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NEWS

Church To Celebrate 110 Years “Honoring Our Past, Treasuring Our Future”

BY SUSAN BELFORD
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It's the year 1905, and residents of Scotland, just off Seven Locks Road in Potomac have recently purchased property and completed the building of a small white church — the Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church. That church is now 110 years old — designated a historic Montgomery County landmark that stands as a tribute for all who committed themselves to making certain that the church would always remain as a remembrance of their heritage. The church has been enlarged for increasing populations — yet it remains stalwart as it serves the community and stands as an icon among the older generations and the younger. Many of the members no longer reside in Scotland, but the church stands as a reminder of Scotland — the community that many grew up in and where many of their relatives still remain.

On Sept. 13, the Scotland AME Zion Church will celebrate the 110th anniversary of the founding of their church. Their theme is “Honoring our Past, Treasuring Our Future” based on Jeremiah 29:11. All members, former members and community residents are invited to attend.

Two worship services will be held — one

at 11 a.m. and another at 3 p.m. At the first service, the Rev. Dr. Clifford D. Barnett will be the guest preacher. Barnett is the pastor of Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, located in Wilmington, N.C., and a native son of Scotland Church. At 3 p.m., choir director Joshua Sommerville and members of his W.I.L. Community Gospel Choir will minister in song.

In between services, from 1-3 p.m., a meal will be served at the Bette Carol Thompson — Scotland Neighborhood Recreation Center in the Scotland Community.

Members of the church were asked on May 26, 2015 to save \$1 a day for 110 days — so that each person could donate \$110 to their church in honor of the 110th anniversary on Sept. 13. The goal of the church is to raise \$11,100.

The Steward Committee meets regularly to plan the celebration and to gather information for the 110th Anniversary Souvenir Commemorative Journal. They are selling

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Join 'Out of Darkness' Community Walk

Annual event supports suicide prevention.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Almost everyone has in some way been touched by suicide. Anyone who has experienced such a loss is left with painful feelings of "Why?" "How could I have helped?" "Why didn't they tell me?" "Why did they tell me and why didn't I do more to help them?"

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), "Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the third leading cause of death among young people between the ages of 10 and 24. About 40,000 people are lost to suicide annually in the U.S. — someone dies from suicide every 12.98 minutes. Ninety percent of those who die from suicide had a diagnosable psychiatric disorder at the time of their suicide."

The saddest statistic is that many suicides are preventable.

Evan Rosenstock ended his life on May 20, 2013. He was 16 years old and a student at Churchill High School. Because of his death, his mother, Potomac resident Susan Rosenstock and Evan's best friend Erik Roberts co-founded www.Umttr.org.

"The pain changes your life," Rosenstock said. "We have choices about what to do with that pain and thankfully to Erik Roberts, who co-founded the organization with us, for helping me make a difference so others can avoid that pain of such an unspeakable loss. Evan was 16 and only had depression for 4 months after a back surgery. Because of his life, friendship and kindness to others, Umttr brings together a community of people worldwide who create a compassionate culture fostering the idea that 'everyone matters'."

Rosenstock and her Umttr team will be participating in the Out of the Darkness Walk and also sharing information about their organization with the public. They will also sell t-shirts with the proceeds going to the AFSP. Umttr's focus is on empowering schools and youth athletic organizations with the funds, information, and tools needed to create an environment where mental well-being and caring support are at the forefront of teens' daily interactions. They educate teens on the five signs of emotional suffering (withdrawal, agitation, hopelessness, decline in personal care, change in personality), introduce suicide prevention programs to schools and hold community events and fundraisers.

On Sept. 20, the 3.4 mile "Out of the Darkness Walk," sponsored by the AFSP will begin at 10 a.m. at the Rockville Town Center to raise funds for suicide prevention. More than 800 walkers are expected to walk



Susan Rosenstock and son Evan.

for those they have lost — and to join together to save lives. Registration is at 9 a.m. at Rockville Town Center at 30 Maryland Ave. and the walk will begin at 10 a.m. and finish at noon. Register for the walk by going on-line to <http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=3446>. To volunteer or serve as a sponsor, contact Megan Kimmel at 301-467-5936 or email her at MeganK.Kimmel@yahoo.com.

The Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Walk is one of more than 350 Out of the Darkness Community Walks being held nationwide this fall. The walks are expected to unite more than 150,000 walkers and raise funds for suicide prevention efforts.

One of the walkers will be Curt Southworth: "I teach math at Churchill High



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Participants at last year's Out of the Darkness Walk.

School, and participate with our UMTTR (You Matter) and Sources of Strength clubs. As a teacher, it is heartbreaking to lose a student to suicide, so the idea of suicide prevention and awareness is very important to me. I posted my struggles with depression on Facebook along with my donation page for the Out of the Darkness Walk. I received an overwhelming outpouring of support in comments, likes and \$750 in pledges. The most heartwarming comments came from former students who told me about their own struggles with depression and thanked me for sharing my story and treating them with compassion while they were at Churchill.

It reminds me that I care as much about my students' well-being as I do about their math education. I don't want to lose anyone to suicide, ever, and I have to be out about my own battle in order to be a source of strength to my students."

"The pain changes your life."

— Susan Rosenstock

Speakers at the Rockville Walk will include Aaron Gilchrist from WRC TV and several experts on mental illness. "These walks are about turning hope into action," said AFSP CEO Robert Gebbia. "Suicide is

a serious problem, but it's a problem we can solve. The research has shown us how to fight suicide, and if we keep up the fight, the science is only going to get better, our culture will get smarter about mental health, and we'll be able to save more people from dying from depression and other mental health conditions."

Paws for Prevention will be represented on the walk and walkers are encouraged to bring their four-legged friends. There will also be a Community Resource Fair as well as Survivor Activities that include wearing Honor Beads in different colors to acknowledge one's personal connection to the cause and help identify with others who know what it feels like.

There will be additional activities within the Remembrance Area. Team shirts, pins, posters, etc. honoring your loved ones are welcome. If walkers raise \$150 by Sept. 26 they will receive 2015 Out of the Darkness Walk t-shirt.

"We walk to support those who suffer from mental health conditions and raise the money for research and prevention programs that will save lives," said Ryan Newcomb, regional director of the D.C. National Capital area for AFSP.



LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

The Appraiser and What He Does

Home appraisals might be more accurately described as "home evaluations". Appraisals are an essential part of the home sale process, from both the buyer and the seller's end, and are invaluable tools to have firmly in hand before an offer ever hits the table. Many sellers have an appraisal completed before the home is listed, in order to get a working grasp of current home value trends in the market and establish a baseline for the asking price. It is important to keep a few key pieces of information in mind when having an appraisal performed on your house. First, both appraisers and their appraisals vary—so make sure to find a reputable, experienced, reliable appraiser in your area to perform your home's appraisal. Three different appraisals by three different appraisers might give you three different ideas about your home's value—and while you definitely don't want an appraiser who lowballs your home's value and causes you to ask for a price lower than your home is worth, likewise you don't want an appraiser who overinflates your home's value, making your asking price higher than what the market will bear and keeps your home languishing without a potential buyer in sight. The most accurate appraisal is one that is neither too high, nor too low—a realistic evaluation of what the home is worth, versus what the market will bear that results in a home being sold with a reasonable profit to the seller in an expedient amount of time. An appraiser's document is only as valuable as their expertise and reliability, and in a profession that's not strictly regulated, you want to ensure that you've not paid a fee to a flight-by-night appraiser whose evaluation of your home's value isn't worth the paper it's printed on. Ask your Realtor® to point you in the direction of a reputable home appraiser, and screen the appraiser thoroughly before contracting their services. With just a little extra effort on your part, your home's most accurate asking price could be just a phone call away! Things to ask an appraiser before contracting their services include:

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NEWS

Walk with Pope Francis

Students at Our Lady of Mercy School take pledge.

By SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

On Aug. 31, the first day of school, students at Our Lady of Mercy School in Potomac made a promise that will remain in their hearts and memories.

Two-hundred and thirty from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade promised to "walk with Francis" by participating in monthly service to others throughout the year. As a school, they also challenged St. John the Evangelist School in D.C. to see which school will be the most successful.

The children created a banner with signed footprints which surround a heart. They lined up for a photo with the cardboard cutout of the Pontiff and recited the following "Walk with Francis" Pledge: "Together, with our prayer partners, we pledge to Walk with Francis by participating in monthly service projects that spotlight the Corporal Works of Mercy. Individually, we pledge to incorporate the Spiritual Works of Mercy in our daily lives." The new pastor of Our Lady of Mercy, the Rev. Bill Byrne and his dog Roo greeted them along with the Rev. Don Worch, the Rev. Chris Seith and the new school principal, Debbie Thomas.

From Sept. 22 - 24, Pope Francis will be here in D.C. on his first visit to the U.S. He will be the first Pope to speak before a joint session of Congress. He will visit the White House, meet with U.S. bishops at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle and celebrate Mass from the east portico of the Shrine of the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. During the Mass, he will canonize Junípero Serra, an 18th-century Franciscan friar who founded missions in California.

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The footprint banner was signed by all of the students.



A cutout of Pope Francis at Our Lady of Mercy School.



Eighth grade Mercy students Ellie Brewer, Maggie Baker and Henry Sullivan

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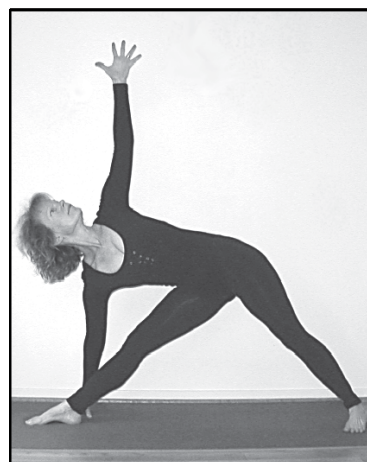
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advertisements/business ads — and members and former members can also send in photos, tributes, congratulatory notes and patron contributions for publishing in the book. Send in your contributions to the Anniversary Book to Janet Ross at scotlandamezionchurch@msn.com.

“This celebration will be like a revival,” said Steward Committee member Cheryl Harris.

Ross said, “We have a wonderful reason to celebrate — 110 years. We don’t know how many people to expect, but we know the reunion will be great because it will give us an opportunity to reminisce with former residents and old friends.

Chuck Williams said, “As one who lived in the community, I would say that Scotland has had plenty of challenges and ups and downs — and it’s a joy to be able to celebrate our past and the future.”

The current pastor of the Scotland AME Zion Church, the Rev. Adrian V. Nelson II, said, “It’s amazing to think of a church in existence for 110 years, especially with what the founders were experiencing in the community in 1905 and later.

We almost lost Scotland in the 1960s because



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Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church’s Anniversary Committee included (front row, from left) Cheryl Harris, Mary Crawford, Arie Robinson, Janet Ross, (back row, from left) Carroll Smith, Chuck Williams, Granville Thomas and Barbara Smith. Not pictured: Earl Prather.

Montgomery County officials thought it should be condemned. Our history makes this anniversary even more important. Members of the church are planning to continue our legacy of service to the community as we go forward — a legacy that was started back when the church was founded.”

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Around the Corner, Around the World

Potomac's Jack Rosenberg exhibits his images at OASIS Art Gallery.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
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Imagine seeing Hurricane Sandy hitting Havana, Cuba, a colorful local train in Santiago, Chile, the tango in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a column of Spain's Alhambra, South Beach, Tangier Island, the C&O Canal all in a single day.

The opportunity is right around the corner from Potomac. Visitors to the OASIS Art Gallery in Bethesda's Montgomery Mall will travel around the world and the area through Jack Rosenberg's photography exhibit. The tour is through the eyes of Rosenberg, a photographer who doesn't just focus on snapshots of buildings or scenery. He captures the gritty faces of people, the high waves and horrific winds of a hurricane, and one-of-a-kind images of the canal.



Jack Rosenberg

"I believe that art should take you somewhere; take you to an imaginary place or time that doesn't exist, but makes your imagination start revving and searching for a time or place that only is in your mind as a viewer of the image," he said.

Rosenberg, a retired orthodontist and an avid traveler, has always loved photography. Because of his dental background, he has an eye for "details and small parts of the whole. This visual attraction to the smaller parts of the



PHOTOS BY JACK ROSENBERG

Remembering the Good Times

whole has carried over to many of my images."

Rosenberg has brought 50 photos to the gallery – a variety of pieces that include doors, windows, landscapes, flowers, abstract images and faces from numerous foreign countries as well as from the U.S. – and also from outside his home in Potomac. Many of his photos look like paintings because of the textures he displays through his camera lens. He has transformed his photo of a bicycle with flowers

taken in Spain into a painting by printing it on canvas – a technique which expands the photo to brush-stroke quality – and makes it seem as if an artist painted it.

"I prefer to be non-specific in my choices of photographic themes and therefore my images tend to be quite eclectic," Rosenberg said. "I love to see saturated, bright colors and this is reflected in my images. I also try to see the colors in my black and white (or monochrome) images. To me, the shadows and highlights of a monochrome image can, with certain subjects, be much more powerful than a color image of the same subject."

Even though Rosenberg has been displaying his art only for a few years, he has already received prestigious awards. He was named first place winner in FOTOWEEKDC'S 2012 People's Choice International Awards Competition. He won first place and honorable mention in the 2014 Photographic Society of America – Mid-Atlantic International Cups Division and was also awarded finalist and honorable mention in the 2013 Washington Post Travel Photo Contest. He has also shown his work in many juried art exhibits.

The OASIS Art Gallery is a new project of the Washington Metropolitan OASIS. Located inside Macy's Home Store at Westfield Montgomery Mall, 7125 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, the free gallery is open 30 hours a week – from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Rosenberg's artwork will be on display until Sept. 30. His photographs are for sale with 30 percent of the proceeds benefiting OASIS and its programs. To see more of Rosenberg's art, go to his website at www.my-2nd-life.com.

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Yoga on the Plaza. 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through Sept. 30 at Fountain Square Plaza. Take a mixed-level vinyasa flow yoga class from Grace Yoga instructors. Free. Visit www.downtownsilverspring.com.

Seasonal Walk. Through Sept. 30, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at Safeway, Downtown Silver Spring, 909 Thayer Ave. Walk the sidewalk trails through residential and retail areas of Silver Spring and into Takoma Park. Follow 5 km or 10 km routes. Trails suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. Free. See www.sugarloafers.org.

VisArts Faculty Show. Through Sept. 27, During gallery hours at 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. A juried show of current VisArts faculty including Barbara Brower, Web Bryant, Gina Copanzzi, Janet Greer, Ann Hobart, Yunjeong Hong, Elizabeth Michaels, Eric Westbrook, Jenna Wright. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

“Blooming” by Wanjin Kim.

Through Oct. 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Artist Wanjin Kim’s “Blooming” exhibit is a “conversation” between her small figurative sculptures and larger hanging wire sculptures. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

Dane Winkler: “Gusset.” Through Oct. 4, Gallery hours at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Sculptor Dane Winkler uses industrial and natural materials, installation, kinetics, performance, sound and video to explore life and nostalgic experiences. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

Christian Benefiel: “Sea of Tranquility, Ocean of Doubt.” Through Oct. 4, Gallery hours at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Christian Benefiel fills the gallery with a site-specific installation that teeters between completed object and in-progress construction. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

“HomeLands.” Through Oct. 18, during gallery hours at Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Robb Hill’s new black and white photo exhibit focuses on the themes of home, land, and loss. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

(come back TO) Rockville! Through Oct. 18, gallery hours at VisArts at Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Artists Naoko Wowsugi and Graham Coreil-Allen are commissioned to create original projects investigating and initiating social networks, invisible communities and hidden public places. Free. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org.

Cooking Demonstration and Tasting. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Nov. 4, 6 p.m. at The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Local chefs provide demonstrations and tastings. Registration required. Visit www.strathmore.org.

Art Walk in the Park. First Fridays through October. 6-8 p.m. Glen Echo Park. Enjoy pottery, calligraphy, glass work, and much more. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.



National Philharmonic Presents ‘West Side Story,’ Gershwin

The National Philharmonic kicks off its 2015-2016 season with an all-American program featuring Leonard Bernstein’s Symphonic Dances from “West Side Story,” and George Gershwin’s famous Concerto in F with local D.C. resident and pianist Thomas Pandolfi as the soloist. The performances will run Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20 at The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Admission is free for ages 7-17. Adults must purchase a National Philharmonic subscription package to attend. Subscription prices vary. Visit www.strathmore.org.

THROUGH SEPT. 13

Silver Spring Restaurant Week.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Janelia Soul Performance. 8 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Afro-pop and Reggae singer Janelia Soul will perform. Tickets are \$10-12. Visit www.villainandsaint.com.

FRIDAY/ SEPT. 11

Reception for “Quilting for Change.” 6-9 p.m. at Artists & Makers Studios, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Celebrate launch of international quilt exhibit. Free. See www.artistsandmakersstudio.com.

“The Musical of Musicals (The Musical!)” 8-10 p.m. at Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. The play is structured in five acts, each a short musical parodying and paying homage to the style of a composer or composer/lyricist team, all dealing with roughly the same plot: “I can’t pay the rent!” Tickets are \$22, \$12 for children 14 and under. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

The Nighthawks Concert. 8 p.m. at AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. The Nighthawks combination of blues, rock and swing is performed through covers and original songs. Tickets are \$20-30. Visit www.ampbystathmore.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 11-13

“The Gypsy Baron.” 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. The Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents a operetta follows a pair of

lovers surrounded by Gypsies and other lively characters. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$16 for students. Visit www.vloc.org.

SEPT. 11-28

“Quilting for Change” Exhibit. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at Artists & Makers Studios, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. “Quilting for Change” is a collaboration between The Advocacy Project, Quilt for Change, and Solar Sister. Visit www.artistsandmakersstudio.com,

SATURDAY/ SEPT. 12

Potomac Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Runs most months. Most hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are \$.50. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Silver Spring Jazz Festival. 3-10 p.m. at Veterans Plaza at the intersection of Ellsworth and Fenton. Al Chez and the Brother of Funk Big Band will headline this annual event. Marcus Johnson & The Union Jam Band, Halley Shoenberg, Dani Cortaza, and the Jazz Academy of Music will also perform. Free. Visit www.silverspringdowntown.com.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Parks Half Marathon. 7-10 a.m. Run from Rockville to Bethesda. Showcases Montgomery County’s park system. Sponsored by Montgomery County Road Runners Club. Registration is \$67 until Aug. and \$73 Sept. 1-9. Visit www.mcrrc.org.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 15

Diana Ross Concert. 8 p.m. at The Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Watch R&B artist Diana Ross perform. Tickets are \$69-249. Visit www.strathmore.org for tickets.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 16

Symphony of the Goddesses Concert. 8 p.m. at The Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Watch the Symphony of the Goddesses perform over 28 years of music from The Legend of Zelda

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Trio Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. These Juilliard-trained, Marsalis-mentored, clarinet- and sax-playing brothers and guitarist Alex Wintz round out the trio for an evening of show tunes and favorites from the American Songbook. Tickets \$30. Visit www.strathmore.org.

Chris Trapper Performance. 8 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Singer Chris Trapper is most known for his song “This Time,” which was the number one selling song on the Grammy Nominated soundtrack for “August Rush.” Tickets are \$17-20. Visit villainandsaint.com.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Fall Concert. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer perform instruments including guitar, banjo, and more. Tickets are \$12. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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Montgomery County Out of the Darkness Community Walk. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Rockville Town Center, 30 Maryland Ave., Rockville. This walk, in conjunction with 200 communities across the country this fall, benefits the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Visit www.afsp.org for more.

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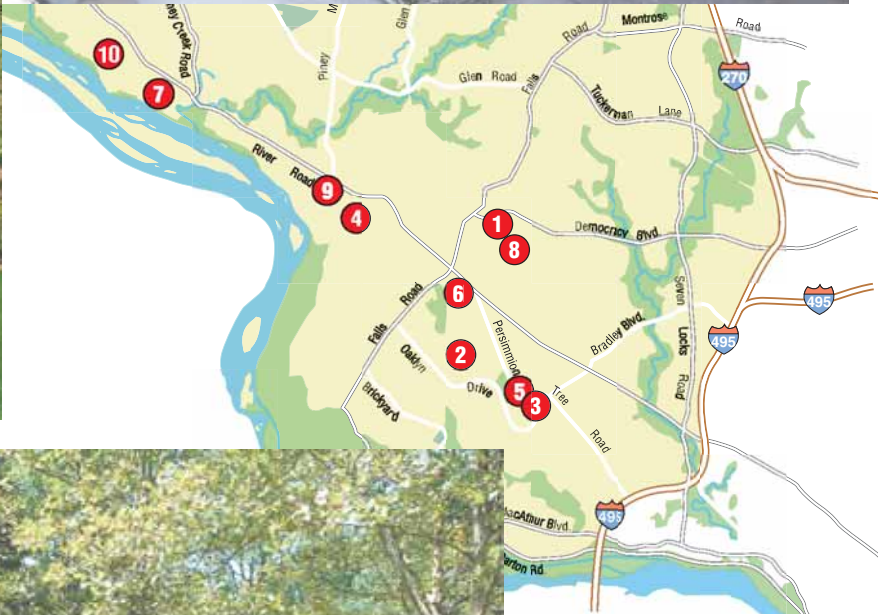
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Potomac Mansions on Tour

Event will benefit local charities.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

Four Potomac mansions will open their doors to the public next month for the 59th Potomac Country House Tour.

The tour is sponsored by St. Francis Episcopal Church, and proceeds go to local charities that address homelessness, hunger, elderly care and issues affecting women and children.

"In exchange for a pleasurable afternoon spent touring the homes and having lunch or shopping the boutiques and silent auction, tour goers get the satisfaction of knowing that 100 percent of proceeds benefit the homeless, hungry and disenfranchised," said Susan Dolan, house selection chair, Potomac Country House Tour 2015.

Among the homes is Villa dei Leoni, an estate reminiscent of an Italian villa.

"I fell in love with Villa dei Leoni the moment I first drove by it," said Dolan. "Its low, elegant lines and park-like setting on top of a hill overlooking the bucolic end of River Road had me frankly infatuated, and convinced that it was perfect for Potomac Country House Tour."

The villa's serene appearance was a collaborative effort between owners Donald and Johanna Hoffman and builder Howard Kandel, owner of the Kandel Construction Group. Transforming the home into its current Old World-style took two-and-a-half years.

"We started demolition the day our client closed on the house and the design was constantly evolving," said Kandel. "The scope, level of detailing and level of quality kept increasing as the project continued. The bar was constantly being raised."

"Originally, we were going to just clean up the house ... by updating the bathrooms, kitchen and floors and painting," he continued. "After the first week or two, the owners decided they wanted a more traditional house, something more 'Old World.' Ultimately, we completely gutted the inside, outside and grounds."

For example, the home's red brick exterior was replaced with stucco in hues of cream. A custom-made, carved marble fountain was added to the courtyard.

Light streams into the foyer through large windows



PHOTO BY JOHN TROHA

Villa dei Leoni, which is set on a 10-acre property, is one of the homes on the 59th Potomac Country House Tour.

crowned with marble arches. The flooring is made of cross-hatched marble in black, brown and cream. A 1,200-pound Italian table inlaid with marble, seashell and white pearl is the centerpiece of the foyer.

In the dining room, a crackle-glass mirror hangs above the fireplace and is flanked by Schonbek crystal sconces. The walls were painted to resemble marble.

A large, quartzite island sits in the home's kitchen, which is accented by a sliding wall of cabinets and white oak floors, made to resemble flooring in the White House. Two full walls of windows offer views of the pool and garden.

The home's lower level pays homage to the Washington Redskins, complete with trophy cases that display a collection of helmets and game balls. The last jersey worn by late free safety Sean Taylor hangs on the wall like artwork. A slate stone floor and wallpaper made to look like tufted leather help create a pub-like atmosphere.

Landscape architect H. Paul Davis designed the grounds behind the home, which include a patio, grilling kitchen, terraced

gardens, fish pond, pool and a pool house/ guest house.

Other homes on the tour include the Hye Land House, English Country Manor House and Holiday Carriage House, which is used as a guest house for the owner's children and grandchildren as well as a lower level workshop for the owner's Custom Wreaths of Potomac boutique.

"We are absolutely thrilled with the three grand homes on this year's tour," said Barbara Heywood, president, Women of St. Francis. "The tour is fun, provokes ideas and is entirely for the charities House Tour has supported for decades."

Potomac Country House Tour

Saturday, Oct. 3, and Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac. House Tour runs from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The boutiques and silent auction are open to the public both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Francis.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, online at www.potomaccountryhousetour.org or \$40 day of ticket at St. Francis and at each home. Admission to boutiques and silent auction is free.

Timeless Design Ideas

Hopkins & Porter's designers will host a home tour at 11628 Glen Road on Saturday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m.-4p.m. H&P built this house 18 years ago, and its staff will show how creative design, construction, and materials can age with style. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a raffle for two hours of free Handyman Service and a wine lover's gift basket. RSVP to lamar@hopkinsandporter.com or call Lamar at 301-840-1212 for more information.



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Say What?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Since I referenced, and initiated last week's column with, one of my favorite cancer stories (the thoracic surgeon quote), I thought it timely to update you with my newest – and most recent (July 31st, in fact) cancer story (yet another doctor's quote, from my oncologist).

Typically, I see my oncologist every three months, a week or so after my every-three-months CT Scan, to discuss the results and to examine me in person. As the years have passed, these post-scan examinations – given that the scan indicates the patient's condition/status, have been less about touching and feeling and more about asking and answering. As my oncologist has explained to me, there's been an evolution of sorts in the medical profession with respect to these post-scan appointments. If the scan shows no/minimal growth and/or movement, the doctor doesn't feel the need to examine me to learn that, since he knows that already from the previous week's scan. Generally speaking, a physical exam will likely not contradict/contraindicate what has already been interpreted by the radiologist. As an example, my oncologist doesn't need to feel if my lymph nodes are swollen if the scan shows they're not.

Up until July 31st, though, I've always had my usual face-to-face appointment/examination. But not this July 31st. That's when I had – after having it suggested by my doctor and his staff – my first phone appointment in lieu of an in-person one. If I had preferred meeting the doctor in his office, it certainly would have been allowed; but presumably, since my scan results were good/not problematic, there was no real need, so I was happy to save myself the 45-minute drive and phone it in.

Sure enough, at 11 A.M., my oncologist called me. I put the phone on speaker so that my wife, Dina, could hear/participate and then we began. It was identical to our usual in-person appointment. He asked me how I was "feeling; any new symptoms, any old symptoms (neuropathy, fatigue, headaches, eating/taste issues) which had gotten worse;" then the usual follow-up question, which led to my new favorite story: "Are you (meaning me) able to do the things in life that you usually do?" "Yes," I responded. Then, out of the blue, he asks: "Can you use chopsticks?" (To myself, I repeat: can I use chopsticks!?) Being a wise guy and sort of guessing his intent (wanting to judge my manual dexterity), I answered honestly and succinctly: "No," I said, and stayed silent, waiting, baiting him almost. There seemed to be some hesitation on his end as if he was processing new information from me – or so I thought, so I felt compelled a few seconds later to add: "But I've never been able to use chopsticks" and laughed out loud.

Now if truth be told, my doctor is Chinese, but we have never, ever had any kind of conversation about Chinese food or anything remotely Chinese, yet he felt it appropriate somehow to throw out this chopsticks reference. I've been laughing about it for weeks. I'm already looking forward to our next phone appointment. Although, given the fact that the next appointment – given any foreseen/unforeseen circumstances – will be scheduled the week after the first PET Scan I will have had in six and a half years (typically when we discuss the results of the previous week's scan), I imagine we'll meet in person. Still, if the PET indicates no change to my current condition, perhaps I won't be examined in person after all, or even phone it in again. Maybe we'll compromise and meet for lunch – at a Chinese restaurant?

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Students at Our Lady of Mercy School with their footprint banner — and the Pope Francis cutout.



The Rev. Christopher J. Seith, Principal Debbie Thomas, and the Rev. William D. Byrne.

Students Join ‘Walk with Pope Francis’

FROM PAGE 4

The Archdiocese of Washington initiated the Pledge in hope that it would take off nationwide, much as the ALS Association “Icebucket Challenge” did. Cardinal Donald Wuerf of Washington D.C. said, “The ‘Walk with Francis’ Pledge offers people the opportunity to demonstrate solidarity with the Holy Father and answer his call to bring Christ’s love, mercy and hope to others, especially those on the margins of society. The goal is to allow everyone in this community to enter into a physical tangible way of helping others so that we can offer that as our gift to the Pope. Pledges can vary from person to person — it’s simple, flexible and

measurable. They can give money to charity, pray more, perform acts of service or promote Church teachings.”

Our Lady of Mercy School students will be participating each month in acts of service. The school will sponsor projects and each class will also brainstorm ideas for service — and many individual students and families will also create their own meaningful volunteer opportunities.

The school has always been service oriented; students have been volunteering for service for many years. According to Vice Principal/8th grade teacher Frank English, “Last year, students assembled ‘breakfast-to-go’ bags for Cup of Joe, a Catholic Charities service commitment in which the home-

less are given a breakfast bag to take them when they must leave the shelter each day.” They also assembled Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, helped out in a women’s shelter and played basketball with Special Olympians.

Eighth grade students Ellie Brewer, Maggie Baker and Henry Sullivan each spent part of their summer vacation serving as volunteers. Ellie attended a camp where the emphasis was on volunteerism, Maggie helped out at the Byron House and Henry served as a mentor for younger children through his Leadership Training Program.

When asked what they like about Pope Francis, Ellie replied, “His mission as a

leader is to make changes and a difference in our world — and he is doing exactly that. Maggie said that “All people know about him and what a wonderful Pope he is,” and Henry said, “He is such a positive role model for the Catholic Church.”

Students will also create a video of their service projects during the year as a remembrance of this special year. The banner will hang on the wall all year to remind students to “Walk with Francis.” As Thomas said, “The walk with Francis and the emphasis on service projects will set the tone for the year. We are excited that students will learn the values that come from giving of themselves — and that their pledge to do service will continue throughout their lives.”

SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill Football Loses Opener To Clarksburg

The Churchill football team played its first game under head coach Albert Song on Friday, but the Bulldogs will have to wait at least one more week before the new coach earns his first win. Churchill lost its season opener to Clarksburg 27-8 on Sept. 4. The Bulldogs totaled 245 of offense. Andrew Zuckerman carried 23 times for 127 yards and a touchdown. Nino Tranquill carried 10 times for 80 yards. Tranquill completed 1 of 3 passes for 26 yards. Brett Miller was 4 of 5 for 9 yards. On defense, Jimmy Rubino led Churchill with nine tackles and a forced fumble. Dylan Whittaker and Tyler Marders each had six.

Churchill will travel to face Einstein (0-1) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

Whitman Football Suffers Lopsided Loss To Paint Branch

Facing a Paint Branch program that reached the 4A North region final last sea-

son, the Whitman football team opened the 2015 campaign with a 46-7 home loss on Sept. 4.

The Vikings were limited to 162 yards of offense. Quarterback Michael Clayton completed 6 of 15 passes for 58 yards and one touchdown, and was intercepted once.

Gunnar Morton caught two passes for 33 yards and a touchdown. He also carried 15 times for 58 yards.

Whitman (0-1) will be back in action with a home game against private school Landon (1-0) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

Bullis Football Loses To Mount Saint Joseph

The Bullis football team suffered a season-opening 35-21 loss to Mount Saint Joseph on Sept. 5.

Bullis quarterback Dwayne Haskins, Jr., who is committed to the University of Maryland and is the No. 23 recruit in the nation, according to ESPN.com, completed 25 of 44 passes for 351 yards and two touchdowns. Damani Neal had 12 catches for 117 yards and a touchdown. Cameron Brown had three receptions for 79 yards and a score. Andres Lopez carried 11 times for 55

yards and a touchdown, and caught three passes for 39 yards.

The Bulldogs will host Woodberry Forest at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 in their home opener.

Bullis has won three of the last four IAC championships.

Wootton Football Beats Kennedy

The Wootton football team defeated Kennedy 30-7 in its season opener on Sept. 4.

The Patriots (1-0) will travel to face Springbrook (1-0) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

Wootton Field Hockey Wins Opener

The Wootton field hockey team defeated Rockville 3-0 on Sept. 4.

The Patriots, who have advanced to at least the region final in the last three seasons, faced Holy Cross on Tuesday, after The Almanac’s deadline. Wootton will travel to face Walter Johnson at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.



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Churchill’s Nino Tranquill rushed for 80 yards during Friday’s loss to Clarksburg.



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