



# CHARTER 100 DC

## MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Happy May Days, Ladies!

I always regard May as the month of flowers and a time when we honor our mothers and grandmothers, if we are lucky enough to have them still in our fold. My mother turns 96 next month and we're traveling to Naples to celebrate this milestone. I am going to learn how to play maj jongg at our special event on May 14th so we can play together. And, my husband, John, is going to learn with me! My mother is over the top!

We have many great events scheduled this month: the Glenstone Museum and Garden tour; mah jongg instruction, wine and cheese – as you may have heard, several of our members learned the game from Caryn and now play regularly as a foursome; an alfresco afternoon jazz concert; annual business meeting; members-only cocktail reception in June.

It's important that every member attend the annual business meeting and cast their votes for the new prospective member(s) and Executive Committee member slate. Dues are required to be paid in full prior to the meeting and in order to fulfill their obligation to vote. Dues were reduced on a one-time basis due to Covid restrictions for in-person meetings during this past year.

Happy Mother's Day and I hope to see you at an upcoming event!

*Paula Hantman Tolle*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## MAH JONGG INSTRUCTION & WINE AND CHEESE - RESCHEDULED EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022 - 2:00 PM

Join mah jongg teacher Caryn Fagan for a fascinating one-hour presentation about this historic game, now enjoying a generational resurgence in the United States. Developed in 19th century China, mah jongg arrived in America during the 1920s and has undergone numerous iterations since its inception. Caryn will discuss those, the tile set, cards and game mechanics. Refreshments and wine will be served.

## MAY VIRTUAL SPEAKER PROGRAM: DREW ASBURY, HILLWOOD MUSEUM HORTICULTURIST

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 - ZOOM MEETING - 12:00-1:30 PM

Learn how to implement the eight principles of conservation landscaping in your home garden and build a vibrant and beautiful landscape that supports biodiversity of our native flora and fauna, cleans and filters our air and water and protects/promotes healthy soils. By mimicking nature, we can create beautiful, productive and lower-maintenance gardens while using fewer resources including labor, time and money!

## CHARTER100 DC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2022 - ZOOM MEETING - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Active members are required to attend the annual business meeting. It is very important that we have a quorum to vote on new officers and co-chairs as well as candidates for membership. Reminder: Your annual membership dues must be made prior to our May 19 meeting in order to fulfill your obligation to vote.

## SAVE THE DATES

May 22, 2022 - Al Fresco Jazz Concert 2:30-4:30 PM, Potomac, MD

June 15, 2022 - Members-Only Reunion - New Member Cocktail Reception 6:00-8:00 PM

September 14, 2022 - Group tour of Yayoi Kusama exhibit at the Hirshhorn Museum

## USEFUL MEMBER INFORMATION

Charter 100 DC Website: [www.charter100dc.org](http://www.charter100dc.org)

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# Clara Montanez

Clara Montanez is a woman with a big heart which makes it easy for her to connect with people. She spends her days building relationships with clients to help them reach their financial goals and, in her free time, she facilitates projects that improve people's lives around the world with the Metro Bethesda Rotary Club.

Born in Sogamoso, Colombia, Clara grew up in Bogota until she was eight years old after which she moved to the United States when her father accepted a job as an emergency room doctor in Mississippi. In the fifth grade Clara's family moved to Long Beach, NJ, and a year later moved south to Maryland where they planted roots. Clara received a business administration degree from American University and a post-graduate diploma in international and comparative politics from the London School of Economics in Great Britain. She remained in London for the next 10 years, married and gave birth to her first child, Julia. Subsequently, she relocated briefly to Canada and gave birth to her second child, Sophia, then returned to the Washington, DC area and established residence in Maryland.



Clara was as a stay-at-home mom until 1996 when Clara's sister, Maria, invited her to join her financial management practice. Today Clara is the Executive Director on Investments with Oppenheimer & Co. where she works as a financial planner in her own practice. Her clients hail from diverse international backgrounds, half of them based in more than 20 countries around the world. Clara prides herself on creating solid personal connections with each client. This helps her understand their unique goals so that she can guide them to financial success. This year she was proud to announce that her second daughter, Sophia, will be joining her practice.



One of the things Clara is incredibly proud of, besides her family, is her work with the Metro Bethesda Rotary Club, in Bethesda, MD. During Covid Clara served as chapter president. The Rotary Club "provides humanitarian assistance both locally and internationally and promotes peace, understanding and educational and cultural advancement." Projects Clara has been involved with include: finding and furnishing local apartments for refugees, organizing food banks and sponsoring clubs to help young people "develop leadership skills, build confidence, form friendships and have fun." In 2016 Clara organized the first Rotary Club event celebrating International Women's Day. This key event was celebrated annually until 2020 because of Covid.

Clara has worked Internationally, too, creating projects to improve education

for girls in Kenya and to build water wells in her native country of Columbia for clean drinking water. The Rotary Club recognized her hard work and appointed her as their international representative to the Organization of American States before making her their Rotary Club representative of the World Bank.

Clara lives by the Rotary Club motto, "Service above self." She puts a caring touch into everything she does, whether it's working with her own family or families around the world. Clara works ceaselessly to create positive change in the world around her.

Metro Bethesda  
**Rotary**  
Club



# FROM THE SCRAPBOOK

## Joan Danziger's Studio Tour



## **2021-2022 CHARTER 100 DC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Paula Hantman Tolle, President

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Sally Fowler, Secretary

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Mini Campos & Catherine Harper, Program Committee Co-Chairs

Lucília Harrington & Rosemary Kimball, Special Events Committee Co-Chairs

Gail Nordheimer, Arrangements Committee Chair

Gail Raiman, Ombudsman

Arleen Heiss, Past President



**"Every time you smile at someone,  
it is an action of love,  
a gift to that person,  
a beautiful thing."**

**– Mother Teresa**

The Charter 100 of Washington, DC  
brings together women of outstanding  
accomplishments in diverse fields.