

Historical Facts about Gateway Georgetown Condominium

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- Gateway Georgetown was completed and opened on Pearl Harbor Day December 7, 1941
- The building was known as the Carlyn was built by Gustin Ring, a highly successful real estate developer
- Francis Keonig was the architect. He also designed the Marlyn at 3901 Cathedral Avenue and the Dorchester House located at 2480 16th Street, NW.
- The canopy over the Q Street circle drive was added in the 50's and the garage was expanded in the late 60's.
- When the building was rental, the building maintained five guest rooms complete with furniture and linens.
- When the building was first built, the developer planned to have a public dining room where the bike room is located.
- A barber shop and beauty shop was located where the exercise room is now located.
- Parts of the movie, *Advise and Consent* starring Henry Fonda, was made in the lobby.
- Gateway Georgetown was built in five months and set a record for the construction of a large apartment building.
- When the building was built, all of the doorknocker and door handles were brass and were polished every day. When labor was in sharp decline due to the war, Gustave Ring, the owner of the building had the brass door handles and knocker plated chrome. The original door hardware can be restored to brass.
- Meyer Segal purchased the building in 1951. He permitted four tenants to add private roof deck areas and tenants on the ground level in the court yard added private patios and small gardens.
- In 1973, Segal sold the building to the Calomiris Corporation who converted the building to condominiums. As part of the conversion, Calomiris redecorated the building removing some of the Art Deco features from the lobby, including a 6 ½ foot mural.
- At the time of the conversion, 70% of the residents purchased their units. The building consisted of 59 efficiencies, 197 one bedrooms, 17 two-bedrooms and 2 three bedrooms.
- The first Public Offering Statement was available in November 1973. The unit owners took control of the association in 1974.
- Important people who have lived at Gateway Georgetown are Senator Murphy, Gerald Ford,

- Gateway Georgetown has a medical office suite that was occupied by a medical doctor. At the time of the conversion, Dr. Ralph Jones purchased the medical suites for his dental offices.
- Through the wall air conditioners were installed in the late sixty's.
- At the time of the conversion, some units were purchased as is with sliding door kitchen cabinets and some were renovated with new metal cabinets and new appliances.
- The building originally burned coal to supply heat and hot water. The building now burns natural gas with an alternate fuel of # 2 fuel oil.
- When the building was rental, an employee lived in B-23 and turned the boiler on for heat every day at 5:00 a.m. The heat and hot water for the building are now controlled by a computer that uses the outside temperature to modulate the heat.