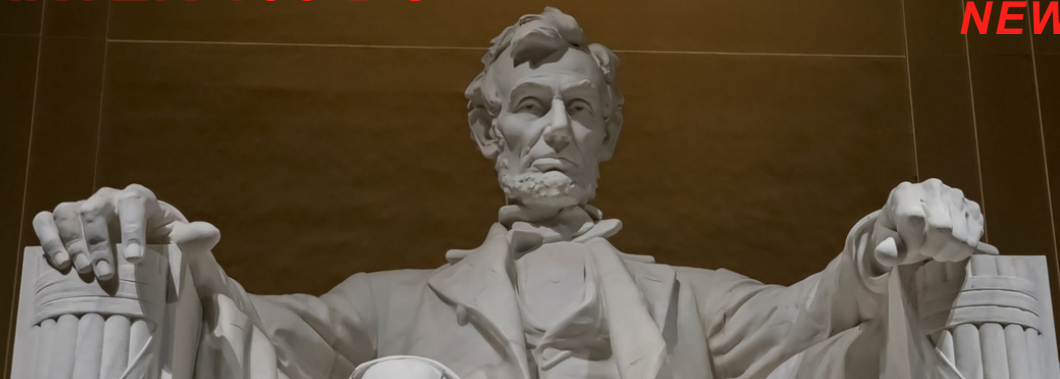


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President's Letter

Welcome to winter in Washington!

As I write this, I'm looking out onto a forested winter wonderland draped in whites, ivories and icy blues, with trees splashed in sienna, muted greys and glances of sunlight. Long shadows, billowy clouds and a pink-tinted horizon frame the scene. It's a beautiful winter weekend in Washington, DC.

Fortunately, our Tuesday's speaker luncheon program went on as planned, despite the snowfall – thanks to some last-minute maneuvering to a hybrid program via Zoom with our speaker from her home. Several members who registered for this event had to bow out because of the weather and roads from their locations. Congratulations to everyone who made it to the event, which Judith Hunter worked so hard to arrange at Restaurant Ris.

I hope everyone responded to the Special Events Committee's survey. Planning every special event requires a lot of time and effort. The goal for the remaining year and next is to provide interesting social events for our members with the prospect of high attendance. A wide range of ideas was presented in the survey. Our next special event will be announced after the committee reviews the member responses.

Mark your calendar for February 20th for our next speaker program that will be held back at Hillwood Museum when they reopen after their usual January break.

My best,

Paula

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**More than a Ride: The Role a Carousel Played to
Desegregate an Amusement Park
Kevin Patti - February 20, 2024 - 12:00-2:00 PM**



**Join us Tuesday, February 20, 2024
at Hillwood for lunch and a
presentation from Park Service
Ranger Kevin Patti on the history of
103-year old Dentzel Carousel in
Glen Echo Park.**

**This illustrated talk will tell the
fascinating story of the Dentzel
Carousel company, the Glen Echo**

**Amusement Park that for 70 years surrounded the carousel and its central
role in local civil rights and desegregation efforts.**

**Now operated by the National Park Service, Glen Echo Park continues to
host the carousel, thanks to the work of former Glen Echo Councilwoman
Nancy Long and the Save the Carousel Committee.**

**Kevin Patti has served the National Park Service for more than 20 years. He
has also spoken about Clara Barton and works at the National Park named
for her as well as Glen Echo Park.**

**Register now! Deadline
is February 16 @ 2 pm.**



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Say Hello to Sonia Hampton



When Sonia Hampton retired from the Bank of America as a Vice President, she had 25 years of finance under her belt, including a previous, ten-year stint at Chase. Her first banking job was providing English-language services for an American Express bank in Japan, where she lived with her Navy husband.

When the Navy posted her husband to Alaska's Aleutian Islands, she took a job on a crabbing boat, selecting crabs to send to the mainland. Can anyone else here say they've done this?

Sonia was born in Puerto Rico and has lived around the world courtesy the Navy. "I kind of fell into banking," she says. "At the time, though, they didn't hire women in executive positions" and her earliest job was secretarial. As times (and hiring practices) slowly changed, she entered mortgage banking, starting as a closer, then moved into processing, and finally, an officer position.

Sonia continued to travel with her second husband, a civil engineer who was President of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Their travels took them around the country and the world - wherever civil engineers held major meetings and Society fundraising events.

What was her favorite place to visit? "Antarctica. It was magical. The scenery, the water - it was beautiful." Sonia and her husband took a small boat trip one year in January, during the Antarctic summer. "We took Zodiac boats to visit different villages," she reminisces. The group also toured the renowned McMurdo Station run by the National Science Foundation.

Sonia cared for her husband at home until he died in January 2021 from Alzheimer's Disease.

Sonia Hampton, Continued

These days, Sonia keeps in shape through Pilates. “It’s hard,” she admits. She enjoys MahJongg, which she learned last year.

One of Sonia’s two daughters lives in the area, and she helps care for two young grandsons. Two granddaughters from her other daughter are in a military family. “Of all the different kinds of work I’ve done,” Sonia says, “I am most proud of my girls.”

Sonia will be taking her first solo trip this year to visit Italy. Give her a call to say “Ciao!”



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Presentation on Quilts4DC - January 16, 2024



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- 700,000 people
- 131 Neighborhoods
- Racially and Ethnically Diverse (#5 in Diversity Index)
- International - 180 embassies, 1,000 international businesses; 400 international NGOs
- 19 colleges / universities (>5 states)
- 6 law schools (>35 states)
- 3 medical schools (>24 states – 3 have none)
- #3 in US public transport system – 600,000 riders daily
- 7 professional sports teams



❖ Online Gallery: www.lwvdc.org/quilts4dcgallery

❖ 61 quilts

❖ Representing 15 states and DC

Did you miss this event? Watch the recording on our YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/JpcYJbtH9Vw>.

See all our videos at:

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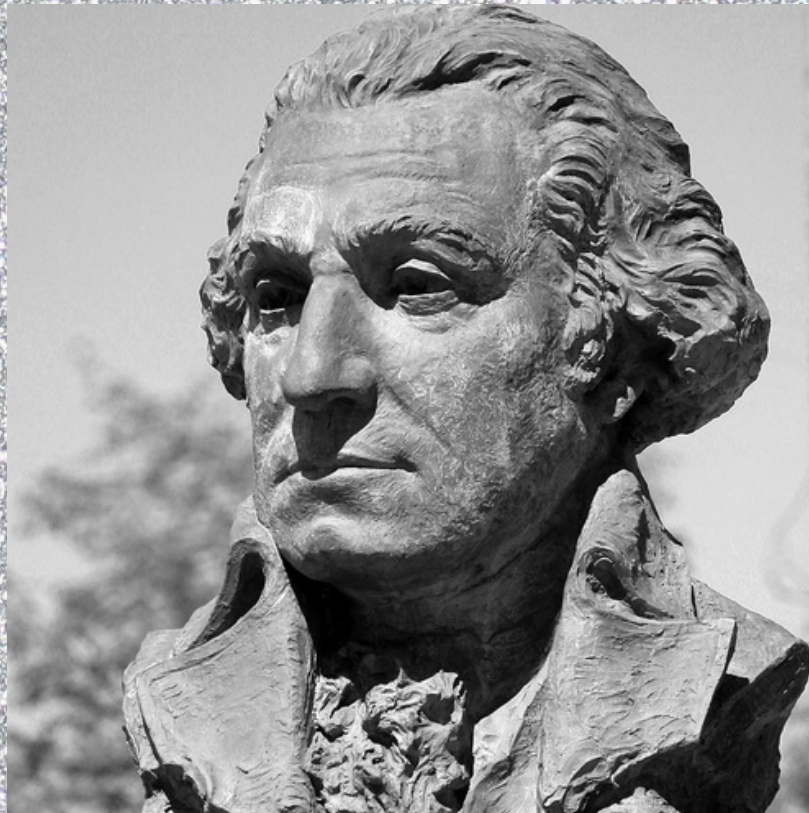
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