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**As a member of James Madison High School Amnesty International Club, senior Sean Doyle (center) is coordinating activism with others on such issues as abolishing the death penalty, reducing gun violence and police brutality, and convincing the Vienna Town Council to make Vienna an “I Welcome Refugees” town.**



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**Marshall senior Aidan Kemp (center) is the lead senior mentor for the Marshall Freshman Transition program and does community service work through St. Thomas Episcopal Church in McLean.**

## Committed to Peacemaking

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**S**uraya Sadeed said hearing more than 20 stories of students promoting peace in and out of their schools made her believe “there is still hope for a brighter future.”

Sadeed is a native of Kabul, Afghanistan who made a new home in the United States in 1982, fleeing the aftermath of the Soviet invasion. She founded the non-government organization Help the Afghan Children and is author of “Forbidden Lessons in a Kabul Guesthouse.”

The former owner of a real estate company, Sadeed has risked dangerous situations to deliver humanitarian aid to women and children in war-torn Afghanistan. On Sunday, March 12, she addressed high school students from around Fairfax County being honored at the Student Peace Awards.

Sadeed spoke about the importance of promoting peace through education, as a preventative measure against bullying, hatred and violence later in life.

“The cost of providing peace education to 8 million children in Afghanistan is less,” she said, “than buying one military plane.”

The student peace awards are offered in all Fairfax County public high schools and some private schools. Schools choose their winners based on their work to promote peace as well as prevent causes of violence: poverty, discrimination and injustice.

Each of the individual or groups of students not only took action for peace, but did so with creative, entrepreneurial energy — founding clubs, organizing charity projects, leading training sessions or creating documentary films.

Fairfax County School Board chair Sandy Evans said she was deeply impressed with the work of the students being honored at the Stacy Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, from anti-bullying to human traf-

ficking awareness to anti-genocide.

“Few goals are more important in the world today,” Evans said, “than promoting peace, acceptance, kindness and tolerance.”

Evans was joined in congratulating the students by fellow board members Ryan McElveen (at-large) and Dalia Palchik (Providence).

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors vice chairman and Mason District representative Penny Gross (D) read a letter of recognition from board chairman Sharon Bulova that thanked the students for their commitment to peacemaking.

All the students have come together, Gross read from Bulova’s letter, “in one goal, strengthening peace and unity.”

Del. Kenneth Plum (D-36) joined the other elected officials in congratulating the award-winners.

The 2017 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County winners are as follows, bios according to the event program:

**Ethan Mirani, junior at the Cedar Lane School in Vienna**

Mirani was a member of the school’s Anti-Bullying Committee for two years and worked to grow the group as well as plan activities and keep things organized.

**Jasmine Howard, senior at Centreville High School**

Howard organized members of the Centreville Key Club to sell 240 wristbands from Guatemala, made out of leather and pieces of coconut shell with colored string, raising \$1,700 in sales and donations that went back to the wristband artisans and disadvantaged foreign youth.

**Shaan Chudasama, senior at Chantilly High School**

Chudasama co-founded and is vice president of Young at Art, a non-profit organization using art-related activities to improve the quality of life of seniors, less fortunate children and veterans. With his sister, the other co-founder, they’ve partnered with the

Special Olympics and Sunrise Assisted Living.

**Vanessas Mae Avendano, senior at Falls Church High School**

Avendano is vice president of Falls Church’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender club and also founded Falls Church High School United, a group of clubs united to spread peace and acceptance. The group has produced a series of videos dealing with anti-bullying and giving respect.

**Sabah Munshi, senior at Hayfield Secondary School**

Munshi helped organize a project called Walking for Water and raised both awareness of the world’s water crisis and more than \$2,000 for the Tap Project by UNICEF. She has also volunteered at Virginia Hospital Center in the renal unit.

**Surabhi Khanal, senior at Herndon High School**

Khanal has been a member of the Herndon Leo Club and founded MedLove, Inc, a non-profit organization with the mission of helping rescue women in the United States and abroad who are human trafficking victims. Through the Key Club, Khanal and other students also organized a benefit gala to raise awareness of local trafficking and \$3,000 for combatting HIV and AIDS in her native Nepal.

**Naba Khan and Shafia Tala, juniors at King Abdullah Academy in Herndon**

Khan and Talat founded the organization Women of the World (WOW) to promote women’s rights and help women struggling with homelessness, hunger, oppression or abuse. Some of their projects include opening a sewing institute in Nalgona, India and fundraisers involving the whole student body.

**Jamie Hunstad, senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School**

Hunstad set up a Special Olympics program at Lake Braddock, starting with a bas-

ketball team and adding track and field. She coaches both teams, and also helped the Rachel’s Challenge program find a presence at her school. Rachel’s Challenge deals with stomping out bullying and promoting tolerance and inclusion.

**Donya Momenian and Chrissie Ivanova, seniors at Langley High School**

The two seniors co-founded a chapter of the Girl Up Club at Langley, growing it from two to 30 members who meet bi-monthly. The national and international club empowers young women in education, fundraising, advocacy and service, as well as runs development programs in Guatemala, India, Liberia, Malawi, Uganda and Ethiopia.

**Naomi Soquar, senior at Robert E. Lee High School**

Soquar helped found a chapter of the Amnesty International Club at Lee — she currently serves as its president. She led club members and volunteers in writing letters against human rights violations, which in one case contributed to two political prisoners in the Democratic Republic of Congo being released. Soquar also serves with Girls Learn International, the Capital Area Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

**Sean Doyle, senior at James Madison High School**

A member of Madison’s Amnesty International Club Doyle is coordinating activism with others on such issues as abolishing the death penalty, reducing gun violence and police brutality, and convincing the Vienna Town Council to make Vienna a “I Welcome Refugees” town.

**Aidan Kemp, senior at George C Marshall High School**

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**Susan Perry** is the Vice President of Client Services at Care Options, a Lifematters Company. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Virginia with 25 years of experience in acute care, long-term care, rehabilitation, home care and hospice care settings. Susan has served as a member of the Geriatric Consultation Team at Inova Fairfax Hospital. She has a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University.



**Diane Vance** is the Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter. She has been immersed in dementia care professionally and as a caregiver for many years. Diane served as the Director of Dementia Care Services in Assisted Living and Director of an Adult Medical Day Program for elderly individuals with cognitive impairments. As a passionate advocate for those with dementia and their families, she has provided invaluable support to many.

  
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### The Picklin' Grannies

Picklin' Grannies at Providence Senior Center laugh and smile a lot but when they play pickle ball, it's all business. The team consists of Cecilia Nee from Vienna, Sun Yung of Fairfax and Ursula Nogie of Reston. They play the game for the fun and camaraderie, as well as the health benefits. Their coach, Helen White, is a Pickleball National Champion and USAPA Mid-Atlantic District Ambassador.

## Fairfax Water

### Notice of Public Hearing

Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Property Necessary  
for Public Purposes by Condemnation or Other Means

April 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County Water Authority ("Fairfax Water") will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903(B) at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017, to receive and consider public comments on the proposed acquisition, by condemnation or other means, of certain water line and temporary construction easements on a portion of certain real property located at 1894 Preston White Drive, Reston, VA 20191. The subject property is more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcel No. 27-1-(16)-(5)- 7B1 (the "Property"). Fairfax Water seeks to acquire these easements on a portion of the Property for public use in order to lay, erect, construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, and replace one or more present or future water mains, including fire hydrants, valves, vaults, meters, building service connections, and other equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith for the purpose of the transmission and distribution of water. Following the public hearing, Fairfax Water's Board may vote on or after April 6, 2017, to adopt a Resolution approving the proposed public use and authorizing and directing the acquisition of such easements on a portion of the Property for the public use by condemnation or other means.

A proposed Resolution and other related information will be made available for public review prior to the public hearing at Fairfax Water's website: [www.fairfaxwater.org](http://www.fairfaxwater.org)

The public hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed Resolution when it becomes available should call Eva Catlin at (703) 289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

# Practice Makes Perfect

Local educators share strategies for getting children to practice music.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Linda Guly's son reached high school age and asked to quit his clarinet lessons, the Arlington mother of four declined his request.

"My son Timmy is an excellent clarinet player. The philosophy I've established in my house is that music is part of your overall education like science or math, so you can't just quit," said Guly, saxophonist, former music teacher and professor of psychology at Marymount University.

During the month of March, which is designated at Music in our Schools Month, educators highlight the benefits of quality music education programs. Part of a music education is practice, encouraging that in children can be daunting for some parents.

For children who play a musical instrument, regular practice is not only a path toward proficiency, it helps establish discipline that is useful in other areas of one life's. This habit, however, must be established purposefully says John Kilkenny, assistant professor of music at George Mason University. "Treat practice time like a part of child's daily routine," he said. "They have to have a consistent time for practice. For example, they come home from school each day, have a snack and practice for 30 minutes."

One key to keeping children motivated to practice is setting goals, be they long-term or for the current practice session. "Goal-oriented practice for younger kids, like a recital to work toward, for example is a good motivator," said Kilkenny. "The biggest thing is consistency, practicing at or near the same time every day just like everything else they do so that it becomes part of their routine."

For practice sessions to be effective, they must be organized and purposeful. This is another area where goal setting can be useful says, Ann McCoy, who teaches piano and violin in her Bethesda, Md. home. "Maybe a goal for a child who is working on a particularly difficult piece of music could be to spend their practice time perfecting three or four measures," she said. "Rather than focusing on practicing for a set amount of time, they could practice until they can play the three measures perfectly and then they're



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**Fifteen-year-old Timothy Guly plays Christmas music with fellow clarinetists. His teacher brings together all her clarinet students to perform with each other several times a year.**

finished for the day. That is more effective than saying sitting for 30 minutes without accomplishing something specific."

Adding a light-hearted element to practice, which can be seen by some children as laborious, also encourages students to practice. "There should be some sense that playing the instrument is supposed to be fun and students should ... have some flexibility beyond a rigid experiences," said Kilkenny. "It shouldn't feel like it's a negative experience."

For parents who have trouble getting a child to start a practice session, McCoy recommends trying different times of the day. "For example, I had one mother who had screaming matches with her children to get them to practice after they'd finished their homework in the evening," she said. "She changed their practice time to the mornings after breakfast, but before they left for school. That made a huge difference in their willingness to practice because they were rested and in a better mood."

Parents should be realistic about their child's temperament and musical talent said Guly. "A child is only going to enjoy playing an instrument if they're good at it and parents have to be realistic about that," said Guly. "Music isn't easy for everyone."

Choosing a teacher who is a good fit for one's child can have an effect on their desire to practice. "Ask around for recommendations, but find a teacher who inspires their students," said Guly.

"It's important to make sure the teacher is somebody who is credentialed and has degrees in music and also that they're continuing to be engaged professionally as teachers and performers," added Kilkenny.

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# Stop Bullying Federal Workers

BY U.S. REP. DON BEYER (D-8) AND  
U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY (D-11)

**R**epublicans hold control of all three branches of government, and therefore have a responsibility to lead the civil service that employs millions of Americans, and every American relies upon for myriad services. The overwhelming majority of federal workers are hardworking people who devote themselves to public service. They secure borders, keep food safe, advance scientific and medical research, deliver our mail, and provide care to many of us, including our veterans.

Republican leaders have repaid this service with repeated attacks.

In 2013, they shut down the government as a political stunt, and came hours away from doing it again in 2015 at the Department of Homeland Security. They enacted the Budget Control Act, which ultimately led to Sequestration, cutting the budget of every federal agency with the surgical precision of a meat-ax.

But since Republicans acquired total control over government, their treatment of federal workers has been beyond the pale.

On the first day of the new Congress, House Republicans passed a rules package over our loud objections containing a reinstatement of the Holman Rule, which would potentially allow Congress to engage in political retribution against federal workers by reducing any given employee's salary to \$1. Only three Republicans opposed the measure on the floor, none from Virginia or Maryland.

The Holman Rule was especially troubling in light of the new administration's so-called "enemies list" of employees who had worked



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on specific policy areas for the Obama Administration, such as climate policy.

As one of his first actions, President Trump announced a hiring freeze for federal workers. This is terrible policy and a mindless approach to management that dodges hard decisions.

The Government Accountability Office studied past hiring freezes and found them "not effective." The government is more likely to rely on overtime and contract work, which often costs taxpayers more. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Americans have total uncertainty in their professional lives. Agencies are unable to make efficient, long term plans, driving up costs and hurting morale. Over time, Americans trying to manage social security benefits, travel in airports, or secure healthcare will see the impact of this freeze when benefits are not mailed or airport security lines move much more slowly.

Two other classes of citizen are hit particularly hard: people with disabilities and veterans.

In 2015, due to Obama Administration initiatives, 19 percent of the federal government's new hires were people with disabilities. The federal government has hired

109,000 people with disabilities in the past five years.

Veterans stand to be among those hardest hit by the hiring freeze. The Veterans Administration is one of the largest federal employers, but is also significantly understaffed. Delivering the care promised to those who served in the armed forces depends on having effective staff to deliver that care.

Over 30 percent of the civilian federal workforce is made up of veterans, a number which has grown consistently as agencies prioritized hiring vets. Many of the positions held vacant by the hiring freeze would have gone to vets, and the progress we have made on veteran unemployment will be halted.

Contrary to this administration's claims, the federal workforce is dwindling as a share of the population. And 85 percent of federal workers are located outside the beltway. It is also aging, and over a third of the current feds will be eligible for retirement by September. Federal workers have been treated as a piggy bank by Congress for years now, their pay raises delayed or denied, they've been furloughed and had their benefits cut. Now their morale is hit by politicians who make them a political punching bag. A bill just proposed in Congress would make all federal workers "at-will" employees, exposing them to political retribution and punishment by a hostile administration without recourse.

The federal workforce is not, as Mr. Trump has said, a "swamp." It is a group of committed Americans who serve us, and they deserve better from Congress. The Republican Party has total control over the levers of government. Will any of its leaders have the decency or the courage to fight for the civil service which serves us all?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Who Pays Taxes?

To the Editor:

It is tax time again and one's thoughts turn to the question of just who in America is paying the taxes that keep our country running. Who pays the expenses for the White House and the President as well as the security protection for him and his family here and on their worldwide trips? Who pays the salaries and benefits of our elected officials and their staffs? Who pays for our schools and libraries and for our roads and infrastructure? Who pays for police and fire protection? Who pays for government agencies and for our military and our veterans? Who pays for wars and walls and prisons? Who pays for public transportation? Who pays to help states when a natural disaster occurs? Who pays profitable businesses to move to our city, county or

state or to stop them from leaving? The list goes on and on and on.

Big business tries to pay as little tax as possible with the help of loopholes or a move to another

country or both. Rich people, with the help of tax laws, hire accountants and lawyers to help them pay as little tax as possible in this life and even when they're dead. Heck, even our President pays no taxes

and is very proud of that fact.

So, who is left to pay? The people who can least afford it!

**Rebecca Horahan**  
McLean

### Free St. Patrick's Day Lyft Rides Offered in Area

Preparing to combat that time of year when, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly one-third of all U.S. traffic deaths are caused by drunk drivers, free Lyft rides will be offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area next Friday, March 17, 2017 (St. Patrick's Day).

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2017 St. Patty's Day SoberRide program will be in operation beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) and continue until 4 a.m. on Saturday, March 18 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired

drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

During this 12-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter the code SOBERRIDE in the app's 'Promo' section to receive their no cost (up to \$ 20) safe transportation home. The SoberRide code is valid for new and existing Lyft users.

Last year, 250 persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used WRAP's St. Patrick's Day SoberRide program rather than possibly driving home impaired. The charity also offers its SoberRide program on Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day, Halloween and the winter holidays this

year starting on Dec. 15, 2017 and operating through and including New Year's Eve.

Lyft will provide SoberRide trips throughout the Washington-metropolitan area to local residents age 21 and older who otherwise may have attempted to drive home after drinking.

SoberRide is offered throughout Lyft's Washington, D.C. coverage area which includes all or parts of: the District of Columbia; the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's; and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William. More information about WRAP's SoberRide initiative can be found at [www.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.com).



# BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, visit [connectionnews.com/Calendar/](http://connectionnews.com/Calendar/). The deadline for submissions is noon on Friday.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 16

**Caregivers' Support Group.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Contact Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).  
**Fairfax County 2018 Budgets.** 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center Community Hall, 1234 Ingleside Drive, McLean. A conversation on Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools 2018 Budgets, with speakers including John Foust, Dranesville District Supervisor and Joe Mondoro, CFO, Fairfax County. Visit [mcleancitizens.org/](http://mcleancitizens.org/) for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 18

**Job Fair for Teens.** 1-3 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Local businesses and agencies will be on hand to offer a range of opportunities including part-time jobs, internships, and volunteer work. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfair.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfair.htm).

## TUESDAY/MARCH 21

**Tax Relief Workshops.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at McLean Governmental Center, Community Room, 1437 Balls Hills Road, McLean. Each year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors hosts a series of tax relief workshops. Real estate tax relief is available for older adults and people with disabilities who meet certain

qualifications; individuals may be eligible for car tax relief and tax relief for renters. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta) or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 703-222-7594).

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 22

**Meal with a Message.** 11:30 a.m. at the Juke Box Diner, 46900 Community Plaza, Sterling. Dranesville Church of the Brethren sponsors Meal with a Message is held the fourth Wednesday of the month at a local restaurant. RSVP to Joy Trickett, [joygoodshepherd@verizon.net](mailto:joygoodshepherd@verizon.net) or Maryvonne Beavers, [mbeav915@gmail.com](mailto:mbeav915@gmail.com) or Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 703-430-7872.

## You Can Afford College

**Workshop.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Virginia Society of CPAs offers a college affordability workshop that covers topics such as savings plans, financial aid, grants, scholarships and loans. One-on-one counseling and additional resources will be available. Free. Contact David Bass at [dbass@vscpa.com](mailto:dbass@vscpa.com) or 804-612-9440 or visit [www.vscpa.com/college](http://www.vscpa.com/college).

## Georgetown Pike Trail

**Community Meeting.** 7:-9 p.m. at Great Falls Library, Large Meeting Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is holding a community meeting concerning the Georgetown Pike Trail Phase III and Phase IV

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Public Hearing on the McLean Community Center's FY 2019 Programs



Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The Governing Board and Staff of the McLean Community Center are **seeking input from residents** of Dranesville Small District 1A at a Public Hearing on Programs for FY 2019, which runs July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. MCC programs are scheduled to return to the newly renovated Ingleside facility in the Fall of 2018.

The Board and Staff are interested in hearing residents' suggestions for class offerings, community events, theater programs, exhibits, tours, youth events and teen activities when they return home to the Center.

If you would like to speak at the hearing, call the Center to have your name placed on the speakers' list. You also may submit comments in writing to: [george.sachs@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:george.sachs@fairfaxcounty.gov).

The hearing will be followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Governing Board.



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## CALENDAR

Send announcements to [connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](mailto:connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). Deadline is Friday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

### ONGOING

**Bingo Night.** Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. [www.vvfd.org/bingo.html](http://www.vvfd.org/bingo.html).

### THURSDAY/MARCH 16

**Vietnam Veterans Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. Volko Ruhnke will discuss the development of his successful board game, "Fire in the Lake, Insurgency in Vietnam." Call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org).

### FRIDAY/MARCH 17

**Children's St. Paddy's Party.** 7-9 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Music, dancing, games, free catered food, videos and various attractions, 5th and 6th graders only. \$35/\$25 McLean District residents. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org) or call 703-448-8336 for more.

### MARCH 17-18

**Disney's Musical.** Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 3 and 7 p.m. at Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. \$10. Email Leisa Sheridan at [leisafs@msn.com](mailto:leisafs@msn.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/MARCH 18

**Old-Fashioned Egg Hunt & Roll** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Freeman House, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Children 12 and under and their parents are welcome to participate in an egg roll and visit with Easter Bunny, hosted by Historic Vienna, Inc. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

### Northern Virginia Model

**Railroaders.** 1-5 p.m. at 231 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders open house features a permanent HO-scale model railroad with steam and diesel locomotives operating in a replica of the Western North Carolina Railroad. A trolley system services the station. Visit [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org) or call 703-938-5157 for more.

### SUNDAY/MARCH 19

**Breakfast Buffet.** 10 a.m.-noon at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Adults \$9, children 12 and under \$3. Call 703-938-6580 for more.

**The National Brass Quintet.** 3 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike McLean. Works by Handel, Bach, Bozza, McKee, Bernstein, Barnes and a special multimedia tribute to veterans. Visit [www.stjohnsmclean.org/](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org/) for more.

**Opening Reception.** 3-5 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, the Art Gallery and Performance Space, 750 Center Street, Herndon. There's No Place Like Home exhibit by members of the Great Falls Studios, on display March 14,-April 8. Visit [ArtSpaceHerndon.com](http://ArtSpaceHerndon.com) for more.

**Uppity Women.** 3 p.m. at Chapel Auditorium, Madeira School, 8328 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Traveling Players Ensemble celebrates strong and difficult women with its "Uppity Women Festival," a double bill of "The Wizard of Oz," and "The Taming of the Shrew." Visit [www.travelingplayers.org](http://www.travelingplayers.org) or call 703-987-1712 for more.

**Masala Bhangra Dance class.** 3-4 p.m. At SourceCore Fitness Studio, 144 Church St. NW #102, Vienna. Masala Bhangra is an Indian-dance based class. It introduces high energy Bhangra and Bollywood dance movements in an easy-to-follow



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format. Donations of suggested \$20 and up accepted for to Childline India Foundation. Email [info@sourcecorestudio.com](mailto:info@sourcecorestudio.com) for more.

**Andy Suzuki & The Method.** 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E., Vienna. Andy Suzuki teams up with Kozza Olatunji-Babumba for their third full-length album, The Glass Hour. Visit [www.jamminjava.com/](http://www.jamminjava.com/) or call 703-255-1566.

### MONDAY/MARCH 20

**Demystifying Home Maintenance.** 7-8:30 pm at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Free. Visit [www.andrewchapelumc.org/](http://www.andrewchapelumc.org/) for more.

### TUESDAY/MARCH 21

**Meet the Author.** 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike. Laura M. Elliott, local author, is the guest speaker. Call 703-759-3705 for more.

**Italian Renaissance Art.** 5 p.m. at Dante's Ristorante, 1148 Walker Road, Great Falls. Dr. Gianni Cicali will speak on the topic will be "The Influence of the Legend of the Cross on Italian Renaissance Art". RSVP to Deeda Calderazzo at 703-759-4605 by March 16.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 22

**Groundbreaking Ceremony.** 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. celebrate the start of the \$8 million renovation of its Ingleside Avenue facility. A reception will follow the ceremony in the Center's Community Hall. Contact Sabrina Anwah at [sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov) or 703-744-9363 for more.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 24

**Atomic Trampoline & Movie.** 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Bounce on 40 interconnecting trampolines and foam pits and then see a PG or PG-13 movie. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org) or call 703-448-8336 for more.

**McLean Art Society.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dolly Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. Joyce McCarten, a painter of abstract oils, will be the featured presenter. Call 703-356-9770 for more.

**SpiritMind and Drum Circle.** 7-9 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join this mind-body-heart-spirit experience and gathering where participants are guided in co-creating a sacred space through chanting, singing, meditating, and drumming. \$20. Visit [Unityoffairfax.org](http://Unityoffairfax.org) or call 703-281-1767 for more.

### SATURDAY/MARCH 25

**Hosting a Bee Hive.** 10-11 a.m. at

Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Learn about these local pollinators and the role they play. Ages 6 and up. \$8. Call 703-759-9018 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/).

**Amadeus Benefit Concert and Auction.** 4 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Visit [www.stfranciscgreatfalls.org/](http://www.stfranciscgreatfalls.org/) for more.

**Christian Band.** 7 p.m. at Smith Chapel, 11318 Beach Mill Road, Great Falls. Join Pastor Dave and the Smith Chapel family for an evening of music and fellowship with neighbors and friends. Email [thechapel@live.com](mailto:thechapel@live.com) for more.

### SUNDAY/MARCH 26

**Spring Fling Fashion Show.** 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Bloomingdale's, Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road. The New Dominion Women's Club will be hosting a show featuring the latest fashion trends and enjoy food and drinks, including mimosas. All proceeds will be donated to local charities. \$75. Visit [www.ndwc.org](http://www.ndwc.org) for more.

### MONDAY/MARCH 27

**Ayr Hill Garden Club.** 12:45 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Topic: "Getting to Know Your Fellow Ayr Hill Garden Club Members Through Their Love of Plants." Visit [www.viennava.gov/resourcedirectory](http://www.viennava.gov/resourcedirectory) for more.

**GOP Committee Fundraiser.** 7 p.m. at Nouvelle, 7911 West Park Drive, Tysons. 11th Congressional District GOP Committee Fundraiser with Eric Cantor. Visit [www.vagop11.org/](http://www.vagop11.org/)

### TUESDAY/MARCH 28

**Writer's Panel.** 7:30-9 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Sisters in Crime: Local Mystery Writers' Panel. Visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or call 703-938-0405 for more.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

**Historic Vienna Membership Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. S., Vienna. Features of the meeting will be presentation of the Annual Heritage Preservation Award and the telling of a Civil War Love Story. call 703-994-9054 or visit <https://www.viennava.gov/>.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 31

**Family Fun Bingo.** 7-9 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Players will have free popcorn and winners will take their pick of prizes. Visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org) or call 703-448-8336 for more.

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# Peace Awards Presented

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**Josh Leong and Sam Gollob, juniors at McLean High School**

The two juniors created a 10-minute film documenting the struggles of Herman Wainggai, a human rights advocate from West Papua who escape political imprisonment by taking a boat to Australia. "Herman Wainggai: A Hidden Genocide" premiered at the Garifuna Indigenous Film Festival in Los Angeles in April, 2016.

**Yosaph Boku, senior at Mount Vernon High School**

Boku helped create a program that teaches disadvantaged youth and adults in his community computer skills. The senior also gives groups of counselors feedback, suggestions for encouraging more minority students to take advantage of advanced courses.

**Roza Al Barznji, senior at Mountain View Alternative High School**

Al Barznji came to the United States three years ago as a refugee from Northern Iraq, and works to help her classmates understand her Kurdish heritage using photography. She's also published seven stories about her own journey becoming a Kurdish American, the people of Syria and refugees in American communities, as well as made a documentary about American Thanksgiving traditions.

**Members of Blossoming Beauties at Quander Road School**

Young women in the Blossoming Beauties program work on both becoming more well-rounded and confident, as well as carrying out school and community projects together. In 2016, the group raised money for Bethany House shelter for female victims of domestic abuse; they've also produced fleece blankets for New Hope Housing and their mission to end homelessness. In 2017, Blossoming Beauties is collaborating with A Space of Her Own to target and support fifth grade girls avoiding delinquency.

**Narjes Bencheikh, senior at South County High School**

The South County senior helped co-found a Muslim Student Association and International Club at her school. The 50-person Muslim Student Association

carries out role-playing exercises and discusses issues encountered in the community.

**Emily Lockwood, senior at South Lakes High School**

Lockwood mentors freshmen transitioning to high school and coaches track for children with special needs. For a school assignment, she worked with the Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., to find primary and secondary sources looking at improving state and societal relations in Myanmar (Burma).

**Maiss Mohamed and Deema Alharthi, juniors at JEB Stuart High School**

The Stuart juniors revitalized their school's Model United Nations Club and have become active with Students in Training for Advocacy and Responsibility. They also participate in Key Club, Girls Up and Interact, and volunteer with groups including the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organization.

**Members of TJ Minds Matter, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology**

The student-led group offers support for handling stress and disappointment, and provides resources for learning how to engage with someone in a crisis and non-crisis situation. TJ Minds Matter hosted a Mental Wellness Week in January this year, including days dedicated to random acts of kindness and stomping out stigma (surrounding mental illness).

**Students with Combatting Intolerance at West Potomac High School**

The Fairfax County class Combatting Intolerance was created in 2015 — West Potomac teacher Robert Kerr molds the curriculum around social justice topics, racism, sexism, welcoming immigrant and refugee students, and advocating for the rights of lesbian, gay, transgender and asexual students, staff and other people in the community. The 22-member class raises money to support small local non-profits and sponsored a school-wide Diversity Week.

**Rodney Wrice, senior, and Audrey Wever, junior, West Springfield High School**

Friends Wrice and Wever started a kindness campaign using candy bars and sticky notes to encourage positive messaging around the time of the 2016 Presidential election.



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**Cedar Lane junior Ethan Mirani was a member of the school's Anti-Bullying Committee for two years and worked to grow the group as well as plan activities and keep things organized.**



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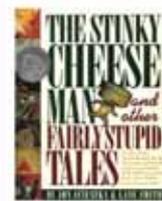


## Here's What's Happening at MCC

**The Old Firehouse 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Party**

**St. Paddy's Party**

Friday, March 17, 7-9 p.m.  
\$35/\$25 MCC district residents  
Pre-registration recommended.



**An Alden Production "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales"**

Saturday & Sunday, March 18-19, 3 p.m.  
\$15/\$10 MCC district residents

**MCC Governing Board**

**Public Hearing on FY 2019 Programs**

Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.  
All board meetings are open to the public.



**Onstage @ The Alden James C. Macdonald Scholarship Final Competition**

Wednesday, March 29, 8 p.m.  
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**Old Firehouse Family Event**

**"Family Fun"**

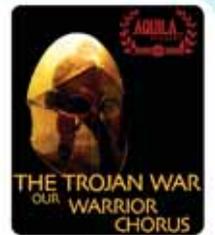


Friday, March 31, 7-9 p.m.  
\$10/\$5 MCC district residents  
The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.

**Onstage @ The Alden**

**Aquila Theatre "The Trojan War: Our Warrior Chorus"**

Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m.  
\$35/\$25 veterans and current military  
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projects. There will be a presentation by County Staff at 7:30 p.m., followed by a brief question and answer session. Public comments will be accepted through April 14, 2017. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/georgetowntpiketrail.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/georgetowntpiketrail.htm).

### TUESDAY/MARCH 28

**Tax Relief Workshops.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at McLean Governmental Center, Community Room, 1437 Balls Hills Road, McLean. Each year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors hosts a series of tax relief workshops. Real estate tax relief is available for older adults and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications; individuals may be eligible for car tax relief and tax relief for renters. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta) or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 703-222-7594).

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

**Public Safety Preparedness Program.** 7 p.m. at American Legion McLean Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Public Safety Preparedness Program, co-sponsored by the Greater McLean Chamber, the McLean Citizens Association, the Great Falls Citizens Association and the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Visit [www.mcleanpost270.org](http://www.mcleanpost270.org) for more.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church.** 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at [info@scmafc.org](mailto:info@scmafc.org). The Center's website is [www.scmafc.org](http://www.scmafc.org)

### THROUGHOUT MARCH 2017

**Free Public Service Seminars.** March 1, 8, 15, 21, 29, at 7 p.m. on Selling Your Home, Aging in Place, Downsizing, Retirement Communities Seminars. Free public service seminars on Selling Your Home (March 1, McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Rd., McLean), Working With Builders (March 8, Falls Church HS, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church), Financing Your Retirement (March 15, Marshall HS, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church), Tax & Estate Planning (March 21, Madison HS, 2500 James Madison Dr., Vienna), and Decluttering & Organizing (March 29, Oakton HS, 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna). For more information and seminar registration go to [RetireeRealEstate.org](http://RetireeRealEstate.org), or call 703-772-3033.

### ONGOING

**Master Gardener Training.** The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit [fairfaxgardening.org](http://fairfaxgardening.org) or call Dora Lockwood at 401-864-4778.

**Passages DivorceCare** If you are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church invites you to attend Passages DivorceCare. This program offers a path toward healing. The next 15-week DivorceCare series will be held Tuesdays from 6:45 to 9 p.m. beginning on Feb. 21. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. For more information or to register call 703-938-9050, go to [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org), or send an email to [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org).

**Are You A Caregiver? Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna Caregivers' Support Group** takes place first & third Thursday of each month. February 2nd and 16th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join us at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, VA. Contact facilitator, Jack Tarr, 703-821-6838 [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

**Volunteers Needed.** PRS is looking for empathetic and caring volunteers to make phone calls to older adults who may be feeling socially isolated. The commitment is one 3-hour shift per week for one year. Located in Arlington. Ages 21 & up. Intensive training provided. Learn more

and apply: <https://prsinc.org/caring-volunteering/>. Questions? Email [lpadgett@prsinc.org](mailto:lpadgett@prsinc.org).

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

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

**Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or [Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov).

The **Lewinsville Senior Center in McLean** needs a **Certified Arthritis Exercise Instructor**. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** has an urgent need for volunteer drivers to take area seniors to medical appointments and other activities. Opportunities to volunteer for other services are also available. No long-term commitment and hours are flexible to fit your schedule. Visit [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org) or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 703-281-5086 or email [volunteer@scov.org](mailto:volunteer@scov.org).

**Vienna Toastmasters.** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center on the 2nd floor room opposite the elevator, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. A friendly place to get comfortable with public speaking and impromptu speaking for new and experienced speakers. Open to the public.

**Run With the Doctor.** Every other Saturday at 7 a.m. 8230 Boone Blvd., Tysons Corner. The Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine offers its services in a convenient format to runners at this running event. Free. [facebook.com/runwiththedoctor](http://facebook.com/runwiththedoctor).

**Virginia Sheriffs' Institute Scholarship Program.** Those enrolled in a Virginia college or university who are pursuing a degree in the field of criminal justice are eligible for the Virginia Sheriff's Institute Scholarship Program; recommendation letter needed. 703-246-3251, [shf-pio@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:shf-pio@fairfaxcounty.gov) or <http://vasheriffsinstitute.org/scholarship/>.

**Volunteers for Change.** A program for adults which offers more than 50 weekend and evening volunteer opportunities per month. [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

**Haven of Northern Virginia Support Group.** 703-941-7000, [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org) or [havenofnova@verizon.net](mailto:havenofnova@verizon.net).

**Brinker Toastmasters.** 2nd and 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. [Brinker.wordpress.com](http://Brinker.wordpress.com).

**Northern Virginia Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association Holds Business Meetings.** The Chapter meets the third Thursday each month from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Tickets via Eventbrite are \$25 in advance and \$30 cash at the door. Seating is limited. Open to businesspersons working or living in and around Fairfax and Prince William counties. Guests and prospective members welcome. The Northern Virginia Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association embraces positive, energetic and supportive women willing to help themselves and other women succeed both professionally and personally. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/abwa-nvcc-welcomes-sherron-washington-from-the-p3-solution-tickets-25778817136](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/abwa-nvcc-welcomes-sherron-washington-from-the-p3-solution-tickets-25778817136).

**Great Falls Hike or Bike Volunteers.** Bike or Hike Patrol volunteers assist park rangers by riding on accessible trails in Great Falls Park. To assist park staff in providing info and services to park visitors, maintain good public relations as a representative of the National Park Service, and monitor park resources, visitor usage, and emergency needs. Skills and Experience Desired: Excellent communication skills. Ability to work with culturally, socially, and economically diversified people. Knowledge of basic bike maintenance or willingness to learn. Willingness to provide basic first aid. Ability to demonstrate skill in basic operation of a bicycle. Call Volunteer Coordinator 703-285-2965 ext. 225

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#### Obituary



**Novella Chism Bender, 97**, was called Home by her Savior on March 2, 2017. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 11:00AM at Mabel White Baptist Church, 1415 Bass Road, Macon, GA 31210. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mabel White (for Nigerian mission work). Novella was predeceased by her husband, William Bender. She served for thirty-one years as missionary to Nigeria after ministering with her husband in the pastorate of Bon Air Baptist Church of Arlington. Her life of service was marked by her gifts of teaching, hospitality, and generosity. Novella is survived by her daughters, Marci Hutchinson (Stan) of Macon, GA, and Angie Smith (Jim) of Seattle, WA; son, Phil Bender (Mary) of Lexington; eleven grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren; and three siblings. Sign guest book on-line at [www.hartsmort.com](http://www.hartsmort.com). Hart's Mortuary at the Cupola (Macon, GA) has charge of arrangements.

**ABC LICENSE**  
Sugar Factory PFC, LLC trading as Sugar Factory (and Sugar Factory American Brasserie), 1100 South Hayes Street, #H37, Arlington, VA 22202. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On; Mixed Beverage (seating capacity 151 seats or more) license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. John L. Sullivan, Manager  
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**ABC LICENSE**  
TSKAAB, LLC trading as The Black Squirrel, 2670 I Avenir Place, Vienna, VA 22180. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Beer & Wine, On & Off Premises & Mixed Beverages license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Thomas S. Knott, managing member  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T proposes to modify an existing facility (new tip heights 91') on building at 2425 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA (20170103). Interested parties may contact Scott Horn (856-809-1202) (1012 Industrial Dr., West Berlin, NJ 08091) with comments regarding potential effects on historic properties.

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One of America's top Irish pubs as ranked by Travel and Leisure magazine, Paddy Barry's, offers its signature Reuben bites at Casino Night. Christina Corsey calls the restaurant "family."



Seasons 52 sous chef shows off the restaurant's artistic pastry selections along the buffet line at Vienna Rotary's Casino Night.

## Casino Night Gala Draws Hundreds of Party-goers

**Vienna Rotary hosts gaming tables and foods of the world.**

Vienna Rotary's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Casino Night and Taste of the World was a festive gala not to be missed ... so, if you did miss it, pencil in "2018."

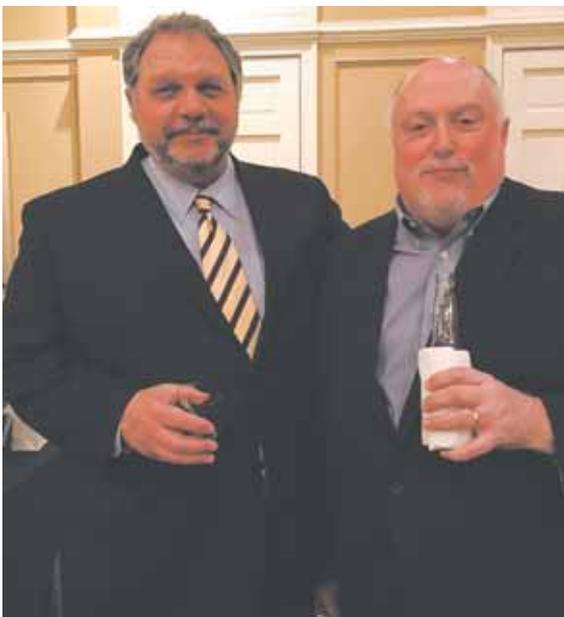
Women dressed in exquisite formals and men elegantly clad in dapper suits or tuxedos floated around the ballroom of Westwood Country Club for four hours of gaming, eating signature dishes from area's most popular restaurants, bidding on raffle prizes, and socializing with community supporters ... socializing was, from appearances, the common denominator uniting the guests.

From local elected officials and business owners, to Rotarians and friends of friends, about 200 congenial guests showed up. Casino Night is as much a community outreach event as it is a fundraiser for Vienna Rotary, who returns approximately 90 percent of their annual revenue, particularly the net proceeds from VIVA! Vienna! to Vienna-area and NoVa nonprofits.

The admission ticket covered gaming, raffle tickets, a bar drink, and as much food as visitors could eat. Tastings of restaurant fare ranged from cannoli dessert and strawberry cheesecake to roasted cauliflower with hummus and corned beef bites, and a myriad of dishes in between that covered the globe.

"It's an opportunity to bring the community together," said Vienna Rotary public relations co-chair Cristin Etheredge. "What makes this special is the heartfelt sense of community."

— DONNA MANZ



Two of Vienna's strongest supporters, businessmen, Mike Terpak of Access Bank and Jeff Bollettino of School of Rock, toast Casino Night.



Gaming tables were hosted by volunteers and professionals. Blackjack had a steady draw throughout the evening.



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Delaney Connolly zips past two Colonial Forge defenders.

## Oakton Loses in State Finals

BY WILL PALENSCAR  
THE CONNECTION

Prior to Saturday's Virginia 6A State Championship game between Oakton (26-4) and Colonial Forge (24-6), Oakton's focus would be with Shakira Austin. Oakton would hold the University of Maryland commit Austin to 12 points for the game. Teammate Camille Downs would hit three of her five three-pointers in the first quarter giving Colonial Forge and early lead, 14-10.

In the second quarter, Maddie Royle would connect from long range twice keeping Oakton close but Colonial Forge still would outscore Oakton 11-10, to give them a 25-20 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, Oakton would score 6 of their 8 points from the free throw line, and go 1-13 from the field, while Colo-

nial Forge connected on 7-12 from the field to open a 13-point advantage going into the fourth.

In the fourth, Oakton connected on two more 3s and scored 10 points for the third time in four quarters of play. Colonial Forge's 11 points gave the school their first state championship, 52-38.

Delaney Connolly was the only Cougar in double figures, scoring 17 points and nine rebounds. Teammate Mina Mori added 5 points and eight rebounds. Maddie Royle scored 5 and Kailyn Fee 4. Colonial Forge was led by Camille Downs 21 points and Shakira Austin's 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Oakton coach Fred Priester was "proud of the way his team fought." Connolly and Fee, although upset by the end result, remained upbeat about the relationships they had formed and all they had accomplished at Oakton.



Kailyn Fee dribbles the ball up the court for Oakton.