

(Back row from left) Al and Elaine Montgomery, Becky and Dan Biondi with Dominick Zeitz, Özge Kayalar and Olivia Kühne at the Montgomery's home in Reston. The Montgomerys and Biondis, who met while serving in Berlin, both hope to continue hosting students in the future with the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation.

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A group of seven people, four women and three men, are standing on a lawn in front of a two-story house. The house has a stone-textured left side and a dark brown right side. A black flagpole stands in the center of the group, flying a German flag (black, red, and gold horizontal stripes) and a white spherical ornament. To the right, a large American flag is visible. The group is dressed in casual summer attire. The man on the far right is wearing a blue polo shirt and khaki shorts. The man in the center is wearing a white t-shirt with 'ULTRA Voltage' printed on it and patterned shorts. The women are wearing various casual tops and pants. The background shows green trees and a clear sky.

From left, Elaine Montgomery, Olivia Kühne, Alan Montgomery, Özge Kayalar, Becky Biondi, Dominick Zeitz and Dan Biondi pose with the American and German flags outside the Montgomery's home in Reston.

Reston residents with Berlin experience host German students.

Reston's international ties were recently made a little stronger when three high school students from Berlin, Germany made their first trip to the United States on July 1. Two longtime Reston residents hosted the students during their weeklong stay.

Özge Kayalar, Olivia Kühne and Dominick Zeitz stayed with Alan and Elaine Montgomery, who have lived in Reston for 22 years, until July 8, when they departed for a week in Atlanta, Ga., before returning home to Berlin.

Al and Elaine Montgomery arranged the students' visit along with the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation, an organization dedicated to the continuation of person-to-person friendships between Americans and Berliners.

Al and Elaine Montgomery's ties to the city began when Al, then a U.S. Army train commander, and Elaine, a schoolteacher for the Department of Defense American school system, met there in the late 1960s. In June of 1967, the two were married in the Berlin-American Community Chapel.

"I got there as a second lieutenant fresh out of the ROTC program and two and half years later I left as a captain, married, and on my way to Vietnam," Al Montgomery said. "A lot happened in those two and half years that made it very intense and very special."

AL AND ELAINE try to return to Berlin

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Elaine and Al Montgomery stand next to a poster of Checkpoint Charlie commemorating the fall of the Berlin Wall.

every five years. It was during their most recent trip in September 2012 that they visited Lucius Clay High School. There, they talked about living in and defending the city during the Cold War.

"We were there when the wall was up. We spent time there when Berlin was a divided city, and then the wall came down and we were very, very happy," Elaine Montgomery said. "We just fell in love with the city then, and even more so when it opened up to both sides."

Al and Elaine's relationship with the high school continued after they left Berlin. When the Montgomerys suggested a visitation program, the foundation agreed to cover the students' travel costs while Al and

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Petersen to Governor: Explain, Deny, Return or Resign

Petersen first Virginia legislator to suggest McDonnell resign over alleged wrongdoing in accepting gifts from prominent donor.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The tipping point for state Sen. J. Chap Petersen (D-34) was the \$6,500 Rolex watch.

Reports about the Rolex, one in a series of lavish gifts reportedly given to Gov. Robert F. McDonnell (R) and members of his family by a major campaign donor, told Petersen it was time to send a stern letter to the governor asking him to “come clean on this matter” by explaining the gifts, denying the reports, or resigning from office.

On Tuesday, July 2, Petersen sent his letter, becoming the first Virginia lawmaker to suggest McDonnell’s resignation in the wake of the deepening controversy.

“When I heard about the Rolex watch and the circumstances of that gift, that was when I knew I had to speak out,” Petersen said on Friday. “I actually drafted my letter a couple days before, but did not send it right away. I was waiting to see if somebody else would step up, but nobody did. So we mailed it out on the morning of July 2. I also called the governor’s staff and emailed them a copy.”

LATER THAT NIGHT, Petersen appeared on MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow show, featuring Maddow’s liberal and animated take on the political news of the day.

Maddow asked him if it was the “overall weight of the allegation, the long list of things he has ... allegedly received in his capacity as governor” or one item in particular that prompted the letter.

“I have three daughters, so when I heard about the \$15,000 spent on the wedding reception, that kind of took me aback,” Petersen told Maddow. “There was a lot of joking about it, and I guess people thought maybe this was a one-time thing, maybe there’s an explanation.” But Petersen said as the weeks went by with revelations of “one item after another,” he was dismayed by the deafening silence.

“There’s been no explanation from the governor ... and hiding behind ‘no comment,’ that’s not working. The people of Virginia deserve better,” Petersen said.

In an interview Friday, Petersen said he didn’t know why other members of his party had remained silent about the gifts McDonnell reportedly received from Jonnie R. Williams Sr., CEO of Star Scientific, which manufactures dietary supplements.

“Because of that continuing silence, I felt compelled to step forward. I didn’t understand why everyone was afraid to speak out, when this was so obviously wrong,” Petersen said.

For the past several months, reports have



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) in his Fairfax office.



Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) at a 2012 legislative conference.

Petersen’s Letter

Dear Governor McDonnell:

In recent weeks, I have read numerous reports regarding gifts your family reportedly received from Mr. Jonnie Williams and his company Star Scientific, Inc. The substance of these reports gives the strong impression that your family was materially and systematically benefited by this person and his company, at least over the past two years. Few, if any, of these gifts were reported in the public disclosures that you (like all of us) must file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. In return, it appears that you allowed this person to use the Governor’s Mansion and the Governor’s Office for the purpose of giving unique credibility to his company. That is unacceptable.

I am writing you directly to ask that you come clean on this matter. If you or your family has received gifts of the type alleged, then you should disclose that fully and immediately.

If those gifts are consumer items which you have retained for personal use, then you should return them immediately to the donor — or sell them and donate the money to the Literary Fund. That is the only method by which the public can regain trust in your Office. Without that trust, there is no purpose in continuing to serve.

If you are unable to explain (or deny) these reports or return the items, then I humbly suggest that you should step down as Governor and permit the Lieutenant Governor to serve out the balance of your term, pursuant to Article V, Section 16 of the Virginia Constitution.

Chapman Petersen
Member, Senate of Virginia

surfaced about the lavish gifts Williams gave to McDonnell and first lady Maureen McDonnell, including clothing, money and trips. The gifts included \$15,000 in catering for the 2011 wedding of McDonnell’s daughter at Virginia’s historic Executive Mansion.

McDonnell has said he did not disclose the catering because it was a wedding present to his daughter, and he has been thorough in his annual financial disclosures regarding gifts. In January, he told The Richmond-Times Dispatch that the Rolex was a gift from his wife.

The ongoing revelations about the gifts, and the lack of disclosure from the governor, are at the crux of ongoing state and federal investigations.

On April 29, it was first reported that federal authorities were interviewing

McDonnell and the first lady about their relationship to Williams, as well as actions the McDonnells may have taken that benefited Williams and his company.

In May, it was reported that Richmond Commonwealth’s Attorney Michael Herring is investigating whether McDonnell violated state gift and disclosure laws.

According to The Virginia Public Access Project, Star Scientific and Williams gave \$130,000 to Virginia officials and a PAC that supports McDonnell from 2009 to 2012.

“It is not illegal to accept gifts,” said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), the most senior delegate from Northern Virginia. “They are just supposed to be reported.”

According to Virginia state law, McDonnell must disclose all gifts to him worth more than \$50. But he does not have to disclose gifts to immediate family mem-

bers or gifts received from family or “personal friends.”

“I’m not saying it’s illegal,” Petersen said. “I’m saying it’s unacceptable.”

Petersen said he was also bothered by the quid pro quo nature of the gifts. In August 2011, the first couple hosted a launch party for one of Star Scientific’s products at the governor’s mansion.

“The reports give the strong impression that your family was materially and systematically benefited by this person and his company. ... In return, it appears that you allowed this person to use the Governor’s Mansion and the Governor’s Office for the purpose of giving unique credibility to his company,” Petersen wrote in the letter.

Petersen said the only response he’s had to his letter from the governor’s office was a call from McDonnell’s lawyer. “His lawyer called me and basically told me that his client could not talk because of the investigation. My response was ‘this is not just a legal issue. Your client needs to tell the people of this state what’s going on.’”

“As an attorney, certainly Senator Petersen understands this office’s not discussing the details of matters pending in the legal process,” said Tucker Martin, a spokesman for the governor, in a statement released last week. “And, as a legislator, certainly Senator Petersen is aware that Virginia’s disclosure requirements do not pertain to the families of elected officials.”

Martin also called the letter “blatantly political.”

SOME LOCAL OFFICIALS agree.

“Chap’s letter was political grandstanding,” said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). “I am disappointed to see this issue out there. It is absolutely important to maintain integrity in government. But right now no one has proved any wrongdoing, so we just need to let the process [investigation] play out.”

“Honestly, I would prefer that someone else be doing this,” Petersen said. “I take zero joy in staking out this position.”

Petersen added that he has known McDonnell for 12 years and considers him sincere, forthright and unfailingly courteous.

“I still can’t believe that he would permit this type of dealings in his household. That’s why the Star Scientific reports are such a shock,” Petersen said.

During a gathering at Reston’s Lake Thoreau pool during the 4th of July holiday, several people were discussing the issue.

While some residents were highly critical, Peggy Hancuff said the issue of the governor’s alleged gifts was relatively unimportant. “There are politics that are important, such as voter ID and the governor’s election coming up, and then there are politics that are a distraction. This is a distraction. There are bigger issues out there,” Hancuff said.

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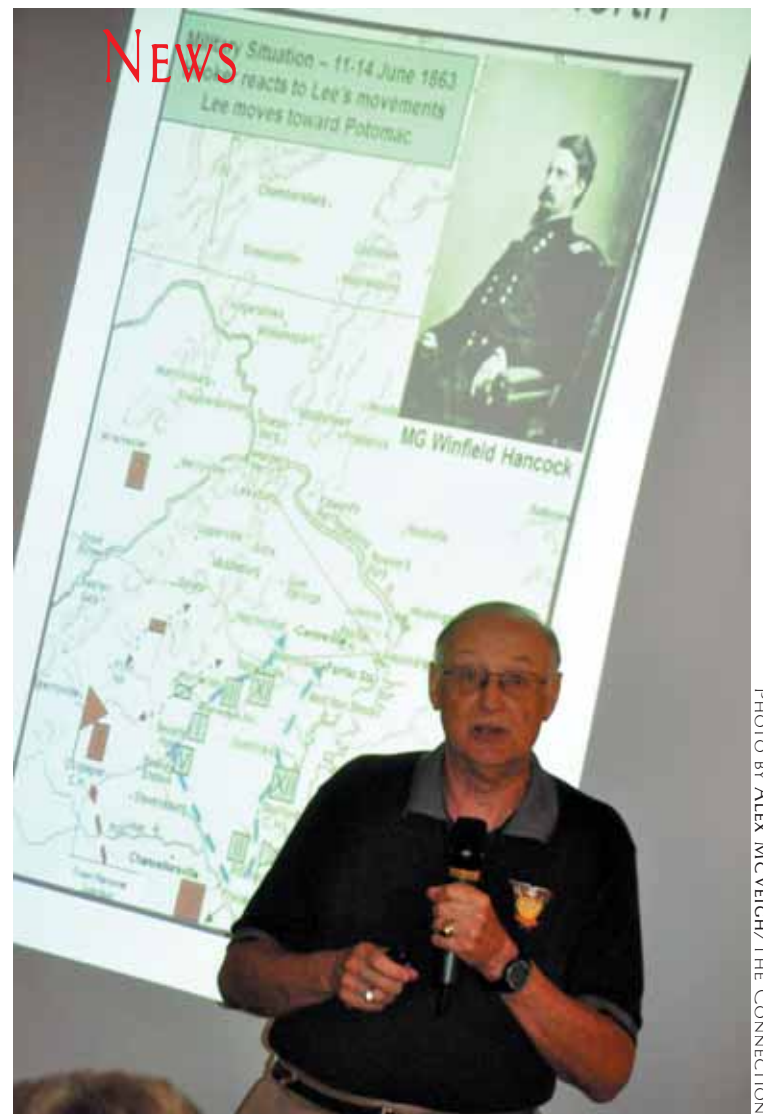


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Brian McEnany, a local historian, presents the story of the troops moving through Northern Virginia on the way to the Battle of Gettysburg at the Reston Community Center Lake Anne.

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Museum Presents Civil War Program

Local historians examine lead up to Battle of Gettysburg.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Last week marked the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, a battle that changed the course of the Civil War, eventually paving the way for a Union victory. The thousands of combatants in the battle had to get to southern Pennsylvania from somewhere, and that journey was the topic of a special presentation by the Reston Historic Trust Thursday, June 27.

"Much has been written about Gettysburg and Lee's retreat. However, not much has been written about the actual march of the Union Army of the Potomac crossing Northern Virginia, just to get to Gettysburg," said Jim Lewis, a Reston resident and historian. "Everybody knows about the boom boom, the battle, the commanders and the tactics, all fascinating material."

Lewis and Brian McEnany were

involved with the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable four years ago, and upon meeting, they found their research overlapped. The result of their collaboration has been titled "Sunstroke and Ankle Deep Mud."

"The conditions the soldiers had to go through crossing Northern Virginia just to get to the Potomac, and then to get to Gettysburg and fight a battle, it was a horrendous situation," Lewis said.

Gen. Joseph Hooker was named commander of the Army of the Potomac in January 1863, after another Union defeat at the Battle of Fredericksburg. He suffered a defeat in May of that year at the Battle of Chancellorsville, and by June, he was given orders to find the army of Gen. Robert E. Lee, who had begun an invasion of Northern Virginia.

"By the 15th and 16th of June, you had tens of thousands of soldiers in Fairfax County and parts

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Hosting Young Germans

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Elaine covered expenses during their stay in Reston.

A competitive application process was set up to select the three students that would travel to America, and Kayalar, Kühne and Zeitz were chosen.

"We had to apply first and then we were invited to an interview which was 15 minutes long where we talked in English," Zeitz said.

The students said they were most surprised by the enormous size of everything in America.

"Everything is bigger than in Germany. The cars are bigger and the supermarket is much larger than in Berlin," Kayalar said.

But there's one notable difference the students certainly aren't complaining about.

"Everything is pretty cheap compared to Germany," Kühne said, who discovered the price difference while shopping at Tysons Corner Mall.

Kayalar, Kühne and Zeitz certainly had quite a busy week.

THEIR VISIT included stops at the Holocaust Museum, a walking tour of Washington, D.C., and a cookout to celebrate Independence Day.

"We scheduled it around the Fourth of July so that they would have that great American experience," Elaine Montgomery said.

Al and Elaine Montgomery plan to remain involved with the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation after the students return to Germany and already have plans to host students next year. Their friends Dan Biondi, who was a train commander with Al in Berlin, and his wife Becky, who worked for the American Consulate, also hope to host students in the future.

"We believe in world citizenship and fostering these kind of relationships," Al Montgomery said.

For Kayalar, Kühne and Zeitz, the Montgomery's efforts have made a unique American experience possible, one that can't be defined by any one particular event of their visit.

"In my opinion, it's not just big things like the Holocaust Museum," said Kayalar, "it's everything."



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More Than Disclosure Needed

Time for limits on campaign contributions as well.

At least until after November's election, most candidates in Virginia seem to think that there should be some reform to Virginia's campaign finance and disclosure rules. At least it seems likely that most will support expanding disclosure rules to require disclosure of gifts to immediate family members as well as candidates/officials.

Up until recent news reports about gifts to family members of Gov. Bob McDonnell, almost all elected officials would defend Virginia's notoriously unregulated system of allowing candidates and elected officials to take unlimited amounts of money and unlimited gifts from anyone or any company at all. Because Virginia has such strict disclosure requirements, elected officials seem to think that it's OK to be awash in all that money. Voters can

look up who is giving money and draw their own conclusions. How could it hurt if the details are all out in the open?

EDITORIALS

Discovering that the system is entirely self-regulated with no independent auditor, no ethics commission and no penalties for failing to report gifts or contributions should give voters some pause.

Consider that only four states, including Virginia, have no limits on contributions. Most states have limits; for example, in Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total in a four-year election cycle.

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COMMENTARY

Voting Rights Need Protection

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

The Supreme Court had an historic week recently with major decisions on gay marriage, immigration and voting. I am particularly concerned about the decision that I believe does major damage to the Voting Rights Act.

I grew up in a segregated Virginia. Not only were there laws requiring that black and white children go to separate schools, that black and white customers be served at separate lunch counters, and that blacks always sit in the back of the bus, but there were laws designed to keep African Americans from voting. My earliest political involvement was in efforts to break down these barriers. I have always been disappointed that it took federal court

decisions and federal laws to overcome these discriminatory practices, rather than the state legislature acknowledging that they were wrong and repealing them. Instead of desegregating the schools as the Supreme Court directed, Virginia political leaders undertook a decade-long campaign of massive resistance that ultimately was unsuccessful.

A key part of extending civil rights to all citizens was the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It required states with a history of voting discrimination to have their laws reviewed and approved by the U.S. Justice Department. Virginia was one of those states because voter discrimination was rampant. Under laws passed beginning early in the 20th century by the dominant Democratic Party machine, voters had to complete a voter registration

form that was so complex that few blacks were successful but whites—no doubt with some help—were able to complete. The \$1.50 poll tax as a requirement to vote kept some people from the polls as did the requirement that the tax be paid three years in a row at least six months before the election. The result of these and other laws led to Virginia having one of the lowest voter participation rates in the country. And Virginia's legislative district lines were drawn to exclude the possibility of a minority getting elected to office and to keep power in the rural areas of the state. Under a Supreme Court decision and the Voting Rights Act, Virginia had to hold elections three years in a row—in 1981, 1982 and 1983—until district lines were drawn to satisfy the federal review of fairness.

The Voting Rights Act and other

court actions and laws ended much of the discrimination in voting and redistricting. The current Supreme Court seems to think that certain provisions of the Voting Rights Act are no longer needed. I do not agree. Justice Ginsburg said it best in her dissent to the court's decision, "Throwing out pre-clearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet."

Each year I see efforts by the now Republican majority to restrict or discourage minorities from voting under the guise of preventing unidentified voter fraud. I hope you will join me in encouraging the U.S. Congress to pass new provisions to the Voting Rights Act right away to ensure that minority-voting rights are protected.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Human Trafficking in Our Backyard

To the Editor,

I was ecstatic to learn of the progress local leaders like my delegate, Barbara Comstock (R-34), have made in raising awareness on human trafficking and sex trafficking right here in our backyard. This serious issue was brought to my attention about a year ago through several newspaper articles, and it seemed to me as though the ma-

jority of locals were not aware of this egregious violation of human rights occurring under their noses. As an intern in the office of Congressman Frank Wolf (R-10) last year, I was shocked to learn of how widespread and severe human trafficking is, not only throughout the world, but within our area. We cannot stand idly by as this blatant violation of human rights continues, particularly given the spreading awareness of its presence. As a Vietnamese-American, this cause resonates heavily with me, as throughout my life my mother and

relatives have emphasized its prevalence within their homeland and beyond.

Thankfully, the new bill proposed by Delegates Comstock and Hugo (R-40), which was signed by Governor McDonnell earlier this year, makes soliciting sex from minors a felony, and it will create additional barriers for local sex traffickers, which hopefully will help stop this hideous process. I am proud of our local leaders for taking such steps towards reversing intolerable, illicit practices taking place in a civilized, educated

area where no such thing should be allowed to exist. Events like the Human Trafficking Forum hosted by Del. Comstock help educate people in the area and bring this despicable issue into the spotlight. We in Northern Virginia are lucky to have such committed legislators that focus on issues that affect us. This principled form of representation is the reason that I support Del. Barbara Comstock.

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Civil War Revisited

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of Prince William," McEnany said. "There were thousands of animals, soldiers marching with 40-50 lbs. of gear, ammunition and rations, all consolidated at Fairfax County."

THE TEMPERATURES, as recorded by the Washington City Observatory in Georgetown over the next few weeks, ranged from 93.5 to 99 degrees in the shade.

Second Lt. Tully McCrea described the marches as "some of the harshest I have ever seen," and wrote of men dropping dead in the middle of the road of sunstroke.

On June 17, the Army of the Potomac's XII Corps received orders to secure Leesburg. They began to march from Fairfax to Oakton, along what is now Hunter Mill Road. Just beyond the current location of the one-lane bridge on Hunter Mill Road in Reston, they were told to halt.

Fifteen days later, that corps proved essential to the Union's eventual victory, holding the line at Culp's Hill, a strategic location.



Historians Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany give a presentation on the lead up to the Battle of Gettysburg at the Reston Community Center Lake Anne Thursday, June 27.

"The XII Corps was the barb of the Union's famous fishhook line, forming the extreme right at Gettysburg," Lewis said. "That hill was so strategic, if the Confederates had won that on the second day of battle, they would have been able to walk right into the rear of the Union line, and it is doubtful Pickett's Charge would have ever taken place. That's how close the Confederates came to winning."

MANY IN ATTENDANCE said they were unaware of the lead-up to the Battle of Gettysburg.

"My sons went to visit Gettysburg with their school, and we all know

about how it was a major turning point, but I found the story of the month before the battle to be riveting," said Tom Youngman of Reston. "It was really neat the way it all ties to this area."

Gary Kenmore of Herndon also called the presentation "enlightening," referring to the struggle of the Union soldiers to even get to the battle.

"To go through all that, for so long, and to have a massive battle that ended up setting the tone for the rest of the war waiting for them at the end, it's almost impossible to comprehend," he said. "Kudos to the museum and Jim and Brian for telling the story."

WEEK IN RESTON

Reston Forum To Address Smart Growth

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins announced city planner and smart growth advocate Jeff Speck will be the keynote speaker at a community forum entitled "Understanding Urbanization: Building on Reston's Past to Future to Help Create Its Future."

Speck, author of "Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time" and "The Smart Growth Manual" will be discussing urban design and smart growth principles and how they can be applied in Reston. A panel discussion with local design industry leaders, Fairfax County land use planning staff, and commercial development representatives will follow Jeff Speck's presentation.

Residents are invited to attend the forum on Monday, July 22. The forum will begin at 7 p.m. in the Reston Association Conference Room, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. To RSVP for the event or for more information, contact the Hunter Mill District Office at 703-478-0283.

Deadline Nears For T-Shirt Art Competition

Reston Bike Club and ArtSpace Herndon invite all 2D artists to enter the Reston Century T-Shirt Art Competition. All 2-dimensional media are acceptable, including painting, drawing and photography. Artwork and photography entered in this year's competition must carry a theme identifying it with Hamilton, Va. and road cycling.

Recognition will be given to first, second and third places as determined by the RBC Board with \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$100 for third place. The first place winning entry will be printed in full color on the back of the shirts and displayed on the Reston Bike Club website. On the day of the Reston Century, the winning artist will be encouraged to sell prints of the winning artwork in format(s) of his/her choosing in a space under the registration pavilion at Reston Town Center. Entries can be submitted online, by email or regular mail. The entry fee is \$15 for up to three images and the deadline is Monday, July 22.

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Sea-themed accessories can add a beach-like tone to a backyard party, says Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg in Fairfax.



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Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg suggests serve wear made of melamine for outdoor entertaining. "Bright colors help set the tone for a festive gathering," she said.

Ideas For Summer Outdoor Entertaining

Local tastemakers offer design and decorating ideas for alfresco soirees.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Summer is a time when many enjoy outdoor gatherings with friends and family. From soirees in small courtyard spaces to poolside barbecues for a crowd, warm weather is often synonymous with alfresco entertaining.

From shatterproof platters and plates to furniture that can withstand the elements, outdoor accessories are plentiful. Local décor and design experts offer ideas for chic summer entertaining.

Robin Wagner, an associate professor of interior design at Marymount University in Arlington, says function and safety are top priorities when designing an outdoor space. "In talking about outdoor spaces, people view it as an extension of their home," said Wagner. "There are ways of making it feel like your home, but you have factors like weather impacting it, for example, the sun fading the fabrics or rain making things problematic. Companies now make furniture specifically for outdoor spaces."

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, says options for outdoor furniture are abundant. "The past few years have brought a huge introduction of outdoor materials that allow you to create an outdoor living space that is as beautifully decorated as your interior space. Indoor-outdoor rugs, seating, entertaining pieces and even artwork allow you to introduce wonderful

color and texture to your deck, patio and garden spaces. Comfortable seating invites guests to linger long after the barbecue is over to enjoy cocktails and the evening air."

Wagner offers a caveat when purchasing furniture for outdoor use, however. "You don't want to end up with something that might look fine on the outside but that is holding in mold or mildew on the inside," she said. "Make sure it has the correct inside component of foam or fill that is impervious to mold or mildew."

When choosing colors for outdoor furniture, experts say to consider your surroundings. "If your garden is vibrant in color, you want neutral fabric to let the flowers stand out," said Wagner. "If it is an open space, say a pool or grassy area, then you want the furniture to be the focus and you use vibrant colors and patterns."

When it comes to lighting, designer Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., suggests LED lights. "They come in the form of pillar candles and small votives and you don't have to worry about them catching fire or the wind blowing them out."

Wagner said, "Solar lighting has come a long from what it was years ago. There are some great solar components out there. Don't think of lighting in the way you would inside your house. Use ambient lighting to set the mood for sitting outside and talking with your friends."

Susan Hergenrather, an assistant professor of interior design at

Marymount University suggests stringing LED lights. "[They] can add sparkle. [They're] not just for winter holidays."

Candles are another lighting option, but they can serve multiple purposes. "Using candles not only helps keep the bugs at bay, but adds to the ambience," said O'Shields.

While Hergenrather says homeowners should be mindful of candles that are unattended or if children are present, she also offers a decorative idea: "If you do use candles, vintage wooden spools make cool candle holders for tapers."

When it comes to casual serve ware, varieties are vast. "Melamine is a wonderful choice for outdoor serving while entertaining," said O'Shields. "Bright colors help set the tone for a festive gathering."

Proxmire adds that melamine can almost replicate indoor place settings. "There are melamine cups and plates that are patterned like Portuguese ceramic pieces," she said. "I had a client who went on [the website] Etsy.com and found navy blue and hot pink whale plates, monogrammed cozies and monogrammed disposable plates."

Unorthodox vessels can be used to hold accessories ranging from plants to utensils as well, allowing homeowners to expand their creativity. "Unexpected containers like a planter lined with plastic can be filled with ice to hold cold beverages," Proxmire said. "Mason jars are casual and [can be] used for flowers."

Chic and aesthetically appealing containers don't have to come with a high price tag, however. "The local flea market, yard sales [or] thrift shops ... have very cool 'found objects' you can use as con-

tainers," said Hergenrather. "I found a great old metal pail that is perfect. [I] love anything metal like old wash basins for ice and beverages."

In fact, when it comes to accessories, Hergenrather says inspiration and materials can often be found in one's own backyard. "Use greenery, flowers, sticks [and] rocks [that] you have readily available in your yard to create interesting decorations," she said. "Use sea shells in glass containers to add interest to flower arrangements."

Evelyn Kinville of The Behnke Florist Shop in Potomac, Md., suggests using zinnias, dahlias and delphiniums in warm weather floral arrangements. "Usually in summer there are things like mountain mint which has a minty aroma to the leaf and a small puffy looking flower," she added. "Many people have daisies and hydrangeas in their yard and, of course, the real classic is sunflowers."

Kinville adds that summer arrangements are often casual and colorful. "But they are also geared to the general décor that the person doing the entertaining might be using in the linens," she said. "Generally, though, bright colors are more popular in summer than paler flowers."

Hergenrather says that even though outdoor furniture, flowers and accessories help create an aesthetically appealing design, they are not the most important element for a successful outdoor event, however. "Remember it is the people that make the party special, not the décor," she said. "Make your space comfy and welcoming, keep the mood happy and festive ... enjoy your family and friends."

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Kenzie Campbell left her home recently for a week-long trip to care for her ailing father. While she was away, her Northern Virginia home was burglarized, and in addition to a flat-screen television and an iMac computer, the thieves got away with all of her jewelry.

"I could care less about the television and the computer," she said. "But they took a Cartier ring that I bought during a family trip to Paris, my grandmother's wedding ring and almost all of the gemstone jewelry that my mother had given me, like a pair of denim sapphire earrings, which were my birthstone," she said. "It is heartbreaking, not because of the monetary value, but because of the sentimental value."

Summer is a time when many go on vacation and leave their homes unattended. In fact, according to the FBI, more burglaries occur during summer months than any other time of the year. The U.S. Department of Justice further reports that an American home is broken into about every 15 seconds. However, experts say there are simple precautions the average person can implement to safeguard valuable



A jewelry box that is kept in a bedroom is one of the least safe places for storing valuable jewelry.

jewelry from potential burglaries.

"A jewelry box is the worst place to store valuable jewelry," said jeweler and goldsmith George Kaufmann of Robert Bernard Jewelers in Potomac, Md. "A jewelry box is an invitation for a crook. Essentially, you're packaging all your valuables in one obvious place and making it easy for a crook to take."

In fact, the Jewelers' Security Alliance, a nonprofit trade association that provides crime prevention information, advises homeowners not to store their most precious jewelry in a bedroom or jewelry box. Statistically, it's the first place a burglar will look.

Campbell says that was her experience. "The burglars never went

into my bathroom," she said. "They took all of the jewelry from drawers in my bedroom."

Diversion safes are clever options for hiding valuables. "There are a lot of items out there like books that are not really books but spaces for valuables or picture frames that are really security for jewelry," said Robin Wagner, an associate professor of interior design at Marymount University in Arlington. There are even safes disguised as household food containers complete with barcoded wrappers, as well as decorative, wax candles that are made with interior metal storage compartments.

Kauffman says certain pieces of furniture also work well for hiding jewelry. "I had a client who has a piece of furniture that was an antique and it had a secret drawer that rotated," he explained. "It was something that nobody would ever find."

It's also a good idea to consider adding covert jewelry storage spaces, such as those suggested by Kauffman, during a home remodeling project. Unfortunately, Bob Gallagher of Sun Design Remodeling in Burke said, "It is not something that people are thinking of when they go into a remodeling project. Clients don't bring it up

Building a Classic Jewelry Wardrobe

Local style experts suggest investing in classic pieces.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

From monogrammed pendants to leather wrap bracelets, a dizzying array of jewelry is on the market. Determining how to spend money wisely and still look stylish can be tricky, but fortunately local experts are here to help.

Local jewelers and style experts say one way to get the most for your money when buying jewelry is investing in classic pieces that stand the test of time.

"A classic is a piece that you can wear every day of your life and still look fashionable," said Janice G. Ellinwood, department chair of fashion design and merchandising at Marymount University in Arlington.

At the top of this list of must-have jewelry are a strand of pearls and a pair of pearl stud earrings. "Audrey Hepburn and the movie Breakfast at Tiffany's come to mind

when I think of pearls," said Ellinwood.

"A strand of pearls is the type of piece that you can build on," said Lindy Kavanaugh, a graduate of the Gemological Institute of America and a former jewelry appraiser for Tiffany & Co. in New York. "You can add a triple strand of pearls, for example."

Diamond stud earrings are another adornment that tops the list of classics. "A pair of diamond studs is a staple because it is something that can go from generation to generation," said jeweler and goldsmith George Kaufmann, who, along with business partner Robert Rosin, owns Robert Bernard Jewelers in Potomac, Md.

In addition, Kathryn Martin, an Alexandria-based stylist and personal shopper, believes that no jewelry wardrobe is complete without a pair of diamond hoop earrings. She also adds a medium-weight, gold-link bracelet to her list of jew-



Strands of pearls, pearl stud earrings, diamond stud earrings, signet rings and gold chains top the list of classic jewelry pieces.

elry must-haves. "Certain types of bracelets like cuffs go in and out of style, but medium weight is most

often. People want to remain hopeful that they aren't going to be a victim."

However, says Gallagher, jewelry storage is not a complicated process during a construction project. "You build a safe into the actual construction project, inside the framing of the house. Sometimes people ask for safes to be recessed into a closet so people can't walk away with it, and you could hang a picture over the safe to cover it."

Fairfax resident Susan Hergenrather, an assistant professor of interior design at Marymount University agrees, offering a caveat about traditional safes. "You can buy a safe, but if it is one that can be picked up and taken out, it is not much good."

Knowing the value of your jewelry is another component of safeguarding it. "You have to have it tested to determine whether the stones are real and [to] determine their quality," said Kauffman. "Sometimes a ring might be stamped 14k gold, but that doesn't guarantee that it is real. Have jewelry appraised and that will tell exactly what you have."

Valuable pieces of jewelry should be insured through one's homeowner's insurance policy, say experts.

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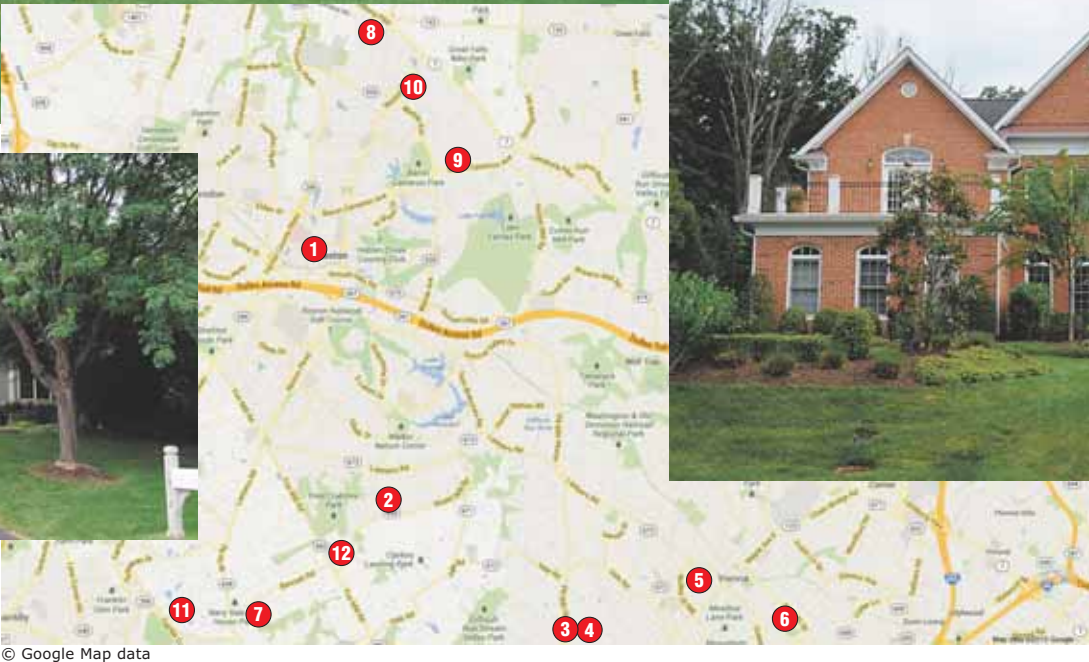
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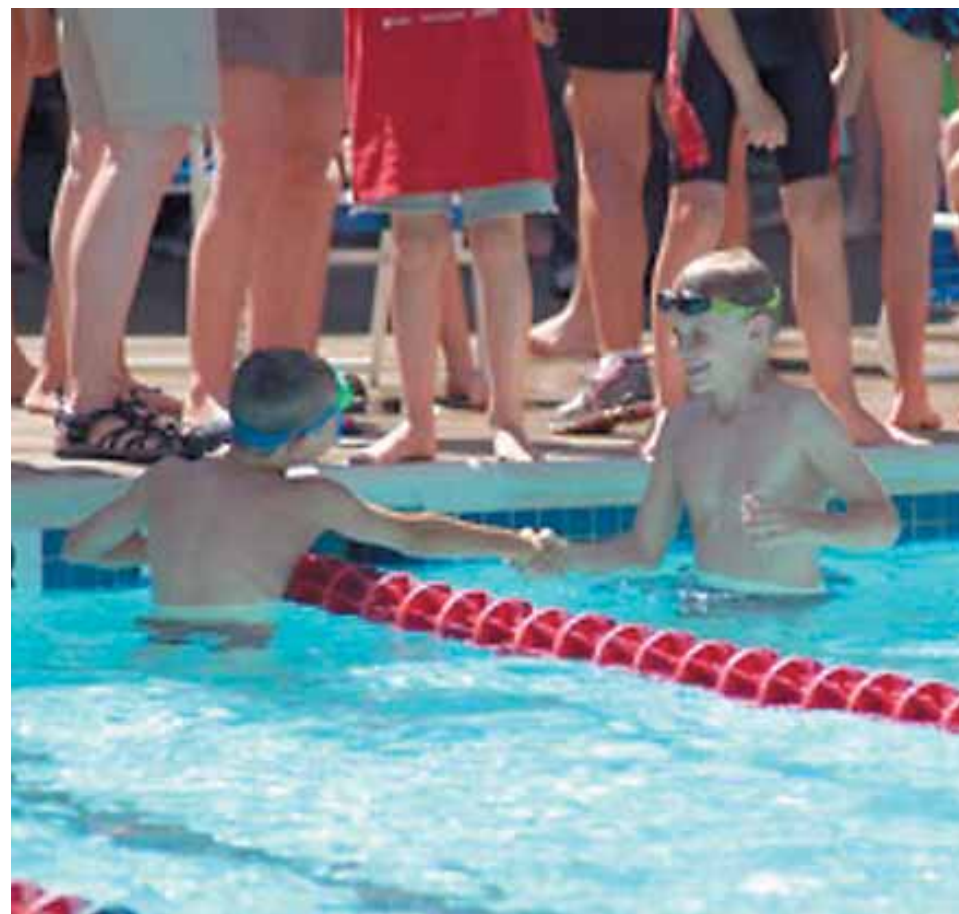
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North Hills' Katie Cazenias dives in for the (8 & Under) 25-meter freestyle. She recorded a personal best of 18.69 seconds, even with a new cast on her right arm.



North Hills' Greyson Deker, left, and Ridge Heights' Rory Stobie congratulate each other after their competition in the boys' 9-10 50-meter freestyle.

Swim Team Association Swimmers Celebrate Holiday

With the Fourth of July falling on a Thursday, last Saturday's Reston Swim Team Association meets had a decided low-key feel to them. But while the number of participants may have been down, the spirit exhibited by the swimmers and spectators alike was on the upswing with cheers filling the air as they do at every RSTA event.

"Ridge Heights is always one of my favorite meets," said Colene Luczak, mother of Lucy (8 and Under), Piper (9-10) and Ryan (11-12) of North Hills when asked to comment about North Hills' win over Ridge Heights. "They have a lot of team spirit and so do we, so it's always a loud meet when we get together. The holidays are tough because we are all missing swimmers, but the kids who showed up today were ready to swim. There were a lot of heats that came down to the wire, which was exciting and I think that everyone had a great time."

"One of my favorite things to see is when parents are rooting for all of the swimmers and that's what I saw today. ... It didn't matter what team a kid was on ... everyone was cheering."

While the North Hills-Ridge Heights meet wasn't close, Saturday's other two meets were anything but. Newbridge managed a 53-point win over Hunters Woods, while Glade squeaked out a nine-point margin of victory over Autumnwood for their first win of the season.

As has been the case at every other meet

this season, there were many outstanding individual performances put forth on Saturday.

Glade Gators 496, Autumnwood Piranhas 487

For Glade, triple-event winners were Andrew Draganov, Hunter Ellis, Tyler Ellis, Mackenzie Evans, Madeline LaPorte, Joseph Letteri and Julia Simmons. Double-event winners were Gretel Brown, Andrew DeLillio, Amelia Flavin, Pablo Fox, Natalie McCrea, Jack Thomas and Jack Walker. For Autumnwood, triple-event winners were Joanie Belo, Yaoxia Guan, Michael Norford, Katie Storch and Manda Xie. Double-event winners were Bailey Copeland, Andrew Freeman, Grace Kennedy, Mikayla Kirr, Anna Nielsen, Josephine Taylor and Jason Valenzuela.

North Hills Hurricanes 607, Ridge Heights Sharks 418

For North Hills, triple-event winners were Zoe Burke, Katie Cazenias, Marlee Czarny, Albert Huang, Catherine Kruse, Ryan Luczak, Emily Ren, Joseph Sciortino and Rachel Swarts. Double-event winners were



North Hills' Zachary Deker (15-18) finishing up the Boys 200 meter Mixed Age relay.

Allison Cimino, Corey Clark, Greyson Deker, Arnav Kachroo and Benjamin Livaudais. For Ridge Heights, triple-event winners were: Ian Champney, Carter Schultz and Paige Sogandares. Double-event winners were: Anton Coghlan, Ryan Coghlan, Dylan Hawley, Derek Liu, Shannon Murry, Connor Pierce, Kathleen Russell, Own Silva, Mac Sogandares and Ryan Vanderhoof.

Newbridge Dolphins 557, Hunters Woods

Blue Marlins 504

For Newbridge, triple-event winners were: Ethan Ha, Sofia Milosevic and Emily Sun. Double-event winners were: Theo Burton, Andy Carro, Emma Grossback, David Joyner, Mia Milosevic, Abby Panneck, Emma Schaller, Joseph Sgambati, Andrew Sivak, Megan Slatter, Anna Soltys and Alex Sun. For Hunters Woods, triple-event winners were Nolan Dunkel, Shine Peng, Ashley Thai and Ashley Turner. Double-event winners were John Evans, Kathryn Evans, Jack Ham, Philip Pan, Alana Pardo, Eric Tang, David Turner, Gloria Wang and Chris Yang.

ENTERTAINMENT



David Akers sings "Proud Mary" with the David Akers Band at the Reston Town Center on July 6. The free concert was part of the ongoing Reston Concerts on the Town summer concert series.



Couples take to the dance floor as David Akers performs at the Reston Town Center on July 6 as part of the Town Center's summer concert series.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEY ADAMS/THE CONNECTION

Sounds of Summer at Reston Town Center

In spite of the summer heat, the Reston Town Center free summer concerts still prove to be quite the draw for locals. The concert on July 6 was no exception as crowds gathered at the Town Center's pavilion and went as far back as the fountain for the evening's entertainment: David Akers and the Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra.

The Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra played sev-

eral sets, with David Akers accompanying a few of the songs. After a brief intermission, the David Akers Band took over with some classic crowd-pleasers such as "Sweet Caroline" and "My Girl."

The concert series will continue Saturday evenings at 7:30 until Aug. 24. For more information, visit www.restontowncenter.com.

— ASHLEY ADAMS

VIEWPOINTS

What do you like most about summer concerts at Reston Town Center?

— ASHLEY ADAMS



Judy and Bob Etheredge, Reston

Bob Etheredge: "It's a relaxing evening and a chance to listen to some live music."

Judy Etheredge: "It's very pleasant to listen to music on a nice evening."



Dan and Dawn Connors, Centreville

Dan Connors: "It's a relaxing evening and a chance to enjoy the weather."

Dawn Connors: "We love to people watch. It's a lot of fun."



Peter Clifford, Fairfax: "I just love being out here. The weather is so beautiful and everyone's friendly. Plus it's free."

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 10

Sacred Threads. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Sacred Threads 2013 is a national juried exhibition of more than 200 quilts exploring themes of spirituality, joy, grief and healing. \$5. www.florisumc.org.

The Grandsons Jr. 10-11 a.m., at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. The Grandsons Jr. play the upbeat mix of rock, swing, New Orleans R&B, country and Latin music. www.grandsonsjr.com.

Uncork'd Painting Class. Various times, at Fastframes, 11160-B South Lakes Drive, Reston. Starting July 10, take an acrylic painting class at Fastframe in Reston; see more painting classes to plan a creative night out. www.uncorkdart.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 11

The Aloha Boys. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. The Aloha Boys play kanikapila or an acoustic down-home, backyard-style Hawai'ian music, a style which includes everything from the very traditional to contemporary songs and styles. www.alohaboys.net.

FRIDAY/JULY 12

Drop Dead Sexy. 6:30-10:30 p.m., at 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Drop Dead Sexy has been entertaining audiences up and down the East Coast with their over-the-top stage show and their creative and extensive song repertoire. <http://www.herndonrocks.com/>.

Swell Daze Community Concert. 7:30-10 pm., at Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Bowman Drive, Reston. A high school band performing rock-alt covers and originals. [facebook.com/SwellDaze](https://www.facebook.com/SwellDaze).

SATURDAY/JULY 13

Milkshake Duo. 10-11 a.m., at Lake Fairfax Park Amphitheater, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. The Grammy-nominated Milkshake Duo has released four award-winning CDs, a Parents Choice Silver award-winning DVD Screenplay, and has had music videos on Nick Jr., PBS KIDS and the Emmy-winning cartoon Todd World. www.milkshakemusic.com.

4th Annual Ukulele Festival. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at Lake Anne Plaza, 609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Ukulele festival features performances by internationally known and local ukulele musicians, music demonstrations, open to public jam session, beer garden, vendors and family friendly activities. www.lakeanneplaza.com.

Sacred Threads Meet The Artist Reception. 1-4 p.m., Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Sacred Threads 2013 is a national juried exhibition of more than 200 quilts exploring themes of spirituality, joy, grief and healing. \$5. www.florisumc.org.

Alma Tropicàlia. 7:30-10 p.m., at the Pavilion, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Alma Tropicàlia plays bossa nova, samba and Brazilian fusion. <http://www.restontowncenter.com/events.html>.

MONDAY/JULY 15

League of Reston Artists' "Pop of Art." 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Parkridge 5 Building, 10780 Parkridge Blvd., Reston. The League of Reston Artists features works from a show judged by Linda Burke. www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

Rocknoceros. 10-11 a.m., at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Rocknoceros is a sensational three-man band hailing from Fairfax, performing original



"Rhodochrosite Sunrise," painting, by Fuhrman-Schulz. The League of Reston Artists' rotating exhibits at the Reston Association offices include Charlene Fuhrman-Schulz's Oriental brushstroke paintings in July.

children's songs and much-loved favorites. www.rocknoceros.com.

Complimentary Dessert Tasting. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Edibles Incredible Desserts, 11917 Freedom Drive, Reston. Taste a variety of award-winning, homemade desserts. 703-709-8200 or ediblesincredible.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 18

The Special Consensus. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Bluegrass with an attitude describes The Special Consensus, a four-person acoustic bluegrass band that began performing in the Midwest. www.specialc.com/index.php.

FRIDAY/JULY 19

Right on Band. 6:30-10:30 p.m., at 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Right On Band is an authentic 10-piece show band with a full horn section. They have performed all over the world including Italy, Ethiopia, Canada, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas. <http://www.herndonrocks.com/>.

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Infused But Confused



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I titled and wrote about in last week's column, I have indeed been there (infused) and have done that, so why am I feeling as if I haven't? Sure, I have some things to do in advance and some considerations to be aware of infusing forward; so what? I need weekly lab work; that's nothing new. I may experience certain side effects: flu-like symptoms or a rash. OK. If I do, Call. I'm likely to feel "crappy," according to my longtime oncology nurse, Ron. Really? (If I didn't know any better, I suppose that would be a surprise. But I do know better. Hardly could I consider that news. I've probably written a half-dozen columns on that exact subject during my previous multiple lines of I.V. chemotherapy over these past four-plus years.) Life is going on, just differently than before. That's as good as it gets for a terminal cancer patient, reasonably thinking. Only 16 percent of stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients survive beyond five years and I'm almost there (four years, five months). To say I'm lucky to be alive – and grateful for being so, is almost disrespectful the vast majority of previously diagnosed patients who've predeceased me.

Nevertheless, I feel a certain anxiety about this particular I.V. chemotherapy restart, a restart that I guess I didn't anticipate. It's as if I'm taking it personally, if that makes any sense. Previously, I think I took it more in stride, like I was one of many (which no doubt I was) and together we were all going off on this big life-saving adventure. Now, it feels – in my head, anyway (and probably more so in my head than anybody else's), that the adventure part is over and what's left is more a battle royal than a series of skirmishes.

Not that I feel weakened or fatigued by the previous four-plus years of the medical combat I've endured; rather, I feel humbled by the experience, sort of. So far, I've taken cancer's best shot (at least I hope it was) and survived way beyond any statistical expectation. I can't help wondering though, if my above-average life expectancy makes me somehow immune to cancer's reach or more susceptible to its grasp. Am I closer to the end or just further from the beginning? Moreover, does how long I've survived have an impact on how much longer I can continue to beat the terrible odds which us stage IV lung cancer patients face? I realize that past is often prologue, but at this juncture, I'm having a little difficulty not seeing the epilogue. I don't want to finish this book quite yet. But I fear cancer may have the last word, literally.

Perhaps returning to the original scene of the crime (so to speak), the Infusion Center, where my treatment began, is what's behind my stress. Weekly chemotherapy, as familiar as the process may be – to me, may simply be too much cause not to be concerned.

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From Glade, Amy Smith and her son Erik, 9, look forward to the next event.



Hannah Douglas of Autumnwood cheers on teammate Jordana Sweeney during the girls' 11-12 100-meter medley relay.

Standout Season for Reston Swimmers

Glade and Autumnwood rally together for some friendly competition.

BY JULIE IANNONE
THE CONNECTION

The Fourth of July was not the only spirited event this past weekend. On July 6 the pool was packed with spectators as the Glade Gators took on the Autumnwood Piranhas during the fifth swim meet of the season. Car windows were laden with paint and homemade posters lined the fences. The energy from each team was certainly palpable, but never adversarial. There have been numerous hard fought wins and broken records this summer, but the Reston Swim Team Association holds community in the highest regard.

By mid-morning the competition could not have been closer, with Glade beating Autumnwood by just one point. During a five-minute break the children erupted into a pool-wide cheering battle. "This is the essence of RSTA," observed Autumnwood coach Jimmy Luehrs in the midst of the excitement. "RSTA is a fun league. It's not all about winning. This team is really tight and there are a lot of friendships. I'm really looking forward to the kids continually improving and making connections for the future."

Trish Heatherly, mother of Glade swimmers Katie, 18, Rachel, 17, and Olivia, 14, was on a similar page saying, "I think the whole season's a highlight. It's all about the fun, the competition, the Saturday mornings coming to meet people from all over Reston, and the kids have a great time. It's just fun all around." Minutes before racing himself in the boys 15-18 category, Glade



Team pride was on full blast with wall-to-wall artwork.

coach Andrew Draganov was asked what his favorite part of the season was. "Honestly, just getting to know all the kids, like my man Kyle over here," he said, patting his younger teammate on the back, "Most of the time you're not swimming, and we only organize things about half the time, so the rest of the time is just cheering and getting along with everyone."

In the end Glade pulled ahead with a combined team score of 496 while Autumnwood trailed close behind with a score of 487. Autumnwood swimmer Hannah Douglas, 11, proved to be less concerned about her opponents and more self-motivated. "I'm looking forward to beating my old times," she said with a smile. "My favorite part is being able to hang out with my friends while swimming, which I really, really like." Hannah and her teammate Jordana Sweeney, 11, both agreed that making new friends within the Reston area was one of the most rewarding outcomes of the entire season.



Autumnwood swimmers Hannah Douglas, 11, and Jordana Sweeney, 11, gear up for the next race.



Autumnwood coach Jimmy Luehrs holds up Paul Robertson, 9, to lead the team cheer.