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# Remembering the Victims

## 16 local lives lost in terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001.

By Jeanne Theismann GAZETTE PACKET

t has been 23 years since the world watched in horror as an unimaginable act of terrorism took the lives of 2,977 Americans, including 16 Alexandria residents on Sept. 11, 2001. The City of Alexandria marked the anniversary of what remains the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history with a ceremony remembering those who were killed and honoring the first responders who answered the call. Similar ceremonies were held throughout

## Alexandria's victims of 9-11

#### Spc. Craig Amundson

Craig Spec. Amundson, 28, was assigned to the Army's Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel as a graphic artist and was at work at the Pentagon the morning of Sept. 11,



Spc. Craig **Amundson** 

2001. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Award. He left behind his wife, Amber, and children the region.

One of those first responders was Penn-Daw Station 11 firefighter Jim Morris, who is now retired. Morris was among the first responders pictured atop the Pentagon in the now iconic photograph of the American flag as it was unfurled. As Morris participated in the recovery efforts in Arlington, his mind was 225 miles north in New York City, where his brother Seth was still unaccounted for in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Seth Morris was a broker with Cantor Fitzgerald working on the 105th floor of World Trade Center One. He did not sur-

The coordinated attacks at the Pentagon, World Trade Center and outside Shanksville, Pa., resulted in 2,977 casualties. Remains of more than 1,700 of those who perished have never been recovered.

Elliot and Charlotte.

#### Eddie A. Dillard

Eddie A. Dillard, 54, was a passenger aboard American Airlines flight 77. He left behind a wife of 15 years, Rosemary, and one son, Edrick L. Dillard.



Eddie A. Dillard

#### Capt. Robert Edward Dolan

Captain Robert Dolan, 43, was working on the first floor of the Pentagon as head of the U.S. Navy's Strategy and Concepts Branch when American Airlines Flight 77



Lt. Jim Morris, far bottom right, and fellow firefighters from Alexandria and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 11 join soldiers atop the Pentagon to unfurl an American flag during rescue and recovery efforts Sept. 12, 2001. Morris's brother Seth perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

struck the building. He was a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and commander of the USS John Hancock. His class ring was found in the remains of the Pentagon. Dolan was survived by his wife Lisa and children Rebecca and Beau.



Capt. Robert **Edward Dolan** 

#### Cmdr. William H. Donovan

Commander William Howard Donovan, 37, commissioned was at the Naval Academy with the Class of 1986. He had been on the Chief of Naval Operations staff for a little over a year when



Cmdr. William H. Donovan

Flight 77 struck the Pentagon. Known as SEE REMEMBERING, PAGE 3

# Never Forget

## City marks 23rd anniversary of terrorist attacks.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

he City of Alexandria held a remembrance ceremony at Market Square to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and to honor and remember the victims and all those in the community impacted by the attacks.

The attacks on the World Trade Cen-SEE NEVER FORGET, PAGE 3



The traditional Return to Quarters bell ringing honors the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

# Patriot Day Of Service Volunteers clean

headstones at Alexandria National Cemetery.

> BY JEANNE THEISMANN Gazette Packet

ore than 100 volunteers turned out Sept. 11 at Alexandria National Cemetery to participate in a Patriot Day of Service to honor and SEE PATRIOT DAY, PAGE 4



Scott Moore cleans a headstone in Alexandria National Cemetery in honor of his father, a U.S. Navy veteran.

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ter in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington along with the hijacking of United Airlines flight 93, which crash landed in Shanksville, Penn., killed 2,977 people and remains the deadliest terrorist attack in history. It is also the deadliest incident for firefighters and law enforcement personnel in American history, killing 343 and 72 members, respectively.

First responders from Alexandria were part of the rescue and recovery efforts at the Pentagon. They were remembered and honored along with the 16 local victims that perished that day.

"On that morning our sense of normalcy was shattered," said Chief Deputy Dan Gordon of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office. "It was a day marked by unprecedented tragedy and unparalleled heroism. As we reflect on the events of that fateful day, we honor not only those who lost their lives but also those first responders who answered the call to duty."

Gordon, who was serving in the U.S. Army when the attacks occurred, was joined by Interim Police Chief Raul Pedroso and Fire Chief Felipe Hernandez as speakers at the City Hall ceremony.

"We will never forget that day," said Pedroso in his remarks. "But democracy and freedom are stronger than any oppressive force. We will never forget those who responded to the call. We will not forget those who were lost and the families that were forever changed. And we will never, ever give in to evil or allow who we are and how we live to be changed by it."

Tracy Walker of the Alexandria Police department served as master of ceremonies for the event. The Joint Public Safety Honor Guard presented the colors with Karen Lovejoy singing the National Anthem.

A Return to Quarters ceremonial bell ringing honored each of the victims. "We are here to remember the names and faces of those taken from us too soon," Gordon said. "We remember the firefighters and police officers who rushed into danger, the emergency medical personnel who worked tirelessly, and the ordinary citizens who showed extraordinary bravery. Their stories remind us of the best of humanity in the face of the worst of human acts."

Memorials to the attacks include the National Sept. 11 Memorial & Museum in New York City, the Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, and the Flight 93 National Memorial at the Pennsylvania crash site.

Added Pedroso, "Today we also remember how blessed are we that everyday young men and women who were not even born when this awful tragedy happened sign up to the call for service and are ready and willing to go into danger for us."



ASO Chief Deputy Dan Gordon, who served in the U.S. Army at the time of the 9/11 attacks, delivers remarks at the Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 11 at Market Square.



The Joint Public Safety Honor Guard presents the colors at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 11 at Market Square.



APD Interim Police Chief Paul Pedroro addresses the crowd at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 11 at Market Square.

# Remembering

# Remembering the Victims

"the Waynewood Dad," Donovan left behind his wife Elaine and three young children. His remains were never recovered.

#### Diane M. Hale-McKinzy

Diane Hale-McKinzy, 38, was a civilian employee for the U.S. Army at the Pentagon. Born in Lithonia, Ga., she served in the Army for four years before beginning a career in civil service.



Diane M. Hale-McKinzy

#### Maj. Wallace Cole Hogan Jr.

Maj. Wallace Cole Hogan Jr., 40, served with the Green Berets, the Special Forces and, ultimately, as a general's aide at the Pentagon. The 21-year Army veteran was an avid cyclist and regularly commuted by bike from his Alexandria home to the Pentagon. He was survived



Maj. Wallace Cole Hogan Jr.

by his wife Pat, an Air Force doctor that he met when he fell ill at the Jungle Warfare School in Panama. Other survivors included his parents Wallace and Jane Hogan and sisters Meg Campbell and Kris Leggett.

#### Bryan C. Jack

Bryan C. Jack, 48, was on American Airlines Flight 77 when the plane struck the Pentagon, where he worked as the head of the Defense Department's programming and fiscal economics division. Jack and his longtime companion,



Bryan C. Jack

June 16, 2001, just 87 days before his death.

#### Steven D. Jacoby

Steven "Jake" Jacoby, 43, was the chief operating officer of Metrocall and a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77. A community leader, Jacoby sat on the board of Men Against Breast Cancer and was actively involved with

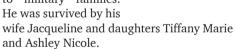


Steven D. Jacoby

the Camp Fantastic Special Love charity golf tournament as well as Catholic Charities. The weekend before his death, Jacoby had celebrated the birthdays of his wife Kim and son Nicholas.

#### Terence M. Lynch

Terence Michael Lynch, 49, was one of three consultants from Booz Allen Hamilton who perished during a meeting at the Pentagon. On the day of his death, he was attending a meeting to extend survivor benefits to military families.



#### Lt. Col. Dean Mattson

Army Lt. Col. Dean Mattson, 57, was less three months from retiring awav when he was killed while working in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon. A 35-year Army veter-



Terence M. Lynch

Lt. Col. Dean E. Mattson

an, Mattson had plans of being a Lutheran

artist Barbara Rachko, were married on pastor before committing to the Army when he was drafted in 1964. The Belle Haven Towers apartments resident left behind his mother Bernice and brothers Glenn, Dwain and Dale.

#### Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr.

Major Clifford L. Patterson, Jr., 33, was a native of Washington D.C. and graduate of St. John's College High School. In 1991 he graduated from Howard University as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was working at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.



Maj. Clifford L.

#### Norma Lang Steuerle

Kristie and Tracy.

Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, was active in the Old Town community as a clinical psychologist and through Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. She was aboard American Airlines Flight 77 en route to visit a daughter in Japan and her husband Eugene, who



Norma Lang Steuerle

was teaching a seminar in Singapore.

his service in Vietnam. He was survived by

his wife Ann and daughters Natalie, Nicole,

#### Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel

Cmdr. Robert A. Schlegel, 38, followed his father and brothers in the Navy. Prior to being posted to the Pentagon, he was executive officer of the USS Arthur W. Radford, a 9,000-ton destroyer.



Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel

#### Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith (Ret.)

Retired Army Lt. Col. Gary Smith, 55, was at a meeting at the Pentagon when American Airlines Flight 77 struck. A resident of Waynewood since 1984, Smith coached his daughter's soccer teams, kept time for the West Potomac High School track



Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith

team and was a fixture at high school football games on Friday nights. A 23-year Army veteran, Smith received the Soldier's Medal for Heroism after saving a number of soldiers from a helicopter crash during

#### Sandra C. Taylor

Sandra Carol Taylor, 50, worked as a civilian for the U.S. Army for 30 years and at the Pentagon for almost 10. She was a volunteer at the Hospice of Northern Virginia and at the time of her death was engaged to Timothy Dudgeon. She left behind her daughter Samantha.



Sandra C. Taylor

#### Meta L. Waller

Meta L. Waller, 60, was a 12-year civilian employee of the U.S. Army at the Pentagon and was at her desk when the hijacked airliner struck the building. Named after her grandmother, the African American sculptor Meta Warrick Fuller, Waller received



Meta L. Waller

a master's degree in government from Harvard University and was active in civil rights affairs.

#### News Briefs

### 'Resolved: Never Again'

Sept. 21, 2024 is the second anniversary of the day that hundreds of Alexandrians gathered to draw history from our soil in honor of Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas, lynched in this city in 1897 and 1899. To commemorate, the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project will debut a documentary that traces the City's efforts to explore the hard truths harbored in this Port

See the premiere of 'Resolved: Never Again' on Sept. 21, 2024 at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Emmy-award winning journalist Robin Hamilton and Round Robin Productions created the 50-minute film to document Alexandria's dedication to telling the whole truth of this city's history.

Founded 275 years ago, in 1749, slavery has always been a part of Alexandria's past, according to Audrey Davis, who heads up the Division of African American History and cochairs ACRP. "What most people are not aware of is our role as a major hub for the domestic slave trade."

The optimized human trafficking introduced in Alexandria in 1828 continued until 1861 when Union Troops took control of the city.

After the Civil War, when segregationists shut down any and all opportunities for African Americans to exercise their

hard-earned civil rights, the lynchings of Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas terrorized Alexandria's Black res-

In the film, Mayor Justin Wilson, former Police Chief Don Hayes and Sheriff Sean Casey talk about the importance of acknowledging and taking responsibility for past actions and inactions. While Joseph McCoy descendant Debra White shares her family's experience learning about this history and then joining Alexandria to confront it.

The film captures the impact of the Equal Justice Initiative's Remembrance Movement from exposing uncomfortable truths, to honoring the lives and deaths of Joseph Mc-SEE NEWS BRIEFS, PAGE 10

# News

# Patriot Day Of Service

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remember the nation's heroes on the anniversary of those lost in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The volunteers worked in partnership with VFW Post 609 and Carry the Load, a Veterans Service organization, to clean the more than 4,000 headstones located in the cemetery.

"Every year on Patriot Day, Americans are asked to treat the day as an opportunity to do some sort of national public service," said Col. Gerry Krueger, Commander of VFW Post 609. "Our way of doing that is

"This is a way to honor the sacrifice of those we have loved and lost."

— VFW Post 609 member Danielle Applegate

our country is not forgotten."

events on September 11, 2001."

those who were called to serve due to the

The event kicked off with remarks by

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Nation-

al Cemetery Administration representative

Danny Devine, local VFW Post 609 member

and Carry the Load ambassador Danielle Ap-

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"This is a way to honor the sacrifice of those we have loved and lost," said Applegate, who is also the chair of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. "We say their names so they are not forgotten."

plegate, and AmeriCorps CEO Michael Smith.

Alexandria National Cemetery is one of the original national cemeteries founded by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862. The historic nature of the headstones means that only a sponge and water are used to clean the headstones so as to not cause any damage.

Patriot Day volunteers partnered with Carry the Load to help clean headstones and beautify more 60 VA National Cemeteries across the nation. All 4,229 headstones were cleaned as part of the efforts in Alexandria.

The event is co-sponsored by the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration with local VFW Post 609 serving as host.

"Today is a special day for our nation," said volunteer Alexandra Gal. "It's a great cause and gives me the chance to stop and reflect."



Volunteers gather for a photo at the flagpole at Alexandria National Cemetery Sept. 11 prior to the Patriot Day of Service to clean more than 4,000 headstones in remembrance of those lost in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.



AmeriCorps volunteers prepare to clean headstones at Alexandria National Cemetery as part of the Sept. 11 Patriot Day of Service.



VFW Post 609 member Richard Twitchell, Cook for Vets founder LJ Raspler, and Joseph Mattera of VFW Post 609 at the Sept. 11 Patriot Day of Service at Alexandria National Cemetery.



A volunteer cleans the headstone of a veteran in Alexandria National Cemetery as part of the Sept. 11 Patriot Day of Service.



Volunteers clean headstones in Alexandria National Cemetery as part of the Sept. 11 Patriot Day of Service.



Volunteers clean headstones in Alexandria National Cemetery as part of the Sept. 11 Patriot Day of Service.



VFW Post 609 Commander Col. Jerry Krueger, second from left, with Patriot Day of service volunteers Sept. 11 at Alexandria National Cemetery.

## **FUNDRAISER**



United Methodist Church Pastor James Page, center, stands with Cook for Vets Executive Director and founder LJ Raspler, second from left, as they prepare meals for more than 50 homebound veterans at the church earlier this year.

# 'Souls Feeding Souls'

# Cook for Vets to hold fundraiser Sept. 21.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

ook for Vets, a nonprofit dedicated to providing food security for veterans and their households through the distribution of healthy meals and groceries, will hold a fall fundraiser Sept. 21 on the grounds of Virginia Theological Seminary.

The organization was founded by Alexandria resident LJ Raspler in 2022. As the daughter of a U.S. Navy veteran, Rasper became passionate about helping veterans struggling with food scarcity.

have sacrificed their lives for our country are without proper nutrition on a daily basis," Raspler said. "Recognition of their plight warrants our attention and our best way of saying thank you for their service is to get busy feeding them."

The Souls Feeding Souls 2024 Fall Fund-

"Too many of our service members who

The Souls Feeding Souls 2024 Fall Fundraiser will feature live music, food and drinks, a raffle drawing, giveaways, a bake sale, and local business and Veteran Service Organization marketing tables.

"We're a small but mighty nonprofit looking to make a difference in the lives of veterans who struggle with food scarcity," Raspler

added. "This is our mission, our passion and our purpose and we hope you will join and support us."

For more information or to purchase tickets to the event, visit www.cookforvets.org

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

and complimentary dinner

# "This is our mission, our passion and our purpose."

— Cook for Vets founder LJ Raspler

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# Supporting Healthy Youth and Healthy Families: Celebrating Safely

As fall begins and homecoming approaches, SAPCA encourages parents and teens to celebrate safely and substance-free and to know the legal consequences related to underage drinking.



Parents and Caregivers: It is against the law to provide alcohol to any persons under the age of 21.

Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

Support our youth to be happy, healthy, and substance-free by making your values clear about substance use -- particularly underage use of substances -- with your children and other parents, and pledge to keep celebrations for youth substance-free.

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# ASC to Host High School Football Night

# Varsity coaches to talk season strategies Sept. 18.

he Alexandria Sportsman's Club will kick off the fall 2024 sports season with its annual High School Football night Sept. 18 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Varsity head coaches from each of the city's high schools will share team insights and expectations, provide the inside scoop, and answer your questions on all things Alexandria football.

will be served. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and include the presentation of the High School Athletes of the Month.

the Month.

The Old Dominion Boat Club Ballroom is located at 0 Prince Street in Old Town Alexandria.

Due to limited space and increased demand, please RSVP to Ryan Fannon at fannonr@bishopireton.org if you plan to attend.

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## **ANNIVERSARY**



Cheesetique owner Jill Erber, left, celebrates 20 years with longtime staff members Sept. 5 in Del Ray.

# Say Cheese!

## Cheesetique celebrates 20 years in Del Ray.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

heesetique, a mainstay specialty gourmet cheese and wine shop in Del Ray, kicked off a celebration of 20 years on Mount Vernon Avenue during the Sept. 5 First Thursday Night that announced upcoming events to commemorate the milestone.

"It's 20 years today," said an exuberant Jill Erber, owner of the beloved shop that now includes a dine-in restaurant. "Originally when

we first opened we were just a cheese and wine shop. We did that for a few years but customers were always asking for a place to sit down so we relocated a couple of doors down and that is when the restaurant was born."

Erber, a leader in the Del Ray business community, has faced her share of challenges over the years.

"Some of the challenges have been finding ways to stay exciting to people after 20 years," Erber said. "There are always so many new things, new technologies and new experiences to be part of so to stay top



Diners enjoy the outdoor patio at Cheesetique during the Sept. 5 First Thursdays night in Del Ray.

"To stay top of mind for people has always been a challenge for us. But it's a fun one."

Cheesetique owner Jill Erber



Alexandria Police Foundation board president Charlotte Hall, center, stands with fellow board members and volunteers at First Thursday Del Day Sept. 5 at Pat Miller neighborhood Square.

of mind for people has always been a challenge for us. But it's a fun one."

Erber used the occasion to announce more upcoming 20th anniversary events.

"We are featuring a throwback menu with some of our older and classic recipes," Erber said. "We have our original lobster mac, and a wine flight that features three wines that were on our very first wine list. We also have a special pairing of a 20-year cheddar and 20-year port to enjoy."

Ongoing is a contest to enter for a full year of free cheese. Erber also announced upcoming online classes and a contest to formally name the Cheesetique cow.

"The Cheesetique cow is our full-size cow mascot," Erber said. "She does not have a name so starting in October we will do a big contest for naming our cow."

Erber and Cheesetique were sponsors of the monthly Del Ray First Thursdays evening in Pat Miller neighborhood Square, which included festivities for attendees and games for children. First responders from the Alexandria Sheriff's Office and Alexandria Police Department were also on hand.

Special Cheesetique 20th anniversary events will continue through the fall.

Cheesetique is located at 2411 Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. 703-706-5300.



Riding the mechanical bull.



Children enjoy dueling balloon sabers Sept. 5 during First Thursday in Del Ray.



Lt. Marcus Downey of the Alexandria Police Department with local children during First Thursday Sept. 5 in Del Ray.

## HISTORY



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A muster of antique firefighting equipment will be on display Sept. 14 at the Friendship Firehouse Museum on South Alfred Street. Pictured is the Friendship Fire Company Suction Pumper c. 1915.

# Fighting Fires For 250 Years

# Events to highlight history of firefighting.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

he Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association will host events Sept. 14 and 15 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of organized firefighting in Alexandria.

A muster of antique fire fighting apparatus will be on display at the Friendship Firehouse Museum on South Alfred Street Sept. 14 followed by a symposium Sept. 15 at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

"We invite everyone to come and learn about firefighting in Alexandria," said Friendship Veterans Fire Association president Jimmie McClellan. "Our muster of antique fire fighting apparatuses will be on display on Alfred Street in front of the Firehouse on Saturday. On Sunday, scholars and veteran first responders will present a symposium tracing the history of some dark moments in our city's history: The Great Fire of 1827, the Fire of 1855 that took the lives of seven firefighters, the Fire of 1871, the response to the terror attacks of 2001, and others."

Both days are free and open to the public and lunch will be prowww.ConnectionNewspapers.com vided to symposium attendees.

The display of antique firefighting equipment will take 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

place Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The symposium will be held Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 250th anniversary symposium will consist of three panels, each of which will have two or more presenters offering presentations on topics related to the history of firefighting in Alexandria and environs, historical or notable emergencies to which first responders were called to action,

## "We invite everyone to come and learn about firefighting in Alexandria."

— Friendship Veterans Fire Association president Jimmie McClellan

and the evolution of best firefighting practices over the past 250 years. Each panel will conclude with questions and comments from the audience.

Prior registration is requested. To register, contact Jim McClellan at jimmiermcclellan@gmail.com as soon as possible.







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## Entertainment

#### WEDNESDAYS THROUGH **SATURDAYS**

Tours Aboard Tall Ship Providence and Sen. John Warner Maritime Heritage Center. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Alexandria's Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street, Alexandria. Guests of all ages are recruited into the Continental Navy aboard Tall Ship Providence with legendary Captain John Paul Jones. Recruits are assigned jobs on the ship, learn where they will work and live, how to load a cannon, etc... Tours conclude in the Naval History Theatre with a film about the ship. The Heritage center is a floating museum on the Alexandria waterfront. Visit https://tallshipprovidence. org/

#### NOW THRU SEPT. 22

Fleeting Moments: Street Photography II. At the Athenaeum, Alexandria. Artist Reception: Sunday, August 18, 4 - 6 p.m. Artist Talk, Sunday: September 22, 2:30 p.m. Fleeting Moments features photographs that capture candid moments, revelatory interpretations, and brilliant reflections of the mundane - work commonly referred to as "street photography."

#### NOW THRU SEPT. 28

"Fascinating Fiber, Alluring Fabric" Exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Features art that is either created with fiber or fabric or depicts fiber or fabric as its subject. Opening reception on Friday, Sept. 6, 7-9 p.m. Gallery hours are Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 12-6 p.m. (Closed on Sunday, September 29). Details at DelRayArtisans. org/exhibits

#### FRIDAY/SEPT. 13

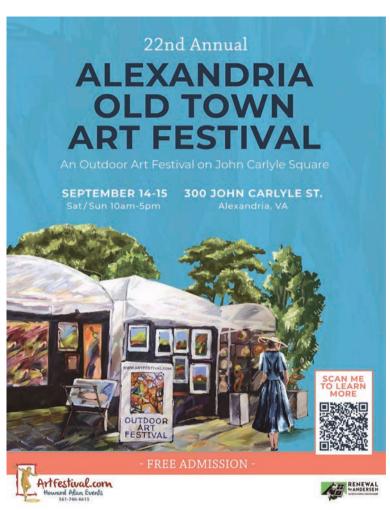
Summer Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. The U.S. Air Force Band returns to the Air Force Memorial in Arlington. Free and open to the public.

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 14 Alexandria Library Black Family

Reunion. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. The event aims to bring neighborhoods together and help fill gaps in the documented history of Alexandria's African American community. African American families are invited to bring documents and images to be scanned and added to the Library's Local History/Special Collections archive and preserved as part of the City's historical record. The event will feature music, games, food trucks, and more. Guests who bring a picture of people or places that have to do with Alexandria's black neighborhoods will receive a ticket for a free meal and dessert.

#### SEPT. 14-15

22nd Annual Alexandria Old Town Art Festival. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 300 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Presented by the nation's top art festival producer, Howard Alan Events (HAE), the Annual val throughout the decades has become a hallmark staple event for residents and visitors alike. Ranked by Sunshine Artists Magazine as one of the top art festivals in the nation, local and national artists will display their works in a prestigious show encompassing fine



The 22nd Annual Alexandria Old Town Art Festival takes place Sept. 14-15, 2024 at 300 John Carlyle Street in Alexandria.

jewelry, exquisite works of art and handcrafted apparel and decor. Art enthusiasts discover spectacular paintings, life-sized sculptures, jewelry, glasswork, photography, ceramics and more. All artists will be on site for the duration of the festival, allowing visitors to discover the inspiration behind each original piece. Admission for patrons is free, and ample parking is available. Saturday, the Art League will once more host the annual "Ice Cream Bowl" fundraiser with tasty treats served in lovingly crafted ornate bowls.

#### SEPT. 17-23

Fall Book Sale. The Friends of the Beatley Central Library will hold their Fall Book Sale from Tuesday, Sept. 17, 3 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (\$15 memberships available at the door); Wednesday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 22, Half Price Day, 1-4:30 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 23, \$10 Bag Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.. \$4 or less, unless specifically marked: hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, and media. All genres. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria; info: 703-746-1702; www.beatleyfriends.org.

#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

Coffee & Connections. 8:30-9:30 a.m. At The Landing Alexandria, Join The Chamber ALX's Professional Women's Network for September Coffee & Connections. Hear from Dr. Sarah Johnson Conway, a practicing internal medicine physician at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the interim Senior Vice President of the Office of Johns Hopkins Phy-

sicians, who will share her story and highlight ways to stay healthy heading into the Fall.

#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 19 Taste of Old Town North. 4 to 8

p.m. At Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. The Taste of Old Town North is a free, family-and pet-friendly event featuring an artisans' market, gourmet restaurant tastings, children's improv with Alexandria Children's Theater and other activities for all to enjoy, including music from two local bands. Participating Old Town North restaurants include Jula's on the Potomac, the Perfect Pita, Hank's Oyster Bar, MacMillan Spirit House, Hotel AKA Alexandria's a.lounge+bar, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub and Royal Restaurant.

#### GROW WITH YOUR GARDEN AT **GREEN SPRING GARDEN TALKS** The Park Authority is here to

help gardeners this fall with a plant-tastic lineup of Green Spring Garden Talks, 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria. Learn some tips and techniques that will spruce up your plants and other 'soil-mates" with the help from fellow gardeners, VCE Master Gardeners and naturalists. All events are held at Green Spring Gardens and are \$12 per person. Additional fees apply for out-of-county

Build the Lawn of Your Dreams. Friday, Sept. 20, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Let with the right fertilization, seeding and weed prevention methods.

Alternatives for Invasive Plants. Friday, Oct. 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Discover the different plants you can grow to avoid other bullying plants from taking over your yard.

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Fleeting Moments: Street Photography II can be seen now thru Sept. 22, 2024 at the Athenaeum in Alexandria.

life. Saturday, Oct. 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn gardening techniques for attracting pollinators, birds and other native insects into your garden to improve habitat loss.

Composting Made Simple. Friday, Nov. 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Learn the value that comes with putting compost into your yard and garden instead of your trashcan.

Adapt & Thrive with Climate Change. Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Extension Master Gardeners share ways to adapt your garden practices to changing climate patterns through plant selection, water management and more!

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

HalloWEIRD Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the park adjoining Del Ray artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria (corner of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon Avenues). The HalloWEIRD Art Market features a variety of artwork from local artisans celebrating the spooky and playful sides of the autumn season. Join them for lots of fun at this outdoor, family-friendly, rain-or-shine event. Details at DelRayArtisans.org/ halloweird-2024

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 21 Write Like a Woman Networking

Workshop. 1 p.m. At the Athenae-

um, Alexandria. Enjoy an afternoon of engaging conversation and writing! Facilitated by poet, author, and Athenaeum Poet in Residence. KaNikki Jakarta, this workshop welcomes amateur to professional women writers ages 18–100. Each workshop centers on uplifting and inspiring through writing and allows participants to enhance their writing styles through writing prompts and encouragement. Space is limited, RSVP to greatpublishing@yahoo.com

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

Country-Western Dance. 6-9:30 p.m. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons early in the evening (one line dance lesson, one couples dance lesson) followed by open dancing. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWI members \$10; non-members \$15; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 21 82nd Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At various locations throughout Old Town Alexandria. The 82nd Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour will showcase some of Alexandra's finest homes. This year's event will include a bonus tour of Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Presented by The Twig, the Junior Auxiliary of INOVA Alexandria Hospital, the Historic Alexandria Homes Tour is a ticketed tour with proceeds benefiting INOVA Alexandria Hospital. Their designated Tour Book serves as a guide to the homes and will be accessible to ticket holders via mobile device. Hard copies of the Tour Book are available for purchase in advance for \$5 each. Visit thetwig.org/homes-tour

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 21 2024 American Horticultural Society

Gala. 6-10:30 p.m. At River Farm, Alexandria. The annual soirée not only highlights the vibrant culture of gardening and horticultural practices but also raises vital funds to support AHS's outreach and educational programs and the stewardship of River Farm, headquarters of the AHS. The gala will feature cocktails, dinner, dancing and mingling set amongst River Farm's stunning gardens on the Potomac River. Complimentary valet is also included. Attire is black-tie. Individual tickets are \$375 each, and sponsorships start at \$1,250. Visit www.ahsgardening.org/ 2024gala to purchase tickets and sponsorships.

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

Tons of Trucks. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Chinquapin Park, 3210 King St., Alexandria. Attendees of all ages are invited to explore and get behind the wheel of their favorite City vehicles, meet the staff who help build, maintain, serve, and protect the community, and learn about the vehicles they use. Other activities include an art project with the City's Mobile Art Lab, giveaways, photo opportunities, and food truck vendors. Parking is available at Alexandria City High School, 3330 King St.; the First Baptist Church, 2932 King St.; and Oakland Baptist Church, 3408 King St. The City will also provide a sensory-friendly hour for the first 60 minutes of the event, 10 a.m. 11 a.m. For additional information, visit alexandriava.gov/rpca/tonsof-trucks-2024.

#### SUNDAY/SEPT. 22

Community Baby Shower. 12-2 p.m. At Charles Houston Rec Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria.

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## Entertainment



Housing Alexandria is hosting its annual Fall Festival on Thursday, Sept 26, 2024 at The Garden Alexandria featuring live band entertainment, a jazz performance from the Metropolitan School of the Arts performing arts students, food and wine trucks and games.

Join ALIVE! member congregation @sixteenth\_tabernacle\_beth\_el for the annual Community Baby Shower. Discover a wide range of resources for ensuring healthy pregnancies, self care and parenting. Topics and information range from nutrition in pregnancy to what to expect in the first year, both mother and child. There will also be free raffles for large prizes, baby walkers, cribs, strollers and more. For more information text 347-495-9233.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 25 "Life in Alexandria's Civil War

Prisons Lecture. 7 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. The Alexandria Historical Society is pleased to announce its upcoming lecture, "Life in Alexandria's Civil War Prisons.' Local historian Madeline Feierstein will present her research on the five military prisons of Alexandria during the Civil War. Her lecture will provide an in-depth look at life within these institutions for both Confederate and Union prisoners, examining how their presence disrupted the daily lives of Alexandria residents. Additionally, Madeline will explore the medical treatment of jailed soldiers and prisoners of war at hospitals such as Grosvenor Branch, which was the confiscated Lee-Fendall House. Attendees will gain insight into first-hand accounts from individuals who

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#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 26

Housing Alexandria's Annual Fall Festival. 4-8 p.m. At The Garden Alexandria, 5380 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Housing Alexandria, a leading non-profit dedicated to affordable housing, invites the community to its annual Fall Festival. Tickets range from \$100 to \$150, with all proceeds directly supporting affordable housing initiatives in Alexandria. Tickets include food, beverages, and raffle entries – a complete package for a fun-filled evening with a purpose. The family-friendly fair hosts a captivating performance by a jazz/tap ensemble of talented students (ages 12-18) from the renowned Metropolitan School of the Arts (MSA). Guests can also enjoy live music from local band, Live at Zac's House, while indulging in various Alexandria vendors. To purchase tickets, go to www.housingalexandria.org.

#### SEPT. 26 TO OCT. 6

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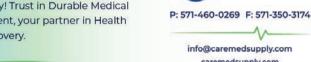
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#### Obituary

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Alice M. Colley, 96, of Alexandria, Virginia passed away peacefully on Monday, August 26, 2024, at the Goodwin House Small House Health Care Center. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Alice was born in Williamstown, Kentucky and grew up on a small, rural farm. She graduated from the nursing school at Berea College in Kentucky (Class of 1949), which is where she met and married her husband, Wilfred Raymond ("Ray") Colley, who predeceased her

Alice worked as a nurse at the Berea College hospital, and at hospitals in Roanoke, Virginia and Columbus, Georgia. She and Ray moved to Alexandria in 1955, where she gave birth that year to her first child. Alice and Ray were among the earliest residents of the Waynewood neighborhood in the Mt. Vernon area of Fairfax County, Virginia, where they raised their two sons. She was also the dedicated caretaker for her elderly mother who lived with them.

Alice was an active supporter of Ray's political endeavors, and of her sons' various engagements and pursuits as they were growing up, attending all manner of meetings, fundraisers, concerts, programs and events. She and Ray enjoyed travel to visit family and interesting locations around the United States, as well as Europe. She was also an avid crossword puzzle devotee. Alice and Ray relocated in 2007 to The Virginian in Fairfax County, and Alice moved to Goodwin House in 2022.

Alice is survived by her son Mark and his wife Deborah Harsch, her son David, and her granddaughter Arden. She will be interred alongside Ray at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, Virginia. Memorial gifts to Berea College will be appreciated.







## BULLETIN

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

#### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Alexandria Families for Safer Streets -Executive Assistant to AFSS Board of Directors. The agency is seeking an executive assistant to help coordinate a diverse group of tasks necessary to keep us on track and moving forward. Someone with office manager skills would be the ideal candidate. www.volunteeralexandria.org

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League's programs touch the lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To learn more, email info@ alnv.org, or visit www.alnv.org.

ALIVE! Volunteers are needed to assist with multiple programs relating to their Food Program, ALIVE! House, and Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership Program will distribute food at Mobile Pop-ups and Truck to Trunk events, etc. https://www. volunteeralexandria.org/ALIVE

Join Friends' Board. Those who care about mental health, the Alexandria community, and collaborating with fellow residents to make sure the City's most vulnerable residents have a chance to thrive, then consider joining the Board of Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center. The Friends Board is an all-volunteer group of residents that oversees the administration of one of Alexandria's top mental health charities. Friends has no paid staff, so Board members, working on average 10 hours per month, share the day-to-day work needed to accomplish its goals. Interested candidates should email FriendsofAMHC@gmail.com.

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in 6 Northern Virginia school districts.

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#### News Briefs

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Coy and Benjamin Thomas with historic markers, a soil collection and a pilgrimage by nearly 200 community members and high school students to Montgomery, Ala. to deliver the soil to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

There are multiple ways to participate in the evening events, each are ticketed to raise funds for the ongoing work of the Remembrance Project.

# Entertainment

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around Old Town. The festivities kick off at Art on the Rocks at the Heron Hotel on September 26 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Guests can sample up to ten unique cocktail and appetizer pairings and vote for their favorite pairing while enjoying imaginative artwork, live music and more.

#### **SEPT. 26 AND 27**

Jane Franklin Dance's Moving **Stories.** 7 p.m. At The Lloyd House Gardens, 220 N. Washington Street, Alexandria. Moving Stories is a movement-based work that is about historical Lloyd House and its Gardens, not as a static landmark, but rather as a place where people of different generations interact. The performance resonates with the landscape and references the site's history. Lloyd House, built in 1796, has housed many prominent people and is important to the streetscape of Washington Street, part of George Washington Memorial Parkway. The architecture of the building, the people who have lived there, and the changing community surrounding it, makes the location important to ALX275, the City of Alexandria's 275th Anniversary.

#### SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

Chalk-A-Block. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Throughout Old Town Alexandria. Follow the Old Town North Tern's footprints from site to site throughout Old Town North and complete the scavenger hunt to be entered to win prizes. Chalk artists will transform the sidewalks and parking lots of Old Town North into their canvases. Live music will fill the air from a variety of artists including local favorites Mars Rodeo at Montgomery Park and Yellow Door Jazz at Canal Center. Local artists and makers will be on hand to showcase their works. From ceramics to jewelry to bath



The Chalk-A-Block will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024 in Old Town Alexandria.

products to books and more, there's something for everyone. For more information about Old Town North Alliance, visit: https://www.oldtownnorthalliance.com.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 5 29th Annual Art on the Avenue.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At Mount Vernon Ave. between Hume Ave. and Bellefonte Ave., Alexandria. The 29th Annual Art on the Avenue festival held in Del Ray features more than 300 juried artists, from quilters to card-makers to cartographers, displaying their one-of-a-kind wares. Arrive with an appetite and grab a bite from dozens of food vendors while soaking up live music (Irish, folk, rock-n-

roll, country and more) along the avenue. Plus, kids activities abound with pumpkin painting, screen art weaving and more. Please note parking is extremely limited. Trolley transportation will be available from the Braddock Road Metro.

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 5

Fairy House Festival. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Build your own tiny fairy house using materials found in nature. Special activities will take place throughout the day including story times and crafts on the grounds of the Pope-Leighey House. The Pope-Leighey House was designed by architect Frank

Lloyd Wright as a small, affordable home that was built in harmony with the nature around it. Perfect for children, families, and nature lovers of all ages!

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 5

Used Book Sale: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Selection of over 20,000 gently used children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs and large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-sherwood-regional

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 19 9th Annual Tour de Mount

Vernon. TDMV Ride 8:30 a.m.; Youth and Family Ride at 9 a.m. Starting and ending at Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. Early bird special! Register for the 9th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon by August 31 for a discounted rate and be guaranteed a pair of Tour de Mount Vernon socks! #TdMV2024 Register now: https://buff.ly/46VNVTx

#### SAVE THE DATE

Yacht Haven Garden Club's 40th annual Fashion Show, Silent Auction and Luncheon, "American Beauty" Oct. 16, 2024 at the Mount Vernon Country Club in Alexandria. Fashions will be provided by Sara Campbell.

#### THE BIRCHMERE

At 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. All shows are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com. Contact The Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or www.Birchmere.com.

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Contact Don Rea at 571-551- 2488, or donaldrea@aol.com.

ALIVE! offers numerous programs that aid low-income families in Alexandria that rely on volunteers: monthly food distributions, furniture, houseware and emergency food deliveries, and community food drives. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate. Students can earn community service hours by participating. Visit www.alive-inc.org/volunteer.htm or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@alive-inc.org.

Volunteer Drivers Needed. Drivers needed by the American Cancer Society to take cancer patients to treatment in Northern Virginia. To volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345 or go to cancer.org/drive.

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax. org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Mentors Wanted. Two creative programs that help transform the lives of Alexandria's preteens are seeking volunteer mentors. SOHO, which stands for "Space of Her Own," and "Space of His Own," serves vulnerable fifth graders in Alexandria. The programs pair men and women with youth in need of positive adult role models, to help support and guide youth in making healthy choices and succeeding in school and in life. Visit www. spaceofherown.org and www.spaceofhisown. org. For more information on how to become a SOHO mentor, contact Sarah Maroney at sarah.maroney@alexandriava.gov or phone at 703-746-4687.

Farmer's Market Volunteers Needed. To volunteer for the Farmer's Markets, email Brian Morreale, brianmorreale@gmail.com

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

Postpartum Support Virginia sponsors a free, bi-monthly support group for women suffering depression and/or anxiety during pregnancy or in the first year following childbirth. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Health Education Center, rooms 1-2, 4320 Seminary Road. Contact co-moderator Susan Doyle at suzjdoyle@gmail. com or 571-403-0673.

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Alexandria meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 109, 1500 Shenandoah Road. All Parkinson's patients and caregivers are welcome.

The Caregiver Support Group is facilitated by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Adult Day Services Center, 1108 Jefferson St., 4-5:30 p.m. Participants are full- or part-time caregivers providing care locally or long distance to a family member or friend. Participants share their experiences, provide support for each other and receive resources to assist them with caregiving. The next Caregiver Support Group meeting is June 7. For more information or to register, contact Jennifer Sarisky at 703-746-9999 or email DAAS@alexandriava.

#### As My Later Mother Would Say: "It's Enough Already"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Since I have the time - and interest, in watching the daily new shows, I'm prepared to write a Kenny-column about the experience. There seems to be two phrases that the talking heads use/overuse repeatedly: "inflection point," and "permission structure." I cringe every time I hear them. It seems regardless of station - and irrespective of point of view, I am hearing these phrases, constantly. Almost as if there's a reward for using them.

On the one hand, the phrases have become the everyday jargon of the news coverers and of those whose opinion on that everyday news is sought after/printed, et cetera. The regularity with which I hear these two phrases reminds me of my 10th grade Western Traditions teacher. The class was ostensibly for 10th grade history, but my teacher was also an Art History teacher so much of our class was spent discussing/analyzing works of art.

The teacher whose name I can't recall (though I remember he was a man) spoke rather quickly and often on subjects/material with which I had limited knowledge (and patience/ interest if truth be told). "As such," and in a moment, I'll explain why I began the sentence this way, some of us students were somewhat bored and trying to pass the time. The teacher was often speaking at length as the students would be taking notes. "Generally speaking," and I'll explain why I inserted that beginning, we were sort of looking for something to amuse us/pass the time. And what we came up with was the "as such" scoreboard. Why? This was a real-time tallying of the number of times the teacher uttered two distinct phrases. The two phrases? Do you need to ask?" They were "As such,", and "Generally speaking." If I remember correctly, "as such" could sometimes be heard upwards of 20 times in a one-hour class. "Generally speaking," not nearly as much. Still, its use/recurrence was too notable to ignore, just not on par with "as such."

Oddly enough, I did so well in this class that my teacher referred me into honors history where I remained for the balance of my high school years. It was my first and only honors class. An honor, I thought/felt and the first time a Lourie from Athelstane Road made such a grade. Being that there had been only one other Lourie from this address to precede me, it was hardly the world's greatest accomplishment. Nevertheless, it was certainly an accomplishment for an Athelstane Lourie, and I was proud to be so honored.

The honors history teacher had a word or two himself that he spoke repeatedly. It was when he was talking politics. He would call Democrats "Stuck-whistle liberals." I was amused but not quite sure I appreciated or even understood the total scope of the teacher's slight. However, he did use the phrase more often than any other (oddly enough I can't remember if he had a phrase for Republicans, seems like he would have). But not enough that it led to its unique scoreboard. Besides, the students in this class were a bit more focused - or at least not focused on the kind of childish pursuits some others (yours truly) were, so class was less amusing and more serious. Still, first with "Western Traditions" and then "Honors History" I did learn something, and not simply about art or history.

As I watch/listen to the news programs, I am reminded about 10th grade. "As such," I am very sensitive/alert to verbal redundancies and am often amused by them, regardless of whether I had to "permission structure" to do so, "generally speaking."

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.



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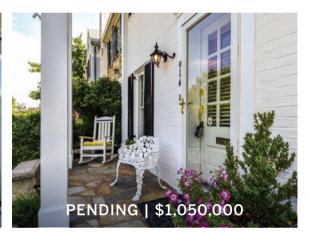
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