

Community Gathers To Celebrate Potomac Day

Coordinated by Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

By Peggy McEwan The Almanac

aturday marked the 35th

annual Potomac Day celebration. The day started with a parade featuring 70 units encompassing all of Potomac: schools. businesses, politicians, community groups, fire companies, more politicians, babies in strollers, and lots of dogs on leashes. All strolled down River Road from Potomac Elementary School to Falls Road before falling out of formation to enjoy activities set up in the shop-

Road. "It's a political year so there are more candidates," said Jennifer Matheson, from Potomac Chamber of Commerce, the day's sponsor. "Politicians like to walk and wave."

ping centers on both sides of Falls

Walk and wave they did. The parade lasted close to two hours, but the weather was perfect and viewers seemed enthusiastic, espe-

cially the children who scrambled for candy treats thrown by parade participants.

"I've lived in Potomac for 45 to 50 years and I've been to a few [parades]," Phyllis Weltz said. "But the weather makes this the best parade ever. It's good seeing my neighbors, people are so happy. It makes me feel good that I live

Among those leading the parade were the Chamber of Commerce's citizens of the year.

Each year the chamber selects four awardees: Youth of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year and one Family of the Year to act as grand marshals of the Parade.

Harrison Smith, a senior at Landon School, is the Youth of the Year for 2017. Harrison is an excellent student, an athlete, musician and a self-avowed "science nut." But he also helps the com

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Leila Cabib sketches a 1960 Triumph TR 3 at the Classic Car Show during Potomac



Abigail McClellan, 14 months, get the feel of a 1960 Triumph TR 3 at the Classic Car Show during Potomac Day activities.





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Spectators watch the fire engine pass by.



Peter Michael, Spencer Hewitt, Ryan Seymour, Jason T. Wong, Pack 773, Potomac Methodist Church



Madelyn Acadia with Ernie from Squeals on Wheels



Ginny Sorley, Edie Wingate, Selby McPhee, Bethanny Gertzog, Martha Johnson, Ralph Buglass, Karin Currie, and Margaret Vogel.



Anand Bhogal and Ardan Wang on the climbing wall.



Elena, Adam, Miles and Annabel Kochman

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munity by preparing Thanksgiving food baskets and working, with his family, at a women's shelter. He has also helped many outside the area by volunteering by assembling care packages for victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Dr. John Sever was selected Citizen of the Year. Sever, a long time Potomac resident who now lives in King Farm, was a driving force in getting the Rotary Club to adopt the eradication of polio in the world as part of its 3-H Health, Hunger and Humanity program. That was in 1978. His goal, and that of Rotary clubs, is very close to being achieved.

The Business Person of the Year award goes to James McWhorter and his wife Yasmin Abadian, owners of the former River Falls Mar-Day in which on the first day of the parade Saturday. month 25 percent of the market's proceeds go to a local charity.

Grand marshals, the Freishtat family, Rob and Jamie, plus children Luke, Max and Nate, are honored for their commitment to the people of Haiti.

Rob and Jamie, both physicians, became involved with the people of Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

They immediately fell in love with the country and the people and have been back several times, Rob Freishtat told the Potomac Almanac in an earlier interview.

On one trip, in 2013, Rob Freishtat cared for an almost twoyear-old boy abandoned in the hospital suffering from dehydration and starvation. During the weeks of hospital care, Rob became attached to the boy, Louiken, and the family decided to adopt him. Now known as Luke, he officially became a member of the family in December 2015.

As the parade ended, the usually busy intersection of River and Falls roads was quiet. Police had yet to open the roads to through traffic. Pedestrians crossed with ease as they made their way to the booths and activities set up in the parking lots of Potomac Village Shopping Center and Potomac Place.

Caroline Schneider, 14, and Caroline Kohler, 14, picked up their drinks and headed for the rides.

"It was good," Caroline Kohler said. "I liked the free stuff: popcorn, candy and we got gift cards from Sprinkles Ice Cream."

Caroline Schneider said she liked the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts marching in the parade and the dogs and horses.

"All the free stuff, that's a plus," she said.



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ket, now The Market at River Falls. Girl Scouts from Wayside Elementary McWhorter started Community First School march in the annual Potomac Day



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Potomac Day visitors pet Bert and Ernie, alpacas from Squeals on Wheels.



Robert Hansen, Dr. John Sever, Citizen of the Year, and his wife Gerane Sever



Рното ву Deborah Stevens

Susie and

Redmond

with their

1967 442

Oldsmobile

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Sherri Grove with Heartland Home Foods

Рното ву Deborah Stevens



Harrison Smith: Youth of the Year



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Marlyn Orrego as Luna the **Toothfairy from Amy Light Pediatric Dentistry.**

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Fire Displaces Family

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue identified the likely cause of the Oct. 22 house fire on Horseshoe Lane as electrical in nature. The fire started in the attic; the family was displaced.

Advice for Seniors

Resource fair on Oct. 27.

Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz, who represents Council District 3, which includes Gaithersburg, Rockville, Washington Grove, Leisure World and parts of Aspen Hill, Derwood, North Potomac and Potomac, will host a Senior Forum and Resource Fair at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 27.

The program will focus on recognizing the signs of elder abuse, protecting seniors from scams, and ways for seniors to volunteer. It will be accompanied by a resource fair showcasing an array of service providers to seniors.

The Senior Forum and Resource Fair are free and open to the public. The resource fair will open at 9:30 a.m., with speakers beginning at 10 a.m. Residents do not have to be a member of the Activity Center at Bohrer Park to attend.

Katz, the former Mayor of Gaithersburg, serves on the Public Safety (PS) Committee as its lead member for Behavioral Health in the Justice System. The PS Committee has jurisdiction over the county's consumer protection programs and public safety issues affecting seniors.

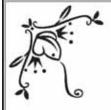
The following experts will be Attorney speaking starting at 10 a.m.:

- ❖ John McCarthy, the Montgomery County State's Attorney
- ❖ Eric Friedman, director of the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection
 - ❖ Gretchen Zekiel, Senior Fel-

low/Program Manager, 50+ Volunteer Network, Montgomery County Volunteer Center.

Representatives from community-serving organizations will have information and materials for attendees. Organizations include:

- **❖** Aspire Counseling
- City of Gaithersburg, Benjamin Gaither Center (formerly Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center)
- ❖ Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County
- EveryMind
- ❖ Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse
- Jewish Social Service Agency
- ❖ Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition
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James McWhorter

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ONGOING

WWI Art on Display. Through Oct. 31, various times at the Olney Library, 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road. The display, provided by the Maryland Library Association, includes five paintings by Bob Horvath of WWI airplanes. The paintings are on loan from the U.S. Air Force Museum in Washington, D.C. For more information contact Clotilde Puertolas by email at Clotilde.Puertolas@montgomervcountvmd.gov.

Townscapes: Sketching as a Way of Life. Through Dec. 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the VisArts Center, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Class will be sketching in the blocks surrounding VisArts, weather permitting. In inclement weather, sketching is done inside. Saturday classes. Call 301-315-8200.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 25

Meet the Interior Designers. 11

a.m.-noon at 9004 Congressional Court. Professionals in the fields of design/build, architecture, kitchen and bath and interior design. Featuring Christopher Patrick, www.christopherpatrickinteriors.com; Nancy Twomey, www.finniansmoon.com; and Shawna Underwood, www.sunderwooddesign.com. All panel discussions will be held in the DC Design House's Ballroom on the lower level and are free with the purchase of a \$35 ticket to tour the house.

FRIDAY/OCT. 27

Afternoon Movie. noon-2 p.m. at Potomac community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac Community Village presents "Smokey Joe's Cafe," celebrating songs of Leiber and Stoller, including "Fools Fall In Love," "Yakety Yak," "Charlie Brown," "Hound Dog," "Love Potion #9," "Stand By Me," "Spanish Harlem," and "Kansas City." Free. Call 240-221-1370 or visit www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Cars 'N Coffee/Bethesda. 8-10 a.m. at parking lot, 10327 Westlake Drive right behind Montgomery Mall. Final event of the season. Visit www.meetup.com/Cars-N-Coffee-Bethesda.

Light of Unity Festival. 4-5:30 p.m. at the Hanover at Shady Grove Club House, 9300 Corporate Blvd., Rockville. Light of Unity Festival is a series of activities generated at the grassroots level all around the



country, which reinforce Baha'u'llah's vision of the oneness of humanity. \$200. Email 240-508-6689 or visit bahai.org.

OCT. 28-29

Student Art Exhibition. Various times at The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Students of Gavin Glakas, an artist from Bethesda. Call 240-626-4981 or email alex.bartman@outlook.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 29

National Philharmonic Chamber

Concert. 3 p.m. at the John Kendall Recital Hall, Takoma Park, 7711 Eastern Ave. Potter Violins performing the works of Hugo Wolf, Gabriela Lena Frank, Hamza El Din and Antonin DvoYák. \$20. Visit classicalmusicconcert.org.

Meet the WWI Author. 3-4:45 p.m. at the Olney Library, 3500 Olney-Laytonsville Road. Judith Welles, author of the book, "Cabin John: Legends and Life of an Uncommon Place," will present a program called "The Grit and Gusto: Farmerettes and Suffragettes on the Homefront in WWI," on how women in Maryland rallied to support the farms when men were called to serve during WWI. Contact Clotilde Puertolas by email at Clotilde.Puertolas@ montgomerycountymd.gov.

Zoe Mulford in concert. 7 p.m. at Focus Bethesda at Positano's

Art Exhibit

Students of Gavin Glakas, an artist from Bethesda, are part of the **Student Art** Exhibition, Oct. 28-29, at The Yellow **Barn Studio &** Gallery, Glen Echo Park, **7300** MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 240-626-4981 or email alex.bartman@ outlook.com.

> ART BY GAVIN GLAKAS

Restaurant, 4948-4940 Fairmont Ave., Bethesda. \$15-18. Call www.focusmusic.org.

Sound of Music in Concert. 4 p.m. at Dekelboum Concert Hall. The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, 8270 Alumni Drive, College Park. Including the original 1959 symphonic orchestrations by Robert Russell Bennett. Call 301-405-2787.

MONDAY/OCT. 30

Empty Bowls Soup Lunch Tour. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda. At each lunch, about 300 guests will taste unlimited soups from local restaurants, and choose a handcrafted bowl to take home. \$35, benefit for the Capital Area Food Bank. Visit capitalareafoodbank.org/empty-

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Festival. Bender JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. The Festival will kick-off with our opening event featuring the bestselling author, Jennifer Weiner, Call 301-881-0100.

FRIDAY/NOV. 3

Artists Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Artists & Makers Studios 2 at 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. "Alternative Evolution" in the main gallery with Eric Celarier, "Magic Symmetry" with Peter Swift, and "Show Us Your Best Shot" with the Montgomery County Camera Club. Call 240-437-9573 or

www.artistsandmakersstudios.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 5

Rockville 10K/5K. 8:30 a.m. at King Farm Village Center, King Farm Boulevard and Pleasant Drive, Rockville. Annual race. Visit www.rockville10k5k.com.

Digestion Author. 3 p.m. at Bethesda Jewish Congregation, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Dr. Robynne Chutkan, an integrative gastroenterologist and bestselling author whose 25 year-long medical practice has yielded Gutbliss — a commonsense approach to "healing your gut from the inside out." Call 301-469-8636, email admin@bethesdajewish.org, or visit www.bethesdajewish.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 8

Students Performance. 8 p.m. at Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Student artists will come together to present what the American Dream means to them through music, dance, and theatre performance in "My aMeriCa: Perspectives on the American Dream." Visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/pac.

SATURDAY/NOV. 11

National Philharmonic Orchestra.

8 p.m. at the Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Performance includes three of Villa-Lobos's Bachianas Brasileiras, followed by J. S. Bach's Magnificat, featuring soprano Danielle Talamantes: mezzo-soprano Magdalena Wór; tenor Matthew Loyal Smith; and baritone Kerry Wilkerson. \$25-\$82 and are free for age 7-17. Visit nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-581-5100.

NOV. 11-12

Student Art Exhibition. Various times at The Yellow Barn Studio & Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Students of Gonzalo Ruiz Navarro, a still-life artist from Spain. Call 240-626-4981 or email alex.bartman@outlook.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 12

Annual Artisan Marketplace. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Place, Silver

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DEADLINE NOV. 16

Rockville's Annual Food Drive. 5

p.m. at Rockville Community Center, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Find a list of food requested by the drive, a list of holiday food items needed and more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/holidaydrive.

SATURDAY/NOV. 18

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

THURSDAY/NOV. 23

Turkey Chase. 8:30 a.m. at 9401 Old Georgetown Road at Spruce Street. The Turkey Chase 10K Run benefits the YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase, YMCA's Youth and Family Services and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club Foundation. Includes a two-mile walk/run; wheelchairs

– Halloween Fun -

FRIDAY/OCT. 27

MyGym Halloween Party.

Various times at My Gym Potomac, 11325 Seven Locks Road. Four party times: 11:30-12:30 p.m., 4:15-5:15 p.m., 5:30-6:30 p.m., 6:45-7:45 p.m. Members \$15, non-members \$20; siblings get 20 percent off. Call 301-983-5300 or visit www.mygym.com/potomac.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Halloween Masquerade. 6-10 p.m. at Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton. For ages 15 and up with disabilities. Costumes recommended for this annual, Therapeutic Recreation

Halloween dance. \$10. Call 240-777-6870.

SUNDAY/OCT. 29

Haunted House. 4-6 p.m at the Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd. Fortune tellers, zombies, games of nerve and steel. Visit www.FriendsCBCC.org or call 240-777- 4910.

TUESDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Party. 6-8 p.m. at Scotland Community Recreation Center, 7700 Scotland Drive. All are welcome to enjoy candy, a movie, crafts and games. Free. Call 240-777-8075 for more.

Halloween Fun at St. James'

Halloween FunFest and Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday Oct. 28, 6-10 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church. Admission is \$5 each, \$20 family maximum. Besides children's activities, there will also be warm cider, cold lemonade and popcorn. Regarding costumes: be creative, but exercise discretion. The indoor FunFest is for all age groups.

- ❖ Haunted Catacombs is 6-8 p.m.
- * Trunk or Treat is 6-9 p.m.
- ❖ Costume Parade is 7-7:15 p.m.
- ❖ Spooky Organ Concert is 7:30-7:45 p.m.

The church is located at 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac; just south of Montrose Road (between Montrose Road and Tuckerman Lane). There is a Ride-On Bus (Route #47) stop at the Church driveway. Call 301-762-8040 or visit stjamespotomac.org.

welcome. Registration is \$10 for the Kid's Run, \$20 for the 2 mile race,

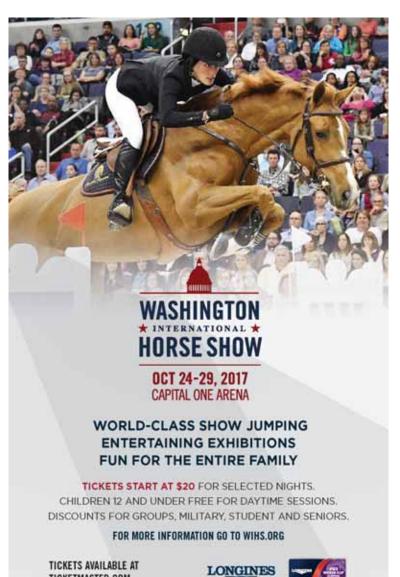
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7 9401 Sunnyfield Court — \$960,000

8 8517 Warde Terrace — \$915,000

5 7726 Laurel Leaf DR — \$995,000

County Launches Annual Flu Vaccination Campaign

Montgomery County Health officials have set the dates for the annual flu vaccination campaign and urged residents to get a flu vaccination. Seasonal flu will also be circulating in the fall and winter and can cause serious illness.

Seasonal flu vaccinations will be available through private health providers, as well as at retail locations throughout the community. County-sponsored seasonal flu vaccination clinics will be held beginning in late October. Check the County's flu website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ flu for information on flu vaccination. Anyone not wanting to get the flu should receive the seasonal flu vaccination, particularly the elderly, household members living with children younger than six months of age, health care workers and individuals with chronic

Flu shots will be available to in-

dividuals 6 months of age and older; schedule appointments on the county's website or call 311.

♦ Monday, Oct. 30, 4:30 to 7:30

Universities at Shady Grove 9630 Gudelsky Drive Rockville

For anyone 6 months of age and older. By appointment only. There is no charge for vaccinations (at this site only). Flu shots only will be available. There will be no FluMist. Paid visitor parking is available in the Traville Gateway Garage or Shady Grove Garage. The clinic is a partnership between Montgomery County Health and Human Services and the University of Maryland System.

There will be three free flu shot clinics for healthy, school aged children (ages 3 to 18 years) by appointment only. Flu Mist will not be available.

Schedule appointments on the County's website at

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu or call 311.

❖ Thursday, Nov. 9, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Kennedy High School,1901 Randolph Road Silver Spring

Northwest High School 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown Rockville High School 2100 Baltimore Road Rockville

There will be flu shot clinics for

anyone six months of age and older. No appointment necessary. There will be a \$20 fee for each flu shot payable by cash or credit card. Flu shots only will be available. There will be no FluMist. A parent or legal guardian must accompany children under the age

♦ Monday, Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch

noon to 1 p.m.)

Germantown Health Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, 2nd floor, Germantown

Silver Spring Health Center 8620 Fenton Street, 10th floor, Silver Spring

For more information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/resident/flu.html for more information.

Drug Take-Back Day

On Saturday, Oct. 28 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., community members can drop off unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs as Montgomery County once again participates in the Washington Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA's) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

County law enforcement agencies and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse Prevention Office are co-sponsoring the effort.

This is a free and anonymous opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription

drugs and is part of a national effort to prevent the increasing problems of prescription drug abuse and theft that continues to occur nationwide.

Drop-off locations will accept prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted as part of this take-back program. Officers will staff collection boxes in the parking lot of the MCP 2nd District Police Station, 7359 Wisconsin Ave.

The returned medications on Drug Take-Back day will be incinerated, according to federal and state environmental guidelines. Live the ultimate retirement lifestyle in the perfect location. Whether you want to relax or keep busy, we offer choices that will exceed your expectations. Ingleside at King Farm offers gracious apartment living, superior services and amenities, with the added security and peace of mind that comes with having a full continuum of health services onsite, should they ever be needed.

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Fatal Collision Investigated

Detectives with the Montgomery County Police – Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating a double fatal collision that occurred in Potomac.

On Wednesday, Oct. 18 at approximately 11:39 p.m., 2nd District officers and Fire and Rescue personnel responded to Democracy Boulevard at Gainsborough Road for the report of a serious personal injury collision. First responders located a 2011 Audi S4 off the roadway. It was evident the vehicle had been involved in a crash. The adult male driver and adult female passenger had died from injuries suffered in the crash.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that Kent Matthew

Brooks, 30 years old of Potomac, was driving the Audi eastbound on Democracy Boulevard, when for reasons still under investigation, the Audi left the roadway and struck a tree. Brooks had addresses in the 7800 block of Heatherton Lane in Potomac and the 1400 block of Bradley Boulevard in Bethesda. The passenger is being identified as Kathleen Michelle French, 33 years old, of the 7500 block of Heatherton Lane (not the same residence as Brooks) in Potomac.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this crash is urged to contact the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 240-773-6620

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Country Casual Teak employees attend the 40th Anniversary celebration at the DC Design House in Potomac. From left are: Dana Goldstein (COO), Theresa Catlin (senior contracts administrator), Kim Asner (furniture designer), Rick Fulcher (lead web and graphic designer), Homa Nowrouzi (sales and client relations manager), and Madeline Fairbanks (product development director).

Celebrating 40 Years

Country Casual Teak honors its history.

A poolside soiree in Potomac was the backdrop for the 40th anniversary celebration of Country Casual Teak. Company officials and their guests sipped and nibbled as they reflected on four decades in business at the D.C. Design House pool space which was created by Kim Asner, one of the company's furniture designers.

The company's COO, Dana Goldstein says the Poolside Oasis at the Congressional Court home was, "the perfect spot to entertain guests and thank them for their support of our family-run business and share a little bit about our rich history in the Washington, DC region."

Guest viewed a big screen video that recapped the company's history followed by an evening tour of the Design House.

The DC Design House closes on Sunday, Oct. 29.

- MARILYN CAMPBELL

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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

FRIDAY/OCT. 27

Senior Forum and Resource Fair. 9:30 a.m. at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park , 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz will host a Senior Forum and Resource Fair which will focus on recognizing the signs of elder abuse, protecting seniors from scams, and ways for seniors to live life to the fullest through volunteering. It will be accompanied by informational resource fair showcasing a wide range of service providers to seniors. Contact Mary Gies at 240-777-7817 or at mary.gies@montgomerycountymd.gov.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Religious Discussion. 7 p.m. at St. Francis



Kim Asner and Madeline Fairbanks of Country Casual Teak celebrate 40 years in business.

Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road. Topic: "The Spiritual Fruits of the Reformation: An Ecumenical Discussion." Visit www.stfrancispotomac.org for more.

THROUGH OCT. 29

Community Service Week. Montgomery County residents are encouraged to join the County's annual celebration of community service by volunteering for one or more of the many projects planned for the 31st annual Community Service Week. Community Service Week is organized by the Montgomery County Volunteer Center, and features many service projects at a wide range of nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ volunteercenter/volunteers/Community-Service-Week.html to see the complete list of service projects scheduled for Community Service Week and all year round.



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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Say that three times quickly. Heck, say it one-time slowly. And then welcome to my whirled: the world of cancer treatment and survival. A 'whirled' in which, eight years and nearly eight months post diagnosis, I continue to live, breathe and write.

Occasionally it happens, as it is happening now, that some of the most excruciating demands of being a cancer patient, occur simultaneously – or a reasonable facsimile there of. For me that means 24-hour urine collection, pre-chemotherapy lab work, chemotherapy infusion, CT Scan and then the appointment with my oncologist to discuss all the results; occurring over 13 days – with intermittent days off for good behavior.

Typically; meaning every minute, every hour, every day, every week, etc., maybe not every second, I am thinking about cancer; though I wouldn't say I'm preoccupied (others might). And of course, it's certainly understandable and reasonable to do so when every day over a fortnight, you are waiting – as we say in the sales world – "for the other shoe to drop."

Having endured this cycle over the last eight and a half years with varying regularity, I can honestly say that whatever symptoms have manifested themselves - or not - have never provided any consistent assurance that my life/life expectancy had not changed for the worse. It's not until the appointment with my oncologist occurs - or sooner if he emails me the scan results, that I learn the facts of my

All of that being said, as my friend Frank has often said to me: "You're in pretty good shape for the shape you're in." Don't I know it.

However, yes there's always a 'however' in the cancer-patient-surviving-against-all-odds 'whirled,' there are no guarantees. In fact, there are only two guarantees: death and taxes. The former is way too close for comfort and the latter, I'm already taxed to the hilt, emotionally. Somehow, I have to get through because "the alternative is gloomy" to quote Dr. Mobley, the doctor in Miles City who treated Augustus McCray in the epic miniseries, "Lonesome Dove." And so I try not to be gloomy.

However, there's that word again, circumstances/schedules randomly bring down the weight - and wait of my 'whirled.' These 13 days can never pass quickly enough. But that presumes a good result, which one would want to know as soon as possible. But what of a bad result, leading to an exponential increase in anxiety - and fear, ultimately leading to a treatment unknown. That I might not want to know so soon. Not that not knowing serves any point or helps coordinate the next treatment plan, I'm more afraid of hearing something I haven't heard much of since February 2009. To quote my late mother quoting somebody: "No one gets out of this life alive."

That of course is the point of this column, and the effect of having all this cancer stuff happen at the same time. I can take it, generally; as my late father used to say: "KB, I have confidence in you. You have broad shoulders." Nevertheless, I worry about the figurative straw breaking my emotional back. Cancer can do that. It did it to my mother-in-law, Peggy, where over a few days the situation went from bad to worse to finally, the worst.

Somehow, I have to compartmentalize all this negative energy and focus on the positive. And that positive turns out to be an early email from my oncologist basically saying that my lung cancer remains stable. Now we can go to my appointment on Monday "unencumbered," to once gain quote my late father. The pressure is semi off. Talk about relief.

Now maybe I can relax and try not to think about my next infusion, my next scan and my next appointment with the oncologist. There's no harm in trying, right?

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