this time because the role of a DA spouse was a steep learning curve, there were so many commitments, so many people to meet (and remember their names) and protocols to learn. The other DA spouses were a Godsend helping me navigate these waters because this was a step up from my role as DCN's spouse.

I am still awestruck by the spousal community and the amazing, inspirational people I have met, got to know and now consider friends. Another thing that struck me is that America knows how to appreciate and acknowledge those who serve and those who support those who serve. I still pull up short when someone thanks me for my service and can't help but feel proud of this recognition. I was (am) a professional trainer of assistance dogs, have had a career in Change Management, am a mother and a cancer survivor – seemingly unrelated things but I assure you they are connected. I have taken the opportunity here to explore the support services available to warriors and their families and am incredibly impressed by the network of support available and being created for those with both hidden and visible injuries, for those who are indirectly affected and by the dedication of the people behind these causes. I want to take this back to my country and compare how we measure up, but I think we have a lot more we can do to help each other have rewarding and meaningful lives.

Thank y'all for being our most generous hosts sharing your culture with me and making us feel so welcome in your country.

Do you have an interesting story or photo relating to one of your military posts or a job you have held? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jackie at newsletter@armyspousesclub.org



The ASCGWA Board held their monthly board meeting at the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) office in Arlington. In addition to discussing upcoming club events, our volunteers helped to write personal notes to TAPS families and assembled care boxes and information packages. TAPS is always looking for volunteers and there are many ways to help so please reach out to them at <https://www.taps.org/support>.

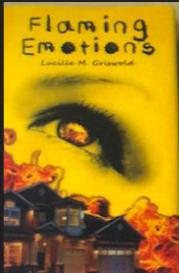
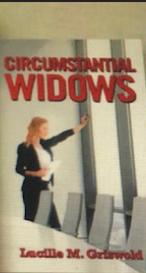




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When I Was Small

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 To cool off with water in a huge metal tub
 To play jacks on the porch or start a new club
 To catch lightning bugs in the early night
 To watch with awe their flickering light
 To gather the group to play hide and seek
 To ride our bikes every day by the creek
 To be left alone to do as we pleased
 To drink fresh lemonade sitting under the trees
 To just lie around doing nothing at all
 Gosh, life was great when I was small

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Community News



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Greater Washington, DC Veterans Job Fair

March 12, 2020

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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An exciting SOWC tour of the State Department is scheduled for March 3rd. Those interested should arrive at 10 a.m. and have some form of government identification. Those who are late will not be allowed entry. The tour will last 45 minutes and will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow and the location will be announced later. Those wishing to attend should contact Barbara at (571) 261-2540 and she will assist you in making a reservation.



The Annandale, Fairfax, and Fairfax Station Zip Code Group enjoying a January lunch at Silverado.



The Burke Zip Code Group welcomed February at Maggiano's.



The Chantilly, Clifton, Centreville, Herndon and Beyond Zip Code Group checking in for coffee and conversation.



The Falls Church, Fort Myer, and McLean Zip Code Group gathered at Merike's lovely home for an Estonian get-together of traditional delicacies and a presentation of her country and its culture.



The Prince William and Beyond Zip Code Group celebrating Galentine's Day at Firebirds in Gainesville.



The Springfield Zip Code Group also dined at Maggiano's and ran into the Burke group!