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JANUARY MEETING:

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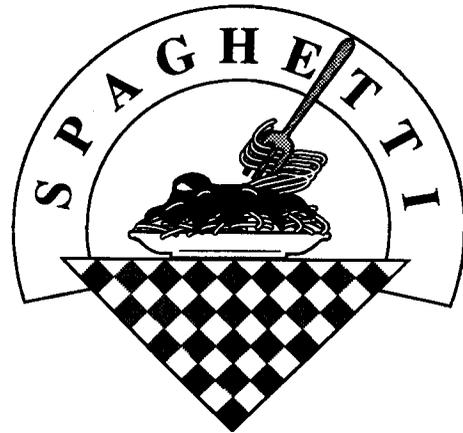
by *Dave Voorhees*

Our first speaker of the new year will be Cpl. Ed Chapman of the Arlington Police Department. Officer Chapman is the supervisor of the day shift for Barcroft (and two other civic associations). He will introduce Officer Ralf Meir of the Community Resource Division, who works directly with Barcroft School. They will talk to us about neighborhood crime and recent youth gang activity and will answer any questions about crime in Barcroft. Please plan on attending our regular meeting on January 5, 1995, at 7:30 PM. We will also be discussing and voting on the Unitarian Church request for an alternative use for Reeb Hall.

BSCL Spaghetti Supper

by *Tom Palance*

On Sunday, January 15, at 5 PM, the BSCL will hold a delicious spaghetti supper featuring spaghetti sauce from an old family recipe, crisp Italian salad, warm bread, and plenty to drink.



The evening will also include live musical entertainment and a cake raffle.

We are encouraging the whole family to join us for this exciting event. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, clean up, and donate cakes. If you are interested in helping with the supper or baking a cake (or both!), call me, Tom Palance, at 979-8366. Tickets may be limited due to space, so they will be on sale in advance. The cost is only \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 6-12 years old; kids under 6 years old eat free. The proceeds will help support the Community House renovation fund. Call me for tickets and join in on the fun. Bon appetit!

Barcroft Holiday Program Starts Off the Season

by Kyle Walton

The December 1 BSCL meeting ushered in the holiday season with lots of singing, food, and good cheer. The community house was filled to overflowing, with a standing-room-only crowd. Julie Gorka lent a splendid hand to the piano to lead off the caroling, joined by the ever-talented and diverse Barcroft Christmas Band and a full chorus of Barcrofters. The Cackley Family Singers mesmerized the crowd with beautiful a cappella songs, and Jack Turner dazzled all with his trumpet solo. A special treat came in small packages as a group of young Barcrofters sang their hearts out before the attentive and appreciative audience.

The evening wouldn't have been complete without Mary Anne O'Rourke's traditional reading of *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, with some acoustic assistance by Barbara Swart. Barbara and her husband, Rudolph, ... er Randy, added a festive flair to the band with a matching set of antlers and one very red nose. That nose must have led Santa right to Barcroft. He appeared, all jolly in red, with a bag full of candy canes for all the good boys and girls.

Scott Allard's cookies and cider added a sweet touch to the evening. Thanks to all who brought goodies to share. A hearty thanks goes to Kathy Kerr for organizing the evening, and hats off to all of the Barcroft musicians who made the night merry with music.

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Welcome Kyle Walton!

by Randy Swart

This issue is the second issue of the *Barcroft News* produced with Kyle Walton serving as contributions editor. The first was a hum-dinger—and the best issue in recent memory (we aren't counting the 1903 editions, but it was spectacular anyway). It is a pleasure to pass the baton to a talented editor who is both enthusiastic and dedicated to producing a great newsletter!

I will continue to write articles—and you should too, since Kyle needs good material to start with. You have probably noticed something about the neighborhood that hasn't been reported, or you may have a pet peeve or an at-taboy you want to convey. When you are inspired, you can drop off your article at Kyle's

door at 4705 6th St. S., or you can reach him by phone at 521-3307. Don't be shy. Nobody expects perfection, and it's a kick to see your byline in the *Barcroft News*.

Welcome aboard, Kyle.

Ad Manager Wanted

We still need a volunteer for the position of advertising manager for the *Barcroft News*. It's a fun job! You get to visit or call the neighborhood businesses that advertise in the *Barcroft News*, which can be interesting. Sending out the bills is a chore, but only happens every three months for the regulars, and Virginia Reinecke organized all of that for us. Please call Randy or Barbara Swart at 521-2080 to volunteer.



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Barcroft Elementary School News

by Fran Bell Simms

On Nov. 15, the Marine Buddies came to Barcroft Elementary School with trenching tools and energy to help students plant 583 bulbs. The planting was the outcome of a reading challenge among the grade levels, and the participation was rewarding. The number of bulbs planted had to be limited to provide space for their growth. The PTA has underwritten the cost and PTA president Gerre Medley made the selections. Each grade level has planted a garden of bulbs for the beautification of the school and the community. Come by and see your lovely community school this spring.

This year, 1995, marks the seventieth year of Barcroft Elementary School and its service to the neighboring community. Plans for a birthday celebration are in the works. We would like to collect memories of the school and the community in a bound volume to be deposited in the library. If you or your children have special memories you would like to share, please write to Principal Hughey-Guy or Fran Simms at Barcroft Elementary School, 625 S. Wakefield St. If you are willing to be interviewed by a student, let us know. This is your school and your community; knowing your wealth of memory will enrich our honoring the past while forging a future.

With the birthday year in mind and thinking ahead to the Diamond Jubilee in the year 2000, when the time capsule cemented in the wall in 1980 will be opened, we are planning

ahead. Barcroft is the longest-serving elementary school in Arlington remaining on its original site.

Janice Strauss, who has served students at Barcroft for 22 years, will leave in January to become an itinerant resource teacher for the gifted and will be serving all of Arlington County. We hail her years of service to the community and wish her grand success in her new position. She will be missed.

In addition, Fran Bell Simms, the reading teacher at Barcroft since January 1981, has been selected by the Greater Washington Reading Council as Teacher of the Year. Her nomination will be forwarded to the Virginia State Reading Association with the possibility of becoming the state's Reading Teacher of the Year. Whether this occurs remains to be seen. Mrs. Simms takes joy in teaching and in service to this community. She has taught in Arlington since 1962. Since she is writing this piece, she prefers to be modest: ask the children, ask the teachers.



Massage Center Is Truly Therapeutic

by Randy Swart

In this issue is an ad for the Advanced Therapeutic Massage Center. You might wonder from the name, but a visit to their office indicates that this is a straightforward, professional place where serious massage therapy is practiced.

Kathy Hall and Katia Miniovich started the Center in September. It's located at 46 S. Glebe, next to Evans. Both are licensed, certified massage therapists, trained to treat a variety of muscular and other connective-tissue problems with massage. Many of their clients are golfers, tennis players, runners, and office workers whose repetitive work or computer use leads to problems. The complaints range from stress injuries to lower back pain to surgical recovery to carpal tunnel syndrome. The focus is on rehabilitation and teaching proper body mechanics to avoid strain. Thirty-minute sessions for back and neck massage are \$30, or \$25 each in a five-session package.

In addition to massage therapy, the two therapists teach courses in massage to groups or couples and a course in stretching. They are

starting another of their six-week massage courses in January.

I can't vouch for the effectiveness of their therapy, but it seemed to me that Kathy and Katia are dedicated professionals who give massage a good name.

Barcroft Babysitters

Erin Barksdale, 15 years old, 979-7665

My Chau, S. 7th St., 521-9344

Nhu Dang, S. Buchanan St., 685-8831

Kathy Kerr, licensed family day care provider, part time only, 892-6458

Stacy Kyle, 15 years old, 9th grade, S. 6th St., American Red Cross Babysitting Certification, 486-0019

Terri Lahlou, 29 years old, S. 4th St., 979-9565 (home), 527-8484 (work)

Liza Lord, 14 years old, American Red Cross Babysitting course, 892-2443

Sasha Lord, 12 years old, Mother's Helper—will entertain children while mother is at home, 892-2443

Lauren Wilson, 10 years old, Mother's Helper—speaks Spanish, 920-9410



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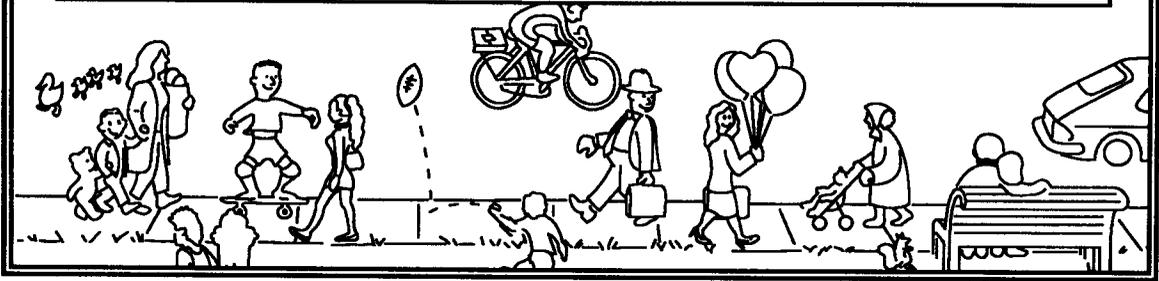
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Around the Neighborhood With Kathy Kerr



Welcome to new neighbors Beth and Mark Minotti, who moved in over on 4th St. S. Mark is a Navy Lieutenant (which in English translates to ship driver) and just completed a tour of duty based in Norfolk. He came off a nuclear cruiser, the *Mississippi*, serving mostly in the Caribbean.

Mark and Beth have a 5-month-old daughter, Elizabeth, born in Norfolk. Beth is enjoying being a mother at home.

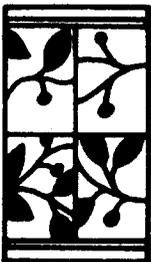
Mark is originally from New Jersey, and Beth is a native of Ohio. They say they discovered Barcroft while searching for houses with a real estate agent. Mark says that not only was the 4th St. house the nicest one they saw, but as they turned the corner from George Mason onto 4th St., they saw a mother pushing a baby in a stroller. They'll probably never know who that mother was, but it was then that they knew this was the neighborhood for them!



Rob LaPointe on 6th St. S. recently returned from the first World Tai Chi Conference, held in Beijing, China. The conference involved a week of special tai chi training. Tai chi is an ancient Chinese martial art practiced for its health and relaxation benefits. Training venues included "the Temple of Heaven."

After the conference Rob went on a tour to a number of Chinese cities. One highlight was a visit to the Shaolin Temple. This temple is the birthplace of Zen Buddhism and the martial arts. It burned to the ground in 1927 and is now being restored by the Chinese government. The temple is a mecca for both Buddhists and practitioners of martial arts.

Rob is pleased to be able to integrate what he has learned in China into his teaching at the White Birch School of Kung Fu, where he conducts classes in tai chi and kung fu. Call Rob for more information at 979-1083.



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January Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 School Resumes Civic Federation Mtg., 7:45 PM, Arlington Hospital.	4 Off to the Yukon, 3:45-4:45 PM, Long Br Nat Ctr. Kids grades 1-3. Call 358-6535 for info and reservations.	5 BSCL Meeting, 7:30 PM, 800 S. Buchanan. Call 521-0825 for info.	6	7 Col. Pike Artist Studios Open House, 11 AM-4 PM, 932 S. Walter Reed Dr.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY	17 Winter Tree Identification, 10 AM-noon, Scots Run Nat. Pres. Adults. Call 358-6535 for reservations.	18 Recycle Your Holiday Cards, 6:30-8 PM, Long Br Nat Ctr. Adults. Call 358-6535 for info and reservations.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 CHINESE, JAPANESE, KOREAN NEW YEAR RAMADAN BEGINS				



Barcrofters may remember that four to five years ago, we had a charming coffee house occurring monthly. Neighborhood musicians and poets were able to perform for a very receptive Barcroft audience. It was a lot of fun. We have some very talented people in our neighborhood. Thank you to Barcroft musicians Roger Cornell and Linda Titolo for organizing those events.

Neighborhood dynamo Tom Palance got the idea to start up the coffee house again. The spaghetti dinner on Jan. 15 will be the kick off for what we hope will bring some new life and entertainment to our community house and our community! Tom is a professional musician playing trumpet with the U.S. Navy Band. His talented wife, Lisa, plays flute and teaches piano.

January Activities at Long Branch Nature Center

The following programs will take place in January 1995. All are free unless otherwise noted and require reservations. Reservations can be made by calling 358-6535.



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Winter Tree Identification Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10 AM–noon. Adults are invited to learn to identify trees by bud and bark. We will meet at Scots Run Nature Preserve. Please call for reservations and directions.

Recycle Your Holiday Cards Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6:30–8 PM. Adults are invited to learn to make small gift boxes out of holiday cards. Please call for a small materials list and to make reservations.

Frozen Dairy Bar Returns

by Randy Swart

The Frozen Dairy Bar formerly located on Arlington Blvd. at Annandale Rd. has now reopened on Lee Highway. This is the same frozen custard stand started by Barcroft Guy Sponseller in 1950. It is a tribute to him that the institution lives on.

The "new" Frozen Dairy Bar is at 7634 Lee Highway, Falls Church, just inside the beltway, past the National Memorial Park cemetery with its fountain of notable sculptures. From Barcroft take Arlington Blvd. west to Loehman's Plaza, turn right on Graham Rd. and left at the first light onto Lee Highway. The FDB is about a half-mile down Lee Highway on the right. The front is just a brick shopping center, but the faces inside have the same smiles and the machines are the same good old ones that make that same wonderful soft ice cream. Leave your diet at home and take your tongue for a sleigh ride.

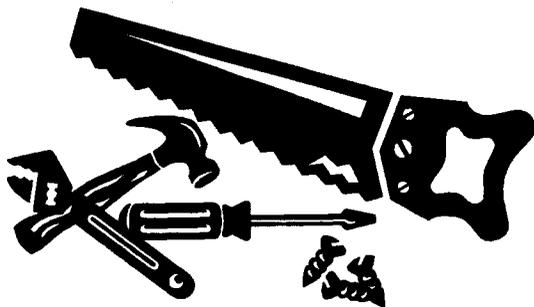
Got an Item for the Barcroft News?

We know there are lots of closet writers out there who would like to share their opinions, tips, and knowledge with the neighborhood. The problem is, to whom do you send what? We've had a few changes recently, and more are to come we hope. Herewith, the list:

- ✎ **Letters to the editor**—Sara Leigh Merrey, 4669 4th St. S.
- ✎ **Articles, notices of events, etc.**—Kyle Walton, 4705 6th St. S., 521-3307
- ✎ **Commercial display and classified ads, Barcroft Exchange noncommercial ads**—Randy Swart (temporarily), 4611 7th St. S.

Now that you know *where* to send your material, you probably want to know *how* we want it. Basically, in any format you want to use. You can write it neatly by hand, type it on a typewriter, copy it onto your DOS or Mac diskette (either 5¼" or 3½"; high, low, or double density), or send it over the modem (call first).

We really do welcome unsolicited material. If you have an idea you'd like to discuss first, call Kyle or Sara Leigh.



Renovations and Repairs Committee to Meet

The Barcroft Community House Renovations and Repairs Committee will meet Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in adding your input, contact Jim Kerr, 892-6458.

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Barcroft Crime Report

This month's crime report is for incidents in November. **Please note that the addresses show the block where the incident occurred, not the individual house number.**

To report crimes or criminals, Arlington County police urge you to call them on 911 or at their non-emergency number, 538-2222.

- 11/4 900 S. Buchanan St. Watch and two bracelets stolen from sleeping drunk man.
- 11/5 4700 S. Columbia Pike. Possession of marijuana.
- 11/6 700 S. George Mason Dr. PDMVH&R citizen's accident.
- 11/8 4700 S. Columbia Pike. Assault.
500 S. George Mason Dr. Domestic dispute.
- 11/9 900 S. Wakefield St. Vandalism; bottle thrown through vehicle's rear window.
- 11/12 900 S. Buchanan St. Vehicle window broken; stereo cassette player stolen.
900 S. Wakefield St. Stereo cassette player stolen from unlocked vehicle.
900 S. Wakefield St. Vandalism; vehicle windows smashed with bricks and all four tires slashed.
4300 S. Columbia Pike. Victim reported annoying phone calls.
- 11/13 900 S. Buchanan St. Vehicle impounded; owner suspected of selling used cars without a license.
400 S. Pershing Dr. Attempted auto theft of vehicle parked on street while owner away on vacation.
- 11/14 4400 6th St. S. Bicycle stolen from unlocked garage.
- 11/15 4800 S. Columbia Pike. Assault and robbery.
900 S. George Mason Dr. Item stolen from store.
4300 6th St. S. Child left bicycle in complainant's front yard and did not return to get it.

- 11/16 900 S. Buchanan St. Vehicle window broken; two speakers and pull-out stereo stolen.
4300 S. Columbia Pike. Disturbed subject detained.
- 11/17 4800 S. Columbia Pike. Vandalism at business; front window kicked and cracked.
4600 5th St. S. Domestic dispute.
900 S. Wakefield St. Attempted entry through rear window of home.
- 11/20 4000 9th St. S. Vehicle's soft top stolen.
4800 S. Columbia Pike. Disorderly conduct and drunkenness.
- 11/21 4800 S. Columbia Pike. Vehicle telephone stolen.
- 11/23 4400 Arlington Blvd. Mortar mixer stolen from construction site.
4700 Arlington Blvd. Suspect ran red light; arrested for fleeing police.
- 11/24 900 S. Buchanan St. Domestic violence.
- 11/26 4600 6th St. S. SMPLASLT; victim took out warrant; subject arrested three hours after assault.
- 11/27 100 S. Woodrow St. Wallets stolen from two victims.

Come to the January meeting to ask the guest speakers what the strange acronyms stand for!

Barcroft Exchange

WANTED: Bookshelves—large, small, tall or thin. Call John or Beth at 271-0599.

WANTED: Volunteers to help with the BSCL Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, Jan. 15, 1995. Call Tom Palance at 979-8366.

WANTED: We are Barcrofters interested in finding an *experienced* woman to live with us and care for our one-year-old son and soon-to-be-born twins. We will offer free room and board plus wages. If you are interested or have any leads, please contact us at 703-553-8358 (Leslie and Tom Morris).



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