

MVC

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CLUB HOURS:

The Club is open for lunch from 11 am to 2 pm on Tuesday through Friday and for dinner from 5:30 pm to 8 pm Thursday through Saturday. Please make your reservations in advance. The Club is closed on Sundays.

PARKING:

Valet Parking is available for members coming to the Club for lunch or dinner. It is complimentary for members, and \$15 for non-members.

RESERVATIONS:

For programs, reservations may be made through our website. For lunch, dinner, or carryout, they may be made by phone or email. Please make all reservations at least 24 hours in advance. When making your reservation, please let us know the names of all members and guests in your group. There is a 48-hour cancellation policy for programs and events unless otherwise specified.





INTRODUCING TAD PEEL MVC'S NEW GENERAL MANAGER

It is an honor to accept the General Manager position at the historic Mount Vernon Club in the heart of Baltimore. This is a remarkable opportunity to uphold the club's values and traditions while creating memorable experiences for this women's only club. Great things are happening in Baltimore

and I am excited to continue to be part of the community and now The Mount Vernon Club!

While earning a Business-Marketing degree at Colorado State University, I began my private club career at The Fort Collins Country Club. Next, I managed the famous Inverness Club, founded in 1903, in Toledo, Ohio. My family and I moved to Maryland in 2002 to manage Chartwell in Severna Park for ten years. Most recently, I was at the Golf Club at South River in Edgewater. I am very active with the Club Manager's Association, currently in a second term as president of the Greater Baltimore Chapter.

I have wonderful ties to Baltimore, including opening (and closing) Alexander Brown Restaurant. I met and initially lived with my husband Brian Prechtel in Fells Point. Brian is a percussionist and Director of Education and Community Involvement with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. We now live in Ellicott City with our dog, Clarence. We each have three grown kids in their 20's.

We enjoy hiking and traveling, particularly out west in Colorado and Jackson Hole. I love cooking and hosting parties, arranging flowers (which I learned from my 95-year-old grandmother), and gardening (I am trying to master dahlias).

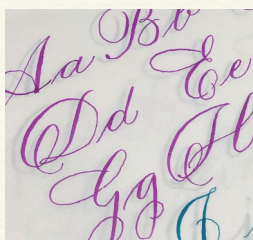
I love the service business and am at my best when I am taking care of others. I look forward to working with and leading the MVC team, as we take care of you! Thank you for this opportunity.

Five Fast Questions:

1. What is your favorite movie?—*Risky Business*
2. What is your favorite place you have ever traveled to?—London
3. What is your favorite song?—"Born in the U.S.A." by Bruce Springsteen
4. What do you consider your biggest accomplishment thus far?—
Redefining myself
5. Is there anything else you want the members to know about you?—
Building and maintaining relationships is very important to me.

Calligraphy

*The Art of Producing Beautiful Writing
With a Special Pen or Brush*



Calligraphy by Caroline David

Have you ever received a beautiful invitation in the mail that was written in calligraphy? If so, at that moment you knew that you were being included in a very special event.

We are excited to welcome professional calligrapher Caroline David, owner of Plume and Flourish, the company she established in 2019 to provide calligraphy, illustrations and engraving for special occasions. Caroline will share how her innate artistry has guided her in developing the necessary skills for calligraphy.

The importance of letters and correspondence written by hand has a long tradition, but sadly the tradition continues to dwindle with the rapid advancement of technology. In this program we will briefly explore the history of writing, best practices when corresponding with someone and have a hands-on experience writing with the calligraphy pen and ink. We will have an opportunity to write out and mail an extra special piece of correspondence to someone. It's possible that we will even improve our own handwriting!

After the presentation we will enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our own Chef Paul

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 11 AM

\$35++

Cancellations by Friday, May 5



Mother's Day Brunch

*Please join us again this year as
MVC opens its doors for Mother's Day!
Chef is preparing a lavish buffet with
stations and scrumptious desserts.*

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Two seating times:

11 AM – 1 PM

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

\$75++ Adults

\$35++ Children (7-16)

Children 6 and under are free

Drinks by signature

Cancellations by Wednesday, May 10



PIMLICO SUNRISE TOUR



**LAST YEAR WAS SUCH A SUCCESS,
WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS AGAIN!**

Please join Sunrise Tour Guide and MVC Member, Wendy Albert, for a Private Tour at "Old Hilltop." Enjoy watching the sunrise from the apron in front of the Grandstand while the Preakness contenders complete their morning workouts, walk through the stable area, see the paddock and the winner's circle. Receive an insider's perspective on racing and the Maryland Horse Industry. While on the backside you may meet trainers, owners, jockeys, grooms and exercise riders.

This is a FREE Tour. Children are welcome. NO strollers. NO umbrellas. A special and unique opportunity to experience Pimlico and the action behind the scenes.

PARKING is in the Rogers Avenue Lot, at the intersection of Northern Parkway and Woodcrest Avenue. Parking is free. All participants will enter Pimlico from the Rogers Avenue Gate.

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 7:30 AM, NO FEE

MAXIMUM ATTENDEES: 30

Cancellations by Friday, May 12

ANNUAL MEETING



All members are invited to the Annual Meeting and Luncheon where you will hear the past year's news and enjoy a delicious lunch.

The business meeting will begin at 11 am, at which time we will elect board members and officers.

The luncheon will follow at noon.

Please join us!

THURSDAY, MAY 18

MEETING: 11 AM

LUNCH: 12 PM

\$40++ Per Person

Cancellations before: Friday, May 12



COUNTERMEASURES TO CYBERATTACKS THAT TARGET COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

**WITH BILL NELSON,
CHAIR OF THE GLOBAL
RESILIENCE FEDERATION (GRF)**

In the last 15 years, there has been an increase in the number and sophistication of cyberattacks. Mr. Nelson will provide an overview of these different threats and how to protect and defend against them. These include phishing account takeovers, business email compromise, distributed denial of service (DDoS), ransomware, and destructive malware.

Bill Nelson is the Chair of the Global Resilience Federation (GRF). A few of his major achievements include:

- Provided US Senate and House testimony on cyber risk issues
- Teamed with Microsoft to take down several illegal botnet infrastructures
- Established the Global Resilience Federation to support 17 different industry sectors
- Led an effort to develop an Operational Resilience Framework to facilitate recovery from cyber or other destructive attacks
- Has appeared on CNN, CSPAN, MSNBC and other media outlets

Bill was the CEO of the Financial Services Information Sharing & Analysis Center (FS-ISAC) for twelve years before joining GRF in 2019. GRF is a nonprofit corporation consisting of 17 different information-sharing communities and industries. GRF's mission is to share information which reduces risk and enhances the resiliency of members and their respective sectors.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

6 PM Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres

6:45 PM Lecture, 8 PM Dinner

\$70++, Drinks by Signature

Cancellations by Tuesday, June 13



SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY

Don your finest seersucker or madras plaid and join us in the courtyard as we raise a glass and enjoy MVC's lovely ambience before the club closes for the summer break.

Chef will create a sumptuous summertime menu as we gather old friends and new to toast the upcoming summer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

6 – 9 PM

\$60++, Drinks by Signature

ATTIRE:

Seersucker or Madras Encouraged!

Cancellations by Wednesday, June 21



ON BOARD

WITH

VIVEKA RYN

MEMBER SINCE 2019

TREASURER,

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

For those who have met Viveka, they know her to be smart, resourceful, hardworking, and good with numbers. She is the ideal combination of talents to oversee, as Treasurer, the finances of the club. Though Viveka is a fairly new member, she jumped at the chance early on to join the Finance Committee and never looked back. We are so grateful she did. In the future we anticipate seeing her around the club a great deal, contributing her numerous talents where they are most needed. We loved catching up with Viveka and are thrilled to have her “on board!”

Tell us a little about yourself. My family is Swedish. My parents met while students at Uppsala University, near Stockholm. After marrying they moved to the States, where my father did his doctoral work in political science. He became a professor at Catholic University, and my parents raised my two sisters and me in Potomac. I spent many of my formative years working on entrepreneurial pursuits outside of school. These included a landscaping and snow removal business in high school and a house painting company in college. After a stint in the fine wine business, I went to business school and began my wealth management career at Ernst & Young. In 2005, together with a few partners, I started a wealth management and tax firm. We’ve now been in practice for 18 years. I have two children: Gabe, a junior at Gilman, and Alex, an eighth grader at Bryn Mawr.

How would you explain your job and what makes for a very gratifying day at the office? My firm provides concierge-style financial planning, investment, and tax services. A gratifying day is one when I get to meet with a client or two and help them to resolve a vexing financial issue.

What makes a good wealth manager? Technical competence and experience are vital, as are the soft skills and imagination to assist a client to make a thorny financial decision or an emotionally difficult transition. An exceptional wealth manager is capable of distilling all

the complexities and nuances of a client's financial life into a coherent, comprehensive plan.

What is your favorite place at the Mount Vernon Club? It is hard to pick just one room, since the beauty and elegance of the entire club are what make experiences there so special. But I would have to say the small dining room, which is perfect for an intimate lunch or dinner.

Why did you decide to volunteer? I was asked! Serving on an MVC committee has been a wonderful way to learn how this vibrant club operates. It has also been a great way to meet members.

What is your favorite off-duty thing to do with your children?

We spend as much time as we can in Lewes, Delaware. A perfect day starts with a trip to the bakery to buy fresh bread, includes tennis or a long bike ride through Cape Henlopen, and a sunset visit to the beach with the dogs.

What are your top hobbies? I am an opera buff. During college, when Placido Domingo was the artistic director of the Washington National Opera, I would camp out overnight by the box office to secure an entire season of standing room tickets at the Kennedy Center. Now I enjoy Opera Baltimore and Maryland Opera.

I also love to garden, play tennis and golf.

What delights you? Music. It is food for my soul and truly uplifts me. I enjoy varied genres, as evidenced by the randomness of my playlist; I am happiest when I have live music to look forward to. At the moment I have tickets to see Tori Amos and the Indigo Girls (showing my age!). I've recently taken up piano after not playing for decades. Currently, I'm fumbling to learn Ben Folds's "The Luckiest."

A few rapid-fire questions for fun...

Last song you listened to? "32 Flavors" by Ani DiFranco

Baltimore Ravens or Washington Commanders? The Ravens!

Best trip? The Arctic Circle. Growing up, my family spent summers at my parents' cabin on the Swedish coast. Now that I have kids, we try to get back every summer. A few years ago we added an exciting overnight train trip to Narvik, Norway in the Arctic Circle. Along the way we visited the famous Ice Hotel and stayed in the UFO treehouse at the Tree Hotel in Sweden's Lapland. The kids were in heaven.

Favorite family tradition? Definitely breakfast in bed on birthdays—so many sweet memories!



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SUMMER CLOSURES!

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- June 30 – August 12