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# Arlington County Civic Federation

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 4, 1996, 7:30 p.m.

*[Note earlier starting time!]*

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

**Program:** Public Safety in Arlington - Special Guests: Sheriff Faust; Police Chief Stover; Commonwealth Attorney Trodden; Circuit Court Judge Newman

## How Safe is Arlington?

Is our crime rate up or down? How safe are our streets? Do we have a "gang" problem? How busy are our courts? How's our new jail working?

Public safety in Arlington is the topic of our June 4 program, and our special guests--**Sheriff Thomas Faust, Police Chief William Stover, Commonwealth Attorney Richard Trodden , and Circuit Court Judge William Newman** -- are uniquely qualified to bring us up-to-date on this important subject.

After a brief presentation by each gentleman, delegates will have an opportunity to ask specific questions. *(This program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. and will end by 9:15 p.m.)*

## Annual Elections to be Held

Please note that our June 4 meeting is convening at **7:30 p.m.** in order to conduct important Federation business, including the election of officers and executive committee members for 1996-1997. **We urge delegates to be in their seats by 7:30 p.m.!**

At our May meeting, delegates elected a **Nominating Committee** consisting of **David Foster** (chairman), **Scott Allard, Tommye Morton, Ernest Ragland, and Timothy Wise.** The Committee met on May 18 and have selected the following slate of officers to present to the membership:

## ~ Slate for 1996 - 1997 ~

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

**Vice President** - Larry Zaragoza

**Secretary** - Tommye Morton

**Treasurer** - Edward D. McWethy

**For Executive Committee** (5 to be selected):

**Frances Finta, Rebecca Gray, Robert Nester,**

**Rohan Samaraweera, Timothy Wise**

*(Nominations may also be made from the floor.)*

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**Reminder to Committee Chairmen:** Written annual reports of your committee's activities this past year should be brought to this meeting and given to the Secretary for the Federation's files. All Chairmen wishing also to make an oral report to the membership will have an opportunity to do so during the business segment of the June meeting.

## 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**

**At our May meeting. . .**

We heard from guests **Congressman James P. Moran** and **Senator John W. Warner** in a lively, informative session. Topics covered were diverse and wide-ranging, and included downsizing of the government; the gas tax and minimum wage issues; the future outlook for National Airport, Wilson Bridge and the Washington Aqueduct; and the siting of a major league baseball stadium in Arlington.

The **baseball stadium issue** was the subject of the second portion of our May meeting. After receiving an overview of the issue from **George Varoutsos**, Chairman of the County Board's Baseball Stadium Committee, the delegates considered a Resolution prepared by an ad-hoc Federation Committee on the Baseball Stadium, consisting of **Timothy Wise (chairman)**, **Frances Finta**, **Robert Atkins**, **Larry Zaragoza**, **Robert Nester**, and **William Gearhart**. After a spirited debate and consideration of a few amendments, the delegates **voted to adopt the Resolution, which opposed siting a major league baseball stadium at the Twin Bridges location.**

**Notice of Postponement:** A list of proposed changes to **Federation Bylaws** was provided to delegates at the May meeting, with consideration of the changes scheduled for the June meeting. In light of crowded meeting schedules for both the upcoming June meeting and September's Candidates Night, the Executive Committee has opted to **postpone consideration of the Bylaw changes until the October 1996 meeting of the Federation.** The Bylaws Committee has been requested to provide additional copies of the proposed changes to delegates at the September meeting.

Lost at the Banquet on May 11: a small, black fold-up umbrella, last seen beneath the registration table. Would appreciate its return! Phone Jennie Davis, 979-1625.

**Gala Banquet a HUGE Success**

The Federation's Annual Banquet on May 11 was an evening to remember, with a record-breaking attendance (more than 160 guests enjoyed the festivities!) that included a veritable Who's Who of County and State officials, leaders and political figures. Proclamations commending the Federation and noting its 80th anniversary celebration were presented and read by **Congressman James Moran** for the U.S. Congress; by **Delegate Karen Darner** for the Virginia General Assembly; and by **Board Chairman James Hunter** for the County Board of Directors. Former State Senator **Edward M. Holland** was the evening's featured speaker.

**. . . & Congratulations to Our Award Winners!**

Also at the banquet, the Federation singled out several delegates for special honors:

The prestigious **Distinguished Meritorious Service Award**, given for long-term, outstanding contributions to the County, is rarely presented (only 13 times since 1936); this year, two richly deserving delegates, each with an impressive list of activities and dedicated service, received this special award--**Royce Lowry** (Forest Glen) and **ACCF President Scott McGeary** (Arl. JayCees & Friends of GMU).

The coveted **Journal Cup** went this year to **Ernest Ragland** (Ballston-Va. Square), with his outstanding work in producing his Association's highly praised newsletter and its Internet "home page" cited in particular.

**Certificates of Appreciation** to recognize special service were awarded this year to **John Nicholas** (Boulevard Manor), **Rebecca Gray** (Arlington Ridge), and **David Jones** (Arlington Ridge).

**Next meeting: September 3, 1996**

**Program: Candidates' Night**

**Have a wonderful and safe summer!**

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