



Telltale



NASCC Newsletter

Annapolis, Maryland

March 2015

The Life and Times of Charles Ota Heller

Many stories have been written about the Second World War: personal experiences, military exploits, the people, concentration camps, saviors, and more. Charles Ota Heller's is one of them and the story of the expulsion from Czechoslovakia and the resettlement in America of his small family: mother, father, and young Charles. Left behind were 20 other family members in concentration camps and spread throughout the nearby towns and villages. It is impossible to bare. Also left behind are the beautiful memories of halcyon days of friendships and good times along with horrific stories of pogroms and the War.



Advance to the beginning of the 21st Century and Heller's desire to tell his personal story. As he states in his book *Prague: My Long Journey Home*, "only a small percentage of stories have been presented through the eyes of children who lived in Europe during the late 1930s and 1940s and whose lives were shaped forever by the dangers, horrors and unsettling events they experienced. I was one of those children."

On Tuesday, April 7, you will have the opportunity to meet Heller and experience the profound and spell-binding story through his eyes and writing. A local Annapolitan and former instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, he will relate his adventures into the beginnings of his book through the publication both visually and verbally. You won't want to miss this opportunity.

Following his presentation and luncheon, you will have the opportunity to purchase this riveting book and get it signed. Don't miss it.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 1:

NASCC – Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Fleet Reserve - 100 Compromise St., Downtown Annapolis; Parking available in lot adjacent to Fleet Reserve

Cost: Varies per person based on meal

Check in: 10:30 AM Program: 11 AM Lunch: 12:30 PM

Member's Name: _____

Email or Phone Number: _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

For questions or to RSVP, email Betty White at nasccreservations@gmail.com, or mail form along with check

made payable to NASCC to:

NASCC

P.O. Box 6728

Annapolis, MD 21401

You can have soup alone or added to your meal. Gratuity is included. Please circle your lunch choice from the list below:

Crab Cake Sandwich and Fries	\$20.50
Hawaiian Burger and Fries	\$12.00
Cobb Salad	\$16.50

BBQ Grilled Chicken Sandwich with BBQ Sauce and Cheddar Cheese and Fries	\$12.00
Cup of Cream of Crab Soup	\$7.50
Cup of MD Vegetable Crab Soup	\$7.50

Drinks will be at the bar.

NASCC Members,

I am really hoping that next month's letter will bring us warmer weathers as I sit here inside, thankful for my warm house and thankful that my electricity did not go out!

It was a great tour to King Hall. Thanks to Colin for her persistence in getting us that opportunity. It was very fascinating.

After the board meeting, we were able, as a group, to make lots of organizations in Annapolis very happy. We voted to give money from our scholarship fund to the following groups:

\$6000 to Young Engineers and Scientist of MD for Summer Science Camp

\$1000 to Anne Arundel Co. Public Library Foundation

\$1000 to Annapolis Jaycees for the Special Olympics at USNA

\$1000 to the USNA Foundation for the Midshipmens Action Group (MAG)

\$1000 to the Anne Arundel Medical Foundation for the Hackerman-Patz House in Annapolis

\$4000 to the Fisher House in Bethesda

You all should feel great joy and pride in our ability to support these great causes. It makes me very happy to be a part of this group and eager to go out there and raise more money to give away!

Thank you to Barbara Breeden, Terry Mulligan, and Betty White in their search for new board members. A really big thank you to those who stepped up to the board for your service to a great organization. There are still a few vacant positions if you are interested in helping.

See you sometime soon hopefully,

Becky Oaksmith

USNA NASCC Elected Officers 2014-2015

<p>Lynda Carter <i>Honorary President</i></p> <p>Becky Oaksmith <i>President</i> nasccpresident@gmail.com</p> <hr/> <p>Theresa Mulligan <i>1st Vice President</i></p> <p>Nelly Ryan <i>2nd Vice President: Fundraising</i></p> <p>Colin McIntosh <i>3rd Vice President: Programs</i></p>	<p>Renee Kremm <i>Treasurer</i></p> <p>Barbara Welter <i>Recording Secretary</i></p> <p>Barbara Bangert <i>Corresponding Secretary</i></p> <p>Maureen Jackson <i>Parliamentarian</i></p>	<p>Betsy Keys <i>Historian</i></p> <p>Barbara Breeden <i>Advisor</i></p> <p>Carol Kepler <i>Advisor</i></p> <p>Amy Byrne <i>Honorary Advisor</i></p> <p>Lisa Phillips <i>Honorary Advisor</i></p>
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USNA NASCC Committee Chairs and Liaisons 2014-2015

<p>Barbara Ahr <i>Hospitality</i></p>	<p>Sara Turner <i>Membership</i> NASCCmembership@gmail.com</p>
<p>Katherine Burke <i>Directory</i></p>	<p>Lindsay O'Donnell <i>Telltale Editor</i> NASCCtelltale@gmail.com</p>
<p>Christie Carlsen <i>Publicity</i></p>	<p>Carole Ehemann <i>Garden Club Liaison</i></p>
<p>Betty White <i>Reservations</i> nasccreservations@gmail.com</p>	<p>Linda Roze <i>International Wives Liaison</i></p>

Slate of Nominees for 2015-2016

Slate of Nominees for the elected positions on the NASCC Board 2015-2016

President	Becky Oaksmith
1st VP	Theresa Mulligan
2nd VP Fundraising	Sara Turner
3rd VP Programs	Laurie Deppa
Treasurer	vacant
Recording Secretary	Barbara Welter
Corresponding Secretary	vacant
Parliamentarian	Belle Bertocchi
Historian	Betsy Keys
Advisor	Barbara Breeden (completing 2nd year of 2-year term)
Advisor	Betty White (for a 2-year term)

Appointed Chair Positions

Hospitality	Barbara Ahr
Directory	Katherine Burke
Publicity	vacant
Reservations	Betty White
Membership	Laura Spoeri
Telltale Editor	Lindsay O'Donnell

If you would be interested in holding a position, please contact Barbara Breeden.

The election will be held at the general meeting on Tuesday, April 7th. There will be an opportunity to vote electronically prior to the meeting. You will receive a ballot by email or mail for those who do not receive the newsletter online. It must be returned no later than 48 hours prior to the April 7th general meeting.

February's King Hall Tour

On February 11th the Naval Academy Spouses' and Civilians' Club toured the Naval Academy's dining facility at King Hall.....a tour that is a rarity! The group enjoyed a walking tour of the prep zone, kitchen and dining area to see how more than 4000 meals are prepared and served three times a day!



NAVY-MARINE CORPS
BALL COMMITTEE
BENEFITING THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

Our Centennial Ball

100 Years of Gratitude

The 2015 Navy-Marine Corps Ball

A benefit for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

April 11, 2015
Washington Hilton
1919 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC 20009

Ticket Information

202-889-8112/8113 ~ email: navmcball@aol.com

www.facebook.com/NMCBall

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www.navymcball.org



THREE CENTURIES OF SILVER IN ANNAPOLIS CREATING, COLLECTING, CHERISHING



Friday, May 15
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Mitchell Gallery! Learn about the fascinating place of silver objects in the history of our city, state, and nation. Enjoy an exclusive tour and buffet luncheon, illustrated talks by noted experts, and a glittering silver tea and wine reception catered by Reynolds Tavern.

PROGRAM

Morning Tour: US Naval Academy, Preble Hall
U.S. Naval Academy Museum's Silver Collection, with Senior Curator James W. Cheevers

Buffet Luncheon: USNA, The Alley Restaurant

Afternoon Talks: St. John's College, Mellon Hall

State History in Silver--The Story of the USS Maryland Silver Service, with Elaine Rice Bachmann, Md. State Archives, and Thomas R. Dawson, Dawson Gallery

William Faris and the Silversmiths of Annapolis's Golden Age, with Mark B. Letzer, Md. Historical Society
Silver Tea and Wine Reception: Mellon Cafe and Courtyard

TICKETS

Proceeds Benefit The Mitchell Gallery

Silver Donors: Morning Tour and Lunch; Afternoon Talks and Reception--\$125

Silver Friends: Afternoon Talks and Reception--\$50

Space is Limited.

For details visit www.sjc.edu/mitchellgallery/silver, or call 410-626-2530

■ The Mitchell Gallery at St. John's College ■

Naval Academy Garden Club

The next meeting of the Naval Academy Garden Club (NAGC) will be Tuesday, March 17th at the Naval Academy Club, 2 Truxtun Road (on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Academy). Low Maintenance Gardening is the topic for Gene Sumi's presentation. Mr. Sumi is the Educational Coordinator and Professional Horticulturist for Homestead Gardens.

Social time begins at 9:30 am with a short business meeting and program to follow at 10:00.

Watch for these Upcoming programs

April: Spring floral designs

May: Installation of new officers and mini-flower show

New members always welcome - Individuals with an interest in gardening, and with some connection to the Naval Academy or one of the military services are most welcome to attend and join the club.

For more information on the Naval Academy Garden Club, contact Carole Ehemann, president.



Upcoming Maryland Day Activities

For a complete list, visit <http://marylandday.org/about>



Friday, March 20, 2015

MainStreets Annapolis Partnership, activities at various businesses around downtown Annapolis. Enjoy an early spring shopping stroll through downtown Annapolis, stopping for a break at the MainStreets Annapolis Partnership Pocket Park. Begin your Walk Annapolis afternoon with a "Maryland Day Scavenger Hunt for History" and discover the unique Made in Maryland products sold by many of our local merchants. Then stop in at some historic hostelrys, pubs and cultural sites and support the local business community while you learn more about our unique history and heritage. The Scavenger Hunt for History begins on Maryland Day weekend, March 20th, and continues each Friday evening until April 3rd; stores will be open until 8:00 p.m. for your shopping and history-hunting pleasure. Prizes will be awarded. Pick up your Annapolis Scavenger Hunt map at Annapolis Collections on West Street, Annebeth's on Maryland Avenue, the Historic Annapolis Museum Store on Main Street, or the Annapolis and Anne Arundel Convention and Visitors Center on West Street, or look for stores along Main Street, Maryland Avenue or West Street with a number in their window. More details can be found at www.mainstreetsannapolis.org. FREE.

Annapolis Maritime Museum, 723 Second Street, Annapolis. Visitors can join one of our trained docents for a guided tour of the historic McNasby oyster packing plant. The exhibit features an 850 gallon aquarium filled with Chesapeake Bay critters as well as a waterman workboat "Miss Lonesome." The interactive exhibit allows visitors to participate in activities such as hand tonging from the washboards of our workboat, dressing as a waterman, and culling oysters. Free, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 2015

SPECIAL MARYLAND DAY FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY, 10:00 a.m. Flag Pole at Susan Campbell Park, Annapolis. Four Rivers Heritage Area and partners present a spirit-lifting flag raising ceremony! All are welcome, free and open to the public. Music by the Annapolis Drum and Bugle Corps and flag detail by the award-winning USNA League Cadets of the Training Ship Mercedes.

Saturday, March 21, 2015 (cont.)

Following the Ceremony, join Annapolis Tours by Watermark for “Tricorns and Tennis Shoes!” — activity leaving from Susan Campbell Park, City Dock, Annapolis at 10:30 a.m. (Wear comfy Shoes for this tour; not a race, just a nice pace!) Fresh air, fun, history and exercise come together for this romp through town! Run through the city to see the homes of each of our Maryland Signers of the Declaration of Independence, visit colonial era merchant homes and other historic sites that symbolize Maryland’s Pre-Revolutionary War spirit of creativity, individuality, and respect for order, all of which were significant in our Constitution once we won our independence. Some of the stops included are: Jonas Green House, Charles Carroll House, St. Mary’s meditation garden, Waterfront and Kunta Kinte sculpture, Brice House, William Paca House, Samuel Chase House, St. John’s Campus and the Liberty Tree, State House grounds, Thurgood Marshall Memorial. FREE, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Belvoir Scott’s Plantation, 1534 Generals Highway, Crownsville. Visitors will be able to get a glimpse into one of Anne Arundel County’s best kept historic treasures! Belvoir, once owned by Francis Scott Key’s grandparents, is now under the stewardship of Rockbridge Academy. Enjoy a free walking tour of Belvoir Scott’s Plantation and the historic Manor House. Learn about the history of the plantation throughout the years. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled. Limited to 30 people, advance registration required. To register, please send an e-mail to abailey@rockbridge.org. Free, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Philip Merrill Environmental Center, 6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis. Join CBF’s Maryland Senior Scientist and staff to learn about the natural history and current state of the Chesapeake Bay. Learn the forecast for its future and how you can make a difference in the health of this beautiful, fragile waterway. Tour CBF’s environmentally sustainable headquarters building and find out why it’s one of the world’s most energy-efficient buildings. Get a firsthand look at how CBF incorporated natural elements into a fully functional workplace which has minimal impact on its Bay- and creek-front surroundings. You are welcome to walk the grounds and enjoy the lovely natural scenery on your own after the formal tour. Limited to 50 people, advance registration required: visit <http://www.cbf.org/calendar>, look for “MD Day Lecture and Tour” on March 21, 2015, and register online. Please contact Jennifer Herzog at 443-482-2103 with any questions. Free, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Reception for USNA International Officers

The Superintendent and Mrs. Carter hosted a reception for the USNA International Officers on February 18th at Buchanan House. Guests, which included NASCC Board members, enjoyed a Mardi Gras theme featuring southern fare and a signature Hurricane beverage.





NASCC Book Club News

1st Friday Book Club

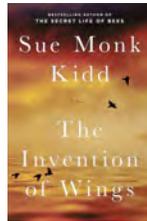
Meets monthly from September to May

April

The Invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd

Friday, April 3



May

Friday, May 1

The Art Forger

by B.A. Shapiro

2nd Friday Book Club

Meets monthly from September to May



March

Friday, March 13

Defending Jacob

by William Landay

April

Friday, April 10

Citizens of London

by Lynne Olson

May

Friday, May 8

The Storyteller

by Jodi Picoult

Thursday Book Club

Our Thursday Book Club has made the following choices. We meet at 1:00 PM.

March:

The Distance Between Us: A Memoir

By: Reyna Grande

Thursday, March 19

Hostess: Barbara Bangert



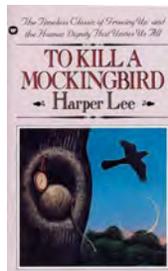
April:

To Kill a Mockingbird

By: Harper Lee

Thursday, April 16

Hostess: Joyce Lee



Everyone is welcome to attend at any time.

Contact Barbara Breeden for further info.

Stitch and Chat

Becky Oaksmith's house

Date TBD

Please call Becky Oaksmith so she can clean her house! We will chat, drink, and have a good time. Maybe even stitch something and learn a new skill. No prior experience required!



Bunco is open to all on the first Thursday of each month at Becky Oaksmith's house.

The cost is \$5. Bring a snack and the drink of your choice.

Bunco takes about 5 seconds to learn and is a fun evening out with other ladies.

For more information, call or email Becky.

Volunteer

The upcoming Operation Welcome Home events are:

Tuesday, March 10 at 3 PM
Wednesday, March 11 at 7 PM
Thursday, March 12 at 9 PM
Tuesday, March 17 at 3 PM
Wednesday, March 18 at 6 PM
Thursday, March 19 at 9 PM
Tuesday, March 24 at 2 PM
Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM
Thursday, March 26 at 9 PM
Tuesday, March 31 at 3 PM

For those who plan to participate, please be sure to check the website for the most up-to-date information including the person to contact if you plan to attend:
www.operationwelcomehomemd.org



The times shown are the times for volunteers to arrive at the International Terminal, lower level, and NOT the actual flight arrival times.

VERY IMPORTANT: Be sure to call the hotline (410-630-1555) before you leave for the airport to make sure the flight has not been delayed or cancelled!

Check out NASCC online!

www.usna.edu/NASCC

and



at Naval Academy Spouses' and Civilians' Club

We are taking business card size ads from members at a cost of \$25 per month for inclusion in the Telltale. Non-members can send in business cards for inclusion as well with a cost of \$35 for non-members.



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Naval Academy Spouses' and
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