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March Meeting:

Candidates And Budget

7:30 pm, Tuesday, March 2nd
John T. Hazel Conference Center
Arlington Hospital
1701 N. George Mason Drive

7:30 Call to order, adoption of agenda, short committee reports and announcements.

7:40 to 8:50 Candidates Night

All candidates for the County Board seat vacated by Mr. Eisenberg's resignation will speak and answer questions. Please see the Candidates Night rules inside.

8:55 Budget

The Revenues and Expenditures Committee and the Schools Committee will offer their joint report on the FY 2000 Arlington County Budget. We will vote to determine if we will initially consider the Committees' report without amendment. If so it can be adopted unamended or voted down and revised through motions from the floor.

9:45 Adjournment

Please contact President Randy Swart if you have new business to raise.

March Meeting May be Long ---- but Interesting

The March meeting will feature some interesting wrinkles that will probably run us over our normal 9:30 adjournment, but should be well worth your time.

Since our meeting occurs before any political party holds its primary, we will hear from all the candidates of all parties. That could be as many as six candidates, including Democrats, Green Party, Republicans and Independents. We will try to adhere to our schedule, but it will be a challenge to do that and still give you a chance to assess the candidates. On the plus side, this will be the only opportunity to see all the candidates in one Candidates Night before the party caucuses narrow down your selection for the final ballot.

Our budget session will follow. If delegates approve the Rule for that session, we will consider the Revenues and Expenditures Committee/Schools Committee budget as a whole first, and possibly approve it as the committees recommend rather than dissecting it line by line, a much longer process. We promise you an interesting meeting!

Rules for Candidates Night

1. Each candidate will make a four minute opening statement. The order will be determined by a random drawing.
2. Federation Delegates and Alternates are invited to register to ask questions by completing a name card and placing the card in the box located in the Lobby. Delegates will be chosen by random drawing to ask their question.
3. Questions to a candidate must be concise and no more than thirty seconds in length. Statements of position, argumentative or derogatory comments, multi-part, and follow-up questions are forbidden. (We have found that questions not answered by a candidate are seldom answered when asked a second time, and your fellow delegates are keenly aware of unanswered questions!)
4. Each candidate will then have one minute to answer each question posed to any candidate.
5. Signs, banners, noise and audio-visual presentations are not allowed in the Conference Center lobby, hallway, auditorium, or on the exterior of the Hospital buildings, or on the Hospital grounds. Literature may be distributed in the lobby **only**.
6. **Only** authorized press and ACCF representatives may tape or photograph the proceedings.
7. Candidates and their supporters are expected to respect the Hospital's rules as well as the sensitivities of patients and visitors during the evening.

Federation in the News

In February the Federation was mentioned in the *Journal* in an Editor's "Thumbs Down" because the County Board held a hearing during our February meeting. President Randy Swart informed them that the County had in fact rescheduled its Budget hearing to avoid conflict with our budget meeting on March 2nd, and deserved a Thumbs UP instead. The *Journal* printed the letter.

The *Washington Business Journal* featured an article on infill houses, quoting Randy on the Federation's position, and managing to make it sound considerably more extreme than what we actually adopted, in an effort to dramatize their article. Rest assured that Randy did not as reported call for a "Stylebook" of acceptable home designs! That was not part of the Federation's position.

Teen Summer Expo in April

The County Council of PTA's (co-sponsor with the Federation of Neighborhood Day) will hold its Teen Summer Expo on April 24th. The Expo brings together teens looking for summer opportunities and those in the community who can provide employment, internships, volunteer opportunities and recreational activities over the summer months. Teens come to the EXPO with a wide range of interests, skills and training. If you are interested in advertising a summer opportunity at the Expo please contact Judy Hadden at 241-5999 for further information, or pick up a form at our March meeting.

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BANQUET

Friday, April 23rd

Army-Navy Country Club
(new location!)

Speaker: Patrick B. Healy, Chairman
Arlington Health Foundation
Again owners and operators of
Arlington Hospital

Please mark your calendar.

Watch for full details and a response card soon.

Daily Crime Report Available

by John Antonelli

The Arlington County Police have inaugurated a new email service for a daily list of crime incidents in the County. To receive the daily message, send an email to them at

ACPDmedia@erols.com

Coming Up!

April 6th ACCF Meeting

April 23 - ACCF Banquet

**October 23 - Neighborhood Day,
featuring the massed marching
bands of all Arlington schools!**

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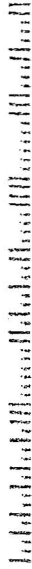
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