

LITTLE FALLS VILLAGE ZOOM SPEAKER EVENTS

A Partnership between LFV & Little Falls Library (MCPL)

Mid-MAY through JULY 2021

Speaker Events: 1:00 to 2:30 pm, unless otherwise indicated

Recommended log in time: 12:45 pm

SPEAKER EVENTS ARE FREE & OPEN TO ALL

Register by clicking on the event registration link

ZOOM LOGIN INFO WILL BE SENT TO ALL REGISTRANTS

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE 2 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT

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MAY SPEAKERS



THURSDAY MAY 13 "*The Golden Age of Music, Part II*" Join Pianist/Singer/Sheet Music Expert **Michael Lavine** as he takes you on another tour of Tin Pan Alley, from its humble beginnings in the Lower East Side and moving on to Broadway and Movie Musicals. Michael is back with more songs you love. He will be joined by Broadway and cabaret performers, as he presents many of the world's most beloved songs of the 1920's and 1930's. Feel free to sing along. Michael Lavine has worked as a musical director, pianist, vocal coach, and singer all over the world. He's worked with composers as varied as Stephen Schwartz, Stephen Sondheim, and Burton Lane, and Comden and Green. He's put out many

CDs and will be releasing some new ones in conjunction with this concert. A graduate of Columbia University, Michael owns one of the larger privately-held collections of sheet music in the world. You can read more on Michael on his site, www.michaellavine.net

This event will not be recorded.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Music2

WEDNESDAY MAY 26 "*Biden's Foreign Policy in the Middle East and North Africa, Recipes for Success or Failure?*" **Jean AbiNader** will review the initial steps taken by the Biden Foreign Policy team to reshape US policy towards the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region including countering Iran and terrorism, bolstering allies, promoting human rights, and re-establishing humanitarian and economic assistance programs. He will also review Congressional responses and initiatives and how they impact Biden's agenda. AbiNader will identify how these policies serve US interests and contribute to regional stability, security, and development, and the challenges and opportunities in the upcoming year

Jean AbiNader consults on strategic communications and organizational change for both international and US clients; has led a graduate-level seminar at Georgetown University; lectured at American University on international development and challenges in intercultural negotiations; and leads a seminar on effective negotiations at Al-Akhawayn University in Morocco. More information on Jean AbiNader can be found on his blog: www.atfl.org and his website: www.abinaderadvisoryservices.com.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/MiddleEast



JUNE SPEAKERS



THURSDAY JUNE 10 "Your Retirement Dream: How Planning Can Make It Come True" with **Harriet Edleson**, author and journalist. Retirement! Have you imagined you'd be lounging on a beach in the south of France or Bethany Beach? Riding a luxury train through the White Towns of Southern Spain? Cruising the Danube on a luxury riverboat? Or, taking courses with others like yourself? Serving on a nonprofit board? Buying a vacation home in the mountains? Spending more time with the ones you love? Relocating to be near your grandchildren?

Whether you are already retired or thinking of retiring in the next five or 10 years, planning will make the journey more enjoyable and secure! What do you want to do? Think about all the resources you have or will have at a time when you may no longer be working. Will you have a pension or will you be relying on Social Security and savings? Whatever your situation, the best way forward is knowledge. Learn about the optimal time for claiming your Social Security retirement benefits and how to decide whether downsizing is for you since housing can be the largest expense in retirement.

Harriet Edleson is an expert on baby boomer retirement strategies. She has written the Retiring feature for The New York Times and the Where We Live feature for The Washington Post. A former writer/editor/producer for AARP where she specialized in Social Security, she now writes for Kiplinger's Retirement Report. Her forthcoming book, *12 Ways to Retire on Less: Planning an Affordable Future* is to be published in May 2021 by Rowman & Littlefield next year.

Visit her website at <https://www.howtoretireonless.com>.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/RetireOnLess

THURSDAY JUNE 17, 1:00-2:00 pm. "The World Awaits Your Visit, Reserve Now: Navigating Post-COVID Travel." **Benita Lubic**, President of Transeair Travel, will talk about the present status of travel, where can Americans travel now, restrictions, and the COVID Passport. The current state of the world has made us more aware of the way we travel, and the destinations we visit. She will discuss the current state of air travel, cruises plus review health and safety travel procedures, policies, and regulations. You'll also learn best practices for being a safer (and smarter!) traveler so you are prepared when you can travel again.

Benita is now celebrating her 62nd year owning a travel business, having traveled to about 140 countries. She arranges group and sales incentive travel, personalized individual trips, and escorted tours, including many cruises, worldwide. Among her trip highlights are over 25 tours to Cuba for religious groups, humanitarian, beekeepers, baseball, chess enthusiasts, and the Washington Ballet; visits to Bhutan, Japan, China, Thailand (most of Asia), South Africa, East Africa, Morocco, Israel, Egypt, most of South America, the South Pacific plus the US. It has been a stimulating and challenging career. Benita's clients have many different interests and specialties --- this keeps the work fascinating. The business has changed dramatically over the years. From paper tickets in 1959 to the internet and e-mails, solutions to many problems are now readily available.

Benita has lived in Washington for 75 years mostly in Chevy Chase, DC., and is a Woodrow Wilson and University of Wisconsin graduate.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Travel



WEDNESDAY JUNE 23 "The Current State of U.S. Russian Relations" with author and journalist **Gregory Feifer**. Nearly every 24-hour news cycle contains a news item related to Russia. Gregory will offer insights that may help us in understanding the rationale behind the current chaos in the world order.

A former NPR Moscow correspondent who reported from Russia for almost a decade, **Gregory Feifer** witnessed the coup d'état attempt against Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991. During the country's resurgence under Vladimir Putin, he observed the effects of its vast new oil wealth on an increasingly nationalistic society, as well as, Moscow's rekindling of a new Cold War-style opposition to the West. As a senior correspondent at Radio Free Europe in Prague, Feifer investigated Russian

influence in Europe, including the Kremlin's use of Gazprom, the Russian gas monopoly, as an instrument of foreign policy.

Before joining NPR in 2005, **Gregory Feifer** lived in Paris and New York and has written for numerous outlets, including *The New Republic*, *The Washington Post*, and *World Policy Journal*. Feifer has also authored several books including *The Great Gamble* and *Russians: The Power Behind the People*. He serves as executive director

of the Institute of Current World Affairs, which awards fellowships to young men and women allowing them to travel outside of the US and gain an in-depth understanding of chosen topic areas.

This event is brought to you by the Council of Former Federal Executives & Associates (COFFE).

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Russia

JULY SPEAKERS

WEDNESDAY JULY 7 "The Beauty and Science of the Magnolia Family" with **Edward M. Barrows**, Professor of Biology, Georgetown University.

Washington's Cherry blossoms are in the limelight each year, while Magnolias, equally spectacular flowering trees, are somewhat in the shadows. This presentation aims to tell you more about Magnolias – their evolution, diversity, and flowers – and hear what you have to say about them. This presentation features many colorful, original photos of Magnolia specimens in the Washington, D.C. Area Ecosystem (WDCAE) which includes DC and four surrounding counties, especially Georgetown University and the U.S. National Arboretum. About four of the approximately 224 world Magnolia species are native to the WDCAE and approximately 10 non-native species and 100 of their hybrids and cultivars can be found within this Ecosystem's gardens, parks, and yards. Bring your Magnolia comments and questions and ride the Magnolia Magic Carpet with me.

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/Magnolia

THURSDAY JULY 8 "Exploring the Whole-of-Government Approach to Climate Change" with **Joe Bonfiglio**, President Biden's announcement during the first week of his young Presidency that he would marshal the entire federal government to combat climate change head-on took many by surprise. But in the earliest months of the Biden Administration, we are starting to see this directive in action. The EPA and the State Department have ramped up their engagement, as expected, but we're also seeing plans emerge from the Department of Transportation, a reinvigorated CEQ, and a robust staff of experts driving the agenda in the White House itself. Roughly, six months in, we'll look at how these efforts are going, explore ways in which Capitol Hill is being helpful (or not), and take stock of the politics of climate change.

Joe Bonfiglio is President of EDF Action, a leading advocacy and political nonprofit, focused on driving climate progress in the U.S.

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Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/ClimateChange

WEDNESDAY JULY 28 "Advanced Care Planning Workshop" with **Mary Ann Buckley, LCSW-C, C-ASWCM**, Executive Director of Care Management, Corewood Care. Your wishes matter – make them yours and make them known. *Five Wishes* is changing the way we talk about advance care planning. It is more than just a document. *Five Wishes* is a complete approach to discussing & documenting your healthcare & life choices. It is connecting families, communicating with healthcare providers, and showing your community what it means to care for one another. The workshop will also discuss MOLST and Living Wills. Join our free & interactive virtual workshop to learn more!

Registration Link: www.littlefallsvillage.org/CarePlanning



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