

# BARCROFT NEWS

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## NEXT MEETING: TRAVEL TREAT

Thursday, March 2, 8 p.m.  
Barcroft Community House, 8th and  
Buchanan Streets. All Welcome!

There's been a lot of winter this year, so our program chairperson, Susan Christopher, thought you might prefer this month to leave behind the usual civic topics and depart for other climes. How about some travel slides?

Mr. Don Clayton of Enzor Travel, our guest speaker, will speak of travel in Europe and show slides from some of his trips.

And a special attraction -- door prizes donated by Enzor Travel and Le Jasmin (formerly Le Coq d'Or) of 4701 Columbia Pike.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER . . . . .

Last month's comments on snow and ice in the Barcroft area drew a response from a number of you. We promptly reported three trouble spots to Arlington County -- in the 700 block of S. George Mason Dr., at the corner of S. Woodstock & S. 6th Sts., and at the corner of S. Taylor and S. 6th Sts. If we receive a reply from the County before the March meeting, we will inform you at the meeting.

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## ARLINGTON CIVIC FEDERATION 25th ANNUAL BANQUET TO BE APRIL 28

Last year our association had a fine turnout of members to this outstanding banquet which now is in its 25th year. The banquet this year will be in the Marymount College dining hall at 6:30 p.m..

Reservations must be made by April 20. Cost -- \$7.50 per person. We will have a signup sheet at the March meeting.

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## SERVICES FOR THE HOMEBOUND SICK & ELDERLY - PANEL PROGRAM MARCH 7

On this date (Tuesday) at 11 a.m., the "Day Alliance" of the Unitarian Church of Arlington will have a panel discussion in Reeb Hall (the red brick building beside the Church) at which specialists from the Visiting Nurse Association of No. Va., Homemaker Health Aide Service, Red Cross, Madison Center, Haven, and Public Health, will share their knowledge on this important topic.

The public is invited. The address is 4444 Arlington Blvd, near Pershing Dr. and 1st Rd. S., in Barcroft area.

## BARCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOUP LABEL DRIVE SOON TO COME TO END

Those of you who have been saving Campbell's Soup labels to donate to the school to redeem for equipment should turn the labels in as soon as possible. The cut-off date is March 18th. You can turn them in at the school in person or by mail.

THE ARLINGTON SYMPHONY YOUTH CONCERT WILL BE ON MARCH 5, AT KENMORE JHS, 3 p.m. ATTENDANCE FREE.

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Also, several of you called to say "right on" in reaction to the suggestion that we all try harder to clear sidewalks. Now let's hope that Spring soon will arrive.

The weather has been bad for our last two meetings, but nevertheless, about 30 persons attended both the January and the February evenings. A number of important civic issues are on the horizon -- Arlington's school and county budgets, possible loss of some state school aid, the relocation of the fire station; to name only a few.

Remember! Each month we have an association business meeting in addition to our program. This is when questions can be asked, motions made and information exchanged. It's a good way to keep informed and join together in common action to improve Barcroft.

See you Thursday, March 2nd!

Dick

#### BIG SISTERS NEEDED FOR LITTLE SISTERS

"Big Sisters of the Washington Metropolitan Area, Inc." in Alexandria, has notified us that it has recently opened an office to serve the northern Virginia jurisdictions of Arlington, Fairfax and Alexandria.

The organization matches young girls (ages 8-18) with trained women volunteers. At present, a large number of minority "Little Sisters" need this kind of guidance and additional adult support, and there are not enough volunteers.

For more information, call Evelyn A. Moore of Big Sisters, 751-4100.

#### HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT?

Arlington County has a program to place mentally and physically handicapped children in foster homes, rather than in institutions, when the child's own home cannot meet his or her needs. If you wish to consider becoming a Special Foster Parent, call Kitti Kestner at 558-2334, at the Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board.

The County provides special training and certification, financial reimbursement, respite care, medical and dental care, special education, and 24-hour emergency consultation, as well as other kinds of assistance.

#### APPALACHIAN CRAFT FAIR IS HEADED THIS WAY, MARCH 31 THRU APRIL 2

Sponsored by the Episcopal Churches in Arlington as a means to provide income for craftspeople from the mountains of N. Carolina and Virginia, the fourth annual Fair will be held this year at St. Andrew's Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, in N. Arlington.

About 40 craftspeople will be present for sales, craft demonstrations, and continuous folk and mountain music. There's fun for the whole family.

Small admission charge. For information, call 671-5448.

#### ARLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD URGES CITIZENS TO ASK STATE NOT TO CUT SCHOOL AID

The School Board is urging citizens and organizations to contact the Governor and State legislators to help stop a threatened cut of almost \$5 million in state school aid to Arlington, which the Board says could have "dire" consequences.

Copies of the Board's letters to Del. Mary Marshall and Governor Dalton can be obtained by calling the school information office 558-2838.

YOU AND YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION -- THAT'S THE RIGHT MIX -- WE NEED YOU AND YOU NEED US. BARCROFT'S A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE. LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY. COME JOIN TOGETHER TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRENGTH IN OUR CIVIC LIFE.