



# 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## *Women's Club of Greater Reston*

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January 2015

## GENERAL MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, January 15  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**PLACE:** Historic Lake Anne Village Center  
Reston Community Center — Lake Anne (Jo Ann Rose Gallery)

Our January speaker is Eileen Swicker, an estate planning attorney with offices in Leesburg. Eileen's practice also includes estate administration (probate) and advising small businesses as they get started. A lot of our members have asked for a presentation on estate planning, and we're glad to have an expert address our group. We asked Eileen for a sample of the subjects she can address:

- Estate Planning for the Baby Boom Generation: integrating social security, retirement accounts, pensions, while caring for aging parents and welcoming back our college graduates
- Digital assets including computers, phones, iPads and iPods, online accounts, online music, cloud storage, online photos, retail purchases and sales, domain names, websites, blogs, flyer miles, rewards points, usernames, and passwords
- Beneficiary designations on life insurance and retirement plans
- Documents needed by everyone over age 18
- Specialized trusts such as Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust, Pet Trusts, Retirement Plan Trusts, Special Needs Trusts, Asset Protection Trusts, Personal Residence Trusts, Spendthrift Trusts
- Estate Tax Portability and how it has changed the classic credit shelter trust planning for married couples

February is **Heart Health Awareness** month so our speaker for the February 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting will be Tsedal Ashby. Tsedal is the Nutritionals Team Lead, a Nutrition and Weight Loss Coach, a T.E.A.M. Weight Loss Coach, and Pilates instructor at *the Life Time Athletic Center* in Reston. She will discuss how to incorporate total body health as part of your everyday lifestyle.



# Women's Club of Greater Reston 45th Anniversary Party!!

A wine & hors d'oeuvre party for WCGR members and their guests  
Sunday, January 18, 4:30-7:00 PM

Hunters Woods Reston Community Center  
2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191

**\$ 4.50 per WCGR member**; \$20 per guest  
Fine Fare for a Fantastic Forty Fifth!!



**RSVP by Wednesday, January 14**

Send your check payable to *Women's Club of Greater Reston*  
to Pepper Buckley, 11298 Spyglass Cove Lane, Reston, VA 20191  
or sign up at the WCGR December Luncheon  
For More Information email [DrPepperB@aol.com](mailto:DrPepperB@aol.com)



Coming WCGR Events: May 2, 2015 -- Run for the Roses BBQ



## Get Acquainted Coffee

Georgene Kaufman 703-597-4106

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

*Happy New Year! We are kicking off 2015 with a fabulous party to celebrate the club's 45th anniversary.*

*Sign up and send in your check! It's going to be a fun afternoon.*

*And didn't we end the year with a memorable Holiday Luncheon? I've told everyone I know on both coasts about our USO themed entertainment including Kate Smith, the Andrews Sisters, and George Burns & Gracie Allen! If you missed it, I'm sorry. Sharon Pound and her committee, Dottie Batie, Kay Vakerics, Janet Findley, Janice Shea, and Sandra MacDougall had the room transformed with gorgeous centerpieces, USO posters, and costumes which transported us to the Christmas 1944 USO radio show. Ladies, you raised your voices and the bar! Your show was absolutely delightful. Thank you for sharing your vast talent and creativity. What a special present you gave us!*

*Best,  
Susan*



*Thinking about a New Year's resolution for 2015?*

*Mark your calendar for the second Wednesday of every month to attend the WCGR coffees! They're fun, informative, and a great way to meet and greet old and new friends.*

*Gail Crockett will host the January gathering on:*

**Wednesday, January 14, from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon.**  
*Gail's address is 11262 Center Harbor Road, Reston, VA. Look for the brick house with double brick-red doors. Please RSVP directly to Gail by email at [gail@anntink.com](mailto:gail@anntink.com). Use Gail's home number (703-464-9501) to RSVP if your email doesn't get through. If you plan to bring something to share, please let Gail know. Hope to see you there!*



# Membership

Margaret Nichols 703-834-0468  
[mnichols7@verizon.net](mailto:mnichols7@verizon.net)



*Please offer your women friends and neighbors the opportunity to make new friends and take part in the many activities and special events we have to offer by telling them about our club, or simply invite them to attend a general meeting, an activity, and/or a special event so they may see for themselves. [According to WCGR By-Laws, 'Section I, A prospective member or a guest of a member may attend two general meetings and two activity group meetings. Further participation is prohibited until dues have been paid by the prospective member. Spouses are excluded from the limitations placed upon prospective members.]*

*As of December 31, 2014, we have 134 members (includes 31 new members since May).*

## January Birthdays



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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Susan Morgan - 1      | Tish Sheridan - 16     |
| Mary Penarczyk - 2    | Virginia Russell - 17  |
| Nancy Singer - 7      | Rochelle Laznow - 25   |
| Jo Louise Klein - 8   | Denise Chaudhury - 25  |
| Vicki Smith - 8       | Marty Hey - 27         |
| Janice Choquette - 9  | Susan Moon - 27        |
| Diane Sinha - 10      | Ruth McDonald - 28     |
| Phyllis McCulley - 11 | Terry Morrow - 28      |
| Susan Ragland - 11    | Virginia Gonzalez - 31 |

Due to limited space in the newsletter, I could only put a few pictures of the fabulous luncheon we had on December 18. Please visit our Web site and you will find many more. [www.restonnewcomers.org](http://www.restonnewcomers.org)





# Inclement weather policy

## General Meetings

General Meetings will be canceled if the Fairfax County Public Schools are closed or opening two hours late. However, meetings will take place as scheduled if the schools are opening one hour late.

## Board Meetings, Get Acquainted Coffees, And Activity Interest Groups

In the event of school closings or delayed openings, these functions will take place at the discretion of the appropriate Board Member or Chairman in consultation with the President.

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# Activities

Carole Smithline 703-356-4538

[Carole@smithline.net](mailto:Carole@smithline.net)



*To all the old and new members I want to wish you a*

**HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

*Keep looking in the newsletter for new groups meeting in January. Don't forget to call and sign up. I also want to extend a special THANK YOU to all the chair ladies who have stepped up to run old and new groups that offer all of us so many opportunities to have fun and meet friends. Without them, where would we be?*

ENJOY!

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## ARTS & CRAFTS

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### Daytime Needlecraft

Ann Herlich 703-481-1458

[agherlich@verizon.net](mailto:agherlich@verizon.net)



*There will be no meeting in January as it will be on New Year's Day. I wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and a bright New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all in February.*

*The squares for this blanket were knitted and crocheted by the Daytime Needlecraft Group last year and graciously put together by Vicki Smith this year. I took the blanket to the Embry Rucker Shelter after the November General Meeting and they were very appreciative as there was a brand new baby in need.*

## Art Fun

Diane Blackwell 703-620-5124



Changes to Art Fun date for **January only**. We will be having our outing on the 4th Friday of this month, **January 23**, instead of our regular 2nd Friday. We are going local and won't worry so much about the weather! **GRACE (Greater Reston Arts Center)** in Reston Town Center will be having an exhibition called "Bead." We'll follow up with lunch.

Please let me know by January 16th if you are going so I can make lunch reservations. [DBlackwellStudio@gmail.com](mailto:DBlackwellStudio@gmail.com)

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## BOOK GROUPS

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### Book Remarks

Kathy Day 703-476-8641



**DATE:** Thursday, January 8  
**BOOK:** *The River of Doubt*, by Candice Millard  
**RSVP** To Hostess: [phyllismcculley@gmail.com](mailto:phyllismcculley@gmail.com)  
Discussion Leader: Patricia Nestlebusch

**TIME:** 12 Noon-2:00 PM

### Pageturners

Dottie Batie 703-471-4311



**DATE:** Tuesday, January 20  
**BOOK:** *Defending Jacob*, by William Landay  
**LEADER:** Jane Martin  
**HOSTESS:** Pat Bredthauer  
**ADDRESS:** 1534 Deer Point Way, Reston, VA  
**RSVP:** To Pat at: [pbredthauer@comcast.net](mailto:pbredthauer@comcast.net)

**TIME:** 1:00 PM

### Monday Morning Books

Julie Aurora 703-478-6911



**DATE:** Monday, January 5  
**BOOK:** *We are Water*, by Wally Lamb  
**PLACE:** La Madeleine at Spectrum 1

**TIME:** 10:30 AM

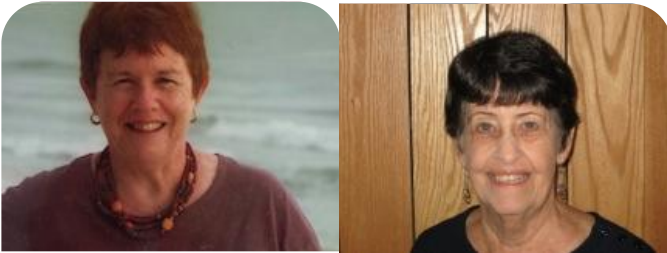
# GAMES



## *Monday Bridge*

Gail McDonald 703-318-0194

Joyce Dadant 703-620-2507



*There is a new party bridge group beginning **January 5th at 1:00**. Play will be on the first Monday of each month. There will be no snacks. If your skills are from advanced beginner to aspiring expert, consider signing up as a sub. If you are interested, please contact Gail or Joyce.*

Gail McDonald: email: [gdmcd@verizon.net](mailto:gdmcd@verizon.net); phone: 703-318-0194

Joyce Dadant: email: [joyce.dadant@yahoo.com](mailto:joyce.dadant@yahoo.com); phone: 703-620-2507



## *Hearts*

Rochelle Laznow 703-742-9447



*Hearts is a challenging card game which is lots of fun to play. The hearts game will be played every 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. If interested call Rochelle Laznow at 703-742-9447, or e-mail me at [rclaznow@aol.com](mailto:rclaznow@aol.com). The 1st game, **Wednesday January 28**, will be held in my home. 1266 Wedgewood Manor Way, Reston, VA 20194 I can only accommodate 8 people.*



## *Bowling*

Barbara Kaminsky 703-620-3236



*If interested in getting a little exercise and having some fun, please contact Barbara Kaminsky at 703-620-3236, or email me at [www.blkaminsky@yahoo.com](http://www.blkaminsky@yahoo.com) for more information.*

## Rummikub

Marty Hey 703-476-5441  
Pat Bredthauer 703-787-8649



*Join us for our monthly rummikub game! It's an easy and fun game played with numbered tiles. Due to space limitations, we are able to accommodate two tables and will accept the first 8-10 RSVPs. Our group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.*

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 6 **TIME:** 1:00-3:30 PM  
**HOSTESS:** Ellen Cury  
**ADDRESS:** 12751 Lavender Keep Circle, Fairfax, VA  
**RSVP:** [ellen3000@aol.com](mailto:ellen3000@aol.com) or 703-378-6674  
Parking is limited, so contact Marty or Pat regarding carpooling.

## Canasta

Janet Findley 703-481-2579  
Virginia Gonzalez 703-777-2047



**DATE:** Monday, January 26 **TIME:** 1:00 PM  
**HOSTESS:** JoAnn Esposito  
**ADDRESS:** 12618 Bayard Drive, Reston, VA  
**RSVP:** 703-437-3996 or [jesposito1@cox.net](mailto:jesposito1@cox.net) by Friday, January 23. JoAnn can accommodate 11 players.

*Our Canasta group is an experienced group that usually meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We take turns hosting and play from 1:00 PM until 4:30 PM.*

## Mah Jongg

Jo Ann Esposito 703-437-3996



*Now that the holidays are over and before the winter doldrums set in, join us for another fun afternoon of Group Mah Jongg.*

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 21 **TIME:** 1:00 PM  
**ADDRESS:** Janet Findley, 13062 Farthingale Drive, Herndon, VA  
Please **RSVP by January 19** either by calling Janet at 703-481-2579 or emailing her at [ms.janet@verizon.net](mailto:ms.janet@verizon.net). She can accommodate 11 players.

## Second Tuesday Bridge

Betty Murray 703-517-5087  
[va72betty@verizon.net](mailto:va72betty@verizon.net)



*Second Tuesday Bridge meets once a month in members' homes. If you like to play, please contact any member as we frequently need subs.*

Betty Murray will host the next game at **1:00 PM on January 13**.  
**ADDRESS:** 12185 Abington Hall Place, #103, Reston, VA  
**PHONE** 703-517-5087

## Duplicate Bridge

Pepper Buckley

[DrPepperB@aol.com](mailto:DrPepperB@aol.com)



*Usually the third Thursday of the month, 1:00-3:30 PM*

**January date is Thursday, January 15, 1:00-3:30 PM** at Pepper's, 11298 Spyglass Cove Lane, Reston, VA.

*Duplicate Bridge group welcomes couples/partnerships and singles to play bridge in which most players are of middling skill and bid the current conventions. While competitive, it is not a "serious" group, and convivial, learning-oriented review of play is welcome. No food, just bridge.*

Please email Pepper if you wish to participate as either a regular player or substitute.

**Future 2015 Dates:** February 19, March 19, April 16, and May 21

## Scrabble

Carol Berman 703-437-9068

Rochelle Laznow 703-742-9447



*Attention all Scrabble players -- our next meeting is on **January 16** at the home of Rochelle Laznow, 1266 Wedgewood Manor Way, Reston VA, from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. RSVP to Rochelle Laznow at 703-742-9447, or email me at [rclaznow@aol.com](mailto:rclaznow@aol.com) by January 14. I can accommodate 8 Scrabble players. Hope to see you soon. Rochelle*

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## LUNCH, DINNER, AND WINE

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### Luncheon Delight

Karen Denhof 703-435-1089

Dorothy Palmieri 703-689-0942



**DATE:** Monday, January 12      **TIME:** 12:00 Noon

**PLACE:** Thai Luang Restaurant

**EMAIL:** [www.thailuang.com](http://www.thailuang.com) (restaurant E-mail)

**PHONE:** 703-478-2233

**ADDRESS:** 171 Elden Street, Herndon, VA

**DIRECTIONS:** Going towards Herndon on Elden Street, turn left on Carlisle Drive by Cardinal Bank. Then take an immediate left onto the service road. Go past the bank and turn right. Go straight and you will see Thai Luang on the left. There is plenty of parking.

Please RSVP directly to Dorothy by email [dorothytherese74@verizon.net](mailto:dorothytherese74@verizon.net) or by phone 703-689-0942

## Lunch and Movie Bunch

### (formally The Ladies Luscious Luncheon)

Margaret Kohlberg 703-481-8566



**Welcome back from the Holidays**

**DATE:** Tuesday January 27      **TIME:** 12:00 Noon  
**PLACE:** American Tap Room in Reston Town Center

*Lunch and a movie is a great way to relax after the Holidays. During lunch we can decide what movie/movies to see.*

## Destination Dinner

Betty Reed 703-727-4737

[Reemar4@verizon.net](mailto:Reemar4@verizon.net)



*Let's ring in the New Year together! If you are new to the club, please join us! We visit various restaurants, some new ones as well as old favorites. Separate checks are issued.*

**DATE:** Sunday, January 4  
**PLACE:** Chez Francois Brasserie (downstairs)  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM

**ADDRESS:** 332 Springvale Rd., Great Falls, VA  
**RESTAURANT PHONE:** 703-759-3800 (call **ONLY** for directions)  
**RESERVATIONS DUE:** By Friday, January 2, no later than 4:00 PM

To make a reservation, please send an e-mail to: [reemar4@verizon.net](mailto:reemar4@verizon.net) or call 703-727-4737 and leave a message. **E-mail is preferred.** Please put "Destination Dinner" in the Subject line.

Please let me know if you'd like to invite us to your home afterward for dessert.

To cancel, **EVEN AS LATE AS THE DAY** of the dinner:

1. Please call me directly & **leave a message** at 703-727-4737. I'll check for messages in the afternoon as well as at the restaurant.

2. **IN ADDITION** to the phone message, **please send me an e-mail.** If I am home, I'll e-mail you quickly to assure you I received your cancellation.

3. Call the restaurant **ONLY** if you need **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS** how to get there. **Do NOT call the restaurant to make/cancel your reservation.**

## Casual Dining

Pepper Buckley: [DrPepperB@aol.com](mailto:DrPepperB@aol.com)

**NEXT DINNER DATE:** Saturday January 10

**TIME:** 6:00 PM



### **HOSTS:**

Jane and Dave Blanchard  
11472 Waterhaven Court, Reston, VA  
Main Course: paella

Jo Ann Esposito  
12618 Bayard Drive, Reston, VA  
Main Course: lasagna rolls and braciolo (stuffed beef rolls)

Please email Pepper if you plan to attend and tell her what you'd like to bring. A week before the event, she will get back to you with numbers.

Casual Dining is a group of singles and couples meeting at 6:00 PM on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The hostess provides a main course of her choice for 8 to 16 people (hostess specifies number). Each guest household brings a menu item to share: salad, appetizer, vegetable, dessert, bread, and other side dishes. It's BYOB, and each person contributes \$5/meal to defray costs to the hostess. If numbers require it and we have volunteers to hostess, we will open a second host-home for a given dinner date.

Please email Pepper if you want to participate this year, as well as the month and number of people you would be willing to host. [DrPepperB@aol.com](mailto:DrPepperB@aol.com). Great eating--greater camaraderie!!!

**2015 Dinner Dates:** February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14. Hostesses needed for May 9.

## Wine Tasting

Gwen Cohen 703-371-1963

Belle Fitzwilliam 703-281-7727



**DATE:** Saturday, January 17      **TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**COST:** \$15 per person, payable to the host at the tasting  
**HOSTS:** Phyllis McCulley and John Shebalin  
**ADDRESS:** 1851 Stratford Park Place, #413, Reston, VA  
**RSVP:** By Monday, January 12

Host will accommodate 18 for this tasting.

*The below info should be helpful in finding and parking at Phyllis and John's condo:*

*The Stratford Condominiums (brick and white wood) are located directly across from the Hyatt Hotel on Reston Parkway at the Reston Town Center. My home, 1851 Stratford Park Place, unit 413, is located in the 4-story buildings (not the hi-rise). You may park in any space that does not have a number. Also, you may park across the street in the Town Center parking garages or their flat surface lot. There is a traffic light at Market Street to cross Reston Parkway to our condominiums. Please use caution crossing this busy street.*

*To enter my building, locate my name on the intercom and dial the number listed so I can unlock the door.*

*Call 703-787-6903 or 281-794-6287, my home number, if you have any problems. [mcsheb@gmail.com](mailto:mcsheb@gmail.com)*

*As a reminder, this group meets once a month on the 3rd Saturday at 7:00 PM at a member's home or another venue at the choosing of the host. The host selects and sets up the wines for tasting. Coffee, tea, and dessert are generally served following the tasting.*

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## OUTINGS

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### Travel Treks – Thrift Store Shopping!

Laura Onorio 240-506-3450  
Phyllis McCulley 703-787-6903



**DATE:** January 28 (4th Wednesday)  
**PLACE:** Thrift Stores in McLean  
**LOCATION:** Shopping near corner of Dolley Madison Boulevard and Chain Bridge Roads  
**MEET AT:** Treasure Trove, 1317 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA - Solona Village Shopping  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM  
**LUNCH:** 12:30 PM at J. Gilbert's Wood-Fired Steaks and Seafood, 6930 Old Dominion Drive (corner of Dolley Madison)

*Broke from all your Holiday shopping? Well, now is the time to try Thrift Store Shopping! Travel Treks is going shopping and doing lunch! Treasure Trove of McLean will be our first store. Meet there and begin your shopping as others arrive.*

*Our next store is Betsy and Cornelia's just in the next shopping center on the same side of the street (definitely walkable). Next we'll check out The Treasure Shop on Old Dominion and then go to lunch.*

*Contact Laura at [laura.onorio@yahoo.com](mailto:laura.onorio@yahoo.com) or 240-506-3450 by January 20th to join us for a fun day of shopping and lunch!*

#### **NOTICE: Event for March - Need to reserve soon**

*We are planning a trip to the State Department in March. We will tour the Diplomatic Reception Rooms, which are among the most beautiful rooms in the world. This historically evocative suite (42 rooms) contains a museum-caliber collection of American fine and decorative art (5,000 objects) from the period of 1750-1825. <https://diplomaticrooms.state.gov/home.aspx>*

*This is a free tour but must be reserved about two months in advance with names of the attendees for security checks. If you are interested in attending, please send Phyllis your first and last name, middle initial if you use it, email address, and phone number. There is a 25 person limit. You can cancel later, but due to the security check we cannot have another person take your place.*

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## WORKSHOPS

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Kathy Fehring 703-471-7437

*Workshops will be returning, so please check this spot in the future. If you would like to host a workshop or have a suggestion for a topic, please contact me at [dkwfehringer@verizon.net](mailto:dkwfehringer@verizon.net) or 703-471-7437. Workshops are short term activities. It can be a one-time meeting or a discussion on a topic to get ideas how to approach something. I will be happy to help you coordinate the plans.*



# Notes from The Board

## Public Relations

Patricia Cantelmi 703-435-2010



*Isn't it nice to go where everyone knows your name?! Sound familiar? We all need a friend, a greeting, a smile. Let's share what we already have in our club with others!  
Flyers will be available at the meetings if you can think of a place to post our info.  
Hope to see you soon!  
Cheers, Patricia*

## News on Members

Sue Ann McNamara 703-869-7624



*Please contact me if you or anyone you know needs a get well wish, a word of cheer, congratulations, or sympathy.*

## Hospitality

Vicky Smith 571-258-1626



*Greetings Ladies!*

*Oh my goodness! Each of our meetings seems to get better than the last, but today's will be hard to beat. Sharon, what a fun presentation! Thank you!  
Thank all of you!*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyous New Year! See you all next year.  
Sincerely Vicki Smith*

## Charity Liaison

Janice Shea 703-620-2924



*The WCGR is making a generous donation in honor of our 45th anniversary to Cornerstones.*

*The presentation will take place at the cocktail party on January 18th. Do hope everyone can come for the phenomenal price of \$4.50 a member and the presentation.*

*Happy New Year!*

# Treasurer's Report

Kathy Fehringer 703-471-7437



November 2014

11/1/2014 Balance **\$9871.71**

Description	Amount
Membership Dues	\$360.00
Raffle Income	\$ 99.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 459.00</b>

Activity	\$ 34.95
Directory	\$281.66
Insurance	\$450.00
Membership	\$ 30.00
Program	\$ 25.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$821.61</b>

OVERALL TOTAL - **\$362.61**

11/30/2014 Balance **\$9529.10**

# Newsletter

Pearl DiPasquale 703-476-5464



Newsletter deadline is Friday, January 16, **at 12:00 Noon**. Please send all articles to: [Pearl421@verizon.net](mailto:Pearl421@verizon.net)

Also check out our web site [www.restonnewcomers.org](http://www.restonnewcomers.org). If you lost your newsletter or need other information, you can check it out on the web. Margaret Nichols keeps it updated. Please contact her if you cannot sign in.

# BOARD MEETING:

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 6  
**TIME:** 9:45 AM  
**PLACE:** La Madeleine  
**ADDRESS:** Reston Town Center



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# PROFILE OF THE MONTH

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## VAL WALLACE



### ***Chicago Transplant Finds New Home in Virginia***

Val Wallace, 56, and her husband, Clarence Guenther, 57, have lived in Virginia since the summer of 2010, when Clarence, a software engineer, accepted a career opportunity that brought the couple to the Washington DC area from “Chicagoland,” where they’d each resided for decades.

Val had been laid off that March from a global insurance corporation where she worked for 23 years as a promotional writer. Clarence, who was employed full time as a temporary software development independent contractor for a printing company near Milwaukee, was seeking a permanent position in his field after being laid off twice within two years from other companies.

In Northern Virginia, the two, married since 2000, found a more temperate climate than the harsh winters in Chicago. The pair also discovered the Women’s Club of Greater Reston, which Val joined in April 2012.

In addition to writing, editing, and managing the content development of a wide array of promotional publications and other communications for the insurance organization (Combined Insurance Company of America), Val’s professional background includes more than seven years as a full-time news journalist at daily and weekly newspapers and for commercial radio.

After moving to Virginia, she also wrote features and edited content and art production for more than a year and a half for the monthly lifestyle magazine *Prince William Living* and covered selected events in Manassas for the publication’s online edition. Val’s relationship with the magazine ended in mid-July, and she continues to look for career and freelance opportunities in the communications field.

Val has a bachelor’s degree in speech communication from the University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill., and respective associate degrees in broadcasting and journalism from Parkland College, a community college located in Urbana’s twin city, Champaign, Ill. She has also completed graphic design software courses and a basic HTML and CSS class, and earned a certificate in Microsoft Office 2010 from Northern Virginia Community College.

Since August 2012, Val has volunteered at House of Mercy, a faith-based nonprofit humanitarian organization located in Manassas, VA. The agency includes a thrift store and food pantry, and relies on donations to provide free food and clothing to those in need.

Val assists the organization in a number of ways, including creating, proofreading, editing, and media distributing press releases and public service announcements that promote House of Mercy and its programs. She also proofreads, edits, and formats résumés for the agency’s clients who request this complimentary service.

Additionally, Val and Clarence volunteer at Trinity Episcopal Church (in Old Town Manassas), where they have been parishioners since the spring of 2012. Val is also a member of Write by the Rails, the Manassas chapter of the Virginia Writers Club. A former distance runner, Val has competed in races ranging from 5Ks (3.1 miles) to marathons (26.2 miles). She has completed three Chicago marathons.

Val and Clarence, who have no children, have lived in Manassas Park since they moved to the Commonwealth. Val, the oldest of six children, has two sisters and two living brothers. Her parents are deceased. The family moved frequently while Val was growing up during her father’s 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. Military tours abroad included Japan and Okinawa.

The couple owns a three-bedroom house in Gurnee, Ill., north of Chicago, and has rented it out since relocating to Virginia. However, they have no plans currently to move back to Illinois. “We like it here, and Clarence loves his job. We’ve been very blessed,” Val said.



# JANUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 Destination dinner 6:30 PM	5 Monday Morning Books 10:30 AM  Monday Bridge 1:00 PM	6 <b>Board Meeting</b> <b>9:45 AM</b>  Rummikub 1:00 PM	7	8 Book Remarks 12:00 Noon	9	10 Casual Dinning 6:00 PM
11	12 Luncheon Delight 12:00 Noon	13 Second Tuesday Bridge 1:00 PM	14 Get Acquainted Coffee 10:00 AM	15 <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>  Duplicate Bridge 1:00 PM	16 <b>Newsletter deadline</b>  Scrabble 1:00 PM	17 Wine Tasting 7:00 PM
18 <b>45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party</b> <b>4:30 PM</b>	19	20 Pageturners 1:00 PM	21 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	22	23 Art Fun	24
25	26 Canasta 1:00 PM	27 Lunch & Movie Bunch 12:00 Noon	28 Travel Treks 10:00 AM  Hearts 1:00 PM	29	30	31

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