



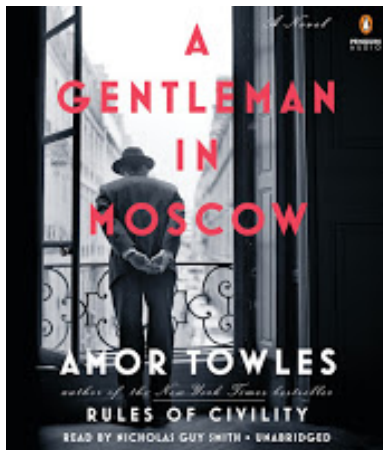
# Russian Heritage

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## ***Let's Get Together. . . .***

### ***Book Discussion: March 10, 2018***



“A Gentleman in Moscow” has been on the Best Seller List for 47 weeks, and is being widely discussed by people interested in Russia. Set during the Soviet Union's turbulent early 1920s, **A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW** tells the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel located between the Kremlin and the Bolshoi Theater.

You may have a chance to read this novel before March 10, but *even if you don't read it you can enjoy hearing a discussion led by people who have been at the Metropol Hotel, eaten at Count Rostov's restaurant, or enjoyed the atmosphere of the Kremlin and the Bolshoi Theater.* You can also find much interesting information on line about this novel.

The discussion will be in English on Saturday, March 10 at 3:00 pm at the Russian American Club in Gulfport (2920 Beach Blvd. S). If you have not visited the Club this is a great opportunity. This program is free and open to the public.

### ***SPIFFS International Ball: April 14, 2018***

The SPIFFS International Ball is always a special event. Many groups come in their exotic ethnic dress and the dinner and dancing is always a treat. Each group presents its “Person of the Year.” Russian Heritage honors Natalia Scarberry as its person of the year for 2018. Natalia works as an advertising designer. She is from St. Petersburg Russia and has been actively promoting two St. Petersburgs programs. She has served on the RH Board and has helped plan the Russian Winter Balls and has participated in SPIFFS Folk Fairs. For tickets, call (727-867-6013) or (727-552-1896). See page 4 for details.

### ***Shashlik/Picnic and Annual Meeting: April 29, 2018***

Let's get together for a fun time at the Russian Heritage spring picnic on April 29, 2018. Shashlik will be the featured gourmet delight, with hamburgers and hot dogs for the children. It will be a good time to renew old acquaintances and make new friends!

## ***Shashlik/Picnic and Annual Meeting: April 29, 2018***

Where: War Veterans Memorial Park. 9600 Bay Pines Boulevard, St. Petersburg, FL 33708.

When: Noon to 6:00 pm.

Food: Shashlik +. Suggested donation: Adults \$10; Children and Students \$5.

Activities for adults and children.

Musical program.

Short business meeting with election of new members of the Board of Directors.

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## **Officers and Board Members for Russian Heritage**

**Current Officers:** Bill Parsons, President; Mary Stenov, Vice President; Zhenya Davenport, Secretary; Anastasiya Dycus, Treasurer.

**Current Board Members:** Zina Downen, Kato Hetschinof, Victoria Peppard, Elly Roche, Natalia Scarberry, Zhanna Thomas.

The current officers have one year remaining of their 2-year terms. There are several positions that will be elected at the business meeting on April 29. *If you are interested in running for a position on the board, or if you want to nominate someone for board membership, please respond by email to this newsletter, or in the contact section of the RH website ([www.russianheritage.org](http://www.russianheritage.org)).*

## ***Membership Dues for 2018***

*It is time to pay your dues for 2018. You can send in the form on the following page with your check by regular mail, or pay at our website, [www.russianheritage.org](http://www.russianheritage.org) by paypal or credit card. We look forward to seeing you at our events in 2018, beginning with the discussion of A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW on March 10.*

### ***Membership Dues 2018***

All who are interested in Russian culture are welcome to join Russian Heritage by simply paying the yearly dues. Members receive the Russian Heritage Newsletter and discounts on certain events.

Please fill in the following form and send it with your check payable to Russian Heritage, or pay via PayPal at [www.russianheritage.org](http://www.russianheritage.org):



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St. Petersburg, FL 33733



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☐ Student \$0   ☐ Individual \$15   ☐ Family \$25   ☐ Sponsor \$100 or more.

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The USF Institute on Russia invites you to a  
lecture and dinner with legendary journalist and author

## MARVIN KALB



Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7 p.m.

USF Alumni Center, Traditions Hall  
4202 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33620

RSVP: [www.usf.edu/ua/rsvp](http://www.usf.edu/ua/rsvp)  
\$35 Individual / \$65 Couple

Includes dinner and book signing.  
For reasonable accommodations, email [cvgoldstein@usf.edu](mailto:cvgoldstein@usf.edu).

We invite you to meet Marvin Kalb, renowned journalist and author of "The Year I Was Peter the Great: 1956 - Khrushchev, Stalin's Ghost, and a Young American in Russia." In 1956, Kalb was a young diplomatic attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, where he observed this tumultuous year that foretold the end of Soviet communism three decades later. Fluent in Russian, a doctoral candidate at Harvard, he went where few other foreigners would dare go, listening to Russian students secretly attack communism and threaten rebellion against the Soviet system, traveling from one end of a changing country to the other and, thanks to his diplomatic position, meeting and talking with Khrushchev, who playfully nicknamed him Peter the Great.



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## **2018 INTERNATIONAL BALL**



**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

**Banquet Masters, 13355 49th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33762**

**7:00 pm - Cocktail Hour**

**7:45 pm - Performance**

**8:00 pm - Dinner**

### **Menu**

**Steamship Round of Roast Beef**

**Crab Stuffed Filet of Sole**

**Eggplant Parmesan**

**Oven Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes**

**Vegetable du Jour**

**14-item Salad Bar**

**Dinner Rolls, Coffee & Iced Tea**

**Chef's Selected Desserts**

### **Cash Bar**

**Dancing to Urban Gypsies**

**Tickets: General: \$40.00 \* Youth (12 to 21): \$25**

**Under 12: \$20**

**Dress: Ethnic or Semi Formal**

**For tickets, call SPIFFS - (727) 552-1896**

