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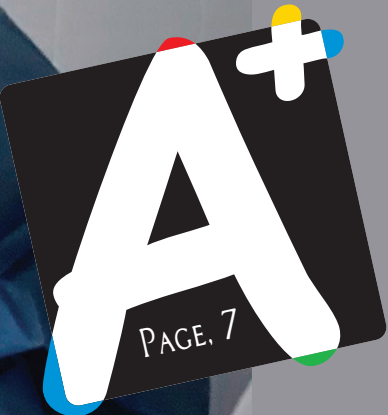
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A group photo of the recipients of the 2018 Student Peace Awards from 23 Fairfax County schools.



Madison High School: Allison Janowski and Katherine Oliveira were honored for their work with Madison's Amnesty International group and for establishing a debate day where safe and respectful conversations can take place. They are with U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11) and state Del. Ken Plum (D-36).

2018 Student Peace Awards

Students from 23 Fairfax County schools recognized for promoting peace and conflict resolution.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Students from 23 Fairfax County Public Schools were named recipients of the 2018 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County, which were handed out in a reception held Sunday, March 11, at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax.

Since 2006, the awards have recognized youth who introduce programs in their schools on many different issues that promote peace and conflict resolution throughout the county. In the 2017-2018 school year, the recipients each received \$200, plus another \$100 to be given to any nonprofit organization of his or her choice.

"It's an honor to be here to help recognize you today for your outstanding work to promote peace throughout Fairfax County and beyond. Your areas of focus cover a wide range of topics and methods, but all unite in one common goal, and that is to encourage and to strengthen peace and unity among all of us," said Sharon Bulova, Board of Supervisors chairman. "In Fairfax County, we consider our diversity to be our greatest asset. It is what makes us special."

Special guests included Bulova; U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11); state Del. Ken Plum (D-36); School Board Member Ilryong Moon; School Board Chair Jane Strauss; School Board Member Ryan McElveen; and Guest Speaker Janessa Gans Wilder, founder and CEO of the Euphrates Institute, who flew in from California for the event. The host and organizer was Margaret Fisher.

Bryce Liquerman, 16, of McLean, a Junior at McLean High School, worked with Special Olympic athletes by coaching soft-



Cedar Lane School: Arnaz Carter-Newman was honored for leadership of his school's Positivity Project. He is with U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11).

ball and soccer teams. "I help spread the word in the community that people shouldn't be awkward around them and people should be very accepting of people who are different mentally and physically," he said. "We're all people; it doesn't really matter, we're all the same I've led a lot of activities like doing tournaments and team events with many different Special Olympic athletes who have partnered a lot with other kids in our community."



Oakton High School: Kinda Callas was honored for her work with Oakton's Best Buddies Club to create a video to "Spread the Word to End the Word" and her work to help the homeless in the community. She is with U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11).

Arnaz Carter-Newman, 17, of Reston, who attends Cedar Lane High School, worked with a Positivity Project. "We just hope to pass on the message that no one should be having a bad day. Everyone should be having a better day; everyone should be in a better mood," he said. "When you produce negative energy, then other people around you want to produce negative energy. When you produce positive energy, you start spreading positive energy and then everyone around you gets more happy."

Janan Iranbomy, 17, of Falls Church, who attends Marshall High School, served on the Fairfax County Student Human Rights Commission and was president of Marshall's Amnesty International group. "I started a Fairfax County campaign called the 'Embrace Diversity Campaign' where we in-



Marshall High School: Janan Iranbomy was honored for her work to co-found Humans of Marshall Educate, a website that highlights the diversity at her school, and the Embrace Diversity Campaign. She is with U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11).

volved all students from Marshall and other Fairfax County high schools to have a campaign to unite the diverse community that we have in Fairfax County and just celebrate the unity in the community," she said.

Katie Oliveira, 18, of Vienna, who attends James Madison High School, is one of the presidents of Madison's Amnesty International group along with Allison Janowski. "We worked really hard this year to do a 'Write for Rights Campaign' at our school, which is one of Amnesty International campaigns to get prisoners of conscience released from prison internationally," she said. "And we also led some debate days which we tried to promote healthy discussion within our school from many different groups of people in the school to create a healthy debate and a safe space for people to speak their mind."

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NEWS

Detective Ruddy Promoted To Rank of Sergeant

On March 12, Detective Kristin Ruddy was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Ruddy is an 11-year veteran with the Town of Vienna Police Department and she has served the department in several different capacities.

After graduating from the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy in February of 2007, Sgt. Ruddy was assigned to the Patrol Division where she served for approximately six years.

In 2013, Sgt. Ruddy was transferred to a temporary assignment in the Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) where she worked as a detective. A short time later, Sgt. Ruddy was selected for an assignment with the Fairfax County Organized Crime Division where she spent the past four years working undercover.

Sgt. Ruddy joined the ranks of law enforcement following in the footsteps of her father who has been a Connecticut State Trooper for over 30 years. Sgt. Ruddy is a



Sergeant Kristin Ruddy and Colonel James Morris

certified breath tech operator, bike team member, field training instructor and she also serves as the lead instructor for the department's Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program.

Upon completion of her training, Sgt. Ruddy will be assigned to supervise a patrol squad.

Vienna Police Highlights

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from March 9-15.

INCIDENTS

Assault — Hillcrest Drive SW Between Jan. 1, 6 a.m. and March 12, 7 a.m. A resident reported that she was assaulted inside her home and a series of suspicious events that have taken place over the last months. This case is being investigated.

Fraud — 400 Block of MacArthur Avenue NE Between Feb. 28, 12 and March 9, 9 p.m. A resident reported someone impersonated an IRS representative and attempted to scam her over the phone.

Civil Case — Versailles Gallery, 111 Church Street NW, Feb. 28, 2:04 p.m. A citizen requested police assistance with a civil dispute. A police officer was able to resolve the dispute without further incident.

Assault — 200 Block of Cedar Lane SE March 1 7:30 p.m. A resident reported a suspicious event that took place inside one of the laundry rooms of the apartment complex where she was assaulted.

Grand Larceny — Locust Street SW / Center Street Between March 3, 3 p.m. and March 5, 7 a.m. An employee reported that some construction materials were stolen from the job site.

Juvenile — Cedar Lane School, 101 Cedar Lane SW, March 8, 8:05 a.m. An employee requested a police officer to make an official police report of an incident.

Suspicious Event — Pete's Coffee, 332 Maple Avenue East, March 8 between 7 and 8 p.m. A resident re-

ported a verbal dispute that took place four days earlier.

Warrant Service — Bank of America, 235 Maple Avenue West, March, 9 3:03 p.m. A citizen requested police assistance with a disorderly subject. Upon arrival officers observed a subject in a verbal dispute with bank employees. It was later discovered that the subject had an outstanding arrest warrant. The 53-year-old man from Gilson Street in Falls Church was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. An outstanding warrant for Failing to Pay Child Support was served. The man was held on a \$1,825 secured bond. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Domestic Dispute — 1000 Block of Moorefield Creek Road SW, March 10, 12:42 a.m. A resident requested police to assist with a domestic dispute. Police investigated the allegations and determined that no violation of law had taken place.

Grand Larceny — Connells Valet, 148 Maple Avenue West, March 10, 7:24 a.m. A subject smashed a window of a parked vehicle and stole a wallet. **Grand Larceny** — Giant, 359 Maple Avenue East, March 11 between 2:30 p.m. and 2:41 p.m. A citizen reported that someone stole a wallet and checkbook from an unattended shopping cart.

Police Service — Vienna Police Department, 215 Center Street South March 11, 5:50 p.m. A resident reported suspicious activity occurring in different times and locations.

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Emotionally Disturbed Person — Holmes Court NW, March 11, 7:11 p.m. Officers were advised to a report of a possible suicidal person. The person left prior to police arrival. Family members advised the last known location of the person. The local police department of the last known location of the person was contacted and advised of the situation.

Vehicle Tampering — 200 Block of Cedar Lane SE, Between March 11, 10 p.m. and March 12, 9:20 a.m. A resident reported that sometime during the night someone entered his locked vehicle and proceeded to smoke inside his vehicle. The incident occurred sometime during the night and no item of value was stolen.

Telephone Case — 300 Block of Owassa Road SE, March 12 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:03 p.m. A citizen reported that she received a prank phone call.

Assist Fire/EMS — Malcolm Road NW, March 12 2:04 p.m. A resident requested an ambulance for an accidental drug overdose. The resident was transported to the hospital in stable condition.

Assist Fire/EMS — 600 Block of Frederick Street NW, March 12, 7:13 a.m. A resident requested an ambulance for an unconscious person. The person was taken to the hospital.

Juvenile — Maple Avenue East / Beulah Road NE, March 12, 10:51 p.m. While on routine patrol Officer Reedy located a missing juvenile and contacted the jurisdiction where the juvenile resides.

Warrant Service — The Woltrap Hotel, 430 Maple Avenue West, March 13, 4:31 p.m. While on routine patrol Sgt. Ruddy observed a suspicious vehicle. While speaking with the occupants it was learned that one of the subjects was wanted. The 37-year-old man from Adams Park Court in Annandale, was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. An outstanding warrant for Violation of Conditions of Release was served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Fraud — 100 Block of Wilmar Place NW, March 13, 6:37 p.m. A resident reported someone attempted to scam her over the phone.

Suspicious Event — 600 Block of Delano Drive SE, March 14 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. A resident reported that she found her front door ajar. Assist Fire/EMS — Sunoco, 102 Maple Avenue West, March 14, 1:20 p.m. Officers were dispatched to an unresponsive adult. CPR was actively being administered when medics arrived. The adult was transported to the hospital.

Open Door/Window — 700 Block of Kingsley Road SW, March 15, 12:30 p.m. Animal Control Officer Barker responded to reports of dogs running at large. He found an open door and requested police officers to search the house. The house was searched and with negative results.

Tow Notice 48 Hours — 500 Block of Mashie Drive SE, March 15 1:42 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a vehicle parked on the same place for longer than 10 days. Officers attempted to contact the vehicle owner with negative results. A 48-hour tow notice was placed on the vehicle.

Police Service — Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry Street SE March 15, 9:50 p.m. A citizen was refusing to leave the Vienna Community Center after closing. Officers were dispatched to speak to the citizen. Officers spoke with the citizen about the situation. Officers ended up transporting the citizen to a local shelter.

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The Board and Staff are interested in hearing residents' suggestions for class offerings, community events, theater programs, art 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.

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When Is Passover Supposed to Be?

BY RABBI LEIBEL FAJNLAND
DIRECTOR CHABAD OF RESTON-
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This was the question recently asked of me by a close friend who is not Jewish. I, of course, was totally caught off guard by the question. I had no idea what he was asking. So, I asked him what he meant.

He replied: "Well, I have lots of Jewish friends. And over the last nearly two decades I have attended many Passover Seders. Almost every year, the conversation turns to either how 'early or late' Passover is that particular year. So, if every year Passover is either 'early or late', when is Passover supposed to be?"

For the uninitiated, the ancient Hebrews were enslaved to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, a little over 3,300 years ago. Passover commemorates the miraculous redemption from this slavery and the birth of the Jewish nation. Though the events took place a very long time ago, we believe that not only do they provide us with eternal lessons and instructions on how to live our lives, even in the most modern of times. We believe that they are also events that are to be relived and re-experienced by every one of us, in every time and place. So, to me, the question runs deeper:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Costs and Benefits of Arming the Teachers

To the Editor:

The lead editorial by Monte F. Bourjaily, IV ("No Guns in the Classroom," Connection March 7-13, 2018) warns of many ills that would attend the arming of school personnel. Whether that is a good idea or not, it bears consideration that hundreds of U.S. school districts have done so for some years, apparently without untoward consequence (at least so far), as detailed by a recent New York Times news article (available at <http://nyti.ms/2oLEem0>). That experience should not be overlooked in forming a necessarily probabilistic judgment as to whether the benefits (such as more rapid response to active shooters and general deterrence) are likely to outweigh the costs (such as the potential for accidental shootings and general unease).

As for the supposed "gag rule," the Dickey Amendment does not prohibit research into the effects of gun violence, only CDC advocacy for gun control, reading in relevant



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"When, indeed is Passover supposed to be?"

Well, it turns out, the Hebrew word for Egypt, Mitzrayim, comes from the same root as the word for "limitations or boundaries." Read this way, we can experience an "Exodus from Egypt" by "emancipating ourselves from our limitations and boundaries."

Every day we are faced with self, or societal-imposed limitations. It may be as big as some world-changing cause with which we would like to get involved, but feel like it is "beyond us." Or, it may be something as simple as a smile and a "hello" to someone next to us in line at the market, or in an elevator. Irrespective of the deed, it is our "limitations" which hold us back from a myriad of acts of goodness and kindness. And yet, it is precisely these acts which can change the world forever, and usher in an era of humanity, understanding and peace, exceeding our wildest dreams.

So, it seems that the correct answer to the question is: Passover is supposed to be every

minute, of every day. And, one certainly does not have to be Jewish, or celebrating Passover to experience their own "Exodus."

How about we start right now? Think of something noble and great you have hesitated to do, and do it. And watch the world change around you, for good!

Happy Passover to all!



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- ◆ The recitation of the Haggadah, a liturgy that describes in detail the story of the Exodus from Egypt. The Haggadah is the fulfillment of the biblical obligation to recount to our children the story of the Exodus on the night of Passover.

part: "none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to advocate or promote gun control" (available at <http://bit.ly/22zCqKD>, pdf page 245).

Griselda Farthing
Great Falls

Alzheimer's Is a Growing Public Health Crisis

To the Editor:

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 140,000 Virginians over the age of 65 live with Alzheimer's. Additionally, Latinos are at one and a half times greater risk of Alzheimer's than older whites. Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in the United States. Alzheimer's costs the country more than \$259 billion a year.

My grandfather, my "Abuelito" in Spanish, was an outgoing, social, and active man and a caring grandfather. One day, he was wandering nearby on surrounding streets, unable to find his way home after one of his daily walks. Luckily, a neighbor recognized him and knew where we lived. She brought

him back to our house. My parents could not afford the increasing care he needed as a person living with Alzheimer's. My family decided he would return to Peru, where my aunts served as his caregivers.

I remember Abuelito sometimes picked me up from school. Every once in a while, we walked to McDonald's to get his favorite Big Mac meal and he would buy me a Happy Meal, too. We used to go trick-or-treating together every Halloween. He gladly held my plastic pumpkin filled with candy. Due to Alzheimer's, I was unable to spend more quality time with my grandfather. We could not take day trips together to Luray Caverns or to the National Aquarium. I missed out on listening to him tell stories about his life experiences and family history.

Please join me in calling on U.S. Rep. Don Beyer to support an additional \$425 million for Alzheimer's research funding at the National Institutes of Health, with the goal of achieving breakthroughs in prevention and treatment. Together, we can end Alzheimer's. Visit www.alz.org/nca for more information.

Jacqueline Calderon
Alzheimer's advocate
Falls Church

Change in Richmond Brings Metro Funding

To the Editor:

As a long-term resident of Northern Virginia, I have been frustrated year after year to hear of a funding crisis for Metro or breakdowns affecting safety and reliability. In Virginia we were always faced with a hostile legislature that was controlled by downstate interests who did not see value in supporting mass transit. Meanwhile Metro suffered from the lack of a secure funding source.

This year we see a different picture with the results of last November's election which found the Democrats just one vote short of winning control of the House of Delegates. Elections matter and now we see the real impact of an election that empowers the Northern Virginia delegation to deliver support for Metro funding.

I was pleased to see the Northern Virginia delegation in the House and Senate take leadership on the Metro funding issue.

Sue Boucher
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Manners in the Tech Age

Etiquette classes aim to teach lost art of manners.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

On a sunny, autumn day a group of 10-year-old children sat around an a formal dining room table at a home in Arlington. The boys wore blazers, pressed khakis and shiny loafers, while the girls have donned festive dresses, nude stockings and wore grosgrain ribbons in their neatly combed hair. They had arrived at the home for a lesson in etiquette, but most of them would have rather been someplace else.

"I have to leave early for a soccer game," said Jimmy, who didn't bother hiding his glee over missing part of the class.

In an era when it's commonplace to order pizza on a smartphone and coordinate play dates by text, old-fashioned etiquette can appear obsolete. A recent survey of teachers shows that 73 percent of instructors believe that students are less polite than when the teachers themselves were students. In the age high-tech conveniences, children can become over scheduled and under socialized, which has led to an uptick in the number of parents who are enrolling their children in etiquette classes, say protocol instructors.

"Parents have a tremendous interest in etiquette classes because so many parents realize that they don't have that knowledge themselves, said Dorothea Johnson, who founded the Protocol School of Washington and is the author of the book "Modern Manners: Tools to Take You to the Top," which she co-authored with her granddaughter actress Liv Tyler.

"I think most parents know that good manners and etiquette will be important to their [children's] future," added Henryette Neal who teaches etiquette classes for children through the Fairfax County Park Authority. "Young people will be educated, but without proper social skills they will not be able to present themselves properly." Neal is also the owner of Steppin Out Charm and Imaging Studio.

The result of fast-paced lifestyles combined with overloaded schedules is a generation of children who place more value on social media savvy than on knowledge of social graces. Family dinners are replaced by fast food, says one parent. "Who needs good manners to gobble down a slice of pizza," said Carole Mincey of Alexandria, whose 14-year old daughter and 11-year old son have taken etiquette and ballroom dance from Mrs. Simpson's Classes, one of the area's invitation-only etiquette schools. "Because everyone is so busy and technology is so advanced, reality television shows are setting standards of behavior and handwritten thank you notes have been replaced by emails and texts."

Good manners are as important to a child's future success as academics, says another parent. "I feel like if people know what do to do in social situations it empowers them," said Sarah Henry of Chevy Chase, mother of a 10-year old daughter and a 12-year old son. "If you're unsure of what to do it can make you feel intimidated. So it's all about empowering chil-



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Henryette Neal teaches etiquette classes for children.

dren with knowledge. And it's good for them to be exposed to proper etiquette in case they're not getting it at home. And if they are getting it at home, etiquette classes can reinforce it."

Interactive class sessions help keep their children engaged in the etiquette lessons. "They key is to keep the children occupied," said Johnson. "For example, when teaching proper introductions, I would call two children up to the front of the room and have them introduce themselves to each other."

In addition to learning such common courtesies such as saying "Please," "Thank you" and "You're welcome," children learn to write thank-you notes and introduce themselves to others by making direct eye contact and offering a firm handshake.

"Knowing how to give a proper handshake is important. When I took my seven-year-old granddaughter Liv to formal events, her little hand went out as she was being introduced to someone," said Johnson. "I could take her anywhere because she had impeccable manners."

Henry says that in a class that she coordinated for her daughter's Girl Scout troop, part of the curriculum included having the children form a receiving


line with parents where they practiced handshakes and eye contact.

"We also printed proper table setting samples online and give the girls n plastic forks spoons, knives, napkins and a copy of the place setting," said Henry. "We talked about how to talked about the placement of the utensils, how to hold a knife and fork properly. One of my pet peeves is watching people hold a knife like it's a stick."

These are good life lessons, says Neal. "Etiquette classes are important because people still need to be respectful of others, and it starts with our children," she said. "A simple please and thank you is important."

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— Henryette Neal, etiquette instructor




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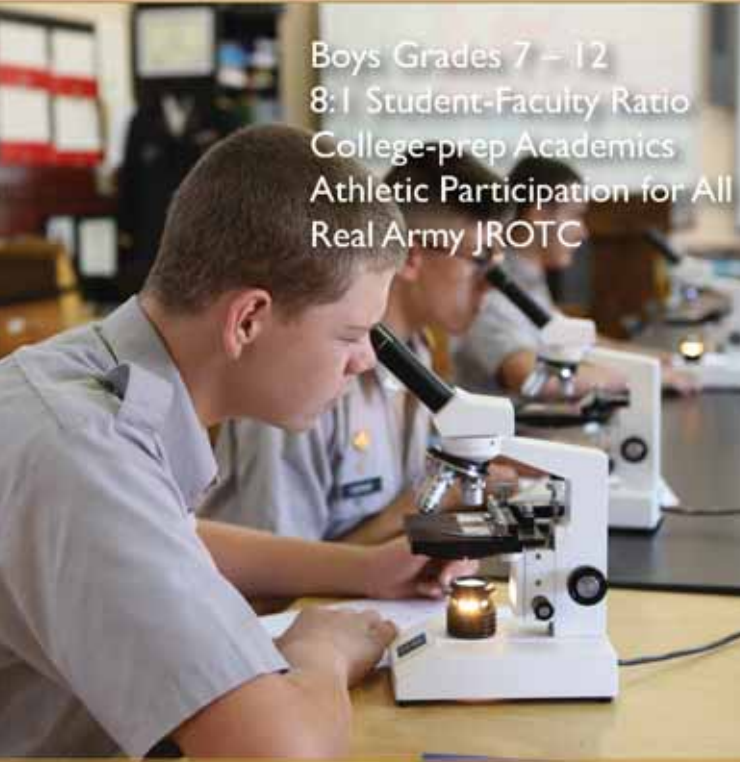
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The Event Committee of the New Dominion Women's Club' Spring Fling Fashion Show (from left): Kitty Gonzalez, Christy Murray, Valerie Edgerly, Desi Woltman, Jane Bohlin, Paige Farrington-Himes and Marianne Polito.



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(From left): Carol Brunner, Del. Kathleen Murphy, Supervisor John Foust (Dranesville), and Jennifer Salopek at the fashion show.

Spring Fling Fashion Show Held at Tysons

About 60 guests help raise \$8,000-\$10,000 for four local charities.

The Spring fashion statement this year is the color yellow and soft pastels with ruffles thrown in for good measure. That's what we learned when the New Dominion Woman's Club (NDWC) held its 11th Annual Spring Fling Benefit Fashion Show on Sunday, March 18, at Bloomingdale's at Tysons Corner Center, which provided the clothing.

With NDWC celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year on April 5, the fashion show raised between \$8,000 and \$10,000 that will be distributed to four local charities: The Friends of Pleasant Grove; McLean Project for the Arts; Safe Community Coalition; and SHARE of McLean.

Some of the special guests were Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, State Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34), emcee Bill DuBose, and Paul Kohlenberger, President of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, who modeled some clothes.

"The show is a lot of fun for all of us to put together every year. It's the kind of event that brings the club together," said Kitty Gonzalez, Vice President of Communications for NDWC. "It's really a high-energy



Paul Kohlenberger, President of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and model; Desi Woltman, Event Chair; and Bill DuBose, emcee.

event. We have five models who are friends or members of the club and we have professional models as well that help."

Del. Murphy added: "I'm very proud of the work that the club does on behalf of all of the people of McLean. It's a wonderful



NDWC Member Kimberly Briggs shows models Spring fashions from Bloomingdale's.

organization; it's been around for years and years and years, and they do really good work, so I'm always glad to come and help support them."

Event Chairman Desi Woltman said the

fashion show has become the breadwinner for NDWC's beneficiaries. "It's our big event; it's been very successful and we owe most of our success really to the great partners we've had throughout. We want to thank Effie Elkorek, the personal shopping manager at Bloomingdale's; and Annalisa Varian, the PR manager. They are super professional; they make it very easy and fun."

About 60 guests could sip mimosas and sample finger-foods catered by Ridgewells Catering while perusing the raffle items, which included a Lancôme Gift Basket, Dooney-Bourke handbag, and tickets to the McLean Project for the Arts Spring Benefit. Tickets for the show were \$75/adults; \$40/students.

The Platinum Premier sponsor was Bill Page Toyota; Silver sponsors were Chesterbrook Residences; District Financial Advisors; and other sponsors Monica Gibson of Keller Williams Realty; McLean Pool and Spa; Wheat's Landscape; and McLean Properties, as well as in-kind sponsors Bloomingdale's and Safeway.

NDWC also supports the Reading is Fundamental program; Adopt a Highway; and they're having a big food drive for SHARE with Giant Food on April 7. For more information on the NDWC, visit the website at <https://www.ndwc.org>.

— STEVE HIBBARD



A professional model shows off the latest Spring fashions from Bloomingdale's during the New Dominion Women's Club Spring Fling Fashion Show on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at Bloomingdale's in Tysons Corner Center.



Organizers (from left): Susan Sallaway, Carrie Sallaway, Kitty Gonzalez, Hanan Daqqa, and Desi Woltman.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

"Harvey." Through March 24, Friday-Saturday, 8-10:30 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The McLean Community Players will present Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, "Harvey." Matinees on Sundays, March 11 and 18. \$18-\$20. Email info@McLeanPlayers.org or visit McLeanPlayers.org.

Art Exhibit. Through April 7 at Village Green Shopping Center, 513 Maple Ave. NW, Vienna. Vienna Arts Society presents First 100 Weeks, paintings by Deborah Schneider. Free and open to the public. Visit viennaartsociety.org/.

Art Exhibit. Through April 28 at The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. The Landscapes of Ten Artists features work by Sheila Blake, Marsha Gallo, Gary Goldberg, Linda Greigg, Barbara Johnson, Robert McBride, Be Sargent, Thomas Xenakis, Susan Yanero, and Ellen Zeland. Visit www.theframefactory1.com.

Oakton Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit community-foodworks.org.

The Freeman Store & Museum Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. Historicviennainc.org

Bingo Night. Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

Gentle Yoga. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players through April. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels

First 100 Weeks

The Vienna Arts Society presents First 100 Weeks, paintings by Deborah Schneider through April 7 at VAS Gallery, Village Green Shopping Center, 513 Maple Ave. NW, Vienna. Free and open to the public. Visit viennaartsociety.org/.

Tea House by Deborah Schneider.

are welcome. Games are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. Visit www.goldengirls.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 22

The Enola Gay. 7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Learn about the history of the Enola Gay and her most famous mission from Scott Wiley, Docent at the Stephen F. Udvar-Hazy Center. Free. Call 703-938-0405 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/3456120.

FRIDAY/MARCH 23

McLean Art Society Meeting. 10 a.m.-noon. At Doley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Hanna Emrich, an established artist, will be presenting a demonstration of special collage techniques. Guests are welcome. Call 703 356-9519.

SATURDAY/MARCH 24

Healthy Strides Wellness Book Club. 11 a.m.-noon at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. "The Prediabetes Diet Plan," by Hillary Wright. This club is for adults, and meets at different Fairfax County Public Library sites each month. No registration is required to attend. Books are available for checkout at Fairfax County Libraries or purchase from a retailer. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/healthy-strides.

Trials and Triumph. 7:30 p.m. at The Falls Church Episcopal Church, 115 E. Fairfax St., Falls Church. Sponsored by: Robert Hahne and

Nancy Power with Sebastian Bäverstam, cello. Tickets are \$15-\$40. Visit tysonsmcleanorchestra.org/tickets/.

SATURDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 24-31

Fairfax County Parks. Egg-citing activities are breaking out at parks throughout Fairfax County in March. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2018/psa055.

On Saturday, March 24 - Children age 1-6 are invited to the Easter Eggstravaganza at **Frying Pan Park** to hunt for eggs that contain treats and prizes and visit with farm animals. \$8 per child. Add a wagon ride for \$2 per person. **Sully Historic Site** is offering an egg hunt, egg-related games and an Easter craft for children age 1-8. \$8 per child. Wagon rides cost another \$2 per person.

On Sunday, March 25 - Stop by the Easter Egg Hunt at **Sully Historic Site**. The historic site is offering an egg hunt, egg-related games and an Easter craft for children age 1-8. \$8 per child. Wagon rides cost another \$2 per person. **Lake Fairfax Park** will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for children age 1-6. \$8 per child. **Hidden Oaks Nature Center** is running a Dinosaur Egg Hunt on March 25, 29, 30, 31 and April 1. Enjoy a dinosaur-themed program and outdoor egg hunt while visiting Dinoland in Nature Playce. The program is for children age 2-8. \$8 per child.

Clemyjontri Park is offering an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts and photo ops with the Easter Bunny for children age one to nine. \$7 per child. Add a carousel ride for \$2.

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McLean Community Center

The Center of It All



Here's What's Happening at MCC

Presented by The Alden "Sing Faster: The Stagehands' Ring Cycle" Movie

Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.
The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
Free admission

The Old Firehouse Spring Break Trips

Monday, March 26-Friday
March 30, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
Prices vary by destination



Presented by The Alden

Clue Spring Break Quote-Along Movie

Friday, March 30, 7 p.m.
The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
Admission and popcorn are free.
Prop bags are \$5 each.

spring fest

Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.-noon
New Location! St. Luke's School
7005 Georgetown Pike
\$5 per person; under 36 months free.

The Old Firehouse Teacher Workday Trip Hershey's Chocolate World

Monday, April 2, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
\$70/\$60 MCC district residents

The Old Firehouse Family Movie Night "Despicable Me 3" (PG)

Friday, April 6, 7-9 p.m.
The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
\$3 per person. Preregistration is recommended.

Presented by The Alden Christylez Bacon: The Human Beatbox

Friday, April 13, 8 p.m.
The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
\$20/\$14 MCC tax district residents

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CALENDAR

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There's also an Egg Hunt that day at **Nottoway Park**. Register at the picnic shelter for egg hunts for children age 1-9. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Schedule: ages 1-2, 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-4, 11 a.m.; ages 5-6, 11:30 a.m.; ages 7-9, 12 p.m. \$10 per child, registration 9:30-11:45 a.m. \$10 per child - cash only at registration.

SUNDAY/MARCH 25

Stretch and Sip: Custom Kinetics Yoga and Brews Event. 10 a.m. at 7921 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Enjoy a holistic yoga seminar with yoga instructor Aubrey of Custom Kinetics followed by beer at Tysons Biergarten. Call 703-462-9258.

THURSDAY/MARCH 29

The Monarch Migration: Marvel of Nature. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Featuring photos and videos by Robin Kent of the monarch butterflies who take a 2,500-mile journey from as far north as Canada to Mexico. Contact Robin Kent at kentro@cox.net or 703-759-3839.

FRIDAY/MARCH 30

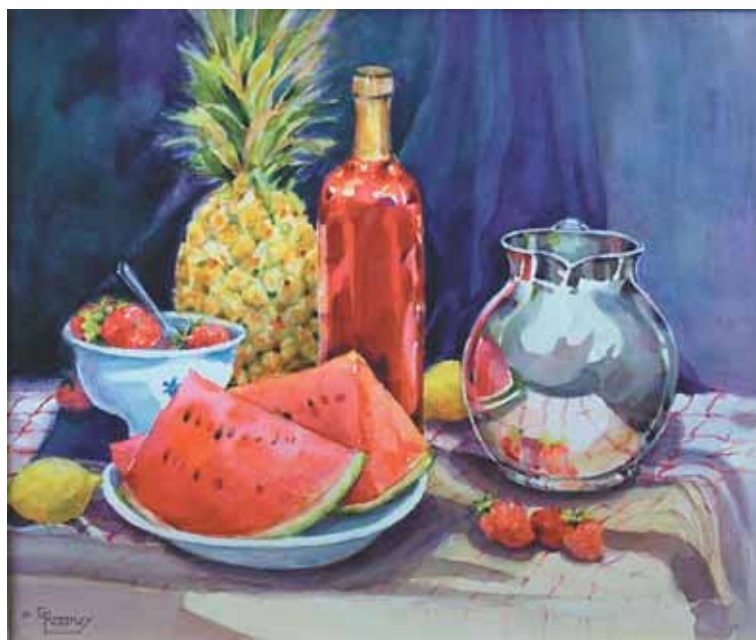
"Clue." 7 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Join The Alden staff as they quote along with the dialogue from "Clue" (PG). Admission and popcorn are free. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Don a secret identity, select a room, but leave lead pipes and ropes at home. Pop bags are \$5 each. Supplies are limited and advance purchase is recommended. Visit mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 31

MCC Spring Fest. 10 a.m.-noon at St. Luke's School, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Carnival games and arts and crafts projects, soccer demo, roaming duck, bunny and squirrel characters as well as magic tricks by The Amazing Kevin. A parent and child Easter Egg Hunt will be featured. For children ages 3-8. Hosted by McLean Community Center. Visit www.mcleancenter.org, and use Activity No. 4501.318. Call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY-711.

SUNDAY/APRIL 1

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See the exhibit through May 6, during gallery hours at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

available to work in local parks to remove non-native invasive plants from the parkland and replace them with native plants. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area. Or contact Erin Stocksclaeder at 703-324-8681.

MONDAY/APRIL 2

"The Wall's Embrace" Film Screening. 7 p.m. at The Angelika Film Center, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Produced and directed by Nancy Frohman of Potomac, Md., the film explores the psychology behind the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and its power to heal. Visit www.goldendoodleproductions.com.

APRIL 4-MAY 6

Solo Art Exhibit. "A Study of Manhattan: Power, Dominance and Excitement" by Great Falls Studios Artist Robert Gilbert. At The Torpedo Factory at the Art League in Alexandria. The Gallery is located at 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Visit torpedofactory.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 5

Betty McIntosh's OSS. 7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., East, Vienna. Dr. Ann Todd will discuss her book OSS Operation Black Mail, the story of Betty McIntosh, a journalist who served during World War II on the China-Burma-India front in the organization

that became the CIA. Books will be available for signing and sale. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/3721993.

SATURDAY/APRIL 7

Shape Note Singing. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join singers from across the country for spirited, four-part, participatory, unaccompanied singing from classic shapenote tunebooks. Midday potluck; bring a dish to share. Experienced singers, newcomers, and listeners are all welcome. Loaner books available. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Free. Also Sunday, April 8. Visit dshapenote.squarespace.com/big-singings. For questions, contact Matt Roberts at sautomesan@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Artist Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. "A Study of Manhattan: Power, Dominance and Excitement" by Great Falls Studios Artist Robert Gilbert. At The Torpedo Factory at the Art League in Alexandria. The Gallery is located at 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Visit torpedofactory.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

Model Railroaders Open House. 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. Northern Virginia Model Railroaders hold an open house at the Vienna Depot each month. Free admission. Call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

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The McLean Community Center is seeking candidates to run for seats on its 2018-2019 Governing Board. A candidate must reside in the Center's tax district (Small District 1A-Dranesville). To have their names placed on election ballots, candidates are required to obtain the signatures of 10 McLean tax district residents in their respective categories (either adult or youth). Three adult positions and two youth positions are open this year. Key Election Dates:

- Monday, April 9: Absentee Voting begins at the MCC Administrative Office, 6631 Old Dominion Dr., and The Old Firehouse Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road.
- Sunday, May 6: Candidates Meet and Greet, 2-4 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of MCC, at the Old Firehouse Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road.
- Wednesday, May 16: Absentee Voting ends at the MCC Administrative Office and the Old Firehouse Center at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 19: Elections at McLean Day from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information on the MCC Governing Board Elections, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit the Center's website: <http://bit.ly/2ix7qcl>.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 21

1 Million Cups. 8:30 a.m. networking; 9-10 a.m. program at Make Offices at Tysons, 1751 Pinnacle Drive, Suite 600, McLean. Each week a different business owner gives a brief six-minute presentation about where they are in their business. They then offer up a challenge question about a new idea, product, expansion or something they are facing in their business. The group then masterminds solutions. Free and open to the public. Visit www.1millioncups.com/.

Commission on Aging. 1-3 p.m. at the McLean Government Center, Community Room, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The Fairfax Area Commission on Aging meets. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call 703-324-5403, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

THURSDAY/MARCH 22

Criminal Justice and Public Safety Career Fair. 9 a.m.-noon at Marshall Academy, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Marshall Academy, a Governor's STEM Academy, will host its biennial Criminal Justice and Public Safety Career Fair, featuring professionals from local and federal agencies. The fair is open to the public. RSVP to Shelli Farquharson at sfarquharso@fcps.edu.

Making Connection. 10 a.m.-noon at the Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Mind in the Making - The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs. Child development researchers call these skills executive functions of the brain. At each workshop learn strategies for improving a skill, the importance of it in children's lives and activities to promote each skill. Attend any or all of the workshops in the series. Registration required. Call 703-204-3941 or visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center.

SATURDAY/MARCH 24

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Almost Exactly Four Days ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... was the length of time during which we were powerless a few weeks back when the wind nearly brought down the house; yet it was no laughing matter. I might have written this column sooner but until Tuesday, March 6 – when the power finally came back on, we were semi-frozen to the bone. The old-fashioned thermostat in our living room indicated 42 degrees at its most frigid.

Aside from the obvious physical discomfort – made a bit more bearable while wearing hats, gloves, coats and scarfs – inside, the toll the cold took on my mental acuity was much less manageable. My brain still worked, but not overtime. It was, to invoke a “Star Trek” reference: “On impulse power,” somewhere between barely functioning and imminent danger.

This power outage was the most significant we had experienced at “Belly Acres” in the 26 years since we took ownership in late May 1992. And though this four-day non-sojourn was difficult, it was for us not a return down power-outage lane. We have been lucky in our time here; very little has upset the apple cart. Considering the hundreds of trees that surround our house, and the many thuds they all made as they fell and hit the ground that extremely late Friday night/early Saturday morning, the miracle is that not one of them hit the house, or either of our two cars parked in the driveway.

I wouldn't say I woke up in the morning to find our house relatively unscathed because as of 3:30 a.m. when I felt the house shudder for the first time, I never was able to fall back asleep as I kept bracing myself for incoming trees and limbs. Given the potential damage and hassle a direct hit likely would have caused, a power outage seemed a minor inconvenience, all things considered.

As it happened, when the power came back on, I was not at home. I was en route to the Glenmont Metro station in Wheaton to pick up Dina. When I came to a stop at “Kiss and Ride,” I looked at my cell phone and noticed a “missed call” from one of my neighbors. I immediately called back and soon heard my neighbor, Helene, singing “We're in heaven, ...,” with the explanation – not in verse – that power had returned to New Birmingham Manor (the official name of our 10-home dead-end street). BG&E, our utility company, had finally come by to cut/trim the tree that had been uprooted in the storm and fallen across the power line which electrifies our neighborhood.

As difficult as it had been for some of us, it had not been nearly as difficult for the four neighbors who had generators and thus were prepared and able to keep the lights on and the heat circulating. One of whom was kind enough to call around the neighborhood and offer hot showers as well as refrigerator and freezer storage to anyone interested. Given that the previous week was a post-chemotherapy week for me when I'm not eating much and shopping at supermarkets even less, we had minimal food in the freezer - all of which ended up being a loss, and a bit less than usual in the refrigerator which, after putting the contents into two coolers filled with ice, ended up being a gain.

Oddly enough, I haven't re-inventoried the refrigerator/freezer as yet. I don't know if I'm being paranoid or just plain lazy, but I haven't felt inclined to stop and shop, not even at the Giant. I imagine the feeling will pass because after eating out every night; some fast, some slow, over the last week or so, I'm probably way over our imaginary budget and way under prepared for the next go around. But as is often heard on basketball courts on playgrounds all over America: “No harm. No foul.”

The four days without power weren't particularly pleasant but we survived the ordeal nonetheless and may have even learned something in the process: our long underwear still fits.

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Vienna Resident Gives Gift of Sight to People in Honduras

Dr. Jordana Fein performs service of thirty cataract surgeries.

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Cataracts are the principle cause of blindness in the world. Although they generally start out small and develop slowly, cataracts grow large enough resulting in cloudy, fuzzy, foggy, or filmy vision. Luckily for 30 people of all ages in Honduras, a local eye surgeon, Dr. Jordana Fein who resides in Vienna and works at The Retina Group of Washington, it was simply a matter of using her skills as an eye surgeon to help people in need in the town of Comayagua, Honduras.

Through Fein's efforts in conjunction with Virginia Hospital Center's Medical Brigade, more than two dozen individuals, all blinded from cataracts were able to see family members many for the first time in their lives.

According to Fein, her weeklong service was in conjunction with the Virginia Hospital Center's Medical Brigade's (VHCMB) an-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE VIRGINIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL BRIGADE
Cristian Goiros, 6, of Honduras is blinded by a white cataract in his left eye. He is about to go into the operating room with Dr. Jordana Fein (right) of The Retina Group of Washington as part of her volunteer service with the Arlington-based Virginia Hospital Medical Brigade.

nual effort to improve the health of communities in Honduras. The Brigade is a nonprofit organization that currently is focused on curative services and providing sustainable

community development interventions that improve health. Services such as cataract surgery are generally not available there.

"I was the first cataract surgeon," Fein



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Dr. Jordana Fein said, "(This was) one of the hardest, but clearly one of the best things I've ever done in my life... It is truly humbling to be able to help people who otherwise would not have had access to the care that they deserve."

said. According to Redman Communications, when Fein participated in the VHCMB for the first time, she joined a pediatric ophthalmologist, an OBGYN and a urologist in using four operating rooms in a hospital that was only open when visiting medical personnel came to offer treatment to members of the community.

Fein said, "(This was) one of the hardest, but clearly one of the best things I've ever done in my life. ... I am thankful to have had the opportunity to participate in the Virginia Hospital Center Medical Brigade as their first cataract surgeon this past year. It is truly humbling to be able to help people who otherwise would not have had access to the care that they deserve."

Fein performed surgery on a six-year-old boy who at age two was discovered in a rural area and diagnosed with bilateral cataracts.

Dr. Jordana Fein works in the Fairfax and Manassas locations of The Retina Group of Washington. It is the region's largest provider of retinal and macular care with other NOVA locations in Tysons and Alexandria, as well as Sterling, Woodbridge, and Fredericksburg.

PenFed Donates \$25,000 to U.S. Army Women's Foundation

PenFed credit union President and CEO James Schenck announced a \$25,000 donation from the credit union to the U.S. Army Women's Foundation. PenFed's \$25,000 donation will help advance education and career opportunities for women in the military and honor exceptional women soldiers.

"This Women's History Month, PenFed is proud to increase its support of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation and, with them, honor and recognize the incredible women who have sacrificed so much for our country and the freedoms we enjoy," said James Schenck, President and CEO, PenFed Credit Union. "We are committed to the current and future women leaders of the U.S. Army and, through this donation, hope to help them continue paving the way for more trailblazers to come."

PenFed is a corporate supporter of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation, and was an Eagle Partner of its 10th Annual Summit held in Washington March 12. Schenck also presented a Legacy Scholarship funded by PenFed at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony held in conjunction with the Summit.

Led by veterans, the U.S. Army Women's Foundation is the only nonprofit organization dedicated solely to supporting women who wear or have worn the U.S. Army uniform. Their mission is to promote public interest in the Army, and recog-

nize and honor the service of all U.S. Army women. The U.S. Army Women's Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, headquartered in Fort Lee, Va.

"We are inspired by PenFed's generous support of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation," said Brigadier General Anne Macdonald, USA (Ret.) and President of the U.S. Army Foundation. "PenFed's commitment to the nation's military enables organizations such as the U.S. Army Women's Foundation to continue our mission of recognizing and honoring the many contributions women have made in our Army and are making every day."

Among those recognized at the event and inducted into the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Hall of Fame were:

- ❖ The first female to achieve rank of General, Brigadier General Anna Mae Hays USA Ret. (posthumous),
- ❖ The two first women Army rangers, Captain Kristen M. Griest, and Captain Shaye L. Haver, and
- ❖ The first women Sentinels at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Sergeant Heather L. Johnson, Sergeant Danyell E. Wilson, Staff Sergeant Tonya D. Bell, and Sergeant Ruth Hanks.

PenFed has donated more than \$1.3 million to charitable organizations in the Greater Washington, DC area, a significant portion going to support veterans and military programs. To learn more, visit www.penfed.org.



Desert Storm veteran and PenFed employee Michelle Hart (left) and James Schenck (right), PenFed Credit Union President and CEO, flank Brigadier General Anne Macdonald USA (Ret.) and President of the U.S. Army Women's Foundation.

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