

Annual Meeting, Election, & Tour

Join Peerless Rockville on Tuesday, June 15 at 7 pm at St. Mary's School for our annual business meeting and election (see page 2 for the Nominating Committee Report). Following the meeting and election, members and the public are invited to take a guided tour of historic St. Mary's Chapel and visit the grave sites of noted writers Zella and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Both the meeting and tour are free but reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Peerless at info@peerlessrockville.org or call 301-762-0096.



Completed in December 1817, St. Mary's Chapel is the oldest church building in Rockville. It was designated a Rockville historic district in 1974 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Peerless members and the public are welcome to tour the building as part of Peerless' annual meeting and election on June 15.

Upcoming Events

Montrose School Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, June 5 from 9-11 am
Montrose School, 5721 Randolph Road
Bring work gloves, clippers, rakes, and lots of energy to help trim shrubbery, pull weeds, remove leaves and trash, and paint.

Heritage Day: Women Who Dared Walking Tour

Sunday, June 27 at 2 pm
Meet in front of the Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square
Free; no reservations required
Discover the historic places and sites associated with women who dared to make a difference. This tour highlights women such as Ann Maria Weems, a teenage slave who escaped to freedom; Frieda Fromm-Reichmann, an internationally renowned psychiatrist; and Vivian V. Simpson, Maryland's first woman Secretary of State.

Bethesda Big Train and Rockville Express Baseball Game

Saturday, July 10; gates open at 6 pm, game at 7:30 pm
Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda
Tickets: \$25/person; includes picnic
Enjoy a ball game between Bethesda Big Train and Rockville Express while supporting Peerless Rockville. Bethesda Big Train has made Peerless the "Nonprofit of the Night" and tickets sold will benefit the organization. Peerless will also host a demonstration of an 1860s Base Ball game. Gates open at 6 pm; picnic starts at 6:25 pm; and ceremonial first pitch by Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio at 7:20 pm. For tickets, contact Peerless at info@peerlessrockville.org or call 301-762-0096.



Hall of fame pitcher Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators, circa 1920.

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News & Notes

May is Historic Preservation Month: Peerless joins the City of Rockville and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in celebrating Historic Preservation Month during May. On May 10, the Mayor and Council presented a proclamation to Peerless honoring this year's preservation theme, "Old is the New Green." The proclamation also acknowledged the importance of preservation in maintaining Rockville's historic character and architectural heritage.

Repairs to Red Brick Courthouse: Beginning in late May, Peerless will temporarily relocate its offices across the hallway of the Red Brick Courthouse while structural repairs are undertaken in several areas of the building. Repairs are expected to take approximately six months and researchers are advised to contact the Peerless office to schedule appointments in advance for use of the research files and collections.

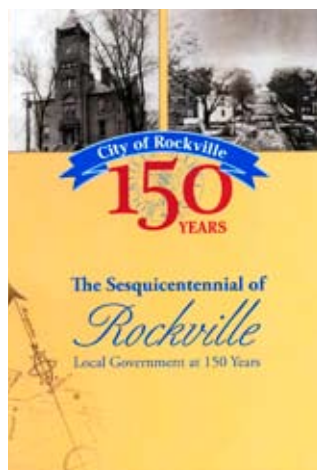


Baptist Cemetery Fence: In April, the Frederick Fence Company, Frederick, Maryland repaired damages to the fence at historic Baptist Cemetery. The repairs were necessary after a car collided into the

fence earlier this year. Fortunately, none of the gravestones was damaged.

Peerless Preservation Awards: Awards for historic preservation will be presented on Thursday, October 14 to honor homeowners, organizations, institutions, and individuals who have contributed to Rockville's historic heritage and/or architectural character. Nominations are due September 1; self-nominations are welcome. For more information, visit PeerlessRockville.org or call 301-762-0096.

New Booklet for Sale at Peerless: "The Sesquicentennial of Rockville, Local Government at 150 Years" by Eileen McGuckian highlights important milestones in Rockville's history, such as the incorporation as a City in 1860, the 1960 Centennial, and Rockville today. On sale now. \$10 Peerless members; \$12 non-members, plus tax.



Report of the 2010 Peerless Rockville Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, chaired by past president Bob Wright, recommends the following persons for service on the Board of Directors. Additional, written nominations may be filed with the secretary any time through June 15.

For election to new two-year term as Officers, July 2010-June 2012: **President:** Richard Stoner, 26-year resident of Glenora Hills; owner of Reist Corporation Real Estate Brokerage, and consultant for commercial real estate information systems including CIE360 at MRIS; Dick also restores, manages, and maintains historic buildings in Montgomery, Frederick, and Washington Counties, MD; Dick and his brother John manage their family's beef cattle farm near Sharpsburg, MD; Board member since 2002; vice president 2006-10. **Vice President:** Erik Ledbetter, Founder, Heritage Management Solutions and Executive Director, Visitor Studies Association; extensive experience in museums and public history; served on several nonprofit boards; interested in historic preservation and livable communities; Board member since 2008. **Treasurer:** Jane Hoddinott, a self-employed accountant; served on several nonprofit boards; interested in historic preservation and historic houses.

To fill one vacancy on the Board of Directors, term to expire June 30, 2011: Michele Tournay, archivist and historian; interested in issues of collections management, archives and museum professionalism, and educational outreach.

To fill four vacancies on the Board of Directors, terms to expire June 30, 2012: John Hall, Jr., a senior executive at NASA; experience with Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Peerless Rockville; served two terms on Rockville City Council; lives in Hungerford; Patrice Lucid, product support specialist for CCH, A Wolters Kluwer business; Peerless member since 1994; interested in history and historic buildings with stained glass windows; Mary Lynn Scott, retired as Head of Contracting from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 2008 after 36 years of Federal service and currently a Senior Consultant with Logistics Management Institute; resident of the West End since 1975; served on the City of Rockville Traffic and Transportation Commission; Board member since 2008; and Nancee Simonson, a business/financial journalist with experience in educational programs, nonprofit board service, and instructional technology; lives in Town Center; Board member since 2007.

Remaining on the Board, with terms ending in June 2011 are Patricia Neame, Stephen Morris, and Bethany Portner.

Retiring from the Board are Joan Zenzen, John Beins, Daniel Lavoie, and Pat Rodgers.



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