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## Southwest's Newest Playground: Ryan Zimmerman Field

On April 9, a cold streak hit DC, but Randall Field was alive as ever with the dedication of the new Ryan Zimmerman Field.

The Nationals All-Star first baseman teamed up with, DC Department of Parks and Recreation, Under Armour, the Nationals' Dream Foundation and the Cal Ripken Foundation to renovate Randall Field into a brand new 71,600-square-foot turf field includes areas for regulation baseball, soccer, and softball. The project also includes new dugouts, new backstop, fencing, and scoreboard, among other amenities.

City leaders and athletes alike joined with players from Greenleaf and Capitol Hill Little League to

mark the occasion. The dedication was marked by comments from Mayor Muriel Bowser, Councilmember Charles Allen and Nationals owner Michael Lerner, as well as from Ryan Zimmerman himself. Zimmerman and Councilmember Allen later threw out first pitches to little league catchers.



Above, ribbon cutting at Ryan Zimmerman Field.

At left, ANC 6D Commissioner Stacy Cloyd addresses the crowd. Mayor Bowser is at left (holding the blue folder). Ryan Zimmerman is seated to the right. (photo by Perry Klein).

## Anacostia Riverkeeper Files Complaint Against PEPCO for Heavy Metals Pollution

On March 28 2016 attorneys for Anacostia Riverkeeper, a local advocacy organization working to protect and restore the Anacostia River, filed a complaint in the current civil enforcement action taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) against PEPCO for Clean Water Act violations. The federal government charged PEPCO with illegally discharging hundreds of pounds of toxic heavy metals for over five years into the Anacostia River at its Benning Road facility. These toxic metals include copper, zinc, iron and lead. For a copy of the complaint, see <https://goo.gl/53wjxj>.

Anacostia Riverkeeper notified EPA that it would take action to stop these violations in Sept. 2015 when it filed a Notice of Intent to Sue under the Act. These unlawful discharges are ongoing and continuous, and involve dangerous toxic metals that violate PEPCO's permit for at least the past five years.

PEPCO's extensive history of ongoing illegal discharges into the Anacostia River pose unacceptable risks of adverse health effects that threaten all users, including subsistence fishermen and casual visitors, while severely delaying progress toward clean up and restoration of this vital and historic watershed. DC and Maryland agencies have warned for years that local fisherman and their families should avoid eating fish caught from the Anacostia River because of toxic pollutants. The pollutants in the river accumu-

late in the tissue of the fish. Despite the risks and warnings, an estimated 17,000 people regularly eat fish taken from the Anacostia River. Anacostia Riverkeeper is deeply alarmed that EPA and the DC government tolerated these violations by PEPCO for so many years. "It is unfortunate that it has taken several years and the force of legal action against Pepco by Anacostia Riverkeeper, for EPA to step up and take notice of PEPCO's continued disregard for the law. We will continue to hold both EPA and PEPCO accountable for up holding the Clean Water Act and advocate for the health of our citizens and the environment," said Emily Franc of Anacostia Riverkeeper.

Anacostia Riverkeeper is an advocacy organization working to protect and restore the Anacostia River for all who live, work, and play in the watershed. Anacostia Riverkeeper is a member of Waterkeepers Chesapeake, a coalition of the full-time Waterkeepers that span the Chesapeake Bay Watershed (MD, PA, VA, and DC). With our fellow Waterkeepers in the Chesapeake Bay Region, we protect families by stopping pollution. Anacostia Riverkeeper is also a member of Waterkeeper Alliance, an international grassroots advocacy organization dedicated to preserving and protecting water bodies from pollution.

For future updates visit the Anacostia Riverkeeper website at [www.anacostiariverkeeper.org](http://www.anacostiariverkeeper.org).



Crystal Cobb, Amaya Randolph, Kaiya Hawkins, Jayla Hunter, and Japan Spells (L to R) are 6th and 7th graders at Jefferson Academy.

## Jefferson Students Star in Book Club for Kids Podcast

Students from Jefferson Academy in Southwest DC are the stars of the newest Book Club for Kids podcast episode. They tackle Rita Williams-Garcia's Newbery Honor book *One Crazy Summer*, the story of a trio of sisters who travel across the country in 1968 to meet their estranged mother ... who enrolls them in

a Black Panther summer camp. Congresswoman Barbara Lee of Oakland is the celebrity reader. Southwest resident and public radio veteran Kitty Felde is the host. Book Club for Kids is winner of the Literacy in Media Award. The episode is available on iTunes, Stitcher, or online at [www.bookclubforkids.org](http://www.bookclubforkids.org).





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## Councilmember Charles Allen Introduces Bill To Update DC License Plates to Read “End Taxation Without Representation”

**WASHINGTON, DC** – At an April 19 DC Council legislative meeting, Councilmember Charles Allen introduced the End Taxation Without Representation Amendment Act of 2016 to update the District's standard motor vehicle license plates.

In 2000, DC added the phrase “Taxation Without Representation” to DC license plates as a way to raise awareness about the disenfranchisement of our residents. This phrase, while recognizable, lacks a call to action. The residents of DC fulfill all obligations of citizenship, yet Congress continually denies us the accompanying rights and privileges.

“Yesterday was the deadline for filing federal taxes, and District residents have once again ful-

filled this obligation as American citizens, paying our fair share toward shared national priorities. But because of where we call home, Congress denies us one of the most fundamental rights of Americans—the right to congressional representation,” Councilmember Allen said.

Under Allen's bill, the standard license plate would be updated to read “End Taxation Without Representation” and reflect a rallying cry for equality. The bill also would require a new commemorative red and white motor vehicle tag that includes the phrase “We Demand Statehood.” Residents who choose to order a We Demand Statehood tag would pay a one-time application fee of \$51 and then an annual display fee of \$26 thereafter. These fees would be deposited into

the New Columbia Statehood Fund and used to promote statehood and voting rights for the residents of DC.

The Council, along with the mayor, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, the Statehood Delegation, and countless citizen advocates, continues to actively engage in the fight for true representation in Congress. The End Taxation Without Representation Amendment Act of 2016 represents another step in that fight.

Councilmembers Alexander, Bonds, Cheh, Grosso, May, McDuffie, Nadeau, Silverman, and Todd joined Councilmember Allen in co-introducing the act.

## Councilmember Charles Allen's Made In DC and Tree Canopy Protection Bills Passed By DC Council

**WASHINGTON, DC** – At an April 19 meeting of the DC Council, Councilmember Charles Allen's Made in DC Program Establishment Act and Tree Canopy Protection Amendment Act were passed unanimously.

Allen's Made In DC bill will promote locally created, manufactured, and assembled products through brand certification via the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). It directs DSLBD to develop a Made in DC logo, brand, and marketing campaign. Once approved, local producers may use this logo in their own marketing, as well as be promoted by the city via DSLBD's Made in DC program.

“The Made In DC program is a smart investment in our local businesses and building a stronger marketplace for District-made prod-

ucts. I'm proud to help promote the District's growing creator economy with a program to communicate the importance of buying local and having pride in DC-made products,” Councilmember Allen said.

Council Chair Phil Mendelson and Councilmember Vincent Orange, chair of the Council's Committee on Business, Consumer, and Regulatory Affairs, co-introduced the legislation.

Allen's Tree Canopy Protection bill seeks to save the District's older, larger trees from unnecessary removal by increasing fees for removal permits, generating additional revenue for the city's Tree Fund, the scope of which would be expanded to allow tree plantings on District-owned property such as parks and schools.

“Trees are so important to our quality of life. This bill is a crucial step toward protecting our

larger, older trees and expanding our replanting efforts. If we're going to meet our goal of increasing the District's tree canopy to 40% by 2032, we have to do more now. This bill ensures the Urban Forestry Administration can help reduce the number of large trees lost to development and increase replantings,” Councilmember Allen said.

Councilmember Mary Cheh, chair of the Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment, co-introduced the legislation.

**DID YOU KNOW:** The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has a Southwest Tree Task Force, which focuses on expanding the tree canopy. To find out more, please visit: <http://www.swna.org/sw-tree-task-force/>.

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## Who We Are: Daniela Petrilli

**Name:** Daniela Petrilli

**Home:** I have been calling Washington, DC, my home since 2008. I relocated from New Jersey and moved to Southwest in 2014 where I purchased my first home, a condo at Potomac Place Tower. I have created relationships with amazing people not only in my building, but in the Southwest community as well. Everyone has become like family.

**Occupation:** I am the founder and president of Operation MCP (Making Careers Possible).

**What is Operation MCP?** The idea of Operation MCP was conceived after the passing of my father, United States Army Sergeant Michael Carlo Petrilli. My dad served in Vietnam and upon his return, he struggled and resources to help veterans return to civilian life were scarce. To honor my late father, I asked myself what I could do to help veterans. With my educational background and professional experience in human resources, Operation MCP was born. Operation MCP assists veterans and service members with free résumé writing and interview preparation to transition them from the military to the civilian workforce. If you would like to get involved, please download, complete and email the volunteer application to Daniela Petrilli at [info@operationmcp.org](mailto:info@operationmcp.org).

**How has living in Southwest made it easier for you to do your job?** Living in Southwest provides me with access to veterans in the community. Given the fact that I'm located close to



Fort McNair, Bolling Air Force Base, Navy Yard, and other areas densely populated with veterans, Operation MCP is able to provide assistance to those veterans. When I'm not working, I attend concerts, games, and other local events. In the summer, friends and I love to spend time at the marina and golf at Hains Point. Southwest is a suburban-like neighborhood, but I am able to enjoy all the benefits of living in a city. I love being able to call Southwest my home!

**What do you look forward to most?** I am looking forward to the warm weather and events to enjoy with friends. I am also really excited to watch Operation MCP grow not only in Southwest, but nationwide as well.

## Voices of Now Festival Coming to Arena Stage

**F**our-day event showcases original plays written and performed by more than 100 young artists from the DC area.

Arena Stage will host the Voices of Now Festival featuring original works of theater written and performed by 10 different youth ensembles, with 100 artists, ages 11-18, who have been working with professional theater artists from Arena Stage to devise original one-act plays.

This year's festival will also feature a special video presentation of work devised by young adults from Bosnia, Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, and Albania as part of a Sept. 2015 trip that sent three Arena Stage teaching artists to Zagreb.

### Schedule:

**Wednesday, May 18—7:30 p.m.**

*Chain Reaction* by the Mentor Ensemble  
*Now You See Me* by the Advocacy Ensemble

*Free Fall* by the Jefferson Academy Ensemble

**Thursday, May 19—7:30 p.m.**

*Upside Down* by the Key Middle School Ensemble

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The Friends of Southwest board (L to R): Farley Fisher, Coralie Farlee, Rodney Ross, Cecilie Jones, C.W. Hargrave, Jean Sammon and Joyce Bouvier. Photo by Perry Klein

## Friends of SWDC Highlights Grantees Programs at Annual Meeting

By: Jean Sammon  
Friends of Southwest DC Secretary

At the Friends of Southwest DC (FOS) annual meeting on March 29 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, the residents in attendance got a reminder of what their donations mean to Southwest DC, and also how they can help FOS continue to make a difference.

President Coralie Farlee announced that every dollar donated by July 4 will be worth three dollars, thanks to an anonymous donor who will double match the donation, up to \$10,000 (see the ad in this issue of *The Southwester*).

President Farlee emphasized that FOS is a neighborhood organization, funded primarily by neighborhood residents, for local organizations that support Southwest youth, seniors, and others; and that the volunteer FOS board keeps administrative expenses low: More than 95% of donations went to grants in 2015.

At each annual meeting, the organizations who received FOS grants have the opportunity to describe how the grants make a difference in the lives of people in Southwest. This year, we heard many moving stories.

Julia Malecki and Anita Maynard of Arena Stage related how local youth discovered their creativity, social skills, and confidence through their involvement with the arts at Camp Arena Stage. They also talked about how they enjoyed seeing the students from Jefferson Academy grow and flourish over the years during their

participation in Arena's Voices of Now program. They expressed their gratitude to FOS for making this possible by grants to both programs. (The Voices of Now festival at Arena Stage, taking place May 18-21, is open to the public.)

Emma Ward of EmmaUS gave some examples of what students learn on trips to the National Archives in DC and the Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Pa. Yes, they learn a lot about important people and documents that helped establish the United States, but they also learn geography while navigating interstate highways, and financial literacy as they budget their spending money. Some of them have never been out of DC before, so this is an exciting opportunity for them. FOS has given grants for these trips for several years.

Monica Evans, co-leader of the Southwest Girl Scout troop, described what it was like for the girls to experience life on the Underground Railroad at a FOS-funded overnight trip to the Chesapeake Children's Museum, where they even met Harriet Tubman!

Paul Taylor organizes the SW Comm-Unity Forum "Summer in Lansburgh Park" every year. Hundreds of current and former SW residents enjoy this event. Kids can ride the carnival rides (funded by FOS) while adults can join in various activities, including learning about SW history and services provided by SW nonprofits.

Vyllora Evans and Audrey Hinton of the SWNA Scholarship Committee brought videos

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Law Professor and Author, *Young Thurgood:  
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Applications for grants may be submitted at any time to the above address

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## A Glimpse into Southwest's Past

This image depicts a great glimpse into the past, and is among the DC Public Library system's many great collections that look back at the history of our city, several of which have been digitized for easier access to the public—along with their availability in the Special Collections at the library. Among these are numerous resources that focus on our home quadrant of Southwest, several of which are centralized in their

research guide: <http://libguides.dclibrary.org/swdc>. This is a wonderful resource to learn about the place we call home, and to get some perspective on how things have changed over time as we navigate a new phase in the timeline of our neighborhood's continuing evolution. This particular photograph is an especially great resource, because it not only shows us visually how the area has changed, it also was taken and devel-



oped by a local son, Joseph Owen Curtis. Curtis was born and lived most of his life in Southwest DC, photographing places and people around his neighborhood who he felt represented what made Southwest special. You can view the entire collection of Curtis's photos online at <http://digdc.dclibrary.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16808coll6>.



Brett Ford, Rachel Mariman, and Naomi Mitchell at the new Little Free Library outside the Randall Community Center. Ford is with Sasha Bruce, which runs programs at Randall. Mariman is the new Ward 6 liaison at the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, and Mitchell is Council-member Allen's community liaison. Photo courtesy of Perry Klein.

## Little Free Library Donated by PN Hoffman & Associates

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange that operates on the honor system. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. If you take a book from a Little Free Library, you do not need to return that exact book. Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch, and have been characterized as "mini-town squares."

Randall Community Center's Little Free Library is a donation by PN Hoffman & Associates. Construction Manager Risa Abraham facilitated the installation.



# SWNA Community Meeting with Charles Allen

For more than a decade, Charles Allen has worked in Ward 6 neighborhoods—helping bring about school reforms, working with small businesses, and improving our community. His years of public service to Ward 6 means he knows and understands neighborhood issues like no one else.

Allen began his career in the District as a graduate fellow with the federal Department of Health and Human Services to work on expanding community-based health options across the nation. Allen quickly understood that to make true change he needed to return to his roots working at the local and community level. So Allen began his service to the District as policy director for the DC Primary Care Association, where he helped bring about legislative, budget, and policy changes that expanded health care options for almost every DC resident. Two of his signature efforts—bringing physicians, dentists, nurses, and other health care providers to medically underserved communities and creating a District-owned captive insurance company to provide free and low-cost medical malpractice insurance to nonprofit providers—remain a vital part of the city's health care safety net nearly a decade after he helped create them.

At the same time, Allen helped found DC for Democracy and served as chair of the organization to bring a needed voice for progressive priorities and social justice issues facing the city.



Today, DC for Democracy is a leading voice in the city.

These experiences led Allen to become an elected delegate for the District at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston, and later serve as president of the Ward 6 Democrats. Ultimately, he served as chief of staff to Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells, a position he held since Wells first took office in 2007.

Allen graduated from Washington and Lee University and received a master's degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. In addition to his local political activism managing Wells's successful Ward 6 campaigns, he has been involved in progressive national campaigns.

Allen is a member of the Council's committees on education, transportation, and the environment, as well as business, consumer, and regula-

tory affairs. He serves as second vice chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board and was named an Early Learning Fellow by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). He also serves on the NCSL's standing committees on education, natural resources, and infrastructure, and law, criminal justice, and public safety.

**Light refreshments will be served.**



**SWNA Community Meeting  
with Charles Allen**

**Monday, April 25, 2016  
7-9 p.m.**

**Arena Stage for The  
American Theater**

**Special guest speaker:  
Councilman Charles Allen**

## Men's Titanic Society Ceremony

*After midnight on the night of April 14/15, 19 members of the Men's Titanic Society, in formal attire, met at the Titanic Memorial for their annual toast to the brave men who sacrificed their lives so that women and children might be saved. Earlier, as has been their tradition, they had dinner at the Press Club, with one empty seat in memory of the fallen.*



*At left, Jim Silman, President of the Men's Titanic Society holds a copy of The Southwester. With him is his son, Jimmie Silman, Jr.*

*Above, members of the Men's Titanic Society in a group pose. Photos by Perry Klein*

## MEETING

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of Kiana and Tiffany Livingston, the two students whose college scholarships were funded by FOS. It was a nice surprise to hear from the students themselves, even though they were away at college. They described how their first semester experience helped shape their plans for the future.

Perry Klein talked about the computer centers that the SWNA Technology Task Force was able to set up at Syphax Gardens, Greenleaf Gardens, and James Creek with grants from FOS. Students use the computers at James Creek to do their homework, and all members of the community can use the computers at Syphax and Greenleaf for job searches, education, and other needs.

Thelma Jones was able to attend the National Breast Cancer Coalition Advocate Leadership Summit because of an FOS grant. She was passionate about how important this coalition is to finding a cure, and for helping Thelma educate and advocate to reduce the disproportionately high mortality rates in the African-American community, especially in Ward 6.

Donors and other residents at the meeting had the opportunity to share ideas with the representatives of the grantee organizations and the FOS board.

Current board members are Coralie Farlee, president; Rodney Ross, vice president; C.W. Hargrave, treasurer; Jean Sammon, secretary; Joyce Bouvier; Cecilie Jones; and Farley Fisher.



MAY 2016

**MON 2, 4:30 P.M. Children’s Book Club.** Children ages 8-12 are invited to join us to discuss a book together. Please call or stop by the Children’s Room to find out the current title. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**WED 4, 4:30 P.M. Game Club.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to play board games.

Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 7, 10 A.M.- 4 P.M.** Fort McNair, Washington D.C.; Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va. Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall announces its next quarterly Public Open House of Grant Hall’s historic third-floor courtroom, located on the Fort McNair side of the Joint Base in southwest Washington D.C., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. The courtroom is the site of the military tribunal, held from May through June 1865, of those thought responsible for the plot to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln. Members of the public are invited to the Public Open House, which is free to attend. Guests **without** a Department of Defense (DoD), Federal or AIE (Automated Installation Entry) ID are now required to register to attend. Please access the following link online to complete your registration:https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=287180&k=006945087357. Once you have completed your reservation, be sure to print a copy of your “Confirmation Page” to present to the gate guard on the day of the Public Open House. If your computer server does not allow you to access the registration site, please email your reservation to usarmy.jbmhh.asa.list.pao-all@mail.mil. Full names of all attendees are required, as well as a valid telephone or email contact.

**SAT 7, 1-2:30 P.M. YOGA NIDRA for the Self-Healing** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (eye) Street, SW. Pamela Wilson guides a very deep, conscious relaxation, including a focus self-healing. No experience in Yoga or meditation necessary. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information call 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon.net.

**SAT 7, 3 P.M. Mother’s Day cards & Craft.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us create cards & a craft for Mom’s special day. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SUN 8, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit.** Children ages 4-12 are invited to read aloud to a P.A.L. dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**MON 9, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.** Agenda at www.anc6d.org

**WED 11, 1:00 P.M.** Garden Party. Celebrate spring by tending the Southwest Library Garden. No gardening experience required. In case of rain, we will make aromatherapy pouches using herbs from the garden. Southwest Neighborhood Library.

**WED 11, 4:30 P.M. Create Club.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for arts & crafts activities for elementary and middle grades. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**FRI 13, 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen,** SW Office Hours. Starbucks inside Safeway, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW.

**SAT 14, 12 noon -7 P.M. First Annual Westminster Blues Festival FREE** (food can be purchased). Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (eye) Street, SW.

**SAT 14, 12 Noon, The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter #4751** will hold its May Spring Luncheon, **Part One at Tony and Joe’s Seafood Place** – 3000 K Street NW, at Washington Harbour, adjacent to the Potomac River with outdoor seating. A la Carte Menu- sandwiches, soups, salads, fish and chips, etc. Price Range \$8.-\$18 + tax and gratuity. Cash or Credit Cards. Lunch entrees \$14-\$26. Parking \$12 Flat Rate for the day at Washington Harbour Parking Garage, 3050 K Street NW, Between 30<sup>th</sup> St & Thomas Jefferson adjacent to the restaurant. Carpooling suggested. After lunch at Tony and Joe’s, if anyone is interested in what is showing, we could take in a movie at the Georgetown movie theater in the next block. For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

**SAT 14, 3:00 P.M.** LEGO Club. Children ages 4-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver.Southwest Neighborhood Library.

**WED 18, Noon, The Southwest Waterfront AARP**

Community Calendar

View our on-line calendar at [www.swdc.org/calendar](http://www.swdc.org/calendar).

Submit Calendar events to [calendar@thesouthwester.com](mailto:calendar@thesouthwester.com) by the 15th of the month preceding the month it is scheduled.

**Chapter #4751** will hold its May Spring Luncheon **Part Two at Sea Catch Restaurant** - 1054 31st Street NW, Georgetown, adjacent to the C&O Canal with some outdoor seating. A la Carte Menu: sandwiches, soups, salads, fish and chips, etc. Price Range \$15-\$19 + tax and gratuity. Cash only. Free 3 Hour Parking in the garage adjacent to the restaurant (tip for the valet). For further information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901.

**WED 18, 4:30 P.M.** LEGO Club. Children ages 4-12 are invited to design, create, and build structures with LEGO bricks. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver.Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, 202-724-4752.

**THURS 19, Clothing Swap** Get into spring cleaning! Bring at least two items of clean, gently used clothing or accessories to the Southwest Library and get free, new-to-you clothing in exchange. Un-exchanged items will be donated to the Goodwill of Greater Washington. Drop off clothes to Rebecca Tanen at the Information Desk.

**SAT 21, 3 P.M. Movie Madness.** Children & Families are invited to join us to watch a family-friendly film. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 21, 7 P.M. Faith and Film presents “Dear White People”, 7 o’clock-Pizza /7:30 Movie & Discussion.** Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**SUN 22, 3 P.M. GARDEN CLUB.** Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us for hands-on fun in the library’s outdoor garden. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**WED 25,4:30 P.M. Wii Club,** Children ages 6-12, are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**WED 25, 7 P.M. pArTy** - Please join us at the Southwest Library for an **Arty Party**. Art instructor Lisa Redisch will be teaching a surprise art project. Adults & teens welcome.

**THURS 26, 7 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D.** Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement, and other issues. SW Neighborhood Library. To be added to e-mail list for agenda & notifications contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mind-spring.com

**SAT 28, 3:00 P.M. Wii Club,** Children ages 6-12, are invited to join us to play Wii games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SAT 28, 1 P.M. Southwest Book Discussion.** Copies of this month’s selection, **“Going Clear” by Lawrence Wright** are available for checkout at the information desk. SW Neighborhood Library. .

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

**ADULT RECREATION, 10 A.M.-Noon, Saturdays, Ages 18 & up,** King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St. SW. 202-645-7454

**ADULT YOGA & TEEN, 6 P.M.** Mondays, **FREE. Mats available.** **Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center,** South Capitol & “ I” (eye) Sts SW.

**AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM, 4-5 P.M.** Monday-Friday, **Ages 6-14,** King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 202-645-7454.

**ARTS & CRAFTS, 5-6 P.M., Tuesdays, Ages 5-14** with Michelle Edmonds, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME 10:30 A.M., Mondays. Note: there is no story time on 5/30)** Join us for fun songs, finger plays, baby bounces and rhymes as we work together to develop early literacy skills. Designed for children. Ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

**BINGO for SENIORS, 1-3 P.M., Mondays and Thursdays,** ages 55 & up, Gary Williams, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M., Westminster Presbyterian Church.** Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5. Food for sale. 400 “I” (eye) Street SW, 202-484-7700.

**CHESS with Brett. 4:30-6:30 P.M. Mondays 3rd – 5th graders and Fridays, 6th – 12th graders.** Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center, South Capitol & “ I” (eye) Sts . email: randallrec@sashabruce.org

**CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A.M. St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church,** Fellowship Hall, downstairs, rear of **Christ United Methodist Church,** 900 4<sup>th</sup> St SW. Children ages 3 and older are invited to join our loving and lively Sunday School where they are introduced to a loving God who welcomes and cares for all.Through biblical stories, art, music and holy play, our children are nurtured in their natural spirituality to grow as the “littlest members” of a community of faith.

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, 9 -11 A.M. Every 3rd Saturday,** Rear entrance of Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I Sts SW, across from SW Library. \$5.00 donation.

**COMPUTER CLASSES, 10 A.M.-12 Noon,** Tuesdays, SW Neighborhood Library, 724-4752. May 3 - No Class May 10 -No Class May 17 - Internet Basics May 24 - DC Public Library Website May 31 - Introduction to Email

**COMPUTER TIME, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday. Open computer use.** Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**DANCE CLASS, 6-8 P.M., Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays,** Ages 14-19, Tiffany Keys. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**DIGITAL DROP-IN, 3:30-4:30 P.M., Tuesdays.** Southwest Neighborhood Library staff will be available to answer questions about your devices and give step-by-step instructions on how to download books, music and movies from the library’s website.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC, 1-4 P.M. Wednesdays,** Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 P.M. Tuesdays.** Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**DRAWING: BASIC 101, 6 P.M. Tuesdays P.M.** Ages 12-up. “For those who think they can’t draw, but can.” Supplies provided. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**FRENCH LANGUAGE 101, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday.** Self-paced online program. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**GAME NIGHT at RANDALL Community Center,** Mondays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Come and play Dominos, Checkers and Chess. Free for all ages. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 4298, 5:30-7 P.M., Wednesdays,** with Monica Evans. Ages K-12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL, 5:30-7 P.M., Tuesdays and 6-7 P.M. Wednesdays,** Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, Ages 8-15. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**HAND DANCING, 12:00-3:30 P.M., Saturdays** with Mr. Zeke. All ages welcome. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, 6-9 P.M., Fridays, Westminster Presbyterian Church.** Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale.

**KING GREENLEAF BOY BASKETBALL Season,** Ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10. And 11-12. Call to sign up. Contact Paul or Michael 202-645-7545. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, 6:30-7:30 P.M.,** every first and third Monday.Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St SW.

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS TURNING 20 THIS YEAR!!, 10:30 A.M.-Noon,** Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month. We are a friendly community toastmasters club, dedicated to helping our members develop public speak-

ing and leadership skills. Visitors are always welcome! For additional information, contact Vann-Di Galloway at (202)545-8155. Feel free to visit us to see our communications and leadership program at work. SW Neighborhood Library, Basement meeting Room.

**MACHINE Pitch, 5-6 P.M.,** Monday and Wednesday, Michael Wilson, Ages 7-8, King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT -Every Friday, 5:30-7 P.M.** hosted by Sasha Bruce Youthwork. Free open space for Spoken Word, Poetry, Music, Rap, and Monologues. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center. More information **Email: bford@sashabruce.org**

**PAJAMA STORY TIME, Thursdays, 6 P.M.** Join us for an evening story time where pajamas are encouraged but not required. These evening programs are designed to delight children of all ages. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Neighborhood Library.

**PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.,** Ages 18 & up. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.202-554-7945.

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, 10:30 A.M.,** Wednesdays. Join us for books, songs, rhymes, and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. An easy craft activity follows story time each week. Designed for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. SW Neighborhood Library.

**SALSA DANCING, 6 P.M. WEDNESDAYS - Steve Surina** will be leading classes in the exotic and fun dance of Salsa. Bring a partner or come alone, everyone gets to dance. Sasha Bruce at Randall Community Center.

**SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK** at Westminster Presbyterian, **MONDAY from 11:00 A.M. - 12 noon and WEDNESDAY from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster’s Wellness program.

**SENIOR CRAFTS, 6-7 P.M. ,** Tuesdays with Michelle Edmonds, Ages 55 & up.

**SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA,** group meeting, **7 P.M. Mondays,** Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**SPANISH LANGUAGE 101, 4-7 P.M., Monday-Friday.** Self-paced online program. **Sasha Bruce Youthwork** at Randall Community Center.

**SW FREEWAY, NA, 7-8 P.M.,** Narcotics Anonymous group, Wednesdays, **Westminster Presbyterian Church,** 400 “I” (Eye) Street SW.

**TEEN CLUB, 7-8 P.M, Every other Friday.** Ages 14-19. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**TEEN GAME NIGHT, including Wii, 7-8:15 P.M.,** Thursdays, Ages 13-18. SW Neighborhood Library.

**T-BALL, 5-6 P.M., Tuesday and Thursdays,** Paul Taylor, Ages 5-6. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**TINY ARCHITECTS, 12:30-2 P.M., Thursdays, Ages 3-5** experience the joy of building, creating and working with others guided by parents and volunteers. Building blocks and supplies provided. All children must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.

**WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR’S CLUB, 7-9 P.M.,** First and Third Wednesday each month.

Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments, auctions and programs. Christ United Methodist Church,

900 Fourth Street SW. 202-863-0564.

**YOGA FOR ADULTS AND TEENS, Tuesdays, 7-8 P.M.** Led by instructors from Yoga Activists, All levels, from beginning through advanced, are welcome. Mat provided - or bring your own. No Class on Tues May 24th or May 31th. SW Neighborhood Library.

**YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, 5:30-7 P.M., Thursdays,** Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, Ages 6-14. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**YOUNG MEN FUTURE LEADERS, 5-6 P.M., Wednesday,** Michael Wilson, Ages 6-12. King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

**ZUMBA, 6 P.M.** Tuesdays & Thursdays, **FREE, Sasha Bruce Youthwork at Randall Community Center.**

**ZUMBA, 7:30-8:30 P.M.** Mondays- Instructor Roshaunda Jenkins will lead this one-hour fitness and dance-workout –all fitness level welcome! This class is free and no registration is required. A fast paced, aerobic dance fitness program. SW Neighborhood Library.







## Rosenwald Documentary Inspires SW Community

The documentary *Rosenwald* was shown to an excited, full house on March 19 at WestminsterDC where Producer Aviva Kempner introduced the film and led a lively discussion. SW resident Vyllorya Evans and her friend, Doris A. Dearing Johnson, discussed their experiences at one of the 5,400 Rosenwald Schools. Doris attended Higson-Rosenwald in Aberdeen, Miss., where her mother, Ora Lee Bailey, was the principal. Vyllorya's mother, Mary Helen Evans, taught at the same school. Present in the audience was SW resident Thelma D. Jones, who attended the Greene County Training School-South Greene High School in Snow Hill, NC.

Interviewed in the film was SW resident Kinshasha Holman Conwill, who is deputy director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, discussed the Rosenwald Foundation Fellowship her father, M. Carl Holman, received.

*Rosenwald* is the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, who never finished high school, but rose to become the president of Sears. Influenced by the writings of educator Booker T. Washing-



(L to R): Doris A. Johnson, Vyllorya Evans, Aviva Kempner, Thelma D. Jones.

ton, the Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African-American communities during the Jim Crow South to build more than 5,400 schools during the early part of the 20th century.

Inspired by the Jewish ideals of *tzedakah* (charity) and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), and a deep concern over racial inequality in America, Julius Rosenwald used his wealth to become one of America's most effective philanthropists. Because of his modesty, Rosenwald's

philanthropy and social activism are not well known today. He gave away \$62 million in his lifetime.

Thank you to the Southwest community for supporting the monthly Faith and Film showing at Westminster, where our purpose is to be inspired by films to foster discussions from our varied spiritual perspectives, cultures, and faith journeys.

WestminsterDC's Faith & Film happens on the third Saturday of each month beginning with pizza and an introduction at 7 p.m. (reservations for pizza and donations accepted). The screening begins at 7:30 with captions as available for hearing impaired. Our next film is *Dear White People* on May 21. A social satire—being a black face in a white place—follows the stories of four black students at an Ivy League college where controversy breaks out over a popular but offensive black face party thrown by white students. With tongue planted firmly in cheek, the film explores racial identity in our acutely not-post racial America while weaving a universal story of forging one's unique path in the world.

## ARENA STAGE

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*Culture Shock* by the Key World Ensemble

*Now You See Me* by the Advocacy Ensemble

**Friday, May 20—7:30 p.m.**

*Equal Sign* by the Glasgow Middle School

Ensemble

*Prize Fight* by the South County Middle School Ensemble

*Book Mark* by the Wendt Center Ensemble

**Saturday, May 21—7:30 p.m.**

*Action Figure* by the Robinson Secondary School Ensemble

*Shelter* by the Mead Ensemble

*Chain Reaction* by the Mentor Ensemble

All performances take place in the Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle in the Mead Center, 1101 6th St. SW.

Tickets are free, though reservations are required through the Arena Stage Sales Office at 202-488-3300 or at <http://tickets.arenastage.org/single/>



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**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.

#### WEEKEND

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. Vigil

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

#### HOLYDAYS

5:00 p.m. Vigil

8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Monday—Friday:** 11:55 a.m.

**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** After the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND

#### HOLY HOUR

**Thursdays:** 4:45 p.m.

#### YOUNG ADULT GROUP

**Thursdays:** 7 p.m. — Adoration;

7:40 p.m. — Talk/Discussion

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CHANT MASS

**Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena**  
**Friday, April 29**

6:30 p.m. ~ Sacred Polyphony Music & Confessions

7:00 p.m. ~ Chant Mass

Homilist: Fr. Carleton Jones, O.P.

Veneration of a relic of Saint Catherine of Siena at the end of Mass. Followed by refreshments in the parish meeting room.

*The Mass will be mostly in English with some Latin.*

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

**Sunday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. Mass**

Cardinal Donald Wuerl,  
Archbishop of Washington, D.C.,  
Celebrant.

#### FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

**Sunday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.**

Fr. Athanasius Murphy, O.P.

Consider your Catholic wedding at St. Dominic Church. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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