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PEOPLE

Wayne Winston Sharp of McLean Re-elected As Chairman of the National Council For Adoption Board

National Council For Adoption (NCFA) has announced the officers of the Board of Directors, who began their terms in May 2018. Wayne Winston Sharp Ph.D., of McLean, continues as Chairman of the Board of Directors for a second two-year term. Returning to their previously-held leadership positions are Heidi Brugel Cox J.D. as Vice Chairman, and Lisa A. Sinclair Esq. as Secretary, who will each serve a two-year term. Andrea T. Vavonese Esq., returns as Vice Chairman and Phillip Littleton as Treasurer for a one-year term. Jane Castanias joins the Executive Committee in a newly-created role of Strategic Plan Coordinator.

Adoption has touched all of their families, and each officer has an individual story of how adoption changed their lives. Chairman Wayne Winston Sharp Ph.D. was adopted at birth in Dallas, Texas, by Bob Henry and Mayana Yates Sharp, and raised on the family's "Knickerbocker Ranch" near San Angelo, Texas. After receiving his Ph.D. at Michigan State University, Dr. Sharp had a distinguished 25-year career in the U.S. Foreign Service, was twice awarded the "President's Meritorious Foreign Service Award," and served two years in the White House as an Assistant Director of the President's Council on International Economic Policy. Upon his retirement in 1991, he became a Certified Financial Planner (CFP), and for 18 years directed a financial planning practice, retiring in 2009.

Dr. Sharp and his wife Linda devote their time, leadership, financial and planning skills as volunteers and philanthropists in the areas of adoption, food assistance, musical arts, and community service.



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Wayne Winston Sharp of McLean

"As an adopted person, I can affirm that adoption has played a positive and transformative role in my life," says Dr. Sharp. "My parents always said I was unique because I was chosen, and told me I even helped choose my sister, but as I was only 3 years old, maybe that was just a story, yet it always made us feel special and loved. Thus when I joined NCFA's Board, I was excited to further the cause of adoption for other orphans through an organization that has such an ambitious mission. Throughout my tenure as Chairman, we've developed a strong strategic plan to propel NCFA into the coming years as we remove barriers to adoption for children everywhere in need of families."

Dr. Sharp joined the NCFA Board in 2007, and has also served as Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and Chairman Elect. He was instrumental in establishing the Foster Care Task Force in 2013, and growing it into NCFA's largest and most active Board-driven committee. On Nov. 8, 2017, Dr. Sharp chaired the NCFA Adoption Hall of Fame at the Business Roundtable in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Sharp is a 46-year resident of McLean. He served as President of the Potomac Hills Citizen Association, the Chain Bridge Forest Association, and the Tysons McLean Orchestra. In 2012, he received the Chairman's Award by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce for "Outstanding Leadership of the McLean Orchestra and Support and Service to the McLean Community".

For more information, visit www.AdoptionCouncil.org

Why Let Kids Have All the Fun?

Adult Summer Reading Bingo at Dolley Madison Library.

Every summer children all over the county participate in Fairfax County Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Why let kids have all the fun? For the third consecutive year the Dolley Madison Library in McLean is letting adults get in on the act. The program, Adult Summer Reading Bingo, hopes to engage adult readers to visit and interact with the library more during the summer. Enticements to that end will include a grand prize gift basket that includes an Amazon FireHD8 tablet, library themed tote bag and socks, along with a reading themed coffee mug and tea.

Simply pick up a bingo card at the library, fill in the boxes and once you have bingo you can turn it in for a book sale coupon and entry into the gift basket drawing. In addition to the bingo card boxes including reading a specific type of book, there are also boxes that include attending a li-



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A grand prize gift basket includes an Amazon FireHD8 tablet, library themed tote bag and socks, along with a reading themed coffee mug and tea.

brary program, using library's online resources or following them on social media. Getting bingo couldn't be easier. The Adult Summer Reading Bingo runs from June 15-Sept. 1.



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Rabbi Gerry Serotta (right) presents the InterFaith Bridge Builders Award to Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein (center), who was accepting for Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe, with William Aiken, President of the IFC (left).



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InterFaith Bridge Builders Honored

Three people recognized for selfless work at the event held at Saint Luke Catholic Church in McLean.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

The 13th annual InterFaith Bridge Builders Awards were presented on Sunday, June 24, 2018, at Saint Luke Catholic Church in McLean to three people who are actively building bridges between different faiths and ethnicities. It's part of the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC), which has 11 faiths, from Bahá'í to the Zoroastrian religion – and helps promote dialogue, understanding, and a sense of community among persons of different faiths and to work cooperatively for social and economic justice since 1978.

The two honored in Northern Virginia were Dr. Maqsood Chaudhry, the leader of the McLean Islamic Center (and a dentist); and Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe of Temple Rodef Shalom of Falls Church. In Montgomery County, Aman Shergill, a Sikh who has hosted events bringing interfaith people together, was also honored.

“Our purpose today is to raise up these wonderful people — and even more so the work they do — to bring people together across communities — especially now. We're in the time of some divisiveness in our society and these are people who are building bridges, not walls,” said Rabbi Gerry Serotta, Executive Director of the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington.

ON BEING HONORED for his award, Chaudhry said: “I'm really honored and humbled to be here to receive this very esteemed award. This award goes to very unique people; I attended last year and the guy who received the award – he has done so many good things for the community and for the interfaith work.”



Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) presents the InterFaith Bridge Builders Award to Dr. Maqsood Chaudhry (center) with William Aiken, President of the IFC (left).



The InterFaith Bridge Builders Awards reception at St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean.

He added: “I will be looking forward to serve as much as I can — in my house, my office, myself — I am open to serve the community and that's what I have been taught by my faith and my religion – that helping others is the most important thing – those

who are in need, they should be taken care of.”

Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein added: “I'm so honored to be here today to accept this award for my colleague, Rabbi Jeffrey Saxe, to support the work that he's been doing so



Father David Martin of Saint Luke Catholic Church of McLean.

many years to build bridges in our community, and we are so grateful to him and to all of the other people who are receiving these awards today.”

Added Bridge Builder Aman Shergill: “I'm blessed to have received this recognition. I do feel I'm not worthy of this because there are others who

are doing good work out there. I hope today it will inspire others to get involved and help the less fortunate and think about selfless service as a means of paying it forward as a good way of helping the needy.”

According to Father Charles Cortinovis, IFC Treasurer and Director of Inter-Religious and Ecumenical Affairs with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington: “Really, Bridge Builders is exactly what it means. We're looking for people to try to build bridges between different interfaith communities and have done so successfully. So, we want to thank them for their example and also invite others to imitate their example by being here. So, we recognize them publicly but part of it also is an opportunity to say what more can we be doing for interfaith work in the area, and to get more people involved who are local to say how can I also be part of the interfaith initiatives that are going on that make a difference in the community and in each religious group in particular.”

IFC MEMBERS include the Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Latter-Day Saint, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh, and Zoroastrian faith communities.



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Carole Herrick Raj Mehra Terri Markwart Megan Markwart Lauren Herzberg

New Members Appointed to the McLean Community Center Governing Board

At the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, June 5, the Board appointed five new members to the McLean Community Center's Governing Board. New adult members are Carole Herrick, Raj Mehra and Terri Markwart, who will serve three-year terms. The Langley High School boundary area member is Megan Markwart and the McLean High School Boundary area member is Lauren Herzberg. The two teen members will serve one-year terms.

The five residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville won seats on the MCC Governing Board by getting the highest number of votes at the Governing Board election, which was held at the McLean Day 2018 festival on Saturday, May 19, at Lewinsville Park. The

League of Women Voters acted as tellers.

MCC Governing Board Elections & Nominations Committee Chair Kat Kehoe certified the results to Dranesville District Supervisor John W. Foust, who presented the successful candidates' names to the BOS on Tuesday.

The new board members took their seats on the MCC Governing Board at the board's regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 6. Officers were elected for the 2018-2019 Board term, with the following results: Paul Kohlenberger, Chair; Desi Woltman, Vice-Chair; Julie Waters, Secretary; Elizabeth John, Treasurer.

For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: <https://bit.ly/2JfvDFc>.

McLean Community Foundation Grants \$20,000 to Historic Pleasant Grove Church

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Members of the Friends of Pleasant Grove and the Board of Trustees from the McLean Community Foundation gathered together on the church's Tom Sawyer Day to celebrate the funding of a new Heating and Air Conditioning unit that has been installed at the Historic Pleasant Grove Church in McLean. The church, built by the descendants of freed slaves and now a museum and community meeting facility, was in dire need of the new system to maintain and preserve the historical documents and elements of the church.

The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) is a non-profit formed in 1978 by the McLean Citizen's Association to meet the philanthropic needs of a growing McLean community. The focus is entirely on efforts that benefit the McLean community.



Pictured, from left, front row – Hojin Kim, Bettie Marie Fields, Stephanie Sneary, Morrisey Bryant, Nancy Sampson, Winnie Pizzano, Ali Khazai; back row - Martina White, Katherine Barnett, Tracy Dillard, Chris Smith, Joan Lewis, Renee O'Neill.

WEEK IN McLEAN

Fundraiser Supporting Falls Church-McLean Children's Center

A fundraiser will be held for the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean, announced the HBC Group (Keller Williams Realty), organizer of the monthly Community Charity Champions dining events. A silent auction will

be part of the event.

Falls Church-McLean Children's Center (the Children's Center) will receive an estimated 70 percent of the proceeds from food and drink orders, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Group at 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCGroupKW.com to receive a flyer.

The Children's Center is celebrating its 50th anniversary of providing an affordable, high-quality, year-round early education to children from low- and moderate income, working families. The nationally accredited preschool, located in a dedicated wing of Lemon Road Elementary School, each year guides 80 chil-

dren, ages 2-5, to develop the full range of skills they need to be ready to achieve when they start kindergarten. The nonprofit, non-denominational preschool was established by members of 20 area faith groups to meet the need for affordable, full-time child care in 1968.

Sponsors of the event are: Karen

Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy with the HBC Group of Keller Williams Realty, Marcus Simon with EKKO Title, Kevin Dougherty of Pillar to Post, Kathy and Justin Neal of The Neal Team/US Bank, Jim Harris of BOWA, The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, and Moe Jebal with Pulcinella Italian Host.



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Lora Zhou, second from left, and Kelly Zhang, second from right, juniors at McLean High School are shown receiving their academic achievement awards from the McLean Area Branch of AAUW. The awards were presented by Caroline Pickens, far left, AAUW of VA Northern District Co-Representative, and Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales, far right, branch liaison for McLean High School.

Area Students Receive STEM Awards

The McLean Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has partnered with counselors at McLean, Langley, and Marshall High Schools to award Science and Math Achievement Awards to six female students finishing their junior year. Each award, which is funded through the branch's annual book sale, consists of a certificate and a check for \$100 for the honoree.

The criteria for the awards include a demonstrated record of overall academic success, as well as a distinguished record of achievement in either math or science. Career center counselors at the schools managed the process of selecting the students. The following students received the 2018 awards:

McLean High School – Math: Kelly Zhang

McLean High School – Science: Lora Zhou

Langley High School – Math: Rose Lee

Langley High School – Science: Eileen Wen

Marshall High School – Math: Madeleine Kienzle

Marshall High School – Science: Gwyneth McNamara

The awards are presented to the students by branch members at local award ceremonies held at each high school. The branch instituted the awards to encourage young women to pursue educational opportunities related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). For more information on the McLean Area Branch and its annual book sale, visit the AAUW McLean Area website at <http://mclean-va.aauw.net>.

Preserving Local History

The McLean Historical Society presents Jean Jonnard with its 2018 Henry C. Mackall Award for her contribution in recording the area's history over many years. Pictured, from left — Carole Herrick, president, Jean Jonnard, and Paul Kohlenberger, vice-president.



July 4 Fireworks at Churchill Road Elementary

For the third consecutive year, the McLean Community Center (MCC) will present its 4th of July Fireworks and Independence Day Celebration at Churchill Road Elementary School. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4; the fireworks show begins at sunset, approximately 9:15 p.m. In case of inclement weather, only the fireworks show will be presented on Thursday, July 5, at 8 p.m. The school is located at 7100 Churchill Rd. Admission is free.

Prior to the fireworks display, provided by Innovative Pyrotechnics Concepts, Inc., there

will be musical entertainment by a local disc jockey and food trucks selling a variety of entrees and snacks, including Westray's Finest Premium Ice Cream and Espresso, Mulan Dumpling, The Big Cheese, Red Hook Lobster Pound and Tiki Treats Maui Wowi.

Parking is not available at Churchill Road Elementary or Cooper Middle School. Beginning at 6:25 p.m., free shuttle buses will run to and from three satellite parking sites:

- ❖ St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike)
- ❖ McLean Baptist Church (1367 Chain

Bridge Rd.)

- ❖ St. Luke Catholic Church and School (7001 Georgetown Pike)

Handicap-accessible buses will be available at all three sites. Due to the renovation of the Ingleside Avenue facility, there will not be parking or shuttle service available at MCC.

Please note: Smoking, pets, fireworks, glass containers, weapons, sparklers, vaping and alcohol are not allowed on school grounds.

For more information, call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.



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The McLean Community Center (MCC) will present its 4th of July Fireworks and Independence Day Celebration at Churchill Road Elementary School.

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The purpose of this requested change in the limited access line is to provide space outside the limited access line that would allow the construction of a 10-foot sidewalk and an 8-foot landscape amenity access panel parallel to Route 123. Under the existing condition, the designation as limited access right of way precludes the construction of the 10-foot sidewalk and the landscape amenity panel.

Materials are available for review at VDOT's District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-3345 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will consider the proposed limited access change at a future meeting.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. Abraham Lerner, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, at the above address on or prior to **July 12, 2018**. If upon receiving public comments it is deemed necessary to hold a public hearing, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

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OPINION

When the Dangerous Unknown Is Preferable

We must recommit ourselves to being steadfast in our compassion for and dedication to assisting those fleeing violence, terror, and oppression.

BY KATHY TRAN
STATE DELEGATE (D-42)



COMMENTARY

Many reports in the last several weeks have brought to light instances of inhumane treatment of immigrants and asylum seekers in our country. National outcry about families being torn apart and children kept in jails, tents, and cages at our southern border led to the end of Trump's "Zero Tolerance" policy. A report from the Associated Press highlighted allegations of abuse at a facility in Staunton, Va.

In 1979, my parents and I were refugees, escaping from Vietnam on a rickety boat for several days. My mother remembers that on the night we left our homeland, there were no stars in the sky; it was so dark that she could not tell where the ocean ended and the sky began. As we left the shores into this watery abyss, she wondered how we would survive.

My parents' decision to leave their family and country was heart wrenching for them. Yet, the unknown of the dangerous, open sea was a

preferable alternative to the oppressive regime at home. My family's journey in search of hope, opportunity, and freedom is similar to ones taken by others before and after us.

Today, there are 65 million displaced people worldwide. Whether on the Mediterranean Sea or at our southern border, people, desperate for a better life for themselves and their children, are risking their lives.

I am outraged by the Trump Administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy. This inhumane approach is tearing apart families seeking refuge at our southern border, leaving parents frantically searching for their children and children alone and terrified. We must not separate families, and we must not rest until separated families are reunited.

We must not indefinitely detain people seeking refuge in jails, tents, or cages. In 1998, I taught ESL to adult asylum seekers at Elizabeth Detention Center in N.J. These jails are

no place for adults fleeing terror or persecution let alone children or families.

This week, Virginia demonstrated its commitment to compassion and justice. Governor Northam's decisive decision to recall Virginia National Guard members who had been deployed to the southwest border sent a clear message: Virginia will not participate in activities that enable family separation.

I also applaud the Governor's swift leadership to investigate reports of abuse of immigrant children held by the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement at a juvenile detention facility in Staunton, Va. We need to ensure the safety of every person — adult or child, native-born or immigrant — held in custody in Virginia.

Poignantly, on World Refugee Day, the rising tide of public demand for the humane treatment of families seeking refuge from persecution brought an end to the "Zero Tolerance" policy. We must recommit ourselves to being steadfast in our compassion for and dedication to assisting those fleeing violence, terror, and oppression. For generations, the United States has been a beacon of hope for many, and immigrants and refugees have strengthened the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our country since its founding. Now more than ever, we must continue to demand moral clarity and leadership from our political leaders.

Kathy KL Tran represents the 42nd District in the Virginia House of Delegates.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Clock Is Ticking; Calls for New Approach

To the Editor:

Having lived in Iran from 1977 to 1979 I followed Obama's and Secretary of State Kerry's negotiations to the Iran Nuclear agreement very closely. I am now watching/following Trump's and Secretary of State Pompeo dealing with North Korea regarding a nuclear (hopefully) treaty on the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula with great interest. I read U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) partisan letter ("The Art of a Deal with the Devil," Connection, June 20-26, 2018) with interest and could not disagree with him more.

The little concrete concessions that have been given up to date can easily be reversed by restarting the joint South Korean/U.S. military exercises should North Korea not continue on a path to denuclearization. Regarding the Trump meeting in Singapore with Kim Jong-un and giving him international legitimacy, I am guessing the meeting between former Presi-

dent Bill Clinton and Kim Jong II in August 2009 in Pyongyang, or the meeting between former President Jimmy Carter with the leader of North Korea did not convey any legitimacy to the regime. Additionally, one should remember prior to Trump meeting Kim Jong-un in Singapore the U.S. hostages that were being held in NK were released (good will gesture) without flying a plane load of money to North Korea to ensure their release. Finally, early in the denuclearization negotiation process, the U.S. is working with North Korea for the return of the remains of more than 250 missing U.S. military service members. This announcement was made public in a joint statement by President Trump and Kim Jong Un. This may not mean anything to Connolly, but it will mean a great deal to the family members of the missing soldiers from the 1950's conflict/war. The American people can only hope that a valid treaty (not a useless agreement) comes from these discussions and partisans such as Connolly will actually vote for a treaty if it is good for the American people and the security of the homeland regardless of how Connolly's party leadership tells him to vote.

These negotiations are our last hope to avoid war as NK has a nuclear weapon and the missile delivery system and now only needs to finish developing the re-entry deployment system. The clock is ticking and it is time for a new approach. Obama's North Korea policy of "Strategic Patience" (whatever that meant) along with other methods by both Republicans and Democrats over the years did not stop the North's march to nuclear weapons, and maybe it is time to try something new besides appeasement.

Finally, this rebuttal of Gerry Connolly's letter cannot be closed without addressing some of his errors regarding Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran (JCPOA). That agreement did not stop Iran on their march to a nuclear weapon, it only paused/slowed the development of the bomb while they (Iran) continued their missile development program (delivery system). Once the delivery system was/is fully developed and could reach the U.S., they could then break out of the JCPOA and rush to the development of a nuclear bomb. If the agreement between Obama and Iran was such a solid agreement at stopping Iran's nuclear program it would

have been presented to Congress as a treaty and not an agreement. A treaty would have required addressing missile development, true inspections (to include military) sites, but Obama and Kerry were more interested in their legacy and kicking the can down the road to a future administration. Even as an agreement, 25 House Democrats in Congress voted against a bad Obama/Kerry agreement with Iran. Let us all hope that the Korean talks produce a solid treaty that denuclearization of the Korean peninsula as any other option is not pretty. Give the administration time, stop the partisan politics, and work for the good of all the American people and not just one's party.

Dudley Losselyong
Great Falls

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VIEWPOINTS

What do you think of the current immigration border crisis and how is your community reacting to it?

Interviews conducted at Saint Luke Catholic Church in McLean.

—STEVE HIBBARD

Rabbi Gerry Serotta, Executive Director of the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington.

“There are terrible moral issues and all of our 11 faith communities have expressed themselves very strongly in favor of family unification; that’s the bottom line. That’s one moral issue that we can’t overstep the way the policy had been written. We’ve collected statements from all of the faith communities. Pope Francis made a very powerful statement in the Catholic Church; Catholic Charities is very active in this area in trying to unify families. I would say the religious communities that we represent are unified in support of a moral open-mindedness to those from other societies. We do have to obey the law here. But there’s sometimes higher moral issues and certainly the sanctity of the family is at the top of religious moral issues for us.”



Dr. Maqsood Chaudhry, President of McLean Islamic Center

“The interfaith community has always been looking forward to help everybody in need – especially refugees; they have a special place with the current circumstances – what is happening in the world. There is so much inequality and injustice in different governments in different parts of the world, which is propelling people out of the comfort of their homes. When they don’t see any hope, they look for a place where they can take refuge. ... We have to look at refuges carefully; we should assess them and we should make our best effort in the given circumstances that we don’t do injustice to the innocent children, and they should be taken care of properly. It breaks everybody’s heart when we see the children separated from their mothers when they cannot see them, and the mothers are in desperate discomfort and their children are as well. So, I think we could do better than that.”



Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34)

“What has happened is shameful and it’s really, really not the American way. We have never treated people like animals and put them in cages and taken their children from them. This is a disgrace. It’s got to change. We’ve got to fix it.”



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Supervisor John Foust (D -Dranesville)

“I think it was un-American the way we treated those families who were trying to get asylum in America. I think it’s horrendously inappropriate to separate children from their parents for any reason. But to do it to put political pressure and try to get a political advantage is disgusting and I’m really sorry that it happened.”



Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein of Temple Rodef Shalom of Falls Church

“The Union for Reform Judaism of which our Synagogue is a part, sent a delegation to McAllen, Texas, this week to bear witness to what is happening and to show our support for the children and families that have been affected. So, it’s something about which we care deeply and which we will continue to follow and take action on.”



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ONGOING

Photography Exhibit: "Nature's Palette." Through June 30, at Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Cindy Dibbs takes every opportunity to enjoy and photograph nature whether hiking in Great Falls National Park, Glacier National Park or strolling along the beach. Her photos reflect the beauty of nature and she hopes the images will inspire others to protect and treasure the valuable gift of nature. Visit www.cindydibbs.com.

Vienna Art Society Exhibition. Through late June at North County Government Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. Visit viennaartssociety.org.

Art Exhibit: "Exploring Colors & Textures." Through July 31, gallery hours at IACC, Pars Place, 2236-C Gallows Road, Vienna. A solo painting exhibition by Ramin Abraham. Email info@iacommunitycenter.org or call 703-314-7240 gallery hours.

Art Exhibit: Country Places. Through Aug. 4, gallery hours at Village Green Shopping Center, 513 Maple Ave. NW, Vienna. Artist Libby Eckert's exhibit Country Places is on display. Free and open to the public. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Art Exhibit: "Too Much of Too Much." Through Aug. 18, gallery hours in the Bullock | Hitt Gallery at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. McLean Project for the Arts will open "Too Much of Too Much: Overstimulated, Overexposed, and Overextended," featuring works by mid-Atlantic artists whose works explore the ideas of overstimulation, excessiveness and bombardment, be it through too much information, activity, expectation, or by any other means. Visit mpaart.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 27

Summer Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers. 1 p.m. on the lawn of the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Young children and families are invited to listen to a story, tune into some favorite songs, then have a little casual fun with water sprinklers at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 8 (except July 4). Free and appropriate for all ages. Visit www.viennava.gov.

Wagon Ride. 4:30-6 p.m. at Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Bring the family for a wagon ride through the woods to Poohsticks Bridge. Listen to Winnie the Pooh's story and play Poohsticks on the bridge. Age 2-adult. \$7 per person, and children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/JUNE 27-28

Studio Ghibli: My Neighbor Totoro. Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center - Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.



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The Celebrate Great Falls Foundation's antique 1960 Peter Pirsch & Sons pumper fire truck rolled down the parade route during the 2017 Independence Day Hometown Celebration.

Celebrate Independence Day

SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Early Celebration for Independence Day. 7 a.m.-fireworks finale at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Gates open at 7 a.m. Beginning at 10 a.m., splash and slide at the Water Mine water park. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., rent a boat on Lake Fairfax. Look for food vendors near the park's main office. Fireworks begin when the sun goes down. Fireworks rain date: Sunday, July 1. Parking: \$10 per car. Call 703-471-5414 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

5K, Parade and Hometown Celebration. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Great Falls Village Centre. 5K Walk/Run begins promptly at 8 a.m. See the registration site for the route map details. INOVA Blood Drive at Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Everyone who completes the donor screening procedure will receive a free Donor T-shirt. Photo ID required. Allow 1 hour for donor visit. Little Patriot Parade at the Gazebo, 9 a.m. Babies and Toddlers up to age 5 are welcome to parade their finest patriotic display around the Green. See the floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade at the Great Falls Village Centre, 10 a.m. Enjoy burgers, dogs and snow-cones along with music, field games and festivities on the Village Centre Green, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade for more.

Sprinklers and Sparklers. Wednesday, July 4, 2-4 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. Children can enjoy a makeshift waterpark on the Vienna Community Center grounds that offers a variety of water-based and other amusements. Water slides, slip 'n slides, snow cones, balloon twisting, and more are teed up for a good time. Be warned: participants will get wet. Visit viennava.gov for more.

Fireworks & Fun. 6 p.m. at Turner Farm Park, Great Falls. Pack up the family and come tailgate with neighbors at Turner Farm Park. Live music, games, contests and food trucks will entertain until the Big Show gets underway just after dusk. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade for more.

Fireworks Celebration. Wednesday, July 4, 6:30 p.m. at Churchill Road Elementary School, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean. The McLean Community Center (MCC) will present its 4th of July Fireworks and Independence Day Celebration. Fireworks show begins at sunset, approximately 9:15 p.m. There will be musical entertainment and food trucks. Parking is not available at Churchill Road Elementary or Cooper Middle School. Beginning at 6:25 p.m., free shuttle buses will run to and from three satellite parking sites. Admission is free. Call 703-790-0123, TTY 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

Fireworks and Festivities. Wednesday, July 4, 7:15 p.m. at Yeonas Park, 1319 Ross Drive SW, Vienna. Celebrate with live music by Mars Rodeo. The Vienna Little League concession stand will be open for business. Fireworks blast off at approximately 9:30 p.m. Bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the show, but no alcohol or pets please. Visit viennava.gov for more.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 29

River Fishing by Boat. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Get an introduction to boating and fishing basics. Fish for smallmouth bass and sunfish from a canoe or jon boat. Previous experience rowing or paddling is not required. Boats, personal floatation devices (PFDs), fishing rods and bait are provided. \$16 per person, ages 5-adult. Maximum of three people per boat, one of whom must be age 16 or older. Everyone must register. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Tyson's Concert Series: A Great Big World. 6:30-8 p.m. on the Plaza at Tysons Corner Center. Tysons Corner Center's 5th annual free Summer Concert Series offers a variety of musical guests and has proven to be a popular event for families, couples and teenagers. The Plaza is located off of The Tysons Corner Metro Station of the Silver Line. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. Visit www.tysonscornercenter.com/events/SummerConcertSeries2018.

Summer on the Green:

Shenandoah Run. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit www.viennava.gov.

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SUNDAY/JULY 1

Concert: City Choir of Washington. 4:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church McLean, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Concert of repertoire to be performed on July tour of England, including Faure Requiem, two works by Sir John Tavener and two by director Robert Shafer. Free. Call 571-206-8525 or visit www.citychoir.org.

Alden Summer Concerts: Black Masala. 5 p.m. in McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Free parking at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. The Alden's 2018 Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park expand this year to include a "welcome, summer" concert on Sunday, June 3, and then seven concerts from July 1 through Aug. 12. Visit www.aldentheatre.org.

Concerts on the Green: Emma Bailey. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY/JULY 3 & 5

Studio Ghibli: Porco Rosso. Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center - Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for



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their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

National Anthem at Nationals Stadium prior to the Sept. 3 game versus the St. Louis Cardinals. Visit www.tysonscornercenter.com/Events/NationalAnthemComp.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Holiday Closing: Oakmarr

Farmers Market. Normally held Wednesdays at 3200 Jermentown Road, Oakton, the Farmers Market will not occur on Wednesday, July 4. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets or call 703-642-0128.

Journey to the Potomac River.

10:30 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. This 90-minute program includes a wagon ride through the woods and along the river. Learn about Riverbend Park's wildlife and the American Indians who once lived there. \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend to register.

FRIDAY/JULY 6

Tyson's Concert Series: O-Town.

6:30-8 p.m. on the Plaza at Tysons Corner Center. Tysons Corner Center's 5th annual free Summer Concert Series offers a variety of musical guests and has proven to be a popular event for families, couples and teenagers. The Plaza is located off of The Tysons Corner Metro Station of the Silver Line. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. Visit www.tysonscornercenter.com/events/SummerConcertSeries2018.

Summer on the Green: The Earls of Kent.

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Contest Entry Deadline.

11:59 p.m. Singers are invited to submit an acapella video singing The National Anthem to tysonsmallinfo@macerich.com. The top three submissions will be invited to perform in front of a panel of industry judges and live audience at the Ocean Park Standoff concert on Tysons Corner Center Plaza, Friday, July 20. The winner will perform the

SUNDAY/JULY 8

Concert for Everytown. 1-3 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Join local high schoolers for a fun concert, while also supporting an important movement. Help break the cycle of gun violence. All proceeds will go to Everytown for Gun Safety. \$15. Email leanalily123@yahoo.com.

Alden Summer Concerts:

Backtrack (Family Friendly). 5 p.m. in McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Free parking at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. The Alden's 2018 Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park expand this year to include a "welcome, summer" concert on Sunday, June 3, and then seven concerts from July 1 through Aug. 12. Visit www.aldentheatre.org.

Concerts on the Green:

Oxymorons. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 10

Author Event: Michelle Fondin. 7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Learn from Vedic and Author Michelle Fondin how to improve energy and vitality with "Chakra Healing for Vibrant Energy" practices and meditations. Books for sale and signing. Free. Email librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4023585 or call 703-938-0405.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 11

Summer Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers. 1 p.m. on the lawn of the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Young children and families are invited to listen to a story, tune into some favorite songs, then have a little casual fun with water sprinklers at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 8. Free and appropriate for all ages. Visit www.viennava.gov.



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July 15
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Classic R&B influences with poignant lyrics to move your soul.

July 29
The English Channel
The British invasion tribute band.

June 24
Tim Kubart & the Space Cadets
A "Welcome Summer" indie pop dance party for all ages!

July 08
Backtrack
Impressive a cappella, creating covers of pop music for all ages.

July 22
Hip-Hop Meets the Music of India
Hindustani classical music and acoustic hip-hop and D.C.'s go-go.

August 05
Kara & Matty D
An acoustic duo making beautiful, top-notch vocal harmonies just for the kids.

August 12
Morgan Taylor's "Music of Gustafer Yellowgold"
Tasteful, smart and FUN songs for families.



Interested in fun for everyone? Come to our family friendly concerts this summer!

Presented by The Alden at the McLean Community Center in McLean Central Park, located at the corner of Old Dominion Dr. and Dolley Madison Blvd. (Route 123), in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Authority and Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust. Schedule subject to change.

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FCPS provides complementary summer BBQ to children 18 years old and younger at 13 locations throughout the county. Adults can purchase their own meal for \$2.

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A FCPS staff member grills burgers during the kickoff event.

County Schools Launch Summer Meals Program

Fairfax County Public Schools kicked off its summer meals program last week at Hutchison Elementary School with a free farmer's market, nutritional seminars, cooking demonstrations, giveaways and games for local families. The June 20 event connected the community with free or low-cost resources available in Fairfax County, while encouraging healthy eating and physical activity.

Families can take advantage of FCPS' free barbeque program at 13 sites across the county until Aug. 27. Lunches are free for children 18 and under. The cost for adults is \$2. The barbeques feature items like hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, turkey sausages or grilled chicken. All meals include sides of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86) spoke at the event about the importance of the summer meals program. Boysko was joined by Rodney Taylor, Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Fairfax County Public Schools, who helped create the BBQ program three years ago.

Fairfax County Public Schools recently received a \$10,000 No Kid Hungry Virginia grant for its summer meals program. The funds support enrichment and physical activities at the sites.

More than 54,000 FCPS students (29 percent of total population) are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, but the summer meals program is open to all.

Only about 15 percent of Virginia children who rely on free or reduced-price school lunches are also getting free meals through summer programs. No Kid Hungry Virginia and its partners focus on summer meals as a critical way to end childhood hunger in the Commonwealth.

The summer meals are open to all. No application or registration is required at sites. For details about Fairfax County Public Schools' summer meals program, go to <https://www.fcps.edu/feeds>.

To find the nearest summer meal site, families can text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 and type in a zip code. This information populates during the first few weeks of summer.

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Award Two Scholarships

The Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild awarded two scholarships to local high school seniors who plan to study art or craft design following their graduations from high school.

The Margaret Dellert Scholarship was presented to Halley Conrad, a graduate of North Stafford High School (Stafford County Public Schools). The Kay Singleton Scholarship was awarded to Jacqueline Gottschalk, a graduate of Battlefield High School (Prince William County Public Schools). The scholarships were presented at the NVHG Awards Dinner on June 11, 2018, in Falls Church.

For the past 36 years, NVHG has awarded scholarships each spring to deserving high school seniors who wish to pursue art or crafts study at the university or college level. Announcements about the scholarship program and applications are sent to area school division art supervisors and teachers, and are posted on the NVHG website at



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Scholarship recipients Halley Conrad (left) and Jacqueline Gottschalk.

www.nvhg.org. Awards are announced in June.

During the scholarship presentations, Conrad and Gottschalk displayed and discussed samples of their artwork and responded to questions posed by members of NVHG. Each recipient was honored with a scholarship certificate and flowers. Their scholarship awards will be placed in school accounts at their respective universities to be used in support of their program of study in art or crafts.

BULLETIN

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

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians' schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnieb517@verizon.net.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Child turning 5 years old by Sept. 30? If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration.

THURSDAY/JUNE 28

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed realignment of the Balls Hill Road and Old Dominion Drive intersection and improved traffic signal operations. The project also includes roadway reconstruction, drainage improvements, and the addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Review project plans and display boards at 7 p.m.; presentation at 7:15 p.m. with a question and answer period after. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/balls-hill-road for more.

JULY 2-AUG. 3

Public Comment Period. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is hosting three public hearings to inform and solicit comments from the community about proposed toll rate increases along the Dulles Toll Road. An "online open house" will be available at www.dullestollroad.com/toll/toll-setting-process throughout the comment period. It will contain an explanation of the informational exhibits and a comment form. Comments may also be submitted at the public hearings, via email to dtcomments@hntb.com or mailed during the comment period to: MWA Public Comment Period, c/o HNTB, 2900 South Quincy St., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22206.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Free Sober Rides. Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m. through Thursday, July 5, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on July 4 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

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What Are Friends For (Not a Question)



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Other than my wife, Dina, and my brother, Richard, there are few people with whom I regularly discuss – in more excruciating detail than weekly I do so with you, the world in which yours truly, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV “diagnossee” inhabits.

It just so happens that in this past week, I interacted with three of the other most main confidants, a rarity: my oldest, best friend from high school, Cary, with whom I spoke on the phone for nearly an hour (he lives in Massachusetts), a bi-weekly occurrence generally; my oldest, best friend from college, Rita, who I finally met for lunch (even though she lives in Alexandria and has been local ever since college), a much rarer occurrence (though we email regularly), a lunch that lasted four hours; and Veronica, my hair stylist, who I see every eight to 12 weeks – as I have for almost 20 years, whether I need to or not. (That’s a joke. I have a full head of hair so needing a haircut is never the question, needing it is the answer.)

Over these many years, these three have heard everything I have to say; good, bad or indifferent, and yet despite having heard it all, still remain interested in hearing more and judging less. Together, we share stories and confidences, laughter and sorrow. Their support and encouragement has been above and beyond the call of duty.

Interacting with all three in the course of one night and two days reminded me of the actor George Peppard because this is my “A” Team.” When I want to, they’re who I go to, whenever the need arises or when the opportunity presents itself. And though they may not solve every problem, listening to as many of them as they have certainly has provided the kind of comfort and joy that has helped sustain me through thick and thin (not talking about my weight) and most importantly, during the past nine-plus years as a cancer survivor. There’s not a “B.A.” (bad attitude) among them, though they all wear jewelry. I hope I’m not speaking out of turn here but, there are some subjects which are best left for friends – and the professionals, more so than family. Some topics which might betray a confidence or touch a nerve that when spoken of aloud might exacerbate a familial situation rarely discussed.

Sometimes, sorting through these pros and cons with friends, who likely suffer no consequences in the outcome, might present options that otherwise might not be heard. From the mouths of babes, so to speak. A fresh, unbiased perspective can be a welcome addition to any discussion of facts, especially when feelings are involved; and as often concerns family-oriented subjects, feelings are most definitely involved.

Not that there aren’t feelings involved with friends; of course there are, it’s more that old friends knew you when and know you now, and the passage of that much time, separate and apart from family, can often enlighten and inspire. Who wouldn’t benefit from friends who’ve been there and seen you do that?

It’s particularly important to have independent forces in your corner because like so many cancer patients, myself included, occasionally you exhibit signs of “chemotherapy-related cognitive impairment,” otherwise known as “chemo brain,” a side effect/condition of treatment which can blur a memory or two – or more. You may not even realize it when it disappears, and you may need someone to remind you of it. Hopefully it’s not a memory gone forever, but just one gone until a friend helps retrieve it for you. And who better to retrieve these foggy memories than friends you’ve known for 49, 45 and 20 years, respectively?

And I do respect them, and appreciate them, and cherish them, as they are three of my pillars. Without them, the foundation of who I am and what I know, would likely crumble.

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