



Holiday Fund Drive 2012 Recap

FIVE FAMILIES HELPED THROUGH ANNUAL EFFORT

by Rita Wiggins

It is always a rewarding experience to be involved in the Douglas Park Civic Association Holiday Fund Drive. This program, which has been an integral part of DPCA annual activities for over 20 years, is designed to give a hand to needy families at Randolph Elementary School. Each year, DPCA works with the counselor and teachers at the school to identify families who are in severe financial need. Neighbors generously contribute their time, money and efforts to help these families. This year, we reached five families, with a total of six adults and ten children, ages 4 through 16. Because of the generosity of DPCA members, the immediate burden on these families was significantly eased and the holiday season was made brighter.

All families received many gifts, including necessities and special treats. The children were given clothes, underwear, pajamas, socks, coats, and shoes. In addition there were books, toys, games and other wish list items. Parents accepted coats and household goods such as towels, pots and pans and dishes. The families were very grateful for the gifts and sent thank you cards to express their appreciation. The sentiments included: 'Many thanks for the presents that you sent. This Christmas is going to be a precious one for my daughter and me!' 'Thank you so much for choosing us to receive the presents! It means so much to my family!' and 'Thank you for the gifts. This is the first time I ever received presents!'

We collected just under \$3,000 in donations, which covered our costs with a little to bank for next year. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed. Thanks to Randolph counselor Jennifer Bullen, Bi-lingual Resource Assistant Jackie Garcia, and other staff members who identified the families, collected wish lists, and ascertained sizes to assist the shoppers. Thanks to Debbie Hill, Susan Rochard, Irene Witting, Molly Schnure, and Rita Wiggins who shopped for and wrapped presents. Thanks to Marian MacGilray who helped with wrapping presents. Thanks go out to all those who helped with preparation of fliers and envelopes, to the dedicated newsletter deliverers, and a final, special appreciation to DPCA president John Snyder and treasurer Al Fox who are an essential part of every success that DPCA realizes. I am very proud to be a part of such a generous and caring community!

On a related note, Phoenix Bikes, under the direction of DPCA neighbor Henry Dunbar, held its first annual Holiday Bike Giveaway. Fifteen free bikes and helmets were given to children from three local elementary schools: Randolph, Barcroft and Patrick Henry.

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LAS DONACIONES PARA LA NAVIDAD AYUDARON A CUATRO FAMILIAS

Gracias a todos de Douglas Park por juntar acerca de \$3,000 para ayudar a cinco familias con necesidades en el vecindario para la Navidad.

ELECCIONES PARA FUNCIONARIOS PARA LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

Vamos a tener elecciones para la asociación cívica para funcionarios nuevos el 26 de febrero a las 19.30 a **Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike**. Se puede nominar a cualquier persona para los posiciones. Contactase con John Snyder 703.892.2887 o jvsnyder54@comcast.net para hacer una nominación para uno de los puestos.

NEXT DPCA MEETING

Tuesday evening 26 February 2013 at 7.30p at Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike (near Goodwill at Columbia Pike and South Buchanan Street.) You can park in that lot or by the recycling center if you drive. **This meeting includes our annual election of officers.** For details, please see the President's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

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DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA

MEETING CALENDAR

The Association meets on the third Tuesdays of February, April, June, September and November at 7.30p. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change; up-to-date information is available at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/> or in the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday evening, 26 February 2013 at 7.30pat Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike (near Goodwill at Columbia Pike and South Buchanan Street.) Please see the full agenda in the 'President's Corner' column in this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*. All are welcome.

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President's Corner

by John Snyder

NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next civic association meeting will be Tuesday 26 February at 7.30pm at Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike, next to Goodwill. On the agenda:

- **Four Mile Run and the Pike—Dumpsters.** I must confess continued irritation that the gateway to Douglas Park eastbound on the Pike is the recycling dumpsters. Nothing against recycling, but now that we do it at curbside in our handy blue bins, do we really need to devote a key spot in the heart of Arlington's most important community to trash? Shall we ask the county to move the dumpsters? And what should be there instead? Connection with the bike path? A small park? Let's decide what we would like to see. With construction ongoing there, now would be the time to decide what to do next.
- **Twelfth Street Between Glebe and Walter Reed.** Our 12th Street South neighbors have been engaged with the county about how to mitigate traffic concerns with the coming Pike 3400 building next to the Post Office. Should it be one way? Parking on only one side? Launch a sidewalk project through the Neighborhood Conservation program? Let's continue the conversation.
- **Civic Association form of organization.** It seems our civic association should, as many other such organizations do, get ourselves properly registered with the IRS. We could be a 501(c)(4) organization. This means we are not-for-profit (for sure!) so that we will not have to pay taxes as an organization. However, it is not a charitable organization, so contributions to the civic association would not be tax deductible. It allows us to engage in advocacy, which is one of our core missions. Let's decide this.
- **Elections.** Tuesday will be election night. Nominations are open for all offices: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like information about the role of each, please contact John Snyder at jvsnyder54@comcast.net.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I will not be running for re-election this year after lots of years as president of the civic association. It has been an honor, a privilege and a lot of fun, but I think it is time for somebody else to lead the organization. Each year, I become more impressed about, proud of, humbled by and grateful for the wonderful people here in Douglas Park. I came here much by chance, led by the Washington Post

real estate ads—what a lucky break for me! I have seen you take care of each other, and me and my family. I have seen you come together to celebrate. I have seen you give of yourselves in our annual fund drive and in thousands of other ways. I have loved being part of the Fourth of July, the precision marching canopy troupe, the election day bake sale, caroling in the park, the neighborhood dances, getting weeds whacked off the post office berm, getting new sidewalks and streetlights, new investment and businesses coming to the Pike, raising the profile of our neighborhood within the greater Arlington community, and mostly, just spending time with a lot of really friendly, lovely people.

I'm not going anywhere. I will continue to be active in the civic association, just not quite so much. I will help make sure the civic association continues to thrive. See ya 'round the 'hood.

FORT BARNARD DOG PARK

Our four-legged friends at the Fort Barnard Dog Park will be getting some upgrades thanks to a small parks grant. Many thanks to Marty Nielson for leading the effort.

ARLINGTON MILL COMMUNITY CENTER

The Arlington Mill Community Center is taking shape and will be opening later this year. Plans are still coming together, but the plaza may host a mid-week farmers market.

DOCTOR'S RUN PATH AND LIGHTING

Improvements are coming to the path from George Mason Drive to Randolph School, including lighting for those early morning and evening walks during dark winter months. The project was approved through the Neighborhood Conservation program. Construction may be completed by the end of the year.

TOM AMSHEY

I am very sorry to report that our friend and neighbor Tom Amshey passed away last month. Tom was a neighborhood icon, our chief 4th of July hotdog chef for many years (scored each one the night before so they would cook just right). Despite his attempts at a gruff exterior, I know that Tom was as generous as they come. He organized our local Catholic parish when it was the parish's turn to serve dinner for the homeless at Christ House in Alexandria. He never told anybody about it. He just did it because it was the right thing to do. Tom will be sorely missed.

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Wakefield Boosters Activities

6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING IN MAY

submitted by Katharine Voldal

The Wakefield High School Booster Club and the Wakefield High School Education Foundation will hold its 6th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Students, Teachers, Student Activities and Scholarships on Saturday 4 May 2013.

Honorary Chair for this year's Golf Tournament, Silent Auction and Fund-Raiser is Wakefield High School Class of '62 alumnus and Hall of Fame member John Moran. To learn more about the tournament or to sign up, visit <http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/22835-CopyofWakefieldHSBoosterClubEduc/>.

The Wakefield Booster Club raises money to support the full range of student activities including athletics, the Technology Fair, Senior Cruise, Student Government Association, music and the arts and numerous other student interest groups and clubs.

Randolph Elementary Auction Underway

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR RANDOLPH PTA

by Jennifer Allwine

This year the Randolph Elementary auction is online only! Bidding opened at 9.00am on 15 February and will close promptly at 9.00pm on 1 March. Items for bid have a 'buy now' option where you can make sure you get the item for just slightly less than its actual value. Look for over 85 great items from great businesses like Bangkok 54, Total Wine, ZPizza, Great Country Farms, Bach to Rock, the International Spy Museum and Taqueria Poblano as well as Potomac river cruises, theater tickets, cleaning services, cave admissions, orthodontics, dance lessons, ski packages, photo packages, and much more! Go to the Randolph PTA webpage at <http://www.randolphelementarypta.org/> to see all the offers! Payment can be made by cash, check or PayPal.

Special thanks to all the neighbors and neighboring businesses who have contributed to support Randolph Elementary!

Randolph Elementary News

by Rita Wiggins

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES AT RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY

- **Friday 1 March.** Read Across America
- **Tuesday 5 March.** PTA Meeting, 7.00pm

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- **Monday 1 April.** Teachers' Work Day, no school for students
- **Friday-Friday 5–12 April.** Bedford Falls Book Fair
- **Saturday 20 April.** Spring schoolyard clean-up and plant swap
- **Friday 26 April.** Social Studies night

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT RANDOLPH

- **Reading Mentors.** We are looking for adults who are available before, during or after the school day, and would enjoy spending time reading with a student, and providing support and encouragement on his/her journey to grade-level proficiency. Each volunteer will be paired with an individual student and work with him/her for 30-60 minutes one or more days a week. Volunteers and students will read together from books provided at the school. Mentors will help children to read words they don't know, to read expressively, and to discuss the beginning, middle and end of the books.

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Wakefield HS 60th Anniversary

EDUCATION FOUNDATION PLANS
WEEKEND OF ACTIVITIES

submitted by Sabra Decker

On the weekend of Friday and Saturday 17 & 18, the Wakefield Education Foundation is sponsoring a series of events to celebrate sixty years of Wakefield and to say good-bye to the Wakefield we all know and love! Happenings include:

Friday 17 May 2013

- Hall of Fame Induction—during school hours
- Alumni Homecoming Dance — 7.00pm—Midnight at the Sheraton Pentagon City, Columbia Pike and Washington Blvd, Arlington, VA. Featuring music from the 1950's to the 2000's by the New Found Sound Band and DJ Sabra. The 'Warrior Lounge' will be open for talking and reminiscing with classmates. See website for ticket details and room options

Saturday 18 May 2013

- Warrior Open House, 10.00am —3.00pm
- Tours of old and new buildings
- Mini Reunions; scheduled by affinity groups - decades, years, activities, sports, etc
- Displays—including class year exhibits, memorabilia, yearbooks and photo collections.
- Tours, alumni orchestra/band performance, student sales of food and Wakefield gear.
- Sales of old building memorabilia such as bricks, sections of the gym floor, and lockers; DVD of historical photos and videos

For more information, including how to purchase tickets to the Homecoming Dance, please visit the Wakefield 60th Anniversary website at <http://www.wakefieldalumni.org/60th.html>.

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Neighborhood Actress Honored

KATHRYN KELLEY IS HELEN HAYES NOMINEE

by Rita Wiggins

Actress and Douglas Park neighbor Kathryn Kelley has been nominated for a Helen Hayes award, 'Outstanding Lead Actress, Resident Play', for her role as Emily Dickinson in *The Belle of Amherst*, a one-woman show that played at the Bay Theatre in Annapolis last summer. She was amazing and definitely earned this honor. Congratulations Kathryn!

If you missed *The Belle*, but would like to see Kathryn's work, she will soon be playing Mary Todd Lincoln in *Mary T and Lizzy K* at Arena Stage. This play opens on 15 March runs to 28 April. You won't want to miss this one!



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