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From left, Amir Hawa, Cornerstones Board and Agency Relations Manager, Gala Chair, Julian Setian, Mark Ingrao, President and CEO Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Charles Kapur, Past Chair GRCC, Larry Schwartz, Cornerstones Vice Chair, Kerrie Wilson, Cornerstones CEO, and Phil Tobey, emcee, admire the generosity of supporters with an all-time record-breaking \$504,660 raised for Cornerstones.



Special guests, honorees and others enjoy the 2019 Best of Reston Awards for Community Service at the Hyatt Regency Reston.

Reston Celebrates 'Best Night Out'

Best of Reston Awards presented at 2019 Cornerstones of our Community gala.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The 29th Annual 'Cornerstones' of our Community, Best of Reston Awards for Community Service held Thursday, April 4 showcased the talents and commitment of businesses, nonprofits and outstanding individuals who dedicated their lives to serving others and to help make the Reston community a vibrant place to live, be connected and be inclusive.

Held at the Hyatt Hilton Reston on Thursday evening, April 4, a few days before National Volunteer Week, April 6 — 13, Kerrie Wilson, CEO Cornerstones and Mark Ingrao, President and CEO Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce welcomed guests and honorees to the gala fundraising event. Wilson and Ingrao acknowledged and congratulated the 2019 Honorees.

"This is the best night out in Reston," said Ingrao.

Julian Setian, President and CEO SOSi, Best of Reston Chair said, "We share many of the values and principles of Cornerstones. 'SOSi never shies away from a challenge, to be the best we can be. That's why I'm standing here tonight.' SOSi was Gala Sponsor.

The Best of Reston Awards for Community Service presented two special awards.

Karen Cleveland, 2011 Simon Fellow, presented the first award, the Robert E. Simon



Casey Veatch, 2015 Best of Reston Honoree presents the Vade Bolton-Ann Rodriguez Legacy Award: Entrusting the Community's Future to Touching Heart, Helen Yi.

2019 Best of Reston Honorees

- ❖ A Simple Gesture (Bob Schnapp) – Feeding Families – One Green Bag after Another
- ❖ BEI, Inc. (Mike and Ellen Jennings) – Expertise that Makes a Difference – IT's Their Thing
- ❖ Omicron Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the OKK Foundation, Inc. – The Colors of Their Service are Purple and Gold
- ❖ Maggie Parker – Passion that Leads to Lasting Success
- ❖ Roz Rakoff – An Essential Community Kindness Connector
- ❖ Kurt Rose – A Sparkling Gem of Community Spirit
- ❖ Synergy Design & Construction (Mina and Mark Fies) – Constructing Better Lives by Design
- ❖ Touching Heart (Helen and Taylor Yi) – Generations Inspiring Gifts of Love from Open Hearts

Fellows Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognized past Best of Reston honorees who continued to demonstrate selfless dedication and service in the community. "This year's honoree is a shining example," said Cleveland. Casey Veatch is a Reston original. His methods are sometimes offbeat, but perhaps better-said on beat."

The second special award for the evening, The Vade Bolton-Ann Rodriguez Legacy Award, went to Helen and Taylor Yi of Touching Heart, an all-volunteer effort that reaches hundreds of teens. Although the youth work with adult mentors to acquire leadership, planning and fundraising skills, the work is "kid-designed and executed."

U.S. Rep. Gerry E. Connolly (D-11) addressed the packed ballroom. Connolly said that as he drove to the event, he thought about NATO, how its members help and protect each other and realized a similarity. "What Cornerstones does, Reston does, is we take care of our own and invest in people. Every human being has value. We all have a part in this and have a shared value. It starts first in our community.

As the event neared the end for the night, Del. Kenneth R. Plum (D-36) urged the crowd to contribute a little more through the "Pay It Forward, Paddle Fundraiser" bringing in an additional \$50,047 within minutes. Final total contributions for the gala and networking event reached a record high of \$504,660 raised for Cornerstones.

Empowering Victims of Sexual Assault

Sexual assault awareness and prevention in Fairfax County.

BY SUPERVISOR JOHN C. COOK
BRADDOCK DISTRICT



April is sexual assault awareness month. This awareness month is especially relevant with the recent high-profile cases of sexual assault. These stories have taught us that anyone can be a victim of sexual assault. The crime does not discriminate against race, education, status, age or gender. This has started an important conversation among all of us about sexual assault and listening to victims. Fairfax County seeks to empower victims of sexual assault, prevent sexual assault through education, and provide comprehensive services to survivors.

Statistics vary, but many studies show as many as 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime. Sadly, only one third of these crimes are reported to law enforcement according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. While Fairfax County is the safest jurisdiction of its size in the country, sexual violence is still an issue we face. The Fairfax County Police Department re-

ceived 289 reports of sexual assault in 2017. Aside from prevention, Fairfax County is dedicated to encouraging victims to report the crimes committed against them so justice can be served.

The Department of Family Services' Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (DSVS) 24/7 Hotline (703-360-7273) is one of the resources that provides a safe place for victims of sexual assault. The confidential hotline connects victims or concerned bystanders with trained volunteers. The callers can speak openly to the volunteers who can give them crisis support and point them to the next best step. DSVS also provides counseling services, hospital accompaniment, advocacy services, housing and financial assistance. The hotline is separate from the police department, but they may encourage the victims to contact the police department and guide them through the process of reporting the crime.

The Fairfax County Police Department is highly trained to carefully interview victims and investigate the crime as thoroughly as

possible to help them get justice. In fact, the department is co-hosting the second annual Northern Virginia Sex Crimes Investigators Conference this year to offer additional specialized training in sexual assault cases to local officers. Victims services are also provided by department staff to give "immediate and direct support and assistance to crime victims, their families and witnesses suffering emotionally, financially and physically."

There are several programs geared toward education, awareness, and sexual assault prevention. The County's Community and Engagement Services team offers several different informational courses and presentations on sexual assault awareness and prevention. One of these classes, called the HYPE (Healthy Youth Prevention Education) Project, teaches teens about intimate partner violence, sexual assault prevention, and healthy relationship skills through hands-on activities, multimedia, role-play exercises and facilitated discussions. Through programs like these we can comprehensively address the issue of sexual assault and come closer to ridding it from our society for good.

Need for Affordable Housing: 'Raging Five-alarm Fire'

BY KOFI ANNAN
PRESIDENT, FAIRFAX COUNTY NAACP



Transcript of planned testimony before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at budget hearings.

Fairfax County is one of the most attractive places to live and work, not only in Northern Virginia, but throughout the region, and a big reason for that is our rich diversity. However, that diversity is being increasingly threatened by rising home prices and the lack of affordable housing in the region. The situation will be exacerbated by the arrival of Amazon, which is projected to bring an additional 25,000 employees — most of whom will make six-figure salaries. Demand is already increasing dramatically, which is pushing the almost 70,000 poor and working class people out of Fairfax County. According to the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, the number of homes under contract rose by 70 percent over the last year. This means that fewer and fewer of our teachers, county staff, hospitality industry workers, nurses, and public safety officials will be able to live in the communities they serve. This means that the fewer and fewer of our young people will be able to leave the nest once they graduate high school or college. That means that fewer and fewer of our elderly population will be able to age in place without having to make unconscionable choices of paying to keep a roof over their heads or paying to put food on the table or purchasing medication. Up to 20,000 senior households and 10,000 disabled households are making these choices everyday as we speak. And this means that many people of color will also be forced

to abandon their homes as our communities experience gentrification. Fifty percent of the county's African American community are currently categorized as housing insecure; and 50% of the County's homeless population are African American.

While the NAACP voted in favor of the Housing Commission's recommendation to add a minimum of 5,000 units over the next fifteen years, this problem cannot wait fifteen years, and 5,000 units would not come close to addressing the actual current need which is 30,000 units, much less the projected need fifteen years from now. The problem of affordable housing is becoming similar to a raging five-alarm fire, but unfortunately the county's approach has been to tackle it with a garden hose instead of giving it the priority attention it truly deserves.

Therefore, we strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to increase funding for the Housing Trust Fund in the 2020 Budget by exploring inefficiencies in other programs and/or include an additional half-penny real estate tax in this year's budget. These funds should be used to stimulate new investment in new market affordable units, and preserve existing ones. Also, beginning in FY2021, approve an annual appropriation of \$50 million for the County's Housing Trust Fund. The argument that there is already unused money in the Trust Fund is also unacceptable, and the county should address this immediately to encourage more private investment.

In a related matter, we applaud the county for funding efforts to investigate real estate steering and discrimination. The 2017 Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs report

found that because of past discriminatory practices in housing, Fairfax County does not have the racial distribution in housing that would be present in a free housing market. These studies should begin to address this issue.

Next we would like to revisit the issue of early childhood education. There are more than 17,000 children from low-income families eligible for county-subsidized pre-K education who are not receiving it with over 4,000 currently wait-listed. Last year the county only provided funding for an additional 36 children; but in response to our requests to do more, the county claimed it would conduct a study to learn the full scope of the problem and cost to implement universal pre-K. Unfortunately, as of today the county has neither followed-through with the promised study nor funded a meaningful increase for the known children. This year the county is funding the exact same increase as it did last year - 36. Therefore we are reiterating our call for the county to commit necessary resources to enroll at least 300 low-income children in pre-K in 2020 and to devise a long-term plan to provide for at least 2,000 children over the next five years.

We applaud and support the plan to fund the purchase and implementation of police body worn cameras using the funds that were set aside to implement the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Police Practices and Review Commission. This would be a significant step towards bringing the Fairfax County Police Department on par with other local and regional departments. As one of the largest in the country, it's important that our department remains a leader in innovation, transparency, and public accountability.

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COMMENTARY

Cleaning Up the Code

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STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

While I would never recommend reading the *Code of Virginia* for pleasure as it is filled with legalese intended for trained lawyers and judges to debate its intended meaning, it can be a useful document to understand the history of an era. Because court decisions at the state and fed-



eral level can change the application of a law, the words that are in the Code may have been superseded by such a decision or by later enactments of law. If all that is not enough to confuse us non-lawyers, there are the "notwithstanding" clauses that effectively say that whatever else the law may provide the effective meaning follows the clause.

Laws can be read to help understand the community mores and values of the past.

This session saw a meaningful number of bills passed that reflect a cleaning-up of the Code to reflect changing community values. Some of these include repealing remnants of Jim Crow laws of racial oppression of the past. Thanks to Delegate Marcia Price and Senator Lionell Spruill, the provisions in Code that exempted Virginia's minimum wage requirements for newsboys, shoe-shine boys, babysitters who work 10 hours or more per week, ushers, doormen, concession attendants, and cashiers in theaters,

all of which were occupations that were most likely held by African Americans, were repealed. The old law made it legal to discriminate through wages. A new law will require employers to provide pay stubs as a way to assist low-wage workers to manage their money and be treated fairly.

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Stylish Outdoor Living Wins 'Contractor of the Year'

Dreaming of making the most of outdoor living? Look at this.

BY JOHN BYRD

An outdoor living addition to Chateau-style residence in Oakton has won a "Contractor of the Year" grand award for Sun Design Remodeling Specialists.

The comprehensive design — which combines a screened porch, an outdoor kitchen and dining area, a hot tub and a stone fireplace in a cleverly integrated, multi-level layout — completes the rear elevation of the 9,500 square foot custom home the owners had built in 2001. The remodel to the home of Larry and Lisa Rice was named best "Residential Design/Outdoor Living Solution for \$60,000 and over" by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) metro DC chapter.

"We wanted an indoor/outdoor gathering place that would bring the whole family together," says Lisa, 56, a retired mother of teenage twins. "The rear of the house was originally conceived as a walk-out, but I realized later that I didn't want high decks. Once I saw the design problem more clearly, I was simply looking for a better set of options — albeit, ones I couldn't fully envision." Rice credits Craig Duroske, chairman and founder of Sun Design, with re-awakening her enthusiasm for the project by identifying and prioritizing its primary components.

"Craig got our vision" Lisa says. "It was his attention to our goals that revived my interest in moving forward."

In the end, the plan appreciably responds to the Rice family's passion for indoor-outdoor living.

❖ A 437-square-foot screened porch linked to the kitchen via a folding glass window provides a cozy, insect-free gathering spot. An eight-foot counter abut-



Best Outdoor Living Solution. A multi-component, multi-level rear elevation addition to a home in Oakton recently garnered a "Contractor of the Year" Grand Award for Sun Design Remodeling.

ting the "pass-thru" inside the porch facilitates service and dining. With a gas fireplace clad in stone and a flat screen TV, the porch can be fully used as an entertainment mecca nine months of the year;

❖ A formal dining area situated under a cedar pergola incorporates retractable awnings for shade;

❖ The 21-by-21-foot outdoor kitchen includes a built-in Wolf gas grill, a beverage center with refrigerator, an ice maker, a sink, and a stainless oval grill;

❖ Three steps down, the open air deck (22-by-28 feet) features a wood-burning hearth and a hot tub set-off by planters and gas torches — an inviting spot to deeply relax, even in cooler weather.

❖ A ground-level patio (16-by-19-feet) just outside the fully-appointed lower level family room offers a fire pit, and a quiet perch for stargazing.

"I always thought of the lower patio as a place where the kids could get away from the adults if they wanted," Lisa says. "On the other hand, Larry and I like it too."

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Reston Citizens Association to Host Candidate Forum

Reston Citizens Association (RCA) will be hosting the candidates for the Hunters Mill Supervisor's seat on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in a Community Forum on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, from 7 – 9 p.m. at Lake Anne Community Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza N, Reston.

For the first time in many years, RCA is proud to resume its tradition of hosting a Candidate Forum. This Forum will allow Restonians to learn their potential supervisor's positions and plans first-hand.

The Candidate Forum will be free to the public and take place in the Jo Ann Rose Gallery at the Lake Anne Community Center.

"RCA is very excited to resume our long tradition of connecting the citizens of Reston and the Hunter Mill district with their local leaders and with the information they need to make informed decisions," says Dennis Hays, President of the Reston Citizens' Association. "We expect this to be the first of many such forums."

Free Seminar on Volunteering in Retirement

RSVP- Northern Virginia will hold a seminar on volunteering in retirement, Tuesday, April 16, at 11 a.m., at the Reston Regional Library. The one-hour event is free and open to the public.

RSVP, the region's largest volunteer network for people 55-years-old and better, provides individualized support to seniors who are seeking their ideal service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria.

The event will be held in the library located at 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free parking is available.

To sign up for the April 16 orientation, email RSVP Volunteer Specialist Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org. RSVP-Northern Virginia is program of Volunteer Fairfax, Volunteer Alexandria and Volunteer Arlington.

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suspended unless you established a payment plan. As the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy that advocated strongly for a change in the law explained it, one in six Virginia drivers (approximately 900,000 people) have had his or her license suspended because of owing court fines and fees. Almost any poor person who has interacted with the criminal justice system owes some court fines and fees. Essentially, by taking away someone's license and therefore likely preventing the person from finding or keeping a job, the state denies the person opportunity to escape from poverty (and ever pay back those fines and fees). This policy was a "debtors' prison" approach. There is no evidence that suspending people's licenses increases the rate of pay

back for fines and fees. The issue disproportionately affected low-income workers, and its repeal this year was past due.

Virginia has historically had one of the highest rates of rental evictions in the country. Laws that disproportionately favored landlords over tenants caused this situation that was disruptive to families. A series of revisions to create a better balance in the law and that provides more options for tenants should make the laws operate more fairly.

Also, Virginia has had a very poor record in its management of its foster care program. Children were shifted from family to family with limited stability in their lives. Major changes in the laws related to foster children should greatly improve the situation.

It is critically important that we clean up the Code from time to time.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

THURSDAY/APRIL 11

Weekend Food for Kids. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, invites community members to help pack food for its

Weekend Food for Kids program. This critical program provides nonperishable food over the weekend to children who receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year at area Title I schools. Free. Visit www.alnv.org for more.

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Public Meetings

Funding the Right Transportation Projects

You are invited to share comments on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding in the FY2020-2025 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Additionally, pursuant to §33.2-202, comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. Hearings held in Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg will also provide opportunity for input on the I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will consider your comments as it develops the FY2020-2025 Six-Year Improvement Program. The program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to document how Virginia will obligate its federal funds. Meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings/default.asp> beginning April 11, 2019.

**Public hearings begin at 4 p.m. in each of the locations except as noted below:
A formal comment period will be held at these meetings.**

Thursday, April 11, 2019 Lynchburg District Holiday Inn Lynchburg 601 Main St. Lynchburg, VA 24504	Monday, April 15, 2019 Hampton Roads District Hampton Roads District Office Auditorium 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435	Monday, April 22, 2019 Staunton District Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education One College Lane Weyers Cave, VA 24486
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 Bristol District Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210	Thursday, April 25, 2019 Richmond District Richmond Marriott - Short Pump 4240 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060	Monday, May 6, 2019 Culpeper District Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Salem District Holiday Inn Tanglewood 4468 Starkey Road Roanoke, VA 24018	Thursday, May 9, 2019 Fredericksburg District James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.	Monday, May 13, 2019 NOVA District Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.

*The Northern Virginia District meeting will serve as the required joint public meeting with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Virginia Railway Express, and the CTB per § 33.2-214.3 of the Code of Virginia.

Beginning at 3 p.m. (except in Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg, which will begin at 5 p.m.), there will also be an open house with information and opportunities for public feedback on the statewide, multimodal transportation plan, known as VTrans. This open house will be the first of four for the new plan update and will cover the vision and goals for the plan as well as information on the required statewide multimodal Needs Assessment. More information can be found at www.VTrans.org or via email at comment@vtrans.org. There is no formal hearing for the VTrans open house.

You can also submit your comments via email or mail by May 27, 2019, to:

For roads and highways: Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov, or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

For rail and public transportation: DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov, Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219.

The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-2730 or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-4440 (TTY users call 711).

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: Herndon Pyramid Schools.

Through April 20, at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. The exhibit is open to the community and will feature artwork by students from Aldrin Elementary, Armstrong Elementary, Clearview Elementary, Dranesville Elementary, Herndon Elementary, Hutchison Elementary, Herndon Middle, and Herndon High School. Some art available for purchase. Call 703-956-6590 or visit www.artspaceherndon.org.

Art Exhibition: IRL. Through April 23, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Signature at Reston Town Center, 11850 Freedom Drive, Reston. IRL is a solo exhibition featuring work by painter and video artist Monica Stroik. Through a combination of video and paintings selected from her ongoing Cyber series, IRL (online shorthand for “in real life”) investigates concepts of simultaneously being present and disconnected and how the natural world becomes entangled in digital lives. Free and open to the public. Visit restonarts.org for more.

Founder's Day Show at Lake Anne. Through April 29, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at the JoAnne Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The League of Reston Artists presents their annual Founder's Day exhibit in honor of the group's founder, Patricia MacIntyre. MacIntyre will judge the painted and mixed media entries that illustrate the theme of “Fine Lines.” A reception will be held Sunday, April 7, 2-5 p.m. at the gallery. Visit www.leagueofrestonartists.org for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 11

Storytime For Three To Fives. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. An early literacy program with stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. No registration required. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Teen Advisory Board. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join TAB to gain leadership and volunteer experience and share ideas about how to make the library a wonderful place for teens. Volunteer hours granted. Age 13-18. No registration required. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Poetry Slam. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. April is National Poetry Month, the largest literary celebration in the world. Adults, teens. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/APRIL 12

Gymboree Music I. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Discover melody pitch and rhythm while building a repertoire of joyful songs. Age 6-18 months with adult. Register beginning March 29. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Gymboree Music II. 11:15 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Dance and sing to a new musical style each month, including Latin, Rock 'n' Roll and Classical. Age 18-24 months with adult. Register beginning March 29. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

SATURDAY/APRIL 13

Easter Egg Hunt and Party. 10 a.m. at Reston Presbyterian Church, 10610 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. Fifth grade and younger. Free. Rain or shine. Visit www.restonpres.org.

EGGnourious Egg Hunt. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Sunrise Valley Elementary School, 10824 Cross School Road, Reston. A community tradition. Enjoy entertainment by a strolling magician, games and multiple moon bounces along. Bring a camera and a basket to carry goodies. Bring water or pack a picnic to enjoy while outdoors. The egg hunt starts at 10:30 a.m. sharp. Infants - 8 years old. Free. Call 703-390-6163.

Sing! Books With Miss Emily. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne



COURTESY OF THE HERNDON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Fun with the Easter Bunny at the Herndon Easter Egg Hunt.

Herndon Easter Egg Hunt

The Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department will host our annual traditional Easter Egg Hunt, featuring: an egg hunt, craft projects, story time in the library, instrument petting zoo, a petting zoo, coloring mural, potting station, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. For children, ages walking up to 7. Saturday, April 20, 9:30-11:15 a.m. (hunt times by age) at Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Advance registration is \$9 per child; onsite registration is \$10 per child (bring cash or check). Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation or call 703-787-7300.

Drive, Reston. Join Miss Emily for singing storytime with illustrated songs. All ages. No registration required. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Hike & Tea. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Frying Pan Farm Park joins in the National Cherry Blossom Festival this spring with a nature hike and Japanese tea. Begin the adventure at the Indoor Arena to pick up a map and instructions. Volunteers will guide participants to the starting point of the park's nature trails. Follow the signs to visit stations where you can build a fairy house, help tally migratory and resident birds, and search for critters in the soil and water. End the journey at the 1790's Meeting House to enjoy Japanese teas. Free. Open to all ages. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park.

Aqua Egg Hunt. 1:30-4:30 p.m. (times by age) at Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Herndon's 10th Annual Aqua Egg Hunt. Children will collect as many floating and sinking eggs as possible in the time allowed. After the hunt, families may stay for open swim. Swim attire is required. Children 6 years and under must be accompanied by a parent in the water. \$10 for one child and one parent. Register online until noon on Saturday. After that, all registrations must be completed at the front desk. Visit herndon-va.gov/Recreation, or call 703-787-7300.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 13-14

Fundraiser: Famous Toastery. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Reston Town Center West Shopping Center, 12100 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. Famous Toastery will open its 35th restaurant, and donate 100 percent of the proceeds during its two-day soft opening, open to the public, to benefit Reston-based charity Cornerstones. The Famous Toastery Reston Grand Opening is set for Monday, April 15 with normal operating hours, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit www.famoustoastery.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 14

Fairfax Veg Fest. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the large parking lot of the Northwest Federal Credit Union, 200 Spring St., Herndon. The Fairfax Veg Fest will host vendors with plant-based food (no meat or dairy products), vendors that provide fitness and wellness services, green products, animal compassion nonprofits, and more. Visit fairfaxvegfest.org/ for more.

Live Music: Becky Buller Band. 7 p.m. (doors open at 6) at Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Make plans to “hitch up the team” and head to Frying Pan Farm Park this season for Bluegrass Barn. Food and beverages available for purchase. \$18



Live Music: Shawna Caspi

Toronto-based singer-songwriter and fingerstyle guitarist Shawna Caspi performs live. Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. at Lake Anne Coffee House, Lake Anne Village Center, 1612 Washington Plaza, Reston. Free. Call 703-481-9766 or visit lakeannecoffeehouse.com.

in advance, \$20 at the door. Purchase tickets online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/bluegrass-barn or by phone at 703-222-4664 or 703-437-9101.

MONDAY/APRIL 15

Baby Lapsit. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy nursery rhymes and songs while building early literacy skills for your child. Age Birth to 11 months with adult. Registration begins April 1. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Reston Photographic Society Meeting. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Reston Photographic Society invites photography enthusiasts to join fellow photographers. Photographers of all skill levels are invited to share information and enjoy guest speakers, workshops and group critiques. Nonmembers are welcome. Visit www.leagueofrestonartists.org for more.

TUESDAY/APRIL 16

SpanChats. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Ongoing Spanish conversation group. All levels from beginner to fluent are welcome. Adults. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Sam's Book Club. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join former FCPL director Sam Clay for a lively book discussion. This month's title is “A year in Provence” by Pater Mayle. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Live Music: April Mae & the June Bugs. 7:15 p.m. at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. April Mae and the June Bugs was founded by April Iorio, lead vocalist and songwriter from the group South Saturn Delta. They specialize in an eclectic mix of Americana under the influence of Jump Blues, Swing, & Rockabilly. Suggested donation is \$10 for members of the Folk Club of Reston/Herndon and \$11 for non-members. Visit www.restonherndonfolkclub.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

Bollywood Dance Fitness. 6:30 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Join in for a fun Bollywood Dance Fitness, led by local instructor Aparna Rao. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Basic Knitting. 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Learn the only two stitches needed to knit anything. For 16 years and older. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/APRIL 18

Messy Minis. 10-10:45 a.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Messy Minis Class with Megan Hunter Scarmazzi is a four-week series for toddlers who love getting into everything and making a mess, or a budding artist who loves to paint and draw all over everything they're not supposed to. For ages is 1-3 years, but flexible. Parents who have a toddler and a baby (under 1) are welcome to bring the baby along for free. \$100 per child. Register with Megan Hunter Scarmazzi, Messy Bee Studio at messybeestudio@gmail.com.

Baby Steps Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. An interactive storytime for parent/caregiver and child. Age 12-23 months with adult. No registration required. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/APRIL 19

Baby & Me Yoga. 10:30 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. A nurturing yoga workshop is designed for the two of you. No experience needed. Please bring a towel or yoga mat. Age 6 weeks - 16 months with adult. Registration begins April 5. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

Great Decisions Series. 2 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Watch the film produced by the Foreign Policy Association and participate in the roundtable discussion on current events and U.S. foreign policy options. The topic for April is “The Rise of Populism in Europe.” Discussion materials are available at the Info Desk. Light refreshments will be served. Adults. Visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-689-2700.

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

Herndon Easter Egg Hunt. 9:30-11:15 a.m. (hunt times by age) at Herndon Municipal Center Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. The Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department will host our annual traditional Easter Egg Hunt, featuring: an egg hunt, craft projects, story time in the library, instrument petting zoo, a petting zoo, coloring mural, potting station, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. For children, ages walking up to 7. Advance registration is \$9 per child; onsite registration is \$10 per child (bring cash or check). Visit herndon-va.gov/recreation or call 703-787-7300.

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RCC Rides was honored in 2016 as the Virginia Recreation and Park Society's "Best New Program" for communities of 50,000-101,000 residents.

'Gift of the Lift' Provided in Reston

Reston Community Center launched the free, door-to-door transportation in the summer of 2015, and since then, volunteer drivers in the program have completed just shy of 3,000 rides. The service has signed up 61 drivers that have taken 258 riders ages 55 and older to doctor's appointments, shopping trips and much more.

With the older adult population in Northern Virginia growing at twice the rate of the rest of the population, RCC developed the service in association with NV Rides to support the evolving needs of this growing demographic.

RCC Director of Leisure and Learning Karen Brutsch spearheaded the project in her previous position as RCC's Lifelong Learning Director. She said she saw how NV Rides had success with other Fairfax County nonprofits and the Jewish Council on Aging, and she knew it would be a great fit for Reston's independence-craving older adults.

To enter the program, riders must live in Small District 5 (Reston). Before requesting their first ride, they fill out an application. When they need a ride, they email or call in their request at least a week in advance. Drivers check online to see ride requests and select those rides that fit their schedule.

There is no limit on the distance a driver can go, but some destinations can be harder than others to match, and drivers cannot transport wheelchairs.

NV Rides conducts background checks for drivers, who receive a handbook and go to a short training meeting. Once approved and in the system, drivers log on to the

scheduling website to choose rides. Many drivers say RCC Rides is an ideal volunteer opportunity because it allows flexibility.

Brutsch calls the service "the gift of a lift." The program was honored in 2016 as the Virginia Recreation and Park Society's "Best New Program" for communities of 50,000-101,000 residents.

"Unlike many ride programs, this one is not based on income," she said. "We will take you to the places you need and want to be. Being connected to a ride service like this really increases the quality of life for older adults. It has exceeded my expectations in how helpful it has been for people."

The most popular ride destinations are medical appointments and grocery shopping, Brutsch said, but riders tell her they have called for a ride to attend a class, get to religious services, keep a hairdresser appointment or just meet up with friends.

RCC Rides user Martha, age 91, has been using RCC Rides since it began. She said it has been crucial to maintaining her independence since she no longer drives. She usually has the same volunteer driver, whom she calls "dependable, a great driver and great company."

"RCC Rides has been reliable and really helps me a lot," she said. "All the drivers I have had are wonderful. They are courteous and helpful."

Driver Ann M. said she sees every ride as an opportunity to connect and improve someone's life.

"Once you start giving rides, you get to realize what a big difference your simple action makes," she said.

For more information about RCC Rides, contact Karen Brutsch, Karen.Brutsche@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-390-6162.



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Allstate Volunteers, Assistance League Join Forces to Provide Food for Kids

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Allstate Insurance Company recently held its first Capital Regional Advisory Board meeting of 2019. Assistance League of Northern Virginia was pleased that its Weekend Food for Kids program was once again featured as Allstate's volunteer service activity.

Lynn Barron and Karen Amster, board members from the Assistance League, an all-volunteer nonprofit, were invited to speak about Assistance League's program that decreases childhood hunger and other philanthropic programs that benefit low-income children in Northern Virginia. Sharee Merenov, Allstate Capital Region division manager, corporate relations, coordinated the resources and purchased the nonperishable food items to support The Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community group activity.

A team of 40 Allstate volunteers and seven Assistance League volunteers packed nearly 500 bags of food for children who might otherwise go hungry on weekends.

Partnering with Allstate allowed Assistance League to satisfy an immediate need for food assistance at two Title I elementary schools not currently supported by the food program.

Thanks go to Shaundra Turner Jones, Allstate Capital Region senior corporate relations manager, Robert Becker, Allstate Capital Region field senior vice



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president and Christine Angles, Manassas Allstate exclusive agent, for supporting the Assistance League mission to transform the lives of children and strengthen community.

See www.alnv.org for further information on Assistance League programs.

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Fairfax County Job Fair. 4-7 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Come attend the 2019 Fairfax County Job Fair. Learn about a variety of careers with various county agencies. Representatives of SkillsSource and DARS will also be on site. Free. Email Debra.Prica@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hr/sites/hr/files/assets/documents/jobfair2019flyer.pdf for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 19

Application Deadline. Leadership Fairfax is now accepting applications for its premier professional leadership development programs – Leadership Fairfax Institute and Emerging Leaders Institute. The 10-month programs begin September 2019. Classes meet once a month and participants work outside of class with a cohort to plan and implement projects. The programs build participant knowledge of community topics, legislative processes, leadership assessments, and strategic interactions. Limited scholarships available. Applications are due April 19. Call 703-752-7555 or visit leadershipfairfax.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 23

Supervisor Candidates' Forum. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza N., Reston. Supervisor Cathy Hudgins is retiring at the end of this term. This forum will allow Hunter Mill District residents to hear their potential supervisor's positions and plans first-hand. Moderators and audience members will ask questions of the candidates. Free. Call 703-662-1687 or visit RCAreston.com for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 27

Reston Community Yard Sale. 8:30 a.m.-noon at 1900 Campus Commons Drive, Reston. Eighty families will be selling a variety of items. No early birds as gates open at 8:30 a.m. Vendor space is sold out. For a recorded, weather related message, call 703-435-6577 the morning of the event. Email Ashleigh@reston.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 4

Dementia Care Support. 10-11 a.m. at Hunters Woods at Trails Edge Showroom, 2254B Nunters Woods Plaza, Reston. Dementia Care Support Group - 1st Saturday of the month. Distinguish between normal aging and dementia, understand different types of dementia, the impact of changes to the brain and how family caregivers can best cope with these changes. Free. Call 703-708-4047 or visit www.integracare.com.

SUNDAY/MAY 5

Low Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic. Noon-2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. Cost is \$15 per pet, cash and check only. Dogs, cats, and ferrets may be vaccinated at the clinic. Dogs must be on leashes; cats and ferrets must be in carriers. All pets will receive a 1-year rabies vaccination. To obtain a 3-year vaccine, bring pet's rabies certificate (not tag) showing the current rabies vaccination expiration date. 2019 county dog licenses will be sold for an additional \$10 per license. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/communityassistance/rabiesclinics for more.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 8

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 941, Fairfax. The Park Authority Board is a 12-member board appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to set policy and establish strategic policy and direction for the Park Authority. Open to the public. For information regarding meeting agendas, Park Board members, opportunities for public comment, or to view meeting materials, board minutes and archival materials, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm or call 703-324-8662.

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*As It Has
So Happened*



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

So far, four bi-weekly immunotherapy-infusions into my initial non-chemotherapy experience, per the encouraging results from my CT scan in mid March, I remain optimistic but cautiously neutral as I prepare to infuse three more times before my next scan in mid May.

However I feel, and however I've felt, ultimately the CT scan – and to a lesser degree – my lab results, will do the talking, so to speak. What it will say will be interpreted by my oncologist who in turn will explain/summarize it to us in person a week or so after the scan.

That's when I'll know how I'm doing.
And how I'm doing of course means how much
longer I'll be living. A more stressful appointment
you can't imagine.

What I'm sure you can imagine is how high my blood pressure will be as we sit in the examining room waiting for my oncologist to knock on the door asking if it's OK to come in.

And when he comes in, he usually smiles and shakes our hands and then immediately sits behind the computer where he proceeds to ask the standard health- and fitness-type questions. Then he might even examine me (not all the time – as he has said, the scan tells him most of what he needs to know) before he addresses the elephant in the room (metaphorically speaking, although I have gained a few pounds).

Dina and I don't exactly hold hands but we are holding our collective breath as we prepare to hang on his every syllable. This exchange of pleasantries happens every eight weeks or so. In the interim, I am encouraged to email my oncologist with any questions or concerns, particularly if new symptoms develop and persist for two to three weeks.

Well, I did have something happening to me the other Saturday, the day after my last immunotherapy infusion which, treatment-to-date, had not happened.

When I awoke that morning, I was unable to summon up the strength/energy to get out of bed. It felt similar to my early days of heavy-duty chemotherapy, when due to the destruction of your red blood cells (and white cells, too), you can barely move. There was no pain, but neither was there any energy.

Simply put: the tank was empty.

I could barely roll over in bed, let alone get up, walk downstairs and feed the cats. This kind of extreme post-immunotherapy fatigue was a first. All previous post-immunotherapy Saturdays were not the least bit similar or different than any other day.

I did not, nor have I since, emailed my oncologist with any of these details. At this juncture, I consider it an aberration and not worthy of an overreaction.

For all I know, to invoke an old punchline, my underwear was too tight.

As such, I will wait until my next infusions and see if the following morning follows an old or new pattern. If it's new, I will email my oncologist.

It's ironic that this situation occurred a few days after last week's column "It's Not As If My Life Depends On It" published. The content of which was my anxiety concerning emailing my oncologist about new symptoms/side effects for fear that in so doing, my oncologist would be for stopping my treatment. And in stopping my treatment, there is then nothing stopping the cancer.

This is some of what I've heard over the years; it's not so much the cancer that gets you as it is the side effects which cause the treatment to have to stop which then enables the cancer to then do what it most horrifyingly does (you'll note I didn't say inevitably).

But I'm not an alarmist, nor an "overreactionist," (to make up a word as I so often do). I've survived 10+ years by being neither.

I try to go about my cancer business as any other and live life as normally – for me – as possible. I am not gloom and doom and for me, the glass is always half full. And even though I'm in the middle of a big negative, I'm still positive.

After all, I'm a member of Red Sox Nation; hope forever springs eternal.

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Reston Lake Anne Elementary School orchestra performs at the 2019 Founder's Day Celebration held on Lake Anne Plaza celebrating the 55th anniversary of Reston's founding by Robert E. Simon.



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Children enjoy the craft t-shirt and art project during the 2019 Founder's Day Celebration.

Reston Founder's Day

Simon's guiding principles alive and shine in Reston.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

Reston Historic Trust & Museum presented the 2019 Founder's Day Celebration on Saturday, April 6 hosted by Lake Anne Plaza. The day-long event honored the 55th anniversary of Reston's founding by Robert E. Simon Jr. in 1961. Founder's Day historically is celebrated on or around Simon's birthday, April 10.

The celebration opened with a Commemorative Brick dedication and remarks by Chuck Veatch, Board Representative, Reston Historic Trust followed by remarks by local dignitaries. The day's activities, event location, and the population who attended the Founder's Day festivities mirrored many of Simon's guiding principles upon which he founded the 'new town' in 1961 bearing his initials, "RESton."

Simon committed to incorporate seven principles in his community. One was an emphasis on leisure and practical living. Simon stressed that "cultural and recreational facilities be made available from the outset of development rather than later on." In line, Founder's Day showcased musical, visual and literary events provided by local professional and youth groups against a waterfront backdrop of recreational fun for all.

Remote control model sailboats skirted the lake waters. Children jumped on a moon bounce and played "Bob Simon Says" at the fountain. Volunteers led an hour-long guided walking tour of public art on the



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The Ayubi family of Reston, Jacob and wife Meghan with their four children, Benji, 5 and triplets Olivia, Madelyn and Harper, 20 months, enjoy a quiet moment with Bob Simon during the weekend of the 2019 Founder's Day Celebration presented by Reston Historic Trust and Museum and hosted by Lake Anne Plaza.

plaza. In the Jo Ann Rose gallery, authors Nadine James, Natasha Peterson and others taught participants how to create a memoir a family would treasure and local artist Marco Rando discussed his artwork and how Reston influenced his work.

The exhibit, Fine Lines by League of Reston artists graced the gallery walls. Artist Mark Mandolia created the head of Robert E. Simon emerging from the waters. "The clay of our town has many footprints, and is not the work of any one person," wrote Mandolia in his statement for the piece on display by League of Reston Artists during the celebration.

Melissa Romano is the owner of Lake Anne Brew House and Nordic Knots. "We

love being part of the Lake Anne community and celebrating the history that surrounds Founder's Day and Lake Anne," she said.

Tia Tuffour, 8, of Reston visited the plaza with family and friends. She commented on the natural beauty of Reston, another guiding principle Simon took to heart. "I take walks with my school on the trails. I love how the native flowers bloom in Reston," she said.

Simon committed to a mixed-use plan with a variety of housing so that residents could live in the same community throughout various stages of their life. "I think a lot of people who grew up here tend to stay close by and start families of their own in

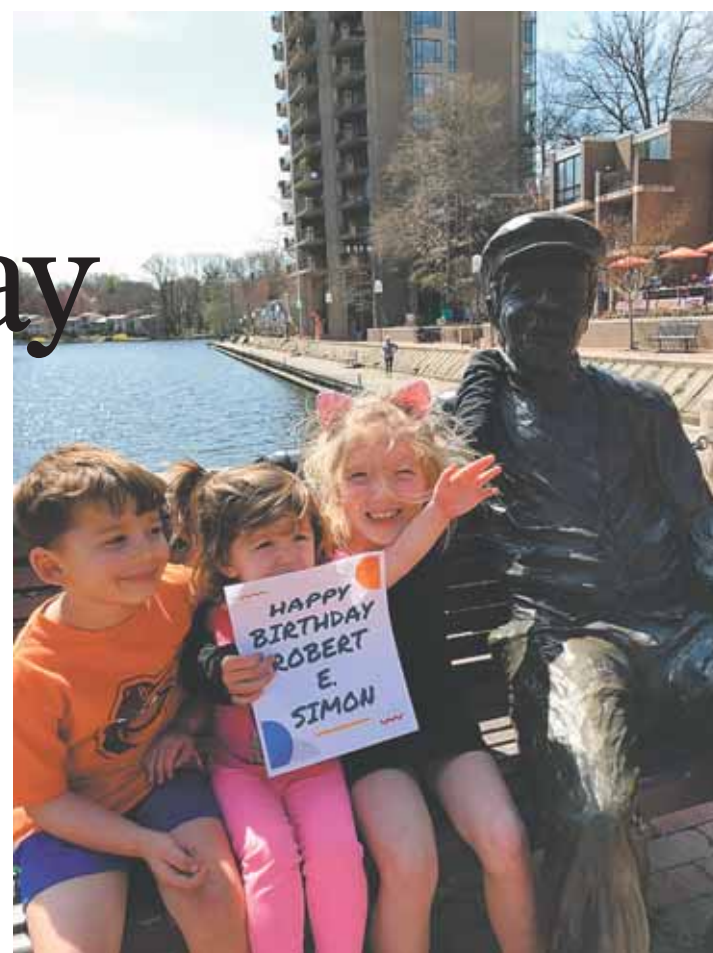


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The Kooy children, Grant 4, Eve, 2 and Ashton 6 hold up a birthday wish sign for Reston's founder, Robert E. Simon, to celebrate 2019 Founder's Day. Melissa Romano, the owner of Lake Anne Brew House and Nordic Knot on the Plaza, made the birthday greeting sign for the special occasion.

Reston," said Meghan Ayubi of Reston. "One of the things I love the most is that this area has the strongest sense of community," she said. Ayubi and her husband Jacob looked down at their four young children, Benji, 5, and 20-month-old triplets, Olivia, Madelyn and Harper.

Simon also believed diversity needed to be a key and integral part of Reston's culture and planning. Jacob said, "I've lived in Reston since I was in first grade in 1981. I never knew as an Afghan immigrant and a Muslim there was racism in the world."

Reston Historic Trust presented Founder's Day with support from Reston Community Center and co-sponsored by Reston Association and Public Art Reston.