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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

McLEAN COMMUNITY CENTER GOVERNING BOARD SMALL DISTRICT 1A OF THE DRANESVILLE DISTRICT FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

This **NOTICE** of elections to select members of the 2012-2013 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center is officially given to residents of Small District 1A of the Dranesville District, Fairfax County, Virginia (referred to as "Small District 1A"). The McLean Community Center operates as a Special District Agency of the Fairfax County Government through a Memorandum of Understanding between Fairfax County and the McLean Community Center. On February 8, 1984, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding, which authorizes the elections. The McLean Community Center is funded by residents of Greater McLean for their use through a real estate tax surcharge, the result of a 1970 Small District 1A-Dranesville bond referendum.

Elections are held on **McLean Day** at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia. This year, McLean Day is on **Saturday, May 19, 2012**.

Voting on McLean Day takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Only Small District 1A residents are eligible to run for seats on the 11-member McLean Community Center Governing Board and to vote in the election. Residents are not required to be property owners in Small District 1A in order to run for the Governing Board or to vote in the election.

Candidate Qualifications: Each resident who lives within Small District 1A is eligible to run for a seat on the Governing Board within the appropriate category.

The Governing Board seats to be filled through the election are:

Three (3) Adult Governing Board Seats: Adult candidates must be residents of Small District 1A and must be at least eighteen (18) years of age by McLean Day. The candidates who receive the three (3) highest numbers of votes will serve three-year terms on the Governing Board. (If you need help determining whether you reside in Small District 1A, please contact the McLean Community Center at 703-744-9348 or elections@mcleancenter.org.)

Two (2) Youth Governing Board Seats:

One (1) Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the McLean High School boundary area
One (1) Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the Langley High School boundary area

Teen candidates must live in Small District 1A and must be between fifteen (15) and seventeen (17) years of age by McLean Day. One candidate from each high school boundary area receiving the highest number of votes will serve a one-year term on the Governing Board. High school boundaries are set by the Fairfax County Public Schools.

NOTICE TO TEENS: You must live within Small District 1A. However, you **do not** have to attend either McLean or Langley high schools. You can attend another school, including one that is outside of Small District 1A, or you can be home schooled.

In some cases, you might live within the boundary of one of the two high schools, but attend school in the other high school boundary. For example, you could attend McLean High School, but live in the Langley High School boundary, or vice versa.

***You must run for the youth board seat for
the high school boundary area where you live.***

You can find your high school boundary area by entering your home address in the Fairfax County Public Schools' boundary tool at <http://boundary.fcps.edu/boundary/>.

Remember: No matter where you attend school, you must still live within Small District 1A and run for election in the correct high school boundary area. (If you need help, please contact the McLean Community Center at 703-744-9348 or elections@mcleancenter.org.)

Candidate Petitions: Nominating Petitions may be obtained at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia, 22101, beginning at 9 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 21, 2012**. Adults seeking to become candidates for a seat on the Governing Board must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District 1A who are 18 years old or older (by McLean Day). Teens seeking to become candidates for a youth seat on the Governing Board must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District 1A who are between 15 to 17 years old (by McLean Day), and who live within the same high school boundary area as the candidate lives.

DEADLINE: Each resident seeking election to the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center shall file a completed petition with the McLean Community Center at the address shown below **on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012:**

**McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean, VA 22101**

All petitions will be certified on **Friday, March 23, 2012;** candidates will be notified whether their petitions have been certified on the same date. The names of certified candidates will be published in newspapers having general circulation in the Dranesville District.

Voter Qualifications: Each resident who **lives** within Small District 1A is eligible to vote in the Governing Board elections (within the adult or youth categories, as appropriate).

When voting in the elections, the qualifications are:

Adults: Any Small District 1A resident who is eighteen (18) years of age or older by McLean Day is eligible to vote in the elections. Adults may vote for up to three (3) adult candidates.

Teens: Any resident who is fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) years of age by McLean Day is eligible to vote in the elections. Teens may vote for one youth candidate from each high school boundary area (but not for two candidates in the same high school boundary area).

Verification of age and residence shall be determined from a driver's license, student identification card, birth certificate, or other satisfactory evidence. A verification process also is required for residents choosing to apply for absentee voting.

Absentee Voting: Residents may vote by absentee ballot. Applications for Absentee Ballot packages will be available at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia, 22101 beginning on **Monday, April 9, 2012** at 9 a.m. Applications for Absentee Ballot packages may be requested in-person, by email at elections@mcleancenter.org, and by telephone at 703-744-9348. Please also refer to the McLean Community Center's Website for updated information regarding the absentee voting process (www.mcleancenter.org). The **DEADLINE** for returning a **completed and signed Application for Absentee Ballot and the Absentee Ballot** to the McLean Community Center is **Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 5 p.m.**

Election Results: Election results will be posted on the door of the McLean Community Center on the evening of the elections. The McLean Community Center's Elections & Nominations Committee will report the results of the elections to Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust, who will present the successful candidates to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting following the elections. At that meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, after determining that it is in the public interest to do so, shall appoint to the McLean Community Center Governing Board:

The three (3) adult candidates who received the top three (3) highest number of votes

Two (2) youth candidates – the candidate who received the highest number of votes in each of the two (2) high school boundary areas

The appointment of new Board Members shall be effective upon action by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Newly appointed Board Members will take office when they attend their first meeting of the 2012-2013 Governing Board. The 2012-2013 Governing Board's term runs from May 2012 through May 2013.

For more information about the elections, please call 703-744-9348 or email the McLean Community Center at elections@mcleancenter.org.

Chair
Elections & Nominations Committee
McLean Community Center Governing Board



**McLean
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The Center of It All

Mosaic Harmony performs at nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout the Washington area.



PHOTO BY DAVID YORK

A Fountain of Black History

Mosaic Harmony promotes justice, liberation, unity and God's love.

BY MICHAEL DOAN

As the country celebrates Black History Month in February, Fairfax County has a multicultural interfaith choir that is spreading African-American culture in all of its concerts.

The chorus, Mosaic Harmony, has been singing inspirational songs in the black gospel music style since 1993, with its base at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax (UUCF) in Oakton.

"Every message from our songs has its foundation in the African-American musical tradition," says David North, director for 15 years. "The spiritual and freedom songs were about mercy and God's power and deliverance. We also communicate justice, liberation, unity and God's love."

Originating from African tribal music, the rhythms and music evolved into the spirituals and metered hymns sung by the Africans' descendants in this country, he says.

While the majority of Mosaic Harmony's 60 singers are white, the audience can see them swaying, clapping and singing praises as if they were at a revival service in Anacostia, Harlem or East St. Louis. Frequently, the audience joins in.

North's repertoire includes some traditional spiritual pieces as "The Storm Is Passing Over" and "Soon I Will Be Done (With the Troubles of the World)" in a jazzed-up version. But many are contemporary pieces such as Kirk Franklin's "Smile" and a number of North's own works, such as "One Humankind" and "Now Is the Time." All concerts conclude with chorus members holding hands with the audience and singing "Make Us One."

"It is the Word without necessarily the teachings of Christianity," says North. "The lyrics could be what anyone of any faith might sing to bring a message of good news to someone else. The Moslems, the Jewish and Buddhists are people of good will that believe the same thing that Jesus believed in—the love and the reign of God." The choir's music has frequent

references to "Lord" but few to Christ, Jesus or the cross. And God is not referred to as "He."

RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY has been the choir's theme since it was started by the Unitarian congregation in Oakton. Other churches sent members, and there was soon a consensus "to unify the world one song at a time," says Laura Romstedt, the assistant director. Like many gospel choirs, Mosaic Harmony does not rely on printed music. So members don't have to know how to read music. In fact, there are no auditions. The choir rehearses every other Tuesday night at the Oakton church.

Unlike blues, rock or jazz, the music always has an uplifting theme. "No matter how down I have felt going into a rehearsal, I have come out feeling 80 percent better," says member Roxane Hughes.

It is the animated choir director who gets most members' credit for lifting their spirits. North sings a number of solos and puts the audience to work by standing, clapping and singing along to some of the fast-paced songs. He is also pastor at Holy Redeemer Metropolitan Church in College Park, Md., and recently retired as an adult protective services investigator for Prince George's County.

THE CHORUS performs and raises money at concerts for a number of charities, such as Coats for Kids, Family Matters, Capital Hospice, Buganda University and the Brain Tumor Foundation. In 1997, Mosaic

Harmony won the Human Rights Award from the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission. Last March, the choir was the closing act in the widely heralded "Intersections" concert series at the Atlas Performing Arts Center in Washington.

While Mosaic Harmony appears throughout the Washington area (and has even performed in Europe), many of its concerts are in Fairfax County. On Feb. 26 it sings at Tall Oaks Assisted Living in Reston, and on May 12 at the dedication of the United Christian Parish in Reston.

Then comes its annual fund raising concerts "Something to Sing About" on Sunday, May 26, at 4 p.m. at UUCF and Saturday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at Convergence in Alexandria. Tickets for these two concerts are on sale on the website www.mosaic Harmony.org. CDs can also be purchased on the website. Information can be received also on Facebook's "Mosaic Harmony" page.

"Every message from our songs has its foundation in the African-American musical tradition."

— David North,
Mosaic Harmony Director

Comedy Club Opens in Vienna

The Back Room really is a back room.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

To its list of social events, Vienna has now added "comedy club." Called The Back Room, and housed in a back room of Marco Polo Restaurant on Maple Avenue Friday nights, the venue opened in mid-December. Owner and talent scout Andy Sanderson, who grew up in Vienna, wanted a place where stand-up comics could refine their material and get public exposure. The club is open mic and the comics are given free rein with their material.

"I wanted to offer local comics an old-style New York comedy room," said Sanderson. Comics sign up in advance and work without pay. "We're a melting pot of comics," said Sanderson. "Some pro, some amateur. The pros come to try out new material." Sanderson said he hits up venues all over the area looking for new talent. "The main thing is that they've got to be entertaining. I love comics who put me in stitches."

On a recent Friday night, the comedy content was mostly X-rated, with a gentler approach coming from the two female comics. Don't expect NBC "Last Comic Standing"-type humor. Comics at The Back Room used some pretty graphic sexual descriptions and customers should be aware that content is not suitable for everyone. Vienna comic Adam Belcher, a regular on the Northern Virginia comedy circuit, hosts.

Joyce Rebar's witty bit on her newest snow globe touched a Metro-area nerve. Imagine a snow globe housing a Washington, D.C. scene just a few snowflakes fall ... Rebar's depiction of the scene hit right on the D.C. snowstorm psyche.

Sanderson moved to Vienna when he was five years old, graduating from James Madison High School in 1989. When he was scouting locations for his comedy club, the place he grew up in seemed like a natural.

During 2011, Sanderson booked music artists and com-



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Former Vienna resident Andrew Sanderson returned to the town he grew up in to open a comedy club, "The Back Room."

ics at 1st Stage Theatre at Tysons Corner on occasional nights the theatre was dark. Josh Blue, voted as "Last Comic Standing" on the reality show of the same name, drew more than 360 paid guests over two nights when he performed at that venue last March.

Sanderson approached Marco Polo owner Alfredo Pestana about the same time he got 1st Stage. Calling Pestana "family," Sanderson said he is grateful for Pestana's backing.

Currently, Sanderson is in negotiations for two additional rooms. In Tysons Corner, one room is planned as a local "pub," while the other room, a ticketed venue, will feature national musical artists and comics.

The Back Room, operating on Friday nights, has a cover charge of \$5 and beer and drinks are available for sale. Marco Polo restaurant waitstaff serve The Back Room. The comedy club starts at 8 p.m. and runs until the last comic closes, usually around 10 p.m. The Back Room is reached from the front of Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave. West.

THE SON of a cop, Sanderson inherited a disposition for law enforcement, but he didn't want to do traditional police work. What he found was a career with the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services division, working out of the McLean and Reston districts. Although he works 12-hour shifts, he makes time to nurture his entrepreneurial spirit.

Vienna's Historic Love Story

Prominent Vienna couple celebrated 65th wedding anniversary on Feb. 8.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

In 1946, World War II was over and men and women in the armed forces were returning home, some to the hugs of spouses and children, others to parents and siblings. Mayo Stuntz, born and raised in Vienna, was one of those young men returning as an eligible bachelor.

Close family friends in Falls Church were eager to introduce the 31-year-old veteran to nice young ladies. When Stuntz showed up at "Aunt" Bess's house, Connie Pendleton was there visiting.

"When I first saw Connie in that dining room, I thought, 'well, she's attractive,'" said Mayo Stuntz. Connie played piano and they talked and got to know one another.

After graduating from Duke University in 1944, Connie worked for the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Washington, breaking Japanese codes. She was still with the department when she met Mayo. Not knowing how to reach her, he sent a postcard addressed to her at Duke even though she had graduated two years earlier.

"That's how I knew he was interested in me," said Connie, eight years younger than Mayo. "Even though I had graduated and left, he tried to contact me."

Connie and Mayo Stuntz were married on Feb. 8, 65 years ago, in The Falls Church. Connie remembers the weather – it was icy – and that no siblings were available to make it to the wedding. They were all out of the country. After they wed, Connie and Mayo moved into the Stuntz family home, "Merry Go Round," on Rt. 123. By then, Merry Go Round was subdivided into four apartments, and the Stuntzs lived on the lower level, maintaining the residence.

The Stuntzs had four children, one of whom, their first, died at two years old. Now, they have eight grandchildren, including two married ones.

THEIR MARRIAGE has been one of travel, writing books, and, even, shared careers. In 1955, the Stuntzs moved to Japan for two years while Mayo worked for the CIA under cover of the U.S. Army. They socialized with American and Japanese friends



Mayo and Connie Stuntz, in their Vienna home, with daughter Anne, president of Historic Vienna, Inc.

"When I was growing up, getting married and raising a family was the most important thing a couple could do."

— Connie Stuntz

there, with Connie calling their time in Japan "exciting" and "wonderful."

Throughout their lives together, they shared travel throughout the world, and when they opened an antique shop in the basement of Merry Go Round, they bought antiques together as they traveled.

"In England, Scotland, it was a lot of fun picking up things for our shop," said Connie. "In England, we filled up a car with antiques to bring home."

It helped their travel planning that the Stuntzs had a son who worked for American Airlines, granting them travel privileges.

Mayo Stuntz, in the 1960s, set out to photograph every house on Rt. 123 between

Tysons Corner and Oakton for posterity. The dream eventually became a collaboration as Connie was drawn in to do the historical

research for the book known as "This Was Vienna." It was an eight-year research project and in 1987, "This was Vienna" was published. Together, Connie and Mayo produced "This Was Tysons Corner," published in 1990, and "This Was Virginia," published in 1998. "A View of Falls Church," by Connie Pendleton Stuntz, was published in 2005. Not one to sit idle, Connie Stuntz is researching for yet another book.

The Stuntzs celebrated their 65th anniversary in a private room at Maggiano's at Tysons Galleria, surrounded by family members. Each guest stood up to share a recollection of Connie and Mayo. The two grandchildren not present sent their remarks to be read by others. That is what touched Connie Stuntz the most, the shared thoughts and remembrances.

When you ask Connie and Mayo Stuntz what made their marriage work through the loss of a child, international relocation, and the busy-ness of juggling multiple careers and avocations, they are not at all perplexed by the question. Connie has told daughter Anne that, from her point of view, the secret to the strength and durability of their marriage is that they are each so proud of each other, and that family always came first, that they were both devoted to their children.

"I think we took it seriously," said Connie Stuntz of their lifelong commitment to each other. "When I was growing up, getting married and raising a family was the most important thing a couple could do."

THE STUNTZS AND PENDLETONS knew one another before Connie and Mayo had ever met, and Connie said that Mayo seemed "right" for her. "He felt the same way about me," Connie said.

"We wanted our marriage to work. It was real important to both of us. We were equally-strong. It has to be even in a marriage."

Her husband's assessment of the strength of their marriage had elements that were simultaneously humorous and reflective. "I did what Connie told me to do," said Mayo. "It was a lot easier to do than arguing."

"I leaned on Connie, and, I guess, she leaned on me."

FY 2013 Budget Meeting Schedule

Town Council will hold two work sessions during March to discuss the Town's Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Budget. The public is invited to attend; however, public commentary is not permitted during work sessions. The work sessions will be held at Town Hall, 127 Center Street, S, on Saturday, March 10 beginning at 9 a.m. and on Monday, March 12 at 8 p.m. If necessary, a third work session will be held on Monday, April 23 at 8 p.m.

A public hearing on the FY2013 budget, tax rate, and water and sewer rates will be held on Monday, April 16 at 8 p.m. in Town Hall. The public is invited to attend and provide their input during the public hearing process.

The FY 2013 budget will be made available to the public on the Town's website prior to March 10. If you are unable to attend a meeting, e-mail your comments to mayor@viennava.gov prior to the April 16 public hearing. For questions regarding the budget process, contact the Finance Department at 703-255-7842.

Vienna to Host 4th Green Expo

The Town of Vienna will host the 4th Annual Green Expo on Thursday, April 19, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Admission is free.

Presentations and discussions for children and adults from 35 organizations and businesses will include information on energy efficiency, purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens, recycling options and more ideas to save money and help the environment.

Organizations or individuals interested in participating as a vendor in the Green Expo should contact Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356 or csalgado@viennava.gov for a vendor application. Applications are due by Friday, March 16.

Visit Philadelphia Flower Show

Enjoy a trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show, sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, on Wednesday, March 7. A charter bus will leave at 8 a.m. from the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., and return around 7 p.m.

The cost of \$72 for Town of Vienna residents and \$90 for out-of-town participants includes transportation and admission to the show with all-day re-entry privileges. Registration required. For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 or register online at www.viennava.org.



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OPINION

Saving the Bay: A Good Investment

Cleaning up the water that runs into the Chesapeake Bay will help create jobs and economic activity in Virginia.

A plan to raise \$300 million in bonds to upgrade wastewater treatment plants around the commonwealth stalled in a House of Delegates committee last week, a setback in meeting EPA requirements to clean up the water that leads to the Bay. Money is tight, lawmakers say, although an identical plan cleared the Senate.

Let's be clear that part of what we're talking about by delay is continuing to allow raw sewage to run into Virginia's waterways every time it rains.

This is like deciding to let the toilets in the house overflow rather than spend money on the plumber. Not only is it unhealthy and unpleasant, it also makes Virginia less attractive for tourists and eco-tourists.

Upgrading the sewage treatment plants will

generate jobs, but also upgrade the quality of the water Virginians depend on for drinking, household and business use and recreation.

More than 30 years of "saving" the Chesapeake Bay has accomplished about half of what needs to be done. The bay is primary attraction for tourists in Virginia, and is the basis for many jobs. The investment in the health of the bay is a jobs bill for Virginia.

Aside from upgrading the treatment plants, states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed will need to find ways slow the pace of stormwater runoff, do better with erosion control, change some agricultural practices to keep "fertilizer" from rushing into waterways every time it rains, and more. Efforts made upstream by other states will also benefit Virginia's water-

ways. There are new green and more cost effective ways to go about many of these tasks.

The mission will also need the continued involvement of individuals and organizations who are dedicated to the Chesapeake Bay.

It's an investment that will pay dividends for Virginia.

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Community Engagement, Transportation Dominate Agenda

Chairman reflects on Board of Supervisors retreat.

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



ing our growing minority and immigrant community, as well as our younger generations, was identified as a challenge and will be the subject for future Board discussion.

On Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 6-7, Board of Supervisors engaged in a two day Strategic Planning Retreat. The retreat, held at the Lorton Arts Workhouse Center, was an opportunity for board members to engage in some informal, in-depth discussion of our respective district issues, as well as countywide opportunities and challenges. Our location, the site of the former Lorton Prison, served as an impressive example of revitalization and historic re-use in the South County area of Fairfax County. The old prison buildings, built at the beginning of the 20th century, are now home to artists' studios and performance arenas. If you haven't visited, I hope you will do so. During a tour of the studios at lunchtime, I chatted with several of the artists and vowed to return to purchase some original artwork.

The importance of Community Engagement was woven throughout all topics during our two days. The board recognized that we make the best decisions when we have the community at the table with us. Some examples of especially successful community engagement have been our Community Dialogues on the Budget, Neighborhood College sessions, the Parks Listening Tours, and our use of new social media using online chats and surveys. Engag-

❖ Day One of our Retreat included a presentation by Fairfax County's Financial Advisor, Public Financial Management, (PFM Group) on how the Rating Agencies view us. We were described as having "Gilt Edged" ratings, which we're very proud of and which saves us millions of dollars when we sell bonds to pay for County and School facilities. Board members were complimented on our disciplined fiscal stewardship and adherence to the 10 Principals of Financial Management that guide budget decisions. The presentation sparked discussion about how large or small the county's liquid reserves need to be. Rating agencies would like them to be larger. Budget watchdogs question whether we have too much "cushion" that should instead be used to reduce the tax rate, or fund more services. More discussion of adequate vs. inadequate reserves will be subject to future discussion.

❖ Transportation played a major role on our agenda during both days. Each Board member spoke to the need to identify creative, multimodal solutions to traffic

congestion within their districts and throughout Fairfax County. With less and less funding coming from the federal government and the state, local governments are pressured to assume more responsibility for transportation - for capital, operation and maintenance. A great deal of discussion took place both days about a new Board of Supervisors Four-Year Transportation Plan that will be developed during upcoming Board Transportation Committee meetings, as well as potential sources of new revenue to support it.

Our Board continues to be concerned about plans at the state level to "devolve" the maintenance of neighborhood and secondary streets to the localities. Without sufficient state investment, our streets have deteriorated to an alarming degree. Assuming this responsibility without sufficient funding will result in a significant cost to local taxpayers.

❖ The topic of Transportation was coupled with a presentation on our Financial Outlook as we undergo a sluggish recovery from the Great Recession and as we face additional major Capital and Operational Challenges to support our growing and changing community. Bottom line, we have more needs than anticipated revenue. Both opportunity and challenges will result from future economic development and from the redevelopment of older parts of Fairfax County. The presentation was extremely valuable in setting the stage for this Board's challenges as we begin this four year term.

❖ The second day of our retreat ended with a discussion of planning and development - The Next

Planning Horizon. When Fairfax County experienced its earlier periods of growth we were a community of farms and villages. The early planning process involved Annual Plan Reviews, later changed to Area Plan Reviews. Early planning called for everything (residential, retail, commercial) to be separated from each other. The pattern requires us to get into our car in order to get almost anywhere. Newer development strategies call for more mixed use, "walkable" communities and more connections of pedestrian, bike and transit modes of transportation.

As Fairfax County matures, our growth and development will involve more Redevelopment and Revitalization of our older commercial and industrial area. Retreat discussion on this topic dealt with how we can adopt better tools for this pattern of development, and how best we can engage our community in the process. The development of a Next Planning Horizon process will take place during the next months at the Board's Revitalization Committee.

❖ Education continues to be our number one priority. Throughout the retreat Board members expressed that they are looking forward to meeting with members of the School Board at a full day retreat on Saturday, Feb. 25. A number of areas for collaboration (human services, transportation, sharing capital facilities) were suggested for discussion at that venue. As we continue to struggle with fiscal challenges and changes, it is critical that we forge an effective working relationship with our partners on the School side of the aisle.

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OBITUARY



Barbara Parkinson

Barbara Parkinson, 67, Longtime Connection Employee, Dies

Barbara Jean Parkinson, 67, of Sterling, Va., died Feb. 7, 2012 at her residence. Born on Sept. 17, 1944 in New York she was the daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth Lundy. Ms. Parkinson was a member of Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, Va.

Barbara attended Michigan State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Music. During her college years she was a member of the singing group known as The Jills. Being a Music major in college she had a talent and love for music. She also played the piano and enjoyed singing.

She worked for Connection Newspapers for many years.

Barbara enjoyed and loved spending time with her grandchildren and doing crafts with them.

Barbara was passionate about her faith and enjoyed sharing it with others.

She is survived by her son Mark Parkinson and his wife Rachel, of Purcellville, Va.; daughter Jennifer Daughtry and her husband Jay of Sterling, Va.; brother Wayne Lundy of Loveland, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 at Ebenezer Cemetery, in Round Hill, Va. with Pastor Mike Emerson officiating.

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William Chanania, a Flint Hill senior, gives a demonstration on throwing clay. All components, including glaze, are safe, he said.



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/ THE CONNECTION

Flint Hill School Fills 'Empty Bowls' to Benefit the Hungry

For the second consecutive year, the students of Flint Hill School and their friends and family partnered to raise funds for DC Central Kitchen on Feb. 11. Students, under the direction of ceramics teacher Julia Cardone, hand-crafted and decorated 600 one-of-a-kind bowls, all of which were available "for sale" for the admission fee of \$15. Guests were offered soup to fill their empty bowls, accompanied by fresh bread. Last year, with 300 bowls available for sale, Flint Hill raised close to

\$3,000 to feed the needy.

More than 75 participants contributed their time and skill to create the ceramic bowls, glazed and unglazed. Most were signed by the potter who threw them or the decorator. Experienced potters donated pieces for the silent auction. Lower-grade students not eligible for the upper school's ceramics programs helped decorate the unfinished pieces.

"The spirit of the project is to bring in as many hands together to create the works you see," said

Cardone. "We've all interacted together and we've accommodated to different skills levels."

A DJ played music to inspire a party mood, and potters from the school's ceramic program gave "throwing" demonstrations. Some lower-grade students, such as 7th-grader Jess Rappaport of Vienna, take private classes from Cardone. Jess estimates she contributed 14 to 15 unglazed pieces to the fundraiser.

Any unsold bowls will give the school a head-start for next year,

Cardone said. "Empty Bowls" took place on the upper campus of Flint Hill School in Oakton from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

—DONNA MANZ



Flint Hill teachers Shannon McCarty and Stephanie Hulke arrived at "Empty Bowls" early to make sure they got their choice of bowls.



Some of the 600 hand-crafted one-of-a-kind bowls created by students of Flint Hill School. "Sale" of the bowls, with complimentary soup and bread, benefitted DC Central Kitchen.



Jess Rappaport of Vienna produced 14 to 15 unglazed bowls for decoration by others. The 7th-grader has been studying pottery for one and a half year under ceramics teacher Julia Cardone.

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THURSDAY/FEB. 16

"Three Bears." 12 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A brand-new play with a comedic twist on the classic fairy tale sends the Three Bears and a golden-haired friend on an a cappella musical adventure. Fast-paced fun for age 5 and up. Tickets \$15 at www.1ststage.com or 703-854-1856.

Seth Glier and Lucy Wainwright Roche. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Saving Incarcerated Military Veterans. 7:30 p.m. Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. LeRoi Mason, an army veteran and a former 37 year incarcerated Virginia prisoner, will discuss his current successful program, "Returning Citizens", that prepares incarcerated military veterans from returning to prison after being released. Free admission. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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Gregory Alan Isakov with Jeffrey Foucault. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. A blend of punk folk, Americana, and Celtic music. \$18. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/FEB. 17

Family Skate Night. 6:30-8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Admission \$1. Bring your own roller skates or inline skates (no scooters) and safety equipment. Parents required to stay with their children. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.com.

Jessica Shearer and Elliott Kashner in the 1st Stage production of 'Almost, Maine' [See Friday, Saturday, Sunday listings].



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"Almost, Maine." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A series of whimsical love stories. Tickets \$25. www.1ststage.com or 703-854-1856.

Jammin Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle 6 - Finals. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English conversation group. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

America's National Parks: Through the Artist's Lens. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. A sampling of photographs from 88 national parks, accompanied by soprano Melissa Shippen Burrows, mezzo-soprano Jamie Van Eyck, tenor David Portillo, baritone Alex Tall and pianist Kim Witman. www.wolftrap.org.

NOVA Roller Derby: Zom'Be My Valentine Ball. 7:30 p.m. Old Firestation # 3, 3988 University Drive, Fairfax. Mix music and the macabre and dance with the undead, to music by Simone and the Spectrum (indie pop), Shade Parade (indie pop/rock) and The Scissor List (indie pop, southern rock and blues). Creative attire optional but encouraged, whether semi-formal zombie, morbid Mardi Gras, or just

bloody Valentine red. \$5 admission. Age 21 years or up only. www.novarollerderby.com.

SATURDAY/FEB. 18

Model Railroad (HO Scale) Open House and Display. 1-5 p.m. Historic Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. The layout depicts the Western North Carolina Railroad (now a portion of the Norfolk Southern) during the period of transition from steam to diesel. Free, donations accepted. www.nvmr.org or 703-938-5157.

"Almost, Maine." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A series of whimsical love stories. Tickets \$25. www.1ststage.com or 703-854-1856.

The Nighthawks at 7 p.m.; Since Antarctica CD Release and Crooked Crow at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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VITA Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to \$50k. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Speidel, Goodrich, Goggin & Lille. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Guitar-backed harmonies. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 19

"Almost, Maine." 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A series of whimsical love stories. Tickets \$25. www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856.

Virginia Chamber Orchestra: Baroque to Jazz. 4 p.m. Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Music Director Emil de Cou presents Handel's Two concerti grossi from the Twelve Grand Concertos, Opus 6; Tchaikovsky's Andante Cantabile from String Quartet Opus 11, No. 1; Edvard Grieg's Holberg Suite; Duke Ellington's Solitude and Leroy Anderson's Jazz Pizzicato and Jazz Legato. Reception to follow. Adults \$20, seniors \$18, students free. 703-758-0179 or www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

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"Three Bears." 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A brand-new play with a comedic twist on the classic fairy tale sends the Three Bears and a golden-haired friend on a cappella

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TUESDAY/FEB. 21

Fat Tuesday Party with Eric Lindell. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.

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Mystery Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call information desk for title. Adults. 703-790-8088.

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NEWS

Pictured left to right: Mark Merrell, principal of James Madison High School; Maddie Hovis, winner of Vienna Shopping Center Shopping Spree; Brenda Bonds, marketing associate of The Rappaport Companies.



Vienna Shopping Center Awards \$1,000 to Madison High

The merchants of Vienna Shopping Center donated \$1,000 to James Madison High School as part of the shopping center's Holiday Shopping Spree promotion. The school received the donation thanks to Maddie Hovis of Vienna. Hovis, who is a freshman at James Madison, listed the school on the entry form she filled out for a shopping spree drawing. In addition to a \$1,000 donation to the school, Hovis won a \$500 shopping spree to Vienna Shopping Center for herself, half of which she donated to a local food bank.

This is the ninth year the merchants of Vienna Shopping Center have donated funds to a local school. Previous recipients include Flint Hill Elementary, Thoreau Middle, Wolftrap Elementary, Westbriar Elementary, and Vienna Elementary schools.

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Madison Wrestling Continues Strong Postseason

Warhawks Hoy, Dooley capture Northern Region crowns. and Christian Valencia (106) both earned sixth place medals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Madison High wrestling team finished 10th place overall at last Saturday's Northern Region Championships. The 30-team, two-day event took place Feb. 10-11 at Hayfield High School in Alexandria.

The team champion was Westfield High (193), which finished ahead of defending region champion Robinson (2nd place, 174.50). Annandale (129.50), Mount Vernon (126.50), and Lake Braddock (105) finished third, fourth, and fifth, respectively.

Marshall High, which finished second place at the recent Liberty District Championships two weeks ago, finished an impressive sixth place at regionals with 81 points, ahead of seventh place South County (79.50), eighth place Oakton (73.50), ninth place Langley, and the 10th place Warhawks.

Madison had two wrestlers earn region crowns on Saturday - Nick Hoy at 182 weight class and Robert Dooley at 120.

Dooley, the top seed from the Liberty District, won all four of his region tournament matches to earn the title. He opened with a pin win over Woodson's Frank Boadurgammah, then defeated Chantilly's Joey Rivetti with another first round pin in a quarterfinals round matchup. In the semifinals, Dooley edged Robinson's Austin Riggs, 5-3, in overtime to qualify for the finals. There, in the championship match, Dooley once again saw his match go into overtime. And once again, he was victorious, 3-1, over Westfield's Brett Campbell to earn the region championship.

Madison's Hoy, meanwhile, entered regionals as the No. 2-seed from the Liberty District. He opened up his region tournament with a third round pin victory over Mount Vernon's Xavier Craig, then defeated South County's Keegan Sullivan, 7-1, in a quarterfinals match. That put Hoy in the semifinals where he defeated Westfield's Austin Knies by major decision, 13-4, to advance to the title round. There, he won a close 3-2 decision over Robinson's Daniel Mika.

Top four individual finishers at regionals earned automatic seedings for the upcoming state meet.

Madison's Kolton Starr earned a sixth place medal in the 113 weight class.

MARSHALL HIGH had one first place region champion, James Cusack at 113 weight class, and another wrestler (Matt Crawford, heavyweight) who finished in second place.

Also for the Statesmen, Sam White (195)

Cusack, the top seed from the Liberty District, won all four of his region matches to earn the crown - pin victories over Annandale's Anour Sakta and Chantilly's Ali Nadri over the first two rounds; an 11-1 major decision win over T.C. Williams' Ibrahim Bunduka in the semifinals; and an 8-0 major decision triumph in the finals over Westfield's David Aiello.

Crawford, at heavyweight, won his first match at regionals with a pin win over Stuart High's Alan Lara. He then defeated Oakton's Spencer Conley, 3-1, in a quarterfinals match. Then, in the semifinals, Crawford, the top seed from the Liberty, edged Yorktown's Charlie Whelden, 2-1. That put Crawford into the championship match where he lost by pin to Robinson's Jake Pinkston.

OAKTON had three wrestlers qualify for states as a result of garnering top four finishes at regionals. Those three Cougars were second place region finisher Austin Murga (195), third place Eddie Gerow (126), and fourth place Albert Borges (152).

Murga, the top seed from the Concorde District, reached the region finals at 195 with wins over South County's Aziz Osmani, South Lakes' Michael Shoebottom, and Marshall's Sam White in the semifinals. In the title match, Murga lost by technical fall to Jefferson's Patrick O'Connor.

Gerow, at 126, earned his third place finish with a consolation finals win over Langley's Leland Jenkins, 9-4.

Oakton's Spencer Conley earned a sixth place medal in the heavyweight division.

AT THE LIBERTY DISTRICT championships at Langley High School two weeks ago, the host Saxons captured the team title with 216.50 points, ahead of second place Marshall (216.50). South Lakes (144), Fairfax (138.50), and Madison (134.50), finished third through fifth, respectively. The sixth through eighth place finishers were Jefferson, Stone Bridge, and McLean.

Individual weight class champions for Marshall at districts were Christian Valencia (103 division), James Cusack (113), and Matt Crawford at heavyweight.

Madison High district champions were Robert Dooley (120) and Connor Eckhardt (132).

IN THE RECENT CONCORDE District championships, Oakton High (119 points) finished third place overall behind first place Westfield (207) and second place Robinson (165). Oakton had one champion, Austin Murga (195 weight class). Five other Cougars earned second place finishes - Spencer Conley (heavyweight), Josh Newman (182), Matt Notarangelo (160), Albert Borges (152), and Eddie Gerow (126).



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Madison's Nick Hoy (top), at last Saturday night's Northern Region Wrestling Championships at Hayfield High School, won his 182-pound finals match over Robinson's Daniel Mika.

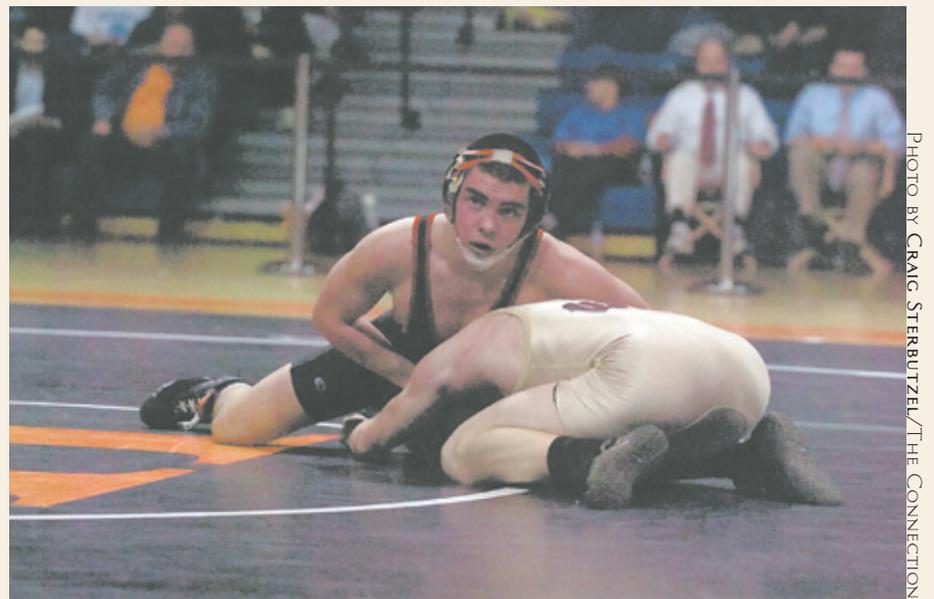


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Madison senior Robert Dooley, top, won the Northern Region 120-pound wrestling championship on Feb. 11 with a takedown in the final seconds of overtime against Westfield's Brett Campbell.

Dooley Wins Region Title with Dramatic Takedown

Robert Dooley knew he had nothing to lose in the closing seconds of overtime, so the Madison senior made his move.

The result was a Northern Region championship.

After wrestling to a stalemate through regulation and the majority of an overtime period against Westfield's Brett Campbell, Dooley captured the 120-pound crown with a dramatic takedown at the buzzer, earning a victory via 3-1 decision at regionals on Feb. 11 at Hayfield Secondary School.

"I know a lot of guys let down at the end of the period," Dooley said. "[Campbell] shot and kind of wasn't careful about getting back up to his feet. I knew there weren't any repercussions at

the end of the period, so I just went for it."

Dooley missed most of the 2011-12 season with a high ankle sprain and an injured shoulder. He returned for senior night on Jan. 25 and wrestled in the postseason, winning the Liberty District title. Dooley improved his season record to 15-0 and his career record to 114-26 with his win against Campbell.

Dooley's teammate, Nick Hoy, won the 182-pound title with a 3-2 decision against Robinson's Daniel Mika. Kolton Starr took sixth place in the 113-pound bracket for the Warhawks.

The state championships will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18 at Robinson Secondary School.

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Barbara Jean Parkinson, age 67

of Sterling, VA, died February 7, 2012 at her residence. Born on September 17, 1944 in New York she was the daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth Lundy. Ms. Parkinson was a member of Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, VA. Barbara attended Michigan State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Music. During her high school years she was a member of the singing group known as The Jill's. She worked for Connection Newspapers for many years. Barbara enjoyed and loved spending time with her grandchildren and doing crafts with them.

She is survived by her son Mark(Rachel) Parkinson of Purcellville, VA; daughter Jennifer(Jay) Daughtry of Sterling, VA; brother Wayne Lundy of Loveland, OH; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Ebenezer Cemetery, Round Hill, VA with Pastor Mike Emerson officiating.

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"Diseased"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But not sickness. Not health, either, as last week's column ended. At least that's the way I characterize my having stage IV lung cancer. And I don't know if I'm splitting hairs here, since I've never worked in a salon, although I do get my hair cut regularly; but I have been accused of speaking double-talk. Double entendres and unnecessary redundancies I will admit to, though. Nevertheless, the characterization seems to help me navigate the occasionally treacherous waters that a terminal patient undergoing chemotherapy – again, can expect, both mentally and of course, physically. It's a game – to me, anyway; how to spin something so terribly unexpected: diagnosed with cancer at age 54 and a half, despite being a lifelong non-smoker from an immediate family with NO cancer history, into something manageable. And for those who know me – or read my columns regularly enough, I think you would admit I manage it reasonably well, something which I am quite proud of, by the way.

And as I continue to psych myself up for the inevitable chemotherapy-related changes – and challenges – ahead (infusions three through six are still ahead), I am eager – sort of, and of course, grateful for surviving this long, post-diagnosis, to have yet another opportunity to slay the dragon (shrink my tumors) again. It sure beats the alternative – no opportunity because, well, you know: I wouldn't be here writing this column, or anything else for that matter.

But writing I am, and hopeful I remain. Next week's column will be my three-year anniversary column. When initially diagnosed, back in February, 2009, I was given a "13-month-to-two-year prognosis" (life expectancy), and not given too much hope, if truth be told. Oncologists are not in the business – from what I had been told previously, and have now experienced for myself, of "blowing any sunshine up your skirt," to invoke a quote from M*A*S*H's Lt. Col. Henry Blake (the recently deceased McLean Stevenson); honesty for which I asked and have thankfully always received. I'd rather know what I'm up against and work to overcome it than resign myself to its inevitability. And so far, given my post-diagnosis status, (still typing), I would say it – or something in combination with it, is working.

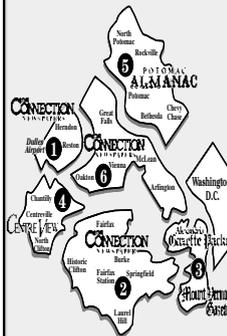
Although I don't expect the next 10-12 weeks of enduring chemotherapy to be very pleasant, it is nonetheless the best option available to me, given my rather limited knowledge of the subject. However, I am confident and comfortable in my oncologist's steady hand and ongoing concern as he continues to encourage me treating forward. We get along pretty well, although sometimes my Kenny-speak (unintended though it may be) is perplexing to him, so now what he does to interpret what he thinks I'm asking, is to speak back to me in words and phrases which he's comfortable using, and then await my reply. It's a tiny bit of a process – for which obviously we both have time, but it assures us that we're in complete understanding with what one another is trying to say. Given the fact that I've now outlived my original, worst-case prognosis: 13 months, by almost two years, I would say that whatever the doctor and I are doing, however we're communicating, it's working. I mean, I'm still alive. So onward and upward we go.

My next fact-to-face appointment with my oncologist is scheduled for February 24th, a week following my next CT Scan, the first scan since I will have re-started this "second line" of chemotherapy; another crossroads moment to be sure. "Progression" started this, perhaps regression (shrinkage) can end it? Two infusions in, four more to go. I still don't feel anything. But then again, I rarely have.

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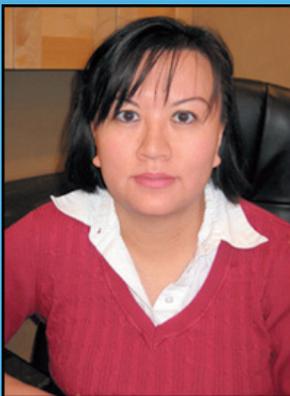
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About the Doctor



Brittany L. Vo, DDS was raised in Pasadena, TX. She graduated from the University of Houston with a B.S. in Economics and Minor in Political Science. She then went on to complete her dental education at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, TX. She received her D.D.S. in 1997 and soon after was commissioned as a Captain in the United States Air Force. She was stationed at Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C. and finished at the Pentagon. In December 2001, after proudly serving her country, Dr. Vo went into private practice in Northern Virginia. She is licensed in Virginia, Maryland, and Texas.

She spends her free time keeping up with her husband, Binh Trang, and their four children. They recently moved to Vienna and enjoy the small town feel of Vienna in the midst of the big city. She is an avid sports fan and enjoys reading, traveling, and is a news junkie.

Dr. Vo is passionate about her patients and places a strong emphasis in providing quality dental care in a warm and caring environment. Her goal is to provide individualized care while offering knowledge, comfort, and gentle dentistry that is in harmony with the clinical techniques of today's dentistry. To her, patients are not just another name but become lifelong friends of the practice.



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