

Shardae Monroe, resident services manager at Gates of Ballston, and Seila Santiago, AHC resident services coordinator, prove no one is too old to tell Santa their wish list for Christmas.

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# OAR Volunteers Bring Smiles of Joy to Children

Connecting with incarcerated parents.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**O**AR held its 20th annual Project Christmas Angel on Dec. 16 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. At this year's Project Christmas Angel, more than 200 volunteers wrapped over 700 presents for children of incarcerated parents with each child receiving three presents. The children range from newborns to 18 years old.

In this project, OAR receives donations of new and unwrapped toys from the community for children of incarcerated parents and those recently released. Along with their gifts, the children receive a personalized note from their parent. This gives the children a sense that they have not been forgotten by their parent and that they are still a priority in their parents' lives. Volunteers deliver



Volunteers wrap Christmas presents for children of incarcerated parents in Offender Aid and Restoration's (OAR) Project Christmas Angel.

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the gifts to the families' homes and assist with monetary contributions for postage to mail gifts to families that are out of town.

OAR's goal is to unite the good will of the community with the holiday dreams of the children of incarcerated individuals in the Arlington County Detention Facility and those recently released in Arlington, Alexandria, and Falls Church.

Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington County, Inc. (OAR), is a private, 501 C (3) nonprofit organization that serves Arlington County and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church. OAR's mission is to provide community-managed programs aimed at restoring the individual offender as a responsible member of the community by providing alternatives to incarceration, programs to inmates and services to ex-offenders.

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## Arlington Can Play Role in Passing ERA

Committee of 100 discussion highlights why the ERA needed.

BY EDEN BROWN  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ight Virginia ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in 2019? Three Arlington advocates of equal rights for women addressed the possibility at the Committee of 100's monthly meeting on Dec. 12. They were raising public awareness of the ERA, especially how close to passing an amendment that would put women on the same footing as other groups protected under the law.

The discussion at Marymount University was sponsored by the Committee of 100, a group of Arlington citizens who have provided a forum for candid, non-partisan discussion of current issues in and around Arlington County for 60 years.

Julia Tanner addressed the issue from the point of view of someone who is spearheading the local effort to ratify the ERA. An attorney active in "We of Action Virginia" (WofaVA), a local political group, Tanner chairs the ERA Committee of the Arlington League of Women Voters, and is a founder of the Virginia Equal Rights Coalition, which



**Julia Tanner, Marcy Foster, and Barbara Favola address the Committee of 100 discussion on whether the ERA can finally be ratified.**

works with VARatifyERA for ratification by Virginia of the U.S. ERA. She opened with the wording of the amendment: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

She discussed its history, and why it is needed. Current laws provide only a patch-

work of legal protection and are subject to uneven enforcement. Also, the U.S. Constitution does not protect against sex discrimination as strongly as it protects against discrimination based on race, religion, or national origin.

"Sex discrimination remains a very real problem: we've all seen the #MeToo movement," she said.

Amendments provide greater security against discrimination than laws, which can be repealed by a simple majority vote. Tanner spoke about potential paths through the Virginia General Assembly, winding up with calls to action, including asking all present to sign the petition, [varatifyera.org/petition](http://varatifyera.org/petition).

Marcy Foster, director, Arlington County Department of Human Resources, spoke about Arlington's role in fostering equality between the sexes on a local level. She noted that there are 3,700 employees of Arlington County: 46 percent of them are women; 48 percent of supervisors are women. The average employee age in Arlington county employment is 45. New hires are 50 percent women. Forty-eight percent of terminations are female. The average tenure of a woman in an Arlington County for

is 10 years: for men it is 11.5 years.

Why is this important? Arlington County is unique in the gender equality efforts it makes. Other counties and localities do not have those numbers. Foster said Arlington got to this point by making a serious effort to deploy diverse interview panels and foster respectful workplace. The county has paid parental leave, increasing it from 2 to 4 weeks. It was the first county in Northern Virginia to offer this leave. The county engages in training for all employees on unconscious bias and respect in the workplace. They have lactation rooms for nursing mothers, flexible work schedules, and negotiable pay.

Asked if passage of the ERA, would change anything Arlington does for its employees, Foster indicated there are subtle difference that might be affected by ERA passage but Arlington had set a high bar for providing equal pay and job opportunities to its women. Other parts of Virginia are not so fortunate, she said.

Questions from the audience indicated some familiarity with the ERA from women who remembered the fight for the ERA in the 1970s as well as the fight in the Virginia Assembly to vote on Virginia's support

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## Santa Shares Time With Local Children

Part of AHC's Afterschool program.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE  
THE CONNECTION

**S**anta Claus denied that he looked a lot like a local resident (Del. Patrick Hope) as he read "Where is Christmas Jesse Bear?" to the children in the Arlington Housing Corporation (AHC) Afterschool program on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

The event was held at the Rinker Community Center at the Gates of Ballston.

Children were busy decorating, as well as eating, Christmas cookies and creating Christmas ornaments or coloring holiday pictures while waiting their turn on Santa's knee.

They took the opportunity to satisfy their curiosity by pelting Santa with questions about elves and reindeer. Do reindeer take flying lessons? How big is an elf? Don't elves get tired working so hard? How do they keep all of the children's Christmas lists orga-

nized so they get to the right house?

Celia Slater, communications director for AHC, said, "Santa talked individually with each child, and really made everyone feel special."

AHC provides affordable safe, and convenient housing and resident services to families who earn between 30-60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI).

AHC's Resident Services program is celebrating 25 years of providing programs at six community centers located on-site at AHC's larger affordable apartment communities in Arlington.

Included in the resident services is a multi-pronged education initiative including the Afterschool Program for elementary students. It is focused on improving students' literacy skills.

AHC is the oldest and largest developer of affordable housing in Arlington, where they have the largest concentration of their properties (24).



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**Santa visits the Arlington Housing Corporation (AHC) Afterschool program Dec. 18.**

**Santa hands a candy cane to Dennis Munoz at the AHC holiday event.**



# OPINION

## About That Aircraft Noise ...

BY JOHN E. VIHSTADT  
COUNTY BOARD CO-LIAISON ON AVIATION  
ISSUES

**A**s outgoing County Board liaison on aviation issues (along with colleague Libby Garvey, who will continue in that role), I want to take the opportunity to provide you with an interim update on our efforts to work in partnership with Montgomery County, Md. to address the impacts of noise from aircraft operations at Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA).

As you know, earlier this year, as a result of the advocacy efforts of Board Member Garvey and myself, our colleagues on the Arlington County Board and our friends on the Montgomery County Council committed the necessary funding for an aircraft noise and airspace design study to identify tangible alternatives to reduce and mitigate the impacts of airplane

noise on our residents. Over the course of the past several months, County staff from both jurisdictions have been hard at work to finalize a Request for Proposals (RFP) to move this important project forward.

Moving forward will require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the counties that will outline the obligations and commitments of both parties in this joint effort. The MOU, which requires County Board approval, could come before the County Board in January. We would envision the Request for Proposals (RFP) being issued shortly thereafter, with a contract award towards the end of the first quarter of Calendar Year 2019. This will allow for the first phase of the project — thorough analysis of DCA noise and operations data to better understand the key drivers of the aircraft noise problem — to be completed by next summer. The second phase, the identification and thorough evaluation of various alternatives to reduce and mitigate noise, would follow shortly thereafter.

Finally, you may also be interested in reading the final report from the DCA Airplane Noise Assessment Project (the “Project”) undertaken by the District of Columbia and conducted by Freytag and Associates. A copy of the final report can be found [at <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1217496>]. In total, there are seven recommendations that were made by the Project to reduce noise impacts on DC residents. While some of these may result in noise reduction for all residents north of the airport, such as a balancing of north and south flow operations, others simply seek to shift noise from DC residents onto residents of Virginia or Maryland. We envision our study to build on and further refine some of these alternatives, but all with the goal of reducing noise impacts where possible and equitably sharing them where necessary.

Thank you again for your continued interest in and advocacy on this issue. We invite you to keep abreast of updates at: <https://departments.arlingtonva.us/cmo/airport-noise>.

## What Are Your New Year’s Resolutions for 2019?

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE CONNECTION



**Jaelyn Humphry**

Jaelyn Humphry visiting her Arlington boyfriend from Portland, Oregon. “Well, I know what mine is. Should I say this? Stop smoking the JUUL. Mint is definitely the best. It became like a social thing but it’s as addictive as nicotine. I want to focus on my overall health — my mind, body and spirit. I want to be more positive about everything, being happier.”



**Sierra Myrick**

Sierra Myrick warming up with stretching exercises before running with her best friend Jaelyn. “I don’t have a resolution but I’ll think for a minute. I know. My resolution is going to be to start my career as a massage therapist. I just graduated in October. I’d like to start my own practice someday. And we both like to exercise. We’re always at the gym.”



**Tom Stoker**

Tom Stoker climbing into his carpentry work truck. “Focus on my carpentry which is what I love. I have lived in Arlington all my life and I have a business, Stoker Professional Carpentry out of my home. I have been building custom-made cabinets for 15 years and I’d like to do it faster and better. It’s good for me because the flexible hours gave me time to spend with our daughter who just started at Dickinson College this year. And exercise more.”



**Sarah Aguirre**

Sarah Aguirre home visiting her family in Arlington from NYU. “Sure, I have several resolutions. So, I want to start meditating daily. I have a nice, sunny room in my New York apartment. I want to exercise daily. I did crew in high school at Washington-Lee. And I want to start making protein rich smoothies every day.”

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## What Can Amazon Do for Arlington?

To the Editor:

*The following is an open letter to the County Board.*

It is time to ask not what we can do for corporations, but what they can do for us.

Having attended both the Kojo Nnamdi and Gunston Middle school sessions on Amazon’s move, I believe that a discussion is missing: how will Amazon guarantee that it will act as a good cor-

porate citizen?

Amazon chose Arlington because of its desirability. It is now time to start crafting agreements with Amazon that will protect us. Amazon needs to specify how they will prevent worsening our housing crisis and transportation problem. How will they protect and promote opportunities for our minority communities and improve, rather than aggravate, problems

facing low-income groups.

Amazon has fouled its Seattle nest and overturned the public will.

Consequently, proof is needed that it will not do the same in Arlington.

If it intends to be a good corporate citizen, Amazon needs to agree to significant investments — particularly in housing and proactive diversity hiring — to prevent

deterioration in living conditions across racial groups and income levels.

Amazon profits not only from tax advantages, but also from the entire education and transportation infrastructure of the communities in which it is located. It is payback time.

**Naomi Pena**  
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# NEWS

## Supporting ERA

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for the ERA in 2018. If the ERA were to pass in the Virginia Assembly, it would bring the national effort just one shy of the 38 states needed for ratification. But efforts to pass the ratification bill failed when one House committee refused to take up the matter, and the Senate panel defeated it 9 to 5. All the “no” votes were cast by men.

State Sen. Favola (D-31) spoke about the challenges the ERA faces in Richmond. “If passing it was easy we would have passed it by now,” she said.

Favola chairs the Virginia Assembly’s Committee on Sexual Assault, and is engaged in supporting women’s rights. “I personally believe it’s the right thing to do,” she said. She explained why it was taking so long: “I’m going to go back in history” she said. “We were just a decade beyond the death of Harry Byrd, Sr. in the 1970s.” Byrd had colored the political views of many for decades: deep conservatism reigned. Byrd had opposed everything, from the New Deal to the New Frontier. “Cultural change doesn’t take place in 10 years,” Favola said. “When the ERA came up in 1977, those conservative values had not just evaporated. The debate was: ‘How could we vote for this? Dormitories would become integrated! Women would be allowed into men’s rooms! Women would be able to take on combat roles in the military!’”

“Although 75-80 percent of Virginians were for it,” Favola continued, “Phyllis Schlafly was most effective in keeping the lid on women’s rights. She told conservatives: ‘Let’s not let a tiny minority change the role most women want to play (staying at home).’” Schlafly mobilized a religious coalition and the ERA died.

Favola continued: “People are afraid of change. I’ve been governing for 21 years — 14 of them locally — and even positive change is hard to legislate.”

She explained she couldn’t even move the ERA out of committee; it was voted down on a technicality, that the amendment only had until 1982 to be ratified and after that it would be impossible. “That is not correct,” Favola said. State Sen. Scott A. Surovell (D-Fairfax),

sponsor of the VA Senate bill, has cited an informal advisory from the state attorney general’s office: “Congress has the power to extend the ratification deadline.”

Favola ended on a positive note: “I think we will get the ERA through committee,” she said. “And if it does get on the floor it will pass. We will just have to figure out a way to get that out of committee and help the Republicans who vote for it.”

Asked by the audience which committee would be best positioned to get the ERA vote accomplished, the consensus was that the Rules Committee headed by Del. Mark Cole (R-Fredericksburg) would probably not be the choice of ERA proponents. Speakers, and Del. Patrick Hope, (D-Arlington) who was in the audience, agreed it would be best to let the speaker determine which committee is the right one.

Patricia O’Grady asked the speakers: “I’ve heard that four states rescinded the ERA ... where does that leave the ERA?” Tanner and Favola noted that the 14th amendment is in the U.S. Constitution today because Congress would not accept rescissions.

As the meeting wound down, one questioner asked, “What does the ERA say that will improve women’s situation?”

Tanner replied that the U.S. Constitution currently protects equality of rights if you are discriminated against based on color, national origin, or religion. If a case comes before a judge, the 14th amendment guarantees the highest level of scrutiny on such a case. But sex discrimination cases don’t get that highest level of scrutiny: they only get intermediate scrutiny. The ERA would simply bring sex discrimination to the same level as the other forms of discrimination.”

Tanner reminded attendees to sign the petition and talk about the ERA. “Lawmakers are looking at poll numbers: if we had 80 percent in favor of the ERA in the ‘70s, it is likely much higher than that now with the increasing egalitarianism of young men and women.” Lawmakers need to know the ERA is not moribund in the minds of Virginians.

For more, visit <https://varatifyera.org>.

**“When the ERA came up in 1977, Harry Byrd, Sr.’s conservative values had not just evaporated.”**

— State Sen. Barbara Favola

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**“Billy Elliot The Musical.”** Through Jan. 6 at Signature Theatre, At 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. All 11-year-old Billy wants to do is dance. While the 1984 miners’ strike squeezes his family and splits his town, Billy’s passion for ballet first divides, then ultimately unites, the community – and changes his life in extraordinary ways. Tickets are \$40-\$102. Visit [www.sigtheatre.org](http://www.sigtheatre.org).

**“My Father’s Dragon.”** Through Jan. 6, at Synetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St., Arlington. Dragons are real and imaginations soar in this wordless Family Theater Production directed and choreographed by Company Member Tori Bertocci. Adapted by Company Member Ryan Sellers, “My Father’s Dragon” is based on the book of the same name by Ruth Stiles Gannett. The story follows the adventures of Elmer Elevator as he stows away to Wild Island in an attempt to rescue a captive baby dragon. This production is a part of Synetic’s Family Theater series and is recommended for ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org) or via phone at 866-811-4111.

### Arlington’s Holiday Kitchens.

Through January 2019, at Arlington Historical Museum, 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road, Arlington. Nothing says holiday celebration more than food, so the Arlington Historical Museum is raiding the kitchen. In this new holiday exhibit, see all the tools grandma used and those used by her forebears long before electricity. Some artifacts will be like what today’s kitchens have while others you may ponder what they would have been used for. Visit [arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

### Rachel Schmidt / Distort Displace.

Through March 30 at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Distort Displace reflects Rachel Schmidt’s ongoing exploration of future landscapes, climate change, and artificial habitats, as well as her interest in the response to the drastic changes human activity has brought about in the natural environment. Every year, massive ice shelves break apart and reform at the poles, a dramatic and violent, naturally occurring process that is accelerating and shifting due to climate change. Distort Displace introduces the cracking forms of an ice shelf onto the grounds of AAC, prompting viewers to ponder the dissolution and instability of the very ground beneath their feet. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 2

### Northern Virginia Bird Club Walk.

8:30-11 a.m. At Long Branch Nature Center’s Parking Lot, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Free. Join members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club for one or all of these informal walks through Long Branch and Glencarlyn Park in search of resident and migratory birds. Experienced and beginning birders welcomed. Bring binoculars and field guides if available. Call 703-228-6535.

## FRIDAY/JAN. 4

### Everyone’s Birthday Pajama Party.

6-8 p.m. At Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St., Arlington. Celebrate all 2018 birthdays and the new year together. Play fun birthday party games, create a party hat piñata, complete birthday



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scavenger hunt to win prizes, and more. Pajamas are optional, but encouraged. Family Nights are free, drop-in events for all ages. Youth participants must be accompanied by an adult. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/arlington-mill-community-center/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/arlington-mill-community-center/).

### Family Fun Night for Individuals with Disabilities.

6:30-8 p.m. At Langston-Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St., Arlington. Families of children with disabilities ages 4-17 can drop by Langston-Brown Community Center and be immersed into the monthly theme featuring various therapeutic activity stations including gross motor, sensory, art, large games, a quiet room and more. \$2 per person. Ages 4-17. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/langston-brown-community-center-park/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/langston-brown-community-center-park/).

### Wine Tasting.

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## SATURDAY/JAN. 5

### Fort C.F. Smith Park Walking Tour.

9-10 a.m. At Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St., Arlington. Fort C.F. Smith was one of the last Union forts built to protect Washington during the Civil War. Learn about the park’s history, the role of the fort and the soldiers stationed there in the Civil War. Dress for the weather. Terrain will be uneven and possibly muddy. Call

703-228-4775.

### Summer Camp Open House.

10 a.m.-12 p.m. At Encore Stage & Studio, 4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington. Encore Stage & Studio invites families in the community to its first-ever Summer Camp Open House. Students will experience a 30-minute sample class of Encore’s various summer camps. Camps are available for ages 3 through 18, with options of one, two and three week sessions. This is a free event, families must register online to reserve their space for the open house classes at [www.encorestage.org](http://www.encorestage.org) or by calling the office at 703-548-1154.

### Civil War Discoveries: Infantry Drills.

11 a.m.-noon at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St., Arlington. Ages 7-11. Drill like Union soldiers by practicing marches and turns, as well as how to “load in nine times” with replica wood rifles. Call 703-228-4775.

### Civil War Discoveries: Artillery Drills.

1-2 p.m. At Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th Street, Arlington. Ages 7-11. Work as a team practicing the steps to load and aim a replica Civil War cannon. Talk about different types of artillery and put new skills to the test. Call 703-228-4775.

### Winter Secrets Revealed.

2-3 p.m. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington. Families ages 5 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. With leaves off the trees and the forest plants dormant, many of the secrets of the forest are revealed. Take a hike in search of bird and squirrel nests, fox dens, insect homes, snow fleas and other forest secrets

one can only glimpse during the winter. Call 703-228-3403.

### Fort Ethan Allen Park Walking Tour.

4-4:45 p.m. At Fort Ethan Allen, 3829 N. Stafford St., Arlington. Fort Ethan Allen was built by the Union Army in September 1861 to command the approach to Chain Bridge and has the most extensive remaining features of any Civil War fort in Arlington. Explore the earthworks and discuss how and why the fort was built. Dress for the weather as terrain will be uneven and possibly muddy. Call 703-228-4775.

### Keeping Warm Campfire.

6-7 p.m. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington. Cost \$5. Spend a chilly evening by the warmth of our campfire while making S’mores. Learn how animals have adaptations to stay warm and survive winter outdoors. Call 703-228-3403.

## SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS/JAN. 5-FEB. 24

### T.E.A.M. Training – Fun is Serious Business.

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Sundays, 1-4 p.m. At Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St., Arlington. Fun is serious business and this eight-session program will teach teens how to run it in this. Learn aspects of operating a small amusement rental business. Participants receive hands-on training. Upon completion, participants are eligible for employment, helping to run the business with the Department of Recreation. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/arlington-mill-community-center/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/arlington-mill-community-center/).

## SUNDAY/JAN. 6

### Virginia Wildlife Symbols: Reptiles.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. At Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. The Eastern Garter Snake officially became Virginia’s State Snake in 2016. Learn about this snake as well as other local species and meet a live Long Branch resident snake. Call 703-228-3535.

## TUESDAY/JAN. 8

### Delaware Bay Birding Trip.

7 a.m.-5 p.m. Meet at Barcroft Sports & Fitness Center Parking Lot, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. Cost \$50. Bird the beaches of the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean in search of diving ducks, loons and other winter specialties. This trip may include walking over uneven terrain and gentle slopes. Participants should dress for the weather and bring binoculars, a bag lunch, a drink and snacks for the day. Call 703-228-3403.

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 9

### Civil War Lectures: Arlington Goes to War.

7-8 p.m. Meet at C.F. Smith Park Visitor Center, 2411 N. 24th St., Arlington. At the beginning of the American Civil War, Arlington County found itself trapped between two opposing forces. Residents chose sides while armies looked for weaknesses. Join us for this free lecture on the early history of the Civil War in Arlington County. Call 703-228-4775.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## THURSDAY/JAN. 10

**Author: Kristyn Kusek Lewis.** 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101, Arlington. Welcome women's fiction writer Kristyn Kusek Lewis in celebration of her latest novel, *Half Of What You Hear*. In this domestic drama, Bess Warner escapes from a failed career in Washington to Greyhill, Virginia, where she begins uncovering the many secrets that hide behind the closed doors of the small town rumor-mill. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

**Potomac River History.** 7-9 p.m. at Marymount University, Reinsch Library Auditorium, 2641 N. Richmond St. Author Garrett Peck will guide the audience along the historic course of the Potomac River as he highlights how the river has impacted Arlington and Northern Virginia. Free and open to the public. Call 703-892-4204 or visit [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

**Deep Dive: Moon Lore.** 8-9 p.m. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington. Cost \$5. Take a Deep Dive into a natural history topic that scratches more than just the surface. Human history and language is peppered with words and references to the moon, both positive and negative. Explore moon lore and its role in our culture from ancient times to the present. Call 703-228-3403.

## FRIDAY/JAN. 11

**Parents Night Out.** 6-10 p.m., At Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 15th St., S., Arlington. The Teens Making a Difference Club (T-MAD) is offering parents a night out while your child enjoys an evening of games, art, and fun. \$25 per person. Ages 4-11. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/walter-reed-community-center-park/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/walter-reed-community-center-park/).

**Author: Lyndsay Faye.** 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101, Arlington. One More Page favorite Lyndsay Faye is back with a new thriller, *The Paragon Hotel*. This latest novel from the author of *The Gods Of Gotham* and the Edgar-nominated *Jane Steele* follows Alice "Nobody" from Prohibition-era Harlem to Portland's Paragon Hotel. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

## SATURDAY/JAN. 12

**R.I.P. - Remove Invasive Plants.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington. Want to restore habitat and increase species diversity right here in Arlington? Work parties are held every month are making a real difference, with the return of ferns

and wildflowers, and the animals that depend on them, in areas once covered in destructive invasive plants. Help make it happen. No registration required. Call 703-228-3403.

**Family Bird Walk.** 10-11:30 a.m. At Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Which birds are around in the winter? Some are familiar, year-round friends but others are winter-only visitors such as Winter Wrens and Brown Creepers. Beginners welcome, loaner binoculars available. Call 703-228-6535.

**Paint, Build, Create.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. At Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington. This annual event is free and open to the public and will feature STEM-based projects for all ages, including bubble painting, mirror boxes, kaleidoscopes, kinetic sand, cup and string telephones, simple levers, slime and more. Visit [parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/fairlington-community-center-park/](http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/fairlington-community-center-park/).

**Fire Building for Women.** 1-3 p.m. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington. Get comfortable with campfires. Safely start, feed, stoke and put out fires at this program for women only. Get the practice you need to create a crackling, cozy fire without stress. Dress for the weather. Hot chocolate is provided. Teens age 14 and up are welcomed, but must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-228-3403.

**The Science of Staying Warm.** 3-4:30 p.m. At Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Ages 6-10. Ever wonder why mammals don't freeze and how birds' feet can withstand the cold or where the frogs go in winter? Learn from hands-on activities how animals keep warm in winter. Call 703-228-6535.

**Flying Squirrel Lore & More.** 5:30-6:30 p.m. At Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Learn about these engaging nocturnal acrobats. After an indoor presentation, tiptoe outside to see these little pixies glide in for an evening meal. These creatures are truly one of the natural wonders of the Arlington. Call 703-228-6535.

**Opening Reception: Over, Under, Forward, Back.** 6-9 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. AAC presents *Over, Under, Forward, Back*, an exhibition featuring ten contemporary artists working in fibers, textiles, and related materials whose work embodies and reflects on labor, time, and history. Visit [arlingtonartscenter.org](http://arlingtonartscenter.org).

**Opening Reception: Convergence: Works by AAC's Resident Artists.** 6-9 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Featuring



**"I Wanted to Be a Cheerleader Like Todd and Patrick" by Steven Frost, 2018**

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### SUNDAY/JAN. 13

**Notable Nature.** 3:30-4:30 p.m. At Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Lessons in nature journaling and

sketching. Construct nature journals, hone writing and drawing skills and talk about the season while hiking. Call 703-228-6535.

**EcoFilm: Idle Threat.** 4-6 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Join EcoAction Arlington for a free screening of the movie *Idle Threat*. The film centers on George Pakenham and his campaign to increase knowledge about idling in New York City. Free copies of the children's book *Big Nose, Big City* to teachers, informal educators, and parent volunteers who reserve a spot by Jan. 6. See [ecoactionarlington.org](http://ecoactionarlington.org).

## MONDAY/JAN. 14

**Author: Nicole Chung.** 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101, Arlington. One More Page welcomes author and journalist Nicole Chung in conversation with journalist and One More Page Non-Fiction Book Club leader Melody Schreiber to discuss Nicole's memoir, *All You Can Ever Know*, which shares Nicole's search for the people who gave her up for adoption while becoming a mother herself. Call 703-300-9746 or visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

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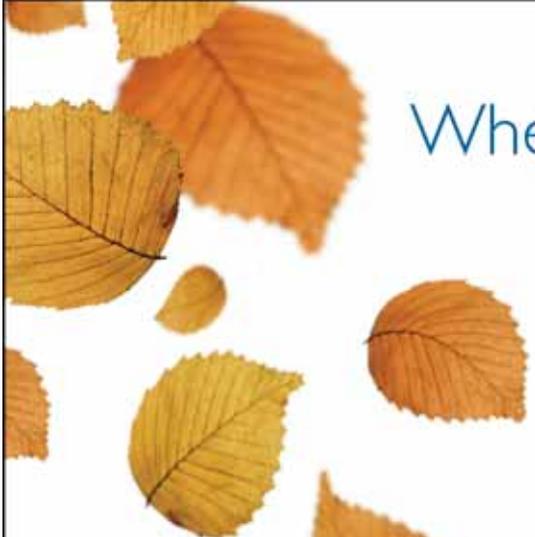
**Snow Storytime.** 10:30-11 a.m. At Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Children ages 2 and older. Winter is a great time for storytelling. Cozy up and read books about the snow. Call 703-228-6535.

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 16

**Fast Foxes & Cunning Coyotes.** 3:30-4:30 p.m. At Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington. Ages 6-10. Who is the noisiest wild canine? The smartest? The biggest in Arlington? Coyotes and foxes, of course. Howl in a coyote chorus, feel a real fur and learn what happens when foxes and coyotes meet. Call 703-228-3403.

## WEDNESDAY-TUESDAY/JAN. 16-24

**Fresh Citrus, Pecans & Maple Syrup Fundraiser.** Lions, Arlington Northwest, Charity Fundraising - at the Overlee Pool (Bath House - Lower Level), 6030 Lee Highway, Arlington, LOWER Entrance off John Marshall Drive. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 18, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 20, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 23, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 703-528-1130.



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## PEOPLE

# Kristyn Kusek Lewis Talks about Her Latest Book

To speak at One More Page on Jan. 10.

BY TERESA CARANDANG  
THE CONNECTION

Arlington resident Kristyn Kusek Lewis will be at One More Page on Jan. 10 to talk about her new book, “Half of What You Hear.” Her novels focus on women, their complicated relationships and struggles in their lives. Her first published novel “How Lucky You Are” (2012) described the lives of three longtime friends and how they try to keep their friendship survive despite their differences and a secret that threatens them. Set in Boston, “Save Me” (2014) depicted a marriage of two doctors and how they deal with infidelity. “Half of What You Hear” is about a former White House employee who moved to Greyhill, Va. where she uncovers secrets from this small close-knit community.

Before writing her novels, she was editor of New Woman, Child and Glamour magazines. She has also been writing for 20 years and has been published in national publications such as the New York Times, O: The Oprah Magazine, and Real Simple.

She answered questions about her writing experiences, revealed her favorite Arlington haunts and disclosed her plans for a new novel set in Arlington.

**You have been writing national magazines and newspapers for a long time before you wrote your books. What prompted you to start writing novels?**

I started out as a magazine editor. My first

job was actually a summer internship at Government Executive magazine, here in D.C., and then after college, I began working at Glamour magazine. (I am 100 percent sure that I am the only person who transitioned from Government Exec to Glamour) I went on to write for dozens of magazines and newspapers, a career that I loved, but I had always wanted to write fiction, and when I found out that I was pregnant with my first child, I decided it was “now or never.”

**Was “How Lucky You Are” your first book? Did it take a long time to get published?**

I wrote another novel before “How Lucky” that I promptly shoved in a drawer once it was finished. “How Lucky” took about two years from start to finish, and I went the traditional route: I wrote the entire novel first, sent it out to literary agents, and once I signed with my agent, she sent it out to publishers. I am still with the same

agent and editor whom I started with years ago, and I feel incredibly fortunate about that given that this can be a fickle, unpredictable industry.

**What was the inspiration for your newest book, “Half of What You Hear?”**

My first two books, and particularly my second one, relied heavily on the characters’ private struggles, and while that’s true for this book, too, to an extent, I was really drawn to the idea of writing about a town, with lots of characters who have a lot to

say about each other and tend to get each other into trouble. This story has a slight suspense element, too, which was a lot of fun to write, especially when it came to the characters whom are not so well-behaved.

**What is your writing process like? How long does it take you to write your books?**

I write a rough draft as quickly as possible, because that’s my least favorite part. This usually takes a couple of months. Then I attempt a detailed outline, where I work chapter-by-chapter on plot and character, and then I write my next draft, which invariably veers away from the outline at some point but at least I have a roadmap. I typically write four or five drafts over the course of a year or two, depending.

**What is the best part of being an author?**

Being involved in the world of books, of course, and having an excuse to read a lot because it’s “work.” And putting my active imagination to good use.

**What do you want your readers to take away from your books?**

I hope that they feel some sort of connection to my characters, because I work hard at making them fully-fledged, realistic, perfectly imperfect people. And I hope that my books — and this latest book especially — entertain and provide a welcome escape for readers to enjoy.

**Does Arlington show up in any of your stories?**

My first book is based on a fictional Northern Virginia city so there are certainly land-



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Kristyn Kusek Lewis

## Details

### AUTHOR TALK

Thursday, Jan. 10  
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marks that will be familiar to Arlington readers. But my next novel, which I am currently working on, is set in Arlington. I’m having a lot of fun adding local details to the story.

**What is your favorite place in Arlington?**

I have many! It’s wonderful that Arlington feels like a small town in so many ways. I love the Westover neighborhood, where I can run an errand at Ayers, visit the library, and stop by the Italian Store for their excellent coffee. I’m an avid runner and have two dogs, so I also spend a lot of time on the many trails that run through the city. I of course love One More Page Books and local shops like Two the Moon. And there’s so much good food. We’re big fans of Pupatella’s pizza, Lebanese Taverna, Bakeshop ... the list goes on and on.

**Who is your favorite writer and why?**

I have many favorites! It’s impossible to pick just one.

**Do you have any new writing projects planned?**

My new novel, set in Arlington, is about a psychology professor at Georgetown whose family is enduring some growing pains as her daughter heads off to college. And I’m working on my first children’s book, which I’m reluctant to say much about at the moment but am determined to get finished this year.

## Finding Fun, Imaginative Art in Crystal City

### Ten years of “Art Walls.”

BY TERESA CARANDANG  
THE CONNECTION

Recently selected as one of the new Amazon HQ locations, there has been renewed attention directed towards Crystal City. At first glance it appears to be generic looking with traditional buildings housing a mix of residences, offices and hotels. A closer look shows interesting restaurants such as Jose Andres’s Jaleo and the more unusual Uyghur restaurant Queen Ammanisa. Walking through the neighborhood also reveals a wealth of artworks, giving it a vibrant feel.

In 2008, the Crystal City BID launched “Art Walls.” Former President/CEO of the Crystal City BID Angela Fox declared “Crys-

**Colorful bikes are attached to neighborhood walls and fences in Crystal City.**

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TERESA CARANDANG

tal City is a gallery and the area’s walls are the canvases,” adding that Art Walls “leads to fun, whimsical, and interesting spaces and creates enthusiasm among Crystal City’s guests, residents, and employees.”

Since then artists have brightened up the Crystal City landscape, painting walls, underpasses and garages. The collection started with three works, Radiance, Prism,



and Ellipsis. It took local mosaic artist Valerie Theberge a year to create “Radiance,” located on the north side of the 18th Street underpass. She painted the background and with her team assembled mo-

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“Circles and Rings” by Susan Finsen.

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“Acoustic Landscape” by Marsha Staiger.

# Thinking Outside the Box

Ideas for original and attainable goals for New Year's resolutions.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

With a new year often come new resolutions, be they six-pack abs by spring or giving up carnivore's diet and going vegan, but setting drastic or unrealistic goals can lead to failure. For New Years resolutions that can bring change in overall wellbeing, whether physical, emotional or financial, local innovators say think outside the box and they offer unorthodox resolutions and minor actions that can have a major impact.

While spending a week or even a day without one's smartphone or tablet might be unrealistic given the constantly connected world in which we live, a digital dial-down might be more attainable. "How about spending five minutes each morning meditating or reading or doing stretches?" said Jen Pape, yoga iRest Level II teacher and studio manager at Circle Yoga.

"One simple and realistic thing to try in the New Year is right when you wake up, instead of ... reaching for your phone to scroll for the news of the day or checking how many likes to your Instagram, take a moment to identify something you are grateful for and a one word intention for the day," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College. "A word such as peace, centered, integrity or abundance can be returned to throughout the day. The research on gratitude and intention is strong and doing it just as you start your day can set the tone for the rest of the day."

Whether beginning or completing an undergraduate or graduate degree for professional advancement or simply taking a class that piques one's interest, consider education-centered goals. "I'm sure others can relate to this one," said Jacqueline W. Lee, director of the Inventive Awards Program at the University of Maryland. "Make a timeline and then set weekly or monthly goals." Examples of those goals might be resolving to complete and submit applications or scheduling informational interviews with three people in an area of one's interest.

From rough, dry hands to unsightly acne, skincare is important to one's overall wellbeing says Jaelyn Madden of Rodan + Fields who suggests resolving to take care of one's outer layer. "For a resolution that might be manageable ... I would suggest trying to commit to exfoliating your skin two to three times a week with a facial scrub to rid it of the old, dead skin and bring up the new skin and see a healthy glow," she said. "It also allows your skincare products to work deeper and more effectively."

A scroll through the pictures on most smartphones might reveal that many people have more snapshots than they'll ever be able to use. Resolve to organize those photos by taking small actions, suggests professional photo organizer Jody Al-Saigh of Picture Perfect Organizing. "Five minutes in a doctor's waiting room or in line at the grocery store is enough time to delete a few unwanted photos and dupli-



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**Resolving to put an empty bag near your closet and filling it with unwanted clothing items as you come across them is a simple alternative to a complete overhaul all at once, says professional organizer Jodie Jacobs.**

cates from your phone," she said. "Try to remember to do this during your idle moments instead of scrolling social media or news sites."

"Resolve to plan a weekly or monthly time on your calendar to organize photos and backup your collection," added Al-Saigh. "Set reminder alarms to jog your memory. Always set a time after a big vacation or important event to offload photos as well."

While bringing order to chaos is a goal that many hope to achieve, getting to the bottom of the mound of paper on one's desk or cleaning out an overstuffed closet can feel insurmountable. "Resolve to put an empty bag in the bottom of every closet in your home and fill it with unwanted clothing as you come across them instead of waiting until you find time to go through your entire closet," said professional organizer Jodie Jacobs, of SOUPerior Organizing. "Set a date and actually go to a charity to drop off the bags of clothing you already decided to donate."

"Resolve to start shredding your unwanted or sensitive papers once a week instead of waiting and creating an overwhelming amount that you then have to take somewhere and pay to shred," continued Jacobs. "Recycle your junk mail every evening so that it doesn't pile up."

Finding ways to add joy to one's life is a suggestion from therapist Carol Barnaby, MSW, LCSW-C. "I tell people to think not about giving things up, but about what would bring happiness to them in the New Year," she said. "For example, dating, taking up a new hobby, cultivating more friendships or creating less stress. Then set up actionable ideas to achieve those goals. Be kind to yourself and remind yourself that you are human and expected to make mistakes."

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## Criminal Justice Training Academy

Family, friends, and fellow officers gathered Dec. 18 to celebrate the graduation of Session 139 from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy, who took their oath to serve and protect the residents of Arlington County. The 25 newly graduated officers will complete local and field training programs before they begin solo patrol in the county. The county is actively recruiting applicants to join future academy sessions. Visit [ACPD.jobs](http://ACPD.jobs).

## Shooting on South Glebe Road

The Arlington County Police Department's Homicide/Robbery Unit is investigating a shooting that took place on the evening of Dec. 30. At approximately 7:03 p.m., police were dispatched to the intersection of S. Glebe Road and S. Arlington Ridge Road. Upon arrival on scene, officers located a male victim suffering from trauma to the upper body and immediately began performing life saving measures. The victim was transported to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries. Following medical treatment, the victim's

condition has been upgraded to stable and he is expected to survive his wounds.

This incident remains an active criminal investigation. At this time, no suspect(s) have been identified and there are no suspect(s) descriptions. Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective J. Trainer of the Homicide/Robbery Unit at 703-228-4185 or [jtrain@arlingtonva.us](mailto:jtrain@arlingtonva.us).

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### WEDNESDAY/JAN. 2

**County Board Organizational Meeting.** 6 p.m. in the County Board Room, Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington. The Arlington County Board will elect a new Chair and Vice Chair, and each member will lay out their priorities for 2019. The five-member County Board elects a new Chair and Vice Chair annually. All members of the Board serve at-large, and are elected to four-year terms. Visit [countyboard.arlingtonva.us](http://countyboard.arlingtonva.us) for more.

### THURSDAY/JAN. 3

**A Conversation with Arlington Delegates.** 7-8:30 p.m. at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. The Arlington League of Women Voters will host A Conversation with Arlington Delegates in advance of the convening of the 2019 General Assembly. Attendees wishing to comment will have two minutes to inform delegates of their legislative priorities. Tickets are free with online reservation at [www.eventbrite.com/e/pre-general-assembly-conversation-with-arlington-delegates-tickets-53189293609](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/pre-general-assembly-conversation-with-arlington-delegates-tickets-53189293609).

### FRIDAY/JAN. 4

**Monthly Memory Café.** 1-3 p.m. at 7910 Andrus Road, Suite 6



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## Video Contest Winner

Regional winner Julia Hocker, an eighth grader from Arlington, accepts her video competition award from Burke & Herbert Bank's Assistant Branch Manager Aldo Fiallega. Also pictured are Julia's parents, Guy and Michelle Hocker and sister Rachel. Julia will advance to the American Bankers Association national Lights, Camera, Save! competition. Her video, "Saving to Give" was selected by a panel of local experts as the Burke & Herbert Bank regional winner. The ABA Lights, Camera, Save! video contest challenges students, aged 13-18, across the nation to submit a 90-second video that inspires other teens to use money wisely and promotes the value of saving. The bank recognized Julia's first place video with a \$350 gift card. The bank also awarded a \$50 gift card to Michelle Hocker, Julia's school administrator and mother, for her support and inspiration.

Alexandria. The Memory Café, a social gathering for individuals living with memory loss and their families, will be held on the first Friday of every month. Registration is free and highly recommended to reserve a spot, which are open on a first come

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# 'Art Walls'

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saic pieces that brighten the underpass. Opposite it is "Prism," a series of colorful panels depicting different geometric shapes by DC artist Anne Marchand. "Ellipsis," also by Marchand is a series of 12 of her abstracts set behind the walls of the Hyatt.

More recently, the DC-based No King's Collective made different murals around temporary spaces in the neighborhood. They took over parking areas slated for demolition. In 2014, they painted the Crystal Wynwood mural with colorful geometric patterns and bold letters. It was an Instagram favorite along with the more recent "Lovers" mural that took over the wall, ceiling and floor of the parking garage on 1851 Bell Street. The "Lovers" mural was a popular backdrop for engagement photos. The No King's Collective's latest mural is best seen from a bird's eye view. They painted the floor of a repurposed parking area with the words "Let's Play," mirroring the goal to see Crystal City as a fun neighborhood.

Aside from the 28 murals listed in Crystal City's "Art Walls" map, several buildings are covered with transparent mesh material in bright colors and eye-catching designs. The real estate developer JBG Smith commissioned artists Tim Doud and Adrienne Shisko to create building wraps based on their artwork. The company is also responsible for attaching colorful bikes on neighborhood walls, providing more whimsical touches to the area.

Ten years after "Art Walls" was established, Crystal City offers imaginative artwork meant to enliven its community and visitors alike.

## "FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Jan. 13-19.

**Senior centers:** Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

**Senior trips:** "Fantasticks," Little Theatre of Alexandria, matinee, Sunday, Nov. 13, \$47; Supreme Court tour, D.C., Wednesday, Jan. 16, \$5; Library of Congress, Baseball Americana exhibit, Friday, Jan. 18, \$6. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

### NEW PROGRAMS:

**Photography interest group** meets Sundays, 3-5 p.m., Arlington Mill. Details, 703-228-7369.

**Three American women artists**, discussed by art educator Joan Hart, Monday, Jan. 14, 1:30 p.m., \$6, Aurora Hills. Register, 703-228-5722.

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## You're In My Thoughts



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though this column will have been written before Christmas, its content will be about Christmas (as you'll soon read), and because of early deadlines as well for our Jan. 2 edition, it needs to be submitted sooner rather than later anyway.

As you regular readers may remember the timing conflict – and concern – I had involving my pre-Thanksgiving infusion in addition to the impact of this last quarter's every-three-week-in-fusion schedule would have on the holiday season, fortunately, Christmas was not to be affected.

As scheduled, my last chemotherapy infused on Dec. 7 so by the time Dec. 24/25 arrives, there will be no side or straight-on effects. No problem sleeping. No problem getting up. No problem eating. And no problem driving the two-plus hours up and back to our holiday destination.

However, this column wouldn't be written if there weren't a situation of some substance I felt worthy of 600 words or so.

Because my last infusion occurred when it did, the next infusion is scheduled for Dec. 28. That Friday date means I'll have to contribute blood (lab work) and a collection of the previous 24 hours of urine on Wednesday, Dec. 26 (I'll be back home so that's not the problem). The problem is that I will have had to collect and keep cold urine beginning first thing-ish on Tuesday, Christmas day, a day when for the next 8+ hours I will be in someone else's house eating, drinking and making merry – and more importantly, be away from the privacy of my own bathroom and the at-home convenience of collecting urine in a bottle and keeping it cold.

Not that I intend on making a big production of it on Christmas Day, but I will be bringing a cooler with me and likely needing to place it in a very public bathroom in the house or another less obvious place that I'll be visiting half a dozen times throughout the day.

Moreover, to make sure I can provide a sufficient volume, I'll need to bring along a gallon of Turkey Hill Diet Green Tea because it goes through me – unlike water and enables me to fill the specimen bottle to the top.

Which if my last few creatinine levels are any indication, and I want those levels to measure within an acceptable-for-infusion range, I need to drink as much of the tea as possible and visit that hopefully inconspicuous place as much as possible as well.

However, as I think about the transportation/storage of the urine and tea situation, I'm thinking I'm going to need two coolers; one for the urine bottle and one for my tea. Because I certainly don't want the two bottles in the same cooler or God forbid, touching one another. I may not be a germaphobe, but I really don't think I'll be able to drink my tea if it's stored in the same cooler.

And I certainly don't want to impose on my host's hospitality by asking her to store either of these bottles in her refrigerator likely already packed-to-the-gills with dinner prep.

As much as I can, somehow, I want to keep a low profile and not be interjected into any of the proceedings/conversation. (Not that I'd be embarrassed since everyone in the house is family and familiar with my diagnosis/general circumstances.)

When the dinner/visit is over, we'll be driving home, coolers in trunk. If I need a rest stop, I'll have to pull over to use my bottle since I'm contributing until Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, after I'll have spent the night back at home. So Christmas won't be a total loss, as Thanksgiving nearly was, but it will be impacted nonetheless.

Still, if my creatinine level is low enough to once again enable me to be infused on Friday, Dec. 28, the awkwardness of the occasion/task will have been worth the trouble. (Besides, it was fodder for a column.)

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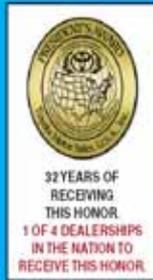
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