

# THE GLOAMING SOCIETY

a unique salon series celebrating the art of conversation

## Welcome

We hope this mailing finds you and your family happy and healthy during this challenging time. Thank you for being one of our over 100 members, and for sharing our passion for authentic and meaningful conversation. We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter which summarizes our recent salons and informs you of our upcoming events.

## Acts of Kindness

On Tuesday, August 18, we will explore the topic of Kindness. This salon (which will be held via Zoom), is full, but if you would like to participate in future salons, please contact us via email or through the website.

September 15: Language

October 20: Shame

November 17: Conformity

## Tell Your Friends

Do you know people who would be interested in participating in our salon series? Please have them contact us through the contact page on our website, or via email.



## Failing Fearlessly

In July, we explored the topic of Failure, and questioned whether failure is, by definition, the opposite of success or, rather, an important prerequisite for success. For many of our salon participants, the greatest successes in their personal or professional lives occurred after one or more significant failures; for them, failure was an “opportunity” to reframe a negative situation into something more positive. From J.K. Rowling and Walt Disney to Steve Jobs and Bill Gates, many similar “failure to success” stories exist among well-known public figures - and serve to inspire us. We discussed fear of failure, and whether failure was a motivating or paralyzing influence in our lives. We examined the relationship between failure and resilience and shared our own strategies for overcoming failure. Finally, we debated the differences between failing and quitting in scenarios ranging from difficult marriages to unsatisfying jobs.

*“It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all, in which case you have failed by default.”- J. K. Rowling*

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