



## Elegant Mediterranean Revival Home on Connecticut Avenue is the Site of Spring Gala

On Sunday, April 26 the Chevy Chase Historical Society held its annual Spring Gala at 5810 Connecticut Avenue, the home of Dean and Tracey D'Angelo. In their extensive renovation of 2010-11, the D'Angelos took special care to restore the form and detail of the original 1920s design.

Originally purchased by Edward J. Stellwagen, Vice President of the Chevy Chase Land Company and President of Union Trust, the land upon which 5810 Connecticut Avenue would be built ("Block 27, Lot 9") passed through several owners before it was purchased by J. Edward and Annette Chapman on April 7, 1922. The owner of Chapman Coal Company, Edward Chapman was one of the District's most successful businessmen and a colorful figure in Washington society. Construction of the elegant Mediterranean Revival style home was delayed until sometime between 1925 and 1928, despite news reports that the house was to be built "at once". Several revisions to the plat map were made to accommodate the construction of the Chevy Chase Club to the north.

Subsequent owners include George & Sarah Goodacre, Carl & Edith Goodacre Dilli, Robert & Helen Toomey, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Yankel & Pamela Ginzburg. Charles Goodacre owned more than ten restaurants in the area, including the well-known Coffee Pot. He also raced trotter horses and was a dog breeder,

serving at one point as president of the Washington Beagle Club. His daughter Edith continued to live in the home with her husband Carl Dilli until she sold it to the Toomeys in 1961. Robert Toomey was a prominent real estate investor in Washington; his wife Helen was one of the first women admitted to Georgetown University Law School.

Under the ownership of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from 1968-1985, 5810 Connecticut Avenue was the official home of six Jordanian ambassadors to the United States over the span of seventeen years. When Yankel and Pamela Ginzburg moved in to 5810 Connecticut Avenue in 1985 with their one-year old son Aviel, Yankel was already an internationally-known artist and humanitarian. After the August 1991 revolution in the Soviet Union, the Ginzburgs helped organize shipments of food and supplies to the Russian people. Guests to their home included world-famous violist Isaac Stern and basketball legend Michael Jordan. In the summer of 2010, Dean and Tracey D'Angelo purchased the house from the Ginzburgs.

The Society thanks the D'Angelos for opening their lovely home to CCHS for the Gala celebration, and congratulates our Gala chairs Michelle Brady and Debbie Glynn, along with their dedicated committee for organizing an elegant and memorable spring soiree. (Additional Gala coverage on pages 4 - 7).



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The Chevy Chase Historical Society collects, records, interprets, and shares materials relating to the history of Chevy Chase, Maryland, one of America's first streetcar suburbs. The organization provides resources for historical research and sponsors a variety of programs and activities to foster knowledge and appreciation of the community's history.

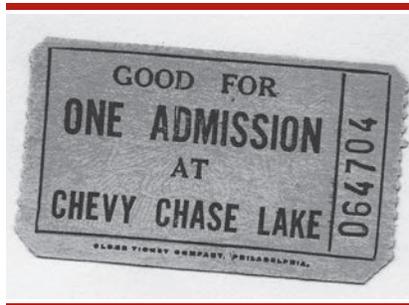
## Recent Acquisitions

*"Recent Acquisitions" is a regular feature in the Newsletter, describing documents and other items acquired for the Society's Archive and Research Center*

Here are two of the interesting items that have recently been accessioned or received:

- A ticket to Chevy Chase Lake, donated by Marilyn Sutherland. The ticket was found in her mother's scrapbook. Mary McQueen Barrow (1911-1996) grew up on Chesapeake Street in DC. The admission ticket must have been used for a dance or some special concert in the 1920s. In any case, there is nothing like this in the collection of materials related to Chevy Chase Lake Amusement Park. CCHS 2015.02.02.
- Julie Thomas recently donated a number of interesting items to the CCHS Archive and Research Center, ranging from rare and interesting postcards to B-CC High School prom photographs and much more. The Center is in the process of accessioning these items, in particular, a postcard showing two Chevy Chase baseball players in 1913, a photograph taken by Frederick A. Schultz, 1238 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The text in white at the bottom of the card reads: "Sabin - Dawson, Battery, Chevy Chase Baseball Team, 1913." Does anyone know these batters?

Donations of materials related to the history of Chevy Chase are always welcomed. Particular photos or other items can be searched on our online database by going to the website at [www.chevychasehistory.org](http://www.chevychasehistory.org) and clicking on "Search Collection". For more information about the Collection Policy, click on "The Collection" and then click on "Collection Policy". Or, simply send an email to [chevychasehistory@msn.com](mailto:chevychasehistory@msn.com).



**Admission ticket**



**Chevy Chase baseball players**

## Save the Date!

*Sunday, June 7<sup>TH</sup> at 4:30 pm*

*Architectural Scavenger Hunt – for our younger audience and the young at heart. Please join us at the Chevy Chase Village Hall (5906 Connecticut Avenue). We will give you a map with clues, then you will set off to hunt for interesting and historic architectural elements and neighborhood features.*

## Peirce Mill Tour and Picnic on Perfect Spring Day

CCHS concluded its 2014-2015 programs on April 11 by marking the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rock Creek Park with a History-Go-Round tour of Peirce Mill. A sell-out crowd of 32 people enjoyed learning the history of the mill, the lone survivor of eight mills that once dotted the banks of Rock Creek. The tour was led by Steve Dryden, writer, preservationist, and Program Director of the Friends of Peirce Mill. Dryden also presented the CCHS spring lecture on March 22 at the Village Hall, relating the story of the Peirce family and the many businesses they established along Rock Creek. Their estate of some two thousand acres stretched from Tilden Street almost to the Maryland border. In addition to the mill, the entrepreneurial family's business included a distillery, saw mill, spring house, and nursery.



**Steve Dryden leads Peirce Mill tour**

Guests were delighted to see—and hear and smell—the mill's gears and waterwheel in action, grinding corn into meal just as it did in the 1820s. The mill is one of the few remaining buildings that testify to Washington's agrarian past. It is also an early example of renewable energy and American technological achievement.

Following the tour, attendees enjoyed a picnic lunch along the banks of Rock Creek, reveling in the warmth of the spring sunshine and the daffodils and wildflowers surrounding the mill.



**Picnic lunch on the banks of Rock Creek**



**Maggie Adelfio honored**



**Wendy Adams honored**

## Annual Meeting Honors Retiring Directors and Elects Board Members

At the CCHS Annual Meeting on March 22, retiring directors Maggie Adelfio and Wendy Adams each received the Society's Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of their many years of service on the Board of Directors. Maggie Adelfio was elected Treasurer in 1987, and served on the Board for 28 years. Wendy Adams joined the Board as liaison from Historic Chevy Chase DC in 1993, and became Editor of the Newsletter in 2000. The Lifetime Achievement Award, which has only been given twice before in the thirty-four year history of CCHS, was presented by President Angela Lancaster. The Board and the members of CCHS are deeply indebted to Adelfio and Adams for their dedicated service and extraordinary contributions to the success and growth of CCHS over the years. They will be sorely missed.

Other business at the Annual Meeting included the election of five officers and four at-large directors to the CCHS Board of Directors, each for a three year term. The newly elected officers are: Angela Lancaster, President; Susan Bollendorf, Vice President; Kirsten Williams, Recording Secretary; Helene Sacks, Corresponding Secretary and Carolyn Greis, Treasurer.

The at-large directors elected are: Julie Cannistra, Catherine Cecere, John Higgins and Mary Sheehan. CCHS welcomes Cannistra and Cecere to their new positions on the Board, and thanks returning directors Higgins and Sheehan, and the five returning officers for their continuing service.



**Mary Sheehan, Julie Cannistra, Catherine Cecere, John Higgins**



**Welcome! Carol Coffin, Angela Lancaster, Mary Sheehan, Susan Bollendorf, Debbie Glynn, Natasha Saifee, Michelle Brady**



**Hosts Dean and Tracey D'Angelo**

## **A Picture Perfect Evening For Society's Spring Gala**

**M**other Nature delivered sunny skies and a clear evening for the CCHS 2015 champagne supper on Sunday, April 26. Hosts Dean and Tracey D'Angelo received members and guests in their elegant home at 5810 Connecticut Avenue. Everyone enjoyed drinks, dinner and sparkling conversation inside the spacious rooms and outside on the stone patio with its pergola and gardens. The lovely yellow flower arrangements were provided by President Angela Lancaster and pianist Marshall White added musical entertainment. Once again, Alain Roussel and his fine staff at La Ferme Restaurant kept glasses full and served a delicious buffet dinner to over 150 guests. Director of the Archive and Research Center, Gail Sansbury and Treasurer, Carolyn Greis, created an exhibit on the house history, which was carefully researched by Bob Andrews. Director Jean Sperling wrote a brochure of the house history for the guests. Photographer Bill Mills took many wonderful pictures during the event. In addition to thanking the D'Angelos and our Gala organizers, the Society is grateful to our "Sponsors and Friends" (see acknowledgement on page 7) and to all who contributed to the popular annual fundraiser.

*Photos by Bill Mills*

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**Ed Sorensen, Giulia and Maggie Adelfio**



**Society members and friends arrive in fine form, with hats!**



**Jean Sperling and Bill Catherwood have arrived**



**Gala Co-Chairs Debbie Glynn and Michelle Brady**



**Fascinators and feathers from Wendy Adams, Alex Weiner and Catherine Cecere**



**Alain Roussel presides over the delicious buffet**



**Rebekah Holman and Nisha Gopal enjoy the patio**



**Brandon Fried, Beth Lyle-Durham, Jim Durham, Kim Fried**



**John Higgins greets guests**



**Nancy Bekavac and Katy Farr converse on the portico**



**Michelle Wolf, Loi Thai and Tom Troeschel enjoy the evening**



**A toast to gala photographer Bill Mills and Lance Hoffman**



**Nancy Caffey peruses the Gala brochure**



**Donna Jacobs, Michelle Wolf, Gary Jacobs and Catherine Cecere**



**Henry and Suzanne Gwiazda with John and Eileen Murtagh**



**Kate Perry, Jharry Breed and Marion Ballard lean in**



**Natasha and Salim Saifee, Renata and Spence Patterson**



**Gala exhibit creators Gail Sansbury and Carolyn Greis**



**Guests enjoy the sumptuous buffet**



**Kathy Legg and Rajib Chanda read about the house history**



**Raffle winners! Jonathan Lyons and Frank Snodgrass with Tony Marra looking on**



**Michelle Brady greets guests Tom and Kate Carr**



**Bill Kirby, Angela Lancaster, Henry Gwiazda, Alex Weiner, Susan Bollendorf, Mark Weiner**



**Dave DeSantis, Kirsten Williams, Debbie Glynn**

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*"Mystery" is a regular feature in the Newsletter. All sleuths are invited to help CCHS solve "mysteries" contained in the Society's archive.*



### All eyes are toward the ring!

Do you know where this photo was published? CCHS recently received this black & white press photograph, donated by Julie Thomas. We know the names of the young women attired in their riding clothes because the printed photo caption was pasted on the back of the print, "All eyes are toward the ring as these girls lean against the entrance gate and await their turn at competition. The girls are, left to right: Shirley Reybold, Barbara Fishel, Betty McClellan, Jean Ingwersen, Inez Montgomery, Doris Johnson, Janet Carrington and Therese Lowell." The back of the photo includes other important clues--a date stamp of May 3, 1936 and pencil notation, "Chevy Chase, show, 4 col, Sunday". We think it was published but can't find the photo in The Washington Post or The Evening Star on that date. There were horse shows in the area at this time, including one in Potomac. What newspaper ran the photo? What was the connection to Chevy Chase? Help us solve the mystery! Send your answers to [chevychasehistory@msn.com](mailto:chevychasehistory@msn.com).