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Arlington County Civic Federation

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 1996, 7:30 p.m.

Note earlier starting time!

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

Program: Candidates Night 1996

Delegates to Hear Candidates

The Arlington County Civic Federation begins its 81st year with **Candidates Night 1996** on September 3. We've invited **11 candidates** who are running for the following offices: U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress (8th Dist.), Arlington County Board, and County School Board.

*** Please Note Meeting Begins at 7:30 p.m. ***

We're beginning early to allow ample time to hear from all of the candidates. A brief business meeting will be held before the main program. The main program is scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes.

Program and Procedures

Candidates for each office will appear as separate panels. After opening statements from all candidates on a panel, questions from delegates and alternates will be entertained through a random drawing system.

Those wishing to pose questions may register in the Hospital Conference Center lobby **beginning at 7:15 p.m.** Registration boxes for each office will remain open until the conclusion of the final opening statement of that panel. Delegates and alternates may place name cards in as many boxes as they wish; but, to allow optimum participation, each person may pose only one question during the evening.

During the question/answer periods, names will be drawn at random from the applicable registration box. Those whose names are called will approach the floor microphone when recognized. **Please make the question brief and to the point.** Questions may be

directed to an entire panel or to only one of the candidates. All candidates will have an opportunity to address each question.

Once again, Arlington Community Television, Channel 33, will videotape the evening's proceedings for later cablecast.

A Reminder...

Candidates Night is a nonpartisan public forum and is conducted on the property of our host, the Arlington Hospital. 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 7:15 p.m. until the close of the meeting. **Please respect the Federation's rules and sensitivities of the Hospital's patients and visitors!**

Officers of the Federation

President - William F. Nolden, Jr.

Vice President - Larry Zaragoza

Treasurer - Edward D. McWethy

Secretary - Tommye Morton

Executive Committee

Frances Finta, Chairman

Rebecca Gray, Robert Nester, Rohan

Samaraweera, Timothy Wise

New Federation Officers Take Over Reins

The following officers were elected at the June meeting and will serve the Federation for the coming year: President, Bill Nolden; Vice President, Larry Zaragoza, Secretary, Tommye Morton; Treasurer, Ed McWethy. Serving on the Executive Committee will be Frances Finta (reelected Chairman), Rebecca Gray, Robert Nester, Rohan Samaraweera and Timothy Wise.

ACCF Committees Forming for Coming Year; Seeking New Members -- How About You?

All of the Standing Committees of the Federation have important work ahead this year, and every committee needs and welcomes new members! Please alert members of your organization about this exciting opportunity to get involved in Arlington affairs while ensuring optimum input from your own group. Though only delegates may serve as chairmen, anyone belonging to one of ACCF's 66 member organizations may serve on Federation committees. Sign-up sheets will be available at the September meeting. For further details about one or more of the committees, phone Exec. Comm. Chairman Frances Finta at 528-2882.

Duties of Federation Standing Committees

Most committees' primary duties are to study, report on and make recommendations, when appropriate, to the Federation on their particular areas of interest. The Committees and those areas of interest are:

- * **Bylaws** (Federation's structure and function; drafts bylaws amendments)
- * **Community Relations** (informs press and other community representatives of Federation activities on a regular basis)

* **Cultural Affairs** (all cultural affairs matters, i.e., public libraries, higher education facilities)

* **Environmental Affairs** (all environmental matters and concerns)

* **Housing** (all housing matters except zoning)

* **Legislation** (all matters relating to State and Federal legislation affecting welfare of Arlington County)

* **Membership** (determines eligibility of applicants for membership to ACCF and reports to Federation)

* **Parks and Recreation** (all matters pertaining to parks and public recreation facilities and programs)

* **Planning and Zoning** (matters relating to zoning, land-use plans and long-range community planning.)

* **Public Services** (matters relating to public services such as utilities, health, welfare and human resources and public safety.)

* **Revenues and Expenditures** (matters relating to revenues and expenditures of the local government, including annual budget proposals, long-range fiscal planning.)

* **Schools** (matters pertaining to County schools, including budgets)

* **Special Events** (arranges for ACCF's annual banquet and Federation's participation in public events)

* **Transportation** (County transportation matters, including air and rail transport, streets, highways, sidewalks, parking, and bus and taxi services)

Next meeting: October 1, 1996
Program: County Bond Issues &
Budget Planning Factors

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