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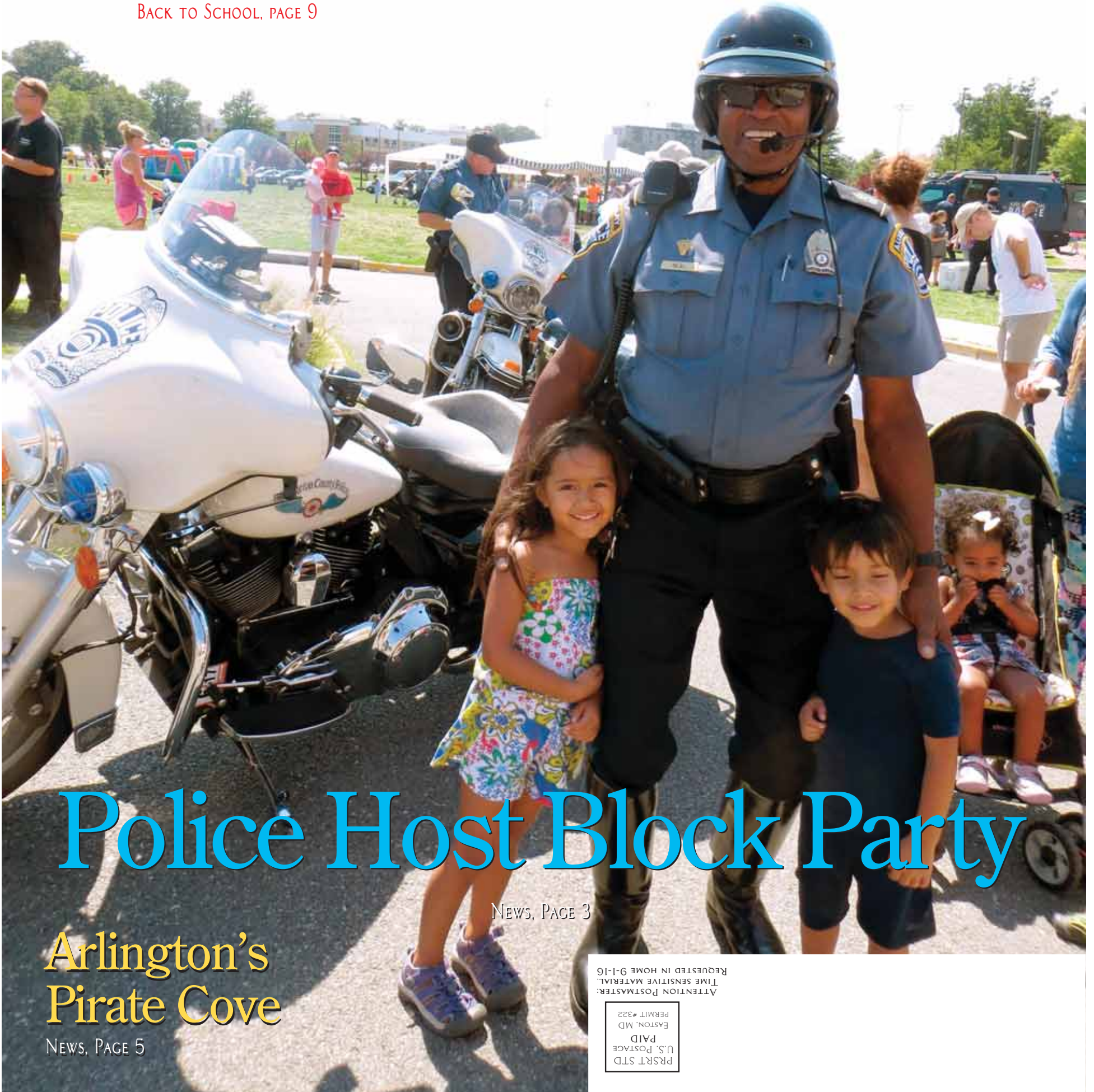
Officer Barry Foust with Sophia Lopez-Hanny and Nico Lopez-Hanny. "[Nico] is most excited about the helicopter, but the motorcycle rodeo is a close second," said Elizabeth Hanny. "I hope they get more exposure to the police and have good interactions."

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 1

Application Deadline. The Arlington County Police Department is now accepting applications for the fall Citizen's Police Academy, beginning Thursday, Sept. 15. The academy will consist of 12 sessions that meet on Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at police headquarters, 1425 North Courthouse Road. Individuals who apply will be subject to a background check. Call 703-228-4247 or email ACPDTraining@arlingtonva.us.

Fall Lawn Care. 7-8:30 p.m., Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Fall is the ideal time to restore cool-season grass, the most common turfgrass grown on lawns in the Northern Virginia area. This program will describe how to improve lawns and the underlying soil and outline steps for ensuring a beautiful weed-free lawn. Alternatives to turf will also be explored. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions, telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com.

MONDAY/SEPT. 5

Conference Registration Deadline. Thursday, Sept. 29-Saturday, Oct. 1, 17th Annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference at Sheraton Hotel-Pentagon City, 900 S. Orme St. The conference will bring together hundreds of participants from across the state to learn and



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Frost's Granddaughter

Dr. Lesley Lee Francis shares her memories of her grandfather, poet Robert Frost, at the Arlington Central Library on Aug. 29. Much of Francis' discussion centered around the women in Frost's life: his wife Elinor Miriam White and his daughter, Francis' mother, Lesley Frost Ballantine. Francis also recalled some of her firsthand experiences with Robert Frost, like being with him as he read "The Gift Outright" for John F. Kennedy's inauguration.

share information on creating diverse, sustainable neighborhoods. \$75 (including workshops, meals, networking event, welcome reception and related activities, including a Youth Café encouraging 13-to-18-year-olds to engage in civic activities in their communities. Visit www.vsnv.org/ to register.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 6

Placement Exams for ESL Classes. 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. at Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd., #106. English as a Second Language for Adults, Arlington Public Schools' REEP Program is giving placement

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Officers Tania Velez (left), Charlie Neal (middle), and Barry Foust (right) show off motorcycle skills as the Block Party.



The Park Police helicopter was one of the most popular attractions at the Block Party. “The most important thing for us is connecting with people and showing them what we do,” said Tim Ryan, a helicopter pilot for the Park Police. “This is the people’s helicopter, so we’re showing them what they pay for.” Ryan says the helicopter is often used for rescue operations, usually around Great Falls. Ryan said the helicopter is sent out when someone needs extraction, either because they are in a place that would be too dangerous for Park Police to reach or because they are in a critical condition.

Block Party Brings Police, Community Together

When the community interacts with police, Ashley Savage, the Arlington Police public information officer, says it’s usually not because everything is going well. The Summer Block Party on Aug. 27 at Kenmore Middle School is part of an effort to change that.

“When police go out into the community, usually something is wrong,” said Savage. “This is a chance to engage with the community in a positive way.”

Some of the programs at the event included “15 minutes behind the badge,” where citizens got a chance to see the kinds of situations police encounter, and a simulation for how vision is impaired by alcohol.



Officers Charlie Neal (front), Tania Velez (middle) and Barry Foust (back) show off motorcycle skills as the Block Party.

In the back of the S.W.A.T. car, Doug Million encourages his sons to ask the police officers questions about what the police do. “I really want them to get a better understanding of the different branches of law enforcement,” said Million.



At a booth inside, children played a police car simulator based on the “Need for Speed” games.

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exams for the Sept. 26-Dec. 16 session. Classes to be held at Syphax Education Center. Afternoon and evening classes available. Tuition is \$200-\$285 for people who live or work in Arlington; \$350-\$470 for people who do not. Exams are free. Call 703-228-4200 or visit www.apsva.us/teep.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

What We Faced On 9/11. 7 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. "Hear It First Hand" – What We Faced On 9/11 and How Far We've Come In 15 Years." The event's guest host, Chief Meteorologist Doug Kammerer will moderate discussions with the two crisis managers who jointly commanded the response to the Pentagon attack; retired U.S. Army Major General James Jackson and former Arlington County Fire Chief, Jim Schwartz. Visit commissions.arlingtonva.us/events/fifteen-years-later-remembering-911/ or www.facebook.com/events/109159632869880/.

SEPT. 10-21

2016 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Registration forms will be available at community and senior centers, senior residences and event venues. The registration fee is \$12, which covers multiple events. Three events have an added fee, ten pin bowling, golf and orienteering. Deadline for registering is Aug. 27 (by mail), Sept. 3 (online). Call 703-830-5604 or email nvso1982@gmail.com for more.

Volunteers Needed. The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics has more than 50 events scheduled at 20 venues, including track and field, swimming and diving, Spelling Bee and Sudoku, and needs volunteers (16 or older) to support the games. Volunteers register at rsvp@volunteerfairfax.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Volunteers Needed. 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. The Rosslyn Jazz Fest planning is already in full swing for this event that draws crowds from all over the region. The Rosslyn BID is looking for volunteers to help fill a variety of roles at The Rosslyn Jazz Fest. Visit www.rosslynva.org/2016-jazzfest-volunteers.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Sept. 6-10.

September is National Senior Center Month.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

Senior trips: Martinsburg Frontier Town, W.Va., Tuesday, Sept. 6, \$18; Choptank Riverboat Cruise plus crab feast, Wednesday, Sept. 7, \$72; Tea by Two, Thursday, Sept. 8, \$40; Washington Nationals vs. Philadelphia Phillies, Saturday, Sept. 10, \$41. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS for the week of Sept. 6-10

(Centers will be closed Monday, Sept. 5)

First rehearsal, Encore Chorale, no auditions, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1:45 p.m., Langston-Brown. Fee. Details, 703-228-6300.

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Arlington's Pirate Cove

Tampa , Pittsburgh, and Minnesota NFL teams find homes in Arlington bars.

BY VERNON MILES
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Most of Arlington cheers for the Redskins, but if you're walking past Arlington Rooftop Bar & Grill near the Courthouse Metro and hear a stray cheer for the Buccaneers, don't be alarmed. As the chosen hangout spot for the Buccaneers, the Arlington Rooftop Bar & Grill joins the ranks of several D.C. area bars that have adopted football teams from across the nation.

"Last year, some local Floridians approached the bar owners and asked about making it the Gators hangout bar," said Johnny Graham, one of the managers of the bar. "Then, a few months ago, we were approached by some Buccaneer fans about making it a local NFL hangout. There was nowhere for the Buccaneers to go and we're not dedicated for any other teams."

Throughout the Washington D.C. area, several bars have adopted NFL teams from across the nation. Fans of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Minnesota Vikings or the Pittsburgh Steelers have bars in Arlington to call home on game day.

"We have the Viking's Fan Club here," said Mary-Beth Brown, general manager at Sine Irish Pub in Pentagon Row. "It's very friendly. A lot of people are surprised there's so many fans, but there's at least 250 people in the club. Gameday, at the beginning of the season, the restaurant is full of purple jerseys. Seriously, Minnesota fans are some of the friendliest I've ever met."

In many ways, the bars are transformed. Graham said after they agreed to host the Buccaneers, he researched local Tampa Bay foods and drinks. During the games the bar will serve Tarpon Springs salad and serve Cuban sandwiches, both of which were popularized in the Tampa Bay area. Graham also ordered kegs of Cigar City beer, a local brewery in Tampa.

At Tortoise & Hare in Crystal City, the local hangout spot for the the Pittsburgh Steelers fans, bar-



Arlington Rooftop Bar and Grill.

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tender Shannon Schraa said the bar stocks the Pittsburgh local favorite beer I.C. Light. On game day, Schraa says it's incredibly popular, as are the perogies they added to the menu exclusively for their Pittsburgh fans.

"For Steelers game, super crowded," said Schraa. "You can't budge in here. Everybody's here, it's like a family. They all cheer together and sing the songs together. It's the same people that come every time."

Schraa said the fans bring their own traditions with them, like the "terrible towel" fans wave around during the game or songs, like "Black and Yellow" by Wiz Khalifa, that the whole bar sings along to at touch-downs.

It's that kind of atmosphere that Brent Robson, the Buccaneers fan who helped establish the Arlington Rooftop Bar and Grill as the Buccaneers hangout spot, said he missed most about being in Tampa.

"The last few seasons I would watch at home, but last off-season I decided I wanted to get out more," said Robson. "I missed that atmosphere. I

would go to Tortoise and Hare for Steelers games with my roommate. There's just something about loving a team and having everyone cheer."

Robson said he's prepared for a slow build. Robson said he spoke with the head of the D.C. fan group for the Carolina Panthers, who told him that game days started off with just three people showing up at the bar but it eventually grew from there. Eventually, even the national franchises pay attention. On Nov. 12, the night before the Vikings play the Redskins, several Vikings alumni will be at Sine Irish Pub to host a Q&A with fans.

"Anybody can still come in and watch a game," said Graham. "But having one team that calls us home? That feels special."

"There's just something about loving a team and having everyone cheer."

— Brent Robson, Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan

NEWS BRIEFS

Police Test Body Cameras

The Arlington County Police Department have launched a test and evaluation of three Body Worn Camera (BWC) systems. Starting Monday, Aug. 29, 25 members of the Arlington County Police Department and Arlington County Sheriff's Office were scheduled to be outfitted with BWC technology as they conduct their law enforcement duties and responsibilities. The purpose of the test and evaluation phase is to assess the effectiveness of each vendor's equipment, determine the cost of a permanent BWC program and provide guidance on the development of a final BWC policy.

The policy details the contacts which require mandatory recording by the BWC technology. Recognizing privacy issues, storage capacity and the fact that every interaction does not merit the collection of video, the cameras will not be recording at all times.

The BWC technology will supplement in-car audio/video recorders already deployed in police vehicles.

IRS Scam Targets Residents

The Arlington County Police Department is warning the public about an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) telephone scam targeting residents.

Citizens have reported receiving unsolicited phone calls from individuals fraudulently claiming to be members of the Arlington County Police Department, Arlington County Sheriff's Office or the Internal Revenue Service. These individuals accuse the victims of owing money to the IRS which must be paid immediately using iTunes gift cards, or other means. The caller remains on the line while the victim purchases the payment and provides the card number over the phone.

In some cases, scammers have falsified the information transmitted to the victim's Caller ID display to disguise their identity as the non-emergency police line. Citizens should not rely on their Caller ID to verify the credibility of the call or give out personal information in response to unsolicited calls.

If residents receive such a call, hang up with the caller and verify the claim by calling the non-emergency police line at 703-558-2222. Do not use a phone number provided from the caller to verify their credibility.

If residents find that they were a victim of a scam or were a target, file an online police report at <http://police.arlingtonva.us/online-police-reporting-system/> or call the non-emergency police line at 703-558-2222. Residents may also report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. Contact the Arlington County Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit at FinancialCrimes@arlingtonva.us.

Juror Questionnaires Coming

The Arlington Circuit Court, which includes the City of Falls Church, will soon begin its annual juror qualification process. Approximately 35,000 juror questionnaires will be mailed in early September to randomly selected residents of Arlington and the City of Falls Church. These questionnaires are used to qualify residents for jury duty which begins Jan. 1, 2017 and ends Dec. 31, 2017. Visit courts.arlingtonva.us/circuit-court/jury-duty/.

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Attend the 17th Annual Mid-Atlantic OktoberFest

Capitol City Brewing Company will host its 17th Annual Oktoberfest Oct. 1, 12-7 p.m. at The Village at Shirlington. Capitol City invites the public to dress in traditional German garb and enjoy authentic Bavarian brews, bratwurst and brezlen – the German-style pretzel. More than 65 local breweries will set up taps and share ale and lager samples with the thousands. Entrance is free for children and non-drinkers, \$30 ticket include wristband, tasting glass and 10 drink tickets. Additional drink tickets \$1 each with a five-ticket minimum. Visit www.capcitybrew.com/oktoberfest16.php.

CALENDAR

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ONGOING

“Jelly’s Last Jam.” Through Sept. 11, various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Signature presents a musical about famed and notorious jazz entertainer Jelly Roll Morton. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

Lubber Run Concert Series. Fridays-Sundays through Sept. 18 at Lubber Run Amphitheater, 200 N. Columbus St. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more.

Ball Sellers House. Saturdays, April-Oct., 1-4 p.m. at Ball Sellers House, 5620 3rd St., S. The Ball-Sellers House, the oldest building in Arlington County is open to the public for tours. The house was built around 1742 by John Ball and named the Ball-Sellers House to honor both the builder and the donor. Free. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org for more.

Exhibit: “Strange Landscapes.” Through Oct. 2, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. “Strange Landscapes” approaches landscape as a historical legacy, a lens for exploring nature, and foundation for imagining alternative ways of being. Featuring painting, drawing, installation, video, sculpture, and performance, the exhibition highlights artists whose work draws on and challenges traditional artistic approaches to the natural and built environments. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartcenter.org for more.

Exhibit: “Remnants.” Through Oct. 8, on view 24 hours a day, seven

days a week at 34zero9 Art Studios and Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd. “Remnants” will feature new experimental work of J.T. Kirkland. Free. Visit www.34zero9.wix.com/34zero9artstudios.

Post-Graduate Residency Studio. Through Nov. 17, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Art Center welcomes four emerging artists to participate in the Post-Graduate Residency Program. Jihee Kang, Paulette Palacios, Anne Smith, and Danielle Smith, were juried by Paul Shortt, new media curator for Arlington Cultural Affairs. Artists can create and sell work, interact with the public, and network with other artists. The program will culminate in a group exhibition in the Torpedo Factory’s contemporary exhibition space, the Target Gallery. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Friday Night Live. 8 p.m. at the Church at Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland St., Suite A. Local musicians perform. Free. Visit 1bc.org for more.

Arlington’s Historical Museum Open on First Wednesdays. The Arlington Historical Museum is open to the public on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The museum consists of exhibits chronicling Arlington County’s history from Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Garrett Peck at 571-243-1113 or at garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey’s “Bar A” Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. For 21 years and older. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more

information.

Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. Age 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more.

Food Truck Thursdays. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the corner of North Irving St. and Washington Blvd. Find a round-up of regional food trucks. Free to attend. Visit www.dmvfta.org.

Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no registration required.

Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow’s on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.

Storytime. Wednesdays and Fridays,

10:30-11 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

Lego Club. Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S. Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

Crystal City Sparket. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Sparket — A Creative Market is an extension of DC’s Eastern Market with arts, crafts, and handmade goods. Free to attend. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Open Mic Night. Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., sign ups are at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., at Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit <http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com/>.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of each month. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City’s “Art for Life” Partnership with National Kidney Foundation brings a new artist each month to The Hyatt for a reception. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Brunch at Freddie’s. Third Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Freddie’s Beach Bar, 555 23rd St. The Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance gathers for an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet (\$9.99). All are welcome. No reservation is required. Visit www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 1

Fall Gardening in Containers. 1 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St. S. The program will be presented for the Over 55 Program at Walter Reed. It will focus on plants you can grow successfully in our area in the fall as well as how to select the right pots, prepare for planting, and keep plants that are growing in containers healthy and

happy. Free. Call 703-228-0948 for more.

Fall Lawn Care. 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Fall is the ideal time to restore cool-season grass, the most common turfgrass grown on lawns in the Northern Virginia area. This program will describe how to improve lawns and the underlying soil and outline steps for ensuring a beautiful weed-free lawn. Alternatives to turf will also be explored. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

Roosevelt Run 5K. 7 p.m. at 1301 Lee Highway. ACE Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Institute and Safety Health Foundation welcome runners and walkers. Registration is \$32, \$40 the day of run. Visit www.ace-pt.org for more.

SEPT. 1-30

Art Exhibit: “Tranquility.” Gallery hours at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. During September, Gallery Underground features the “Tranquility” Show. Exhibiting artists will create a contemplative spirit with tranquil colors, scenes and thoughts in works that envelope, calm and invite the viewer to linger with the art. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 2

Making Your Own Walking Stick. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (Pick out a stick, make a grip for it, and personalize it with your initials or other decorative touches. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-228-3403.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 2-3

SNL’s Darrell Hammond. 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 a.m. at Arlington Cinema &

ENTERTAINMENT

Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. American stand-up comedian and Saturday Night Live regular Darrell Hammond will perform. Tickets are \$32. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Groovy Nate. 11:30 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Kid's entertainer Groovy Nate performs. Free. Visit www.groovynate.com for more.

Senior's Concert. 2 p.m. at Arlington Women's Club, 700 S. Buchanan St. Baritone Jose Sacin will be joined by tenor Tony Torchia, soprano Jocelyn Hunt and mezzo-soprano Elise Jenkins. They'll sing Broadway hits, spirituals, some familiar opera arias and passages from Scott Joplin's opera "Treemonisha." Tickets are \$5, \$3 for seniors. Call 703-536-7557.

Moonlight Movie: "National Treasure." 8:30 p.m. at Memorial Ave. Ample paid parking is available to visitors, accessible from Memorial Avenue. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating. Free. Visit www.gwparkwaytrust.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

Northern Virginia Bird Club Walk. 8:30-11 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Join members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club for one or all of these informal walks through Long Branch and Glencarlyn Parks in search of resident and migratory birds. Experienced and beginning birders welcome. Free. Call 703-228-6535.

The Arlington Children's Chorus

Informational Parents Meeting. 7-9 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St. The Arlington Children's Chorus is open to all children in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area with unchanged voices in grades 2-12. Learn more at this event. Free. Visit www.arlingtonchildrenschorus.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

The Arlington Children's Chorus Fall Auditions. Glebe Elementary, 1770 N. Glebe Road. Children grades 2-12 with unchanged voices are invited to audition for the 2016-2017 season. Free. Visit www.arlingtonchildrenschorus.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Keeping Mini-Beasts. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (Get ready to (temporarily) own all sorts of mini-beasts and have a series of amazing, unique pets. Learn about different animals' lives while caring for them for a month. At each session you'll return last month's critters, and learn about and receive new ones. Fee is \$30: additional \$20 materials fee for first time participants paid on-site. Call 703-228-3403.

SEPT. 9-OCT. 2

"Dinner With Friends." 8 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. "Dinner with Friends" examines the lives of two couples and the repercussions of divorce on their friendships. Tickets are \$25-30. Visit www.petersalley.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Arlington History Bike Ride. 9 a.m. at Ballston Metro Station. Bike from 1-23 miles visiting Arlington parks and historic sites. Tour historic locations dating from colonial times to early 20th century. Tickets are \$2. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org for more.

Rosslyn Jazz Fest. 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. The lineup includes Akua Allrich, Vieux Farka Toure, Glen David Andrews Band, and Grupo Fantasma. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

Scurrying Squirrels Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (This engaging program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s'mores. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Call 703-228-3403.

Moonlight Movie: "Flags of Our Fathers." 8:30 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery. Ample paid parking is available to visitors, accessible from Memorial Avenue. Food is not permitted in Arlington National Cemetery. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating. Free. Visit www.gwparkwaytrust.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Beckett's Celtic Festival. 12-7 p.m. at Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub, 2800 S. Randolph St. Find live music, traditional food and entertainment. Free. Visit www.samuelbecketts.com for more.

A Taste and Tour of the Garden. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Join Master Gardener volunteers for a late

summer tour of the Demonstration Organic Garden. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. at 220 20th St. S. The region's longest running inside the beltway outdoor wine festival returns to Crystal City combining the tastes of Spanish and South American wines from Jaleo and the Crystal City Wine Shop with delicious foods from around the region. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

Scholar's Cup. 3:30-7 p.m. at Upton Hill Regional Park, 6060 Wilson Blvd. Participate in the Chamber's Annual Scholarship Fund fundraising event. This family-friendly event includes a mini-golf tournament, dinner, and music. Registration is \$15-80. Visit www.arlingtonchamber.org for more.

SEPT. 13-NOV. 6

Signature Theatre: "The Gulf." Various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Signature Theatre presents the world premiere of "The Gulf" by D.C. playwright Audrey Cefaly; Betty and Kendra waste away a languid summer day fishing on the Alabama Delta. Suddenly, their lazy afternoon turns to chaos when the motor breaks, stranding the two, and their tumultuous relationship, in the Gulf. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Chimney Swifts. 7-8 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Each year Chimney Swifts (a

breed of bird) put on a show; hundreds gather, swirl then disappear. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-228-4747 for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Fall Migrants Walk. 8-9:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults are invited to search the woods around Long Branch Nature Center for warblers, thrushes and other fall migrants passing through on their way south. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-228-6535.

DogFest Walk 'n Roll. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Pentagon Row, 1101 S. Joyce St. Grab a leash and be part of Canine Companions DogFest Walk 'n Roll. A community dog walk that supports the mission of Canine Companions for Independence. Free. Visit www.cci.org/dogfestwashingtondc.

Fall Native Plant Sale. 1-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Find trees and shrubs as well as perennials. Free. Call 703-228-6535.

Clarendon Day. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. along Wilson Boulevard, Clarendon Boulevard, Highland Street, and Washington Boulevard. Find five stages of music and entertainment, an area for children, exhibitors and sponsors from across the region, local restaurants with a range of food and beverage items, craft beer and local wines, and more. Free. Visit www.clarendon.org for more.

Oktoberfest. 2-3 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 18th St. S. Celebrate Oktoberfest with the Mount Vernon German Band as they play traditional German music. Free. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/2649825 to register.

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Signature Theatre's "Jelly's Last Jam," a musical about famed and notorious jazz entertainer Jelly Roll Morton, runs through Sept. 11 in Signature Theatre's MAX Theatre. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

Insect Songs Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (This program will be filled with activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s'mores. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Call 703-228-3403.

Shawna Caspi. 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Canadian singer-songwriter and fingerstyle guitarist will perform. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.shawnacaspi.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Pups & Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. at 12th Street S. & Crystal Drive. This dog-friendly festival features a beer garden with craft brews and offerings from local breweries. Free to attend, but tasting tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

Sharing our Space with Wildlife. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Alonso Abugattas, on wildlife one can find in Arlington and how to support their habitat, and Jennifer Kirk Toussaint, on what to do if one encounters an injured wild animal. Free. Visit www.armn.org for more.

SEPT. 18-24

ReelAbilities Film Festival. Various times and places throughout Northern Virginia. The 5th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival: Northern Virginia, powered by the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV), is a lineup of award-winning feature and short films and a preview of guest speakers and special events. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival of its kind in the nation dedicated to showcasing films by and about people that experience a disability. Opening and Closing Nights: advance tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for JCCNV members, seniors (65+), and for groups of 10 or more, \$10 students with valid student ID. All tickets are \$20 the day of the opening and closing events. Other ticket prices vary. Visit www.northernva.reelabilities.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Wine Helps. 6-8:30 p.m. at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Building – Ballston Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Proceeds will buy winter coats for children. Sample wine and cheese, listen to music and more. Tickets are \$75. Visit arcwinehelps.wordpress.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 22

Mike Isabella's Back-to-School Block Party. 5-8 p.m. at 4000 Wilson Blvd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat bites at Kapnos Taverna, Pepita and Yona or take advantage of spacious patio spaces. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.kapnostaverna.com for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 23

Marvelous Millipedes Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (This program will be filled with activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s'mores. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Call 703-228-3403.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

BBQ, Boots & Bingo. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Columbus Club, 5115 Little Falls Road. A family picnic with moon bounces, a climbing wall, face painting, bingo, music and more, at the Columbus Club of Arlington. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, \$50 per family. Visit www.arlingtonthrive.org.

Reptiles and Amphibians Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (This program will be filled with activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s'mores. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Call 703-228-3403.

SEPT. 25-30

Fall For The Book Festival. Locations throughout Northern Virginia, D.C., and Maryland. This week-long regional celebration of literature and the arts connects

readers and authors at all levels. Offering bookworms the chance to meet their favorite writers. Free and open to the public. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

SEPT. 28-OCT. 30

Synetic Theatre: "Dante's Inferno." Various times at 1800 S. Bell St. Synetic Theater will open their entirely wordless 2016/17 Season with a revitalized production of "Dante's Inferno," produced by Paata Tsikurishvili and directed by Irina Tsikurishvili. Tickets start at \$35, \$15 for students, seniors and military receive \$5 discounts. Visit www.synetictheatre.org for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

Bowen McCauley's 21st Birthday Bash. 6-8 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive. Find an open bar, a buffet, and dancing. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$55 at the door. Visit www.bmdc.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Fall Wine & Craft Beer Festival. 3-8 p.m. at Adams Street and Columbia Pike. Taste food paired with wine and craft beer. Ticket prices not yet announced. Visit www.columbiapike.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Toast to Hope. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at UUCA Gallery, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Toast to Hope is SCAN's signature fall giving event and offers wine and beer tastings, food samplings, plus a Silent/Live Auction. Tickets prices yet to be announced. Visit www.scanva.org for more.

OCT. 4-NOV. 13

"Freaky Friday." Various time at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Heidi Blickenstaff and Emma Hunton will star as mother and daughter in the world premiere production of the new musical "Freaky Friday" at Signature Theatre. Tickets start at \$35. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

CONNECTION FAMILIES: BACK TO SCHOOL

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnews.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Arianna Hume, of Arlington, qualified for the summer 2016 dean's list at Belmont University (Nashville, Tenn.).

Laura Brancati and **Audrey Ruckman**, of Arlington, were among 19 area high school girls who showcased new computer skills by pitching apps and web designs they created during the first AT&T-Girls Who Code Summer Immersion Program in Washington, D.C.

SCHOOL NOTES

Alexander Valera, of Arlington, earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Binghamton University (Binghamton, N.Y.).

Michelle A. Graham, of Arlington, graduated from Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) with a Master of Engineering in industrial engineering.

Lucas Wedeman, 21, of Arlington, recently completed a summer semester in Alaska with the National Outdoor Leadership School. Wedeman and his nine classmates began their semester course in Prince William Sound with a sea-kayaking section. During this section, the group carried all of the food, fuel, and camping equipment they needed to be self sufficient for the entire 22 days. Next, they transitioned to a 23-day mountaineering section in Denali National Park. Finally, students embarked on a 24-day hiking section. Wedeman and his classmates traveled 103 miles within the Healy Mountains.

Katherine Boone, of Arlington, recently received a Doctor of Education degree from Frostburg State University (Frostburg, Md.). Boone's dissertation was titled "Resident Assistant Workplace Motivation: A Mid-Atlantic Regional Study."

A. Graham, of Arlington, graduated from Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.).



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Welcome Back

The Saturday Farmer's Market in the Marymount University parking lot on Glebe Road has been replaced with enthusiastic Marymount students. They are jumping up and down with signs at the entrance to the parking lot and yelling, "Welcome Back to Marymount." The school year began Aug. 29.



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19th Century Dancing

The Arlington House Victorian Dance Society, an interpretive program of Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial (National Park Service), is currently recruiting new members. This all-volunteer group was founded in 2012 under the direction of dance mistress Amy Kassens Delery, and performs dances of the mid-19th century in period clothing at Arlington House, Fort Washington Park, the Frederick Douglass Historic Site, Glen Echo, and other

local venues. No previous dance experience is necessary but being able to dance with the musical beat is required. Rehearsals are held one Sunday afternoon each month at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads and regular attendance is expected. For more information, contact Delery at arlingtonvictoriandance@gmail.com.

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A Passing Reference



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently, a week ago in fact, Stuart Grief, a fellow non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV patient/survivor, died from his disease. Stuart succumbed to his cancer less than two years after his late fall, 2014 diagnosis. My wife, Dina and I first met him — and his wife, Amy, in late April 2015, at LUNGEvity's (the nation's largest private foundation dedicated to lung cancer research, outreach, etc.; www.LUNGEvity.org) HOPE Summit, a conference for lung cancer survivors, caregivers and medical professionals, held annually in Rosslyn, Va. At that time, six months post diagnosis, Stuart said he was "N.E.D.," which means "no evidence of disease," the first time I had ever heard that acronym. We spent a few hours together for dinner at a local restaurant one night (Old Angler's Inn, actually), enough to exchange pleasantries and email addresses. Other than that one evening, our association went no further. However, Stuart and his wife lived in Needham, Ma., the same town/suburb of Boston where my best friend, Cary, and his wife, Mindy live. Given certain circumstances, I thought there might be a foundation for a friendship between the four of them so I encouraged all parties to make a connection, which they did, and over the next/last 15 months they saw each other socially and spoke regularly on the phone.

Though the Grieffs and Louries were not in touch directly, we did receive Amy's email updates on Stu's treatment/health status, and of course Cary updated me as well. Hardly were we in the inner circle. We were mostly on the outside looking in. Nevertheless, I was involved, emotionally, and certainly could appreciate and understand all that Stuart and Amy were enduring. When you're a member of the club (cancer patient/survivor/caregiver), you, (at least I do), draw strength/gain hope from survivorship stories and unfortunately feel weakened/compromised by deaths and disappointments. When I received Cary's email last Saturday about Stuart's death, including a scanned copy of his obituary from the Boston Globe, immediately, I questioned out loud, rhetorically, its reality and promptly called Cary. After a brief conversation, as I caught him in the middle of something, it was all confirmed. We agreed to speak later in the day at a mutually convenient time and so I hung up the phone. Then I walked from my home office to the den to tell Dina that Stuart had died. I could barely get the words out before I started crying.

It was a blow to be sure. It was as if part of me had also died. I felt sad and oddly enough, somewhat at greater risk than before I had received the news. I hardly knew Stuart, and other than the lung cancer connection, there was no other substance to our relationship. However, as cancer patients, we are all connected; we are living the same life, fearing the same uncontrollable outcomes and juggling the same emotions; and what effects one of us, good or bad, effects all of us. Hearing about another cancer's patient's death is the worst possible news — other than our own discouraging news, that we can imagine.

But when you actually see it, hear it — and ultimately believe it ('it' being a cancer death), the reality of your own mortality/health circumstances come crashing down; at least it did for me. I got my bearings soon enough and thankfully, for me, life has gone on. Still, I feel as if something is missing from my life. And even though Stuart and I never spoke after our initial time together, I felt as if he was part of my support system and I his. Not a key part, but in the conversation nonetheless — and most definitely in the club. Stuart will be missed, but never forgotten.

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

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