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# Arlington County Civic Federation

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Program:** 1) Report from State Legislators  
2) Parks & Recreation Committee Updates  
(Monopoles, Boathouse and Trail Markers)

**Business:** Annual Election of Nominating Committee

## State Legislators to Report on Recent Session in Richmond

Federation delegates will hear from Arlington's representatives to the Virginia General Assembly at the May 6 meeting. On hand to present their reports on the recently ended session and to answer delegates' questions will be State Senators **Mary Margaret Whipple** and **Janet Howell** and Delegates **James Almand**, **Judy Connally**, and **Karen Darner**. ACCF's Legislation Committee Chairman **Amy Appelbaum** will introduce the guests and will provide a brief report on how items in the Federation's 1997 Legislative Package fared during the General Assembly session. *(This segment of the program is expected to run approximately 70 minutes.)*

## Parks and Recreation Updates to be on Agenda

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman **Robert Nester** will provide updated information on the status of the Monopole issue and of the Boathouse structure planned for the Arlington waterfront. He also will report on new plans for identification markers to be placed on Arlington's trails to facilitate locating sites by emergency personnel. *(This program segment will run approximately thirty minutes.)*

## Nominating Committee to be Elected

Also at this May meeting, the Federation will elect a **Nominating Committee** that will select a slate of officers to be presented for consideration by delegates at the June meeting.

## Newsletter to Get a Face Lift

After hearing a report from Communications Task Force Chairman **David Foster**, the Executive Committee decided to increase both the size and the content of the Federation's newsletter. The June issue of the newsletter will be a "test" of the new format. Delegates are urged to **make comments on the issue and to offer suggestions for material** they'd like to see included in future issues.

**Share your organization's newsletters** with us! Bring extra copies of your group's newsletter to ACCF meetings and place on the table out in the lobby. An exchange of newsletters can heighten and enrich our communications with one another !

### Officers of the Federation

President - William F. Nolden, Jr.  
Vice President - Randolph (Randy) Swart  
Treasurer - Edward D. McWethy  
Secretary - Tommye Morton

### Executive Committee

Frances Finta, Chairman; Timothy Wise, Vice Chairman; Rebecca Gray, Robert Nester, Rohan Samaraweera

**At ACCF's April meeting...**

\* The Federation **accepted and welcomed** a new **organizational member -- the Arlington Coalition of Police (ACOP)**. The 160-member group is headed by **President Paul Larson** and **Executive Director Chris Strope**. ACCF is now 68 members strong!

\* Delegates heard about Arlington's first "**Neighborhood Day**," scheduled September 27. A steering committee has been named for the event, which will involve all of Arlington's neighborhoods as well as local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, and government agencies. Organizers of the event, stemming from County Board Chairman Ellen Bozman's "vision for a stronger sense of community," are enthusiastic about the project and hope for a large participation County-wide.

\* **Assistant Fire Chief George Lyon** presented an interesting and enlightening "inside look" at the County's Fire Department. Topics discussed included emergency medical services responses, department staffing, facilities for female firefighters, fire protection for high-rises, and importance of smoke detectors. (Of note: Delegates were warned to replace all smoke detectors that are ten years old or older in their homes. They lose their sensitivity with age and are no longer effective!)

\* County staffers **Fran Lunney, Reggie Nixon, and Wayne Rhodes** reported on the **1998 Draft Plan for Planning, Housing and Development**. Goals of the Plan include more affordable housing, elimination of homelessness, community and economic development, increased citizen participation and improved coordination of service delivery. Copies of the Plan are available for review at County libraries, or phone Fran Lunney (358-3785) for a copy.

**Annual Banquet a Festive Event**

The Federation's Annual Banquet, held at the Fort Myer Officers Club on April 26, was a gala evening that brought together a goodly number of delegates and their families, local business and political leaders, and elected officials (along with a flock of candidates hoping to replace or join them). The featured speaker was **Francine Zorn Tractenberg**, WETA's Vice President for Educational Outreach.

**County Board Chairman Ellen M. Bozman** opened the evening by reading a Proclamation honoring the Federation and naming April 1997 as Arlington Civic Month.

**Congratulations to our award winners:**

**Distinguished Meritorious Service Award --Sherwin Landfield;**

**Journal Cup--Tommye Ring Morton;**

**Certificates of Appreciation --Frances Finta, Ed McWethy, Robert Nester, Sue Super, and the Barcroft School and Civic League.**

*(A special "thank you" goes to Lucy Nicholas, who dutifully and ably filled in for her ill husband, Banquet Committee Chairman John Nicholas. Our prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery go to John, who's a patient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.)*

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**New Committee Chairs Named:** In response to our plea for volunteers last issue, we're pleased to announce that all Federation Committees now have a chairman. A tip of the hat to: **Reid Goldstein** (New Arlington-Douglas Park), chairman of the Housing Committee; **Henry Harper** (Gulf Branch), chairman of the Environmental Committee; and **Herschel Kanter** (Williamsburg), chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee.

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**Next meeting: June 3, 1997, 7:30 p.m.** Election of Officers for '97-'98. Program to be announced.

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