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City's 'Real' D.C. representatives

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do their husbands. Friends tell us most of the cast didn't know each other before taping began last year. Bravo gave serious thought to both dropping out, because their jobs either required discretion or were too boring. We've written about them only a kajillion times over the years in cafes with TV cameras in tow, but let's meet them — and the other housewives — again!



● **Ashley**, 40-ish. A D.C. native who moved to the United States in summer 2008 when she married **Charles**, a prizewinning real estate agent with a brief stint on Bravo's press release. The mother of two children, she was here before she became part of the show's set. Turns out she's not for reality TV: In a lab test to a British but her makeout with much younger men. Bravo's press release no notice of the show last week — that Charles have recently — but this is relevant for them, long wrapped months apart.



● **Mary Schmidt Amons**, 43. The McLean socialite and mom of five is a native of the area. She's the daughter of a telecom exec and wife of a telecom guy, **Rich Amons**, a stylish fellow on Washingtonian's best-dressed list. They started early: Their oldest, **Lolly**, is 23; she and Mary were featured in 2005 stories in Marie Claire and on "Good Morning America" about mothers and daughters who look the same age. Mary also helped found Labels for Love, which runs the popular District Sample Sale, a semiannual shopping-for-charity event. Random fact: Her grandfather was 1950s broadcaster **Arthur Godfrey**. And something totally new we're just learning from the Bravo press release: "Mary spent summers at the Kennedy residences as a child." Fancy! No idea which Kennedy to call, so we'll take their word for that.



● **Stacie Scott Turner**, 42. She's the only one with much connection to politics: Husband **Jason** worked in **Adrian Fenty's** administration but left amid upheaval in the parks department. They've also hosted fundraisers. She's a Howard University grad and a Harvard MBA who worked in marketing at BET and other companies before becoming a real estate agent with Long & Foster. They have two young children, **Jacob** and **Catherine**, and live in a former church in 16th Street Heights that they renovated into a mansion. Jason's brother is a Paris-based hip-hop musician. Bravo's press release touts Turner's charity — brand-new, by the looks of it — set up to help teenage girls in foster care.



● **Lynda Erkiletian**, 52. A divorced mom of four children, she's the owner of T.H.E. Artist Agency, a Georgetown modeling firm that says it represents 500 models and stylists. (Bravo calls it "one of the top modeling agencies in D.C." We say: How many others are there?) She used to date **Christopher Reiter**, the 40-ish owner of Muléh boutique, but now is involved with **Ebong Eka**, a mid-30s man-about-town accountant/aspiring designer. Last fall, she sold her four-bedroom condo at the Georgetown Ritz-Carlton for \$5.3 million and moved out of the city. She was named last year to Washingtonian's best-dressed list. Bravo informs us she's into astrology, "shooting clay pigeons, riding ATVs and cooking a mean fried chicken."