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McLean resident Mary Carolyn Becker, who was crowned Mrs. McLean 2014, waves to the crowd during the WinterFest Parade on Sunday, Dec. 7 along Old Chain Bridge Road in McLean. Her platform for this year is "Don't text and drive. Don't just put it down, put it away."

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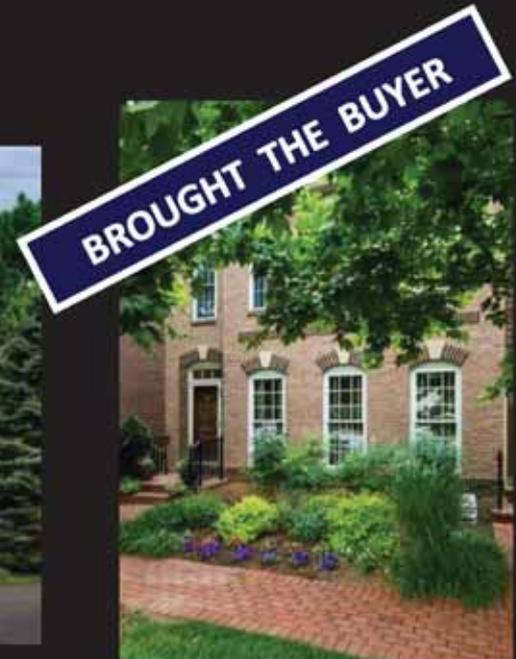
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Members of the Franklin Sherman sixth-grade chorus perform on stage before the parade begins.



The Fairfax County Sheriff's Honor Guard marches in the parade.

WinterFest Parade Held in McLean

The 2014 McLean WinterFest Parade was held Sunday, Dec. 7 along Old Chain Bridge Road between Fleetwood Road and Elm Street in downtown McLean. Because the parade fell on Pearl Harbor Day, it saluted WWII vets with representatives of American Legion Post 270 acting as Grand

Marshalls. Peggy Fox from WUSA/Channel 9 TV was the master of ceremonies and introduced the parade participants from the Fairfax County Showmobile in front of the Langley Shopping Center. Bill DuBose of Vintage Wealth hosted the pre-parade entertainment.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The Joy of Dance marches in the parade



The McLean High School Marching Band performs.



A truck from Great Falls Fire Department Co. 12.



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 3701 marches in the parade.

Fighting for Common Sense

Colleagues say Kathleen Murphy is passionate and dedicated.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

First of the two candidates' profiles.

According to her friends and colleagues, Kathleen Murphy is dedication and compassion personified.

The cancer survivor and former military child is turning her experiences into action by running for a second time for the state House of Delegates 34th district - this time with more wisdom.

"She's a voice for common sense," said Director of Federal Regulations for the American Council on Education Steven Bloom.

Murphy's background in politics goes as far back as her childhood, with her grandmother, Emma, door-to-door campaigning for politicians and watching conventions on the black and white television.

The next most impactful event leading to her interest in becoming a politician was seeing how her delegate - U.S. Congresswoman-elect Del. Barbara Comstock - voted while the General Assembly was in session.

"What energized me was that we had a delegate who talked to us one way and voted against us in Richmond," said Murphy.

Murphy said her views on gun laws are influenced by her brother, whose life was taken during a robbery. She said her experience in life has helped her gain supporters while knocking on doors.

"There was a woman who lost her husband last year," she said. "I knocked on her door again this year."

Murphy said that sharing her experience with losing her brother helped the woman go about her daily life again, moving on from the tragedy.

"That was a really special moment," she said.

HER EXPERIENCE from her last election, where she knocked on 10,000 doors to get support, led to a close race where she lost only by several hundred votes.

"I think the first thing I learned is that your opponent won't always tell the truth," she said.

During the time in between those two experiences, however, she had the opportunity to work on the Hill, both as a Congressman's wife and a U.S. Department of Commerce senior adviser. She also served as an aide to Congressman Charlie Wilson.

Murphy also spent a lot of time volunteering in committees representing McLean.

"Kathleen is very strongly and deeply rooted in McLean and the eastern Loudoun County area," said Del. Scott Surovell, who has known Murphy for three years. "She has put a lot of time into the community."

He noted that her background in policy will give her an advantage if elected.

"Kathleen is someone who isn't shy or



PHOTOS BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION

Kathleen Murphy during her kickoff grassroots campaign in McLean.

Q&A: Get to Know Kathleen Murphy

What are your top three accomplishments?

Kathleen Murphy: My top accomplishment, to me, is raising wonderful children who have good loving hearts. I am very proud of the work I've done over the years on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and getting funding to go towards a cure for this disease. I'm really, really proud of the work that I did for Charlie Wilson and learning the defense community and the needs of military families.

What would be your top three priorities as delegate?

Murphy: My top three priorities are education - to go down there and increase the state funding for schools. Secondly, I lost my brother to gun violence. He was murdered by robbers and I really like the bill on requiring background checks at gun shows. And at this stage of the game, economic development, making sure we are growing our economy by concentrating on laying the groundwork by supporting education and transportation so businesses can grow here and make our community more successful and a better place to live.

Why should our readers vote for you?

Murphy: I am committed to the issues and priorities and values of the people who have lived here. I lived here for almost 25 years. I know this community. I worked in this commu-



McLean resident Kathleen Murphy stated that she plans to fight for education funding and veteran's health.

nity and I am very committed to working hard to make sure that we have strong representation in the House of Delegates - and I will be that voice.

Tell us something people would find surprising about you?

Murphy: I'm a baseball nut. I go to the Nats games with my sister and we sit and hoot and holler. I like football, too.

How do you relax off the campaign trail?

Murphy: There is no off the campaign trail. I have kids. I have dogs. There's no time in your life not to interact with your family. I have a huge family. I have six brothers and sisters. I have 26 nephews and nieces. I have six grandchildren and one more on the way in January. That is how I relax - I have family.

—REENA SINGH

Bio

Current Position: President of Johnson Murphy Associates

Residence: McLean

Spouse: William Sudow

Children: Mark, Emily, Elizabeth, Amanda, Elyse and Aly

Education: American University, bachelor's degree in political science and psychology

scared to fight," he said.

He is not the only person who stated that. Both Supervisor John Foust and neighbor Pamela Danner echoed those sentiments. Danner once ran for the same seat Murphy is running for today.

"What I like is that she would stand out," Danner said. "She couldn't just sit in the back row."

Danner said Murphy's community experience is what Northern Virginia needs as its voice to Richmond.

Foust also noted that "she is extremely conscientious and responsible. If she says she is going to do it, then she is going to do it."

He has seen her work in various county committees, including the health care task force.

Combining her background in policy and her friendliness is what the area needs, according to Bloom.

"She combines both a deep sense of commitment to public service as well as her volunteer service and great compassion. "She has the ability to understand how complex policy affects personal lives."

ANOTHER ISSUE she hopes to fight for as a delegate is helping the area get its "fair share" of education funding. As a mother of six children who are the product of Fairfax County Public Schools, she wants every child to have the best education they can get.

"Kathleen shares many of the same values that I have," said Greg Brandon, chairman of the Dranesville District Democratic Committee. "With respect to pre-K through plus-16 public education, not only does she support it, but she will go the necessary step forward by actually advocating for restoring higher levels of state funding for all levels of public education. Unfortunately for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Republicans in the General Assembly have painted themselves into a fiscal corner that is resulting in a downward spiral of state expenditures for education."

He has both written letters to the editors of various newspapers and contributed money to her campaign, because he believes in what she stands for.

"The Republicans are seemingly hellbent on removing the 'Common' from Commonwealth and keeping the 'wealth' to themselves and their cronies," he said.

For more information on Murphy, visit her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/KathleenMurphyforDelegate>.

The special election between Murphy and Republican candidate Craig Parisot is from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 6, 2015. For up-to-the-minute information on voting, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>.

FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

“Blue Christmas” Worship Service for those struggling with loss or sadness this holiday season. 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Emmanuel Lutheran Church 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Everyone welcome. 703-938-2119 or www.elcvienna.org.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols. 9 and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21 at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

Once Upon a Holy Night, 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21 at Charity Baptist Church, 1328 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Celebrating music and drama.

Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, will host a Live Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 21. There will be three showings: 5, 5:20 and 5:40 p.m. Live animals, refreshments and singing! 703-759-3705.

Christmas Eve Service. 4, 7 and 10 p.m. on Dec. 24 at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

Christmas Day Service. 10 a.m. on Dec. 25 at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children’s chapel and children’s choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

The Antioch Christian Church offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and

healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. www.antiochdoc.org

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms are open, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

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Garza on School Matters

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

School system superintendent addresses citizens' concerns.



McLean Citizens Association President Sally Horn introduces Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza and Louise Epstein, the vice president of the youth and education committee.

Dressed in a black skirt suit and a maroon blouse, Dr. Karen Garza was ready to take on questions and comments from concerned area residents.

At the last event of McLean Citizens Association, the Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent was invited to talk to residents about pressing education matters like overcrowded classrooms and budget concerns at the McLean Community Center on Dec. 1.

"We tried to have Dr. Garza come last year, but the weather stopped us," said MCA President Sally Horn.

She thanked Louise Epstein, the vice president of the youth and education committee for organizing the event.

"Since Dr. Garza has arrived, a lot of the things that the youth and education committee have focused on have come to fruition," said Epstein, referencing full-day Mondays and later high school start times.

What has not been solved, however, are over

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Garza on Budget Concerns

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crowded classrooms. And Dr. Garza knows it. "It's not an issue throughout the system," she said. "It's in pockets."

She said that she carries a binder as "homework" to know which schools need to be looked at closer for that problem.

As the 10th largest school district in the nation - and growing - she said that false enrollment projections could lead to having to take out staff in the middle of the year, which could be disruptive.

"Our budget is too tight these days to not do that," she said.

Animesh Gupta, MCA member, asked what the relationship was between FCPS and the state and county government for the budget.

"We get about 20 percent of our funding from the state, but a large share comes from the county government," said Garza.

She noted that the state does not fund all of the mandates it imposes, which also creates problems in the budget.

"If you ask our principals, you'll hear that we get what we need, but we always need more."

The severe shortfalls in the budget have caused FCPS to increase class sizes three times over the last few years. The problem may get worse, still. She said fiscal year 2017's budget is projected to be worse than the cuts made for the current budget, mostly because the school system has nothing left to cut.

Last year, 731 positions were cut from the budget. Even more, FCPS has one of the lowest averages for



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More than 50 McLean residents showed up to listen to Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen Garza talk about school matters.

teacher pay in the state, despite its high standards. Garza said it would be a "crying shame" if the system became the lowest paying school in the state.

"Teacher salaries are very important to me," she said. "We've got to turn the tide on that."

Just last year, she said she knew of five principals who left for neighboring school districts to chase higher pay.

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OPINION

Make a Plan, Talk About It

Here is help in keeping impaired drivers off the roads.

The holiday party season is upon us, and with it an increase in drinking and driving. It's up to you to make a plan to get home safely.

Plan to bring a designated driver. Plan to take public transportation. Plan to celebrate at home or someplace where you can spend the night. Plan to abstain.

And if all of that fails, the Washington Regional Alcohol Project has a safety net for you.

WRAP, a local nonprofit organization, will offer free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout Northern Virginia during the winter holidays.

More than 10,000 people died in drunk driving related accidents in 2012, including more than 200 in Virginia and 160 in Maryland. Tens of thousands more were injured. Holidays lead to an increase in impaired driving, the Christmas and New Year season in particular.

The annual Holiday SoberRide program will operate nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. starting Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, and continuing until Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during



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days since a still-unnamed Fairfax County police officer shot unarmed John Geer standing in the doorway of Geer's home in Springfield, then let him bleed to death on Aug. 29, 2013. No information has been released about the incident, officers involved not named, no explanation, no grand jury, no charges. (as of Dec. 10, 2014)

this traditionally high-risk, holiday period.

During these times, area residents celebrating with alcohol can call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to \$30 fare), safe way home.

Safe Ride Home

WRAP's 2014 Holiday SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. nightly from Dec. 12, 2014 to Jan. 1, 2015. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). See SoberRide.com information listed below for important details concerning this program.

Callers will be responsible for fare amounts over \$30.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided more than 61,000 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

We know that many young people over 21 are living at home with parents, or will be visiting for the holidays. Parents, be brave. Have a conversation with your children whether they are under or over 21. Be sure those over 21 have a plan, and are equipped with the SoberRide number.

SoberRide is not available for underage drinkers, but parents still should talk to their children about their plans, and tell them out loud that you expect them not to drive impaired and not to get into a car with an impaired driver. Tell them to call you, and you'll come get them if necessary. The news has been full of teachable moments about the consequences and vulnerabilities of drinking to excess, drinking and driving and beyond. Don't let the opportunity to talk about it pass you by.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Story My Grandma Told Me

To the Editor:

This summer, I visited Bangladesh, the country where my parents grew up, for the first time in six years. When we visited the small village where my father grew up and my grandparents still live, my grandmother told us stories about the immense poverty in which most of her neighbors were living, including the story of one man whose wife was very ill. My grandmother vividly described how she could often hear the man's children crying from their house because of how hungry they were and how sick their mother was. Even though my grandmother had given the man money multiple times so he could feed his children and take his wife to a doctor, the wife eventually succumbed to her illness and died.

The story that my grandmother told me is not specific to Bangladesh. In a recent New York Times piece, Nicholas Kristof re-

calls an encounter he had in Myanmar with a 20-year-old woman named Sajan who dropped out of school at age 10 and was married off by her family for the bridal price of one cow. There are millions of people around the world who still face great inequality, and the characteristic that many of these people have in common is that they are female. Sheryl WuDunn, the award-winning journalist and co-author of *Half the Sky*, asserted that "the central moral challenge of this century is gender inequity." In *Half the Sky*, WuDunn and Nicholas Kristof state that there are currently between 60 million to 100 million missing females in the world. In India, girls die at a 50 percent higher mortality rate than boys from ages one to five. As WuDunn stated in her TED talk, "these women have three strikes against them – they are poor, they are rural and they are female."

We've all heard the saying that when you educate a girl, you educate a nation. But what does that really mean? Well, when you dismiss the moral and ethical reasons for gender equality and look at the

issue from a purely practical standpoint, the best way to combat global poverty is to invest in the education of girls. As Lawrence Summers said in 1992, investing in "girls' education may well be the highest return investment available in the developing world."

After my trip to Bangladesh, I began thinking about the millions of women all over the world who have the same – if not greater – talent, drive, and ambition as I do. Yet, here I am, sitting in my heated room and preparing for my future, while there are girls around the world who are struggling to survive. While many factors have gotten me to where I am today, one of the main reasons why I am able to go to school and lead a healthy life is the lottery of birth. I am so lucky to have been born and raised in a country that has given me the opportunity to follow my dreams, and with that opportunity comes great responsibility to help improve the lives of girls and boys around the world who are not as fortunate as I am. I know that I cannot completely eradicate global inequality and injustice, but if I can even only help one child fol-

low his or her dreams, that will be enough for me.

Celia Islam
Vienna

Two Ideas to Address Rape

To the Editor:

As many of us recoil from the recent UVA sexual assault article in *Rolling Stone*, tremendous accusations are being thrown at the university and others like it across the country. While UVA is not innocent and its infamous privileged "party culture" is partly to blame, there are two clear pieces of the story that no one seems to be addressing.

One, in this country rape is treated as a female problem. From early ages, we tell our young girls to not walk alone at night or to be aware of men they do not know. Businesses have picked up on this, now girls can buy rape whistles or date rape nails all in the name of protection.

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But those being critically left out of the sexual assault discussion are men. Very few (if any) public campaigns exist with men as the focus of rape. A surprising fact, considering men commit rape much more often than women. We must install a culture where rape is not tolerated nor accepted by men.

Two, now more than ever it is time to turn this country's ridiculous drinking age back to 18. Because the drinking age is 21, the best place for underage university drinkers to get alcohol is an unregulated,

unmonitored frat party. There is no alternative. If the drinking age were moved back, young people would have the option of attending a bar or club. While not perfectly safe either, it is significantly more so than a college party. The idea young people won't drink because the legal age is 21 is ridiculous. Change it back.

These two ideas are among those being discussed, however they offer a different, fresh approach rather than a muddled, ineffective university one.

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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Nora Arquin, Mesmeralda's Gifts part-time manager, fixes the placement of a tree topper in the store.



Mesmeralda's Gifts manager Judy Hope showcases some of the items in the shop for the holidays.

Holiday Season Begins at Mesmeralda's

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

A McLean store where visitors can pick up something for everyone on their list.

1995 to 2005.

"I like working in the store," she said. "It's a small group of employees that know each other well and we have the same philosophies about work."

Dressing the window can take up to a week, she said, and is a collaborative process with everyone who works in the store. For those who venture past the window on Chain Bridge Road, a host of angel Christmas toppers, crystalware, Santa figurines and nativity sets that could be used over and over are on display.

Arquin's windows look like Christmas town sprung up and made a home in Mesmeralda's.

The shop is located at 1339 Chain Bridge Road. For more information, call 703-356-4494.

One of McLean's oldest shops is getting in the holiday spirit. Brimming with candles, cards decor and a host of holiday and hostess gifts, Mesmeralda's is a store where a visitor can pick up something for everyone on their list.

"People tell me they love coming here," said manager Judy Hope. "It beats going to the mall and having to look in 50 different shops."

The store specializes in cards, dripless candles and Byers Choice caroling dolls - a popular collectors item.

Mesmeralda's, she said, is the type of store where regulars that they know by first name come year around - but less frequent visi-

tors stop by for birthday or holiday gifts.

"There's a real sense of community," she said. "A lot of our customers know us. They've been coming for years and years."

One of those regular customers is Maureen Bruin, McLean resident. She said the shop is a great place to find unique items and cards. She has been frequenting the store since 1981.

"It's right in town and you can stop by and get what you need," she said.

In addition to gifts, the store has what Hope called one of the largest dripless candle selections in the area. Rows upon rows of unscented tapered candles and scented pil-

lar candles line a wall towards the front of the store.

Nearby, stacks of playing cards for the bridge player on everyone's gift list run plentiful.

Right now - the last months of the year, is always the busiest for the shop. Nora Arquin, part-time manager, has taken over the window dressing duties for Hope to highlight the holiday items inside.

"There's a temptation every season in the store," she said.

Arquin said she has been working for the shop since 2008, but worked in a shop owned by the same company from

PHOTOS BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION



Mesmeralda's Gifts is a one-stop shop for all gifts, including scented lotions.



PHOTO BY LAURA SHERIDAN/WOMAN'S CLUB

McLean Holiday Homes Tour Attracts Hundreds

A ribbon cutting on Dec. 4 kicked off the Woman's Club of McLean's 48th annual Holiday Homes Tour at Tour House No. 1, in Langley Farms. Designer Doug DeLuca, honorary tour host, together with McLean Chamber of Commerce Chairman Marcia Twomey, cut the ribbon to open the tour. Pictured from left are: Lauren Twomey; Marcia Twomey; Jane Studabaker, co-chairman of the tour; Marta Goldblatt, tour house owner; Wanda Miller, co-chairman of the tour; Gina Goldblatt; Doug DeLuca; Woman's Club President Mildred Thompson; and Hope Partrick and Nina Allen, students at McLean's Oakcrest School, which assisted in the tour. Several hundred people are estimated to have attended the event, which is believed to have achieved its fundraising goals.

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Cheery and Cheeky Humor Coming to the Alden

**“A Kodachrome Christmas”
at the Alden Theatre,
Dec. 19-21.**

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Take a sleigh ride of speeding fun with the “Queen of Rural Media” this holiday season as “A Kodachrome Christmas” barrels into the Alden Theatre at McLean Community Center. “Kodachrome” is written by Pat Hazell who wooed audiences last year with his “The Wonder Bread Years.”

“We booked ‘A Kodachrome Christmas’ by request, actually,” said Sarah Schallern, performing arts director at The Alden. Last season after the performance of “The Wonder Bread Years” audiences asked what other shows from Pat Hazell we could bring. “Audiences loved him so much,” we are producing ‘Kodachrome’ for a three-performance run, something that’s very rare for us. We think it is just what people want this season.”

So, enter the quite colorful world of an endearing, comic cable access TV hostess named Earlene Hoople. She is taping her annual one-woman Christmas Special; you are her live audience. It is her first Holiday Season since she became recently widowed. She is feeling very nostalgic, but still goes on with the show in her always bantering manner. There are outrageous comments, kodachrome-infused family slide shows, letters to Mrs. Claus, fresh-baked cookies, visits from local celebrities as well as audience participation. There are also “commercials” aimed to bring laughter.

Oh and one other thing, Earlene has a secret. Shhh, don’t tell anyone. But think of Hoople as a very heartfelt Tootsie-like auntie character as the talented comic actor Jay Byrd stars in the role of the good-natured woman. Byrd as Hoople may also be expected to delight patrons in versions of the current vogue for ugly holiday sweaters; never know. The set will be homey and comfy just right for a winter’s night.

In a recent interview with Pat Hazell, a former Seinfeld writer, the caring sense of how he developed the character of Earlene Hoople was clear. Hazell described his creation of Earlene Hoople, as “nutty but real, and all in the spirit of the Holidays.” The show is aimed to capture audience’s heart with its folksie sweetness and “irreverent but wholesome humor done with plenty of winks.” It is a follow-up to his audience celebrated “The Wonder Bread Years” a salute to the Baby Boomer Generation.



PHOTOS BY KENNETH GALL/COURTESY OF PAT HAZELL
“A Kodachrome Christmas” with Jay Byrd as Earlene Hoople.



Where and When

McLean Community Center presents “A Kodachrome Christmas” by Pat Hazell at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Performances: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$30. Group rates available. Call 703-790-0123 or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/ Note: For audiences

Time travel into another place and times as the Alden brings an arms full of Holiday cheer and mistletoe. All the world can be a sunny and bright even in the depths of a cold blustery day with “A Kodachrome Christmas.”

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Join in the holiday festivities by listening to the **McLean Woman's Club Chorale Holiday Concert, on Dec. 13, from 2-4 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The 35-member chorale and soloists will sing a wide variety of traditional and modern songs of the season.**



THROUGH WEDNESDAY/DEC. 24 Santa HQ at Tysons Corner Center

1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons Corner. Visit Santa's Magical Workshop & Observatory, presented by HGTV - for photos and family activities, located in Fashion Court on level one between Nordstrom and Bloomingdale's - beginning November 14th. Reserve your space online to see Santa. Ongoing event.

THROUGH SUNDAY/JAN. 4, 2015 Meadowlark's Winter Walk of Lights

5:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Garden, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. A winter wonderland, including a flowing stream of softly glowing lights, a two story animated fountain and a Gingerbread Village. Admission: \$13 adults, \$8 children ages 3-12; children under 3 are free.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY/ MARCH 11, 2015 Ice Skating at Tysons Corner Center

Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tysons Corner Outdoor Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons. Adults, \$10; Child/Senior/Military, \$9; Skate Rental, \$6; Group of 10+, \$12 and includes skates

THURSDAY/DEC. 11 Holiday Gingerbread House

6:30 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Families work together decorating a pre-assembled gingerbread house. Cost includes one preassembled gingerbread house, decorating supplies and candies. Note: Products may contain dairy, eggs, wheat, gluten, corn, and peanuts. \$45/house.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 12-14 Christmas Market & Winterfest

Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tysons Corner Center Outdoor Plaza, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons Corner. Festival will include 30 vendors

selling German holiday goods. Plus, mulled wine, German beer, German fare, hot chocolate and coffee. Enjoy the spectacular Christmas tree, entertainment, beer garden and other festive activities. Ongoing event.

FRIDAY/DEC. 12 Playdate Café

11:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Toys and play space for children, coffee and conversation for grown-ups.

Drop-in Chess and Backgammon

3:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. All skill levels welcome.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13 "Frozen" the Movie

2 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Come watch this family-friendly movie that all will enjoy. Free.

Santa at the Mill. 3-6 p.m. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Enjoy old-fashioned family holiday fun at Colvin Run Mill. Visit Santa in the mill and see the Christmas tree trimmed with Victorian decorations. Join the costumed 49th Virginia Volunteer Infantry caroling around a bonfire. Roast marshmallows and make a family craft. \$5/person.

McLean Woman's Club Chorale Holiday Concert

2-4 p.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Benefits the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center. The 35-member Chorale and soloists will sing a wide variety of traditional and modern songs of the season. Free and open to the public. www.mcleanwc.org. 703-556-0197.

Saturday Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join us for stories, songs, and activities. Ages 2 & up with adult.

Lego Club. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Drop-in and play with LEGOs! Ages 3 & up.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 13 -14 Great Falls Studios Holiday Show and Sale

Wolf Trap Center for Education, 1645 Trap Rd., Vienna. Great Falls Studios presents Great Falls Annual Holiday Art Show and Sale. This annual show includes paintings, pottery, traditional and digital photographs, jewelry, drawings, art quilts, and hand pulled lithographic prints, plus artful gifts and cards. All of the artwork is created by Great Falls artists. Free admission.

Visit from Santa

1:30-3:30 p.m. Santa Claus will be visiting the Freeman Store. Seated in his special chair next to Historic Vienna's beautifully decorated Christmas tree - courtesy of the Optimist Club and the Ayr Hill Garden Club - he will meet his young visitors and hear their Christmas wishes. Parents (and grandparents) are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the looks of joy and wonder as the little ones talk to the Man In Red. For information call 703-938-5187 or visit www.historicviennainc.org.

SUNDAY/DEC. 14 Claude Moore Colonial Farm Wassail

1 - 4p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Gather in the Farm's orchard to Wassail! ("wish good health to") the apple trees with singing, dancing, and chants to ensure a "howling crop" next year. Enjoy spiced cider, ginger biscuits, a bonfire and 18th century games. Regular admission fee. 703-442-7557.

Holiday Joy Concert. 3 p.m. McLean Community Theater, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The program include Rosau's "Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra," performed by Rebecca Kite; Rossini/Respighi, "La Boutique Fantasque", Favorite Holiday selections for Orchestra, and the annual carol sing-along, led by the Symphony Festival Singers, Felicia Kessel Crawley. A concert for all ages. Adults: \$25; Seniors: \$20,

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Here's What's Happening at MCC

Old Firehouse Teen Center Breakfast for Dinner with the Unruly Theatre Improv Group

Friday, Dec. 12, 7-9 p.m.

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Old Firehouse Teen Center Winter Break Trips

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Tuesday, Dec. 30, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
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King Pinz Bowling plus a movie

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Closing Notice

The Center will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and remain closed through Friday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday.

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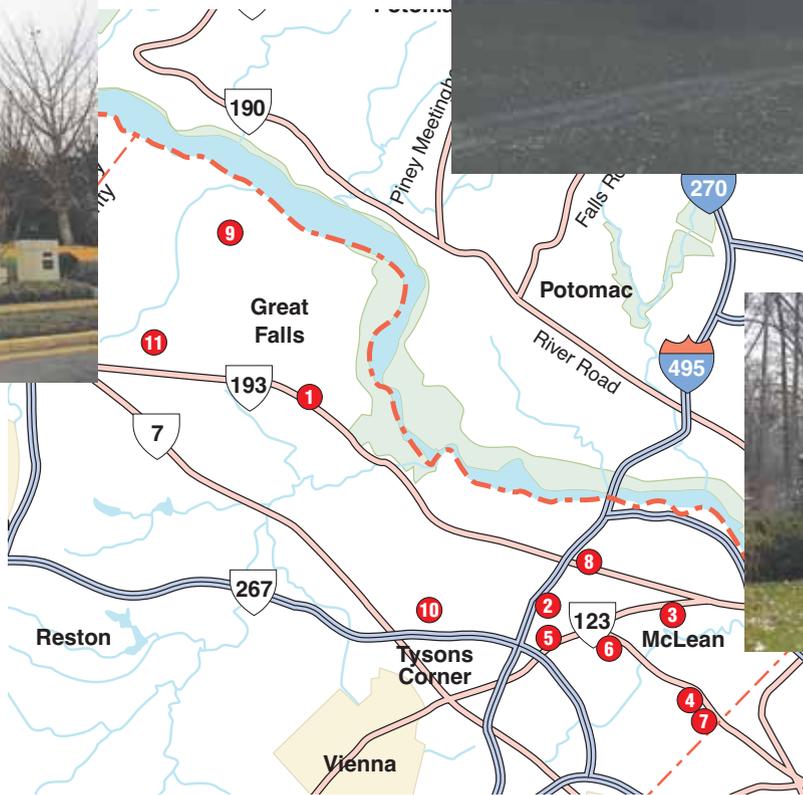
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2015 New Year Remodeling Resolutions

BY JOSHUA BAKER
BOWA



After all the holiday festivities have passed and the ball has dropped to ring in the New Year, many homeowners are inspired to tackle resolutions that relate to their living space. 2015 may be the year you want to remodel your home to allow for the changes occurring in your life. Perhaps you want to build out an office which will allow you to work from home? Maybe 2015 is the year you want to avoid climbing stairs, so moving the master suite to the first floor may be on your resolution list?

One thing is certain in life — family needs are always evolving. As kids come and go, aging parents move in, greener technology becomes available, and we look for more creature comforts in our homes, individuals and families need and want to update living spaces.

So, if you're thinking 2015 is the year to make changes to your home to better suit your changing lifestyle needs, I would encourage you to review some of the following top home remodeling resolutions.

TIP #1: Planning For My Long-Term Home Needs

Given the fact that a home remodeling project can be a significant investment of both time and money, I would strongly recommend that your family has thought through all elements of the remodeling job to make sure it will work for family's long-term living needs. You want the work done on your home to both improve your day-to-day life and add to the future value of your home, so ensuring the decision makers in your family are all on the same page is critical.

Also, as your family plans to remodel your home, we recommend considering the best times for your home to be under construction. We find that since families tend to travel more during the summer months, that is a good time for a remodeling project as the process may be less disruptive and the work can move quicker.

TIP #2: Research What You Like

One of the best things you can do to prepare for sitting down with a professional remodeler is to find

pictures of aspects of homes that you like. Being able to show examples of your preferences is extremely helpful to ensure your tastes are understood and incorporated into the design, and often, the materials selected for your remodeling project.

Websites like Houzz.com or Pinterest.com offer thousands of ideas that you can explore and print out to help you define the look and feel you desire to achieve with your new finished space. You can also save them in an online account that can be viewed by your potential remodel company.

TIP #3: Do Your Homework on the Best Remodeling Company

As with any significant investment, make sure you do due diligence before signing on with a design-build firm. Remodeling remains one of the most reported industries, so be sure to talk with the firm's client references and visit recent projects they have completed to get a sense for their craftsmanship. You may also want to ask about employee tenure and which professionals will be working with you through the remodeling process. It is important to know who will be your single point of accountability.

With a single point of accountability for the entire design and construction process, you can work alongside your architectural team and other specialists to ensure reliable materials are specified, drawings are clear, and challenges are addressed to lay the groundwork for a smooth production process. Most importantly, this team approach ensures that the project that is being designed aligns with your budget goals, and finds areas of efficiencies and appropriate cost savings wherever possible.

These three tips will help you to achieve the best approach and find a design-build team that will take accountability and manage the entire process while looking after your best interests. Remodeling professionals become part of your family during the process, so it's important to be extremely comfortable with the firm you choose.

Josh Baker is the founder and co-chairman of BOWA, an award-winning design and construction company specializing in luxury renovations, remodels and additions in the greater Washington, D.C. area. BOWA has more than 25 years of experience and has been honored with 170 local and national awards. Visit www.bowa.com or call 703-734-9050.

Saving Historic Homes

Residents could live virtually rent-free in exchange for repairing and maintaining homes.

Fairfax County might soon breathe life into historic homes that have fallen into disrepair. If an ordinance adopted by the County Board of Supervisors last month becomes law, the county will be one step closer to establishing a resident curator program.

The program, which would be the first in the Commonwealth of Virginia, allows indi-

viduals or groups to occupy publicly owned historic properties rent-free in for exchange repairs and maintenance.

"It allows us to preserve historic resources and limits our liability because some of the properties are empty and therefore invitations to vandalism," said Judy Pedersen, a spokeswoman for the Fairfax County Park Authority. She added that the program would also trans-

fer financial responsibility to the curator, saving taxpayers money.

Earlier this year, the county commissioned a study to explore the idea, taking in to consideration factors such as the types of properties that would be eligible, whether to allow commercial use and criteria for selecting curators.

Pederson said the county needs \$241,000 and a project manager in order to start the program "But we're on track and things are moving forward," she said.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

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SPORTS

Langley Boys' Basketball to Face Rival McLean

The Langley boys' basketball team will take on rival McLean at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12 at McLean High School.

Langley lost to Herndon 67-58 on Dec. 5, dropping its record to 0-2. The Saxons lost their season opener against Osbourn, 66-53, on Dec. 3.

McLean started 2-1, with wins over Stuart and Oakton and a loss to South County. The Highlanders faced West Springfield on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Blake Mintz and the Langley boys' basketball team lost to Herndon on Dec. 5.



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Great Falls gymnast Naomi Heit, second from the right, earned spot on the National Talent Opportunity Program's development team.

Great Falls Gymnast Selected to National Team

Great Falls resident Naomi Heit, 10, was one of four gymnasts from Loudoun Gymnastics Center selected to the National Talent Opportunity Program's development team. The girls attended a camp at Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas, this month.

Heit is a fourth-grader at Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna.

Heit earned a spot on the development team by participating in strength, ability and skill tests, competing

against 1,800 other gymnasts across the nation.

Heit spends between 24 and 30 hours per week training with at the Loudoun Gymnastics Center.

"Sometimes it's difficult to balance the demands of school, training and friends," Heit said in a press release. "I leave school early four days a week for training, but I always tell myself that hard work given time will defeat talent. And so far that's proving to be true."



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The 11U Great Falls Nationals won their last five games of the season.

11U Great Falls Nationals Win End-of-Season Tournament

The 11U Great Falls Nationals finished the season with five-game winning streak and won the silver division of the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League Fall Tournament.

In the tournament, the Nationals had victories over the South County Outlaws (20-5), Shenandoah Sluggers (15-9), Manassas Bulldogs (7-4) and Alexandria Aces (6-3)

before beating the Stafford Bulldogs (11-7) in the championship game.

The Nationals players are Luke Buroker, Brian Cerretani, Michael Cuomo, Jackson Emery, Grant Exley, Michael Gasparis, Steven Jungers, Owen Mead, Riley Mead, Chris Seitz, Jack Thomas and Austin Zeiller and are coached by Coaches Fran Exley, Bobby Zeiller and Paul Cuomo.



Members of the Great Falls Cheetahs, pictured from left: (front row) Haley Richardson, Lorin Costley, Maggie Lyons, Hannah Richardson, Sophie Luraschi, (middle row) Anna Shepherd, Sam Brascia, Reece Herberg, Courtney Brandt, Kendall Treco, Molly Buckler, (back row) Mari Gardiner, Olivia Garner, Clara Nickles, Victoria Stark, Allie Brascia, and Audrey Kim.

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Great Falls Cheetahs Capture ODSL Championship

The Great Falls Cheetahs, a U14 girls' travel soccer team, recently capped off an unbeaten fall season by winning the 2014 Old Dominion Soccer League championship. The Cheetahs went 7-0-2 (6-0-2 in league play), scoring 17 goals while only giving up four. The Cheetahs are composed almost equally of U13 and U14 players, and only began playing travel soccer in the fall of 2013. Since the beginning of the win-

ter 2013 indoor soccer season, the Cheetahs have posted a combined record of 16-3-5.

The Cheetahs are also two-time winners of the Randy Rawls Sportsmanship Award, given to the ODSL team that exhibits the best sportsmanship and sense of fair play. The Cheetahs are led by head coach Philip Nickles, assistant coach Bill Luraschi, assistant coach Bill Lyons and team manager Tiffany Kim.

CALENDAR

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Youth with student ID: \$15, Children 12 and under: Free. <http://mclean-symphony.org/index.php>.

MONDAY/DEC. 15

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join us for stories, songs, and activities. Ages 2-5 with adult.
Kids Book Club. 5:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick.

MONDAY/DEC. 15

Free Tiny Tot Storytime. 10:30. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Age 13-23 months with adult caregiver join us for an early literacy enhanced storytime with rhymes and songs.

Star Language Learners All Ages. 1:30p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Join a fun foreign language storytime in Mandarin, Spanish, French, or Arabic. No foreign language skills needed.

Preschool Music Lesson: Rock n' Roll. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Preschoolers with care givers learn to use age-appropriate instruments, such as shakers and hand-bells, to enjoy sensory enriched singing and dancing.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

Holiday Luau with Ukulele Phil and the Hula Kids. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Sing and dance



Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, off Beulah Road, features more than 500,000 LED lights in its spectacular Winter Walk of Lights Festival. The walking tour of the light displays and scenes opened on Nov. 14 and runs through Jan. 4, 2015.

along with Ukulele Phil and the Hula Kids! All ages.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 19-21

"A Kodachrome Christmas." 2 & 8 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. From the creator of "The Wonder Bread Years" and a writer for "Seinfeld" comes a one-woman, cable-access holiday special. Enter the colorful world of Earlene Hoople as she entertains with participatory bell ringing, cookie baking, a family slide show, some outrageous advice for surviving the holidays with relatives... and a whole lot more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 21

Living Nativity. 5 p.m. Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100

Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. A Live Nativity outside. There will also be a Blue Christmas Worship at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. 703-759-3705.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

New Year's Eve in Entyse Wine Bar & Lounge. 9 p.m. to Midnight. The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. Celebrate the New Year with live musical entertainment provided by The Christopher Linman Jazz Ensemble and culinary delights. As the clock strikes midnight, welcome 2015 with a complimentary champagne toast. \$100 minimum food & beverage purchase per person.

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"Quality of Life"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

If I've heard it once – from my oncologist – I've probably heard it a dozen times over the last nearly-six years. In fact, at the very first Team Lourie meeting with him on February 27, 2009, after the initial examination, followed by a review of my previous doctor's (emergency medicine, pulmonary and thoracic) appointments and diagnostic procedures completed (two X-Rays, one CT Scan and one P.E.T. Scan), he gave us my diagnosis: "stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer," and my prognosis: "13 months to two years." After the shock wore off, he told us in no uncertain terms that he could "treat me but he couldn't cure me," and he was hardly enthusiastic or encouraging about any of what he had said. However, he perked up slightly when he suggested to me that "perhaps you should take that trip you've always dreamed of;" his first attempt at helping me find some quality in my life. Considering the context in which it was said, the suggestion fell on deaf ears and I started chemotherapy the very next week.

This concern about my life, this awareness of my life-expectancy-challenged reality has been an ongoing and recurring theme during the regular discussions Team Lourie has had with my oncologist. Whether I was feeling bad during heavy-duty chemotherapy ("we can stop or take a break anytime if it's too much?" he would ask) or feeling good ("since you're feeling so good, maybe we should stop for a while; enjoy your good quality of life"), the quality of my life away from the Infusion Center has always been a consideration. And given what he knew and I didn't, perhaps I should have listened, but I didn't.

Not that I ever felt that he had, or was, giving up on me; or that he was imposing his perspective on me/us; it was more like he was fulfilling his legal/fiduciary-type responsibility/moral obligation to educate me about choices, realities even. These conversations about life/living and death were/are always the most difficult for me. The figurative weight of it all almost becomes literal. There's nothing really that prepares you for the process. I keep thinking that someone with more experience, who's lived longer and seen more of life than I have, should be advising me. Ultimately though, decisions concerning life and death, the most personal of all decisions, really fall to the patient.

Now whether taking control and being responsible for one's own cancer fight does keep the cancer at bay, no one really knows. But after being "diseased" at such an unexpected and early age, 54 and a half, it feels good sometimes to exert some control. At this point in my survival, living is likely more about quality than it is quantity – or so I've been told, repeatedly, in a good and honest way. Nevertheless, I'm not ready to give up on the latter while embracing the former.

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

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Area Business Leaders Inducted into Washington Business Hall of Fame

The 2014 Washington Business Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on Tues, Dec. 2 at the National Building Museum. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are:

- ♦ Sudhakar Kesavan, Chairman and CEO, ICF International based in Fairfax. Kesavan is an engineer with a MIT master's in technology and public policy, his firm consults on energy, environmental, and health matters. He also chairs the Northern Virginia Technology Council and leads ICF's many charity efforts.

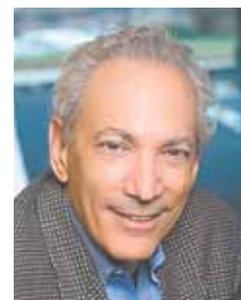


Sudhakar Kesavan



Debbie Kissire

- ♦ Debbie Kissire, Vice Chair, Ernst & Young (now EY) – who lives in McLean, a would-be schoolteacher who discovered her affinity for business via a summer job at her hometown bank. She switched majors, went to work for the Big 8, and rose to be Vice Chair of EY, all the while developing and advancing women and dedicating herself to philanthropy.



Dennis Ratner



Peter Barris

- ♦ Dennis Ratner, Founder, CEO and Stylist, Ratner Companies based in Vienna. He started Hair Cuttery with \$5,000 and an idea for a unisex shop for all ages that would offer fashionable cuts for low prices. Today his company boasts 1,000 salons across 16 states, and Ratner's active in the philanthropy scene.

- ♦ Peter Barris, Managing General Partner/Washington, DC, New Enterprise Associates. A Dartmouth MBA who worked under GE's Jack Welch, he led his boutique VC firm to help entrepreneurial companies such as Groupon, CareerBuilder and TiVo turn their

ideas into success. He also uses the venture-capital model to invest in local nonprofits.

The Washington Business Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding business leaders and their significant contributions to the quality of life in Greater Washington. The annual black-tie gala and awards ceremony brings together 1,200 business and civic leaders and raises over \$1 million annually to support Junior Achievement of Greater Washington's innovative financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programs for K-12 students.

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WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17

Morning Book Group. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call branch for book title.

ESL Conversation Group. 2 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Practice English in this casual conversation group.

English Conversation Group for Adults. 1 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Come practise conversational English in a group setting.

THURSDAY/DEC. 18

New Voting Equipment Demonstration. 4 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Staff from the Fairfax County Office of Elections will provide an opportunity to see and try out the brand new voting machines as well as provide an opportunity for photo ID processing and voter registration.

Reading Buddies. 4:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Beginning readers and teens practice reading together.

Evening Book Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call branch for Title.

FRIDAY/DEC. 19

New Voting Equipment Demonstration. 11a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean. Do not miss this opportunity and come see for yourself! Fairfax County Office of Elections staff will process your photo ID and voter registration through the brand-new voting machine.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

Christmas Open House and Health Fair. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. The fair will have 26 different stations that provide a wide array of health information for women, men, teens, children and the elderly. Topics range from Heart Health Diabetes Disease, Ebola Awareness, Keeping jolly during the holidays to Stranger Danger. Participants will be able to gather health information, talk with the nursing students about their researched health projects and participate in demonstrations, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Participants will be able to obtain a freshly baked treat at the bake sale and participate in 4 Service projects: Food Collection for CHO, winter coat collection, Medical supplies collection for Brother's Brother, and an opportunity to select a toy or outfit to purchase for our Adopted Family Project for a family with 3 school-aged children. For more information call 703-938-6753 or visit www.antiochdoc.org.

MONDAY/DEC. 15

Evening ESL Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Practice speaking English in this informal conversation group.

Spanish Conversation Group. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Practice Spanish as a foreign language in this casual conversation group.

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