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Candidates for Board Positions Named

The candidates are: Jane Guttman, Ron Karpick, Richard Morton and Peg Veroneau. The Nominating Committee consisted of Carl Neuberg, Ellen Feldstein, Dottie Bennett and Carol Bursik.

Paper ballots with candidate biographies will be mailed to Village members to be returned to Cindy Waters, Executive Director. Voting will be tallied at the March 21 Quarterly Meeting for the Village.

Aquí Se Habla Español



The Program Committee approved the formation of a Spanish Language group for native and non-native speakers who want to practice their Spanish. The group will have Cecilia Herrera, a native speaker, to guide them through issues of vocabulary and grammar. The first meeting of the group will be held at Jane Guttman's house, 6522 Dearborn Drive, Monday, March 14 from 11 a.m. to noon. Please notify Cindy Waters, Executive Director, by telephone at 703-354-0652 or by email at lbvcoord@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

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Village Welcomes New Members

We welcome Ilona Szemzo of Grass Hill Terrace and Nancy Gamber of Lakeview Drive who have joined the Village.

Ilona had a career as a World Bank Operations Officer working on Social Sector Projects until 2003

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when she retired and bought her house in Lake Barcroft. Ilona worked in Latin America and Eastern Europe including Sarajevo, Bosnia, as the war was “winding down” there. Ilona currently volunteers for Haven of Northern Virginia, a bereavement support center. She finds the work there “fascinating and very rewarding.”



Nicholas Molfino

Ilona Szemzo with, from left to right, Harlow, Gia, Jasen and Jack Molfino.

Nancy Gamber recently moved in with her daughter, Ann, her husband, Gabe Nassar, and their three sons, Adam, Ben and Luke on Lakeview Drive. Nancy had lived in Sleepy Hollow Woods for over 40 years. Until just recently Nancy worked part time at Lord and Taylor. If asked about what she likes to do most, it would be to play duplicate bridge. She earned her Life Master certificate in 2007, and continues to love the game.



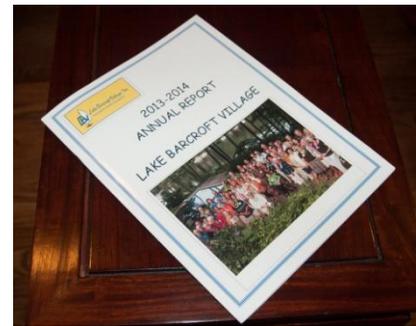
Ann Gamber

From left to right: Ben, Adam, Nancy and Luke. Gabe is in front.

Village Annual Report for 2013-2014 Delivered to All Lake Barcroft Households

By Jane Guttman

Towards the end of 2015, a glossy four-color magazine was hand-delivered to each member of Lake Barcroft Village; that magazine was the 2013-2014 Annual Report. The document covered two years and was 24 pages long, twice the size of the previous one-year report. The driving force behind the publication was Dawn Donald, who, with the help of nine others, produced a record of two years in the life of the Village.



Jane Guttman

2013-2014 Lake Barcroft Village Annual Report

Photographs were provided by Larry Golfer (including front cover) and Jeffrey Pratte (back cover). Carol Bursik, Nancy Mattson, Adele Neuberg, Stuart Feldstein and Sam Rothman worked on the narrative and background material. Carl Neuberg wrote the financial reports. Cindy Waters, Executive Director, provided the name and data lists.

The information came to Dawn from a variety of sources, including meeting minutes. The challenge was to “pull out something appropriate” for the annual report from the bits and pieces of information. Since this was the second Annual Report Dawn has produced for the Village, Dawn found that “at least I had an idea of what I was going to do.”

Annual Report (c't'd from page 2)

Noting that a two-year annual report is rare, Dawn explained that “we were busy and no one could take it on as a project.” Dawn volunteered to take on the task. She particularly enjoyed selecting the photos with Larry Golfer, saying, “I’m surprised that it was relatively easy.” When Dawn didn’t have a picture for an individual page, she would “use a two-by-two of animals from Lake Barcroft to give it a home touch.” In particular, Dawn was delighted to have “a good picture of the bald eagle because that was a milestone in the neighborhood’s mind.” For the back cover, Dawn spotted a photo by Jeffrey Pratte on LakeLink; she called Jeffrey, who is not a member of the Village, to ask if she could use the photo. Jeffrey agreed.

Dawn brought her own working experience to bear on the creation of the Annual Report. At the VA, where she used to work, she produced a report consisting of several hundred pages; that report covered every hospital’s accomplishments and programs.

The Lake Barcroft Village Annual Report took five months to complete since everyone was a volunteer and no one was able to concentrate on it full time. Dawn limited herself to two pages on a topic: “If I couldn’t do two years in two pages, I was probably writing too much.” Dawn made up the “aka” (“also known as”) subheads in an effort to unify the style of the report. Dawn’s only regret was that she wished she “had a couple of extra pages for the parties.” The front cover photo, by Larry Golfer, is of the Island Party in August 2013 at Susan and Dennis Crawford’s house.

Dawn used Microsoft Word to format the document. Word didn’t give her many problems, except for requiring reformatting every time there was a change to the lists of names. Getting the names right, Dawn commented, “is a real art.” Once the report was completed and proofread, it

was sent off to a printer in North Carolina, USA Printing Online; the company had placed the low bid for the job, \$2700 including shipping. To save money, volunteers inserted letters and a Fact Sheet from the Village (printed on the Village’s own printer) into the reports and hand delivered the colorful record of past activities and events to all 1050 households in Lake Barcroft.

Renée Gholz: 99 Years Strong

By Burma Klein and Anne Murphy O’Neil

Bobbie Gholz welcomes us into the home she and her husband, Chico, share with his mother, Renée, a beloved member of our Village now in her hundredth year. Burma, Renée, and I are enjoying a sunny view of snow-dusted homes and trees set in a hillside rolling down to our Lake. Nola, their friendly dog, greets each of us in turn. Nola is named after New Orleans, Louisiana, Renée’s home for many years.



Bobbie Gholz

Renee Gholz and interviewer Burma Klein

Burma: When did you come to Lake Barcroft?

Renée: In 2004. In lots of ways, Lake Barcroft is like New Orleans, especially this view of the Lake. I appreciate being able to live at home. I joined the Village because I wanted to help finance it, to make living at home possible for others as well. Liz Christian, Sam Rothman, and India Walsh have taken me to co-ed luncheons and doctor’s appointments. I’ve enjoyed two annual dinners and the Village meetings in the Government Center. It was great fun when Carl Neuberg, Ron Karpick and Gloria Starr took Chico and me on a barge ride. [Ed. Note: The barge ride was won at the Village auction.]

Burma: You and Chico go lots of places together.

Renée Gholz (c't'd from p. 3)

Renée: Oh, yes! I do not wish to be a rocking chair great-grandma! We go together to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, to the Smithsonian, to all of Bobbie's violin performances with the Fairfax Chamber Orchestra, and to his weekly rehearsals and regular performances on clarinet with the Fairfax City Band.

Burma: You have a lively interest in music.

Renée: Yes. My husband, Charles, was a professional musician. He started on the clarinet when he was eleven, sang with a professional men's quartet in junior high, and became a professional musician while studying at Winona State Teachers College in Minnesota, where we were married. He used to say he could play anything with holes in it, including an instrument that looked like a potato, called an "ocarina." He was a band director and sang too. When his voice gave out, he became music librarian at the University of New Orleans.

Burma: You were in education too?

Renée: I taught in eight different states—mostly first grade—for forty-one years. I loved teaching. Every once in awhile, some little one reading "Run, Spot, run!" would stop himself and look up exclaiming happily: "I can read!"

Anne: What joy you have in remembering.

Renée: I was a strict disciplinarian, so they gave me a whole roomful of repeaters. All but one, a child with an I.Q. of 59, learned to read. And he learned to love me. He came back and sat next to me for three years. His mother said: "Here's your boy!"

Anne: How beautiful!

Burma: While teaching, you and your husband were raising Chico.

Renée: Yes. After Chico left for M.I.T. at seventeen, Charles and I bought an ocean-going sailboat. We sailed with two friends across Lake Pontchartrain, out through the Rigolets, across the Gulf, around the Keys into the Atlantic, and on to the Bahamas.

Burma: Did you learn to sail?

Renée: For heaven's sake, I had to take my turn! My favorite time was when the other three were asleep. There I was in complete control.

Anne: Burma and I know first-hand your gift of independence. Do you have another memory you'd especially like to share?

Renée: I've always been against segregation of any sort. One of the brave things this little lady did was in Texas. I was teaching a class of mostly migrant kids from Mexico. The NEA was holding a conference within a couple of blocks. There wasn't a black teacher in the whole room. I stood up, all five feet of me, and said: "I'm about to leave. I will not be part of a meeting where there are no black teachers." They took it seriously, and passed an amendment. That was the last time the NEA had a convention with no black teachers.

Anne: That's our courageous Renée.

Renée: Our housekeeper from El Salvador and I have become friends. She calls me "Abuelita" [Ed. Note: "little grandmother"—a Spanish term of respect and endearment]. She's strong and she loves me.

Anne: You know, we love you too.

Renée: I'm so grateful for your love.

IRS Phone Scam

By Cindy Waters

Did you know that the IRS phone scam still persists? It works this way: a con artist will call to demand immediate payment of back taxes and threaten retaliation with legal action if you do not comply. The callers can be aggressive and intimidating -- I know because I received one of these calls myself a few weeks ago. The easiest way to avoid this scam is to simply hang up. You can also lodge a complaint with the FTC by calling [1-877-382-4357](https://www.ftc.gov/1-877-382-4357).

The IRS has released these tips to help identify suspicious calls:

- The IRS will never call a taxpayer to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed a bill to the taxpayer.

IRS Phone Scam (c't'd from p. 4)

- The IRS will never demand that a taxpayer pay taxes without giving him or her the opportunity to question or appeal the amount claimed to be owed.
- The IRS will never ask for a credit or debit card number over the phone.
- The IRS will not threaten to send local police or other law enforcement to have a taxpayer arrested.
- The IRS will never require a taxpayer to use a specific payment method for taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

Liz Christian, Early Village Supporter, Moving to Chantilly

By Jane Guttman

Liz Christian, whose husband, Charles, recently passed away, will be relocating to Chantilly, VA, to live near her son. Liz and Charles were among the original members and supporters of the Village. Charles served on the predecessor board of the LBA in the 1980s.



Larry Goller

Liz and Charles Christian at the 2014 Summer Social

In October 2015, after Charles became ill, he and Liz looked at Ashby Ponds in Chantilly, because they knew their son was moving to that locality. They decided to move and completed the paperwork. As Liz recalled, “the train was out of

the station.” Thus, when Charles passed away, Liz “decided to just continue with our plans.”

The Christians’ daughter, Charlisa, came from Albuquerque to help with the many things that had to be done. She and Liz moved Craig to his new residence “within days of Charles’s passing.” Then the difficult task of downsizing started for Liz. Via LakeLink Liz found a professional to help her, Nina Fuerth, who grew up in Lake Barcroft and whose father still lives here. The help with decision-making about possessions was necessary, Liz commented: “If you do it yourself you get waylaid; you start thinking.” She donated books to the Guild of Professional Tour Guides, the Foreign Service Book Fair and the George Mason Library. Parting with the books was hard, but Liz joked “I was able to get very brutal.” Liz’s goal is “to get the downsizing down before I move.” In the past, when moving from post to post, Liz had experience in decluttering. However, things were different after she had spent the past 35 years in one house.

Liz and Charles moved to Lake Barcroft in 1970 while Charles was in the Foreign Service and temporarily based in DC after years in Indonesia, Laos and Afghanistan. Then, a few years after settling here, they were recalled overseas; they rented out their house while they traveled to the Philippines and the Ivory Coast. In 1980 they moved back to Lake Barcroft permanently.

Charles worked for the Agency for International Development as a financial officer. He was a controller for a few years, then a Deputy Director of the mission, then Acting Director for another tour before they came back to the U.S.

The children were born in Singapore: at that time the Christians were posted to Jakarta which didn’t have adequate hospitals. Liz and Charles decided when the children were five and six years old that it was time to “introduce the children to their own country.” Liz recalls: “It was a cultural shock for

Liz Christian (c't'd from p. 5)

the children. They could never talk about their experiences overseas—other kids thought they were name-dropping.” In addition, their children “did not understand the attitude of racial discrimination.”

After 1985, Charles retired from the Foreign Service. Charles and Liz decided to remain in the U.S. because they had a special-needs son and medical facilities were better here. At that point Charles began to do contract work in financial management; he worked in that area for twelve years.

Liz started to work outside the home, first volunteering at the Corcoran Gallery of Art where her college minor in art history was useful. In 1990 Liz became a tour guide and spent 22 years taking tours around DC and the mid-Atlantic states. She was an independent contractor, hired by companies that furnished hotels, meals and tour guides to large groups.

Liz’s interest in the Village started in its early days. At that point, Liz and Charles thought they “were going to stay in the house forever.” They joined the Village, which Liz said enabled people “to prolong your time in your own home.” Liz volunteered and said of her experience, “I am both a giver and a taker.” As a “giver,” she visited people who needed in-house visitors and drove people to appointments. She noted that she was “a taker too” and called for help with the smoke alarms in the house and with moving heavy boxes of cat litter.

Charles had a history of heart trouble and 19 years ago had a triple bypass. He was doing very well but four years ago needed a stent. In August, 2015, he had a heart attack “and never quite recovered.” On November 25, 2015, Charles passed away. Of his death, Liz recalled, “it was a shock at the very

end, but not a surprise.” Charles, ever optimistic, “had high hopes that he would recover.” Liz remembers him as “always a very positive-thinking person.”

In Memoriam: Lilian Crain

By Cindy Waters

It is with sadness that I write to let you know of the passing of long-time Lake Barcroft neighbor and Village member Lilian Crain. Most of you knew Lilian through her years of being one of the most active real estate agents in the neighborhood - in fact, she was the agent for George and me when we bought our home on Lakeview Drive exactly 20 years ago. Although not as active in recent years, she did participate in several Village events throughout her time as a member and she always enjoyed them.

Lilian's family was with her at the time of her passing.

The Man behind the Camera: Volunteer Larry Golfer

By Jane Guttman

Larry Golfer is best known to Village members as “the man behind the camera.” Larry has been photographing Village events since the Village’s inception. What most people don’t know is that Larry’s involvement with the Village began with computers.



Larry Golfer

Larry Golfer (c't'd from p. 6)

The task force that started the Village, knowing about Larry's interest in and skill with computers, asked him to help manage VillageLink, the Yahoo group for Village members. VillageLink was Larry's first volunteer effort for the Village. To get people interested in it, Larry demonstrated Villagelink at Village meetings and created a video with instructions on how to use it.

Unofficially, Larry also helped individuals with their computer issues; describing this activity Larry said "I like to teach people things." Larry credits his patient personality for his ability to communicate difficult concepts to novices.

Bill Cook headed the Village Communications Committee early on and asked Larry, a friend with a shared interest in cycling, to participate. Slowly Larry's involvement grew. He began to write the Village articles for the Lake Barcroft newsletter. Then Larry was asked to help with the Village web site, lakebarcroftvillage.org. At the same time, Larry began photographing Village activity.

Before he moved to Lake Barcroft, Larry lived in two condo communities, each with a lake. At Yarling Court, he had an apartment with a balcony overlooking Fairview Lake. The birds and other creatures inhabiting that lake inspired Larry to start photographing wildlife.

Larry and Carole Bausell moved into their first Lake Barcroft home on Stoneybrae five years ago and subsequently purchased a home on Jay Miller. They discovered it was easy to meet people in Lake Barcroft. "We met everybody right away," Larry said. Since he was now attending Village and Lake Barcroft events, he began to photograph them. He put video slide shows together for some of the Lake Barcroft organizations, such as Newcomers and organized the photography exhibit for Earth Day at Lake Barcroft. He also volunteered for the

Lake Barcroft newsletter as a photographer. That job grew exponentially when he was asked to take on the Lake Barcroft newsletter photo editor position.

Larry and Carole share an interest in music and have a band, French Coast Café. Together with Duane Siler, a friend living on Rusticway, they performed at the Village Summer Social in 2015. They play what they call French world music and have performed at various events and parties.

Larry has a law degree and Master's Degree in French and speaks French at home with life partner Carole. He led a career in law, international development and language translation and is now very busy with his volunteer work and his photography business. He's also planning to start workshops to share his love for photography and his enjoyment of teaching with the Lake Barcroft community.

Rod Emmons Joins B&P Club for Acura Dealership

Rod Emmons, President of two Acura stores in Woodbridge and Vice President of Radley Acura in Falls Church, has joined the Business and Professions Club of Lake Barcroft Village. Rod started working for Karen Radley in 1993 in Woodbridge; in February 2015, Mrs. Radley asked Rod to take over the Falls Church location.



Douglas Sonders

The first thing Rod did was to work on customer service at the Falls Church dealership. During the first 90 days he worked from 7 a.m. to 9:00 or 9:30

Rod Emmons, B & P Member (c't'd from p. 7)

p.m. to develop an atmosphere that was best for the community. When he heard about Lake Barcroft from Sheila Wayman, a member of the Lake Barcroft Village Fundraising Committee, he realized that it was a bedroom community similar to what he was accustomed to in Woodbridge, where he knew all his customers by name. "I'm a real big relationship person," he noted.

Rod was so "committed to the car business" that he postponed marriage until this past May, 2015. He married on a Sunday because "my dealerships are open on Saturday." On Monday morning, he attended an Acura meeting in the district. Rod and his wife had dated for four years prior to their marriage. His wife, Tiffany, works for Federal Judge Barbara Keenan in Old Town Alexandria.

Rod's parents are still in their home; his father, 81, (retired military) drives a Chevy pickup and his mother drives an Acura. Both of them get their cars serviced at the Woodbridge Acura. Similarly, the Falls Church Acura will service all makes and models of automobiles, not just Acura automobiles. Rod has positioned a single individual to handle Lake Barcroft Village service calls: Jeremy Logsdon, the Service Director, at 703 895-7443.

The Falls Church service department is prepared to handle many different types of individualized service that might appeal to Village residents. If an individual's car requires servicing, the dealership will pick up the car at the home, service it and return it to the resident. Alternatively, the customer can bring the car into the dealership and either borrow a "loaner car" for the interim or take the shuttle service provided by Acura. These service options are available no matter what the make or model of the car being serviced.

The only type of service that Acura cannot do is warranty service on other makes of cars. For that, the customer would have to take the car to the original dealership. But cars still under warranty can receive routine maintenance (oil changes, tire rotation) at Acura in Falls Church.

Rod explains that he is so interested in customer service that he posted his private cell phone number on social media sites like Facebook. He would answer calls from total strangers in order to find out what customers wanted the dealership to provide. About his experience he said "It has been rewarding."

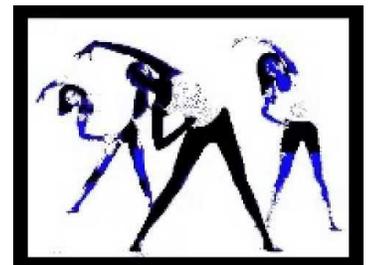
Memories



We asked Village members to share some of their most vivid memories with us; some are dramatic, some are funny. Here are the ones we've collected:

Dottie Bennett: "I grew up in Great Neck, NY, a daughter of German refugees whose thought process remained forever European.

My mother, a great athlete in her time, organized her German refugee lady



friends into an exercise group which met weekly in our home in the afternoon. This was the 1940's and exercising had not yet come to this country. You can imagine my concern that my friends would see this group of ladies doing aerobics and other kinds of stretching activities. Great Neck was where you wanted to fit in. This kind of 'weird' activity was embarrassing to me.

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So I never brought friends over on the day my mother's group met. This vivid memory has stuck with me all these years. My mom, who was so far ahead of her time, always marched to her own drummer.

I think some of that rubbed off on me!"

Dawn Donald: "Actually I was 17 at the time and a senior in high school. I blew off Physics as a class - didn't need the credits to graduate. I had one class hour open each day and decided to help with the Class Yearbook. I was in the yearbook office one day around noon or 1:00 p.m.. We had a radio in the office so I flipped it on. Right after hearing a popular Beatles song (the latest heartbreakers in the music business) an announcement came through. It was shocking and unbelievable! I ran to the school front office and told them what had happened in Dallas. They were struck speechless and I couldn't tell if they thought I was making it up. I recall watching TV for the next two or three days and crying from time to time as I watched the riderless horse; the grieving, veiled First Lady; the two young, innocent children; and the caisson rolling toward the Arlington National Cemetery. The world had changed."

Judy Hilton remembers seeing her mother's reaction when the Jack Benny radio show was interrupted by Franklin D. Roosevelt's announcement that the U.S. was at war the day after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.

Deenie McKay: "I have early memories of my father preaching. In the late '40s, early '50s, preachers used to shout. I remember seeing him up in the pulpit and being scared when he got angry and yelled jabbing his finger in the air. I figured everyone in the sanctuary was scared too. A few years later he had a more mellow style.

Back then we knew our neighbors and walked to and from school without fear."

Bill Wasyluk: "When the war broke out in 1941 I took up arms right away. Shortly afterwards I singlehandedly attacked a truck full of the enemy. I was successful in doing them all in; I was six years old."

Sheila Wayman: "I am a firm believer that those experiences of childhood enjoyed without a credit card are the best moments of my life. Money can be and often is an inhibitor of the pure joy of entertaining oneself with creative moments and searching for ways that bring fun and joy to a family.

Who had money???? Certainly no one we knew ...The Candy store on my corner held pleasures that a penny candy could buy and what pleasures those were....little bottles of colored sugar water made out of wax and pastel colored dots on white strips of paper were treats beyond imagination..not to mention Bungalow Bar and Good humor ice cream trucks that strolled our neighborhood. ..All the kids in the street would call "MA" and the mothers would wrap a dime in brown paper and throw it from the apartment window. That dime would buy the highlight of the day.....Memories...On Saturday the movie on Tremont Avenue would have a double feature plus the news and cartoons all for 14 cents. Often mothers would pack a lunch, or for a quarter a frankfurter and fries plus a cream soda/or Dr Brown's celery tonic were smuggled into the theater from the Deli next door. To this day those pleasures and history remain clear and cherished...."



Weather Only a Giant Panda Could Love

We watched the giant panda at the National Zoo frolicking in the snow, but the rest of us were wondering when it would end.

Sue Morse took the following photo of the scene from Waterway:



Bill Wasylyk took these photos of the results of the big storm from his home on Beachway:



Urgent Care Facilities

Have you ever developed a fever when your doctor's office was closed? Or had an insect bite swell up and not been able to see your doctor until the next day?

There are other options for you when you can't get to see your own doctor. Thanks to our neighbors on LakeLink, we've put together a list of Urgent Care facilities that people in Lake Barcroft have recommended. The facilities that got more than

one vote are listed first; the others are in alphabetical order:

Virginia Hospital Center, 601 S Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington, VA, (703) 717-7000 (5 votes)

Simplicity Urgent Care (Inova), 3263 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA, 703-746-0111 (2 votes)

Ballston Urgent Care, 3833 North Fairfax Drive, #100, Arlington, VA, [571 405 2822](tel:5714052822).

Falls Church Urgent Care & Walk-In Clinic (Dr. Greenberg), 3400 Payne St #102, Bailey's Crossroads, VA, (703) 348-9111

Inova Urgent Care Center, 4600-C Lee Highway, Arlington, VA, (571) 492-3080

Loehmann's Walk-In Clinic, Loehmann's Plaza Shopping Center, 7283 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA, (703) 846-9555

McLean Immediate Care (Dr. Shaool), 1340 Old Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA, [703-893-2273](tel:7038932273)

Old Dominion Urgent Care, 6262 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA, [703\) 893-2505](tel:7038932505)

Virginia Medical Acute Care, 5501 Backlick Rd, Springfield, VA, [703\) 642-2273](tel:7036422273).

Xpress Care (across from Pentagon Costco), 1409 S Fern St. Arlington, VA, (703) 521-2121

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