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Getting To Know Artists Artomatic 2016 continues through Dec. 9 at Park Potomac.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Last weekend, more than 1,600 art enthusiasts, music aficionados, curiosity seekers and D.C.-area residents visited Artomatic 2016 to discover new art, mingle with the creative community and enjoy performances and interactive activities.

This is the first time that the 17-year-old Artomatic has been held in Montgomery County. Held at Park Potomac, the free exhibit is open Thursday through Sunday (closed Monday – Wednesday and Thanksgiving) for the next two weekends until Dec. 9. The hours are noon to 10 p.m. on Thursday, noon – midnight on Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. It features 380 artists, performances and workshops held in 45,000 square feet on the 5th and 6th floors at 12435 Park Potomac Avenue.

Potomac artist and art teacher Felisa Federman is pleased to be part of this exhibition: “Artomatic is a wonderful opportunity for artists to speak with the public — and also with one another. If I see a technique I want to learn, I seek out the artist and we can then get together and I can learn a new technique. This is a non-juried event and any artist can display their work here. Artomatic also raises awareness among the community that artists need space and opportunities to display their talents and sell their work.

“The programs give both children and adults a chance to be creative and hands-on. Everyone is a volunteer and we all agree to donate 15 or more hours to the exhibition; it is a unique opportunity for artists to get to know each other and to learn from



Emily Uchytal with her art at Artomatic.

one another — and to invite the public into our studios to see what we do and how we do it. It really creates an appreciation too.”

The first Artomatic took place in 1999 in the Manhattan Laundry Building on Florida Avenue NW in D.C. Douglas Development donated the use of the building for six weeks to a group of artists who invited their friends to exhibit. Before long, every nook and cranny was filled with art installations of every description and the artists coined the word Art-o-matic because of the spontaneity of the exhibition. More than 25,000 people attended the first year, and Artomatic has continued to flourish with exhibitions held almost yearly in both D.C.

and Virginia. Chair Emeritus and Founder George C. Koch said, “By artists and for everyone, Artomatic is well-known for temporarily transforming empty spaces into vibrant arts events that celebrate creativity and create a unique and exciting opportunity for tens of thousands of visitors. Anyone can present their art at Artomatic, and presentation spaces are selected on a first-come, first serve basis — so it’s a great way to discover new art and artists.

“At a time of regional transformation, people are looking for art and gathering destinations right where they live, and Artomatic brings this ‘New Suburbanism’ place-making to Montgomery County.



PHOTOS BY SUSAN BELFORD/THE ALMANAC

Potomac artist Felisa Federman displays her creative talents at Artomatic.

People want a sense of interaction; Artomatic has shown that it can catalyze a sense of greater community within a community that transforms people and places. This is why Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Arts & Humanities County of Montgomery County are Artomatic’s enthusiastic sponsors. Artomatic creates community, builds audiences and expands economic development.”

Artistic and creative events are held throughout the day for children, families and anyone interested in visual arts. For example, Nov. 26 and 27 will feature a host

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Potomac Area Neighbor’s Club Celebrates 50 Years

Through all the changes, friendships remain.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

“Plant the seeds of friendship, then watch the blessings grow!” is the motto of the Potomac Area Neighbor’s Club (PANC) — formerly the Potomac Area Newcomer’s Club.

PANC began in 1966 as the Potomac Welcome Wagon Club to help women who had recently moved to the area adjust to their new lives in Potomac. Through the organization, members formed friendships and learned about the community and the many opportunities available to them in the Washington D.C. area. This organization expanded to include a myriad of activities including bridge, book clubs, couples’ gourmet groups, writing, current affairs and film buff groups, power walkers, educational

tours, cooking classes and more. The organization now numbers 140 women.

PANC commemorated its 50th Anniversary with a Celebration Luncheon at the Bretton Woods Club House on Nov. 9. Seventy members (including nine past presidents) attended the luncheon. A highlight was Co-President Alexa Kempel’s collection of vin-

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The PANC board, from left, sitting, are Anila Khetarpal, Alexa Kempel, Kathy Kurgan, and JoAnne Fink; in the next row are Anu Reddy, Suzel Lemus, Kim Belvin, Joanne Zinsmeister, and Susan Rosen. Missing are Kathryn Beckwith, Dottie White and Suzanne Lamoureux.



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Chamber of Commerce Honors Three

The Potomac Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to three honorees at its awards dinner at Normandie Farm on Nov. 17. The evening of praise and proclamations honored Mary Kimm, editor and publisher of the Potomac Almanac and Connection Newspapers, as Citizen of the Year; Attorney Fred B. Goldman, Esq., as Business Person of the Year; and Landon student Arslon Humayun as Youth of the Year.

KIMM is an award-winning journalist, opinion writer and editor and publisher, managing through the changes in media for more than 25 years. As editor and publisher of Connection Newspapers, parent of the Potomac Almanac, she has led the newspaper group to hundreds of press awards for investigative reporting, public service, editorial writing, news and election coverage, special projects, feature writing, sports, design, photography and more. Kimm has worked at the newspaper chain in a variety of roles since 1989. Kimm serves on the governing board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and on the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Fairfax Region. She also serves in numerous community organizations, including the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

GOLDMAN has lived in Montgomery County since 1963 and in Potomac since 1971. He has served as a member, officer and director of the Potomac Chamber of Com-

merce for over 25 years. He has also delivered welcome baskets for the Chamber for many years and served as chairman of the Chamber Awards Committee for the past eight years.

Goldman was born and raised in D.C. and graduated from George Washington University and the Georgetown University Law Center.

After working for Price Waterhouse as a CPA and The Macke Company as director of taxes, he opened his own law practice concentrating on business and tax law and estate planning and administration.

Goldman has volunteered in many capacities over the years. He served on the board of directors and as general counsel of the Washington Hebrew Congregation. Having been active in his youth, he was asked to help establish a tax exempt foundation, Friends of BBYO, to raise money for the D.C. area chapters of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) when the parent corporation had to cut funding. His involvement included establishing annual galas that raised substantial contributions for the D.C. region chapters of BBYO.

HUMAYUN, a senior at the Landon School, has lived in Potomac his entire life and enjoys the diverse and active intellectual culture. He has had the opportunity to celebrate religious and cultural festivals with his friends of many different traditions and to learn from both business leaders and entrepreneurs.

He earned the highest grade



Fred B. Goldman, Business Person of the Year, and family.



Youth of the Year Arslon D. Humayun (right) with his friends from Landon, Shoun Shi and Bilal Wurie.



State Sen. Brian Feldman and Youth of the Year Arslon D. Humayun

point average in the junior class at Landon.

He is a member of the Chamber Singers and the Landon soccer team. He serves as a "prefect" — an on-campus ethical leader who was chosen by the Upper School students and faculty members. He co-founded the Peer Tutoring Club

and is also a leader of the Peer Counseling Club. He is a member of the Multicultural Student Alliance and president of Landon's Eastern Cultural Association which encourages discussion of issues affecting Asian-American and Indian-American boys.

He won the Noah Eig Award for

Fellowship for his role in promoting an atmosphere of brotherhood and acceptance at Landon. He was also awarded the Lower School Headmaster's Award in 2010 and the Middle School Headmaster's Award in 2013. In 2016 Arslon received the Dartmouth Book Award.



PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE ALMANAC

Chamber President Adam Greenberg with Business Person of the Year Fred Goldman



Citizen of the Year Mary Kimm, Andy Razak, and Lynn and John McConnell — friends for 30 years



Nancy Floreen, Montgomery County Council member at large, presents a proclamation to Citizen of the Year Mary Kimm.

SHARING Thinking Beyond Serving Meals

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

During this season of giving thanks, opportunities for expressions of gratitude can seem ubiquitous. It's also a good opportunity to demonstrate philanthropy for children, from food and toy drives to serving hot meals in soup kitchens.

"Charitable organizations rely on the incredible support of volunteers who dedicate time and provide supplies," particularly at this time of year, said Yvonne Esipila, volunteer and outreach coordinator for Interfaith Works, a nonprofit organization that serves the homeless and the poor. "Without volunteers we would not be able to offer many of the services that are performed or delivered daily."

Youth volunteerism can be complicated, however, when it comes to matching skills and abilities with opportunities and interests. For example, feeding the homeless might seem like an ideal way to give children a real-world view of those in need. However, hot stoves and

sharp knives can pose dangers to young children. The key is finding the right fit before committing.

"We have a variety of opportunities for our ever-increasing diverse pool of volunteers," said Esipila.

An example of children volunteering for the same cause, but with different activities matched with their varying skill levels, is a kindergarten through eighth grade, effort by students at Norwood School in Potomac to support Manna Food Center. Leanne Gill, a spokeswoman for the school, says all students can donate healthy food items, but that older students get more involved.

"A group of our eighth graders visits the Manna warehouse ... to help sort through and organize food donations," said Gill.

Older children are often better suited to participate in food

preparation efforts without the need for close supervision. For example, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School (SSSAS) in Alexandria, Va., holds an annual tradition the day before Thanksgiving called Saintsgiving. High school students volun-

teer to make sandwiches for the clients of Martha's Table, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that provides meals to low-income and homeless residents of the region.

"Last year we had a record turnout, and our volunteers made 4,600 sandwiches in just one hour," said Mandi Sapp, communications coordinator at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.

When children are too young for solo food preparation, Esipila recommends that families make food together and bring it to shelters. "Great opportunities [include] ... making bagged lunches at home as a family activity, wrapping them and taking them to our shelters," said Esipila. "They can even include a small encouraging note."

They also need more than food. Providing social opportunities for the homeless people, who might not otherwise have them is a much-needed volunteer service appropriate for families with children of all ages, added Esipila. "Creating crafts with or playing Bingo with or planning and hosting a birthday party for the homeless are always appreciated."

Charities also need basic supplies like soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, which many homeless people desperately need, added Esipila. "Consider holding a mini-drive to collect these items," she said. "We also welcome other creative ideas that volunteers may have. My goal is

Experts advise finding age-appropriate ways for children to give back.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORWOOD SCHOOL

A group of eighth grader students from Norwood School visit the Manna Food Center warehouse to help sort and organize food donations.

to inspire a lifetime of service."

Sometimes giving means bringing joy. Sapp sites a volunteer effort by fourth grade students at the SSSAS that brings smiles to the faces of sick children. For the past 23 years, students have baked cookies, cakes, brownies and other treats at home and brought them to school for a bake sale. Proceeds are used to purchase toys for patients and their siblings at Children's National Medical Center in D.C.

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ONGOING

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.

Artomatic Arts Spectacular. Various times through Friday, Dec. 9 at 12435 Park Potomac Ave., Floors 5 and 6. Thursdays, noon-10 p.m.; Fridays: noon-midnight; Saturdays, noon-midnight; Sunday: noon – 6 p.m. Free admission, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Visit www.artomatic.org.

“Dialogue: A Visual Conversation.” Through Jan. 5. Gallery hours at at the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. “A Visual Conversation” is a collection of visual arts – paintings, photographs, digital images and more – resulting from an unusual collaboration between professional artists in the Washington area, and artists receiving mental health treatment from Cornerstone Montgomery. Free. Visit www.Personalvisionsgallery.org.

Club Friday. Through March 17, 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. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec.

Children’s Storytime. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda. Listen to employees read children’s stories. Free. Visit www.store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4824850-21.

VisArts Cocktails and Canvas Class. at VisArts in the Painting & Drawing Studio, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Price \$40. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas for more.

Thang Ta. Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts, 1525 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. Learn the ancient art of the sword and spear. \$25. Visit www.dancesidra.org.

Weekly Blues Dance. Thursdays 8:15-11:30 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents rotating DJs and instructors with beginner workshop 8:15-9 p.m., no partner necessary. \$8 for all. Visit capitalblues.org for more.

Weekly Swing Dance. Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight. The DC Lindy Exchange presents a swing dance with live music in the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Beginner swing dance lesson at 8 p.m., followed by dancing. Admission \$16-\$18, age 17 and under \$12. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

Argentine Tango with Lessons. Most Sundays, 6:30-11 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Argentine Tango lessons followed by a Milonga most Sunday evenings. Beginner lesson 6:30-7:30 p.m. and



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Gallery B presents its December exhibition “Cadence,” featuring artwork by Damon Arhos, Kristine DeNinno and Clare Winslow. Cadence will be on display from Nov. 30-Dec. 31 at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E. Gallery hours for the show will be Wednesday–Saturday, 12-6 p.m.

intermediate lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/lesson and includes the Milonga. For just the Milonga, cost is \$10 and the open dance with DJ runs 8:30-11 p.m. No partner required. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222 for more.

Contra and Square Dance. Fridays and Sundays 7-10:30 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The evening can include square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. All Contra and Square dances are taught, no partner necessary. Lessons at 7 p.m., followed by the called dance with live music at 7:30. \$13 for nonmembers, \$10 for FSGW members, \$5 ages 17 and under. Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222 for more.

Late Night Comedy. Fridays (open mic night) and Saturdays (established comedians) at Benny’s Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny’s is open 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visit www.BennysBarGrill.com.

Drop in Art Activities. Every Saturday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Candy Corner Studio at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., parents and children can explore a new art form or theme. \$10/child, parent combo. Drop-in only. Visit www.pgip.org for more.

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too). Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials,

story time, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

Live Music & Dancing. Fridays and Saturdays, 7-11 p.m. in Margery’s Lounge, Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Dance to the music of Barry Gurley. Call 301-983-8838 or visit www.popovers.com for more.

Chocolate Factory Tours. Fridays and Saturdays, 2-5:45 p.m. at SPAGnVOLA Chocolatier, 360 Main St., Gaithersburg. Take a short tour of The Truffle Factory facilities. Free. Visit www.spagnvola.com.

Glen Echo Park Films. Saturdays and Sundays. Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Films about the Park’s history are shown on rotation in the lobby. Free. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more.

SilverWorks Studio & Gallery. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. SilverWorks Studio & Gallery is a working silversmith studio and includes an ongoing exhibition, as well as sales of the work of artist-in-residence Blair Anderson. Free. Visit www.silverworksglenechopark.com.

Art Glass Center at Glen Echo. All day Wednesdays; Fridays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Art Glass Center, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Ongoing exhibitions feature work of resident artists. Sculpture, vessels, functional

art and jewelry for sale. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Visit www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org for more.

Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery. Saturdays and Sundays, 12-5 p.m. The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery presents free exhibitions of emerging artists’ work. Each weekend features the work of a different artist. Most artwork is also for sale. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com for more.

Acoustic Open Mic. Wednesdays, 7-11 p.m. at Benny’s Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane. Everyone welcome to perform. Wine bottles are 50 percent off. Visit www.bennysbargrill.com.

Potomac Games Group. Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Potomac Community Recreation Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. The world is in the midst of a Golden Age of new board and card games for players of all ages. Free. Contact event host Randy Hoffman at 412-983-5411 or wrandyhoffman@gmail.com for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Art Explorers Open Studio. Every Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Candy Corner Studio, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Art activities for parents and children. Activities change weekly and there is

no pre-registration; \$10 per child. Visit www.glenechopark.org/saturday-art-explorers for more.

Ceramic Classes. Various dates and times. VisArts, 155 Gibbs St, Rockville. An opportunity to try the new ceramic workshops. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/ceramics for a list of class dates, times.

THROUGH NOVEMBER

ArcLight’s Best of the Best Film Festival. Times vary at the ArcLight, Westfield Montgomery, 7101 Democracy Blvd. Best Of The Best will feature works from a variety of filmmakers such as Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, Ridley Scott, and Stanley Kubrick. Call 240-762-4000.

THROUGH NOV. 20

“A Delicate Balance.” 7 p.m. at Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Edward Albee’s Pulitzer-prize winning play. www.tinyurl.com/ADelicateBalance or call 301-299-7087.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 23

Tom Saputo. 7-10:30 p.m. at Margery’s Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. For a complete schedule of entertainment through the month of November, call 301-983-8838 or go to popovers.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 24

Turkey Chase. 8:30 a.m. at 9401 Old Georgetown Road at Spruce Street. The Turkey Chase 10K Run benefits the YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase, YMCA’s Youth and Family Services and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club Foundation. Includes a two-mile walk/run; wheelchairs welcome. Registration is \$10 for the Kid’s Run, \$20 for the 2 mile race, and \$35 for the 10K. See www.turkeychase.com.

Community Thanksgiving Service. 10:30 a.m. St. James’ Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Annual ecumenical community Thanksgiving Service. Collecting donations of nonperishable food for Samaritan Ministry. 301-762-8040 www.stjamespotomac.org

NOV. 25-DEC. 31

Winter Lights Festival. Sunday-Thursday, 6-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 6-10 p.m. at Seneca Creek Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg. Winter Lights is a 3.5-mile drive through a holiday light show at Seneca Creek Park with more than 360 illuminated displays. Additional events include Wine Under the Lights, Run Under the Lights, Leashes ‘n’ Lights, and, S’More Lights & Trolley Rides. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/special-events/winter-lights-festival.

NOV. 30-DEC. 4

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Bob Stout Concert. 7-11 p.m. at Margery’s Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. Sing along or dance the night away. 301-983-8838 or popovers.com

ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

“An Evening with The Mavericks: Sleigh Bells Ring Out!”. Doors open at 7 p.m. and show is at 8 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. \$41-\$86. www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/the-mavericks

“The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.” At St. Andrew’s Episcopal School, 8804 Post oak Road, Potomac. This new production will make use of a magician and scenic designs to highlight the fantasy and transformation that are central to this classic story. \$19.50. www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org or 301-634-2270.

Terry Lee Ryan. 7-11 p.m. at Margery’s Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. 301-983-8838 or popovers.com



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Rob Patrick is playing Dec. 9-10, 7-11 p.m. at Margery’s Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road.

Theological Seminary, Congregation Beth El and Congregation Har Shalom present “Walk Humbly with Your God: Jewish Wisdom in Song,” a concert of Jewish music celebrating the timeless values of justice, kindness, humility, and spirit. Free. 212-678-8950, tohokins@jtsa.edu

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Winter Wonderland. 1-4 p.m. at Veterans Park, located at the corner of Norfolk and Woodmont avenues. Ice sculpting presentation followed by choral performances from local school groups. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Snow on Snow. 7:30 p.m. at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. The Thirteen, the all-star professional choir, will celebrate the story of Christmas through English-language works from the 15th century through the present day. Tickets are \$25/\$20 for general/students at the door; \$20/\$15 in advance. Visit www.bradleyhillchurch.org for more.

The Pressenda Chamber Players. 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Ensemble-in-Residence at the Washington Conservatory of Music, will perform as part of the Washington Conservatory Concert Series. All concerts are free, with donations welcome at the door.

Just Friends Duo. 7-11 p.m. at Margery’s Lounge at Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road. 301-983-8838 or popovers.com

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Clara Barton Holiday Craft Show. 1-5 p.m. at Clara Barton Community Recreation Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. browse pottery, woodwork, glass, things to eat, things to wear, things to read, all sold by the local artists, artisans, and authors who made them. Free. Visit www.friendsbcc.org for more.

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Rescue Squad’s Holiday Dance Party. 7-11 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda. Rescue Squad’s Holiday Dance Party Fundraiser with The Fabulous Hubcaps is a fundraiser for the B-CC Rescue Squad. \$30 and dinner is available for an additional \$10. 240-876-1532 www.bccrs.org

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Arrival of St. Nicholas. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 10033 River Road. Saint Nicholas will tell his story, enjoy cello music, lunch followed by crafts and advent wreath making workshop. The event is to encourage children to follow St. Nicholas by helping someone in need. Children may bring toiletries to be given to Stepping Stones Shelter. \$15 per family which includes lunch and wreath-making materials. Age appropriate for 4-12 year olds. 301-365-2055 or 301-299-4296

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Celebrating 50 Years

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tag hats which were modeled by members and their husbands.

Kempel gave the opening remarks at the celebration: "Our PANC membership is made up of proud moms, prouder grandmothers, tireless caregivers — and all of us are accomplished women. Our members include artists, university professors, research scientists, psychologists, counselors, authors, government workers, nurses, accountants, computer whizzes, diplomats, business owners, women who sit on boards and Realtors. Friendships grew out of our shared experiences — and PANC was instrumental in forging those close friendships. Fifty years is a milestone. We have all seen a lot of changes since the 1960s — but what has not changed are our friendships."

A theme of the luncheon was "Change over Fifty Years" since the founding of PANC. As Kempel said, "Let us think back 50 years. Perhaps you were in elementary school, like me, wishing I could be Diana Ross and sing like the Supremes with the Motown sound. Perhaps you were attending your first prom, like my friend and Co-President Kathy Kurgan. Maybe you were a young bride or dealing with the angst of teenage children, or helping care for aging parents. Or maybe you were living overseas and the thought of moving to Potomac, Md. was a little hard to fathom. Music was changing, fashions spanned from



Co-Presidents of PANC
Kathy Kurgan and Alexa Kempel

the 'little black dress' to micro-minis and psychedelic prints and — for one season, paper dresses were in style. Who can forget the white go-go boots that were all the rage and Nancy Sinatra singing "These Boots Are Made for Walking?"

She went on to discuss the social upheaval in the 1960s, the war in Vietnam, the Civil Rights movement and the fact that the National Organization of Women is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Women were following their husbands as they moved up the corporate ladder, raising

their families and starting a new movement of working spouses.

Over the 50 years, PANC has changed from Welcome Wagon to the Potomac Newcomer's Club and now the Potomac Area Neighbor's Club.

Many women have been members for more than 20 years — but now, one does not have to be a "newcomer" to Potomac — nor does she have to live in Potomac to become a member. New members are welcome and may choose whatever activities they would like to join. The club welcomed 24 new members this year and one of the goals for 2017 is to reach out to friends and neighbors to join. The cost is \$30 per year.

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During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. The edition has won many awards.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers. We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens, or other creative efforts.

To submit material, identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school if applicable, name of teacher and town of school location. E-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Please send all submissions by December 16.

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OPINION

Celebrate, Shop, Dine Locally

Every day can be “small business day.”

There is a joy to participating in community traditions and celebrations during the holidays, from walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to shopping in local stores, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores.

There is special holiday ambiance available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that is otherwise unmatched.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon. An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, also called Shop Small. This year that day is Nov. 26.

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive, and communities depend on those businesses as well. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who

is active in fundraising for local charities, advocating for improvements, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally owned retailers. But local families will literally spend millions of dollars to shop and exchange gifts during the next month in a variety of places.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will shop online. Many will answer the call of the big box. But local shoppers should be sure to do some celebrating, shopping and dining locally. We promise it brings more joy.

Be sure to to some of the hometown Christmas events coming up. Visit our holiday calendars to find more.

— MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

Go Local

Attend some hometown holiday events

- ❖ **Community Thanksgiving Service**, Thursday, Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m. St. James' Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Annual ecumenical community Thanksgiving Service. Collecting donations of nonperishable food for Samaritan Ministry. 301-762-8040 www.stjamespotomac.org
- ❖ **“An Evening with The Mavericks: Sleigh Bells Ring Out!”** Friday, Dec. 2, doors open at 7 p.m. and show is at 8 p.m. at Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. \$41-\$86. www.strathmore.org/events-and-tickets/the-mavericks
- ❖ **Snow on Snow**, Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. The Thirteen, the all-star professional choir, will celebrate the story of

Christmas through English-language works from the 15th century through the present day. Tickets are \$25/\$20 for general/students at the door; \$20/\$15 in advance. Visit www.bradleyhillchurch.org for more.

Winter Wonderland, Saturday, Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m. at Veterans Park, located at the corner of Norfolk and Woodmont avenues. Ice sculpting presentation followed by choral performances from local school groups. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Arrival of St. Nicholas, Saturday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church Hall, 10033 River Road. Saint Nicholas will tell his story, enjoy cello music, lunch followed by crafts and advent wreath making workshop. The event is to encourage children to follow St. Nicholas by helping someone in need. Children may bring toiletries to be given to Stepping Stones Shelter. \$15 per family which includes lunch and wreath-making materials. Age appropriate for 4-12 year olds. 301-365-2055 or 301-299-4296

❖ **Clara Barton Holiday Craft Show**, Sunday, Dec. 4, 1-5 p.m. at Clara Barton Community Recreation Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. browse pottery, woodwork, glass, things to eat, things to wear, things to read, all sold by the local artists, artisans, and authors who made them. Free. Visit www.friendscbcc.org for more.

❖ **Rescue Squad's Holiday Dance Party**, Friday, Dec. 9 7-11 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda. Rescue Squad's Holiday Dance Party Fundraiser with The Fabulous Hubcaps is a fundraiser for the B-CC Rescue Squad. \$30 and dinner is available for an additional \$10. 240-876-1532 www.bccrs.org

❖ **National Philharmonic Performs Handel's Messiah**, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 17-18, times vary at The National Philharmonic Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Hear Handel as the National Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorale perform his most beloved oratorio, the Messiah. Led by Artistic Director Stan Engebretson, the concert will feature the National Philharmonic's nearly 200 voice all-volunteer Chorale, as well as soloists Danielle Talamantes (soprano); Magdalena Wór (mezzo-soprano); Matthew Smith (tenor); and Christóphen Nomura (baritone). Visit www.strathmore.org.

❖ **Moscow Ballet's Russian Nutcracker**, Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 21-23, 8 p.m. at The Music Center at Strathmore Concert Hall, 5301 Tuckerman Lane. CityDance students perform in Moscow Ballet's Russian Nutcracker. Visit www.strathmore.org.

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We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschooled. To be published, we must have first and last name of the student. Please include the student's age and/or grade, school attended and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide submissions by Friday, Dec. 2.

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TFTT: Turkey For the Turkey



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Thanksgiving might be my most favorite day of the year. It is a day when I can eat/feel most normal. (Cancer issues notwithstanding.) To assure that this day would indeed satiate my savage beast, I changed/rearranged my chemotherapy infusion interval so the feast would not occur on the first Thursday following my previous Friday infusion but rather 13 days hence — on the second Thursday. This will, if my most recent pattern follows — going on for nearly two years now, enable me to eat/have no eating issues (other than the many non-cancer related ones I've had/maintained my entire life) whatsoever relating to my chemotherapy and enjoy the day — and night without any challenges other than buckling my belt.

Not that I look the least bit undernourished, but I don't eat like a normal adult either. Heck, I don't eat like a normal child and I'm not referring to whether I eat using silverware — which I do, or hold silverware more like an "entrenching tool" ("Firesign Theatre") which I don't. If I had my druthers, I'd order off the children's menu. That's not to say I'd be properly-mannered sitting at a Downton Abbey dinner, but at least I'd know enough to select my silverware from the outside-in and likely not embarrass myself in the process; that is until I return every portion back to the kitchen untouched. And therein lies my problem.

I don't like anything. I eat the same things over and over and over again. I don't view this as a problem, more like a continuing opportunity. To say, as I often do, that I eat 10 things, might be hard to digest, but not for me. In addition to not eating much variety, I won't try anything, and if I am compelled to do so, won't do so in front of anybody, that's for sure. If I don't like the food's appearance, texture, color, smell, description, lineage, heritage, place of origin, birthplace, where it's been, with whom it's been, even its name and general unfamiliarity, I won't touch it "with a 10-foot Pole. Stretch Polansky, tallest Pole I ever saw," (to quote Hawkeye Pierce from a long-ago M*A*S*H episode).

Not that this juvenile behavior has stunted my girth. Hardly. But it has narrowed my "confinement beam" ("Star Trek") so to speak. I eat a lot of very little. Thanksgiving however, is the lot of which I eat. Not so much the deserts, which are usually a variety of pies and such which generally don't interest me (and besides, unlike the turkey, I'm stuffed after the meal) but the main course: whole meat turkey, potatoes, "stuffing/filling/dressing", gravy (nowadays), vegetables, hot rolls and even cranberry sauce. If there's anything I'm leaving off my plate, it's probably not on my short list. And when it comes to my eating habits/choices, as you've presumably come to read, it's an extremely short list.

Fortunately, for me and my peculiarities, we have almost always spent Thanksgiving at family or friends; all of whom are extraordinarily capable in the kitchen and given our close association over the years, well-acquainted with and somewhat amused by my food issues. Never more so than when my wife, Dina's cousin, Gary makes a big production of pouring himself a glass of milk at the table. Nevertheless, I've always felt a welcome addition and never uncomfortable (although sometimes I've eaten at the children's table).

I wouldn't say I'm counting the days until Thanksgiving; I already did that weeks ago when I made the decision to change my pre-Thanksgiving infusion date to Nov. 11th from Nov. 18th, but I'm certainly monitoring the calendar very closely. My oncologist regularly encourages me to find quality in my life. Thanksgiving is quality — and quantity — I value in my life, and I'm damn lucky to still have it.

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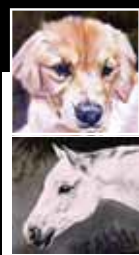
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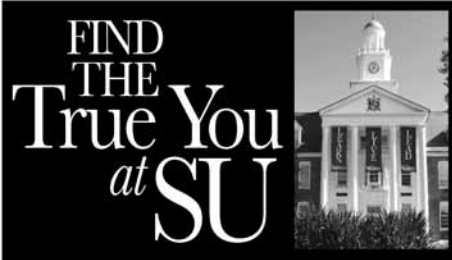
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She specializes in light-hearted, whimsical artwork, including limited edition prints, hand-painted and digitally painted t-shirts,

coasters, trivets and original art paintings, holiday cards and wood plaques. She is happy to be sharing her art at Artomatic. "I welcome the opportunity to meet so many people interested in



The Single Dads Foundation has a wall of art..

visual arts," she said.

Baltimore artist and art teacher Emily Uchtyl knew she wanted to become an artist since she was a small child. She has a love for ecology, entomology and patterns. She creates images on vintage wallpaper. "I'm currently working on paintings of birds and larger-than-life insects as well as a collection of imaginary insect drawings," she said. "I like the idea of challenging our cultural notion of reality and enshrining insects — overtly displaying their prominent position in the world." Take advantage of the close proximity of Artomatic 2016 at Park Potomac, 12435 Park Potomac Avenue, located at the Montrose Exit W of I-270 or just off Seven Locks Road.

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