

# 'Taste in Potomac' Raises Funds for Adoptions Together

# Sharing lessons on the value of family.

By Susan Belford The Almanac

always wanted to be a Dad and my son is the most important person in my life. He is the one who convinced me to speak before you and tell you the impact that Adoptions Together has made on our lives." said Marc Blumenstein. He recounted the story of the adoption of his son Zachery — now a college student studying in Europe — as photos were displayed before the sell-out crowd at the "Taste in Potomac" Saturday

The event, held at the Bolger Center in Potomac, featured an assortment of food from more than 30 area restaurants. Samplings included passed appetizers as well as lamb chops from Sugo Cicchetti, Greek Salad from Tally Ho, grilled shrimp from Not Your Average Joe's Mussels from The Grilled Oyster Company, Key Lime Pie from The Market at River Falls and Ahi tuna and butterscotch pudding from the Summer House.

While the crowd mixed and mingled, they

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Marc Blumenstein and Janice Goldwater

had opportunities to bid on numerous silent auction items that included travel getaways, items for the home, dining certificates, entertainment, sports memorabilia and "Pamper Yourself" gift certificates.

Master of Ceremonies Leon Harris opened the ceremonies with a message of the meaningful work of Adoptions Together. He and B.J Jennings led the live auction, asking people to open their hearts and their wallets. Harris said, "You wouldn't be where you are if you hadn't had someone support you and help you along the way. These kids don't have that — and we are here to do something about it."

Janice Goldwater, founder of Adoptions Together, announced three "2016 Shining Star" honorees for their contributions to the



Leon Harris served as emcee for the evening.

organization — and shared vignettes about each honoree. There were Judy Sebring, Adoptions Together board member and Taste in Potomac committee member; David Trone, co-founder and president of Total Wine & More; and Robert Collins, founder and managing director of the Collins Investment Group. All have dedicated their time and talents to the Adoptions Together cause.

"I was so fortunate to be adopted by my beloved parents, Seymour and Jane Lichtman," said Sebring. "I learned firsthand the power of a loving and committed forever family. It's a safe place, being with a family — and children need this security."

Another announcement was that Adoptions Together is rolling out the new name of FamilyWorks Together; however, their



Yasmin Abadian and Jim McWhorter, owners of The Market at River Falls.

adoption services will remain as Adoptions Together.

"The deepening of our education, training and counseling services through FamilyWorks Together is an opportunity to serve struggling families who have been touched by adoption, as well as families struggling in the school or community environment or with challenging mental health conditions," Goldwater said. "This change will give us access to new partners and new approaches, as well as allow us to provide additional services to communities of great need."

To learn more about Adoptions Together and FamilyWorks Together go to www.adoptionstogether.org.

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# Local Residents Support 'Living Classrooms'

# "Night at the Yards" to benefit foundation.

By Susan Belford The Almanac

his past year, 'Living Classrooms' touched the lives of 35,000 children and young adults who are struggling to succeed against terrible odds," said Potomac native Thaya Taylor, vice president of development for the Living Classrooms Foundation. "We dedicate ourselves to transforming lives through experiential learning — learning by doing. What began with one program Baltimore has grown into dozens of programs in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland."

Founded 31 years ago in Baltimore, the Living Classrooms Foundation educations, inspires and prepares young adults and families for better lives through community development, workforce preparation and life-skills training. Youngsters engage in hands-on learning through educational programs, environmental, health and wellness experiences. There is a special emphasis on serving students who live in high-risk environments by giving them the tools and inspiration to be successful in today's world. The 350-person staff is supported by almost 9,000 volunteers.

To support the DC Living Classroom initiatives, a one-of-a-kind fundraiser will be held on Oct. 14. Held on the D.C. waterfront near the National's stadium, the "Night at the Yards" will feature music by Squaring the Circle and Friends, a quartet that



"Living Classrooms" participants at the DC Fresh Tech Competition.

will deliver a tribute to Stevie Wonder, Psycho Killers with their interpretation of punk, funk, and rock legends and world-acclaimed saxophonist Ron Holloway will get the party started. One of the highlights of the evening will be a performance by the Living Classrooms' Queen Beez — a program which inspires girls to express themselves through song and dance.

In addition to Living Classrooms' ongoing operational needs, "Night at the Yards" will also help to raise capital funds to complete an educational campus located in The Yards on the Anacostia waterfront. The new building will house a workforce development center, a STEM environmental education center, a computer technology center, and job-training culinary center and a workshop for the Fresh Start Program.

The "Night at the Yards" will feature food from more than 30 restaurants as well as wine and beer. Local businessmen Adam Greenberg and David Trone are supporting



Youths aboard the Half Shell.

the fundraiser with food from Potomac Pizza and wine and beer from Total Wine & More. The evening will also include a silent auction and the ambiance of a night under the stars.

"After I learned about Living Classrooms, I was completely bowled over by the passion of each person involved with it," Potomac's Bridgit Fried said. "When I learned all they do to support children and families — and to change their lives for the better, I wanted to become involved with this amazing organization. Now I'm fortunate to be working with Living Classrooms and learning more about the amazing talents and dedication of the staff — as well as the determination of the children and young adults they support. It is truly inspiring."

Living Classrooms was the brainstorm of two teachers who felt that students learn best by doing. Their first project was the building of the Lady Maryland, a ship designed to take underprivileged students from Baltimore out to experience the Chesapeake Bay. Many of the students had never been on a boat and their only experience with the Bay was looking at it. Building the Lady Maryland taught the students practical skills, teamwork, the environment, ecology and leadership skills.

In 2002, Living Classrooms opened The Crossroads, a charter middle-school serving 150 students from 5th through 8th grades in inner-city Baltimore. Living Classrooms began managing the Commodore John Rodgers pre-K-8th grade school in 2010 and three years later; this school was named one of the nation's top five turnaround schools.

In the D.C. area, Living Classrooms provides enrichment, after-school and summer

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Photos by Susan Belford/

# RTR Pilates Celebrates 10th Anniversary

# Formerly known as Potomac Pilates.

By Susan Belford The Almanac

en years ago, Reina Offut Pratt launched the first Potomac Pilates studio in a tiny space next to Big Wheel Bikes in the back of the Potomac Village Shopping Center. She was the first in the area to feature Pilates on a reformer.

"There have been many changes in the fitness industry since the inception of Potomac Pilates in 2006," said Pratt. "Back then, boutique fitness studios were not even a 'thing.' Our initial hurdle was educating people where we fit in the market and why they could possibly need a group fitness class outside of a gym environment. Fastforward 10 years and everyone now attends

a boutique fitness studio for one workout type or another."

As her classes filled, Pratt slowly grew to become a mainstream exercise and meeting place in Potomac Village. She continued to add classes and attract new clients until she ran out of space in her tiny abode. "After five successful years of growth and refining the business model, Potomac Pilates moved into the Potomac Tennis Club in January of 2011," she said. "Next, Potomac Pilates expanded in 2012 to Northwest D.C. with its first satellite location in the Palisades. Potomac Pilates opened in its third location in the spring of 2013 in Chevy Chase, Md. In the summer of 2015, Potomac Pilates rebranded to become Rock The Reformer Pilates or more simply RTR Pilates. The purpose of the rebrand was to prepare to expand nationally. In the fall of 2015, RTR Pilates opened two new studios, one in McLean, Va. and one in Highlands Ranch, Colo."



Leyla Ghorbani and Dr. Monica Parham at the RTR Pilates celebration.

RTR Pilates returned to the Potomac Village leaving the Potomac Tennis Club in March of 2016. They took over the second floor of the Potomac Promenade shopping center. This new headquarters houses a 1700-square-foot studio, dedi-



Pilates Instructors Lindsey Crane and Micheon Cahill

cated retail shop, six administrative offices and an instructor development lab.

Over the years, Pratt realized that simplification was the way to go. The business exclusively teaches Pilates on the Reformer and she has chosen not to ex

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# **OPINION**

# Concerned? Get Involved

By Carol Van Dam Falk WMCCA President

ell, what I can say? I've got big shoes to fill as WMCCA President Susanne Lee finishes her term this month, but thank goodness Susanne will remain a wise and trusted member of the WMCCA board of directors as immediate past president and chairperson of the Committee on Planning and Zoning. Picking up from Susanne's last president's letter, I'd like to reiterate that while WMCCA is not a political body, we are most definitely

## WMCCA

committed to protecting the quality of our waterways and streams, and preserving the character of our neighborhoods by

making sure that our locally elected representatives, developers, citizens, and county agency officials abide by the Potomac Subregion Master Plan and do not embark on actions that hurt our neighborhoods.

For example, members of the Board and residents of Glen Hills have worked tirelessly for years to track the Glen Hills Sewer Study, subsequent amendments and policy; to craft thoughtful testimony to present to Montgomery County and state agencies, and to meet with local legislators and county officials, as well as neighborhood groups in order to keep everyone abreast of potential changes to the "Countywide Water and Sewer Plan."

The WMCCA board monitors what is happening, speaks up when rules and regulations are being violated or ignored, and reports back to concerned community members. The septic vs. sewer policy issues affect not only Glen Hills residents but property owners throughout the county and in some instances the state. It dictates whether or not rural neighborhoods will remain so, or whether higher density will be allowed to come in, causing further degradation of our streams, the Potomac River, and the drinking water supply. Significant changes to the policy could forever alter the character of our neighborhoods. The board continues to follow these important developments and many others, but we cannot do it alone.

Your voice counts, but it can be strengthened and informed by coming to meetings, listening to speakers whose expertise directly im-

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Next Meeting

The October General Meeting meeting of the West Mongtomery County Citizens Association will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7:15 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center.

Jerad Minnick, the featured speaker, is the turf manager at the Boyds/Germantown Soccerplex. He is also an advisor and advocate for natural grass sports surfaces, and writes the blog "Growing Green Grass." He'll talk about the benefits of natural grass over synthetic turf on public and private playing fields, as well as address the health risks and hidden financial costs of synthetic turf.

As always, the public is welcome to attend the WMCCA meetings.

If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

pacts our communities, raising concerns, and becoming advocates for preserving and maintaining the Potomac sub-region. How do you do that exactly? Well, there are many ways. Besides attending WMCCA General Meetings, encourage your neighbors to come, invite them to become members, offer to help staff the WMCCA table at Potomac Day on Oct. 22, offer to serve on various WMCCA committees, and write letters to your elected representatives on issues that matter to you. We know that there are many demands on your time. But the rewards of seeing tangible positive changes in your own neighborhoods are great — and we can't do it alone.

# Brandywine Senior Living at Potomac, LLC Appeal

By Susanne Lee

WMCCA joined with the Brickyard Coalition to appeal the decision of the Montgomery County Board of Appeals (BOA) granting a conditional use (special exception) to Brandywine Senior Living, LLC. The BOA decision would allow Brandywine to construct a 140-bed assisted living facility on land zoned for residential use next to the Falls Road Golf Course. Neighboring property owners have also appealed. WMCCA's opening brief filed on Aug. 26, 2016 in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County emphasized the failure of the conditional use to conform with the Potomac Subregion Master Plan and key provisions of the Montgomery County Zoning Code. Oral argument is scheduled for Nov. 4, 2016.

### WMCCA Comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for WSSC's Potomac Water Filtration Plant Proposed Mid-River Intake

By Susanne Lee

WSSC proposes a massive construction project at their filtration plant located off River Road on land within the C & O Canal National Historical Park (NHP). They propose to move their drinking water intake pipe further into the Potomac away from the pollution, primarily sediment, discharged into the Potomac from the Watts Branch and Seneca Creek. WMCCA joined with the Watts Branch Watershed Alliance and individual WMCCA Board

Members to provide comments on the National Park Service (NPS) Environmental Assessment for the project.

WSSC's comments concentrated on the substantial adverse impacts of the project including the permanent loss of national park land and the destruction of five acres of mature forest and an archeological site in the heart of one of the most visited sections of this very popular national park.

The project will involve blasting and drilling, disruption and elimination of certain key visitor uses, destruction of cultural resources, and adverse impacts on the rich biological diversity of the Canal including hundreds of high value and protected species.

We also proposed a new alternative — "nobuild plus aggressive stream remediation of the Watts Branch and Seneca Creek" — that would have absolutely no impact on the C&O Canal NHP, would benefit the regional environment, and would provide a permanent solution, rather than the proposed temporary fix, to the problem of silt coming from those streams. The NPS is now considering all the comments they received and will then issue either a Finding of No Significant Impact or a determination that an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

### **Glenstone Museum**

By Ginny Barnes

The state has issued Glenstone a permit to withdraw 9,500 gallons of well water per day to be used on a yearly basis and a daily average of 19,000 gallons for the month of maximum use for the purpose of running museum air conditioning. Glenstone is required to install water meters on the water system to document usage and submit semi-annual water usage reports to MDE.

Additionally, Glenstone has applied for another permit to conduct stream restoration work in segments of the Sandy and Greenbriar Branch streams.

### Old Angler's Inn Proposal

BY GINNY BARNES

The applicant continues to move forward with their conditional use application for a Country Inn on MacArthur Boulevard, uphill from the existing restaurant. A traffic study has been submitted to the Hearing Examiner and revised drawings show 80 parking spaces on the site. WMCCA is part of a coalition of community groups opposing the current application.

### **Support WMCCA**

Help support WMCCA's efforts in defending the Master Plan. Renew or become a new member of WMCCA. Look for your renewal notice in the mail or go to our website to download a membership form or join using PayPal: www.wmcca.org.

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# Sebrian Festival this Weekend

taste of Serbian culture is coming to Potomac this later this week. SerbFest / DC's Fall 2016 festival kicks off Friday, Oct. 7, bringing authentic Serbian food, culture, crafts and entertainment.

Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church of Potomac is hosting the three-day event, which will include traditional Serbian dishes like Svinjetina (spit-roasted pig) and Raznjuci (grilled meat on skewers), Serbian beer and liquor as well as Serbian dance and music performances, including one by Srpski Sinovi, a traditional tamburitza band. For more information, visit serbfestdc.com.

- MARILYN CAMPBELL



Photo by Aleksandra Radio

Serbian folk dancers will provide entertainment at SerbFest DC.

## SerbFest DC Fall 2016

Friday, October 7th (11 a.m. - 9 p.m.) Saturday, October 8th (11 a.m. - 9 p.m.) Sunday, October 9th (12 - 6 p.m.)

Live Serbian Music from Srpski Sinovi, a traditional tamburitza band which will perform Saturday, October 8th

from 2-5:00 p.m. and 6-9:00 p.m. as well as Sunday, October 9th from 1-5:00 p.m.

Location: Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, 10660 River Road, Potomac

Parking: Located in rear of St. Luke property and next door at St. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church

## Bulletin Board

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Email announcements to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 5

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Day School, 11931 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Dr. Dan Shapiro, a developmental and behavioral pediatrician, will present this interactive parent training program for parents of children with challenging temperaments or developmental differences. Background concepts and specific strategies will be shared, followed by group discussion. Pay what you can; suggested range \$15-30 per family. To register, go to www.raisingyourchallengingchild.com or contact drdanshapiro@gmail.com.







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# LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

## **Tips to Go Green**

Going <sup>4</sup>green" is one of the hottest trends in real estate today, with constructions from multi-unit housing, condos and apartments to single-family dwellings and luxury homes eager to embrace the new change in ideology, values and architecture! Sustainable living, ecological consciousness and budget savvy are all contributing factors in the trend to go green everywhere from building materials and renovations to incorporating energy efficient fixtures and heating/cooling systems into the home's blueprint. Here are some tips to get you started on reducing your carbon footprint and adding a lovely shade of "green" to your house from the inside out!

#### • Energy Efficient Insulation

The addition of energy efficient insulation into your home is not only environmentally responsible; it is also cost-efficient for the homeowner. As the home becomes more energy efficient, it requires less energy to heat or cool, resulting in a lower utility bill for the homeowners, often significant enough to cover the cost of installation in the first month! Older homes, which are usually poorly or inefficiently insulated, are prime candidates for this type of green remodeling. Attics, ceilings and walls are the best bets for installation.

### • Solar Energy Roofing Panels

These will produce electrical power for your home and solar panels can be considered trendy as well. This type of roofing panel gives a more modern look to every house that has them. Plus, you might be able to get a rebate when you purchase them. Some states encourage the use of solar panels by giving homeowners who use solar panels a rebate, deduction or tax exemption, so make sure to check out your state's regulations on rewarding your wise choice! You can also save money on your electric bill monthly by incorporating solar panels into your home's energy profile. Aside from solar panels, you can also check out solar roofing shingles, a solar panel that is attached to the main metal roof.

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—John Wooden



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#### ONGOING

Canal Boat Excursions. April-Oct., Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. Go on a 19th-century mule-drawn canal boat excursion. Hear tales of what life was like for the families who lived and worked on the canal. Tickets are \$8 for adults (ages 16-61), \$6 for seniors (ages 62 +), and \$5 for children (ages 4-15). Call 301-767-3714 for more.

Art Exhibit: "Contrasts." Through Oct. 8, gallery hours at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. "Contrasts," featuring the work of artists Jane Callen and Janet Wittenberg, explores the role of contrasting elements in art – and life. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more

Laughter Fitness Classes. Through Nov. 1, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Class includes, laughter, breathing, chair yoga and Bollywood dance for balance. Registration is \$59 for seven lessons. Visit www.dance2health.com or call 301.299.3334 for more.

2016 Inaugural Video Art

Exhibition. 5-7 p.m. at Glen Echo Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Photoworks showcases a group of female visual artists who use video to reveal the personal, the intimate and the artistic. Desires, dreams and fears are all visually explored in Photoworks' Inaugural Video Competition and Exhibition, curated by Na'ama Batya Lewin. Free. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more

Accepting Submissions: Bethesda Songwriting Contest. Through Nov. 4. The Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District announces the third annual Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards. The adjudicated competition is seeking the best, upand-coming, local songwriters and will award one talented songwriter a Grand Prize of \$10,000. Visit www.bethesda.org to apply.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 7-9

**Fall Gallery and Studio Tour.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. throughout Montgomery,

a.m.-5 p.m. throughout Montgomery, Frederick and Howard Counties. The Countryside Artisans invite you to their Fall Gallery and Studio Tour. Meet the artists and enjoy their work in the beautiful settings that inspire them. Choose from 15 galleries and studios representing 40+ fine visual, sculptural, and textile artists this selfguided, driving tour. This fall, welcome a new studio at Gallery East, a barn gallery in Adamstown, Md., featuring a contemporary fine artist and a photographer. Free. Brochure, map and info about the artists can be found at www.countrysideartisans.com.

SerbFest. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. Sunday at Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church, 10660 River Road, Potomac. Find traditional Serbian dishes, beverages, dance and music performances, gifts and boutique items and familyfriendly activities. Admission and parking are free, an indoor setup has been arranged in case of inclement weather and all a la carte food item



"Behind the Counter," Cara Brostrom, in partnership with Risa Horn, Video Artist, "Moving Colors of Life"

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proceeds benefit Saint Luke Serbian Orthodox Church. Free. Visit www.serbfestdc.com.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 8

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

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/potomac.html.

Blessing of the Animals. 5:30 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals. 5:30 p.m. at St James' Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. The Blessing of the Animals Service commemorates the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals, the environment, and religious cooperation. Free. Visit www.stjamespotomac.org.

Matthew Robertson and Friends. 7:30 p.m. at Bradley Hills

Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Bradley Hills Presents, the concert arm of Bradley Hills Church, will host Matthew Robertson, Director of Music at Bradley Hills, along with local vocalists and instrumentalists, leading an Organ Dedication Concert on BHPC's new Positive Continuo organ from the world-renowned firm of Taylor & Boody. Tickets are \$25/\$20 for general/students at the door; \$20/\$15 in advance. Visit www.bradleyhillschurch.org for

Roomful of Blues. 9 p.m. at Glen Echo Park – Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 8-9

**Violinist Chee-Yun.** 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at The Music Center at

Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The National Philharmonic presents a weekend program that skips from hemisphere to hemisphere and explores how art inspires other works of art. Vivaldi's most popular work "The Four Seasons" is paired with Astor Piazzolla's Argentinian homage, "Las Cuatro Estaciones Porteñas in a dazzling roundelay of string and orchestral music. Hee-Yun, a South Korean violinist will perform as the soloist —using a rare, previously buried, two hundred year old violin — for all eight pieces of music under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Piotr Gajewski. Tickets start at \$27. VIsit www.nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-581-5100.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 14-MARCH 17

Club Friday. 7-9 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Children grades 3-6 are invited to participate in games, crafts, movies, sports and more. Membership fee is \$88. Vsiti www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Truck Touch. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Suburban Nursery School, 7210 Hidden Creek Road, Bethesda. Children (and adults) get the chance to get up close and personal with fire trucks, police cars, off-road vehicles, construction rigs, delivery trucks, emergency vehicles, busses, and more. Tickets are \$5, free for children under 2. Visit www.suburbannurseryschool.org/our-school/truck-touch for more.

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### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 15-16 Bethesda Row Arts Festival. 11

a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at 7200 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. On display will be: ceramics, drawings, fabrics, glass, graphics, jewelry, metalwork, paintings, pastels, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood and mixed media. Free. Visit www.bethesdarowarts.org for more.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Lecture and Artists Dinner. 4 p.m. lecture, 6 p.m. private dinner at Glen Echo Park – Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. A native of El Salvador, photographer Muriel Hasbun has worked and taught in Washington, D.C., for over 25 years; serving as Program Head of Photography at the Corcoran School of Arts and Design at GWU. Her photographs and installations probe her own family history in search of identity, as they carefully consider the overlap of past and present. Leslie Ureña is Assistant Curator of photographs at the National Portrait Gallery. Her work on Lewis Hine's Ellis Island photographs grapples with issues of immigration and identity. Ureña has worked at the National Gallery of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, and the gallery TKG+ in Taipei, Taiwan. Lecture tickets are \$15, dinner and lecture tickets are

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### SATURDAY/OCT. 22

**Potomac Day.** 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at 9812 Falls Road, Potomac. Arts and entertainment for all ages, ranging from rides for children to an antique show and business fair. The highlight

is the Potomac Day Parade at 10:30 a.m., featuring hundreds of entrants, including bands, horses, antique cars, school groups, scouting organizations, and candidates for elected office. Free. Call the Potomac Chamber of Commerce at 301-299www.potomacchamber.org.

### MONDAY/OCT. 31

### Mike Rose's Halloween Magic.

4:30-5:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. A kid-friendly magic. Free, no registration needed but space is limited. Pick up tickets at 4 p.m. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/

library/branches/potomac.html.

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#### **Lessans Family Annual Book**

Festival. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Now in its 46th year, this 10-day festival boasts more than 20 author events, book signings and children's programs. Call 301-881-0100. See www.jccgw.org.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Potomac Library Book Sale. 10

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

library/branches/potomac.html. **The Raleigh Ringers.** 7:30 p.m. at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Bradley Hills Presents, the concert arm of Bradley Hills Church, will host The Raleigh Ringers, an internationally acclaimed handbell choir, who will perform a unique blend of sacred, secular, and popular music arranged specifically for handbells. Tickets are \$25/\$20 for general/students at the door; \$20/ \$15 in advance. Visit www.bradleyhillschurch.org for

more.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 19

**Dinner of Champions.** 7 p.m. at JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. The annual event honors those who have achieved success in the world of sports, and those who have made extraordinary contributions to the community. The dinner benefits the Jewish Community inclusion programs for individuals with special needs. Individual tickets are \$275. Visit www.jccgw.org for more.

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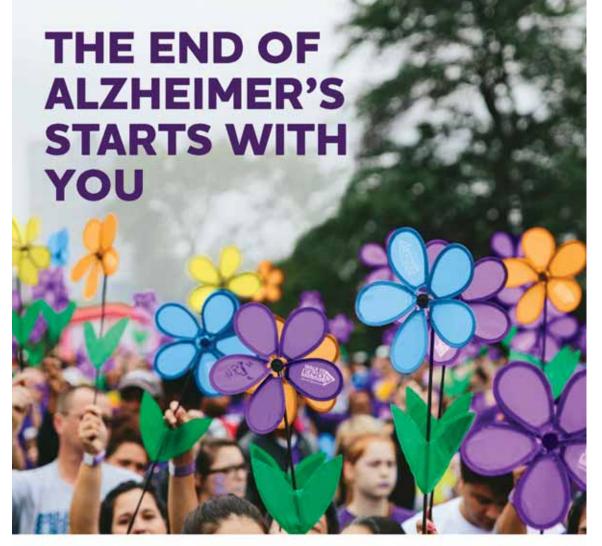
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# **Senior Living**

# Planning for Multigenerational Living

Making room for older family members.

BY JOSH BAKER
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lanning for multigenerational living has been on the rise in recent years. With life expectancies increasing and early baby boomers entering their golden years, this trend is expected to continue. As with any remodeling project, there are a number of factors to consider when planning a renovation for a growing household.

### A Space of Their Own

A self-contained guest house or in-law suite offers the most privacy for all generations. Including a full bathroom and kitchenette, as well as a separate entrance in this space, allows an older family member to retain their independence and privacy. Adding a small sitting area allows the occupant to entertain guests without feeling as if they're intruding. When planning, be sure to incorporate extra storage space, as it can be difficult for some folks to part with their belongings, particularly those that hold sentimental value. Finally, as interaction with the family is important, it's nice to ensure the home's main kitchen is sufficiently sized and a comfortable gathering area is accessible to include everyone for cherished fam-

### **Existing Space Strategies**

If you don't have room for an addition, either on your lot or in your budget, reworking existing space and incorporating elements of universal design can help with the transition. One cost-effective solution to consider is a residential elevator. An existing closet space or other small area can be



An existing closet space or other small area can be retrofitted to accommodate an elevator.

retrofitted to accommodate the elevator, or if existing space is at a premium a small addition just large enough for the elevator shaft can be built. This can give family members with mobility issues access to more areas of the home. Recent empty nesters might repurpose their children's rooms on the upper level to accommodate the needs of aging parents, or a small suite might be planned in a finished lower-level. If an elevator isn't an option, a cozy second master suite might be created from a seldom used room on the first floor, such as an office or den.

### **Universal Design**

Whether you're reconfiguring space that's already there or adding on, there are various ways to design a home with accessibility in mind. Widening hallways and doorways can help ease maneuverability issues

for family members who use a wheelchair or walker. A spacious, roll-in shower with grab bars and a hand-held showerhead is ideal in the bathroom. Adding a comfortheight toilet, the height of the average chair, is helpful for those who have joint or balance concerns. Planning some sinks and countertops at lower heights in the bathroom or kitchen can offer seated individuals easier access and greater autonomy. Given the wide variety of fixtures, finishes, and accessories available, a little careful planning can help you to achieve a home that is both stylish and accessible. An added benefit of a well-planned renovation to accommodate senior parents is the space is already access-friendly if one should decide to remain in the home and age-in-place

Even if you don't intend to have someone living with you full time, having a home that offers "visit-ability," a movement that



Bathroom includes bench and handheld shower.

has grown increasingly popular in the accessible design community, provides a safe and comfortable environment for all visitors and loved ones. If I can help to answer any questions you may have on creative design solutions for multigenerational living, please let me know.

Josh Baker is the founder and cochairman of BOWA, an award-winning design and construction company specializing in luxury renovations ranging from master suites and kitchens to whole-house and whole-condo remodels. BOWA has more than 28 years of experience and has earned nearly 200 awards for business, design and construction excellence, including being named National "Remodeler of the Year" by Professional Remodeler magazine. Visit www.bowa.com or call 703-734-9050.





Adding a small sitting area allows an older family member to entertain without feeling as if they're intruding on the rest of the household.



Kitchen provides accessible seating.

# **Senior Living**

# Regaining Mobility

# Orthopedic surgeons offer keys for successful joint replacement surgery.

By Marilyn Campbell The Almanac

ired of the limited mobility and pain that have thwarted her love of foreign travel and fall hiking, Lynda S. Johnson, 72, scheduled a knee replacement surgery for later this month. She chose a doctor, found a pet sitter to watch her Cairn terrier, and enlisted her sister to live with her while she recovers.

"I had been debating for months about whether to have it," she said. "I was in so much pain, though, that I don't really think I have anything to lose."

For Johnson and approximately 7 million other Americans living with a hip or knee replacement, the decision to undergo such a surgery is fueled by a quest for less pain, more mobility and an overall boost to their quality of life.

Nearly 90 percent of patients who have knee replacement surgery experience less pain and 85 percent of the replacement joints still work after 20 years, according to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. The odds are that most patients will feel better, and feel better quickly. There are several ways patients and their doctors can improve their chances of success and speed their recovery time, however.

Addressing overall health issues like high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity can, for example, boost the chances that a joint replacement surgery will be successful, says Dr. C. Anderson "Andy" Engh orthopedic surgeon, Anderson Orthopedic Clinic at Inova Mount Vernon. "Work on both your overall health and conditioning," he said. "The top things that lead to infection are obesity and uncontrolled diabetes. The extent that patients can have control over their weight and their medical conditions, in particular things like diabetes, the better their chances for suc-

In addition, while it may seem counterintuitive, patients should be up and out of their hospital beds as soon as possible. "Patients are walking with assistance hours after their surgery. The reason patients do better when they get up and move around is that they decrease the risk of pneumonia and blood clots," said Dr. Mark P. Madden, an orthopedic surgeon with

OrthoVirginia. "We start out with patients using a walker and having someone assist them in walking, and they generally progress to become fully weight bearing without any assistance at all."

Also, have a support system in place prior to surgery, whether it's a significant other, grown child or close friend. Often dubbed coach or advocate, that person might attend medical appoints with a patient prior to surgery, serve as their point of contact the day of surgery and provide morale support throughout the recovery process.

"The more eyes and ears in addition to the patient's, the better," said Engh, explaining why it's so helpful to have someone with the patient at appointments and throughout the recovery. "We approach things that we have to do with set expectations, and sometimes those expectations can keep us from hearing other things. Having another person there is a good reality check and note taker."

Like Johnson's sister, the coach should be able to spend a significant amount of time with the patient during the early recovery period.

"That person can expect to be with you 16 hours a day for two to five days after surgery," said Engh. "I don't want someone alone by themselves all day during work hours. The coach or advocate is like a safety marshal who keeps the patient safe and reminds them to take their time during their recovery."

That person might also stop injuries by encouraging the patient to avoid complications during recovery. Patients should avoid everyday tasks like lifting heavy bags of groceries, for example.

Dr. George Aguiar, an orthopedic surgeon at Reston Hospital Center, advises patients to address issues such as determining how they will get help with grocery shopping, transportation, pet care and house cleaning in advance. "Having these types of things handled before you go into surgery can only help the recovery process."

Patients should also plan ahead and safety-proof their homes. "Do everything you can do to avoid a fall within the first two to three months after your surgery," said Engh. "Do a good assessment of the home. Have clear pathways and be aware of rugs that can catch your feet. Have good, secure handrails on stair-

ways to help prevent falls."

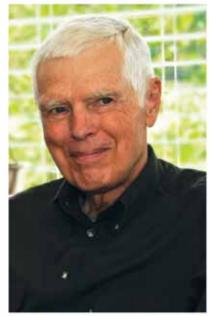
Timing also plays a role in the success of joint replacement surgeries. "Some patients ask if they're too old to have surgery," said Engh. "The question is 'How often do you get out of your house every week?' I think that the person who gets out, walks

around, goes up and down the stairs, and is using their muscles and reflexes on a regular basis, they're in good condition no matter how old they are. Don't wait until you're home bound to have this surgery because they recovery will be quite long."

To decide whether joint re-

placement surgery is the best option, says Madden, work with a physician and weigh the effect the pain is having on one's quality of life.

"There's no right answer for every patient," said Madden. "The real answer is to work with your doctor to find the right treatment."





After a career in the Federal Reserve and the US Treasury, Bruce MacLaury was asked to head the Brookings Institution, in Washington, DC. He served as its president for eighteen years. It was during this time that he began serving on the Ingleside Board, a position that enabled him to help shape the growth of the organization. He and his wife, Ginny, are now themselves enjoying life at Ingleside at King Farm.



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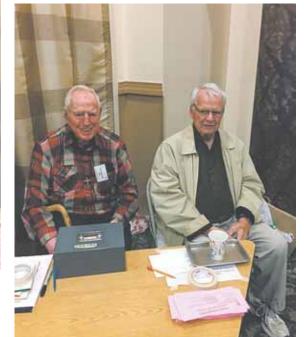


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Rummage Sale at St. James

George Dick (left) and Samson Annan manage the cashier booth at the fall rummage sale at St. James Episcopal church. The sale, held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, included antiques, collectibles, art, bicycles, books, clothing, jewelry, electronics, furniture, household items, kitchenware, sports equipment, and tools.



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Don Schuessler (left) and Len Whistler man the cashier booth at the St. James Episcopal church rummage sale now in its 25th year. Schuessler has attended all of the sales.



Volunteer Linda Ellis shows off a fancy ball gown at the St. James rummage sale.



A herd of giraffes at the St. James rummage sale.



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A bit of glamour at the St. James Episcopal Church fall rummage sale.

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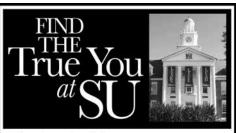
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# A Site To Be Told



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I have a web site: www.kennywithcancer.com. Original, I know. But now what do I do with it? I mean, other than feeding my ego (a little bit) and providing a more central/accessible location for my nearly 350 cancer columns (published every week since June '09) and the occasional non-cancer and/or sports-themed column, what is the point of

I can't really say it's to bring awareness to the cause of this non-celeb because I know very little, even now, nearly eight years post diagnosis. And reading what I write is hardly news or noteworthy. Oh sure, the columns are mildly amusing and moderately informative, but compared to what exactly? Nor do I provide resources for other cancer patients, families or interested parties to educate themselves about this dreaded disease. I offer few facts, few figures, few recommendations, but lots of feelings. I only know what I don't know which, given its rather ample supply, has enabled me to maintain this seven-plus years output of weekly columns, having never missed a deadline during the entirety of my treatment, even during the early days of heavy-duty chemotherapy when occasionally I was down, but not quite out.

I suppose my columns do chronicle a cancer-patient's journey, so to speak, in real time; hopefully not in a boring, selfindulgent tone that turned some of you readers off. Perhaps there was still some meat left on the bone that offered some observations and emotions that drew you in and better acquainted you with the trials, travails and tribulations of a characterized-as-"terminal" stage IV, nonsmall cell lung cancer "diagnossee."

Writing about that diagnosis and my life as a cancer patient has come naturally to me. It has enabled me to share, which in a way, has lessened the burden on me, almost as if we were all in this together (strength in numbers and all of that). And I suppose that's sort of true since I've involved you regular readers in so many intimate details. I've held nothing back: the good, the bad and the ugly; no, not the movie. As a result, I imagine, I have received correspondence encouraging and commending. I assure you, none of it has fallen on deaf ears. And to be honest, I've not written about my having cancer for

the greater good; I've not written about it

to make friends and influence people, nor

have I written about it to affect any policy

change. I've simply written about because

it has made me happy to do so. And what little anecdotal agreement exists in the cancerpatient/treatment world, it is that happiness, laughter, positivity, etc., helps patients in ways that medicine in and of itself seems not always capable of doing. Unfortunately it appears not to be something which can be prescribed — in pill or liquid form, but something nonetheless that needs to be discussed and behavior-modified to attain, especially if it seems not be happening by itself. I'm living proof of that. Rather, I hope my columns are living proof of that. In my posted-columns-to-be, if there is a joke or funny popular culture reference in my column, we will link it to the original, if available in the public domain so visitors car see exactly what I'm saying. I want my site to be more than just for sore eyes, but a sight to see as well; living and breathing,

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