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Arlington County Civic Federation

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 7:30 p.m.

(note earlier starting time!)

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

Program: Arlington County Board
Candidates Night for County Special Election

Arlington County Board Report

The four current members of the County Board will be on hand to make their annual report to the Federation. Specific topics which the Board has been requested to address include 1) budget prospects and the Capital Improvement Plan; 2) prospects for a County income tax; 3) status of the boathouse proposal and the process by which County staff is assigned to work with citizen advisory committees on projects such as this; and 4) status of the Economic Development Action Plan and the Human Services Commission Report.

After the Board's 25-minute presentation, 50 minutes will be allotted for questions from the floor.
(This segment of the program will end by 8:45 p.m.)

Candidates Night - Special Election

The County has schedule a special election for Tuesday, January 30, for the County Board seat vacated by Mary Margaret Whipple, who was elected in November to the Virginia Senate.

All political party nominees and independent candidates who meet the filing deadline of January 2 (the date of our meeting) are being invited to attend the Federation's Special Election Candidates Night. (At the time this newsletter is being written we do not have official confirmation of candidates.)

Rules for the evening will be similar to our Candidates Night in September.

After opening statements by all candidates, questions will be entertained through a random drawing system. Delegate or alternates wishing to

pose questions may register in the Hospital Conference Center lobby at any time **beginning at 7:00 p.m.** and until the conclusion of the opening statements by the candidates.

During the question/answer period, names will be drawn from the registration box. Those whose names are called may direct their question (brief and to the point, please) to the entire panel or to only one of the candidates. All candidates will have an opportunity to address each question.

Channel 33, Arlington Community Television, has been invited to videotape both segments of our January program -- the Board's report and the candidates' presentations.

Please note: Candidates Night is a nonpartisan public forum and is conducted on the property of our host, the Arlington Hospital. **Please respect the Federation's rules and the sensitivities of the Hospital's patients and visitors!** (See page 2 for specific rules for campaign literature, etc.)

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**An Added Reminder
About Candidates Night**

Signs, banners, and audiovisual presentations are not allowed in the Conference Center lobby, hallway, auditorium, or on the Hospital grounds. Only authorized press representatives may tape or photograph the proceedings. Literature may be distributed only in the lobby of the Conference Center from 7:00 p.m. until the close of the meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation!

December Meeting Report

The Federation's December 5 meeting was busy and productive, with a full agenda that kept delegates wide awake and (figuratively) "glued to their seats" until nearly 11 p.m. Business during the evening included:

- **School Board presentation--** Members of the County School Board and Schools Superintendent Gosling made their annual report to the delegates and discussed a number of issues including student diversity, philosophies and programs for educating non-English speaking students, alternative schools and pilot projects, and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- **Boathouse Proposal--** After extensive debate, the delegates adopted (by a 41-29 vote) a resolution opposing a proposal by a County Board-appointed Task Force for a publicly funded boathouse on the Virginia shore of the Potomac River near Roosevelt Island. The resolution states, among other things, that the Water Based Recreational Facility Task Force

failed in their draft report to define a compelling need for the boathouse.

- **Sludge Management Resolution--**Delegates voted to urge the County to halt sewage sludge incineration at its South Arlington plant and , instead, to haul the sludge elsewhere for land application and composting.
- **Election of Awards Committee--** The following delegates were elected to serve on the Federation's Awards Committee and will select recipients for the 1996 Journal Cup and Certificates of Appreciation: **Scott Allard, Jim Charlton, Frances Finta, David Foster, and Timothy Wise.** (The awards will be presented at the **Federation gala 80th Anniversary Banquet**, scheduled in early May at the beautiful Koran Room, Fort Myer's Officers Club--stay tuned for further details!)

~ Notice ~

In case of inclement weather: If the weather's rotten or threatening on day of a Federation meeting, delegates may phone **after 3 p.m.** one of the following numbers to hear the official word on cancellation: **522-1506** or **528-2882** .

February Meeting: Feb. 6, 1996

Program: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

~ Happy Holidays! ~

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