

Birthday for Reston And Its Founder

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MallowDrama owners Mary and David Supley Foxworth look on as Reston founder Bob Simon prepares to cut the cake they prepared for the seventh annual Founder's Day, celebrating the 46th anniversary of Reston and Simon's 96th birthday.

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Resident Tom Wilkins asks a question of guest speaker Alexander Garvin.



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Urban planner, educator and author Alexander Garvin speaks at Founder's Day.

Looking Back and Planning Ahead

Founder's Day speaker recalls Reston's creation, offers guidance for future.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Alexander Garvin said he had first heard of Reston when he was studying at Yale, where Bob Simon came to a seminar and spoke about his effort to start the planned community in Northern Virginia. "It became an inspiration for developers all around the country," Garvin said.

On Saturday afternoon, April 10, the urban planner, author and educator was the guest speaker for the community's seventh annual Founder's Day, celebrating Reston's 46th anniversary and Simon's 96th birthday.

At the time of Reston's founding, a lot of other ideas were floating around about how to design planned communities, Garvin told the 100 or so people gathered in the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne. The neighborhood of Radburn, N.J. had opened decades

earlier, in 1928 as a "new town for the motor age," he said, noting that Simon's father had been an investor in the project. The community featured rows of cul de sacs facing "green spines," as well as a pedestrian system including underpasses. "I think that's an important influence on Reston," Garvin said, adding that Reston had 39 underpasses and was built around green "sinews."

He said Reston would go on to set new examples for suburban development. One of them was Lake Anne. "A lake-centered development was not a common thing when Reston began in the 1960s," Garvin said. "It's become a huge influence." He said Columbia, Md., Irvine, Calif., Woodlands, Texas and other communities had borrowed the idea of building around manmade lakes.

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— Alexander Garvin

AS A MEASURE of Reston's success, Garvin said he had looked up Simon's original seven goals for the community and determined that at least six of them had been achieved. For example, he said, the proportion of single-family, detached homes was considerably lower than average. "That's a good

deal greater variety of housing types than you would find in a conventional suburb of the United States." As for the opportunity to live and work in the same community, he said 42 percent of the jobs in Reston were held by Reston residents. "That's an enormous number," he said.

The one goal whose achievement was in question, Gavin said, was the community's financial success. He noted that the Tall Oaks supermarket was again vacant, businesses were foundering at Lake Anne Plaza and the community center where he was speaking had once been a supermarket. Garvin said the business of retail had changed since Reston's formation, with supermarkets looking for larger spaces and businesses able to sell online.

The only solution, he said, was to bring more people, "because without more customers, these stores are not going to survive." He urged the community to find sites that could be developed and to make it simple for developers to build there. "Second growth in suburban areas is something we've done little of in the United States because we're a young country. But we're going to have to," Garvin said.

Asked to comment on the challenges and opportunities pre

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This year's 'star fish' are honored with sashes. From left are Lisa Groves, Wendell Driggers, Larry Stine, Bob Santoro, presenter and FISH Executive Director Sherri Longhill, Jim O'Donnell, Don Owens and Tony Di Trapani. Not pictured is Robin Kampf.

FISH Volunteers, President Honored

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Herndon-Reston FISH President Marcia Di Trapani said her organization had not expected to top last year's FISH Fling attendance of about 200, as the group was celebrating its 40th anniversary last year. However, as the event got underway last Saturday night, April 10, only seven of the 210 seats in the Dulles Crowne Plaza Hotel banquet hall were still available for walk-in guests.

The annual gala is the biggest fund-raiser for the organization, which provides emergency assistance for area residents and runs the Bargain Loft thrift store in Herndon. Guests were treated to a sit-down dinner with wine, dancing, games, and silent and live auctions.

During dinner, FISH (Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help) Executive Director Sherri Longhill called attention to the eight volunteers being recognized as this year's "star fish."

ONE OF THEM, Wendell Driggers, had been driving people to medical appointments for 10 years. He said he had met a FISH volunteer at Lake Anne Plaza who suggested he volunteer as a driver after his retirement. "I thought it sounded like fun, and it was," Driggers said. He encouraged the younger people in attendance to consider driving for the organization. "It is extremely rewarding and you can help people by driving," he said.

Don Owens developed a financial workshop that had taught financial management



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Incoming FISH President Mary Drum, left, announces that the Herndon Rotary Club has named current President Marcia Di Trapani, right, its Citizen of the Year.

skills to about 500 FISH clients over the last two years. He said some of the clients might not surprise people, but others may have been making six-figure salaries before falling on hard times. "They just need that hand. It's a hand-up, not a handout, and they take it that way," Owens said.

Larry Stine did all the pickups for the Bargain Loft and also performed other tasks around the thrift store and drove people to appointments. He recalled delivering a bookcase to a young girl who loved to read. "She was just so happy to get that bookcase. It reminded me so much of myself," he said.

"When you're the husband of the president, you've got to help," Anthony Di Trapani said, adding that he did enjoy the work and encouraged others to volunteer. He was being honored for his grant-writing work,

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Di Trapani Named Citizen of the Year

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as well as helping to get electrical wiring installed in the thrift store and negotiating its new lease.

Jim O'Donnell had volunteered at the Bargain Loft for five years, doing electronics testing and other work. He said one reason he started working there, aside from the fact that his wife was a manager at the shop, was that "the

folks who worked there were so warm and friendly and I just felt comfortable there."

"What volunteering is to me is giving back to the community which we serve and it's internalizing those feelings," said Bob Santoro, who also worked at the Bargain Loft and had volunteered with FISH for 12 years.

Lisa Groves handled FISH mar-

keting and communications and had coordinated the evening's event. She said she most enjoyed getting to know individuals and businesses in the community.

Robyn Kampf was unable to attend the dinner, but Longhill said Kampf had volunteered with the organization for the last 20 years and had gotten the rest of her family involved as well. She ran the

food and gift basket program.

JUST BEFORE the live auction began, it was announced that outgoing FISH president Marcia Di Trapani was also going to be recognized. The Herndon Rotary Club had named her Citizen of the Year and would hold a banquet in her honor on May 19. Marcia Di Trapani has been president of the

organization for the last five years.

"I'm totally bowled over by this. Thank you so much to the Herndon Rotary," Marcia Di Trapani said. "A wise person once said, 'To whom much is given, much is expected,'" said board member Ellen Graves. "You have given much as president of FISH. You have exceeded all expectations."



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Citizens Sound Off on Schools, Parks and Taxes

Supervisors listen to residents' advice on Fairfax's budget for next year.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors held three days of public hearings on the locality's 2011 budget and spending April 6, 7 and 8. More than 300 people signed up to speak about cuts to county programs and potential tax and fee increases for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

The supervisors must close a projected financial shortfall of \$257.2 million in Fairfax's \$3.3 billion general fund next year. They are scheduled to formally adopt the county's 2011 budget on April 27.

To fill the funding gap, Fairfax County executive Anthony Griffin proposed raising the real estate property tax rate, though to a level where most homeowners would actually be paying about \$50 less in property taxes than they did last year. Real estate property values in Fairfax continued to fall in 2010, which means that the local real estate property tax rate could be raised without homeowners having to pay higher taxes.

Under Griffin's proposal, the Fairfax County real estate property tax rate would go from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value. The supervisors have the option of raising the tax rate as high as \$1.12 per \$100 of assessed value, though any increase over \$1.09 would result in a higher tax bill for the average Fairfax homeowner in 2011.

In addition to raising the tax rate, supervisors will also consider three new annual fees. The Fairfax County board may raise the average citizens sewage bill by \$60, charge a vehicle registration fee that would cost most people \$33 per car, and add a \$2 courthouse fee for people involved in a civil lawsuit.

Griffin has recommended the new fees as an alternative way of closing the county budget gap that would not add to the tax burden of homeowners. The money raised would help pay for services like

Fairfax County Public Schools, which accounts for 53 percent of the county's overall budget annually.

But even if the supervisors vote to implement a higher real estate tax rate and the new fees, Fairfax will still have to make many cuts to services like the Fairfax Connector bus, public libraries, community policing and drop-in centers for people with mental illness.

The Fairfax County School Board would also have to consider measures like increasing the county's average public school class size.

The following is what some residents had to say about changes to the Fairfax County Budget next year:

Former Supervisor Stuart Mendelsohn (R - Dranesville) called the Fairfax County executive Anthony Griffin's budget recommendations "responsible" when speaking on behalf of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. Mendelsohn is chairman of the business organization.

The county executive's proposed hike in real estate property tax rate — from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed property value — was reasonable, according to Mendelsohn.

The chamber also agreed with Griffin's proposal for a slight reduction in Fairfax County Public Schools funding this year, despite the fact that the local school board had asked for an increase in their transfer from the county.

But there was one of Griffin's recommendations — the reinstatement of an annual vehicle registration fee — that the Fairfax chamber does not support. Mendelsohn said a new fee, at \$33 per car and higher for large trucks, would hurt those county businesses that have large fleets.

The chamber might be willing to reconsider its stance on the vehicle fee, if the Fairfax supervisors agreed to dedicate the revenue generated from it entirely to local

transportation projects, he said.

Arthur Purves said out-of-control benefit packages for Fairfax County government employees, including teachers, are to blame for a lack of funding for many services.

Purves, a Vienna resident, is a founding member of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance and has been advocating for lower taxes in the county for the past 20 years.

If local real estate property taxes had grown at the same rate as inflation, the average Fairfax homeowner would be paying \$1,500 less annually than they are currently, said Purves.

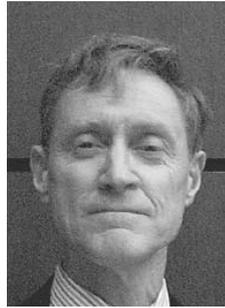
Taxes have been going up at a faster rate, in part, because Fairfax County is paying for its employees generous retirement packages and health care benefits, Purves said. Over the past 10 years, Fairfax County Public Schools has increased the amount of money it spends on employee benefits by \$1 billion.

"That is why class size has gone up," said Purves.

He added that the county should move away from paying out pensions to retired employees and toward 401k plans and other programs regularly used in the private sector.

In 1977, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board oversaw 90 parks with 140 staff members. Last year, the same park board oversaw 417 parks with 131 staff members.

Fairfax County Park Authority board members said the county is already doing more with less and



Arthur Purves,
Fairfax County
Taxpayers
Alliance and
Vienna resident



Stuart Mendelsohn,
Fairfax County
Chamber of
Commerce
chairman and
McLean resident



William Bowie,
Fairfax County
Park Authority
Board chairman
and Reston
resident

the proposed cuts to the park system for next year go too far.

"We would like to reconsider the maintenance cuts. These are simply too large a burden to carry," said William Bowie, Fairfax County Park Authority board chairman.

Bowie is particularly concerned about budget cuts that would eliminate seeding and aeration of athletic field, both those at county park and the ones located at elementary and middle school campuses.

He also said the drop in financial support would cause the park authority to close restrooms at many of its facilities, saving the county about \$250,000.

John Niemiec, president of the local fire fighters and paramedics union, said his members are prepared to "share their burden" of county budget cuts, given the tough economic situation Fairfax County faces.

The fire fighters and paramedics are willing to forego a pay increase but Niemiec said cuts to the department staff proposed by the county executive would result in delayed responses by emergency medical service teams and would impact the Hazardous Materials unit.

"If the HazMat Support Unit is cut from the budget, the department's ability to mitigate a chemical spill or prevent the threat of a weapon of mass destruction will be hampered considerably," said Niemiec.

The union supports implementing a vehicle registration fee and raising the tax rate to its highest allowed value, \$1.12 for every \$100 of assessed property, which would result in a tax increase for the average homeowner in Fairfax.

Niemiec hopes these actions would help restore some of the positions and staff that the county executive has proposed cutting from Fairfax's budget.



John Niemiec,
president of the
Fairfax County
Professional Fire
Fighters and
Paramedics and
Fairfax resident

John Johnson, as a parent, is asking the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to increase its monetary transfer to the local public school system. If the public schools do not receive more money, the local school board is likely to make cuts that would disproportionately impact low-income and minority students, he said.

Johnson, who is head of the Fairfax schools Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee, said many of the previous program cuts the school system had sustained in the last few years have come at the expense of minority and low income students.

The programs that are eliminated are often those that are meant to help these at-risk groups of students, he said.

"Where would Fairfax rate if we were measured by our lowest performing students?" he asked.

Sandra Stilt objects to the total elimination of Fairfax Connector bus service in the Herndon and Reston area on Sundays.

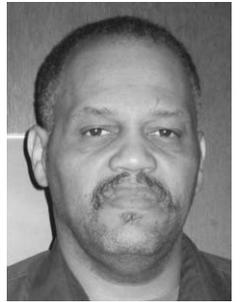
Stilt, a Herndon resident, does not own a car and had to take a taxi cab home from the Fairfax County Government Center after testifying at the supervisors' public hearing.

"This is a total disregard to the people who rely solely on public transit," she said.

Stilt said the Sunday bus route that she uses now runs every 30 minutes for most of the day.

If it is eliminated entirely, she will be "stranded" on Sundays, unable to shop or run most of her errands.

"The bus is pretty crowded. There are many people like myself that don't drive," said Stilt.



John Johnson,
Herndon resident



Sandra Stilt,
Herndon resident

OPINION

Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts

By ELIZABETH MURPHY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Minds Wide Open

Northern Virginia arts organizations hold many local events for statewide celebration. See www.vamindswideopen.com for more:

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The guest artist for this concert is a woman (Julie Albers, cello), playing Elgar's Cello Concerto. Additionally, the orchestra will perform a piece (blue cathedral) by a popular, living

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Cats, Jun 18-20, The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, www.wolftrap.org
Riverdance: Farewell Tour, June 2-6, The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, www.wolftrap.org
Female Shorts: Film and Video Showcase, June 3-6, Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery & The Art League Gallery, Alexandria, www.torpedofactory.org
Color & Body, Mar 31-April 25, Workhouse Arts Center: Karen Kozojet Ching, Traci Oberle & Eileen Olson, Lorton, www.workhousearts.org
WomanMade, May 1-30, Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery, Alexandria, www.torpedofactory.org
Miscalled Simplicity, May 21-22, Empty Chair Theatre Company, Arlington, www.emptychairtheatre.org
Curves, May 5-Jun 7, The Art League, Alexandria, www.theartleague.org

female composer and 2010 Grammy winner, Jennifer Higdon.

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A Wink and a Nod

By KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Last Friday, April 9, was the 145th anniversary of Robert E. Lee's surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. Although hostilities ended that day, the war of words over the causes and outcomes of the Civil War continues to rage. Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) contributed to the controversy by issuing a proclamation that recognized April as Confederate History Month and that shockingly addressed the "four year war between the states for independence." Nowhere in the proclamation could the words "slaves" or "slavery" be found until days later after public outrage and the failure to defend the proclamation on educational and tourism grounds failed.

Days later the Web site of the Virginia Division of Sons of Con-

federate Veterans (www.scvva.org) continued the original language of the governor's proclamation sans any reference to slavery. The site provides a link to thank Gov. McDonnell for issuing the proclamation saying, "if the proclamation does anything, it hopefully will be a nail in the coffin of political correctness, an insidious disease infecting our nation." There is no reference to what it does for political accuracy.

Once again, Gov. McDonnell appears with a wink and a nod to want to have it both ways. The proclamation appeals to some of his most ardent supporters; they got what they wanted. And when his biggest political contributor, Sheila Johnson, raised objections along with former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder (D), he added some words



on slavery to appease them. Which view reflects the personal position of the governor?

The pattern of behavior repeats itself. When confronted with an unwillingness to issue a longstanding Executive Order to protect state employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation, and when over-shadowed on the issue by his attorney general saying there was no legal authority to protect such workers, the governor issued a directive with no political effect on the subject. Wink, wink!

In his campaign for governor, he

nodded to those who sought relief from traffic congestion by saying that he had a 19-page plan that proved during the legislative session to not produce a single new mile of highway construction. He winked at educational reform, but the bills he promoted will help but a small fraction of students, if any, at some distant time in the future. His zig-zag behavior from his base to trying to be a moderate has made him a regular target on late-night television. Virginians need more than a wink and a nod from the governor if we are to survive these challenging times.

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FAITH

Chabad of Reston-Herndon to Launch Holocaust Studies Series

The Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will reach its widest audience yet when it launches its new course, "Beyond Never Again: How the Holocaust Speaks to Us Today," this spring. Program coordinators anticipate that some 10,000 students will take the six-lesson course in their 200 affiliate sites around the world, including the Chabad Aleph Center, 718 Lynn St., Herndon.

Though the course is timed to coincide with Yom Hashoah-Holocaust Remembrance Day, it does not focus on the history of the Holocaust but rather its other aspects, so that there's little overlap with Holocaust courses traditionally offered at universities and Jewish community centers. "Beyond Never Again" addresses how the Holocaust matters to Jewish people personally, theologically,

More Information

Beyond Never Again: How the Holocaust Speaks to Us Today, six Tuesdays, April 27—June 1, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Chabad Aleph Center, 718 Lynn St., Herndon. Fee: \$75 per person | \$135 per couple. Register at www.chabadrh.org. Or call 703-476-1829.

psychologically, and how it challenges today's generation to re-

think its ethical values.

The JLI course will tackle big questions like why evil people prosper, and why good people suffer. Rabbi Fajnlend, instructor for the course here in Reston-Herndon, called this paradox the "energizing Jewish question" that is a central thread through Jewish history from the patriarch Abraham and on. Later sessions include the Jewish approach to

martyrdom, faith after tragedy, and preventing further suffering.

Because the courses are offered in lockstep pace at all JLI affiliate sites, student can move from one of the Institute's 200 sites to another, without missing a beat. Every student that signs up for the course is also given access to a special JLI Web site where the discussions continue on a broader platform.

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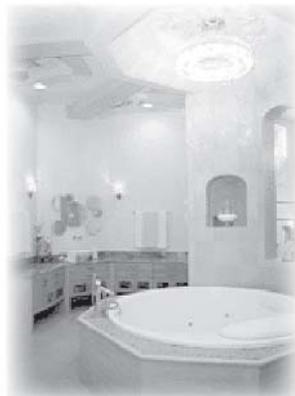
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WEEK IN RESTON

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Global Camp Africa (GCA), the recipient of the

2010 Reston Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 25th Annual Birthday Celebration Award for International Impact, is a nonprofit headquartered in a third floor walk-up on Lake Anne in Reston. It is the brainchild of Phil Lilienthal, a Reston attorney, who for 30 years also ran Camp Winnebago in Maine. At 62, Lilienthal gave up his law practice and flew to South Africa to see if the camp model might provide a tool in the war on AIDS.

USGS To Host Langston Hughes Art Show

The 10th Annual Langston Hughes Middle School

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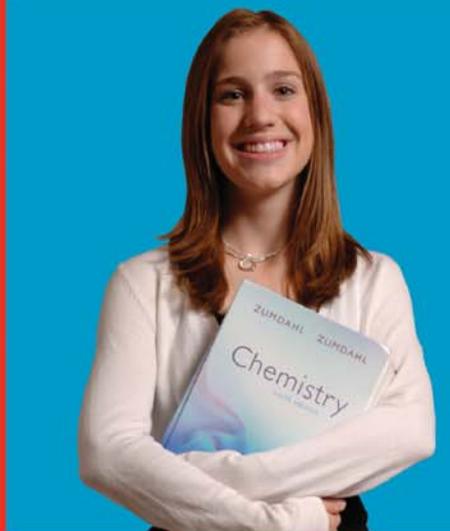
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(LHMS) art exhibit celebrating "Youth Art" is on display at the USGS National Center in Reston, through April 30 (weekdays only).

On April 15, the USGS, in partnership with LHMS, will host a reception in the Art Hallway of the National Center from 7-8:30 p.m. for the public.

USGS Director Marcia McNutt and LHMS Principal Aimee Monticchio will welcome the invited guests, parents, students and faculty of LHMS to an evening of art, music and poetry. Guests will be treated to a vast array of colorful and imaginative works of art that includes charcoal drawings, self-portraits, and clay sculptures that will line the Art Hallway.

Follow the signs for Visitor parking and proceed to the Visitors Entrance.

Visitors 18 and older will need a valid picture identification and expect to be scanned by a magnetometer.

U.S. Geological Survey, Art Hallway, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston. For more information, visit www.usgs.gov.

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THURSDAY/APRIL 15

Musical Memories: Spring Community Concert and Open House. 12:45 p.m. at The Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon. Door prizes will be awarded prior to the free concert. 'Just Friends', a Great Falls-based five piece combo, performs at 1 p.m. with American popular music from the 1920's-1960's. Free. 703-464-6200.

Great Falls Optimist Club Oratorical Contest. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. This year's topic is Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem? Students from Great Falls, Reston and McLean, under age 16 compete to win scholarships. sandjcoolidge@verizon.net or www.greatfallsoptimist.org.

Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. tinyurl.com/lupusgrps or 1-888-349-1167.

Special Twos. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

Fairfax Antique Arts Association: Herend China. 10:15 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Senior Center, Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Room 111, Fairfax. Seymour Lazerowitz will display and speak about pieces from his collection. Free; annual membership fee required to attend subsequent meetings. 703-359-2487.

Singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 16

Pianist Edvinas Minkstimas. 7:30 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Music by Schumann, Liszt, Debussy and Piazzolla. Tickets \$25, seniors and students \$15. 703-356-0670, www.minkstimas.com or www.saintlukemclean.org.

Moscow Festival Ballet: 'Giselle.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The tragic tale of the heartbroken peasant girl. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$27-\$54, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu. Youth through grade 12 half price.

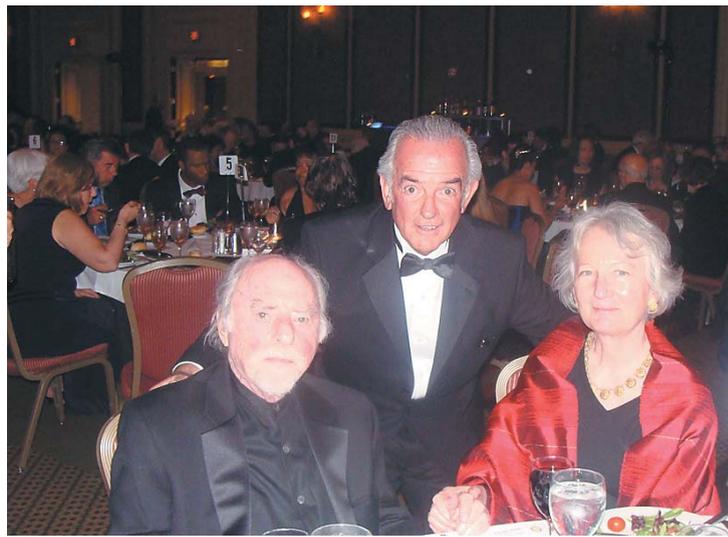
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SATURDAY/APRIL 17

Moscow Festival Ballet: 'Coppelia.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A young villager falls in love with a life-size dancing doll. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$27-\$54, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu. Youth through grade 12 half price.

National Library Week Craft Time. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Listen to stories and make bookmarks. All Ages. 703-437-8855.

Author Steve Clapp. 2 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza,



Robert and Cheryl Terio Simon and Rudy Tassara



Carlotta and Horace McCormack and Burt Lamkin

Tango Gala Attracts Hundreds

On April 3, the Rotary Club of Herndon sponsored its first Tango Gala at the Reston Hyatt Regency Hotel. The roots of the tango go back to the late 1800s, but its popularity in the United States can be traced to the early 1920s movies starring Rudolph Valentino. Thereafter, the tango was forever linked to sophisticated and elegant couples.

The Rotary Club of Herndon is fortunate to have an Argentine-born member who grew up with a passion for tango. Because of his love for the dance, Rodolfo Tassara, better known as Rudy, proposed the concept of the Tango Gala last fall. Tassara, with the support of his committee, planned the details

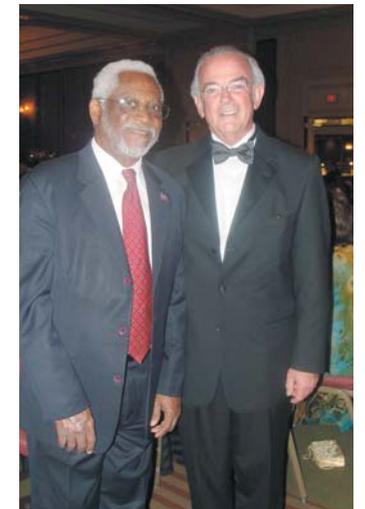
of this event, bringing a little bit of Argentina to Reston. To make the event even more authentic, Tassara located an Argentine winery that donated 200 bottles of Rotini Wines.

The 325 guests enjoyed the dinner before being serenaded by a 20-piece professional tango orchestra and four professional tango dancers who came from New York to give a 1 1/2 hour show. Preceding dinner, guests bid on jewelry and sports memorabilia during a silent auction. After the auction, sponsored by Adeler Jewelers, guests were then invited to participate in tango dancing and lessons by instructor, Adam King, for the rest of the evening.

This event would not have been possible without the support of the

Herndon Rotary sponsors and partners, including the Argentine Embassy in Washington, D.C. The Rotary Club also received sponsorships from the business community as well as attendance of some special invited guests, including the Ambassador of Haiti Raymond Joseph, Brig. Gen. Gero L. K. Schachthoefler from Germany, District Gov. Horace McCormack and his wife Carlotta and the founder of Reston, Robert Simon and his wife, Cheryl Terio Simon.

The Rotary Club of Herndon is one of the community's oldest and largest service clubs. Since 1939, the club supports scholarship and community service in the greater Herndon area. Proceeds from this evening will go to improving schools and helping the people of



Haitian Ambassador Raymond Joseph with Rudy Tassara

Haiti, areas of need in Argentina, and funding scholarship programs for Herndon students.

Reston. 'Africa Remembered, Adventures in Post Colonial Nigeria and Beyond.' 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

Reston Community Orchestra Annual Benefit Orchestra Night. 7:30 p.m. at Sunset Hills Montessori School, 11180 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. Black and White: Putting' on the Ritz. With singer Beverly Cosham of Reston. \$75 per person, \$400 for 6. Tickets available at www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.

Farm Baby Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Greet new farm babies. Free. 703-437-9101.

SUNDAY/APRIL 18

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. 4 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Led by viola and violin soloist Julian Rachlin. Edvard Grieg, Beethoven, Schubert and more. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 3:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$30-\$60, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Splash of Color Reception and Gallery Talk. 3-5 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Watercolors by Betty Ganley and pottery by Marianne Cordyack.

Exhibit continues through May 2. www.artspaceherndon.com or www.herndonartscenter.org.

MONDAY/APRIL 19

Mother Goose Time. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Songs, stories and action rhymes. Birth-23 months with adult. 703-437-8855.

Walker's Rangers: Spring Sensations. 2:30 p.m. at Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. A hands-on nature club for ages 5-8. \$40 per child RA members, \$64 per child non-members. Register at 703-476-9689 ext. 6540 or naturalist@reston.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 20

Testing Tips and Tutoring. 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. A guest speaker offers tips on taking college entrance and SOL exams. Age 12 and up. 703-437-8855.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 21

Live from Gran Teatre Del Liceu, Barcelona: Mozart's Die Entführung aus dem Serail (The Abduction from the Seraglio). Transmitted live at 12 p.m., with a

delayed broadcast at 7:30 p.m. At the Worldgate 9 Theatres, 13025 Worldgate Drive, Herndon. Conducted by Ivor Bolton, directed by Christof Loy and starring Diana Damrau. \$25. 703-318-9290 or www.operaincinema.com.

Harpichord music by Vera Kochanowsky. 1 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free, all are welcome. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Pre-Earth Day Celebration. 10 a.m. at Center for Education at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Young children experience and learn about the 4 R's through puppetry and music from Junkyard Pirates and The Wolf Trap Jazz Trio. www.wolftrap.org.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Benefit: Dining 4 the Cure. 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Herndon United Methodist Church, 701 Bennett St., Herndon. A complete spaghetti dinner will be served. Hosted by the Herndon High School Key Club, Keyettes, and SGA. \$10 per person. www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/pdf/0910/CysticFibrosis.pdf

THURSDAY/APRIL 22

Author Jeffrey Siger: Assassins of Athens. 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. 703-437-9490.

Semi-Annual Book Sale. 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Used Book Sale. All Ages. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/APRIL 23

The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards. 8 p.m. at Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Volunteer Fairfax and more than 500 community members will honor 176 volunteer individuals and organizations. \$35 for individuals or nonprofits, \$50 for corporate guests. Tickets available at www.volunteerfairfax.org. Contact Samantha Watson at swatson@volunteerfairfax.org or 703-246-3826.

The Virginia Opera presents The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

Semi-Annual Book Sale. 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Used Book Sale. All Ages. 703-689-2700.

Guy Zollar Opening Reception. 6 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. A show and sale of works by Reston potter and sculptor Guy Zoller. Through May 28. 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

Planner Discusses 'Second Growth'

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sented by the coming of Metrorail, he recalled that Reston had been difficult to access, with no exit from the toll road, when he first visited, and this had made it harder to convince people to move there. "Let me assure you, the ability to get on mass transit and go where you want to is a huge thing," he said. Now, he said, more people would be willing to move to the area, and places would need to be found to locate them. He suggested the existing village centers and the areas around Metro stops.

Resident and Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn (At-large) asked how the plan for Lake Anne redevelopment that was completed last year could be pitched to developers, and Garvin said it was difficult to market a community but that developers would come after the economy rebounded if the site was affordable. "You have to set it up so when the market changes, there are sites that are accessible by price and it's easy to build them," he said.

ASKED about the possibility of placing a satellite center for a university at Lake Anne, Garvin said residents didn't know whether a university was interested in moving there. "I don't believe in going to the community, putting up a blank sheet of paper and saying, 'What do you want?'" he said. "When I come to a community meeting, I list the things that are possible and what is the cost to the community."

Mary Ellen Craig wanted to know how

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FRIDAY/APRIL 16

Are More Single Occupancy Vehicles the

Answer? 7:30 p.m. at Oracle, 1910 Oracle Way, Reston. Presentation by Dr. Samuel R. Staley, Robert W. Galvin Fellow and Reason Foundation Director of Urban and Land Use Policy. Co-sponsored by AAA Mid-Atlantic and the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce. DATA Member/Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce Member/AAA members \$35, non-member \$45. Reserve at info@datatrans.org or 703-817-1307.

Reston Town Center, where she lived, could handle an expected boom in population. Garvin suggested the creation of more parkland, which he acknowledged would cost money.

He also said the town center, in contrast to most of the country, seemed to have abundant night life but little life during the day, and he said daytime attractions would help. "That 24-hour use of streets would make a huge difference." And he said there were few children in the town center. To bring more children, he said, a "truly great school" with a specialization in a subject like computers and media could be considered. "There would be people from all over the country who would want to send their children there."

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) asked whether public-private partnerships, authorities or business improvement districts might help the community get what it needed out of redevelopment projects.

Garvin said he favored business improvement districts, where a local tax could be used to sell bonds in order to buy streetlights, wayfinding signs and other improvements, but he said such districts required strong, entrepreneurial leadership.

"There are a lot of things you can do, but it has to be something that is in tune with this community," he said. Following the talk, the crowd moved to the plaza in front of the Reston Museum, where Simon cut the first piece from a towering birthday cake topped with his trademark beret.

SATURDAY/APRIL 17

Community Workshop for Reston Parkway Station. 9 a.m. at the Langston Hughes Middle School cafeteria.

The Hunter Mill Road Corridor Civil War

Tour. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A 3-1/2 to 4-hour narrated excursion on a 20-seat bus, focusing on the locations of skirmishes, encampments, graves and historical structures of the Civil War era. The tour will begin in Vienna, include the Flint Hill area and continue up Hunter Mill Road to Baron Cameron Ave. in Reston. \$28 per person. Tour books with photos will be available at \$10 on the day of the tour. Register at www.HMDL.org. Jim Lewis, 703-620-2956.

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Jordan Taylor, Andy Galloway, Thomas Mallaney and Sam Milligan, all 12, celebrate the Reston Little League opening day.

PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE KNAPP

Reston Little League Kicks Off New Season

Baseball and softball players of all ages gathered in Reston for the opening day parade in Reston Town Center. The day started off with all the teams of every age division marching in a celebratory parade down Market Street.

After the parade ended in the pavilion, the teams sat down and listened to a few words from the Reston Little League President Craig Sablosky. "What makes Reston Little League so great and why am I so proud to be president of this organization?" Sablosky asked. "Well, it's a combination of things. Number one is you, our parents and our players. Number two is the role we play in building community. Number three is our great facilities. And number four is our terrific volunteers."

A number of other speakers stressed the importance of this program to the community and in the lives of children, including the head baseball coaches of Madison, South Lakes and Herndon high schools.

"This is especially special to me because 20 years ago, I was a Reston Little Leaguer myself," said Greg Miller, varsity coach of Herndon High. "You guys don't realize it now, but when I look back, some of the most pure, most fun time I had playing baseball were at the little league level."

After that, the parents and players took an oath to promote a fair play.

For more about Reston Little League, visit www.eteamz.com/restonlittleleague/.

— STEPHANIE KNAPP



Carter Whitman and Jonas Miller, both 6, play in the T-ball division.



Logan Moody and Julio Diaz, both 12, enjoy the opening day parade.



Reston Little League President Craig Sablosky and South Lakes High School's varsity baseball coach Galvin Morris shake hands after announcing the Reston Little League Night on April 23 at South Lakes.

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SPORTS



PHOTO/COURTESY OF SOUTH LAKES HIGH

The South Lakes girls' soccer team will play at home again on Wednesday, April 28 against Herndon.

Young Seahawks Showing Improvement in Girls' Soccer

Murphy's squad looking to break into the win column.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

While the results have not shown on the scoreboard as of yet, the South Lakes High girls' varsity soccer team is showing improvement with every game and headed in the right direction.

Periodic defensive breakdowns and an offense that has struggled to find the net have hurt the Seahawks, 0-5 going into this week's action. But head coach Joanie Murphy's young squad has good talent and works hard. It is likely just a matter of time before the team hits its stride.

"The girls are working hard," said Murphy, South Lakes' fifth year head coach. "We did lose a number of players [to graduation] from last year."

Murphy said key factors to a good soccer team include overall physical fitness, a solid mental approach to the game, players that work together and the ability to pressure the ball defensively. The coach said the Seahawks have taken "baby steps" in those areas.

"But they need to be large steps," she said.

But she is pleased with her team's work ethic.

"They're working hard and they are trying," said Murphy. "As long as you're trying and want to get better, and are making corrections, that's what you have to do. And we have to put the ball in the net."

South Lakes has played talented teams, some of which are ranked in area polls. The losses have come to George Mason High, 4-1, Langley, 2-1, Westfield, 6-0, Washington-Lee, 3-1, and Stone Bridge, 4-0. The game against Langley, played at home on March 23, was South Lakes' lone Liberty District match thus far.

"From the beginning of the season until now, they have definitely improved," said Murphy, of her team. "Westfield [of the Concorde District] is probably the best team I've seen so far. But [the difficult] schedule is good for us. I think with the personnel we have on the team we have [the ability] to step up."

Senior co-captains Kim Baldwin (forward/midfield) and Katie Kraus (midfield/defense) lead South Lakes. Both have scored goals this spring.

Other key players include senior Ann Galeas (midfield), who had an assist in the game against Washington-Lee; juniors Kelly Colb (sweeper) and Kirstie Fleger (defender/striker); and sophomores Kelly Regan (midfield/striker), Jessie Sells (midfield/defense), Kayla Funaki (defense) and Hannah Carrai (outside back). Regan, Sells and Carrai all started

as freshmen last year when the Seahawks finished .500.

"We have a strong sophomore class," said Murphy.

The team's goalie is sophomore Anne-Marie Lloyd, who has played well in her first season as the varsity starter. A year ago, Lloyd played midfield on the JV team and also served as the varsity backup keeper.

MURPHY said the Seahawks, in most of their games, have played well for good portions of a game. But a bad defensive stretch here or there has cost them.

"We just can't have the mental breakdowns," she said. "We just have to stay focused and not make [the key] mistakes on offense or defense. We just have to play better on both sides of the ball."

"Each game, we have played 20 or 25 minutes of solid soccer, maybe more," said Murphy. "Then we'll have a breakdown. I tell the kids, 'When you play as hard as you've been playing, you deserve to win.'"

South Lakes was scheduled to play earlier this week on Monday, April 12 versus visiting district opponent McLean. Next week, the Seahawks will play non-district road games at Wakefield on Tuesday, April 20 and Thomas Jefferson on Thursday, April 22. Both contests are set to begin at 7:30 p.m. The team's next home game is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 at 7 p.m., versus cross-town rival Herndon.



PHOTO COURTESY/SOUTH LAKES BASEBALL

Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz, the centerfielder for the South Lakes High baseball team, scored the winning run in the Seahawks' comeback victory over Jefferson on April 9. Defensively, he also had a nifty, running catch in the district home game.

Dramatic Win for South Lakes Baseball

Kevin Ball hit a 2-out, walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning to lead the South Lakes High baseball team to a 4-3, come-from-behind win over Jefferson on April 9. The Liberty District game took place at South Lakes.

Ball's clutch hit plated teammate Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz with the game-winning run. The Seahawks began their final at-bats trailing 3-1.

In the three-run seventh, Lucian Fox legged out an infield single before Ryan Forrest delivered a solid single to right field. Wes Casson then drew a walk to load the bases for South

Lakes. Corps-Ortiz, the next batter, hit a hard grounder to second base to get the Seahawks within 3-2. Moments later, with Corps-Ortiz stealing second, Forrest scored the tying run on an error. That set the stage for Ball's game-winner.

John Beck, the South Lakes pitcher, went the distance to earn the win, striking out six and allowing six hits.

Corps-Ortiz had two hits in the game and also made a great running catch in center field to keep the Seahawks close. Billy McLaughlin was two-for-two with a sacrifice fly.

— RICH SANDERS



PHOTO BY SUZANNE BUCHKO

Laura Wolff (8), a senior outfielder for the Madison High girls' softball team, steps safely on second base during the Warhawks' 10-win over Stone-wall Jackson High on April 10. On Monday, April 12, the Warhawks improved to 7- with a 10-0 home win over

South Lakes. Madison pitcher Sam Brady tossed the shutout for the Warhawks. Wolff led the Madison offense with a triple and two doubles. Madison's next home game is Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. against Marshall.

OPINION

Train Is Coming - Literally

BY JOHN LOVAAS
CIVIC LEADER AND RESTON
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The Reston Master Plan Task Force has spent four months listening to rudimentary county reports on the three future Reston rail station areas — Wiehle Avenue, Reston Parkway, and Herndon-Monroe. The Task Force also had productive community meetings on two of them — Herndon-Monroe and Wiehle. Community ideas were solicited on developing the station areas and many good ideas were forthcoming. Community contributors and Task Force members were particularly enthusiastic about making the Wiehle Station a remarkable gateway to Reston with striking features and world class architecture, a place to remember and visit often.

Meanwhile, Fairfax County is busily shaping the future Wiehle Station ignoring both the Task Force and the community. The station plan under hurried consideration is the product of another public-private partnership (under the infamous PPEA law) between the county and a developer. In theory, the PPEA allows a private developer to take public land to build something and, in return, the public gets something fulfilling a worthy public purpose. And, PPEA should expedite the normally glacial county processes. But, this is Fairfax County. It has taken this county four years to get an agreement and now a terrible plan. The developer is Comstock Corporation and its plan is a disappointment to the community, but it is being rushed through the county processes because the train is coming — literally. If the station and a minimum of 2,300 parking spaces are not completed by 2013, the train simply will not stop at Wiehle Avenue. More than a bit embarrassing, eh? So, the county is over a barrel, a barrel of its own making. Comstock's crappy plan is about to be approved by the political appointees on the Fairfax Planning Commission over objections of most expert Reston residents and the county's own planning and zoning staff!

What should be a beautiful and memorable gateway station instead promises to leave the impression that Reston is parking garages and sunless, ugly little car-filled malls in a sea of traffic where Wiehle meets the Access Road. In fact, there is no plan to eliminate total gridlock on already jammed Wiehle Avenue. When asked about plans to manage traffic, officials shrug, and tell folks they should plan to walk more. This sad tale is one more example of what happens when the county's interests and the community's diverge — Reston loses. Imagine the mischief to come in master planning!

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Surprised To See Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a stage IV lung cancer patient, I was told by my oncologist on March 5, 2009 that he couldn't "cure me;" he could "treat me," a distinction I've been able to live with ever since (thank God!). At that initial Team Lourie meeting, my doctor clearly recited and reviewed the results from the various scans, and a subsequent biopsy, that I had completed, and then presented his recommendations/my options and reasons for them. We listened intently. Asked a few questions (incredulous as it was even asking them), received straightforward answers, and acted accordingly, meaning: I started chemotherapy six days later. (When an oncologist speaks, it's hard not to listen.)

To say I have a terminal condition is a bit too scary for me to admit; to say I have a serious health problem (my being asymptomatic notwithstanding) is a bit easier for me to accept. However, how other people (friends, family members, co-workers and other health care professionals) perceive you can be quite telling and perhaps indicative of the real severity of the underlying diagnosis (not that I need any convincing, but neither do I need make-believe). Nevertheless, after witnessing multiple people's reactions to seeing me/speaking to me – after not having done so for varying intervals of time (pre-diagnosis to be sure), has led me to a conclusion: you can judge the seriousness of your sickness/disease/affliction by the level of surprise of people when they next see you/hear your voice, etc. (post diagnosis) after not having done so for a while.

I remember the first time I experienced this "oh-you're-still-alive" moment. I had been referred to a nephrologist (kidney specialist) due to a recurring abnormal level of something in my blood. At this first meeting, very little was medically apparent – and discussed – other than the effects of the chemotherapy, which was likely the cause of the elevated level. Since my chemotherapy was ongoing and not likely to be stopped, the doctor recommended that I begin taking a magnesium supplement, and to return in three months for a follow up. My meeting with the nephrologist was cordial, professional, not particularly social and fairly brief. When I left, I still wasn't sure how to pronounce the doctor's name and I expect I was nearly as forgettable. I was grateful the evaluation yielded so little of concern and off I went with the rest of my day.

Three months later I returned as instructed to see the same nephrologist. After being called in from the waiting room, I was led by a female nurse to an examining room and asked to take a seat. She blood-pressure cuffed me, took my vital signs and told me that the doctor would be in shortly. A few minutes passed before the doctor walked in holding my chart. She sees me, smiles, greets me by name and in a more animated manner than I previously remember says: "Hello, Mr. Lourie. It's great to see you!" To which I reacted/replied instinctively to her obvious (to me, anyway) surprise at seeing me (even though I had a scheduled appointment and presumably the doctor reviews her daily schedule of patients in advance to know who's going to be who) and said: "Hello. It's great to be seen," and laughed uneasily.

Then I thought: Was I not supposed to be seen? I had an appointment. Did she not know who I was? Ah, no. She had my chart. Was she not expecting to see me again? Why would she not be expecting to see me again? Oh. The stage IV lung cancer. Maybe she wasn't expecting to see me because, well, you know, the terminal disease. I didn't ask. She didn't offer. But I presume. Reading people's reactions to health news is almost like talking to children; you often receive the unfiltered, unvarnished truth verbally or non-verbally, whether you expect it or not. That's my interpretation of this doctor's reaction anyway. And of course, she didn't mean anything by it, it was an honest reaction (given what she knew). Nor was I offended by it. I was amused by it, sort of.

Still, this cancer thing is a bitch. Sometimes, your prognosis can be seen and heard in the eyes, and from the mouth, of the beholder.

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Volunteers help visitors select from a wide variety of handmade 'empty bowls.' As bowls were taken, more were brought out.



Cathy Waters, left, and Peggy Cressy organized this year's Empty Bowls fund raiser for the Giving Circle of Hope.

Empty Bowls a 'Booming Success'

Third annual fund raiser for Food for Others continues to involve more people, businesses.

The Giving Circle of Hope had considered last year's Empty Bowls fund raiser to be at capacity with about 500 guests. The group still managed to get even more people into this year's event. "We were hoping for 500, but I think we're going to get 600 here before we're done," said Peggy Cressy, one of the event chairs, as guests continued to stream into St. John Neumann Catholic Church last Friday evening, April 9.

It was the third time the Giving Circle, a group of Reston-area women that calls itself a "social investment club," hosted the fund raiser for Food for Others, the largest distributor of free food in Northern Virginia. In exchange for a donation, guests got to choose from bowls handmade by local potters and enjoy a meal of soup, bread and beverages donated by local businesses.

Last year, the event raised about \$22,000, including the value of donated food baskets, and Cressy said it looked like Friday's fund raiser was on track to take in more than that. Ninety gallons of soup were donated, as opposed to last year's 77 gallons, and the group received 800 bowls, 300 more than last year. This way, guests could get two bowls if they wanted, Cressy said.

Cathy Waters, the other organizer for the event, said a group called Clay Connection hosted late-night "bowl-a-thons" and made



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Charlotte Brown, left, and Lauren Davis, both of Girl Scout Troop 5644, help serve meals.

about 350 bowls. "They're very committed to our Empty Bowls fund raiser. They felt, as artisans, it was a way they could give back," she said. Bowman House Arts and Crafts, the Reston and Herndon community centers, the Clay Café of Chantilly and others also donated bowls. "This year, each of the groups focused on making bowls just for us," Waters said. She said many of the potters also showed up as diners.

A dozen businesses donated food, and almost 30 other companies and individuals offered donations or sponsorship.

"It's something that everybody feels very good and very strongly about," Waters said. "It seems to be getting bigger every year."

"It's a booming success," Cressy said.

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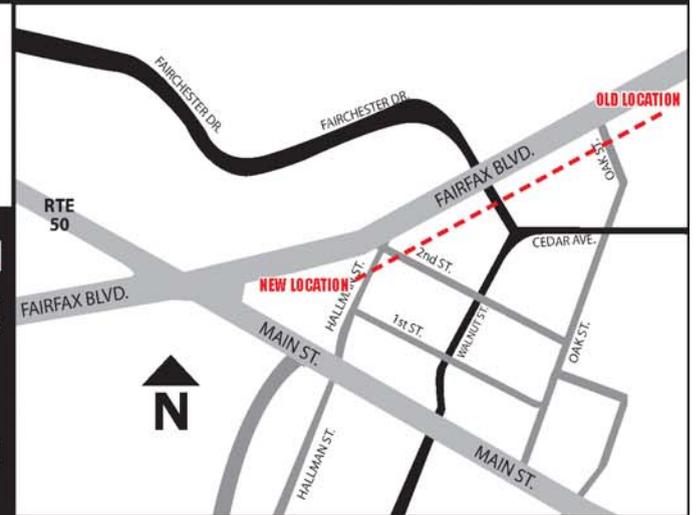
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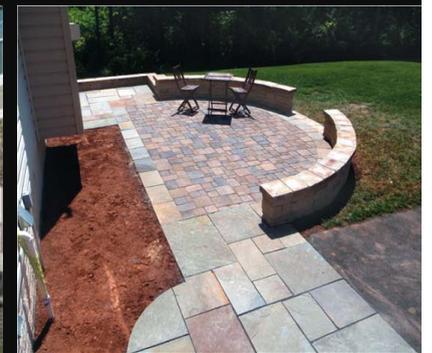
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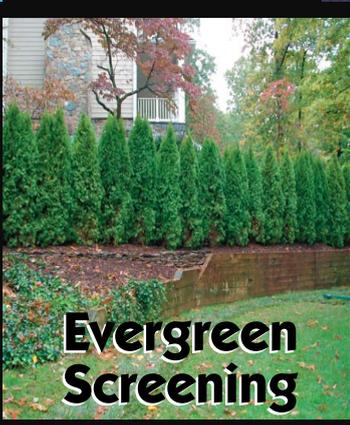
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