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# FORUM

FEBRUARY 2024

## *A Message from Grace:*

We look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day this month, and I wanted to thank each of you for the role you play in making Founders Hall such a special place.

We LOVE our members and donors, and love the connections YOU make possible!

For example, Charlie recently told us, "I love Founders Hall! *It saved my life.* I didn't know anybody, I didn't go anywhere. Now I know lots of people here!"

We look forward to spreading the love, and seeing you soon.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- FEB 2 3PM SEMINAR: CARNEVALE IN VENICE WITH TONI MCKEEN
- FEB 8 3PM BOOK DISCUSSION: KLARA AND THE SUN
- FEB 9 2PM FOUNDERS FRIDAY: AROUND THE WORLD TASTING  
SPONSORED BY RIDGEFIELD STATION SENIOR LIVING RESIDENCES
- FEB 23 1PM SEMINAR: ALICE PAUL, RIDGEFIELD'S GREAT SUFFRAGIST WITH DARLA SHAW, DEB AHLE AND MARIA PIA
- FEB 23 12PM EAT TOGETHER LUNCH

## SEMINARS

### Seminar with Toni McKeen: Carnevale in Venice Friday, February 2nd at 3:00pm



Come learn about the historic Venetian Carnevale featuring beautiful costumes, elaborate masks and fun festivities. Party attire and masks encouraged!

*A sampling of cicchetti, traditional Venetian bar snacks, will be served at 2:30pm.*

### Seminar: Alice Paul, Ridgefield's Great Suffragist Friday, February 23rd at 1:00pm



Darla Shaw, Deb Ahle and Maria Pia will tell us about the incredible life of Alice Paul, a national leader of the effort to gain women's suffrage and founder of the National Women's Party. A Ridgefield resident for part of her life, Alice Paul dedicated her life's work to one issue: equality for women.



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## *Thank you for your GIFTS!*

Through their generous gifts, our supporters ensure that over 3,300 Founders Hall members have opportunities to connect with each other, with interesting subjects, with stimulating hobbies, with important places and with current technology. Here are two ways you can join this community of caring people today.

### **Monthly Giving**

Monthly Giving is an easy and affordable way for you to make your support go further. You have the ability to increase or change your pledge whenever you wish. You'll also receive an annual statement to assist in tax preparation and will only be sent limited mailings.

### **Founders Circle**

Joining Founders Circle is a powerful way to support our community in perpetuity while meeting personal, financial and philanthropic goals. If you are committed to Founders Hall as a place where every member has the opportunity to thrive – today, tomorrow and forever – we warmly invite you to join the extraordinary group of forward thinking, generous people who are Founders Circle.

“Living at Fox Hill Condos, I was excited to learn a senior center was opening across the street, and being donated by two generous families, the Couris and the Goldstones.

Visiting Founders Hall, I was thrilled to meet the smiling staff, view the gorgeous furnishings, and discover well-supplied classrooms! Over the years, I have met many friends; attended art and music history classes; studied drawing and watercolor; and kept in shape with exercise, yoga, and tap dance.

Donating annually from my RMD and designating Founders to receive a bequest from my will is a way of continuing this blessing to other seniors.” - Margo M.

### **Ready to Help?**

Please contact Stephanie Campbell, Director of Development, at 203-431-7000 for more information on the many ways to give to Founders Hall.

## HAPPENINGS

### BOOK DISCUSSION:

*Klara and the Sun*

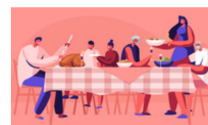
by Kazuo Ishiguro

Thursday, February 8th 3:00-4:30pm



We love book club!  
Join us for this discussion facilitated by  
staff members of the Ridgefield Library.

### Eat Together Lunch



Friday, February 23rd at 12pm

Bring your own lunch from home and  
enjoy it with your fellow members.  
Sweets provided!

### Founders Friday: Around the World Tasting Friday, February 9th 2:00-3:30pm

No need to update your passport! Please  
join us to taste sweet and savory dishes from  
around the world inspired by our members'  
eclectic heritage.

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### *Save The Date!* We'll be starting a Monthly Poker Meetup on Wednesday afternoons.



Join us for the first one on  
Wednesday, March 6th.  
*Stay tuned for details in our March  
Founders Forum!*

# Welcome!

## ***New Members***

*(as of January 15th)*

Randall Baldwin  
Gordon Casagrande  
Andrea Caulfield  
Patti Cone  
Vivian Epstein  
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Bette Spielman  
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## February at the Movies

Selections may change based on availability.



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### Tea with Mussolini

2:00pm

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An orphaned Italian boy is raised amongst a circle of British and American women living in Mussolini's Italy before and during World War II.

1999 *Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Cher, Lily Tomlin*

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1hr 57mins

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### Blue Miracle

2:30pm

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To save their cash-strapped orphanage, a guardian and his kids partner with a washed-up boat captain for a chance to win a lucrative fishing competition.

2021 *Dennis Quaid, Jimmy Gonzales, Miguel Angel Garcia*

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1hr 35mins

**This month's Founders Friday on January 12th took us Someplace Sunny without even leaving town! Many thanks to our generous sponsor at *The Greens at Cannondale & Wilton Meadows* and to Karl Schulz, our terrific piano player who is also the grandson of one of our members. What a fun afternoon!**

