

## NAN NOTES February 9, 2020

### **SAVE the DATE: Upcoming NAN Events – Mark your calendars**

**Sunday Series, March 1, 2:00-4:00 PM**, Bannockburn Clubhouse, 6314 Bannockburn Drive. **Developments in Maryland Estate Tax Laws**

On April 5, 2018, legislation passed in Maryland that set the amount exempt from Maryland estate tax at \$5 million for decedents who die on or after January 1, 2019. Previously, the exemption would equal the federal estate tax exemption for all such decedents. The House of Delegates is reportedly considering a bill to further reduce the exemption to \$1,000,000. If you have or might have more than \$5,000,000, you need some fairly simple planning. If you have or may have more than \$10,000,000, which may become \$2,000,000, you need to meet with your lawyer if you want to protect your heirs from a huge and completely avoidable tax. Also, due to another enactment, if you are a blended family with step-children and a second spouse, particularly if you don't have an iron-clad prenuptial agreement, you **MUST** visit your lawyer. In some circumstances, your previously sensible estate plan will result in your spouse inheriting almost everything and your kids getting almost nothing. After being asked questions about this on the 20817 list serve, our neighbor, Richard Sternberg, offered to give a briefing to members of the community on the new enactments. Light refreshments are welcome. RSVP to Miriam Kelty ([keltymiriam@gmail.com](mailto:keltymiriam@gmail.com))

**Sunday Series, March 29, 2:00-4:00 PM**, Bannockburn Clubhouse. **New Orleans Jazz**. Come celebrate Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's day, coming of spring and everything else! Listen to the Village Band and vocalist (mainly retirees) playing good New Orleans jazz. Please bring a snack to share.

### **Other upcoming Events**

**Monday, February 17, 7:30- PM**, Strathmore Music Center, 8301 Tuckerman Lane, N. Bethesda (301) 581-5100. A **Gala Concert by the US Marine Band and Chamber Orchestra** to celebrate Presidents' Day. The concert will be conducted by award-winner JoAnn Falletta of the Buffalo Philharmonic and will feature Higdon's Blue Cathedral and a saxophone concerto. The concert is free but tickets are required. If you need a ride, contact NAN (JoAnn Krecke at [dandjkrecke@verizon.net](mailto:dandjkrecke@verizon.net) or Miriam Kelty at [keltymiriam@gmail.com](mailto:keltymiriam@gmail.com))

**Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m., Nazis in America: Hunting Hitler's Henchmen.**

(Nancy Aronson on Winterberry) We are invited to a North Chevy Chase Connections talk by Bill Kenety, a retired Justice Department Senior Prosecutor, who spent more than 10 years locating Nazis who immigrated to the US. The event will be at the North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8814 Kensington Parkway in Chevy Chase. They suggest entering from the parking lot in the back.

**Saturday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., NIH Philharmonia Concert, "Rushing Here and There, Rushing Everywhere."**

The performance will include Balakirev's Overture on Russian Themes; Borodin's Symphony No. 3 (Unfinished); and Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances. It will be at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church at 917 Montrose Road in Rockville. The concert is free. Donations are accepted. A portion of the proceeds goes to NIH Charities.

(Note: There is also an open rehearsal on Friday evening at 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth's. It is much less crowded and parking is apt to be easier)

**Resources/Misc**

**Celebrating the Arts.** Calling Amateur Artists and Photographers. Beacon newspapers is hosting a regional amateur online art competition. You can submit digital images of your art and photos (up to three works) at [www.TheBeaconNewspapers.com/COTA2020](http://www.TheBeaconNewspapers.com/COTA2020) in 7 categories: painting, sculpture/carving, drawing, mixed media/textile, ceramics, stained glass/jewelry, and photography/ digital art. Winners will receive cash prizes, awards, display opportunities, and recognition in the Beacon. You can enter online from January 13 through March 20. The entry fee is \$10 per item. Questions? Call 301-949-9766.

**Montgomery County Spring Recreation Guide.** The list of recreation classes, activities and programs is available here:

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/Resources/Files/publications/SpringGuide2020.pdf> Registration opens on Monday, February 10.

**Vital Living Networker: Your Guide to Living Well as You Age in Montgomery County.**

(Bob Coe on Pawtucket) Earlier this week, when I went to a presentation at the Rockville Library on volunteer opportunities, I received a copy of an informative and helpful pamphlet describing different volunteer, educational, and recreational opportunities. It includes resources on housing and transportation. The guide can be downloaded from this link: <https://www.scribd.com/document/389530993/Vital-Living-Networker> We have gotten extra hard copies and will be distributing them later this week. We don't have enough for everyone, so if you get one and are not so interested, please pass it on to a neighbor who did not get one. Other helpful resources can be found at the County's Senior Site: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior/>