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Old Town Kensington Street Festival **Celebrating the International Day of the Book**

Sunday, April 17th, 2011, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Come celebrate the International Day of the Book, with live music, author readings, open mike, activities for children and adults, storytellers, ...and books, books, books!

Over 100 local authors, book and paper artists, small press publishers, literary groups, booksellers, and community organizations will line Howard Avenue in Historic Old Town Kensington to show, sell, and discuss their works.

The Nighthawks are a featured band with special guest, mystery author *George Pelecanos*, reading with the band from his new novel 'The Cut.'

All activities are free, rain or shine. Come celebrate! For more information and to volunteer, please visit www.dayofthebook.com, call 301-949-9416, or e-mail kensingtonbookfestival@gmail.com.

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Helping as Many People as Possible:
The Wheaton-Kensington Rotary Club

Did your third grader come home with his or her very own dictionary to use and to keep? Did you notice that a stretch of Rock Creek is free of trash? Did you hear that the number of new polio cases worldwide is now well under 2,000 each year, when twenty years ago that number was over 200,000?

Wheaton-Kensington Rotary Club members are energetic and active participants in these and other local and international efforts to improve our community. They contribute their labor and raise funds with the mission to help as many people as possible.

For some ten years now, Maryland Rotary clubs are giving free dictionaries to third graders across the State. The goal of the **Dictionary Project** is to give every third grader in the state a dictionary — a learning tool that children can put to use.

Kensington Parkwood, Oakland Terrace, and Rockview are among 12 elementary schools in lower Montgomery County that our local Wheaton-Kensington Rotary Club reached last year.

Rotarian Jim Morris finds the classroom visits rewarding. He helps the children discover how they can use the dictionary to learn lost of interesting things. For some children the dictionary is the first book they own. Their enthusiasm is energizing.

After visiting five classrooms in one school, Morris was on his way to leave, when a boy eyed him intently in the hallway. Suddenly recognizing him he said: "You're the man who gave me my dictionary two years ago! Thanks—I still use it!"



Each spring the club members are energetic participants in the annual "**Rock Creek Clean-Up**" with the help of scouts, family members and other volunteers. Last year's haul from a half-mile stretch included 24 tires, a refrigerator, foam mattresses and an enormous screen door. (For how to volunteer, see the calendar item elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Each year an area house is selected for the **Rotary Home Repair Project**. The Rotarians raise the funds and do the work, from painting, clearing trash and yard work, to laying carpet and repairing a leaky roof. Among the recipients are a widow with 6 children, a home for boys with disabilities, and halfway houses of the Washington Boys and Girls Club.

"Here we are in Montgomery County, one of the wealthiest counties, and we have people who are desperately house poor and can't keep up with maintenance," says Jon van Winkle, Rotary member for over forty years.

The next "Rotary Home Repair Project" is scheduled for the last weekend in April. Volunteers welcome! Says Jim Morris, "We don't dawdle; we believe in getting things done!"



Itsy Bitsy Bakery
10419 Armory Avenue, Kensington

The Itsy Bitsy Bakery opened for business in September on Armory Avenue in Kensington next to Café 1894. Small and bright, the bakery gleams with the care Maria Forline brings to her baking and her shop. She and her mother both love to bake. They co-own the bakery.

Open the door and you are almost in the kitchen. Pastries, cupcakes, cookies, scones, and other treats are made right there from scratch every day, always fresh. The selection and flavors vary with the season. Local and organic ingredients are used whenever possible. Vegan and gluten-free cupcakes are available Saturdays and by special order. Mayorga coffee is served. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday to Saturday. For more information please visit: www.itsybitsybakeryandcatering.com.

Phone: 240-558-3388, E-mail: maria@itsybitsybakery.com

*2011 Marks the 150th Anniversary
of the Start of the Civil War*

The **next Kensington Historical Meeting** will be Tuesday, April 26 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Kensington. We will meet at 7 p.m. for refreshments in Heavener Hall at Mitchell St. and Fawcett. Our business meeting will begin at 7:30 followed by our program. KHS is proud to present Matthew Dodd, who will take listeners back in time to the Civil War period using songs and stories (humorous and poignant). Mr. Dodd's web site is www.songsandstories.homestead.com

Rotary continued...

Further local efforts include funding a scholarship to Montgomery College; holiday presents of ponchos, scarves, gloves, toothpaste, and other essentials for the Carroll House shelter; bell ringing for the Salvation Army; and participating in school career days.

The Wheaton-Kensington Rotary Club was founded in the summer of 1960. Meetings take place on Tuesdays at noon at Cafe 1894. Founding member Jack Green continues to be active and helps to keep the focus on helping as many as possible. The Wheaton-Kensington club is proud to contribute to Rotary's international initiatives, which include 1,100 scholarships for college students to study around the world, disaster relief, digging wells, and collecting medical supplies.

Polio Plus, the initiative to eradicate polio worldwide, was created by Dr. John Sevier of the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club in 1990. At the time, there were still 200,000 cases of polio worldwide and large numbers of new cases reported every day. Over 20 years one million Rotarians contributed \$2 billion—now the number of cases reported in a year is fewer than 2,000.

Medical teams go to remote areas in the three countries where polio still occurs – Nigeria, India, and Afghanistan. Because Rotary is nonpolitical, its teams have been allowed access even in situations where there is civil war.

To volunteer or join please contact Jon van Winkle, 301-933-0833 or Jim Morris, 301-538-9162.

With thanks to Jon van Winkle and Jim Morris.

Kensington Stories

A new, updated edition of the popular *Kensington Stories* booklet is now available! First published in 1995, the booklet features Kensington history, community resources, and charming illustrations by local artists.

If you would like to receive a copy simply:

- Call or email The Ditto Group office and you will be mailed a copy (301-215-6834, gd@thedittogroup.com)
- Visit the Kensington Row Bookshop at 3786 Howard Avenue, where copies are available. (www.kensingtonrowbookshop.com)
- Visit any of The Ditto Group's Kensington Open Houses, which are posted on the Current Listings page at www.thedittogroup.com



The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase
36th Annual Community

ART SHOW & SALE

April 1 – 3, 2011

A benefit for the WCCC Art Scholarship Fund

Over 100 Artists will exhibit works in oil, watercolor, pastels, acrylics, photography, and more. at 7931 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase.

Free admission and free parking.

Show Hours: Friday 2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

Champagne Reception:

Friday 8 – 10 p.m. (donation \$6)

Refreshments Sunday 2 p.m.

Spring Yard Sale

Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men

At St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 10401 Armory Avenue, Kensington. Donations of sellable items are welcome. (No computer or exercise equipment or heavy upholstered furniture please!) Please visit www.stpaulsk.org, phone: 301-933-7933, or e-mail: stpaulsunited@verizon.org.

MOMS Club Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2011 March, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Capital View Homewood Park recreation building.

John Henry England, will perform for the kids!

Bring your children in their favorite pajamas for a pajama dance party with John Henry. Please bring new pajamas to fit elementary school age children for the Sprout Pajama Program. The pajamas will be donated to Kensington/Wheaton Youth Services. RSVP to cckmomsclub@yahoo.com and include the age of your children.

Prospective members are welcome! The club is for those who are zoned to attend Oakland Terrace, Rock Creek Forest, Rock View, Rosemary Hills/Chevy Chase, Rosemary Hills/N Chevy Chase, or Viers Mill Elementary School.

Rock Creek Clean-Up: April 9, 9 a.m. - noon.

More people can get more done. Join the local Rotary club and pitch in! To volunteer call Jim Morris at 301-538-9162.

Community Spring Fling & Flea Market

Saturday May 14, 2011, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kensington Baptist Church, 10100 Connecticut Ave.

You are invited to the annual Spring Fling and Flea Market. There will be a moon bounce, face painting, police and fire department displays, ESL information, blood pressure check, pet adoptions, and live entertainment throughout the day. A pirate magic show is featured from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Enjoy the homemade bake sale or lunch cooked and sold by local boy scouts. Flea Market spaces are available for \$15 each (no tables provided) Please call Di George at 310-984-8332, or 443-621-4378



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- Our Monthly Sold Reports, sent via e-mail
- Our weekly "Open House" e-mail

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www.thedittogroup.com.

For dates and news of more events, be sure to visit the *Community Activities Calendar* on the web site:

www.thedittogroup.com

K Town Bistro

3784 Howard Avenue

K Town Bistro serves international cuisine in the heart of Historic Kensington. Owner, Gonzalo Barba, has over 40 years of restaurant experience with twenty of those years at the Watergate Hotel. The chefs of K Town Bistro formerly worked in the Old Angler's Inn in Potomac and The Vyne Bistro in Rockville. Together, they create a wonderful place for fine dining with a stay-at-home feel.

Open for lunch Tuesday to Sunday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and for dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Phone: 301-933-1211 Web site: www.ktownbistro.com

Gary and Diana Ditto's Newsletter welcomes ideas and news items from community members. The editor is Antoinette Kranenburg of Kensington, assisted by Cherry Wunderlich.



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The Ditto Group Real Estate Activity



8507 Halston Way
Bethesda/Glenbrook Village
List Price - \$1,099,000



Under Contract

11104 Kenilworth Avenue
Kensington/Garrett Park
List Price - \$1,000,000



Under Contract

4013 Cleveland Street
Kensington/Chevy Chase View
List Price - \$895,000



9847 Campbell Drive
Kensington/Rock Creek Hills
List Price - \$624,500



Under Contract

10007 Connecticut Avenue
Kensington/Chevy Chase View
List Price - \$619,000



9816 Capitol View Avenue
Silver Spring/Capitol View Park
List Price - \$529,000



Under Contract

11301 Soward Drive
Kensington/Kensington Knolls
List Price - \$519,000



Under Contract

10123 Cedar Lane
Kensington/Chevy Chase View
"As-Is" - \$540,000



Under Contract

5020 Druid Drive
Kensington/Garrett Park Est.
List Price - \$475,000



11011 Harriet Lane
Kensington/N. Kensington
List Price - \$439,000



20 Logan Circle LL-2, NW
Washington DC
List Price - \$399,900



Under Contract

612 Edmonston Drive
Rockville/Burgundy Estates
List Price - \$359,000



11318 Newport Mill Road
Silver Spring/Hammond Woods
List Price - \$329,000



3213 University Blvd., T-1
Kensington/Montgomery Century
List Price - \$172,000



9806 Campbell Drive
Kensington/Rock Creek Hills
For Rent - \$3,200/month

Recent Sales by The Ditto Group

9703 Stoneybrook Drive.....	Kensington/Rock Creek Hills.....	January 28, 2011.....	\$705,000
9820 LaDuke Drive.....	Kensington/Rock Creek Hills.....	February 15, 2011.....	\$669,000
2 Campbell Court.....	Kensington/Rock Creek Hills.....	January 13, 2011.....	\$619,000
10111 Meadowneck Court.....	Silver Spring/Capitol View Park.....	February 22, 2011.....	\$615,000
10238 Parkwood Drive.....	Kensington/Parkwood.....	January 7, 2011.....	\$610,000
9799 W. Bexhill Drive.....	Kensington/Rock Creek Hills.....	March 1, 2011.....	\$600,000
3213 Edgewood Road.....	Kensington/Homewood.....	February 23, 2011.....	\$460,000
10152 Crestwood Road.....	Kensington/Parkwood.....	February 10, 2011.....	\$400,000
10238 Parkwood Drive.....	Kensington/Parkwood.....	Rented March, 2011.....	\$2,400/mo



Correction: The house pictured in our 2010 Annual Sold Report for 11222 Orleans Way was pictured incorrectly.

11222 Orleans Way
Kensington/White Flint Pk
Sold - June 9, 2010 \$ 645,000