

People of all ages stop to look at and give thanks to Bob Simon through his statue during the vigil at the Lake Anne Plaza.

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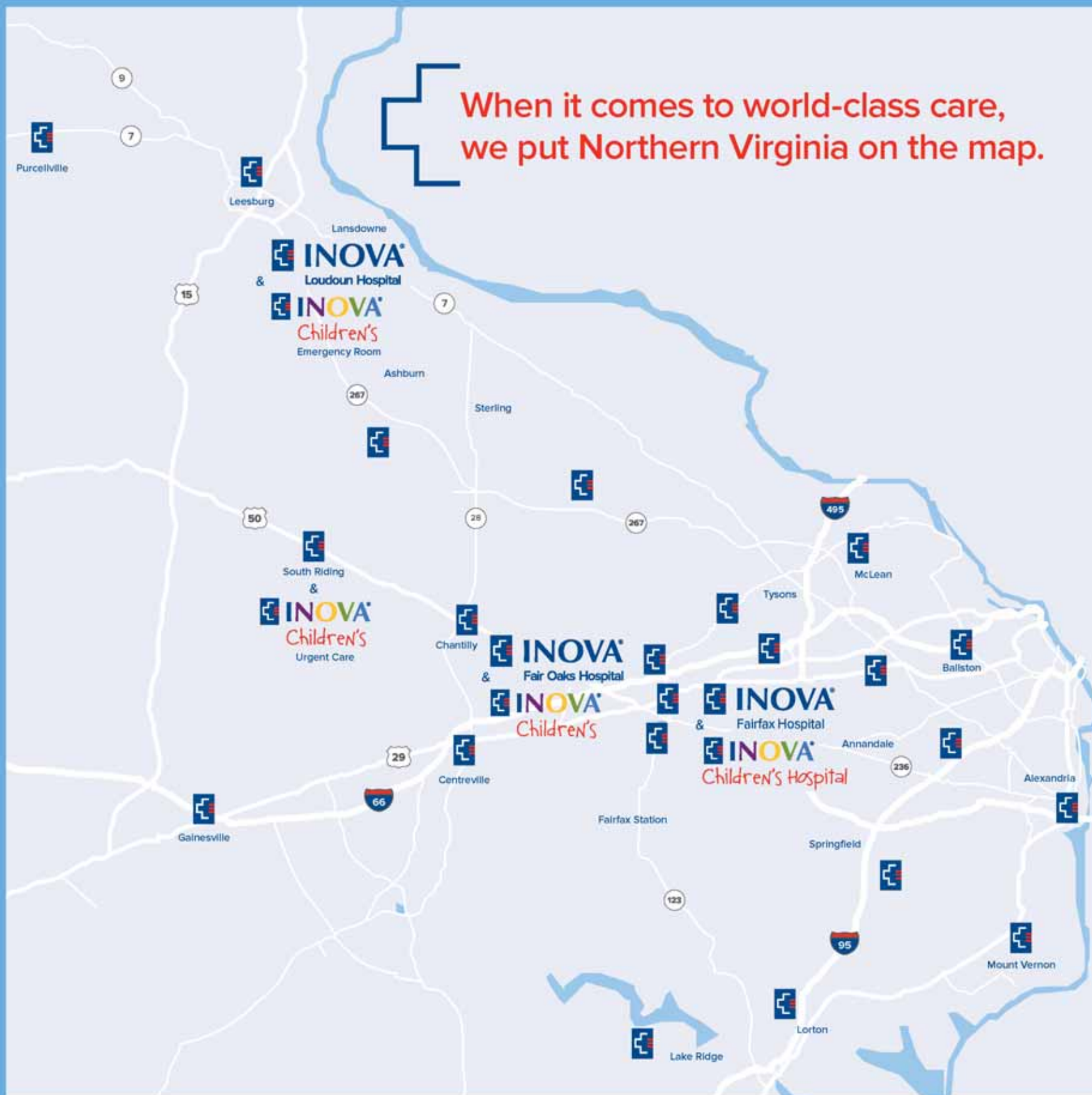
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The statue of Reston founder Robert Simon at Lake Anne Plaza is covered in flowers after his death Sept. 21.

Reston 2015: Year in Review

**Death of the Founder;
termination of Lake
Anne redevelopment,
defense of golf course
and more.**

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Robert E. Simon, 101, Reston Founder

Robert E. Simon died Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 at home at Lake Anne in Reston. He was 101. "Of course, it's with sadness, but we also all say, 'Thank you.' Thank you for having a Bob Simon," said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

"He was a good friend and liked everyone. We at Cornerstones feel blessed to have worked with him," said Kerrie Wilson, of Cornerstones. "Everyone is going to benefit from the legacy he leaves. ... He has been an inspiration to all of us for so long."

Simon grew up in New York, where his father ran a real estate business whose holdings included Carnegie Hall. Also among Robert Simon, Sr.'s holdings was part of Radburn, N.J., America's first Garden City that was founded in 1929.

When his father died in 1935, Simon was 21 and had just graduated from Harvard.

Within a couple years, he was running the family real estate business.

Part of his responsibilities involved running Carnegie Hall. Most of Simon's co-workers lived nearby in Manhattan, while Simon commuted by train from Syosset, a suburb in Long Island. His long commute and other suburban experiences translated directly into his vision for Reston of working, playing and living in the same area.

Simon also saw the value of convenient, local recreation and shopping centers at this time in his life. During this period, Simon also developed his appreciation for the value of housing opportunities for all income levels, not just the very wealthy.

In 1961, Simon purchased a 6,750-acre parcel of land in Northern Virginia, located 18 miles from D.C., even though at the time it was in the middle of nowhere. Fairfax County was then the fastest growing county in the country and nearby Dulles International Airport was being built.

Simon decided to develop Reston into a New Town, a large-scaled development that includes all functions of a well-rounded community — residential, commercial, industrial, cultural, recreational and civic. The team first developed Lake Anne and the more traditional Hunters Woods simultaneously. The first families started moving into their homes in November 1964.

In the fall of 1967, Reston's population had grown to 2,500, though it had fallen short of projections. The development group headed by Simon made an agreement with Gulf Oil to get loans of millions of dollars to cover some of the debts Reston was quickly accruing. But the new managers

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Highlights of 2015

Bipartisan Successes

Congressman Gerald E. Connolly (D-11): "It was a busy year for Congress which saw bipartisan action on major, long-overdue initiatives that will benefit every segment of our community. For starters, Congress passed another two-year bipartisan budget agreement that replaces some of the draconian sequester cuts, which have disproportionately harmed Northern Virginia. It's critical we maintain domestic and defense investments, and I will continue to push for relief from sequestration."

I was proud to represent Northern Virginia on the House-Senate conference committee that negotiated the new long-term transportation bill — the first in 10 years, which will provide more than \$530 million in new road, transit, and safety improvements across Virginia. Congress

also passed reforms to the Medicare payment formula to protect seniors and their doctors from harmful cuts, a perennial problem, and place it on a more sustainable path. We replaced the unpopular No Child Left Behind Act in favor of more flexible standards, and we passed new Trade Promotion Authority, setting rigorous labor, environmental, and enforcement standards for future trade deals. As you can see, Congress finally got something substantial done this year, and I hope these bipartisan successes will continue into 2016."



Gerald E. Connolly

Thank You to Retiring Supervisors

Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors: "This summer, Fairfax County showcased our impressive public safety capabilities during the exciting World Police and Fire Games."

In March, to build on and enhance an already great Police Department, I convened a Police Practices Review Commission.

Recommendations from this 30+ member Commission centered on use of force, response to offenders suffering from mental illness, communications, oversight and recruitment. Changes resulting from the work of the Commission will help foster our culture of public trust and ensure the fair and timely resolution

of police-involved incidents.

I signed on to Michelle Obama's "Mayor's Challenge" to end Veteran Homelessness by the end of 2015. Thanks to our strong

partnership with nonprofits and faith-based organizations, homeless veterans are now quickly identified and connected to support services and housing.

The year 2015 was an election year for local government. Please join me in saying "Thank you" to retiring supervisors Gerry Hyland and Mike Frey and "Welcome" to new Supervisors Dan Storck and Kathy Smith."



Sharon Bulova

Cranes Are Back, Big Time!

Del. Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D-36): "While some look at the jagged lines on a graph to see how a region is doing economically, I have a much simpler approach: I look at the distant horizon and count the number of construction cranes I see looming. For several years they had disappeared during the Great Recession, but they are back big time! Reston Station has had a couple of cranes in place finishing the Blvd Apartments that will be opening next year.

They were replaced by another crane at the office building going up on the plaza

at Reston Station. Around the corner, two cranes are working on an apartment building that will join the recently-opened Harrison Apartments and Avant at Town Center.

Spectrum is undergoing rejuvenation. All the construction is an indicator that our economy is healthy and that we will be able to enjoy the educational, cultural and community advantages that come with prosperity."



Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

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



The editorial in the September 21, 1897 *New York Sun*, responding to a letter from eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon who had inquired about whether there was a Santa Claus, has become the most reprinted newspaper editorial, according to the Newseum (<http://www.newseum.org/2014/12/22/is-there-a-santa-claus-yes-virginia/>). Virginia's father had told her that if she read it in the *Sun* it was certain to be true. The editor wrote, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they

abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy." Virginians, especially those around the capital city, have long believed in Santa Claus. The "Legendary Santa" has been meeting with boys and girls at Miller & Rhoads—first a department store and now a hotel in Richmond—for more than 75 years. There is ample proof that he is the "real" Santa Claus for he is able with assistance from the Snow Queen and some technology to call every child by name. We go with our grandchildren to see him at his latest location at the Children's Museum of Richmond. Read more about this Virginia tradition in "Legendary Santa's Stories from the Chair" (Children's Museum of Richmond, 2011, www.c-mor.org/santa/book). On page six is a photograph of young Jane Durham (now Plum) and her brother visiting Santa many years ago.

Throughout the capitol there is a quick-

ened pace of activity during the holiday season in anticipation of the General Assembly convening on Jan. 13. There are wish lists from all the agencies and special interests. And, yes, Commonwealth, if there is a Santa Claus here is my wish list for the legislative session, essentially duplicating my list from the last several years.

Virginia should extend health insurance to nearly half its uninsured working poor by expanding Medicaid. Not only would more people have access to preventative care as well as treatment, but Virginians would get more of their federal tax dollars back and a boost to the economy with the health care jobs being created.

While I am wishing, I want the General Assembly to expand background checks for all gun purchases to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and violent people. Just this past week I attended a vigil on the third

anniversary of the massacre of 20 children and 6 adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the second highest such shooting after Virginia Tech in 2007, and yet common sense gun safety laws have not been enacted. I also want the legislature to approve my bill to establish an independent redistricting commission that will fairly and objectively draw legislative boundaries. We would on my wish list outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation. And while we are at it, we need to get the state back to the position of being an equal partner in funding public schools.

None of these goals will be reached by simply wishing for them. Hard work, determination and public pressure can make them reality. Just like in Santa's workshop, there needs to be a lot of work done behind the scenes. Could this be the year I get what I want?

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forced Simon out.

"What happened was we were going full blast and running out of money," Simon said in an interview with the Connection on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

"They said, 'you'll have to leave,' and he said, 'no, you'll have to fire me,'" said Simon's stepdaughter and Reston Museum board member Lynn Lilienthal.

At the time, Reston was one of the only places in Virginia where housing was not segregated.

Simon left Reston and moved back to New York, but returned to Reston in 1993.

Lake Anne Redevelopment Dies?

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Lake Anne Development Partners LLC have terminated their contract to revitalize and redevelop Lake Anne.

"LADP indicated that serious market obstacles exist, and that the initial deal negotiated with the County may not be economically viable at this time," according to county documents.

"I fear the outlook for Lake Anne revitalization is not good," said longtime Lake Anne resident and advocate John Lovaas. "Certainly, we face at minimum, two-to-three years additional delay. Worse, it is difficult to imagine a project of the high quality of LADP's plan emerging from the ruins, and harder yet to imagine one with anywhere near the generous affordable housing components."

Plans to renovate apartments and commercial plaza had been approved by the Board of Supervisors in March, "after years of debate and discussion."

The plan for Lake Anne called for 1,037 new mixed-income residential units, more than 110,000 square feet of new retail in-

cluding a 15,800-square-foot boutique grocery, 82,454 square feet of office space, an amphitheater with outdoor movie screen, an expanded plaza with community gathering area, multiple public parks and additional trails, underground parking and more.

Lake Anne turned 50 years old in 2014, the year Bob Simon, Reston's founding father turned 100.

"Lake Anne is still taught today as a case study at almost every American architecture and urban-design program," said Michael E. Hickok, architect of a massive redevelopment proposal approved by the Board of Supervisors in the spring. "To say it was ahead of its time is an understatement."

Cathy Hudgins, Reston's representative on the Board of Supervisors, is not happy about the situation.

"We'll have to reassess," Hudgins said. "Lake Anne is an asset. Crescent is an asset. We'll have to build upon what we still have."

"The Crescent community has been on edge," she said.

Residents of the Crescent Apartments, who would have had to move for the Lake Anne plan to go forward, were anxious about the timeline, and it was time to let them know that they could stay put because the deal would not go forward at this time.

The Crescent apartments had developed significant vacancies associated with the planned redevelopment, but will now begin leasing again soon.

Circuit Court Rules on Golf Course

The owners of Reston National Golf Course hope to build housing on the land in the future, but a recent court ruling will require them to go through the usual zon-

ing process to do so.

Circuit Court Judge Michael F. Devine made a ruling that protects Reston National Golf Course from being developed, at least until the owners of the golf course navigate the proper channels to seek a land use change, or continue to appeal its case.

Judge Devine granted Fairfax County Attorney Laura Gori's motion for summary judgment filed by Fairfax County, meaning the Circuit Court vacated and voided the April 15, 2015 county Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) decision concerning the Reston National Golf Course.

"The circuit court ruling on Friday, Nov. 6, is considered a defeat for the owner of the golf course and is significant because any redevelopment of the course must now be preceded by the filing of specific plans with the county, which will then be compared with the Development Plans approved in 1971," said John McBride, Reston Association's legal counsel.

"These plans are in the county zoning files and clearly limit use of the land to a golf course, open space and driving range. Any change to these approved plans will require amendment approval by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The golf course owner had sought to avoid this requirement for a plan amendment by seeking by-right use status for a number of residential and other uses."

"This is an important step forward in defending Reston's permanent open space," said Connie Hartke, of Rescue Reston.

"The property owner of Reston National Golf Course is back to square one. Their choices are: appeal to Virginia Supreme Court, follow County process to attempt a land use change, accept that no means no," she said.

"There is a significant cost to submit a PRC plan that could be dead on arrival," said Scott D. Helsel, attorney for RN Golf, tallying a \$100,000 application fee and half

a million dollars necessary for engineering, environment, sewer and stormwater plans to be able to submit an application,

"That's an expensive way to find out an answer to the question we want an answer to," he said.

RA Purchases Tetra Property

Reston Association (RA) bought the 3.47 acre Tetra property, 11450 Baron Cameron Ave., for \$2.65 million in July. Two months earlier via referendum, association members voted to approve the purchase the property for community and recreation use.

"The Tetra Property purchase represents a historic moment for our association. It is the first time in RA's history that property has been acquired to protect against over development, to enhance green space and to increase community and recreational use opportunities for members," said Reston Association Board president Ellen Graves.

RA CEO Cate Fulkerson said she believes the property will be ready for the community to use by spring 2016.

"Members will not see an impact to their assessment fee from this purchase until 2018 at the earliest," she said.

The property, which sits between RA's Lake Newport Tennis Court complex and part of the RA's Brown Chapel Park, creates a continuous band of 98 acres of common area property or parkland.

Silver Line Turns One

The Silver Line celebrated its first birthday with festivities at the Wiehle-Reston East stop on July 26.

"Wiehle-Reston East continues to be the Silver Line's commuting powerhouse, surpassing first-year ridership projections with

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NEWS

Reston Hospital Center Receives Chest Pain Center Accreditation

HCA Virginia's Reston Hospital Center received full Chest Pain Center Accreditation with Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) with Resuscitation from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care (SCPC) on Nov. 11. To become an Accredited Chest Pain Center, the hospital and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were thoroughly evaluated for the ability to assess, diagnose and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack. The team met or exceeded a wide set of criteria and an onsite review by an accreditation specialist.

"Reston Hospital Center is committed to offering the highest standards of safety and quality care for our patients. This accreditation represents our ongoing dedication to expand and improve our clinical practices," said John Deardorff, CEO of Reston Hospital Center.

"This accreditation reflects the dedication and professional excellence of the physicians and staff at Reston Hospital Center," said Dr. David Jacobs, medical director of the emergency department. "It also validates that we have the necessary processes in place to reduce the time from the start of symptoms to diagnosis, and treat patients more quickly during the window of time when the heart muscle can be preserved."

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the United States, with 600,000 people dying annually of heart disease. More than five million Americans visit hospitals each year with chest pain. SCPC's goal is to significantly reduce the mortality rate of these patients by teaching the public to recognize and react to the early symptoms of a possible heart attack, reduce the time that it takes



to receive treatment, and increase the accuracy and effectiveness of treatment.

An Accredited Chest Pain Center's (CPC) evidence-based, protocol-driven and systematic approach to cardiac patient care allows clinicians to reduce time to treatment during the critical early stages of a heart attack. Accredited facilities better monitor patients when it is not initially clear whether or not a patient is having a coronary event. Such monitoring ensures patients are neither sent home too early nor needlessly admitted.

SCPC's CPC Accreditation process came about as greater numbers of facilities in the United States sought to establish standards and adopt best practices in the quality of care provided to patients experiencing chest pain. SCPC's CPC Accreditation process ensures that hospitals meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and undergo a comprehensive onsite review by a team of accredi-

tation review specialists. Hospitals that receive SCPC CPC Accreditation status have achieved a higher level of expertise in dealing with patients who present with symptoms of a heart attack. They emphasize the importance of standardized diagnostic and treatment programs that provide more efficient and effective evaluation as well as more appropriate and rapid treatment of patients with chest pain and other heart attack symptoms. They also serve as a point of entry into the healthcare system to evaluate and treat other medical problems, and they help to promote a healthier lifestyle in an attempt to reduce the risk factors for heart attack.

By achieving SCPC's Chest Pain Center with Primary PCI with Resuscitation Accreditation status, Reston Hospital Center demonstrates expertise in the following areas:

- ❖ Integrating the emergency department with the local emergency medical system;
- ❖ Assessing, diagnosing, and treating patients quickly;
- ❖ Effectively treating patients at low risk for acute coronary syndrome and no assignable cause for their symptoms;
- ❖ Continually seeking to improve processes and procedures;
- ❖ Ensuring the competence and training of Accredited Chest Pain Center personnel;
- ❖ Maintaining organizational structure and commitment;
- ❖ Constructing a functional design that promotes optimal patient care;
- ❖ Supporting community outreach programs that educate the public to promptly seek medical care if they display symptoms of a possible heart attack.

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OPINION

Merry Christmas

We wish you hope, peace, love and joy during this holiday season.

The pages of the Connection have been full of holiday spirit for more than a month. Menorah lightings, group and individual efforts to help the needy, stories of giving, secular celebrations, religious celebrations. Shopping locally. Giving locally.

Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether you believe the Christmas story literally or in spirit, you know it is the story of joy, hope and love, the promise of redemption.

It is also about embracing the teachings of Jesus: to love thy neighbor as thyself; to help the needy; to feed and clothe the poor; to care for those who are sick; to treat others as you would have them treat you.

Matthew 7:12 "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 25:35-40 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we

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see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

So let us share the verse relating the birth of Jesus from the Bible, Luke 2: 4-19:

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

— MARY KIMM

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Editor's Note about the rest of 2015: This is our last regular edition of 2015. Next week, after Christmas, we will publish our annual Children's Connection, devoted entirely to the artwork and writing of local students. Our next regular editions will publish Jan. 6-7, 2016, with deadline for content and advertising of Dec. 30 (late ads accepted).

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The Time to Give

County promotes 11 ways to give back to your community.

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It's the most wonderful time of the year ... to help others. Fairfax County has made it easy with its "Forget the Fruitcake — Ways to Give Campaign" that promotes 11 ways to give back to your community. Running through the end of the year, you can donate to any of these 11 county nonprofits, foundations and agencies in honor of anyone on your gift list. It makes shopping easy and offers you a nice tax deduction. But best of all, it helps those organizations succeed in bringing goods and services to those who need them most at this time of year.

On any given day more than 67,000 people go hungry in the county and more than 30 percent of the students in Fairfax County

schools are eligible for free and reduced lunch. Despite its affluent status, Fairfax has a population that benefits from programs such as "Ways to Give." There is something for everyone on your list whether they like animals, education, summer fun or community spirit. Gifts that give back include books, a week at camp, medical care, bikes, trees and food for the hungry.

Through a partnership with ad agency Williams Whittle, Fairfax County's Office of Public Private Partnerships has honed the mes-

sage and the graphics which has made a difference in the look and feel of the campaign. Williams Whittle liked the campaign in previous years and offered their professional services and contacts to make the program even better. And it's resulted in numerous pro bono advertisement and engagement from community stakeholders. One beneficiary of the increased exposure was the Fairfax County Restoration Project (FCRP) — whose mission is to restore the tree canopy in Fairfax County. When the first ad was placed in

the Connection in mid-November, FCRP reported a 70 percent increase in visits to their website that offers to plant five native trees in honor of a family member or friend.

This is the fifth year of the "Ways to Give" campaign that so far has resulted in an increase of 50 percent in web traffic. Although donation numbers won't be available until January, participating agencies and nonprofits have reported a surge in traffic to their sites.

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WEDNESDAY/DEC. 30

Puppet Show: Wild Winter Break. 10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Enjoy a creative puppet show about how the animals at the nature center are spending their winter break. Create an animal puppet of your own to take home. Ages 5 to 12 with an adult. \$6/\$8. Reserve by Sunday, Dec. 24. naturecenter@reston.org. 703-476-9689.

THURSDAY/DEC. 31

New Year's Eve Celebrations for Children. 2-4 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Children's crafts and dance Workshop with Acoatzin Torres. Free cocoa and snacks. Register at website: <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/events-2/>. 703-956-6590.

New Year's Eve Celebrations for Adults. 10 p.m.-12:20 a.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. A Night of New Orleans Jump Blues with Herbie D. and the Dangersmen. \$25. Cash bar. <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/events-2/>. 703-956-6590.

New Year's Eve Scramble Golf Event. 8:30 a.m. Centennial Gold Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Breakfast, gold and prizes. \$70 per player. Register by Monday, Dec. 21. <http://www.herndongolf.com/>.

SUNDAY/JAN. 3

Country Western Dance. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Line dance, two-step, shuffle and swing the night away to popular country/western tunes played by RCC's DJ. Refreshments served. 18 and older. \$5/\$10. 703-476-4500.

TUESDAY/JAN. 5

Cafe Montmartre Painting with a Twist. 7 p.m. Cafe Montmartre, 1625 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Paint a gorgeous, Van Gogh-inspired picture of the Eiffel Tower. Artist/instructor, and Lake Anne resident, Luisa Vargas, will walk you through step by step and make sure your painting is a masterpiece. Find out how to reserve your place at 703-904-8080.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 6

Election Information Session. 7-8:30 p.m. Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Information session for members interested in running for a position on the RA Board of Directors. Three seats on the board open in April of 2016: Lake Anne/Tall Oaks District Representative, North Point District Representative, and At-Large Member. www.reston.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

Sunday Afternoon Dance. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Dancers of all skill levels are welcome to foxtrot, swing, cha-cha, and waltz during these fun afternoon dances. Music selection ranges from golden oldies to today's more modern dance selections. Door prizes and



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”When it rains, it pours” by Yeong-hi Paik will be on display at ArtSpace Herndon’s Korean Pop Art in America from Dec. 8-Jan. 10.



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Portal, 2014, Mylar, fossils, variable dimensions by Rebecca Kamen is on display at the gallery at Greater Reston Arts Center from Dec. 1-Feb. 13.

light refreshments add to the fun; partners are not required. 18 and older. \$5/\$10 per session. 703-476-4500.

SATURDAY/JAN. 16

”Remembering the Dream.” 4 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Reston Community Orchestra celebrates the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at its next concert “Remembering the Dream” with symphonic works, spirituals, and songs inspired by his legacy. Featuring baritone Bryan Jackson and Reston's own Beverly Cosham.

Free. www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.
Only Light Can Do That! 4-5 p.m. Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Living history musical celebrating the genius, the greatness, the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Starring actor, dancer, singer Hasani Allen (Next Stop Theatre's Kiss Me Kate) as Dr. King. Free-\$20. <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/only-light-can-do-that/>. 703-956-6590.

Saturday Kids Program. 10 a.m. Reston Art Gallery, 11400 Washington Plaza W, Reston. For children 3-11. This week's project: MLK, “I Have a Dream” drawings. No

Ongoing

”Middletown” by Will Eno. Jan. 14-Feb. 7. NextStop Theatre Company, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. In this quirky, modern companion to “Our Town,” residents of Middletown seek the meaning of suburban life. Encounter thought-provoking universal themes and a few personalities you may recognize from your own neighbors and

friends. www.NextStopTheatre.org. 703-481-5930.

2016 ArtSpace Herndon Fine Art Photography Competition. Submission by 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. ArtSpace Herndon invites photographers from Virginia, DC, Maryland, and West Virginia to participate in the competition. It is open to fine art photographers aged 18 or older working in any medium (digital or analog, color or



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Herbie D and the Dangersmen return for the annual New Year's Eve Celebration at ArtSpace Herndon.

ArtSpace Herndon to Host New Year's Eve Celebrations

ArtSpace Herndon is inviting the public to the New Year's Eve celebrations for children and adults on Dec. 31.

From 2-4 p.m., parents will celebrate the New Year with their children ages 5 to 12 at the Children's Crafts and Dance Workshop led by one of the region's most celebrated youth art and dance instructors - Acoatzin Torres. This two-hour program includes a fun scarf design crafts workshop along with Acoatzin's popular Bollywood, Latin and American folkloric dance lessons. The cost is only \$5 per child and includes complimentary cocoa and snacks. Children should wear old clothes because the craft activity involves fabric dyes.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For the adults, ArtSpace Herndon is happy to announce the return of Herbie D and the Dangersmen - back by popular demand, for the annual New Year's Eve Celebration. Dance the night away to traditional and New Orleans jump blues while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a champagne toast at midnight. The donations for wine and beer will be accepted. The celebration is from 10 p.m.-12:30 a.m. and tickets are only \$25/person.

Both events are expected to sell out fast, so be sure to reserve your seats early by visiting ArtSpaceHerndon.org or calling 703-956-6590.

reservation needed. 703-481-8156. www.restonartgallery.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 17

Anna Deavere Smith from Rodney King to Michael Brown. 8 p.m. CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Returns to Reston with her electric performance and dialogues. \$25/\$35. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Bluegrass-Circa Blue. 7 p.m. Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Tight vocal harmonies, clean instrumentation and creative arrangements keep audiences tapping their toes or dancing in their seats. \$18, \$20. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/>.

MONDAY/JAN. 18

Anna Deavere Smith Reston MLK Birthday Celebration Keynote Address and Community Lunch. Noon. CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$5/\$10. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Reston Camp Expo. 9 a.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Learn about providers who serve Reston youth throughout the school year and summer. Also features employment information, demonstrations and crafts and activities for children. www.restoncommunitycenter.com. 703-390-6162.



Matt Wojciechowski in 2015 helped the South Lakes baseball team earn its first region tournament berth since 2003.



Eric Kirlaw and the South Lakes football team finished 9-3, including a playoff victory, in 2015.

Top Reston/Herndon Sports Moments from 2015

South Lakes baseball, football win in playoffs.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The year 2015 included the end of a playoff drought, a program turnaround and a few individual titles for Reston/Herndon high school sports.

Two South Lakes teams that had struggled in recent seasons showed improvement, while a Herndon gymnast out-performed her peers.

The following is a look at some of the top moments in Reston/Herndon sports from the year 2015.

South Lakes Baseball Ends Regional Drought

The South Lakes baseball team defeated Washington-Lee 3-1 in the Conference 6 tournament quarterfinals on May 15, earning the Seahawks their first region tournament berth since 2003.

While snapping a regional drought of more than a decade was reason enough to celebrate, the Seahawks would add to their memorable 2015 postseason.

South Lakes entered the 6A North region tournament as the No. 4 seed from Conference 6 and upset Conference 7 champion Lake Braddock 5-0 in the opening round on May 29.

One reason for South Lakes' success was the play of Matt Wojciechowski, who earned second-team all-state honors at second base and also pitched for the Seahawks. Wojciechowski earned the win on the mound against W-L, allowing one run on four hits while striking out 11.



Herndon gymnast Alexa Bradley won the 2015 Conference 5 all-around championships.

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South Lakes Football Finds Success

Prior to 2015, the South Lakes football program compiled a record of 11-30 in the previous four seasons, including 2-8 during head coach Trey Taylor's first campaign with the program in 2014.

With a sophomore quarterback leading

the offense and an improved defense limiting opponents, South Lakes turned things around in 2015, finishing the regular season with a record of 8-2 — the program's best regular season mark in more than 15 years, according to vhs1-reference.com.

In the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs, the Seahawks overcame a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Oakton 35-28. Sophomore quarterback Devin Miles

completed 17 of 28 passes for 214 yards and three touchdowns, with one interception. Marvin Grunshie had seven receptions for 114 yards and two scores.

In the quarterfinals, South Lakes challenged eventual state champion Westfield before falling to the Bulldogs 24-13.

South Lakes ended the year with a 9-3 record and finished second in the Conference 6 standings behind Madison.

Herndon's Keys, Meilus Win State Championships

Herndon sophomore pole vaulter Jessica Keys and sophomore swimmer Emily Meilus each won individual state titles during the winter season.

Keys won the pole vault title during indoor track season with a clearance of 9 feet, 9 inches. Meilus repeated as 100 backstroke champion with a time of 55.08 seconds.

Herndon's Bradley Wins Conference 5 Gymnastics Title

Herndon gymnast Alexa Bradley won the 2015 Conference 5 all-around championship on Feb. 5 at Centreville High School, beating her nearest competitor by more than two points. Then a sophomore, Bradley produced a score of 36.175. Robinson's Caroline Burda was second with 34.05.

Bradley finished first on floor (9.575), bars (9) and beam (8.5), and placed third on vault (9.1).

Bradley's performance helped Herndon finish second as a team and earn one of the conference's two regional berths.

Bradley would go on to compete as an individual at the state meet. Her best event was bars, on which she placed 15th with a score of 8.975.

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Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce CEO Jim Corcoran, new Metro general manager Paul Wiedefeld, Chair of the Board of Directors of the WMATA Mortimer L. Downey, and Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins attended a Dec. 17 public meeting at Wiehle–Reston East station. Wiehle–Reston East station is the current final stop for the Metro’s Silver Line.



Metro’s New Manager Meets the Public

Farewell paper tickets, welcome General Manager Wiedefeld.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

In 1965, federal legislation allowed for the creation of a mass transit system for Washington, D.C. The Washington Metro system would be part of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s vision to rebuild cities and bring the nation together. Washington Metro system was begun with ambitions, and started service in 1976. Almost forty years later, new General Manager Paul Wiedefeld is trying to win back public support for the transit system.

WMATA transit systems have been facing a loss of credibility with frequent delays and lack of transparency. Wiedefeld said his priority is safety and to improve reliability. Wiedefeld is a former head of Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and a former Maryland transit official. The new GM says he will not seek to raise wage transportation fees until 2017. With the opening of the Silver Line, Metrorail serves a total of 91 stations on a 118-mile system in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Since accepting the position of general manager, Wiedefeld has fielded questions from riders at a public forums, including the newly formed WMATA Riders’ Union. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission hosted a forum at the Wiehle–Reston East station Thursday, Dec. 17 to hear from the public about WMATA and help identify solutions for Metro. Attending were Wiedefeld, Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Chair of the Board of Directors of the WMATA Mortimer L. Downey, and Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce CEO Jim Corcoran.

Virginia’s two principal (voting) directors on the WMATA board include Corcoran, who represents the state government, and Hudgins who represents Fairfax County on the panel. In January, Hudgins will reach the 12-year mark as a Metro board member.

Virginia’s two alternate members, Arlington County Board Chairman Mary Hynes and Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, are leaving office.

After an introduction, Wiedefeld joined Hudgins, Downey, and Corcoran in taking questions from an audience of over twenty persons at the Wiehle–Reston East station. Wiedefeld shared he uses the Metro in his work commute. Downey said the Metro radio system needs to be replaced, so at the same time equipment to improve cell phone reach will be installed. FCC Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and Downey hope the project can be completed in less than five years. Wiedefeld also said a nationwide search is underway for a new safety director at Metro.

Arlington resident Audrey Clement encouraged Wiedefeld to focus on maintenance issues during his first year as manager. Other topics mentioned at the Reston meeting included the possibility of a frequent-flyer or frequent-rider program, along with time changes for Metro morning peak hour fare. WMATA will also try out a flexible “name your own price” passes. Some in audience wondered if praise is shared with Metro staff. “I never hear anything back if I call in to compliment a conductor,” said Merrifield resident Kerry Morse. This lead to questions on whether Metro staff and station managers could enjoy a sense of ownership or pride on the stations and lines they worked.

Alexandria resident John Nelson, who uses the Metro Blue Line and will join the Riders’ Advisory Council (RAC) in January, asked if police presence could be encouraged at the Metro stations. Wiedefeld agreed with the idea, and wants increased police visibility, not just at the information kiosks but also on the platforms.

Arlington resident Brian Gannon, who works in Reston as a facility manager at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Wood, attended the Dec. 17 Reston meeting. While Gannon said the official WMATA mobile phone app could be improved, he was glad Metro has a permanent manager. “I like how the general manager is making himself available and listening. I am optimistic,” said Gannon.

In the meantime, work continues on Phase 2 of the Virginia Silver Line, which is expected to reach Dulles International Airport and begin service in 2020.



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South African Village with children.

Global Village at Lake Anne

On Friday, Dec. 11, Lake Anne Nursery Kindergarten (LANK) held its third annual Global Village event, which celebrated family, peace, and diversity. Through four village scenes, LANK preschoolers and their families experienced traditions, customs, and unique cultural insights into what it means to be a family in different parts of the world.

LANK built four village scenes that served as replicas of what a “visit” to South Africa, Thailand and Indonesia, Scotland, and a community shelter may be like. With a trip to each, students interacted, built, asked questions, and explored, thereby stimulating their natural curiosity and desire to learn. They sang a family song from South Africa and made braided Koeksisters (a donut), played with traditional paper sailing baskets called “Loi Krathong” from Thailand, learned about Scottish families called “clans,” and how fami-

lies who experience transition or challenge may spend some time together in a temporary shelter. In the shelter they discussed the difference between needs and wants. To sweeten the experience, unique foods and drinks from each village were available to sample, and books and musical instruments were showcased to round out the event.

In an effort to tie the global community theme to our local community, families were asked to bring a blanket donation that was then provided to the Embury Rucker Community Shelter, a Reston organization that provides residential and drop-in services and supplies each night for up to 70 people. The shelter is urgently in need of blankets this winter. For information on how you can donate, contact Susan Alger, volunteer manager, at susan.alger@cornerstonesva.org or 571-323-1383.

—JACQUELYN ROTH



Village Thailand, Indonesia.

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Temp Shelter Discussion: Needs vs. Wants.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Last week I was "naive and delusional." This week, not so much. Meaning: I'm well aware of my circumstances and not minding what usually matters. To that point, there's no doubt there are days/weeks that are more challenging than others. And even though I'm a veteran of the cancer wars, seven years and counting come this Feb. 27, I have been to have been blessed with the proper temperament and attitude for the task at hand: enduring the stress and strain of dealing with a cancer diagnosis and all its effects and affects and not going negative/dark in the process. It's not as if cancer has become my new best friend, more like a roommate I've learned to accept — who's not moving out any time soon, but I have learned to manage, mostly. (I am a Libra after all, and balance is my symbol.)

Still, over time, you do get used to the demands. You find a way to ignore the symptoms, not so much that it risks your health, but enough so it doesn't "anguish" your daily life. Because there's definitely no future — or rather not much of one, when every day becomes an emotional battle to the hopefully-not, death, so to speak. I don't want to give cancer too much credit but, it's a fairly powerful adversary and contributing to its strength serves no purpose and creates no advantage. It doesn't need any help doing all the harmful physical, emotional and spiritual, things it does. Granted, nipping it all in the bud is much easier in the garden than it is in the doctor's office/infusion center, but unless you become the master of your domain, the king of the castle, the lord of the manor, the more difficult your cancer experience will be.

This is not to imply that a positive attitude cures cancer. (But I doubt it hurts.) This is more to say that being miserable, feeling sorry for yourself or "woeing" is me, though understandable under the circumstances is boring and as Prince Kuragin (a character from Downton Abbey) said: "Nothing is more tedious than other person's misfortunes." And I certainly don't want to be tedious and boring. As a matter of fact, I'll make the extra effort — even when I don't feel like it, to avoid being thought of as anything but healthy and dare I say, normal. The more positivity I can exude, the more positivity I likely will receive in turn. It's not exactly chemotherapy, targeted treatment or immunotherapy, but "Good Vibrations" is more than just a Beach Boys classic. It's a way to my heart and soul, and hopefully to my lungs as well.

When it comes to being a cancer patient, I know what I know/what I feel, and more importantly — in my mind, anyway, I know what I don't know. Facts, figures, protocols, drugs, clinical trials, I don't know. As my wife's deceased, maternal grandmother, Franny would say: I'm as "dumb as a post." For me, ignorance is sort of bliss. I don't worry about what I don't know; I already have enough trouble worrying about what I do know.

Ergo my strategy: take the good with the bad — which is easy, and when there is bad, compartmentalize it somehow; put it in "the vault." To summarize; and with all credit and respect to Bing Crosby (singing in "White Christmas"): I must "Accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative. Latch on to the affirmative." Moreover, I have to believe if I want to feel good, I have to think good — thoughts that is. And the more humor and normalcy I have in my life, the better I'll feel and think. I don't know if my future will be any better because of it but my present sure will be.

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

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TUESDAY/JAN. 5

General Norton Schwartz. 8-9 p.m. Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. One-hour discussion titled, "Jewish Americans and Public Service." 703-863-7639.

ONGOING

The **Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs a bingo caller and an art therapy assistant. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Herndon Senior Center** needs a volunteer trained in taking blood pressure, Social Visitors and a Baked Goods Table Manager. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/lombudsman/.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov. Fairfax County needs a volunteer **Senior Center Marketing Coordinator** to assist the Friends of Fairfax County Senior Centers with marketing. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Free Support Group for Parents with Children with Autism. Saturdays at 10-11 a.m. 462 Herndon Parkway, Suite 202,

Herndon.

Food Addicts in Recovery. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Are you having trouble controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free 12 step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or www.foodaddicts.org.

Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels urgently needs drivers in the Annandale, Franconia/Kingstowne, Reston, Mount Vernon and McLean areas. 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

Knitting Enthusiasts, Musicians Needed.

10:30 a.m.-noon, at Herndon Senior Center. Herndon Senior Center seeks a knitting enthusiast to teach basic procedures. Musicians to play soothing music on weekend mornings also needed. 703-324-5406, TTY 711, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadult or VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Habitat Heroes Project. The fourth Saturday of each month. Join the Habitat Heroes in protecting Reston's forests from aggressive plants and restoring them to their natural state. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and if possible, gardening gloves to protect from insects and dangerous plants. R.A. will provide tools, gloves, snacks, and water. To volunteer and find more information, contact habrock@reston.org or 703-435-7986.

Arabic-speaking Older Adult Social Visits.

Fairfax County needs volunteers who speak Arabic to provide social visits to an elderly person in Reston for four hours per month. 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

Long-Term Care Volunteer Ombudsman Program Needs Volunteers.

Ombudsmen advocate for the rights of residents of nursing and assisted living facilities—they also help residents resolve conflict and improve their quality of life. 703-324-5861 TTY 711 or Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Shepherds Center McLean-Arlington-Falls Church Area Needs Volunteers. Varying times, 1205 Dolley Madison Boulevard, McLean. Volunteers who can provide transport to and from medical appointments, assistance during grocery and pharmacy trips, make friendly calls to home-bound individuals, help complete minor home repairs, and assist in yard work and chores are needed. 703-506-2199.

Year in Review

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nearly 9,200 boardings, or 18,400 week-day entries and exits last month," said Mike Tolbert, public information officer with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Silver Line has been a positive and exciting addition to Reston and the area, in general," said Sridhar Ganesan, president of the Reston Citizens Association.

"Even though Silver Line currently ends at Wiehle, which is at one end of Reston, we are still seeing a lot of people arriving to Reston during peak times," he said. "Clearly, a positive impact is that this many people are off the roads and making it an easier commute."

Nearly 220,000 trips were taken to and from the five new Silver Line stations during the first week of service one year ago in 2014, including 9,197 boardings in the month of June.

The Silver Line stops in Fairfax County's largest business district (Tysons Corner) and in the county's second-largest commercial center (Reston). The Silver Line has already had a big effect on business and workforce development and "changes are just beginning," according to Alan Fogg of the Economic Development Authority.

Anxieties still surround transit.

"While the Silver Line has quickly ramped up to the averages of many of the stations within the metro area, the proposed funding formula creates anxieties for those that are forced to use the toll roads," said Ganesan, of the Reston Citizens Association, "as the tolls are supposed to make up for revenue shortfalls to service the financing of Silver Line."

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins Unopposed

Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D) won re-election to her seat with more than 94 percent of the vote in November; her only competition came from undeclared write-ins.

Communities included in the Hunter Mill District include parts of Tysons Corner and Vienna, north Vienna, Reston, Oak Hill and some areas around Herndon.

Hudgins was first elected in 1999, and serves as the Chair of the Board's Human Services and Housing and Community Development committees and member of the Governing Board for the Initiative to Prevent and End Homelessness.



Newly elected officials listen to Judge Penney S. Azcarate, who once worked as a prosecutor for Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh.



Fairfax County Sheriff's office singing stars, Myrna Kinney, Sommer Grasty and Nicole Arnet, sang the national anthem and "America the Beautiful."

‘Honor, Humility, Humanity’

Members of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, constitutional officers, sworn in.

Hundreds of friends, family, constituents and county employees came on Tuesday, Dec. 15 to see the swearing-in of the members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and constitutional officers.

Music was provided by the Chantilly High School Orchestra. Deputy Sheriff Rob Deer played the bagpipes, and the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Singing Stars, Myrna Kinney, Sommer Grasty and Nicole Arnet, sang the national anthem and "America the Beautiful."

Sharon Bulova was sworn in for her third term as chairman of the Board of Supervisors, although she began as Braddock District supervisor in 1988 and has served on the board since then. The Board of Supervisors consists of the chairman, elected at large, and nine district members.

With two members of the board retiring, there are two new members, both previously serving as members of the school board. Daniel Storck (D-Mount Vernon) will



Supervisor John W. Foust (D), re-elected to serve the Dranesville district, takes the oath of office from Judge Penney S. Azcarate.

replace longtime supervisor Gerry Hyland (D). Kathy Smith (D-Sully) will replace Michael Frey (R).

Other members sworn in include: John Cook (R-Braddock), John Foust (D-Dranesville), Penelope Gross (D-Mason), Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee), and Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence).



Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) takes the oath of office from Judge Penney S. Azcarate on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Also sworn in on Tuesday were the three constitutional officers, Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh, Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid and Clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court John Frey. Three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District also took oaths as directors, Scott Cameron, George Lamb and Gerald O. Peters Jr.



Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence) takes the oath of office from Judge Penney S. Azcarate. Smyth was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2003, after serving four years on the Fairfax County Planning Commission. Smyth chaired the board's Information Technology Committee and is vice chair for the Personnel Committee.

Judge Penney S. Azcarate, who administered the oath of office to each, reminded elected officials to serve with "honor, humility and humanity."

Bulova's inaugural speech included a note of serious gratitude:

"In light of recent racial and cultural tensions rising across the country, let us be grateful we live in a county that celebrates our differences and demonstrates acceptance and compassion for others."

Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid (D) takes the oath of office.



Former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and current Electoral Board director Kate Hanley in the crowd at the inauguration. Hanley is a Reston resident.