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WASHINGTON GUITAR SOCIETY *Our New Name*

That's right! We have changed our name from the *Classical Guitar Society of Washington D.C.* to the *Washington Guitar Society (WGS)*.

The idea for changing our name came initially from our lawyer. Because we are going to incorporate in Maryland, "D.C." should not be a part of our name. After discussing this with the executive board, we decided to keep the name short and to the point. "Washington" implies the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area without being too wordy. As for the word "Classical", it has been debated whether the word should be "Classic" or "Classical". Furthermore, by dropping the word "Classical" we will be more inviting to other styles, such as Flamenco and other nationalistic folk styles of guitar playing.

Aside from the above reasons for a name change, our new name is easier to say and takes up less room when writing a check.

Will the new name change what we do? No. We will continue being the same guitar society with the same mission and goals.

NEW MEETING PLACE *Beginning in July*

Beginning July 9, we will be meeting at the **Bethesda Library**, which is located at 7400 Arlington Road, one block west of the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and East-West Highway. There are two big advantages to this new location. One is a larger room and the other is that it is very close to the Bethesda Metro Station.

Our meetings will continue to be on the second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. with our informal playing sessions beginning at 1 p.m.

WGS MEMBERS RECITAL *Saturday, July 9*

SIGN UP NOW to play in the concert to inaugurate our new Bethesda Library location.

Everyone is invited to this very informal opportunity to bring your guitar and play, or just to listen. All levels are welcome. This is the perfect opportunity for beginners to play for an understanding group and for experienced players to share their music with others.

Solo, duo, trio, quartet whatever, sign up to play. All instrumental combinations welcome!

If you are interested in playing, contact Don Sauter at (301) 577-5589.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

The WGS Newsletter wants a new name. If your name were the "WGS Newsletter", wouldn't you want a new name too?

Please send your suggestions to Kevin Vigil, P.O. Box 3120, Arlington, VA 22203.

All suggestions will be published in the next newsletter along with a ballot sheet. If the name you suggest wins, then you will receive a one year extension of your membership free of charge!

Send your suggestion(s) by June 24.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We plan to publish a Membership Directory this Fall (September or October). Not only will it feature the names, addresses and phone numbers of the membership, but will also indicate whether the member is a teacher, free-lance performer, hobbist, interested in playing in ensembles, ect...

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