2018-2019 Holly Hall Book Review Season

Tuesday, September 25, 2018
The Kingdom of Speech
by Tom Wolf
Reviewer: Rose-Mary Rumbley

Tom Wolfe, whose legend began in journalism, takes us on an eye-opening journey that is sure to arouse widespread debate. The Kingdom of Speech is a captivating, paradigm-shifting argument that speech - not evolution - is responsible for humanity's complex societies and achievements.

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Bedtime and Other Stories from the President's Guest House
by Benedicte Valentiner
Reviewer: Nancy Ashley

Valentiner takes us behind the scenes of the historic, charming, and beautiful Blair House, across from the White House. Mrs. V hosted Chiefs of State and Heads of Government during their official visits with Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush. Her anecdotes are revealing, entertaining, and dramatic.

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Theodore Roosevelt in the Badlands, A Young Politician's Quest For Recovery in the American West by Roger Di Silvestro
Edith Kermit Roosevelt, Portrait of a First Lady by Sylvia Morris
Reviewer: Lurline Morrow

Roger Di Silvestro tells the exciting story of how the character and commitment of the future president and conservationist were forged during roundups, bronco busting, fist fights, grizzly bear hunts, and encounters with horse thieves as the Old West drew to its end. Sylvia Jukes Morris paints a portrait of the Roosevelts and their times as one of the most successful romantic and political partnerships in American history. Lurline will take us on a journey encompassing the separate lives of Edith and Theodore and the great work they did together.

Thursday, March 28, 2019
America the Ingenious:
How a Nation of Dreamers, Immigrants, and Tinkerers Changed the World
by Kevin Baker
Reviewer: Colleen Boudreaux

Baker pays tribute to the Americans who have contributed so much with their research, inventions, and adventurous spirit throughout our history - the skyscraper, the subway car, the MRI, the safety pin, the amusement park, the supermarket, and so much more.

All reviews begin at 10:30 am and are held at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer.
Season tickets: $35   Individual tickets: $12

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Season Ticket Order Form

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Yes, in addition to my ticket(s), I would like to make a fully tax-deductible donation to Holly Hall in the amount of ___________________________

Mail to: Holly Hall Book Review 2000 Holly Hall Street Houston, Texas 77054 –4029
Questions??? Call Susan Thraen at 281-936-2850.
The Book Review Series is a longstanding tradition and fundraiser for Holly Hall Retirement Community. The very first book review was held in 1949 as one of many fundraisers held in the Houston area to fund the initial building of Holly Hall. In 1950, the Houston Council of Church Women announced the second annual Book Review Series, to be held at the Tower Theatre, with Mrs. Ermance Rejebian as the speaker.

Today, the Book Review Series is held at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church four times each year and features a speaker from Dallas who gives an entertaining synopsis of a book. Typically, the featured books are best sellers or biographies. Guests enjoy an hour of entertainment without the pressure of reading the book beforehand. Many attendees state that they plan to read the book following the review.

Proceeds from the Holly Hall Book Review Series are used to supplement the cost of care for residents who can no longer afford the full amount of their care. Many senior adults are living longer than was expected 60 years ago, when they started to plan for retirement. In addition, health care expenditures have risen significantly. At times, Holly Hall residents simply “out live” their money and can no longer afford to cover some or all of their cost of care at Holly Hall. Thanks to continued support from friends like you, residents can rest assured they will receive the same level of attention, regardless of individual circumstances.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to minister to the Houston Area’s senior adult population by “adding years to life…and life to years”