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CENTURY 21 Redwood Opens in Reston

Redwood AdVenture, LLC, operating as CENTURY 21 Redwood Realty, announced the opening of its 11th office, in Reston. While initially operating from a corporate suite at 1818 Library Street in Reston Town Center, the Reston office will soon move to a permanent location, to be completed in early 2017. The expansion into Reston will be overseen by Heather Elias, the company's Vice President of Industry Engagement. Elias states, "We already have a core group of agents with deep real estate experience here, and I can't wait to help grow that team. Our new office will give our agents a great location from which to better serve their clients and connect more deeply to the Reston community." Jim Phillips, who manages the company's Fairfax location, serves as the Managing Broker.

"Reston is such a perfect fit for what we've built here at Redwood. We've always sold a lot of houses in Reston from our other offices, so it feels like home for us," said Chief Financial Officer Nicholas Pasquini, who co-founded the firm in 2002. President Ed Berenbaum said, "Reston has everything. The physical landscape is breathtaking and the Town Center, along with the developments that are beginning to sprout along Metro's silver line expansion, provide conveniences typically only found in more urban areas. Our initial team of agents is amazing. This is going to be fun." For more information visit <http://www.c21redwood.com>

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. during the summer. Nursery and childcare are provided starting at 8 a.m. until the end of the service. 703-

437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12 or \$6 for students, seniors and unemployed. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

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Finding Common Ground US Attorney General participates in Interfaith Event at All Dulles Area Muslim Society.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

“When one is threatened, we are all threatened. That’s the pledge we made as citizens.” US Attorney General Loretta Lynch expressed her solidarity with all Americans as she delivered the keynote address at the Interfaith gathering at the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) on Monday morning, on a stage that included Muslims, Christians, Jews, Sikhs, Buddhists and Hindus.

Just before Lynch took to the podium, her introducer - ADAMS board member Yasmin Shafiq - took a tumble off the back of the stage. Unhurt, Shafiq didn’t let the incident stop her from making that introduction and told the audience that the real pain she experiences today comes from “these strange times” when after growing up in the ADAMS community with “a faith that was informed by love, compassion and inclusion...there are those who now seek to undermine who I am, who we are.”

Shafiq said she was at a loss to find an appropriate analogy to link her mishap to the proceedings, but Attorney General Lynch said she could. “When you fell, everyone came to help. And that is the story we have to tell today. When one of us falls, we all have to step up without regard to our own safety...regardless of the discomfort it may call upon us. When one of us is in harm’s way, we are all in harm’s way.”

LYNCH’S MESSAGE of unity was echoed by all of the program’s speakers. Pastor Bob Roberts of the Northwood Church in Keller, Texas, said the current atmosphere of fear and intolerance “breaks my heart. I had to come” to the event “because I am a Christian.” Roberts is saddened by the fact that what he describes as his religious “tribe” is one that is often most prejudiced against Muslims. “We have to challenge our own tribe,” he declared. “I will stand with you!”

“No one should be intimidated for practicing their religion as they see fit. We believe with all our hearts in a country that is indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,” said ADAMS Executive Religious Director, Imam Mohamed Majid.

Dr. Rajwant Singh, founder and Chairman of the Sikh Council on Religion and Education told the attendees that Sikhs are often mistaken as Muslims, but that “we are proud to be identified as Muslims, especially now.” Singh also called upon the interfaith community to “protect and make a safe place for our children. That’s the future.”

To thunderous applause, Rabbi Gerry Serotta, Exec. Dir. of Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, pledged that if there is any movement to demand a registry of Muslim Americans, (as had been suggested during the Presidential campaign) the “Jewish community will be in the front of the line. Bigotry repudiates American values. Hate crimes comfort and support those who would attack our American



The representatives from diverse faiths - speakers at the ADAMS Interfaith event - bow their heads as the opening prayer is given to start the program.

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From left — Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86), ADAMS member Somayyah Ghariani, and Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) get together before the start of the program. Boysko has been involved with ADAMS since 2005. “They have always been welcoming. I am here to support my Muslim brothers and sisters.” Murphy agreed. “They have always sought to serve the greater community.” Ghariani said she finds their support “reassuring.”

principles.”

Attorney General Lynch spoke to the reported rise in hate crimes. Referring to the most recent statistics released by the FBI that showed a 6 percent increase in general incidents, and a 67 percent increase in crimes against Muslims – the highest recorded since just after the September 11, 2001 terror attacks - Lynch cautioned, “That doesn’t take into account the many incidents that go unreported. And these numbers are from 2015” – well before the 2016 Presidential campaign hit full stride. Lynch chronicled the efforts the Department of Justice has been making to investigate and robustly prosecute hate crimes, as well as

to take proactive measures like initiatives in schools, and training and outreach programs to facilitate better understanding between different groups of people. She pledged that the Department of Justice would continue its commitment to this mission, and that she would also continue to seek out ways to “move us forward” after she has left the office.

“It’s always been hard [the fight for equality in the United States].” Calling on all Americans to work in partnership to protect the progress made “by the sacrifice of so many” and move the country forward, Lynch closed with the reminder that the “highest office in the land, the most power-



US Attorney General Loretta Lynch poses after the Interfaith event with some of the scout troops from the ADAMS Center. ADAMS is heavily involved in scouting programs and a large number of its youth participate in scouting.



Rizwan Jaka, Chair of the ADAMS Board, was the host of the Interfaith Event, which included representatives of the Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh religions, as well as the US Attorney General, Loretta Lynch.

ful, is that of private citizen.”

THE ADAMS Center was established in 1983 by a group of families from Herndon and Reston to serve the local Muslim population. Since then, ADAMS has grown to include additional campuses in Ashburn and Chantilly and six smaller satellite locations. Rizwan Jaka, Chair of the ADAMS Board and the host of the Interfaith event, titled “Standing together as Americans of Diverse Faiths and Backgrounds to Counter Hate Crimes,” noted that ADAMS has a long-standing tradition of serving the community and a special commitment to developing common ground among all peoples through interfaith activities.

History in Police Reform Part 2

Civilian Review Panel — and they said it couldn't be done

Last week, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to establish a Civilian Review Panel, part of a two-pronged concept of independent oversight of law enforcement recommended unanimously by the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

On Sept. 20, 2016, the board voted to establish the Office of the Independent Auditor, the other piece of oversight. The two branches of oversight would not overlap.

The Independent Police Auditor will report directly to the Board of Supervisors and provide oversight in cases of police use of force that lead to serious injury or death, including officer-involved shootings. The Civilian Review Panel will respond to community concerns or complaints about alleged incidents of abuse of authority by FCPD by reviewing the investigations conducted by the department.

The vote by the Board of Supervisors for the Office of Auditor was unanimous, and for the Civilian Review Panel, 9-1, indicating the strong commitment to independent oversight and the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission. The experiences from other communities with civilian oversight have shown that strong, independent oversight builds legitimacy and public trust through increased police transparency and accountability to the public served. Oversight provides a meaningful voice or forum for the public and forms a crucial bridge between the public and the police. Increased transparency, trust, and communication between the police and the public

can lead to greater community cooperation in achieving the ultimate goal of decreased crime and increased public safety.

This very positive outcome seemed nearly impossible in the wake of the death of John Geer in August 2013, shot by then Fairfax Police Officer Adam Torres while standing unarmed in the doorway to his own home. Officials had long opposed consideration of a Civilian Review Panel.

Board of Supervisor Chairman Sharon Bulova deserves tremendous kudos, first for establishing the Ad Hoc Commission in the wake of public outrage over the shooting and the blackout of information that followed, and then for her unwavering support of the recommendations that emerged.

EDITORIAL

In voting for the Civilian Review Panel, Supervisor Linda Smyth said: "We all know it's time to put this in place. This is what the public has really asked us to do."

John Cook (R-Braddock), chairman of the Public Safety Committee, has been relentless in moving the recommendations forward for discussion and approval by the board. Having both the auditor and the panel approved in 2016 is no small accomplishment.

The recommendations for oversight also have the enthusiastic support of Police Chief Edwin Roessler, whose support overall for change in the FCPD has been admirable and essential.

Every member of the Board of Supervisors deserves credit for engaging on the details and supporting recommendations of the commission.

Other changes brought about by the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations include the implementation of Diversion First, which provides treatment rather than jail for nonviolent people with mental illness, resulting in some 350 diversions from potential criminal arrest, and in police transporting more than 1,000

people in mental health crisis to the Merrifield Center for treatment; an emphasis on de-escalation and on crisis intervention training; the revamping of the order of officer training to emphasize the role of policing in a democracy and the sanctity of life ahead of firearms training; and the significant amendment of General Order 540 on the use of force. The FCPD has been a leading force in these changes, and its leadership has played a pivotal role in seeking out and implementing best practices.

There are still miles to go, but evidence is that county and police leadership are prepared to traverse those miles.

— MARY KIMM

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Mary Kimm served on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and continues to advocate for ongoing implementation.

SoberRide Safety Net for Holiday Celebrations

The annual Holiday SoberRide program, offering free rides home to locals over 21 who have been celebrating with alcohol, will operate between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each evening between Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 and Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. SoberRide is organized by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Project. Area residents celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to \$ 30 fare), safe way home. Last December, nearly 1,500 people took advantage of the program.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide initiative can be found at www.soberride.com.

2016—Reston Year in Review

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT
PRODUCER/HOST

As 2016 ends, here's my take on happenings in Reston this year.

In my own neighborhood, Lake Anne Village Center, we saw some new awakening. In the spring, the Lake Anne Brew House debuted and was an overnight success. Brew Meister Jason Romano introduced his Lake Anne microbrews, including instant favorites Simon Stout, Lake Anne Skinny, and Browns Chapel Brown. His beers not only sold well, but within six months of opening the brew house, two of them placed second and third in a Virginia-wide brew masters' com-



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petition. If you haven't tried it, you are missing a real treat. In November, the brew house was joined by the renovated Lake Anne Coffee House under new ownership (Rick and Eve Thompson). The interior is totally, tastefully re-done and it now serves local favorite Monument coffees. The kitchen, which had yet to start serving when I visited, will offer a breakfast and lunch menu. But, the big surprise is upstairs! There you'll find the Lake Anne Wine Bar, with a cozy atmosphere and an interesting array of wines for just about every taste. Imagine, tiny Lake Anne

now offers not only four quality places to dine, but also five charming places to stop and have a drink with a friend.

Elsewhere in Reston, 2016 brought changes on a larger scale. The distinctive hotel marking Reston's eastern entrance at Wiehle Avenue Metro pushed its signature silhouette 10 stories skyward. At Reston Town Center a large, mixed use complex is now about 5 stories high and climbing in the old Ruby Tuesday parking lot fronting Reston Parkway. More changes and higher buildings are planned between the new complex and the Hyatt Regency, promising a different look for RTC from Reston Parkway in days ahead.

The annual Reston Holiday Parade at Town Center was a big hit on black Friday. In fact, one online

survey rated our parade right up there with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York! Controversy also visited Reston Town Center in 2016 when Boston Properties announced that parking at RTC would no longer be free; and, it would be controlled by a fairly complex, high tech system, accessed and paid for through a special app that shoppers would add to their smart phones. After a humongous public uproar against paying more and sacrificing privacy, BP postponed initiation of the new system until after the Christmas season. Although some still threaten boycott, I'm guessing the changeover will have faded by this time next year? The advent of Bikeshare at nine, soon to be 15, satellite locations in Reston was good news to many of us.

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COMMENTARY

Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia

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The State Board of Education recently released its 2016 Annual Report on the Condition and Needs of Public Schools in Virginia. I think this is the most hopeful report on public education that I have seen in my tenure in office. (http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/reports/annual_reports/2016.pdf) The report is honest and forthright as to the condition of public schools in the state and totally realistic as to the needs of public schools if they are to be improved. My highest compliments to Dr. Billy Cannaday, President, and members of the Board for their work.

During the last ten years, school enrollment in Virginia increased just over five percent for a total enrollment in 2016 of 1,286,711. During that same time period, economically disadvantaged students increased 39 percent, English language learners increased by 78 percent, students identified with autism increased by 222 percent, and the number of students in health impairment disability categories increased by 26 percent. At the same time Virginia students outperform their peers nationwide on the ACT by 15 or more points. The on-time graduation rate grew to 91.3 percent with more than half the students graduating with the most rigorous diploma. The Report recognizes that with the progress that has been made there continues to be a lot of work to do.

What stands out to me are the priorities that the Board has identified "to ensure that all children in the Commonwealth, regardless of their circumstances, have access to a quality education that prepares them for a successful, healthy and fulfilling life." The

priorities are:

- * The public school experience must be redesigned to better prepare students for life after high school by ensuring that all students, during their K-12 experience, achieve and apply appropriate academic knowledge, demonstrate productive workplace skills, exhibit responsible and responsive citizenship, and align knowledge, skills, and interests with career opportunities.

- * Teachers and school leaders must be better supported to effectively deliver and serve all Virginia K-12 students.

- * Virginia's accountability system must provide tiered interventions aligned to need, encourage continuous improvement for all schools, and measure and report multiple indicators of school quality.

- * Greater attention and support must be provided to school communities with high poverty where achievement and opportunity gaps persist.

Public education is a shared responsibility between state and local governments as defined in the State Constitution. The responsibility for running the public schools is at the state level by the State Board of Education and at the local level by county and city school boards. None of the boards at the state or local levels have taxing authority. The State Board is dependent on the General Assembly and the governor; local school boards depend on boards of supervisors and city councils. Needed revisions to the state Standards of Quality will require additional investments that are required for future success. It is essential that all elected officials review the State Board's report, embrace its findings, and provide the revenue to ensure the success of our public schools.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeing Neighbors As a Cash Cow

To the Editor:

It appears there is no turning back from Boston Properties plan for paid parking at the Reston Town Center.

My wife and I moved back to Reston 25 years ago and were delighted to find the Town Center had opened about a year before that – our own very downtown. Over the years we've valued the time we spent there dining, hanging out, walking, shopping, going to the movies, etc.

And now we find it effectively is not the heart of Reston, but an adjunct where Reston citizens have to pay to park in a location that is not their own downtown; but a place owned by corporate interests who see their neighbors as a cash cow.

It is easy to see that Boston Properties, the owners of Reston Town Center, wanting to install a mechanism – paid parking – to discourage commuter parking. But why take it beyond that? They should seriously

consider a sticker system or some other program that at least allows members of Reston Association to receive one or two hours of free parking – and free parking after 5 every evening.

Message to Boston Properties: treat your neighbors with some respect!

Alan Montgomery
Reston

Write

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Allan Laino (center) conducts the Reston Chorale's Messiah Sing-Along participants and guest artists Crossley Hawn, Barbara Hollinshead, Cornelius David and Richard Giarusso in the "Hallelujah Chorus" on Dec. 6.

Registration Opens for Reston Encore Chorales' Winter/Spring Session

Registration is open for the Winter/Spring session of the Encore Chorale at locations in Northern Virginia and singers of all vocal experience, age 55+, are welcome to join. Fifteen weekly rehearsals will begin the week of Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at the following locations.

- ❖ Encore Chorale of Reston – Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. at RCC Hunters Woods in Reston. Fee is \$185 for Reston residents/\$320 for non-residents for 15 weekly rehearsals, sheet music, CD in your music part and performances.

- ❖ Encore ROCKS Reston- Rehearsals begin Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church located at 1700 Wainwright Drive, Reston. Fee is \$175 for 15 weekly rehearsals, sheet music, CD in your music part and performances.

There are no auditions and singers may be seated for rehearsals and performances. Singers will rehearse each week for 90 minutes in preparation for May performances. The spring repertoire for Encore Chorale includes Porgy & Bess, Va Pensiero, Les Miserables, Do, Lord Remember Me, and more. The conductor is David Lang. The Spring repertoire for the ROCKS choruses includes favorites like, All You Need is Love by the Beatles, Longest Time by Billy Joel, Forever Doo Wop and Rock On—a medley of hits from the 50's & 60's.

Singers may register at the first rehearsal or online at www.encorecreativity.org. Call 301-261-5747 for more information.

Encore currently has 15 Encore Chorales and 5 Encore ROCKS choruses in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. serving more than 1000 singers, and 11 affiliate chorales nationally.

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Basses join in and sing at the Reston Chorale's Messiah Sing-Along at Saint John Neumann Catholic Church on Dec. 6.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL OLSON



The Reston Chorale's Artistic Director David Lang plays the organ as participants sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from composer George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" on Dec. 6.

For more information, visit the Encore website at <http://encorecreativity.org>, call 301-261-5747 or email info@encorecreativity.org

ONGOING

All-comers Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running Every Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a free, fun, low-key run that's safe and social. 703-689-0999 potomacriverrunning.com

One to One English Conversation Dec. 1 - Dec. 31 Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Dr. Reston. Practice your conversation skills with a volunteer. Call to register Mondays after 1 p.m.

LRA "Dreams, Creates, Inspires" at Ernst Center Nov. 22 through Dec. 18 The exhibit is free and the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center on the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, Building CE, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale.

The League of Reston Artists displays paintings, drawings, mixed media, photographs and two-dimensional works suitable for wall hanging. www.leagueofrestonartists.org

Mini-Train Rides 12 - 4 p.m. November 27 through December 18. Departures on Market Street next to Talbots 11900 Market Street, Reston Town Center. Enjoy train rides through Reston Town Center every Sunday through December 18. Donations accepted – all proceeds benefit local charities. restontowncenter.com/holidays

Retrospective Photography Exhibit Dec. 1 - 31 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Daily except Sunday when the RCC facility closes at 8 p.m. Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. This exhibit includes more than 70 color and monochrome photos by Reston photographer Fran Bastress taken from 2007 to the present. She specializes in landscape, nature, and fine art photography. Cost: Free. www.restoncommunitycenter.com/attend-shows-events-exhibits/exhibits-and-galleries

LRA PenFed Realty Hosts Sievers' Paintings The League of Reston Artists is showing the oil paintings of Ruth Sievers during December 2016 and January 2017 at the office of PenFed Realty, 1886 Metro Center Dr. Reston. The exhibit is free and the office is open to visitors Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. www.leagueofrestonartists.org

Explorations in Color Exhibit Featuring Artist Kristin Herzog December 7, 2016 - January 8, 2017. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Explorations in Color is an exhibit featuring abstract paintings executed in vibrant color. Kristin Herzog's paintings are all about color and its power to convey emotion. With color she explores her reactions to the physical and emotional landscapes of daily life. For more information call 703-956-9560. www.artspaceherndon.com

Exercise for Parkinson's Every Monday, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Reston Sport&health, 11445 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. This program brings together people impacted by Parkinson's Disease to participate in various physical exercises aimed at improving posture, balance and circulation and increasing strength, muscle control and mobility. Free. parkinsonsfoundation.org. ckacenga@sportandhealth.com 703-621-4148.

Teen and Adult Art Classes ArtSpace Herndon Every Monday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. Drawing and Mixed Media with Melanie Stanley - During Fall and Winter of 2016. Cost: \$45/class. The class will use a variety of techniques for drawing, painting, mark making, and collage using fine arts tools and materials. Students will

be taken down a creative path to learn to use drawing tools and brushes more effectively. Register by emailing Melanie, and she will send you the supply list and payment options/information: ridingfree2@gmail.com. 703-956-9560. www.artspaceherndon.com

All-comers' Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. For more information, call 703-689-0999 [https://potomacriverrunning.com](http://potomacriverrunning.com).

Herndon Regional Wind Ensemble Practice. Every Tuesday 7-9 p.m. through May. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St., Herndon. For advanced high school students, college students, and adults who play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. 703-904-4800 HerndonRegionalWindEnsemble@gmail.com Cost: Free

Senior Tea ARTSPACE Herndon 10:30 - 12 p.m. Every month seniors are invited to visit the gallery to view the current exhibit and enjoy a cup of tea on the second Friday of the month, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. All teas are free and open to the public. <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/events-2/senior-tea/>

College Night Skate, Rock N Skate, Cartoon Skate at the Ice Skating Pavilion

Every Thursday, 6 - 9 p.m. - Every Friday, 8 - 10 p.m.

Skate Shop, 1818 Discovery Street, Reston Town Center. 11900 Market Street. Receive \$2 off admission with valid college ID. Live DJ & music, games & prizes; skating continues until 11 pm. Share the ice with Scooby-Doo, Cat in the Hat and more. 703-709-6300

skating@restontowncenter.com restontowncenter.com/skating

Ice Skating in the Pavilion 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. open daily, November until March

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 14

Small Wonders 11:30 a.m. Storytime. Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Short stories for you and your child. Age 13-23 months with adult. Status: Openings www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/

THURSDAY/DEC. 15

ESL For Advanced Students 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join Richard's Thursday conversational group. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/

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GRACE Art in the Home-School: Alexander Calder 10 - 11 a.m. 12001 Market Street, #103, Reston Town Center. For home-school students, an opportunity to participate in the signature education program, GRACE Art, typically offered in schools. GRACE staff will deliver an interactive art history lesson through a PowerPoint presentation, followed by an engaging hands-on art project designed to reinforce the lesson. \$30. 703-471-9242 restonarts.org

Oakton Book Discussion Group 7 p.m. **Oakton Library** 10304 Lynnhaven Pl, Oakton. Come and join Oakton's book discussion group. The December selection is My Brilliant Friend: Neapolitan Novels by Elena Ferrante. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ok/



The Herndon Community Center at 814 Ferndale Avenue will be the scene of a number of holiday happenings, including a large Arts and Crafts Fair, a Cookies with Santa event, and a Holiday Storybook Holiday Celebration. The Holiday Storybook Holiday Celebration commences on Saturday Dec. 17 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Admission: 9\$ per child.

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KISD Honor Choir 5:30 p.m. In front of Reston Town Center Pavilion. 11900 Market St, Reston. Experience an exciting lineup of musical performances by community groups at Reston Town Center in December. <https://www.restontowncenter.com/>

SATURDAY/DEC. 17.

CUT Workshop at GRACE 9:30 - 11 a.m. Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market Street, #103, Reston Town Center. In conjunction with the CUT exhibition on display through February 18, learn new and innovative ways to use paper in your work. Ages 14 and up. \$35. 703-471-9242 restonarts.org

A Storybook Holiday Celebration. 10-11:30 a.m. at Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Bring your child to enjoy some holiday fun. Cost includes craft projects, a visit with Santa and a reading of a holiday story by a special guest. \$9/child.

Movies and Mimosas “It’s a Wonderful Life” 11 a.m. 11940 Market Street, Reston Town Center. See the classics how they were meant to be seen - on the big screen! Tickets only \$5.50 \$1 off to loyalty members. 703-318-1801 www.bowtiefcinemas.com

Remembrance Ceremony for Veterans Chestnut Grove Cemetery noon 831 Dranesville Rd,

Herndon, VA 20170. National nonprofit Wreaths Across America is working hard to ensure no veteran from Herndon, Virginia is forgotten this holiday season and fundraising has begun for this year. On December 17, National Wreaths Across America Day, live, balsam remembrance wreaths will be placed at the graves of fallen veterans at nearly 1,000 locations across the country and overseas. In Herndon, Virginia, a remembrance ceremony will be held at Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

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WEDNESDAY/DEC. 21

Meet Me at the Movies – Senior Movie Day at Bow Tie Cinemas 10 a.m. doors open at 9:15 a.m. 11940 Market Street, Reston Town Center. Reston Association presents “Me Before You.” Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Information: Ashleigh@reston.org, 703-435-6530, or reston.org

The Reston Town Center has been hosting musical performances by community groups this month for the holidays. The group pictured performed during last year's festivities.



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Singing Into Holidays

The Reston Town Center has been hosting musical performances by community groups this month for the holidays.

These performances are what remain this season:

Fountain Square - 11900 Market Street, Reston Town Center
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m., Sunrise Valley Elementary School Chorus
Thursday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Apostolic Faith Church
Friday, Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m., KISD Honor Choir
Saturday, Dec. 17, Noon, Calvary Temple Church
The Promenade – 11959 Market Street, Reston Town Center
Saturday, Dec. 17, Noon and 1 p.m., Tenor Tim McKee
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Tenor Tim McKee performs at Reston Town Center in December 2015.

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2017 Color of the Year: Greenery

Pantone says color will evoke reinvigoration.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When interior designer Annie Elliott's home office began to feel lackluster, she draped the windows with green Roman shades to infuse a burst of color into the muted space. And after McLean-based designer Joseph Van Goethem decided that the time-worn décor of his kitchen and breakfast room needed brightening, he swathed the walls of with textured grass-green wallpaper, evoking a serene sense that one is sitting in nature.

"It invites ... [and] rejuvenates as should the heart of any home," said Van Goethem of Joseph Van Goethem Interior Design.

"We need a fresh start. Green is the color of renewal, growth, and change."

— Annie Elliott, Principal, Annie Elliott Interior/Bossy Color.

"As an accent color, [green] adds a burst of cheer and optimism to a drab spaces," agreed Elliott, principal of Annie Elliott Interior/Bossy Color, whose green Roman shades offset white and yellow walls and light gray rug. "It's the bright spot in a lovely, calm space," she said.

They're in good company. Pantone Color Institute, which calls itself the global authority on color, selected Greenery as the Color of the Year for 2017. Each year, it makes a prediction about the color that will be on trend for the upcoming year.

During the process, which takes about nine months, color gurus at Pantone trot the globe, observing the trends in industries ranging from film and entertainment to art and fashion. The selection, which is less formulaic and more instinctive, is touted as a harbinger of a shade that will be ubiquitous during year ahead and an expression of moods and attitudes world-wide.

In announcing the color selection, Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, described it as "satisfying our growing desire to ... revitalize and unite. [It] symbolizes the reconnection we seek with nature, one another and a larger purpose."

Locally, some designers agree that Greenery can create a sense of hope. "2016 will go down as one



PHOTO BY ANNE WALKER

Shades of green foliage found in a painting that hung in a client's dining room was the creative inspiration for interior designer Anne M. Walker.



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Green used as an accent color in a child's bedroom by Annie Elliott Interior/Bossy Color

of the most politically unpredictable in history," said Elliott. "We need a fresh start. Green is the color of renewal, growth and change. ... We're ready to focus on the future, and that's what green is all about."

Designers who've already been using the color aren't surprised by its selection, crediting its year-round versatility. "In summer, with white dishes and bright linens, [a] room feels vibrant," said Anne M. Walker, owner and principal, Anne Walker Design LLC in Potomac, Md. "In winter, with reds and dark greenery, the room feels festive. When you think of it, green is paired with just about every other color in nature, which is exactly why it works so well inside, too."

Van Goethem believes that the hue



PHOTO BY ANNE WALKER

Two-tone walls provide a preppy, fun backdrop for a strong palette of primary colors in the furnishings and fabrics in this bedroom by interior designer Anne Walker.

works best with other rustic shades. It's most often found in paint and textiles. For example, the wall covering he selected for his kitchen and breakfast room is a hand-crafted and hand-painted fabric called, "Un Nid de Verdure" or "Nest of Greenery" from French manufacturer, Elitis.

"Greenery is highly personal to my wife and me as...[I]t is incorporated as an integral element in the design of our home," said Van Goethem, who not only designed his kitchen, but did most of

the work himself. "I complemented [the wall covering] with a palette of deep, rich wood tones, blues, some red, other hues of green and neutrals."

Praising the choice of Greenery as a fresh tactic for breathing whimsy into a muted space, Victor Sanz, project architect at DMG Interiors in Reston, calls the new color of the year energetic, vibrant and fresh. "Although its use as the dominant color might not be suitable for more conservative designs, this color can be used as a fun contrast, especially if used in modern fabric patterns or wall coverings," he said.

Almost 10 shades of sun-drenched, tranquil, green foliage found in a client's painting, "French Lane," served as the creative inspiration for a custom paint color used by Walker.

"I kept mixing until I got a soft, earthy green, which is the perfect backdrop for the artwork," she said. "Greens will bring serenity to a room the way few other colors will, and they are incredibly versatile."

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Open spaces in interior and exterior design and floor-to-ceiling windows allow the green outdoors to become part of a room's backdrop and ambiance. "Green is a fantastic color for interiors," said Walker. "It's such a chameleon — it can create a feeling of fresh, high energy or make a room feel like a peaceful outdoor sanctuary."

"Many people say you shouldn't use green in a dining room because it isn't flattering to skin tones and it isn't a stimulant to appetite," she continued. "Au contraire — this elegant, soft green really comes alive in the glow of candlelight."

Greenery, say designers, has the power to deliver a burst of color, with the added benefit of creating the illusion of nature indoors. "Hooray for green," said Walker. "Now, more than ever, we all need to take a deep breath, oxygenate and reinvigorate."

NEWS

Independent Review of Lake House Questioned

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION



PHOTO BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

The Lake House, in a photo from last winter, was purchased in July 2015 for \$2.6 million, and has been an ongoing source of controversy.

The Reston Association Board of Directors met on Dec. 7 to discuss contract issues with the company that was selected to review the association's handling of the Lake House, a property acquisition and renovation that went over budget and has yielded revenue shortfalls ever since it was purchased in July 2015 for \$2.6 million.

"We are trying to get this done as soon as possible," says Sridhar Ganesan, CEO of MediaWorld Ventures, LLC and president of the Reston Citizens Association.

His company agreed to conduct the review for a \$1 fee and was selected in September by a special committee that solicited and screened proposals for the RA. The contract is still being negotiated two-and-a-half months later.

Terry Maynard, leader of Reston 20/20 Committee provided his prepared remarks to the Connection that he delivered during the member comment period of the meeting:

"The RA Board and staff have wasted over \$2 million of RA members'

money on Tetra through massive secrecy, ineptitude and deception. Restonians deserve a detailed explanation of what has transpired, recommendations for a better way to handle such situations in the future and a holding to account of those specifically responsible for these major breakdowns."

The handful of members who spoke at the meeting all agreed that the contract was taking too long to negotiate. Some of them were also concerned with the RA's level of confidentiality and control.

When the report is finished, it is up to the RA to publish and share with the public, according to Ganesan.

Whether the RA could modify the report before it is published is uncertain.

"Our job is to produce the report, do the analysis, do the review and give it to the Reston Association, then it is up to them," Ganesan says.

This does not sit well with Maynard.

"If you don't have an independent review, you might as well not do one at all," Maynard says.

After public debate, the board moved into closed session. Since the board moved into executive session, it is not able to comment publicly on the contract at this time, RA Spokesperson Mike Leone, said in an email.

"As a team, we've come together to do this for free because the community is looking for this independent review and for answers—if we are able to get the contract in place," says Ganesan.

The next board meeting is on Thursday, Dec. 15. The MediaWorld contract is not on the agenda.

In its news releases, Reston Association states that "RA members voted in a referendum in the spring of 2015 to allow the asso-

ciation to purchase the Lake House property located at 11450 Baron Cameron Ave. It was known at the time that the 3.476 acre waterfront property and aging building would need to be renovated."

One third of eligible Reston Association voters cast ballots, with 53 percent of those voters in favor of authorization for RA Board of Directors to borrow \$2.65 million to purchase the Tetra property, formerly known as the Reston Visitors Center. During the month-long referendum, dozens of people on both sides of the debate held a robust dialogue on the merits of purchasing the property.

At the time, many opponents objected to the cost of the building and the value of the purchase. The assessed value was about half the purchase price.

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—Terry Maynard, Reston 20/20 Committee

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No Urge



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's not often; heck, it's extremely rare, that I don't write a cancer column, as I call them. And my reaction to not having the 'urge' to write yet another cancer column is, somewhere between simply taking a break/brake in the action and having no need to impose my cancer-centric self-indulgence on you faithful readers.

I'll be the first to acknowledge that I write these columns because I need to, and because I'm allowed to; thank you Mary Kimm. Not that the related purpose is to avoid therapy (however, I did go on a handful of appointments with a psychologist but it seemed pointless and especially so, when the therapist expressed that she felt I was fairly well-adjusted). Ergo, I really didn't see a purpose per se.

Oh sure, I will admit that the writing of these columns gets out of me some very personal and occasionally painful prose outlining the anxieties and fears of a cancer patient undergoing life-sustaining treatment that is better out than in, if professionals are to be believed. And maybe I'll further acknowledge that, based on feedback I've received in the six-plus years that I've been writing them, that the content is, generally speaking, much appreciated (I'm not ready to characterize them as having served a greater purpose/been for the greater good however, because it's only me I'm writing about and there's a much bigger world than what I perceive in my head) and helpful. Nevertheless, I can't imagine that it's just me I'm writing about, mostly; and a la Las Vegas, sort of: in that what happens to me only happens to me. Hardly.

Just because I've made public something very personal and presumably private doesn't make me the go-to-guy for cancer chat, it just makes me a person willing to open the doors wider than are typically opened. So what? A little honesty never hurt anyone; self-indulgence though, can be really boring and tiresome. (I mean, sometimes, too much of a good thing is simply too much. To quote my deceased mother: "It's enough already.") And as much as I'm cognizant of possibly droning on and wasting what attention-span you've allocated in my direction, I am trying not to drone on and trying not to lose you in the process.

Possibly there is a means to my hopefully-not premature end. Perhaps admitting the error of my ways and/or addressing the cancer concerns as I regularly do has contributed/caused my rather unexpected (based on my oncologist's original "13 month to two-year prognosis from FEBRUARY 2009) living "unexpectedly." Perhaps laughing in the face of danger extends one's life more than giving in to it. All I know is, whatever I've done/been able to do emotionally was not/has not been thought out. I've just continued to be me, myself and I — which has included my weekly cancer columns. Moreover, the three of us, collectively, have likely survived for so long because so much that could have bothered us/me, didn't.

Whether it was the outlet I had/have in my column, my personality, encouragement from family and friends, or my connection to The Connection, there's no way to know. What I do know is, the weeks when I don't write a cancer column are my favorites. Those are the weeks when I feel that cancer doesn't have a hold on me and in turn, I feel that I have a hold on cancer. And if there's one thing us cancer patients want to feel, it's control. Even if it's only for a week or two, here or there, the benefit is exponentially greater than the time we actually get to experience it.

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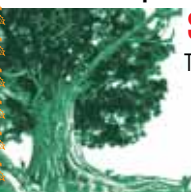
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NEWS



FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Breaking Ground for Herndon Station Parking Garage

A Nov. 30 groundbreaking ceremony at the Herndon-Monroe Park-and-Ride kicked off the construction of the new Herndon Station Parking Garage. The project, located at 12530 Sunrise Valley Drive, was designed by HGA Architects and will be managed by the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services in coordination with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. The project will be constructed by Manhattan Construction Company. The 2,007-space parking facility is designed to assist in reducing congestion on Northern Virginia roadways by creating additional opportunities for ridesharing and the use of public transit. The key features of the project include a pedestrian bridge to the Metrorail Silver Line station currently under construction; vehicular and pedestrian connections to the existing 1,745-space Herndon-Monroe parking garage; and secure bicycle storage facilities. The \$44.5 million project is estimated to be completed in the spring of 2019.

Free Holiday Cab Rides Help Prevent Drunk Driving

Combating that holiday period which the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says is a "dangerous time to be on the road due to a high number of drunk drivers behind the wheel," a local nonprofit organization will offer free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area during the winter holidays.

Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), operates the annual Holiday SoberRide program between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. each evening between Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 and Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period.

During the evening hours, between Dec. 16 and Jan. 1, Washington-metropolitan area residents celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number

1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to \$30 fare), safe way home.

"Last December, nearly 1,500 (1,456) Greater Washington residents did the right thing and availed themselves of this life-saving service rather than possibly driving home impaired," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP's president. "For SoberRide's hours of operation during just last New Year's Eve, alone, such ridership (580) translated into the removal of a would-be drunk driver from our shared roadways every 49-seconds."

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 65,385 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide initiative can be found at www.soberride.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/ by noon on Friday.

THROUGH DEC. 18

The Container Store Annual Holiday Hugs Program in Partnership with Children's National Health System Collections are going on now through December 18th and gifts will be delivered to the hospital the week of December 19th. The Container Store is thrilled to continue its annual, nationwide signature giving program, Holiday Hugs. In each of our Washington, DC-area stores, we are partnering with Children's National Health System to collect and deliver new, unwrapped gifts to their young patients who are spending the holidays in the hospital. Customers can participate in the Holiday Hugs program by dropping off new, unwrapped books, small toys and games, toiletries, gift cards and kid-friendly stocking stuffers in collection bins at our Washington, DC, Arlington, VA, Reston, Tysons Corner and Rockville locations

Free public service seminars — on Decluttering (Feb. 2, McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Rd., McLean), Aging in Place (Feb. 8, Falls Church H.S., 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church), Downsizing (Feb. 14, Marshall H.S. 7731 Leesburg Pk., Falls Church), & Retirement Communities (Feb. 22, Madison H.S., 2500 James Madison Dr., Vienna). For more information and seminar registration go to RetireeRealEstate.org, or call 703-772-3033.

ONGOING

Passages Divorce Care. Tuesdays 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 13 through Jan. 7. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna, Virginia. Cost to cover materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050, www.viennapres.org, or send an email to Passages@ViennaPres.org



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‘A Simple Gesture’ Goes a Long Way To Fight Hunger

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

People throughout Northern Virginia are signing up to be a part of the “cool, green bag” movement.

Bob Schnapp was inspired in November 2014 when he read an article that was published in the Wall Street Journal about Jonathan Trivers and his charity in Paradise, Calif. Trivers’ charity, A Simple Gesture, provided 500,000 pounds of free groceries to local food pantries in three years by asking people to fill cool, green bags with nonperishable food items.

“I wanted to do something about hunger because the numbers are staggering,” says Schnapp, a 40-year resident of Reston.

After calling Trivers and getting advice, Schnapp created A Simple Gesture, Reston in June 2015, which donates food to the LINK food pantry in Herndon and the Cornerstones food pantry in Reston.

He started by recruiting 20 families within his Jewish congregation to participate at the Shoreshim in Reston. The congregation agreed to buy 250 cool, green bags.

It grew from there.

“The idea is to make giving as simple as possible,” Schnapp says. “All they have to do, outside of buying the food, is literally placing the bag outside of their door at 8:30 in the morning the first Saturday of every other month. That’s all the work they have to do.”

THE GROUP has 32 drivers who volunteer to pick up the bags and deliver them to the food pantries.

By word of mouth, more and more people signed up.



From left: Sheila Barrett, Penny Britt, Martha Jenkins and Minnie Orozco finished filling the shelves at the Cornerstones Reston Pantry.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY BOB SCHNAPP



“A Simple Gesture” volunteers Allan Hoffman (left), Bob Schnapp (middle) and Andy Gluck (right) unload the cool, green bags of non-perishable food at the Cornerstones Reston Pantry.

Now in December, there are 400 participants who fill their bags. This month alone, they collected 9,380 pounds of nonperishable food items.

Since the last collection day on Dec. 3, more than 30 new people have already signed up to join in.

“There are 35 cities across the country that are doing this,” says Schnapp. None of the groups are affiliated, but they are all using the same logo: “A Simple Gesture.”

Catherine Hudgins, who represents the Hunter Mill District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, is on board.

“That sounds easy,” Hudgins says. “I can put my bag outside the door.”

She was not surprised that the community found a way to help neighbors in need.

“Cornerstones empties quickly,” she says. “It really makes a difference.”

In total, 41,138 pounds of non-perishable food items have been donated through the cool, green bags since the group started.

There has been so much interest that Schnapp asked the Giving Circle of HOPE for help.

A giving circle is a form of participatory philanthropy where groups of individuals donate their own money to a pooled fund and decide together which charities receive grants.

“We found that it was such a simple, no-brainer kind of thing to make people give food,” says Diana Katz, who is a spokesperson of the Giving Circle of HOPE.

Katz also volunteers to drive to pick up bags on collection days to deliver to the Cornerstones food pantry.

Katz’s organization could not provide funding, but she was able to connect Schnapp to another donor who was willing to help.

Now there are more bags and more room to grow.

“The beauty of this is that it keeps the pantries stocked throughout the year and not just during the holidays,” Katz says.

THOSE WHO WANT to get involved by filling bags, driving routes or sorting food can sign up by going to www.coolgreenbag.org. Those who sign up will have a bag delivered to their house and will receive a reminder email when the pick-up date is near. A food list of suggested donations is also printed on a tag of all the bags.

The U.S. Tennis Association, located in Isaac Newton Square, fills 20 bags every two months and delivers them to the Cornerstone’s Reston Pantry. Other businesses can participate by emailing Schnapp at Bob@CoolGreenBag.org.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to north@connectionnewspapers.com by noon on Friday.

Mary Ruth Brown, a 2012 graduate of Oakton High School and a 2016 graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, is currently in graduate school at East Carolina University studying meteorology/atmospheric science. She has been selected for an internship at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, VA for spring semester 2017.

David Clark, alto sax player, is recognized as a member of the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band and will receive honorary jacket in front of family, friends, fellow band members and classmates.

Eight students from Fairfax County Public Schools — all attending Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) — have been named semifinalists in the 2016 Intel Science Talent Search. The students, with their project names, are:

❖ **Jake Cui**, A Machine Learning Approach to Identifying Ordered Binding Regions on Order-disorder Protein Interfaces.

❖ **Tarun Kamath**, Marked Decreases in Pediatric and Young Adult Solid Organ Cancer Mortality in the United States Since 1940: Analysis and Hypotheses.

❖ **Ava Lakmazaheri**, Brain-actuated Robotics: A Logic-based Approach for Multimodal Programming and Operation of Assistive Humanoid Robots.

❖ **Austin Mills**, Demonstrating the Development of Heavy Metal Resistance in Non-tolerant Multigenerational Brassica rapa.

❖ **Kunal Shroff**, The Relationship Between Lethality and Genomic Instability in Euploid and Aneuploid Yeast Cells Expressing Pathological Huntingtin.

❖ **Matthew Sun**, Hyperacute Temporal Resolution with a Neural Population for Biologically Plausible Firing Rate Change Detection.

❖ **Jason Wei**, Improving Lateral Flow Immunoassay Sensitivity by a Palladium-catalyzed Dye Reaction.

❖ **Michael You**, Two-degree-of-freedom Bubble Oscillations in Elastic Vessels and its Application in Sonar-induced Marine Mammal Injuries.

The 300 semifinalists were chosen from more than 1,750 entrants and will receive matching awards of \$1,000 along with their school.

This is the 75th year of the Science Talent Search, which Intel has sponsored since 1998, providing \$1.6 million in awards and scholarships to contestants.

Snigdha Srivastava and **Kate Hao**, of Herndon, are on the dean’s list at Washington University in St. Louis.

Adam Zaman, of Herndon, is on the dean’s list for spring 2016 at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He is studying mechanical engineering.

Dinesh Chowdary Inampudi, of Herndon, graduated with a master of science, May 2016 from the University of New Haven.

Kalla Fleger, of Reston, is on the dean’s list for spring 2016 at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Non Degree, Coll of Continuing Education.

Elizabeth Ashley Drake, of Herndon, is on the dean’s list at Hollins University for spring 2016.

Nii Martey Akita, of Oak Hill, graduated spring 2016 from St. Olaf College.