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Rudy Tassara, President-Elect of Herndon Rotary Club and event organizer presents Mike Rollison with the Best Overall award for his iconic 1969 Chevrolet Camaro at the 2019 Herndon Rotary Car Show.

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## NEWS



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**Northwest Federal Credit Union's President and CEO, Jeff Bentley, and the NWFCU Foundation's Executive Director, Kaycee Childress, presented a \$10,000 donation to the Inova Cares Clinic for Children.**

## Night of Magic for Hospitalized Children

On Friday, Aug. 9 the NWFCU Foundation held its 10th annual Night of Magic celebration at Inova Children's Hospital. The annual Night of Magic gives children receiving treatment at local hospitals, and their families, a chance to attend a celebratory event, including music, dancing, food and more. This year's theme, "Frozen in Summer" was a fun opportunity for the patients to dress like snowmen and their favorite princesses. At the event, Northwest Federal Credit Union's President and CEO, Jeff Bentley, and the NWFCU Foundation's Executive Director, Kaycee Childress, presented a \$10,000 donation to the Inova

Cares Clinic for Children.

"We are honored to continue supporting Inova Cares Clinic in their mission to provide comprehensive pediatric medical services for children of low-income families," said Childress. "The Night of Magic is a special event for the Foundation, and we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteers, special guests, and sponsors for making it memorable for attendees."

The NWFCU Foundation was established in 2004 to promote and manage Northwest Federal Credit Union's philanthropic activities. For more information, visit [www.nwfcufoundation.org](http://www.nwfcufoundation.org).

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### THURSDAY/SEPT. 12

**Social Security Seminar.** 7-8 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. An Edward Jones financial advisor will present this informative seminar to help answer questions about Social Security. Free. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events).

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

**Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-noon at YMCA Fairfax County Reston, 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. Vendors, businesses and individuals with items to sell – reserve a table at this inaugural Community Yard Sale. Sell crafts, garage sale items, holiday gifts, and more and keep the profits. \$50 per table to benefit the YMCA Fairfax County Reston. Donate unwanted items to the Y for volunteers to sell to support the YMCA Fairfax County Reston. Unsold items will be donated to charity after the sale. Call 703-742-8800 or email [bianca.moskaitis@ymcadc.org](mailto:bianca.moskaitis@ymcadc.org).

**2019 Arts Educational Panel.** 8:30-11 a.m. at the Reston Community Center Hunter Woods (Rooms 2-3-4). ARTSFAIRFAX welcomes the community to the 2019 Arts Educational Panel, 'Think Like an Artist: Creativity in the Classroom' featuring Dr. Kimberly Sheridan, Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at George Mason University and Julie Carmean, Museum Educator and Coordinator of Professional Development at the National Gallery of Art. \$10-\$25. Open to the public, but advance registration is recommended at [bit.ly/AFXArtsPanel19](http://bit.ly/AFXArtsPanel19).

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 17

**DMV2GO at the Library.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. The wireless office on wheels offers all DMV services: driver's license and ID card applications and renewals, driving records, vehicle titles, license plates, decals, order disabled plates, and more. Information on all services available at [dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv\\_2go](http://dmv.virginia.gov/general/#dmv_2go).

**Healthy Aging Part One.** 10 a.m.-noon at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Join for the first of a three-part Healthy Aging Series – "Navigating the Health Care Puzzle." Expert panel presenters. RSVP required, light lunch served. RSVP at [sinfeld@saintjn.org](mailto:sinfeld@saintjn.org) or 703-390-2349. Visit [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org).

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 18

**Community Conversations.** 7-9 p.m. at Chantilly High School in Chantilly. Fairfax County is planning for the next 10-20 years in the community and they want to hear from everyone. Share thoughts, insights, opinions and experiences that will be used to help further shape a countywide strategic plan. Register via [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/strategic-plan-community-conversations](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/strategic-plan-community-conversations). Arrangements for child care, transportation assistance, interpretation services and reasonable ADA accommodations can be made by calling 703-324-5302, TTY 711, or by emailing [Angela.Jones@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Angela.Jones@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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**Sgt. Steve Brown, Sgt. Brian Hamilton, Sgt. Sean Merritt and Cpl. Robert Ronk of the Herndon Police Department accept three awards on behalf of the department: the Impaired Driving Award, the 2019 Commonwealth Award for the most outstanding traffic safety program in Virginia in 2018, and 1st Place in the 2019 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge for municipalities with 26-60 Officers.**



**Police Chief David Huchler of the Metro Washington Airports Authority Police Department receives the 1st Place Award in the 2019 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Special Law Enforcement category from 2018-19 VACP President Chief Doug Goodman, Ashland Police and Virginia Deputy Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security Ryant Washington.**

## Law Enforcement Challenge Awards Presented

**Local police and special law enforcement agencies awarded for best traffic safety programs in the state.**

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

**I**mpaired driving, occupant protection and speed awareness impact the safety of Virginia roadways. The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) Law Enforcement Challenge is a traffic safety recognition program that recognizes agencies that excel in keeping their roadways safe. Last week, VACP announced multiple Northern Virginia police agencies recipients of the 2019 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge awards for the best traffic safety programs in the state in 2018. The Virginia law enforcement community consists of 125 city and county sheriff's offices, 242 police departments and seven state police divisions within 48 areas of the state according to the 2018 Virginia Highway Safety Plan, Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018 by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

According to the report, while a data comparison of Jan. 1 – Nov. 30: 2015 vs. 2018 revealed a 7 percent increase in Virginia fatalities, 689 to 737, there was a 12 percent decrease in serious injuries, 7430 to 6569, and an 8 percent decrease in unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities, 277 to 254 respectively.

VACP named the first, second and third place state winners during an awards luncheon that took place during its 94th Annual Training Conference on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at the Hilton Norfolk. VACP also presented special awards for outstanding enforcement and education efforts in the areas of occupant protection, impaired driving, speed awareness, commercial motor vehicle safety, distracted driving, technology, bicycle/pedestrian safety, and motorcycle safety, as well as the Commonwealth

Award for the Best Overall Traffic Safety Program in Virginia 2018, regardless of agency size or type and special awards.

**LOCAL NORTHERN VIRGINIA WINNERS** of the 2019 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge were

**Municipal Police:**

- ❖ Herndon Police Department- First Place, Category 2: 26-60 Officers
- ❖ Arlington County Police Department- First Place, Category 5: 301-600 Officers
- ❖ Alexandria Police Department- Second Place, Category 5: 301-600 Officers
- ❖ Fairfax County Police Department- Second Place, Category 6: 601 or More Officers

**Special Law Enforcement:**

- ❖ Metro Washington Airports Authority Police Department (MWAA)-First Place

VACP also recognized MWAA with the Distracted Driving Award and recognized

Herndon Police Department with the two additional awards, the Commonwealth Award for the Best Overall Traffic Safety Program in Virginia and the Impaired Driving Award. Although representatives from most of the recognized agencies attended the awards luncheon, representatives of Fairfax County Police Department did not.

**AWARDS** were based on entries prepared by the participating agencies, which highlighted their traffic safety education and enforcement activities in occupant protection, impaired driving and speed over the past calendar year, according to VACP. Judges gave points to the agencies in six areas — problem identification, policies, planning, training of officers, public information and education, enforcement, and an evaluation of the outcomes of the agency's efforts.

The Herndon Police Department issued the statement: "We were both incredibly

honored and surprised this year to receive three awards in the Virginia Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Challenge for traffic safety enforcement and education. We were notified in advance that we were awarded first place in our agency size category, but we had no idea HPD would receive the Commonwealth Award for the most outstanding traffic division statewide, regardless of size and also be recognized for our efforts in combating impaired driving. We could not be more proud of the efforts put forth by our officers who work very hard each day to keep our roadways and our citizens safe. Traffic and pedestrian safety will continue to be a focus for HPD as development and roadway improvements increase both in the Town of Herndon and around it."

The Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards program is supported by a grant from the Virginia Highway Safety Office. The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation is a statewide organization of federal, state and local police chiefs and law enforcement executives dedicated to improving the professionalism of police agencies in Virginia. The Association was founded in 1926 and has more than 600 members.



**Captain Darrin Cassedy, Diamond Anderson and Lieutenant Albert Kim of the Arlington County Police Department receive 1st Place in the 2019 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge for municipalities with 301-600 Officers on behalf of their agency; ( far left) 2018-19 VACP President Chief Doug Goodman, Ashland Police and (far right) Virginia Deputy Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security Ryant Washington.**

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**2018-19 VACP President Chief Doug Goodman, Ashland Police presents Lt. Mike May, Officer Michael Raines, Officer Josh Leach, and Chief Michael L. Brown of the Alexandria Police Department the Second Place Award in the 2019 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge for municipalities with 301-600 Officers.**

## Purpose of a Corporation

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



While most of my columns are about issues that need resolution and challenges that state government must meet, a column focused on what others are doing to improve life in our communities is appropriate from time to time. If we allow ourselves to relax for a few moments to see and marvel in some good news, it does not mean that we are any less committed to improving the world or that we will lose our momentum in trying to do so. There are many more stories of progress that I hope to share in this short space in the future, but an event last month deserves our immediate attention.

The Business Roundtable made up of 181 CEO's of America's biggest companies issued a new "Statement on the Purpose of a Corporation" last month that makes a dramatic shift from past statements that emphasized shareholder primacy to a "fundamental commitment to all of our stakeholders." The broadened purpose is explained to include delivering value to custom-

ers, investing in employees, dealing ethically and fairly with suppliers, and supporting communities in which they are located. (<https://opportunity.businessroundtable.org>)

Socially responsible actions taken voluntarily on the part of many companies may have spurred the new Business Roundtable statement, but the hope is that other corporations will follow with actions that are as positive for their workers and the communities they serve as they are for the bottom line. As the Roundtable statement explained, "investing in our employees...starts with compensating them fairly and providing important benefits."

Maybe there will be a future where my bill to increase the paltry \$7.25 an hour minimum wage in Virginia will be supported by local Chambers of Commerce instead of outright opposition they have expressed in the past. Concern for workers at the minimum should be that they are paid a wage on which they can live.

The Roundtable statement acknowledged that "while each of our individual companies serves its own corporate purpose, we share a fundamental commitment to all of our stakeholders." Among the stakeholders are the communities in which businesses are located to

which the Roundtable members expressed that "we respect the people in our communities and protect the environment by embracing sustainable practices across our businesses." The consumer continues to have the choice of buying products that are made in a sustainable way and to refuse to purchase those that are not.

The auto manufacturers who made an agreement with the state of California to follow strict emission standards for automobiles regardless of the irresponsible action by the federal government to lower standards are to be applauded and supported by other states in the court suit. How ironic would it be if the courts decided that companies could not gain a competitive advantage by being more environmentally responsible.

The Business Roundtable Statement on the Purpose of a Corporation concludes that "each of our stakeholders is essential. We commit to deliver value to all of them, for the future success of our companies, our communities and our country." Those same "stakeholders" are referred to in government as "constituencies." When the common goals of business and society as reflected through its government are recognized, success will be realized by stakeholders and constituencies!

## Preventing Suicide Being there to take the call.

BY WENDY GRADISON  
CEO, PRS



More people are calling, texting and chatting and that's good news. With greater emphasis on mental health, we are seeing an increase in the number of people reaching out for help to our local suicide prevention hotline. This is a trend that's also occurring nationwide.

While it's great that more people are seeking help, the issue is that the infrastructure and funding to support it are having a hard time keeping up with the growing demand. In fact, PRS recently received grants to serve as a national back-up center and core chat center to expand services in support of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network (Lifeline) to help address longer wait times nationwide as queues pile up for the hotline and chatline. Some of these calls and chats now get rerouted to PRS.

Prior to the recent expansion, PRS received a monthly average of 4,500 crisis calls through the Lifeline and local crisis number primarily from Northern Virginia. With the addition of the national hotline back-up center and

chatline services, our call volume has more than doubled, and we expect the chatline to generate over 20,000 chats this year.

This is the reality as we approach September's Suicide Prevention Month. For the 5<sup>th</sup> year, we are hosting the #CallTextLive Campaign, <https://prsinc.org/calltextlive/>, in partnership with Connection Newspapers. The campaign engages the community by providing activities to create awareness about preventing suicide and calling the PRS CrisisLink Hotline at (800) 273-TALK [8255] and the textline by texting "CONNECT" to 85511 to receive support.

#CallTextLive uses social media, activities and events to drive conversation and reduce stigma. By visiting PRS' website at [www.prsinc.org/calltextlive](http://www.prsinc.org/calltextlive), people can discover how to participate in the #CallTextLive Campaign, which includes Resource Mondays, a Facebook Live educational session, Selfie Day, and Fact Fridays.

Social media is used to engage people in sharing stories and photos on PRS Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the #CallTextLive hashtag in hopes of making it easier for people to talk about suicide.

The campaign is critically important since

suicide claims the lives of more than 47,000 people annually and is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death nationwide and second leading cause for people aged 10-34. In fact, more than twice as many people die by suicide than homicide.

As we work to increase the number of individuals seeking help, we recognize that increasing our capacity to take these calls, texts and chats is essential.

We handle the national calls through federal grants, but the work we do to serve our Northern Virginia community is supported through local funding sources and the generosity of individuals like you. That's why the campaign encourages people to crowdsource to support the PRS CrisisLink center.

Volunteering to cover a weekly shift on the hotline or chatline, donating to support the overall operating expenses of this life-saving work or sharing our information across social media saves lives in our communities.

Crisis intervention and suicide prevention services work. For every death, 278 people manage to move past thoughts of suicide and survive. Join PRS this September as we encourage our community to make the call, send the text and live through their thoughts of suicide.

### LETTERS

## Care Packages Reach Frontlines

To the Editor:

Somewhere in the Middle East, 150 members of the United States Air Force celebrated an unforgettable Independence Day, thanks to the generosity and support of all those who contributed to The Reston Chorale's 2019 Operation

Care Package.

The Reston Chorale's fifth annual care package drive kicked off on May 25 at the Chorale's patriotic concert — "A Star-Spangled Salute" — at Reston Town Center. Within weeks, we received and shipped a record-setting 572

pounds of care package donations to Airmen and women serving far from home. The packages included:

- ❖ The makings of a festive Fourth of July — complete with s'mores fixin's, Girl Scout cookies, snacks, lemonade mix and water flavorings, patriotic décor and

party favors (including enough glow sticks to light up a runway), lightweight sports equipment, hand-crafted thank you cards, and much more;

- ❖ More than 6,700 coffee, tea and hot chocolate k-cup pods —

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# NEWS



## Flutes of Freedom Welcome Veterans

Flutes of Freedom welcomed 200 WWII, Vietnam and Korean veterans at Honor Flight Saturday, Sept. 7 at Reagan National Airport. Flutes of Freedom comprises Fairfax flutists ages 9-18 from Herndon, Reston and Great Falls. Honor Flights bring veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.



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## HomeLifeStyle

By combining a first level floorplan reconfiguration with a partial second floor “pop-up,” Glickman Design Build generated almost 800 square feet of new living space for a three generation family of five. The top level, now private quarters for the twin boys, includes two bedrooms, a 71 square foot work station alcove, and a loft devoted to video games and entertainment.



## McLean ‘Pop-up’ Accommodates Growing Family

Solution combines first level floorplan reconfiguration with attic conversion to create budget-friendly increase in living space.

BY JOHN BYRD  
THE CONNECTION

Brian and Jee Coyle, two professionals in their early forties, had occupied their two-level 1,400-square-foot Colonial in McLean for over a decade. The busy household included Jee’s mother, Penvadee (65), and twin sons—Ty and Miles (10), who were fast-approaching the stage when more independence and privacy is an emergent priority.

Living arrangements called for Brian and Jee sharing the ground-level master suite on the southwest rear corner of the house while the twins bunked in a single first floor bedroom, sharing a hall bath with a tub,

Penvadee’s suite was situated on the lower level where Brian also retained a small office. The close-knit family daily shared meals and lots of quality-time pursuits. But needed changes were anticipated.

Looking ahead, the Coyles recognized they would soon want more usable square footage. Thoughts of finding a larger house nearby didn’t last long since the family considered the circa 1960s brick-facing original something of a classic, and particularly appreciated the good local schools. Still, a remodeling solution that would allow each generation to have a level to themselves made practical sense.

By making over the existing house, the boys might pick up a bedroom each, plus a shared bath and spaces for study and entertainment.

Brian would gain a larger and more private office. Yet the quest for more additional square footage also seemed something of a “reach” since the existing floorplan was notably cramped, situated on a one



**BEFORE:** Situated at the top of a hill on a one third-acre lot, the Coyle’s 1,400 square foot circa 1960’s Colonial..

third acre lot on a hill and offered few visible expansion options. Still, there were opportunities worth examination.

“An open attic with about six feet of headroom was accessible from a staircase in the dining room,” Brian said. “We could picture this as a potential new top level, but weren’t sure of the cost issues, which members of the family would live there or any of the design details.”

Taking the inquiry to the next step, Jee began investigating ideas on “Houzz,” a popular consumer web site. They noticed Glickman Design Build emerged in relation to a nearby makeover that proved to offer spot-on relevance to the Coyle’s goals.

“We had no idea how a new top level should be configured,” Brian said. “But Glickman’s advanced computer imaging technology (CADD systems) made it easy for us to not only model alternate floorplan configurations, but also to narrow-down our many finishwork choices.”

Better yet, the Coyles found that the feasibility study phase of Glickman’s agreement allowed them to closely examine a host of the technical issues while absorbing design fees into the building process.

“The contract permitted us to imagine a large range of options without adding cost,” the homeowner said. “We even considered relocating the master bedroom to the top floor, or bumping out the front. This freedom to explore every consideration was liberating.”

In the end, the attic was converted into a 776-square-foot suite designed primarily for the twins. Each son has a private bedroom. There’s a 78-square-foot master bath; a roomy work station and a spacious loft devoted to video games and entertainment.

Their former first floor bedroom has been converted into Brian’s 150-square-foot office. The now open first level plan is an improvement on all fronts.

“The whole first floor circulates much better” said Brian. “There’s more natural light throughout the primary living area, and it’s a much interactive floorplan. Great for the entire family.”

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**Manuel Casco, 34, charged with robbery, carjacking and two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.**

**Edward Mejia Sandoval, 22, charged with two counts of robbery and two counts of threatening to abduct with the intent to defile.**

## Two Men Arrested Following Robbery, Officer-Involved Shooting and Carjacking in Herndon

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) reported the arrests of Edward Raul Mejia Sandoval, 22, and Manuel Enrique Casco, 34, both of Maryland. They were arrested after robbing a local business shortly after 7 p.m. on Sept. 2 in the 700 block of Elden Street in the Town of Herndon, according to police reports.

According to FCPD, Mejia Sandoval was charged with two counts of robbery and two counts of threatening to abduct with the intent to defile; Casco was charged with robbery, carjacking and two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Both men were taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held without bond.

Police reported detectives from their Major Crimes Bureau are investigating after Mejia Sandoval and Casco entered a business displaying a handgun, demanded money and assaulted two female employees.

According to a briefing given by Chief Maggie DeBoard, Town of Herndon Police during the Town of Herndon Work Session held Sept. 3, an officer was sitting in his cruiser doing follow up paperwork behind the fire station at that time. "There was an armed robbery that had just occurred, up in one of those businesses in that area," DeBoard said. She added there were two victims in the business.

"[One] noticed that the officer's cruiser was parked outside through a security camera and was able to run down and alert the officer ... the officer immediately engaged them," said DeBoard. She said that the officer got in a foot pursuit with both subjects. "As he was chasing the subjects, giving them verbal commands, one of the suspects actually turned and fired rounds at our officer and our officer returned fire back. Nobody was hit thankfully either way, which is always a good thing."

FCPD reported Mejia Sandoval was quickly taken into custody by Herndon police officers while Casco was arrested a short time later after an armed carjacking in the 1000 block of Elden Street. "A handgun was recovered during the initial investigation."

As this is an active investigation, detectives continue to investigate the circumstances of the crimes. FCPD requests, anyone who may have witnessed this incident or has information about this investigation is asked to contact Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477), by text – Type "FCCS" plus tip to 847411, and by web- p411.com/tips/new?alert\_group\_id=21984. Download Mobile tip411 App, "Fairfax Co Crime Solvers." Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest.

## Jewish High Holiday Services Open to All

**W**e stand just a few weeks before Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and one of the holiest days on the Jewish calendar, and there are still many Jews who have no plans to attend synagogue for high holiday services.

Some are not affiliated with a synagogue; others will be travelling on business; and a sizable percentage simply don't feel comfortable in a synagogue setting. Another sad truth, there are those who cannot afford the cost of services.

Whatever the case may be, many of these would-be worshippers are feeling the pangs associated with being left out of the holiest days of the Jewish calendar. Chabad of Reston-Herndon, the local branch of the largest Jewish outreach organization in the world, has presented its own High Holiday services option, providing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in a warm and inclusive setting, open to all.

Chabad's services are "user-friendly," making it enjoyable and meaningful for both the beginner and the advanced. Song, commentary and the use of English-Hebrew prayerbooks, enable those of all levels to become active participants in the services.

"According to Jewish tradition, on the Jewish New Year, the doors of Heaven are open. G-d accepts prayers from everyone," said Rabbi Leibel Fajnlant, who is hosting the services in Herndon "The least we can do is open our doors as well, to the entire community."

Chabad Rabbi Leibel Fajnlant continued, "During



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**Rabbi Leibel Fajnlant**

## Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services

Chabad will be holding Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services this year, and we look forward to personally welcome you.

WHERE: Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel | 2200 Centerville Road, Herndon

TO RESERVE A SPACE: Register online at [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org) or call Chabad, 703.476.1829.

FOR MORE INFO: For more information about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, visit [www.Chabadrh.org/newyear](http://www.Chabadrh.org/newyear).

For more information on the above events, call Rabbi Leibel Fajnlant at 703-476-1829, visit [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org) or write to [Rabbi@chabadrh.org](mailto:Rabbi@chabadrh.org).

the Jewish High Holidays, accessibility can translate into different factors for different people, such as a non-judgmental atmosphere, affordability of the services, insights and commentary on the liturgy as the service unfolds, or the ability for a beginner to follow along. Our goal is to lower the barriers of entry, and encourage each and every Jew to actively participate in these most holy and introspective days."

Rosh Hashanah begins this year after sundown on Sept. 29 and extends until nightfall on Oct. 1. Yom Kippur begins this year after sundown on the eve of Oct. 8 and extends until nightfall on Oct. 9.

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## ONGOING

**Senior Olympics.** The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The public is invited, free of charge, to all NVSO events. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration for participants. Visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

**Herndon Farmers Market.** Thursdays, through mid-November, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Historic Downtown Herndon, Lynn Street. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket](http://www.herndon-va.gov/FarmersMarket) for more.

**Reston Farmers Market.** Saturdays, through Dec. 7, 8 a.m.-noon at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. SNAP accepted, bonus dollar program. Closed Saturday, Sept. 28 for the Reston Multicultural Festival. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/reston](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/reston).

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 13

**The Storytime Social Hour.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Every Friday, moms, dads, caregivers and kids are invited to join a Storytime Social Hour. Scrawl will provide coffee and treats for the adults; stories and fun for the little people. Make new friends or meet up with neighbors. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**"Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics."** 2-4 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Watch the film produced by the Foreign Policy Association and participate in a roundtable discussion on current events and U.S. foreign policy options. The topic for September is "Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics." The speaker will be Gen. James Clapper. Scrawl books will be selling his book "Facts and Fears: Hard Truths from a Life in Intelligence" and will include a book signing by the author. Discussion materials are available at the Info Desk. Adults. Free. Call 703-850-3697 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 13-14

**Kids Wish Kids Good Night.** 7-8 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Put a new twist on the bedtime routine by letting children wish a good night to the animals at Frying Pan Farm Park. Bring a flashlight or lantern for this twilight tour and learn how farm animals settle down for the night. For participants age 3-adult. \$10 per person, and children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Dress for the weather. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 14

**Arts Education Panel.** 8:30-11 a.m. at Reston Community Center - Hunters Woods (Rm 2-3-4), 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Join ARTSFAIRFAX for an Arts Education Panel where educators, arts organizations, business and community leaders will gain a better understanding of how the arts can be used to incorporate teaching artist programs in their classrooms. \$10-\$25. Call 571-395-4620 or visit [bit.ly/AFXArtsPanel19](http://bit.ly/AFXArtsPanel19).

**NVSO Opening Ceremonies.** 9-9:30 a.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 South 2nd St., Arlington. Join the fun and cheer for athletes at the opening ceremonies of Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, featuring the carrying of the NVSO Olympic torch, Color Guard presentation and recognition of County officials and patrons. The public is invited, free of charge, to all NVSO events. For more information about events throughout Northern Virginia during the competition, Sept. 14-28, call 703-228-4721, go to [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us) or email [nvso1982@gmail.com](mailto:nvso1982@gmail.com).

**ChalkFest.** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Market Street at Reston Town Center. Artists of all ages can register to participate and receive supplies to create chalk drawings on the street. Prizes will be awarded in categories for professionals, amateurs, families, children, and Audience Choice. Spectators welcome. Rain date, Sept. 15.) Call 703-880-1177, email [info@publicartreston.org](mailto:info@publicartreston.org) or visit [publicartreston.org](http://publicartreston.org).

**Dulles Day Plane Pull.** 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airfield. This free open house offers a daylong schedule of activities and

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**Gen. James Clapper,  
Director of National  
Intelligence (2010-2017).**



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events for all ages including a 5K/10K race on the runway, aircraft displays, games, vendors, airfield tours and more. The signature event features nearly 100 teams pulling one of two 82-ton jet aircraft with ropes in a friendly competition that has raised more than \$2 million for Special Olympics Virginia. Visit [planepull.com](http://planepull.com) for more.

**The Bookworms Club.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Young readers are invited to join Scrawl's all-new and completely free Bookworms Club. Explore a new theme each week with picture books, special guests and most often, authors. Readers are welcome to join or participate any time. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**Book Launch Fiesta.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Tracey Kyle brings the fun with her new books, Pepe and the Parade and Alpaca Pati's Fancy Fleece for a festive launch party. Author Marcie Flinchum Atkins adds to the celebration with her book, Wait, Rest, Pause. There will be cupcakes, games and activities. Party goers will also receive a free pack of chalk to use at Chalk Fest. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**Geocaching.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Northern Virginia Geocaching Organization (NoVAGO) will present an overview of geocaching, a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices and apps. All ages. Free. Call 703-689-2700 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events)

**Monster Drawing Rally.** 4-8 p.m. at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite #103, Reston. he 3rd Annual Monster Drawing Rally turns the GRACE gallery into a public performance space as over 50 artists create unique artworks on-site using their preferred media. As the works are completed, they will be hung on the wall and available for purchase at \$75 each. All proceeds benefit the exhibition program at GRACE. Open to all and free to attend. Visit [restonarts.org/support/monster-drawing-rally/](http://restonarts.org/support/monster-drawing-rally/) for more.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

### Lake Anne SUP (Stand-Up Paddle Board)

**Triathlon.** Registration is open for the Lake Anne SUP Triathlon, the first event of its kind in Northern Virginia. This event is designed to introduce multi-sport to the community, replacing the traditional swim with a stand up paddle board (SUP) experience. Athletes may choose to compete solo (\$110) or as a 3-person relay team (\$180-\$199). Visit [corefoundation.raceentry.com/lake-anne-sup-triathlon/race-information](http://corefoundation.raceentry.com/lake-anne-sup-triathlon/race-information).

**Get Fired Up.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. The mill's blacksmith will be firing up his forge - watch as he works with hammer and tongs to make iron tools and utensils. Free, no reservations are required. No reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill).

**Escape the Daily Grind.** Noon-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. See and hear 19th century technology at work at the historic mill. Grinding demonstrations will be taking place, if conditions permit. Call the site to confirm. \$8 for adults; \$7 for students age 16 and older with ID; and \$6 for children and seniors. No reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill).

**Author Event: Jeffrey C. Stewart.** 7 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods - the CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Author Jeffrey C. Stewart has won the Pulitzer Prize for his book *The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke*, which is a panoramic view of the personal trials and artistic triumphs of the father of the Harlem Renaissance and the movement he inspired. Copies of his book will be for sale prior to and after his presentation, and he will sign them. \$15-\$20. Call 703-476-4500 or visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com/](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/).

## MONDAY/SEPT. 16

**Farm Life.** 11-11:45 a.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Learn about elements of farm life. Children will get to spend time with a different farm animal at each

session. Other activities may include story time, creating crafts and introductory-level farm chores. For children age 3-5. \$8 per child. Pre-paid reservations are required. Adults must attend with a registered child. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park).

## MONDAY-FRIDAY/SEPT. 16-20

**SAIL Exercise Class.** 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon. SAIL is evidence based and scientifically proven to improve balance and mobility and reduce musculoskeletal risk factors, which may increase with age. Free to members (\$48/year). Come any one day during SAIL Assessment Week Monday-Friday, Sept. 16-20 at 2:30 p.m. for information, three easy baseline assessments, and registration and receive a free one day pass to enjoy other activities. Contact Betsy Kiker at [elizabeth.kiker@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elizabeth.kiker@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-464-6200.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 17

**Author Event: Christina June.** 7 p.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Christina June brings her young adult contemporary fiction to the store. Each book is a modern retelling or play on a classic fairy tale, and billed as "clean YA." Perfect for the fairy tale fan, YA enthusiast or the middle grade reader preparing to make the leap into reading young adult fiction. Learn how June develops her characters and stories, and what it takes to write and publish fiction. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**Live Music: Dana and Susan Robinson.** 7:15 p.m. at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. Dana and Susan Robinson are celebrating the release of their new recording, *The Town That Music Saved*. Their compositions have been featured in Ken Burns's "The National Parks, America's Best Idea" and "The Dust Bowl." Suggested donation is \$10 for members of the Folk Club of Reston/Herndon and \$11 for non-members. Visit [www.restonherndonfolkclub.com](http://www.restonherndonfolkclub.com) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 18

**Learning at the Roll-Top Observatory.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Learn about the planets, constellations, stars, galaxies, space missions and more at the Roll-Top Observatory at Turner Farm Park. Turner Farm hosts a talk on an astronomy-related topic each month. Participants will have a chance to use the observatory's telescopes, if the weather allows. Designed for participants age 8-adult. \$8 per person. Visit [www.analemma.org](http://www.analemma.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

**Weekend Food for Kids.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, invites community members to help pack food for its Weekend Food for Kids program, providing nonperishable food over the weekend to children who receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year at Title I schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. Arrive at 9:30 to help with setup. Free. Email [info@alnv.org](mailto:info@alnv.org) or visit [www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org)

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 20

**The Storytime Social Hour.** 11 a.m. at Scrawl Books, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Every Friday, moms, dads, caregivers and kids are invited to join a Storytime Social Hour. Scrawl will provide coffee and treats for the adults; stories and fun for the little people. Make new friends or meet up with neighbors. Visit [www.scrawlbooks.com](http://www.scrawlbooks.com) or call 703-966-2111.

**Batty Myth-Busting.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Separate fact from fiction with the "Let's Get Batty" program at Lake Fairfax Park. Park staff will debunk some common myths about our friendly bat neighbors and provide information about a deadly fungus that is threatening their population. The program also includes a short naturalist-led hike. Designed for participants age 7-adult. \$7 per person. Call 703-471-5414 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 20-21

**Kids Wish Kids Good Night.** 7-8 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Put a new twist on the bedtime routine by letting children wish a good night to the animals at Frying Pan Farm Park. Bring a flashlight or lantern for this twilight tour and learn how farm animals settle down for the night. For participants age 3-adult. \$10 per person, and children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Dress for the weather. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park).

# Exploring the Harlem Renaissance

## Pulitzer Prize winning author Jeffrey C. Stewart comes to Reston.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Reston Community Center's impressive 2019 schedule of professional touring artist continues with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jeffrey C. Stewart. Stewart will discuss "the community of artists who supported one another under the encouragement of Alain Locke. The community became known as the Harlem Renaissance," said Paul Douglas Michniewicz, Arts & Events Director. Stewart's Pulitzer Prize-winning book is a biography titled "The New Negro: The Life and Times of Alain Locke." The book explores how Locke has shaped the way we see the world today," added Michniewicz.

Stewart invited guests to Reston's CenterStage this way: "Please come with an open mind to learn about a little known figure in American history and culture whose life reveals something to us we too often forget—that we have the capacity to reinvent ourselves despite the obstacles we face."

In the Jazz Age of the 1920s with difficult times for African-Americans, "Locke came up with a new intervention — to seize on the creative capacities of African Americans to redefine the Negro as America's quintessential artist," said Stewart.

Locke's important legacy "is that he applied his theory of the New Negro—of the capacity of Black people for rebirth—to himself and continually reinvented himself over the course of his life," said Stewart. Locke was the first African American to get a PH.D. in philosophy from Harvard; and was a philosophy professor at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

For Locke, "The New Negro," was "someone young, talented, and enormously creative who had emerged on the American scene in the 1920s. They were poets, actors, novelists, painters, playwrights, and folklorists of the American soul," noted Stewart.

According to Stewart, "Locke became a mentor to a younger generation of writers like Countee Cullen, Langston Hughes, and Zora Neale Hurston, publishing their work and even securing private white patrons to give them the time and space to write.

"Locke is considered 'complicated' as a biographical subject in African American history, because he was a closeted gay man who struggled to balance the demands of a personal life of longing for a partner with whom to share his life and his commitment to a progressive race movement in the United States that had no room for an openly gay Black leader in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century," said Stewart.

The CenterStage presentation will be a dialogue between author Stewart and George Mason University, Emeritus Professor Jane Turner Censer.

"Locke's greatest legacy may be that we, like him, can make a difference, can uplift the quality and richness of our culture, by reinventing ourselves as he did over and over again," Stewart added.

### Where and When

Reston Community Center presents Author Jeffrey C. Stewart discussing his Pulitzer Prize-winning book "The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke" at Reston CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. There will be a Q&A after the formal presentation. Ticket Price: \$15, Non-Reston Ticket Price: \$20. Call: 703.476.4500 or visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com)

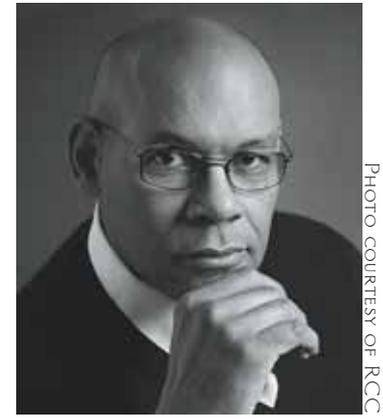


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**Author Jeffrey C. Stewart will discuss his 2019 Pulitzer Prize-winning book "The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke"**



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#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

**Community Conversations.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at South Lakes High School in Reston. Fairfax County is planning for the next 10-20 years in the community and they want to hear from everyone. Share thoughts, insights, opinions and experiences that will be used to help further shape a countywide strategic plan. Register via [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/strategic-plan-community-conversations](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/strategic-plan-community-conversations). Arrangements for child care, transportation assistance, interpretation services and reasonable ADA accommodations can be made by calling 703-324-5302, TTY 711, or by emailing [Angela.Jones@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Angela.Jones@fairfaxcounty.gov).  
**Healthy Aging Part Two.** 10-11:30 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Dress comfortably for a demo presentation of Sara Meeks' "Better Backs" by Woody McMahon of Sequoia Health. RSVP required. RSVP at

[sinfeld@saintjn.org](mailto:sinfeld@saintjn.org) or 703-390-2349. Visit [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org).

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

**Healthy Aging Part Three.** 10 a.m.-noon or 12:30-2 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Join for the third of a three-part Healthy Aging Series – Medicare Expert presents in both English and Spanish. RSVP required, light lunch served. RSVP at [sinfeld@saintjn.org](mailto:sinfeld@saintjn.org) or 703-390-2349. Visit [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org).

#### MONDAY/SEPT. 23

**Candidate Forum.** 7 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax. Candidates for Countywide offices: At Large School Board and Chair of the Board of Supervisors. These candidate forums are nonpartisan. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area does not support or oppose any party or candidate

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**NEWS**

**Candidates Forum to be Held on Sept. 23**

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will hold a Candidate Forum for Fairfax County Chair of the Board of Supervisors and At-Large School Board candidates on Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 at 7 p.m. The

event will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center; 12000 Government Center Parkway, in Fairfax.

All certified candidates for the Nov. 5, 2019 General Election have been invited. This event is free

and open to the public, and questions for the candidates will come from the audience.

Questions can be submitted in advance by accessing: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/LWVFA2019](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LWVFA2019)

**Assistance League to Sustain, Expand Children's Programs**

**Allstate Foundation awards \$20,000 to assist vulnerable communities in Northern Virginia.**

Assistance League of Northern Virginia recognizes The Allstate Foundation, Allstate agency force and employee volunteers who helped the organization secure a \$20,000 grant award to ensure basic human needs are met in vulnerable communities.

In late spring 2019, sixteen members of Allstate's regional advisory board, comprising agency owners, exclusive agents and financial specialists from across Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the Metro D.C. area, came together to participate in a volunteer service activity that yielded 500 bags of nonperishable food items for elementary school children at-risk of hunger on weekends. The efforts of Allstate volunteers allowed the all-volunteer nonprofit to satisfy an immediate unmet need, providing supplemental food to students at two schools not served by its Weekend Food for Kids program. At the time, resources allowed the nonprofit to provide 1,810 bags of food monthly to six partner schools. The extra food bags made a positive difference. In addition, the volunteers' service to Assistance League qualified the organization to apply for The Allstate Foundation's Helping Hands Grant program.

Assistance League recognizes Sharee Merenov, Allstate Capital Region division manager - corporate relations, and the agents who committed their time, resources and energy to help it win the significant grant award, including Christine Angles, Doris Banegas, Frank Ciambone, Benjamin Jessurun, Tae Kim, Michael Lee, Sara Lewis, Mike Masri, James Mwangi, Glenda Palacios, Amber Ritchie, Claudia Rivas, Paul Sarnak, Jason Sengpiehl, Miguel Villegas and Logan Wease.

"As a mom, I know how important it is for kids to eat right to be ready to learn and do their best. As a volunteer, I know how critical it is to have the funding to do what your heart knows is right," said Christine Angles, Allstate exclusive agent in Manassas. "It's been a pleasure working with the Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a group of passionate volunteers working to get kids on the right footing so they can thrive. And, it makes me proud that the Allstate Foundation supports nonprofits like this one where I volunteer my time and work towards making our community better."

The Allstate Foundation grant award will help the organization sustain and expand its successful Op-

**Volunteer Information Meeting**

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is sponsoring an information meeting to be held on Oct. 9, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd., Chantilly. Join us to learn about the organization's children's programs and how you can help support and expand these activities. Contact Vernetta Gaiani at [Membership@alnv.org](mailto:Membership@alnv.org) if interested in attending.



**Allstate's exclusive agent, Christine Angles, and field senior vice president of the Capital Region, Robert Becker, engaging in community service.**

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eration School Bell programs that help nearly 8,000 low-income children in the region every year. Through its New Clothing for Kids, Literacy for Kids and Weekend Food for Kids programs, the nonprofit addresses the negative effects of poverty on children's academic performance and behavior.

The grant funds will be used to purchase nutritious, nonperishable food items, school clothes and new books for students in 11 Title I elementary schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City of Alexandria, where up to 85 percent of the students live in poverty. Some of them experience homelessness or live in multi-family housing environments and rely on the organization to fulfill a number of their basic, critical needs.

With Allstate's partnership, Assistance League will be able to increase the level of support provided to low-income families and expand the programs to include additional schools. Allstate's charitable donation will directly impact children and help prepare them for success in school.

[www.alnv.org](http://www.alnv.org).

# BULLETIN

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and invite all certified candidates in their respective districts. After a moderated discussion, meet the candidates. Volunteers, including students, are welcome. Visit [www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum) for more.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Parent Support Partners**, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax) or [www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html](http://www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html).

## ONGOING

**STEM Professionals Needed.** Volunteers are needed to assist K-12 STEM teachers in northern Virginia as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, [stemvolunteers.org](http://stemvolunteers.org), during the 2019-20 school year, beginning in September. Please contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488 or [donaldrea@aol.com](mailto:donaldrea@aol.com).

**Assistance League of Northern Virginia**, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at [gronbiz@aol.com](mailto:gronbiz@aol.com) or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at [lynnieb517@verizon.net](mailto:lynnieb517@verizon.net).

**Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed.** Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at [Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-324-4547.

**Herndon High School Library** needs volunteers. Training available to help with shelving books, pulling books for teacher use, helping to check passes, or other special projects. To learn more, email [hhs\\_library@fcps.edu](mailto:hhs_library@fcps.edu).

## LETTERS

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specially requested by the unit's previous commander because, as he put it, "This unit flies 24/7, and caffeine really helps fuel the fight."

❖ The comforts of home, including new socks, fresh sheets, soft toilet tissue, and anti-itch powders and creams, plus board games and playing cards, batteries, books and magazines.

It was, in the words of the unit commander, "an amazing amount of love and support!" We completely agree.

The Reston Chorale thanks all those who donated care package items, created thank you cards, helped cover shipping costs, and provided logistical support, including the staff and clients of Bodies in Motion and Crunch Fitness, the Graduate Management Admission Council — which donated their entire supply of k-cup pods — Charm City Concierge and Reston Town Center. Special thanks to Northrop Grumman for underwriting The Reston Chorale's "A Star-Spangled Salute."

The care and support shared through The Reston Chorale's Operation Care Package will be felt and remembered for months and years to come.

**Ruth Ann Pinkman**  
President, The Reston Chorale

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## Time and Again



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not to be morbid in the least – or self-indulgent in the most (last week's column, "Something or Nothing" notwithstanding), but recently I've had cause to hear about the future and be more concerned about the present.

I have a homeowner problem that like all such problems, is way beyond my limited skills: a crack in the concrete slab which "porches" our house, apparently caused by a very large and old tree growing way too close to this slab.

This is not a water-leaking-into-the-house problem. This is a structural-type problem identified by a home appraiser whom I've paid for – but not bought, to process a mortgage refinance.

Given the two-week time-frame during which I was expecting to schedule this assessment – considering the time-sensitivity of these applications, I was flabbergasted to learn that my expectations were totally unreasonable. Two weeks! I might as well have been asking for two months, which is what I ended up getting.

After hearing the nearly identical appointment-unavailability story multiple times, and getting increasingly frustrated and impatient at the unlikely timely resolution of my problem – in my lifetime (no joke), I finally heard from a company that was able to schedule an appointment which they did so with an apparent straight face (as much as I could glean over the phone): "I can have someone to your house on Oct. 25." I snickered.

"October 25! That's two months," I said. ("I could be dead by then," I said to myself.) To the woman I said, "No. I need someone sooner, in the next week or so. Good-bye." (I made this call on Aug. 21.)

When I hung up the phone I started laughing at what I didn't say and why I hadn't said it. Being that I have stage IV lung cancer, I am not exactly on firm footing.

I didn't say to the woman that I could be dead by then because those words were, figuratively speaking, a bit too close to my literal reality. It was a case of fiction being a bit too close to fact and my mouth actually being able to cash that check.

In addition to providing fodder for this column, my calls to miscellaneous home improvement/concrete/foundation repair companies left me not high, still dry, but totally unrequited. I needed help. I put myself out there and received practically nothing in return. It is a lesson I'll take to the grave.

I don't want to sound unreasonable because I still think I'm of sound mind (not so much sound body), but being diagnosed with cancer does, at least in my experience, move up your timeline, so to speak. There's a certain amount of patience and accommodation that is totally ripped from your subconscious.

When your life is in jeopardy, dealing with the daily double: life and death, becomes extraordinarily difficult, regardless of whether your answers are in the form of questions. The uncertainty of it all is very off-putting. Sometimes, you don't know whether you're coming or going.

Trying to live a "normal" life under these kinds of constraints – and restraints – can make Jack a very dull boy. And very often this dullness manifests itself in one's inflexibility.

When your life is at stake, it's nearly impossible to act as if it isn't. Your brain seemingly gets rewired and re-purposed. As much as you attempt to retain your old and familiar self, this newer cancer-affected version slowly takes over.

You're not exactly in "The Twilight Zone," but "imagine if you will" at age 54 and a half, expecting to live into your mid-80s as both your parents did, instead being told that you have "13 months to two years" to live?

Though I've taken it mostly in stride and lived way beyond my oncologist's expectations, to say one's stride is not changed by the experience is to give naivete a whole new meaning. (Not to mention the fact that the neuropathy in both my feet makes walking extremely difficult.) Nevertheless, life goes on.

As such, as much as I want to plan for the future, sometimes, it's the present for which I need to plan.

*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

# Not Your Father's Car, Maybe

Car Show returns for its 19<sup>th</sup> year.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon Rotary Car Show returned to the downtown district Sunday, Sept. 8 and introduced to the public vehicles built tough, those that dared to dream big, and those that endured the test of time. Held in a blocked-off area on lower Lynn Street, the Car Show awarded first, second and third place in three categories, Classic, Contemporary and Hot Rods, as well as the 1st Place Overall Winner. Fellow entry members and car show goers chose the champions by ballot.

**WITH ADMISSION FREE** and open to the public, the venue featured nearly 70 cars according to Peggy O'Reilly, Rotary Board Member. Car owners such as Victor Baskerville, formerly of Vienna and Dave Neel of Woodbridge stood proudly next to their vehicles, ready to explain uniquenesses, nuances, and challenges during customizing and on-frame restoration.

Baskerville customized his 1931 Ford Model A rat rod in an art nouveau design, emphasizing a balance between form and function. Baskerville used mechanical items associated with the U.S. Armed Forces such as empty bullet shells, gears and such in his design. He worked to re-shape the vehicle in a fun fashion honoring his U.S. Air Force service. Embedded in resin, the bullet shells became part of the floor mats and gears became part of the interior door panels. "I built it from scratch and took a year and a half. This is the other woman in my life. At least my wife knows where I'm at, working on my car. In the Air Force, I worked on airplanes as a crew chief."

Unlike Baskerville, Neel turned to "on frame restoration" for his vehicle, a white 1965 Ford Thunderbird convertible. "This is the first time I brought my car. I corrected the paint by buffing it out; I replaced the carpeting and rebuilt the engine and the transmission." Excited to show off the unique features of his car, Neel pointed out how the steering wheel tilted left-to-right which allowed front seat passengers to scoot out the driver's side of the vehicle and the sequential blinking tail lights, the first of



**Rudy Tassara, President-Elect of Herndon Rotary Club and event organizer, presents Mike Rollison with the Best Overall award for his iconic 1969 Chevrolet Camaro at the 2019 Herndon Rotary Car Show.**



**Victor Baskerville, formerly of Vienna, displays his First Place award in the Hot Rod category for his 1931 Ford Model A rat rod he calls the "other woman in his life" during the 2019 Herndon Rotary Car Show held Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019.**



**With mom Gillian beside her, Berlyn Walrich, 5 of Alexandria, holds hands with the Roadrunner who sits behind the wheel of an entry vehicle in the 2019 Herndon Rotary Car Show. Proceeds from the event will benefit Rotarian charities.**



**Rodney Sanford shows off the amazing and super clean engine in his "retro-custom" 1966 Volkswagen Beetle in Java Green to Will Stuart and Liza Young during the 2019 Herndon Rotary Car Show held Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019.**

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## Classic Category

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Joe Mizer, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Stuart Lamb, 1999 Acura NSX Widebody
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Jerry Peters, 1971 Dodge Challenger

## Contemporary Category

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Dave Best, 2015 Chevrolet Corvette Z06
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Sean McAllorum, 2001 Chrysler Prowler
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Johnathan Rosa, 2019 Chevrolet Corvette

## Hot Rods Category

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Victor Baskerville, 1931 Ford Model A rat rod
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Mike Rollison, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Ron Brooks, 1970 Chevrolet Ss Chevelle

## First Place Overall

- Mike Rollison, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

its kind in 1961 according to Neel.

Visitors to the show such as Michael McFarlane and Amie Lange of Herndon, and Gillian Walrich and her daughter Berlyn, 5 of Alexandria, voted for their favorites. Reasons varied across the board. "I voted for the Impala because the interior was red," said Lange, who is an interior designer.

McFarlane leaned toward the Chevrolet Corvette. "It reminded me of my dad's car we used to ride around in back in 1972," he said.

For Berlyn, "Every vehicle is my favorite," she said, as she and her mom struck a pose with the Roadrunner in the driver's seat of a classic car.

**ROTARY CLUB** announced Griffin Owens Insurance Group, Title Sponsor with additional support provided by NOVA Automotive, CARQUEST Loudoun Auto Parts, and Champion Auto Repair. Tassara said, "I am very proud to be the organizer for the event

and have this kind of car show for Herndon Rotary Club." According to Jack Vassallo, Treasurer of Herndon Rotary Club proceeds from the event will benefit Rotarian charities.

At the end of the show, Rudy Tassara, Rotary President-elect and event organizer announced the People's Choice winners for first, second and third place awards in each of the three categories, Classic, Contemporary and Hot Rods, and the Overall Best winner.