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# Arlington County Civic Federation

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80th Year as "The Civic Voice of Arlington "

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 1995, 7:45 p.m.**

**(note meeting is on *second* Tuesday because of Election Day)**

**Place: John T. Hazel Conference Center, Arlington Hospital  
(1701 N. George Mason Dr.)**

**Program: Federation's Legislative Packet  
The Boathouse Project (Part 1)**

## **Our Annual Legislative Packet**

*Should there be a law?* Each year, the Federation approves its "wish list" of legislation that we'd like to see either enacted or repealed. Though our list primarily addresses state legislation, we often also include a few local and Federal issues in our Packet.

At our November meeting, Amy Appelbaum, Chairman of the Federation's Legislation Committee, will present her committee's proposals for approval by delegates.

Copies of the proposed Legislative Packet will be available for examination by delegates in the lobby of the Conference Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Important:** This is one of the Federation's key activities each year. **Make every effort to attend this meeting to ensure that your organization's viewpoint is represented** in this document that is submitted to state, federal and local legislators.

*(Time allowance for this segment of the November program is 1 1/2 hours.)*

## **The Boathouse Project**

*Whither goest the Arlington waterfront?* The County Board set up the "Water-Based Recreation Facility Task Force" to look at the feasibility of constructing a boathouse (mainly as a home-base for the Arlington high school rowing teams) on the Virginia shore, opposite the north end of Roosevelt Island. The Task Force began its work at the end of 1993 and completed a draft report on the subject this past September. A public session to hear questions was held on October 11, and the group's final report is

expected to be delivered to the County Board in December.

The Federation's Parks & Recreation Committee has reviewed the draft report and has met with members of the Task Force, the Arlington Boathouse Coalition and chairmen of ACCF's Revenues & Expenditures and Schools committees regarding the Task Force's recommendations.

At the Federation's November 14 meeting, Robert Nester, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, will present a brief report on this matter to the delegates and will provide an informational package and a proposed resolution for the delegates' consideration.

**Please note:** This report and proposed resolution is being presented at this meeting for informational purposes. Actual consideration of, debate on and voting on the matter will occur at the December 5 meeting of the Federation. *(Time allowance for this segment of the November program: 15 minutes.)*

### **Officers of the Federation**

**President - Scott McGeary**

**Vice President - William F. Nolden, Jr.**

**Treasurer - John F. Nicholas, Jr.**

**Secretary - Tommye Morton**

### **Executive Committee**

**Frances Finta, Chairman**

**Timothy Wise, Vice Chairman**

**Rohan Samaraweera, Sue Zajac,**

**Larry Zaragoza**

## October Meeting Report

At the Federation's October 3 meeting, delegates passed, after spirited debate and a number of amendments, a **Resolution on the Human Services Commission Report**. In general, the Federation supports the final Report of the Commission and the reports of the Commission's seven program area committees and considers them useful guidance and reference documents for the future. The Federation additionally urges in its Resolution, however, that thorough fiscal analysis, public disclosure and full public discussion be undertaken before implementation of any changes in the delivery of Arlington's Human Services.

Copies of the Federation's Resolution as amended and passed will be available to delegates at the November 14 meeting.

In other business at the October meeting, the Federation accepted the application of the **Arlington-East Falls Church Civic Association** for re-admission to membership.

The Federation did not accept into membership **Marymount University** because of concerns about definition of membership into the group and the need for clarification of the group's method for choosing delegates and alternates and its source of dues payments.

### Items to Note . . .

\* **Membership Committee requests updated list of delegates and alternates.** Attention Presidents: if you have not yet submitted names and addresses of your 1995-96 delegates and alternates, please submit to Frances Finta, 3317 23rd St. N., Arlington, VA 22201.

\* **Appointment made:** President McGeary, with the approval of the Executive Committee, has named **Sue Zajac** to represent the Federation on Arlington Hospital's new Community Advisory Committee.

\* **Dues are due:** According to Treasurer John Nicholas, only 15 member organizations (out of 68) have not yet paid their 1995-96 Federation dues. Checks (\$40) to ACCF may be mailed to John Nicholas, Treasurer, 5906 5th Rd. N., Arlington, VA 22203.

### ~ The Way We Were (and Are) ~

(During this gala 80th Anniversary year of the Federation, we'll be looking back through our archives now and then to demonstrate that "the past is prologue.") **Here's a timely "get out the vote" editorial from the October 1951 issue of ACCF's newsletter:**

"...Probably no person has a more fundamental desire to improve this community than a Federation delegate. The fact that you are a delegate is 'prima facie' evidence of this fact. However, did it ever occur to you that no matter how hard you may be striving as a delegate; no matter how many resolutions the Federation may pass; or how many issues it may endorse, if we do not elect officials who are responsive to the forward-thinking citizen, all your labor is in vain...."

**December meeting: Dec. 5, 1995**

**Program: Report from School Board and School Superintendent and Boathouse Resolution**

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