

**Arlington County Civic Federation  
Celebrates 100 Years  
of Community Activism**



*Promoting “The Arlington Way”  
for 100 years!*

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# Welcome to the 100th Anniversary Gala of the Arlington County Civic Federation



*Stefanie Pryor, President, Arlington County Civic Federation*

As the current president of the Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF), I welcome you to the 100th anniversary celebration of our now quite historic organization. We hope that this festive gala celebration, and the symposium that follows on the evening of April 14, will prove to be an auspicious capstone to our century-long efforts to make Arlington great. Moreover, we hope, indeed, that our celebration will launch the organization forward into another century of promoting the “Arlington Way.”

My presidency of the Federation follows in the footsteps of a very long line of civic activists who have served this community faithfully. Many of these leaders—spanning at least a half-century—are here to celebrate with us this evening. Federation presidents rely heavily on a broad range of volunteers, in both formal and informal roles.

Without literally dozens of dedicated volunteers supporting my efforts, it would not be possible to work a demanding, full-time job and still volunteer to serve as President in such an active organization. Thus, I would like to particularly thank Vice-President Duke Banks of Waverly Hills, Secretary Dennis Gerrity of Colonial Villages III, Treasurer Pat Spann of Bellevue Forest, Executive Committee Chair Jesse Boeding of Nauck, Executive Committee Vice-Chair Terri Prell of North Rosslyn, and Executive Committee members Alyssa Cowden of Tara-Leeway Heights, Lois Koontz of Alcovia Heights and Suzanne Sundburg of Bluemont. These civic leaders along with over a dozen committee chairs are the life’s blood of our organization. Working closely with County staff and Civic Federation member organizations, our committees work hard to monitor issues of importance. When necessary, they recommend policies and pursue resolutions that serve the public’s interests and help keep the Arlington County Board and Arlington County staff on their toes.

Finally, I would like to salute Gala Committee Chair Joe Pelton and members Jesse Boeding, Duke Banks, James Pebley, Peter Olivere, Sarah Shortall, Pat Spann and Jay Wind. They have worked very hard to stage this celebration and the upcoming symposium—Arlington-Past, Present and Future—to be held at the Central Library on April 14.

# **ACCF Officers & Committee Chairs 2015-2016**

**President:** Stefanie Pryor  
**Vice-Pres.:** Duke Banks  
**Treasurer:** Patrick Spann  
**Secretary:** Dennis Gerrity

## **Executive Committee**

Jesse Boeding, Chair  
Terri Prell, Vice-Chair  
Alyssa Cowden, Member  
Lois Kuntz, Member  
Suzanne Sundburg, Member

## **Committee Chairs**

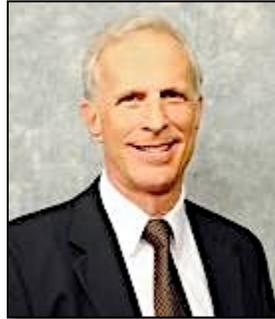
### **Standing Committees:**

**Awards:** Joseph Pelton  
**Bylaws:** Sarah Shortall  
**Community Relations:** Duke Banks  
**Environmental Affairs:** John Seymour  
**Membership:** Dennis Gerrity  
**Parks & Recreation:** Michael Thomas, Richard Epstein  
**Planning & Zoning:** Martha Moore  
**Public Services:** Jackie Snelling  
**Revenues & Expenditures:** Burt Bostwick (Point of Contact)  
**Schools:** Michael Beer  
**Special Events:** Duke Banks  
**Transportation:** Gerald Auten

### **Special Committees:**

**Audit:** Jay Wind  
**Emergency Preparedness:** Jackie Snelling  
**911 Scholarships:** Jim Pebley  
**100th Anniversary Gala & Symposium:** Joseph Pelton  
**Airport & Helicopter Noise:** Stephen Geiger, Joseph Pelton

# County Manager's Celebratory Letter for the Federation's 100th Anniversary



Congratulations on your centennial anniversary!

A century ago, six civic associations launched an ambitious initiative to form a coalition that would create a civic voice for Arlington County. Interestingly enough, the Arlington County Civic Federation actually pre-dated by four years the formal establishment of what is Arlington County today! Today, that coalition is the oldest countywide organization in Arlington and has grown to include 80 member organizations.

Over the years our small but complex county has grown, matured and re-invented itself in a number of ways and several times over. As the voice of Arlington's Civic Associations and neighborhoods, the Arlington County Civic Federation has played a distinctive and vital role in this history and in the success we have enjoyed. In all aspects of our community - from education, parks and recreation, medical care, transportation, broadband services, planning processes, community services, and fiscal issues – the Civic Federation is an important voice and has had a direct and positive impact.

Arlington County has long considered engagement and open dialogue to be cornerstones of how we live and how our government operates. Resident engagement with each other and with the government, and active participation in decisions and issues impacting our community not only provide for better outcomes to today's issues and challenges, but they provide the foundation upon which we move forward with confidence to claim our vision for the future.

Having been a resident of Arlington County for over 30 years, I appreciate the great work of the Civic Federation in representing the interests of County residents. As the County Manager, I value and depend upon your continued strong engagement as we embark upon this next century of working together to maintain and improve upon this wonderful community that we all call home. Arlington County is a wonderful place, the best County in the country, and I know that together we can and will make it even better.

With all best centennial wishes,  
Mark Schwartz

# PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS



## PROCLAMATION

### HISTORIC 100TH ANNIVERSARY--ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION April 1916 to April 2016

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation, established in April 1916 as the civic voice of Arlington by a coalition of six local civic associations, is the oldest countywide organization in Arlington and now has grown to include 80 member organizations; and**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation’s primary purpose is to work towards civic improvement of Arlington County and to serve as a sounding board for all citizens on matters of civic interest regardless of political or partisan affiliation; and**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation has a long history of partnering with County government to address issues in the community, such as supporting a municipal water system to better protect the community from fires, helping to develop an organized street naming system, assisting with land use planning and advocating for affordable housing and environmental issues; and**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation supports equal rights for all Virginians and has been vital in making Arlington a diverse and inclusive world-class community; and**

**WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the Arlington County Civic Federation efforts to improve the Arlington Community and foster “The Arlington Way”;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 2016, as the month of the**

### **100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION**

**in Arlington and urge all residents to celebrate the anniversary of this important community organization and to let this event inspire them to assume active roles of civic responsibility for the betterment of our community and society at large.**

*Libby Garvey*  
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Chairperson Libby Garvey, February 2016

# **Joint Resolution of the State of Virginia House and Senate on the Occasion of the ACCF Centennial**

**Patrons—Ebbin, Favola and Howell; Delegates: Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation, established in April 1916 by a coalition of six local civic associations to act as the civic voice of Arlington, is the oldest countywide organization in Arlington and has grown to include over 80 member organizations; and**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation’s primary purpose is to work toward civic improvement of Arlington County and to promote the general welfare of Arlington County in a nonpartisan manner; and**

**WHEREAS, during the Great Depression, the Arlington County Civic Federation laid the foundation for its legacy of facilitating cooperation to help those in need by organizing campaigns to raise funds for local residents; and**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation has a long history of partnerships with local government to address issues in the community; it has supported a municipal water system to protect better the community from fires, has helped to develop an organized street naming system, has assisted with land use planning, and has advocated for affordable housing and environmental issues; and**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation has worked to ensure quality transportation networks and mass transit, parkland acquisition, good schools, clean energy, broadband communications access, and integrated long term planning; and**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation supports equal rights for all Virginians and has been vital in making Arlington a diverse and inclusive world-class community; and**

**WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation will host an anniversary gala on April 8, 2016, to mark the momentous milestone and to celebrate the organization’s 100 years of service; now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Arlington County Civic Federation on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and, be it RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Arlington County Civic Federation as an expression of the General Assembly’s admiration for the organization’s dedication to improving the quality of life in Arlington County.**

# Historical & Notable Facts

## How did Arlington County Come to Be?

**First:** On Dec. 3, 1789, the Virginia Assembly passed “An Act for the cession of ten miles square, or any lesser quantity of territory within this State, to the United States, in Congress assembled, for the permanent seat of the general government.”

**Second:** By act of Congress of Feb. 27, 1801 (U. S. Stats. 2, pp. 103, 115), the United States took over exclusive jurisdiction of that portion of Fairfax County, therein named Alexandria County.

**Third:** “By Act of Congress of July 9, 1846 (U.S. Stats. 9, p. 35), the United States retroceded to Virginia the territory comprising the County of Alexandria, and by Act of Assembly of Mar. 13, 1847 ... Virginia extended her jurisdiction over the retroceded territory.” [*Virginia Counties: Those Resulting from Virginia Legislation*, by Morgan Poitiaux Robinson, originally published as Bulletin of the Virginia State Library, Volume 9, January, April, July 1916, reprinted 1992 by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD, p. 74]

**Fourth:** Alexandria County, Virginia, formed from the District of Columbia (that part which was formerly a part of Fairfax County and Alexandria City, Virginia).

**Fifth:** The name “Alexandria County” was “extinguished” in 1920 with formation of Arlington County to avoid the confusion between Alexandria City and Alexandria County.

## Where did the name “Arlington” originate?

Arlington is named for the Arlington estate associated with the Washington, Custis and Lee families.

## How does Arlington’s size compare to other counties in the United States?

At 26 square miles, Arlington is the smallest self-governing county in the United States.

## What are the population and density of Arlington County today?

About 220,000 people reside in Arlington or about 8,400 residents per square mile. It is interesting to note that there is almost the same number of people working in Arlington.

## How has Arlington grown over the last 100 years?

In 1916, the estimated population was about 14,000. Today there are about 16.5 times more people living in Arlington than in 1916 and an estimated 20 times more people working in Arlington than a century ago.

## Who are the largest private employers in Arlington?

After the federal, state and local governments, the largest private employers are Accenture National Securities, United Airlines, Virginia Hospital Center, Deloitte Consulting, Admiral Security Services, U.S. Airways, Corporate Executive Board, and Booz, Allen and Hamilton.

# 100 Years of Activism by the Arlington County Civic Federation

In 1916, six neighborhood civic associations in Arlington—including Bon Air, Cherrydale, Clarendon, Hume, Lyon Park, and Lyon Village—formed the Arlington County Civic Federation. It has been working to improve the County ever since.

When you turn on your taps and flush your toilets, you have the Arlington Civic Federation (ACCF) and other activists to thank. In 1916, schools, roads, water and sewage were the main topics behind the Civic Federation's formation. Today, based on a recent priorities survey among the ACCF membership, many of our members' top priorities still involve schools and installation and maintenance of vital infrastructure.

Per the 1920 census, Arlington numbered 16,000, with approximately 7,500 households. Water was pulled from private wells and sewage was often contained in privy pits, fouling the air. As development increased, so did complaints to health officers and elected officials. Citizens were organized by the Arlington County Civic Federation and Organization of Women Voters to gather signatures agreeing to services and fees for a sewage system.

During initial planning, only 1,500 households were needed to break even based on routine fees of \$27, with fees slated to decrease as more households joined. The Civic Federation hosted a public forum at the county courthouse on this topic. The Virginia General Assembly, U.S. Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Congress signed various legislation and agreements in 1922 and 1926 to provide access to the D.C. reservoir. Members of Lyon Village pushed back with questions on funding, salaries, and consequences of not signing.

By May 1926, the Board of Water Supply, organized by citizens of the county, announced plans and definitions of the supply line runs. On June 10, 1926, the Central Committee met at Washington-Lee High School to determine whether they had sufficient applications to proceed. The final vote tally placed Clarendon far in the lead with 464 votes and Hume school pulling in just 4 votes. Cherrydale, Bon Air, Lyon Park, and Jefferson District Woman's Club pulled in over 100 votes. Even Lyon Village, source of additional questions, pulled in 43 votes. The total of 2,072 signatures out of the possible 7,500 households exceeded the breakeven number and previous estimates provided. Later, the voters of Arlington County on June 15, 1926, passed the water bonds by vote of 2,594 to 275. On November 3, 1927, the county water and sewage system was turned on for some residents. However, another three decades passed before the county was completely plumbed. In 1935, there were 139 miles of sanitary sewer with 1,500 connections serving 5,700 people. By 1962, the last eight privies in the county were done away with through connections to the sewer. (History of Arlington County Public Health)

Arlington County was a leader in this field. In fact, Arlington County was destined to become the first county in the United States to have its own water supply. (*Evening Star*, June 16, 1926.) We can thank the ACCF for many things including clean air and a sewer system.

## Arlington County Civic Federation Presidents 1916-2016

Frederick C. Handy	1916-18
Frank G. Campbell	1919-21
Clarence B Ahalt	1922-24
Robert E Plymale	1925-27
Leslie C McNamar	1928
William C Hull	1929-30
Harry A. Fellows	1931
Robert N Anderson	1932-33
Arthur Orr	1934-35
I. Chance Buchanan	1936-37
Dr. Victor Meyers	1938-39
Alva D. Adams	1940-41
Florence E Cannon	1942-43
Charles A Cobbins	1944
William G Watt	1945-46
Ruby G Simpson	1947-48
Charles M. Smith	1949
T. Oscar Smith	1950-51
Ruth O'Dell Cox	1951-53
Clyde E Merriman	1953-55
Edward B. Hincks	1955-56
Walter Kingsbury	1956-58
William C. Backus	1958-60
Mary C. Hackman	1960-62
Robert W. Cox	1962-64
Robert Reynolds	1964-65
Clarence Salisbury	1965-66
William M. Graham	1966-68

Joseph H. Newlin	1968-70
Edward J. Kelly	1970-72
Sherman W. Pratt	1972-73
Robert L Weinberg	1973-75
Charles A Funn	1975
Joseph N. Pelton	1975-77
James A. McCaskill II	1977-79
Anne M. Noll	1979-81
N. Edwin Demoney, Jr.	1981-83
Godfrey E. Barber	1983-85
Kenneth Ingram	1985-87
William Gearhart	1987-89
Alexander Keyes	1989-90
David Foster	1990-92
Jean Mostrom	1992-94
Scott McGeary	1994-96
William F. Nolden, Jr.	1996-98
Randy Swart	1998-2000
James (Jim) Pebley	2000-2002
Daniel G. Krasnegor	2002-2004
Patrick A. Smaldore, Jr.	2004-2006
Lawrence R. Mayer	2006-2008
Frances M. Finta	2008
Lawrence R. Mayer	2008-2009
Michael Kerley	2009-2011
James Schroll	2011-2013
Michael McMenamin	2013-2015
Stefanie Pryor	2015-2016

### Members of the Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service

Frederick E. Mann	1936	John Lohman	1978	Francis Finta	2003
Grover E. Payne	1938	Anne M. Noll	1982	Randy Swart	2004
Robert E. Plymale	1942	Bernard D. Joy	1985	Martha Moore	2007
Florence E. Cannon	1943	Godfrey E. Barber	1987	Wayne Kubicki	2011
Ruby G. Simpson	1949	Roy L. Lowry	1996	Peter Olivere	2013
Dr. Victor Meyers	1950	Scott McGeary	1996		
William G. Watt	1954	Sherwin Landfield	1997		
Walter Kingsbury	1960	Sherman Pratt	1999		
Lorna Hutchings	1978	Jean Mostrom	2001		

## Sun Gazette Newspapers Trophy Awards

This trophy was formerly awarded by the *Washington Star* newspaper (1938 to 1982) and by the *Journal* newspapers (1983 to 2004).

Robert E. Plymale, Chair Pub. Utilities Comm.	1938
Julian D. Simpson	1939
Albert A. Carretta	1940
Carlton Lewis, Chair, Hospital Comm.	1942
Dr. Victor Meyers, Chair, Parks Comm.	1943
Florence Arrnheim, Chair, Welfare Comm.	1944
Beulah Goss, Chair, War Memorial Comm.	1945
William G. Watt	1946
Oscar R. Lebeau	1947
Ruby Simpson	1948
Robert W. Cox, Chair, Rev. & Expend. Comm.	1949
Malcolm D. Miller	1950
Harley M. Williams, Chair Local Gov. Comm.	1951
Shirley P. Wheeler	1952
Ruth O'Dell Cox	1953
Alice Campbell	1954
Walter Kingsbury	1955
William A. Backus	1956
Mary Cook Hackman	1957
Lorna Hutchings, Chair, Schools Comm.	1958
Robert Reynolds	1959
Clarence Salisbury	1960
Harry William Gammon	1961
John Lohman	1962
William M Graham	1963
Marie Dresser	1964
June Lohman, Chair, Schools Comm.	1965
Leslie Logan	1966
Muriel Logan	1966
John C. McComb	1967
James M. Warnock	1968
Edward J. Kelly	1969
Lawrence D. Moracher, Jr.	1970
Sorine J. Preli	1971
Richard Golrick	1972
Herbert Shaffer	1972
John Steven Chwat	1973
Constance M. Allard	1974
Robert Weinberg	1975
Robert B. Machen	1976
Anne M. Noll	1977

Joseph N. Pelton	1977
N Edwin Demoney, Jr.	1978
James H. McCaskill, II	1979
Godfrey E. Barber	1980
Jean Harrett	1981
Susan Zajac	1982
Shirley Pallanch	1983
Kenneth J. Ingram	1984
Catherine DeScisciolo	1985
Alexander Keyes	1986
Edward Knowles	1987
Karen Darner	1988
William Gearhart	1989
Jennie Davis	1990
Helen Hedges	1991
David Foster	1992
Monica Craven	1993
Jean Mostrom	1994
Evelyn Williams Staples	1995
Ernest H. Ragland	1996
Tommye Ring Morton	1997
William F. Nolden, Jr.	1998
Timothy M. Wise	1999
Randy Swart	2000
Frances M. Finta	2001
James (Jim) Pebley	2002
Robert Atkins	2003
Kimberly Johnson-Smith	2003
Daniel G. Krasnegor	2004
Jacqueline Snelling	2005
Patrick A. Smaldore, Jr.	2006
Gerald Auten	2007
Lawrence R. Mayer	2008
Roye L. Lowry	2009
Stanley G. Karson	2010
Michael Kerley	2011
Larry Finch	2012
James Schroll	2013
Herschel Kanter	2014
Michael McMeniman	2015
Martha V. Moore	2016

# Remembering ACCF Presidents

The Arlington County Civic Federation's history is long, eventful and sometimes colorful. In the pages that follow, we have captured some of past presidents' memories of the past that include highlights of Federation history. We would also like to remember many of the past leaders and award winners of the Federation who are no longer with us.

There are scores of dedicated citizen-volunteers who have helped to build the ACCF into a vital and powerful part of the dynamic process that has been called the "Arlington Way." For many decades, elected officials, civic associations, community civic groups, school organizations, and businesses have all worked together with our elected officials and dedicated staff members to make Arlington a better and more vital organization.

Unfortunately, many of these hard-working and committed community leaders are now gone, but they are not forgotten. We wish to pay particular tribute to Sherman Pratt and Lorna Hutchings who worked so hard to preserve our County's history. Anne Noll, who was the heart of the Barcroft Community, served as chair of the Executive Committee, as president, and helped fly the ACCF's flag when the nation celebrated the bicentennial. We also salute Charles Funn who worked on civil rights and first served the Federation on the Arlington County Long-Range Improvement Program.



## **Frances Finta ACCF President (2008)**

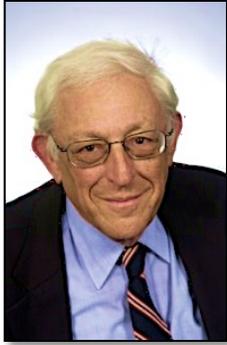
We remember fondly Frances Finta who literally gave her life in service to the Federation.

A Federation delegate from 1982 through 2008, Frances was the 18th winner of the Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service.

Also remembered with great fondness as well is Jean Mostrom, who so many cherished and who served the Federation so long and so well.

# Reflections of Past Presidents

Fortunately, we have many Civic Federation leaders who are still with us today. On the following pages, several former ACCF presidents share some of their memories, their achievements, and their gratitude to the many citizen-volunteers who contribute so much to make the Arlington County Civic Federation one of the premier civic organizations in Virginia.



**Robert I. Weinberg**  
**ACCF President (1973–1975)**

As President, I worked with a very active Executive Committee that included Anne Noll, Vernon Davis, John Chwat, Edwin Demoney, William Watt, Charlie Funn, and Douglas True.

While I was president there were a series of zoning issues that ranged over the allowable density of development of rezoned land in the urban corridors of Arlington. There was concern about increasing the FAR (Floor/Area Ratio). The top focus of the day was the creation of a Long Range County

Improvement Commission headed by Board Members Joseph Wholey and Joseph Fisher. This Commission and its planning efforts defined the concept of concentrating development along the Metro routes and the “bull’s eyes” around each Metro stop. This policy gave rise to today’s Rosslyn-Ballston Corridors and Crystal City.

There were many other issues of the day. The Executive Committee made it a part of its mission to invite the Presidents of Civic Associations to come and talk about issues and concerns that were impacting their neighborhoods. And then there were other less monumental issues yet elicited a lot of concerns. One such hotly contested issue of the day was where--if anywhere—massage parlors might be located. Perhaps the hottest issue of my presidency was the proposal from VDOT to build I-66 inside the beltway. Also the proposal to widen Route 1 was an equally well-contested concern of the day that continued for several years.

**Joseph N. Pelton**  
**ACCF President (1975–1977)**

The 200th anniversary of the country resulted in not only celebrations and parades, but also a sincere effort to examine ways to improve the County. Metro’s construction was the central discussion and planning item. As ACCF president, I succeeded Charlie Funn on the newly organized Long Range County Improvement Commission, chaired by Dr. Joseph Wholey and co-chaired by County Board member Dr. Joseph Fisher. We had a key role in defining the mixed use “bull’s eye development” around the Metro stops that led to today’s Rosslyn-Ballston corridor and the birth of “smart growth.”



As president of Alcova Heights and the ACCF, I played a role in efforts to revitalize Shirlington Shopping Center and Columbia Pike. Specific things on the ACCF agenda during this period included the sale of some 1,000 crepe myrtle trees (at \$1 apiece) that were planted all over Arlington along with Japanese pines, a trip to Richmond to lobby for beautification legislation, support for the Arlington parks bond initiative to create the Northern Va. Parks Authority, support for use of stones from Metro excavation in D.C. to create a berm around the County’s property yards, and landscaping and flood control on Four Mile Run. I was honored to share the Evening Star Cup with Anne Noll, chair of the Executive Committee and who followed me as ACCF President. As a colleague, neighbor and close friend, I miss her greatly.



**N. Edwin Demoney Jr.**  
**ACCF President (1981–1983)**

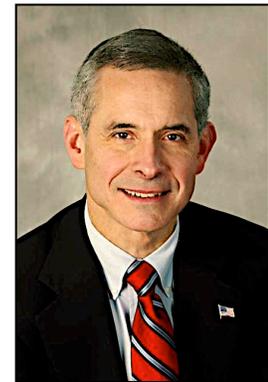
After serving on the Executive Committee for many years while Bob Weinberg, Charlie Funn, Joe Pelton and Jim McCaskill served as president, I finally served as president of the Civic Federation. The issues of my presidency remained typical of this period of the full build out of the Metro and the zoning decisions as to how much density should be created around the Metro Sites. Of particular concern was the development that was appropriate to Crystal City, Pentagon City,

Clarendon, and Ballston. One of the good developments of this time was the approval of bond funding so that the Northern Virginia Parks Authority was able to create the Upton Hills and Potomac Overlook Regional Parks. The Neighborhood Conservation Planning process also matured and a record number of projects around the County were authorized and implemented around the County. Instead of their just being neighborhood civic associations there were now many dozens of neighborhood conservation plans developed, approved and implemented and this re-invigorated the vitality of civic associations across the County.

After having served as president of the Civic Federation I have been active in the community and played a key role in promoting the Gulf Branch Nature Center that celebrates its 50th anniversary this year along with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civic Federation.

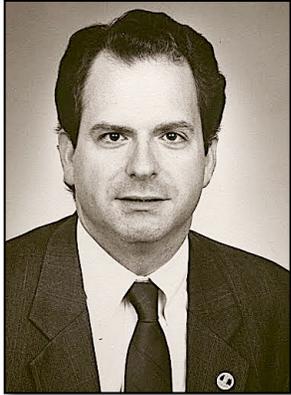
**David Foster**  
**ACCF President (1990–1992)**

My presidency began with more than 200 people packed the Hazel Auditorium at Arlington Hospital for our September 4, 1990, candidates' night, according to the *Arlington Journal*. In October, the ACCF supported all of the Arlington bond issues but opposed a state constitutional amendment to allow issuance of transportation bonds without voter approval. In March, the ACCF adjourned post-midnight after passing a budget resolution that requested "no new taxes."



Our banquet heard featured speaker Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, head of the famed "Tuskegee Airman"—the black air combat unit that despite the indignities of segregation served heroically over North Africa and Italy in World War II. Federation Delegate Helen Hedges was awarded the Journal Cup, prompting the paper to editorialize: "At its best, The Arlington Way is the work of Arlingtonians like Ms. Hedges."

The October 1991 candidates' night, chaired by Scott McGeary, featured no fewer than 20 candidates for state and local office. In May, our annual banquet featured Lt. Governor Don Beyer. Most readers will recognize—and some will remember—what a talented and energetic group of officers, committee chairs, and delegates I was honored to lead and what a difference they made to our community. Serving as Federation president was a highlight of my Arlington civic career. Subsequently, I was elected to the Board for the Arlington Public Schools and appointed to the State Schools Board.



**Scott McGeary**  
**ACCF President (1994–1995)**

Scott McGeary was President of the Arlington County Civic Federation on the occasion of its 80th anniversary. Arlington County Board Chair Jim Hunter declared “Arlington Civic Month” in May 1996 in honor of our celebration.

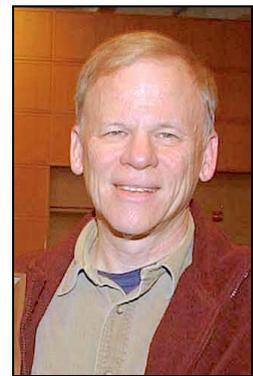
There were also a number of citations and congratulations from around the state and country. These included letters of congratulations from Senator Robert C. Byrd and Senator Robert Dole, both of whom lived in Arlington at the time, and from State Senator Ed Holland, too.

Scott had an excellent team to support him: Vice-President William F. Nolden, Jr.; Treasurer John F. Nicholas, Jr.; Secretary Tommye Ring Morton; Executive Committee Chair Frances Finta; Vice-Chair Timothy Wise; and Executive Committee members Rohan Samaraweera, Sue Zajac, and Larry Zaragoza.

**Randy Swart**  
**ACCF President (1998–2000)**

Bill Nolden and David Foster asked me to run for ACCF Vice-President in 1998 to restore political balance to the Federation. My elections as vice-president and then as president were the only contested races in recent ACCF history.

I was grateful during my term for the support of Frances Finta, Jim Pebley, Jean Mostrom, Nancy Graham, Bob Atkins, Roger Meyer, Terri Prell, Herschel Kanter, Tim Wise, Paul Gruber, Bill Thomas, Patrick Smaldore, Bill Gearhart, Ann Rudd, Darnell Carpenter, Roye Lowry, Sharon Rogers, Jackie Snelling, Reid Goldstein and many others. Scott McGeary was always our faithful scribe.



The ACCF examined many Arlington issues, which included limiting the footprint of infill development, prompting the state to redesign I-66, studying school construction, improving Arlington’s parking policy, traffic calming, working on Arlington’s housing policy, evaluating a baseball stadium proposal, and preparing for everything electronic to cease operating when the year 2000 arrived (remember the Y2K bug?).

I was honored with the Journal Cup and happily turned over the gavel to Jim Pebley, maintaining the Federation’s balance.



**James "Jim" Pebley**  
**ACCF President (2000-2002)**

During my first summer as ACCF President, I set up a couple of strategy sessions with our new Executive Board to map out where the ACCF needs to be headed. In those sessions, I asked these leaders to consider three questions. The first was, "What is the Civic Federation doing right?" The second was, "What aren't we doing well?" The final question was, "In 16 years, on our 100th anniversary, if we are still relevant to our community, why would

we have been successful?" The answer to the latter can be summarized as, "Because we have been effective advocates for positive change in Arlington."

In retrospect, I think we got that just right. We set a course for the ACCF to communicate more effectively, to prioritize issues needing to be addressed first, and not to flinch as community leaders in taking on the tough problems. I think the ACCF has succeeded by doing just that—from then through to this centennial anniversary.

As I wrapped up those two terms during the annual banquet, I noted that any good that had been accomplished was truly the result of a team effort and promised I would not forget the major contributors, delegate-leaders like Kim Smith, Jackie Snelling, Frances Finta, Randy Swart, Bob Atkins, Martha Moore, Wayne Kubicki, Pat Smaldore and Dan Krasnegore. These days, when someone asks what I am most proud of in terms of service to fellow citizens, I'd have to say my 22 years in the Navy and my 2 years as the Civic Federation president.

**Patrick A. Smaldore, Jr.**  
**ACCF President (2004-2006)**

I came to the ACCF as a new delegate from the Ashton Heights Civic Association in 1985. Shortly after my arrival, I joined the Membership Committee, and thus began a 21-year journey. Over those years, I served as Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee. David Foster mentored me to become a member of the Executive Committee. I then became Executive Committee Chair, as Vice-President and as President of the ACCF. I represented the ACCF on the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Task Force, the Arlington County Bicentennial Celebration Task Force, the Arlington County Chief of Police Advisory Committee, the Arlington County Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Arlington County Homeowners Grant Program, and other Arlington County advisory committees. I served as president and co-president of the Ashton Heights Civic Association and as a delegate to the Federation from Ashton Heights for 21 years.



I was honored to have been president for the ACCF's 90th birthday. At the ACCF's banquet, special anniversary presentations were made by County Board Chairman Chris Zimmerman and State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple. I also was honored with the Sun Gazette Trophy for Outstanding Public Service to Arlington County, and was happy to turn the gavel over to Larry Mayer.



**Lawrence R. Mayer**  
**ACCF President (2006–2009)**

It was my honor to participate in ACCF activities right from the time of my first election as the President of Lyon Park in 1996. Lyon Park is a vibrant civic association, and we are very pleased that Lyon Park was one of the original six organizations that banded together to create the ACCF in 1916. In 2005 and 2006, I went on to serve as ACCF Executive Committee Chair.

Our beloved Frances Finta was elected President to succeed me but was only able to serve one month in office before she tragically died. Thus, I was recruited to serve again for 2008–2009 to provide the necessary institutional memory and continuity. I also continued to serve as co-chair of the ACCF’s Planning and Zoning Committee in partnership with Martha Moore, where we dealt with a number of complex zoning issues.

Key to my tenure as president was having a strong leadership team in the form of the Executive Committee members and strong committee chairs that were not afraid of tackling deep issues or controversial subjects. My predecessor Patrick Smaldore provided me with a strong basis to continue excellent policies as well as formulate new positions. I felt particularly proud in developing leadership roles with much younger people to succeed him.

I am pleased to now be able to enjoy a second retirement in Princeton, New Jersey as well as to take a pause from winter in my second home in Florida. It has been a great privilege to play a part in the long and significant history of the Arlington County Civic Federation.

**Michael P. “Mike” Kerley**  
**ACCF President (2009–2011)**

Originally from Vienna, Va., Mike Kerley settled in the Arlington Forest community. In 2008, Mike was elected to the Civic Federation’s Executive Committee, where he fulfilled his responsibility so well that he became the obvious candidate to be Civic Federation president the following year. He has served the Civic Federation in that incredibly demanding capacity for almost two years.



A delegate from Arlington Forest Citizens Association, he also served as chair of the Civic Federation’s Public Services Committee, leading his fellow committee members—all with varied backgrounds, experience, and strongly diverse views—to forge consensus on important issues. In short, Mike crafted strongly diverse and active Arlingtonians into a cohesive Arlington County Civic Federation voice that made a significant contribution to our community.

Upon winning the Sun Gazette Cup in 2011, Kerley remarked, “It is really about something way bigger than oneself.”



**James Schroll**  
**ACCF President (2011–2013)**

Larry Mayer and Peter Owen asked me to run for Civic Federation President in 2011. I will be forever grateful to them, both for their support and for pushing me out of my comfort zone a little. During my term as president, the Federation examined many issues, including the County’s update to the Sign Ordinance, the proposed updates to the County Noise Ordinance, and the viability of urban agriculture.

I was honored to receive the Sun Gazette Cup in 2013 and to turn the gavel over to Mike McMenamain. I worked with many great people during my term as President that provided help along the way and I am thankful for their guidance. A special thanks goes to Randy Swart for keeping many of the meetings’ minutes and to Jean Mostrom for knowing Robert’s Rules better than anyone I may ever know. Her presence has certainly been missed these past few years. I also want to thank Mike Kerley, Jim Pebley, Larry Mayer, Joe Pelton, Martha Moore, Peter Owen, Bob Atkins, Peter Olivere, Terri Prell, Burt Bostwick, Jim Lantelme, and many others for their support.

**Michael McMenamain**  
**ACCF President (2013–2015)**

Jim Pebley and Larry Mayer asked me to join the Executive Committee. I spent a year on the committee and then decided to run for president. In my first year as president, we passed resolutions on the importance of hiring an Inspector General, reaffirmation of maintaining the green space around the Wilson school, and lowering the tax rate. We also used a survey to understand our members’ priorities: from preserving the tree canopy to parks to county spending to zoning and more. On the banquet day 2014, the *Washington Post* called the Federation “powerful.”



My final year brought the “Public Land4Public Good” issue to the fore. I quickly found out that every major constituency within the Federation had a different position on this issue. After months of negotiations, we were able to reach a compromise via Public Services and Planning & Zoning Committees’ joint resolution that prompted the County to form the Community Facilities Study group. It wasn’t easy, but it passed. We also passed the contentious Affordable Housing Master Plan Resolution. The results of our priorities survey found strong support for capital infrastructure and maintenance, preserving a sense of space, and investment in appropriate priorities and transportation. We sent a letter to the County Board to share our findings.

I left my post knowing that we had increased turnout at our meetings. I strove to be fair to everyone, as it is the cornerstone of compromise. The Federation continues to be relevant in the community, as our resolutions brought about change and thought leadership for the community. This is the Federation way and, ultimately, the Arlington Way.

Thank you to all committee chairs, members, and fellow Executive Committee members for all your hard work during my term as president. I could not have done it without you.



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## Martha V. Moore

Currently, I am the Chair of the Civic Federation’s Planning & Zoning Committee, a member of the County Board’s Information Technology Advisory Commission (ITAC), the Historian of the Lyon Village Citizens Association, and the Co-Chair of the recently formed Blue Ribbon Arlington Group that is exploring ways to expand age-in-place options. Since 1978, I have been privileged to be active in many groups that have strived to make Arlington a better place to live and work—and have made many life-long friends as I’ve worked my way through a variety of volunteer positions.

Below is my “resume,” which now spans almost 40 years.

- Telecommunications Advisory Committee: Member 1978–1980.
- Superintendent’s Task Force on Computers in the Schools: Chairman 1980–1982.
- Academic Computing Advisory Committee: Chairman 1983, 1984; Member six years.
- Civic Federation’s Schools Committee: Member 1980.
- Lyon Village Community House: Board Member 1983.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Computers and Telecommunications: Member 1985.
- Lyon Village Citizens for Better Schools: Member 1986–1989.
- Page/Arlington Traditional PTA: Officer/Committee Chair 1987–2000, President 1991/92, Page Principal Selection Committee, Page Building-Level Advisory Committee, Arlington Traditional School Site Selection Committee, Arlington Traditional School Construction/Renovation Committee.
- Lyon Village Citizens Association (LVCA): Corresponding Secretary and Bulletin Editor, 1990–1991, Clerk 1996; President, 1998–2000; Civic Federation Delegate (current).
- Futures: Citizens Committee 1992/93.
- Arlington Girls Softball Assoc.: Co-Founder & Sec., 1994–1998; Commissioner 1996–1998.
- County Council of PTAs: School Budget Committee Chair, 1992/93, 1993/94.
- Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee: Member 1996–2003.
- Superintendent’s Budget Committee: 1997–2000.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Y2K Preparedness: 1999/2000.
- Arlingtonians for a Better County (ABC): Newsletter Editor 1999–2000, Forum Chair “Development in Arlington: What Kind of Community Are We Building?”
- School Board Budget Advisory Council: Chair 2000–2004.
- Civic Federation: Planning & Zoning Committee: Co-Chair/Chair 2000 to present.
- Multi-Site Selection Committee: At-Large Representative 2007.
- Information Technology Advisory Commission (ITAC): Member 2012 to present.
- Blue Ribbon Arlington Group: Co-Founder & Co-Chair 2015 to present

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