

Host: Kitty Wooley 703-628-4779

When: Friday, April 8 from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Where: JW Marriott Washington, DC

1331 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest Washington, DC 20004

Dear Senior Fellows and Friends,

On April 8th, John Spring will be the onsite host for a stimulating leadership breakfast. The reservation is under my name. The 14 "Yes" RSVPs must plan to be seated by 7:30 AM. As always, there will be a waitlist if necessary. If you'd like to attend but this Evite page shows the event as full, then please RSVP "Maybe." That will put you on the waitlist. You will be notified by email if a seat opens up.

After order-taking and introductions, the question on the table will be "Tell us about a time when you asked for forgiveness, not permission." There are situations in which an exemplary leader chooses the former in order to do what the job really requires. That choice comes with an element of risk, and it sometimes pushes the leader outside of his or her comfort zone. But isn't that unnecessarily stressful, especially at times when the job feels thankless? You will be invited to share your relevant experience and thought process so that everyone at the table can benefit. If you aren't familiar with this concept, then please read the following before you arrive: Promising Practices: Asking for Forgiveness, Not Permission.

By the way, some of you attended the September 16th dinner at the District Chophouse & Brewery with Carol Willett, formerly GAO's Chief Learning Officer and currently a sculptor in the Outer Banks who also teaches executive leadership at American University. At her talk on The Art of Reinvention, Carol previewed her new book, *Creatures of Imagination: A Journal of Discovery*, which was then in the process of being published. That astounding product of her latest career transformation is now available. The best way to order it is to contact her at Creaturesofimagination@gmail.com. She will need your name, phone number, email address and mailing address in order to ship the book. Cost of book + NC sales tax + shipping anywhere in the U.S. via Priority Mail = \$43.17.

I will be in DC to host an event or two later in the year. If you want to participate in virtual conversations in the meantime, then get a webcam and let me know at kittywooley5@gmail.com! And, have a good time at breakfast.

Here's to risk-taking and enhanced ability to be of service.

Best,
Kitty

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