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KAY CORBETT TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON

by

EVA PAPPAS, Vice President, Program Chairman

Kay Corbett's book, Calla Lilies is a true story of four sisters and their struggle to survive abuses, addiction, and poverty in America. They try to live life with courage and determination despite an alcoholic birth mother who deserted them and a maternal grandmother who left them at the Salvation Army. Two sisters remained in foster care during childhood, but all four women have subsequently reunited and are close despite recurring sibling rivalries.

Through all their adversities, the four sisters show an amazing inner strength and resiliency; and it is obvious they care about improving their lives. Conversations from 1994-2002 between the sisters and their stepmother reveal surprising events in real-time: their lively and impassioned personal conversations read like a novel, but they are all true. Their stories include heart-rending accounts of childhood physical and sexual abuse and spousal abuse, unwarranted loss of children, living on minimum wage, and repeated ER visits resulting in pain medication addictions.

Boxes of statistics are inserted between the conversations to add educational material to support the many social issues in the book. These women are survivors, but it is easy to see that traumatic childhoods left them with drug and alcohol addictions to stop the pain and memories. One has served time in Chowchilla Women's Prison in California after life on the streets of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Calla Lilies speaks volumes to the unfairness of our legal system and its failure to rehabilitate offenders. At the heart of this memoir is a touching love story of five women, four sisters and their stepmother, who support each other with uncompromising loyalty and devotion.

The author of Calla Lilies, Kay Corbett, and her husband of thirty-three years reside in Clifton, Virginia. During that time they have traveled to over 75 countries. Kay is the mother of three daughters and stepmother to her husband's two sons.

Kay received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Northern Arizona University and did graduate studies in voice performance at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

Ms. Corbett is active in The American Association of University Women, the Clifton Community Women's Club, the Democratic Women of Clifton and church choirs.

Do come join us and hear this eloquent author! If interested in purchasing a copy of Calla Lilies, bring a checkbook or cash as copies of her book will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

See you April 14. More information on the luncheon is on page 2. ♦



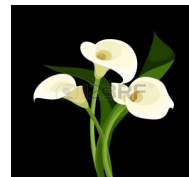
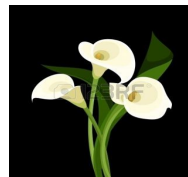
DR. KAREN GARZA SPECIAL GUEST FOR THE JUNE 9 LUNCHEON

Dr. Karen Garza joins us for our last luncheon of the year on June 9, 2016. This is our Scholarship Luncheon where we honor the graduating FCPS students who have received one of the **W. Harold Ford Foundation Scholarship**.

Dr. Garza will be our guest and will help present the scholarships to the deserving recipients.

Please put this date on your calendar so that we can honor those students who are entering our profession.

It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Garza as our guest.



NOTE: At the April 14, 2016, FCRE Luncheon, the chef at the Elks Lodge will be serving CRAB CAKES. If you are allergic to crab or shellfish, please indicate this when you make your reservation and ask for a substitute meal for the APRIL 14 2016 Luncheon. We want to keep you safe!

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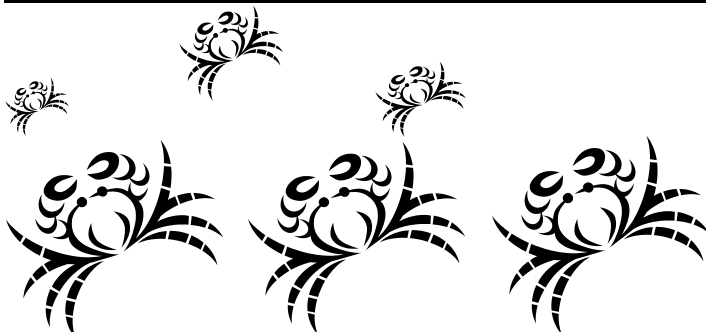
1. Check the expiration date above your name on your mailing label. If it reads, "Expires June 30, 2016" and is marked in pink, it is time to **RENEW!**
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SPRINGFIELD, VA.22150-0682
6. That's all you do to renew!

VEGETARIANS!

Please be aware that we can accommodate vegetarian choices if you let us know when you make your reservation for the luncheon. We can let Chef Jay know how many vegetarian plates we will need if you tell us when you call, email, or write to make your reservations! Just be sure that you tell us you need a vegetarian meal!

THANK YOU!

FCRE would like to take this opportunity to thank the Apple Federal Credit Union for their continued support in our activities. We really appreciate you!



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April 14, 2016 NEXT MEMBER LUNCHEON LOCATED AT:

Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd. (Route 50)
Fairfax, Virginia

AGENDA:

- 11:00 a. m.-Social Hour and cash bar--meet and greet friends.**
- 11:30 a. m.-Luncheon Menu:**
Spinach Salad,
CRAB CAKES!
Red Skin Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Lemon Meringue Pie
- 12:30 p. m.-Program: Kay Corbett, Calla Lilies
- Business Meeting--**



LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Reservations **must** be received by phone, mail, or email **no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, April 8, 2016, because we have to give the Elks Lodge the definite number by that date and time. Please call, mail, or email early!**

1. **BY MAIL--**Mail your name, name(s) of guests, and check for \$15 for members, \$18 for guests. Make your checks payable to **FCRE**, and mail to
**Fairfax County Retired Educators
Luncheon Reservations
P. O. 682
Springfield, VA 22150-0682**

OR:

2. **CALL: 703-923-9877**
Leave your name (please spell slowly), phone number, and guest name(s)

OR:

3. **EMAIL-- luncheon@fcre.org**
We still want the same information--your name, and your guest(s) if you are bringing any.
NOTE: If you email us with your reservation, expect a reply that your reservation has been received. If you don't receive a reply, please send again because we did not receive your reservation.

Cost of luncheon: \$15.00 for members of FCRE
\$18 for each guest.

Members and guests without reservations may be accommodated at \$21.00 per person **only** if space is available.

Unclaimed reservations will be billed.

REMEMBER:

FCRE Recommendation: Do NOT under any circumstances withdraw from your Fairfax County Public Schools-sponsored health insurance plan. If you do, you cannot rejoin!



MEMBER ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

by
Barbara Marshall, Director



BOOK GROUPS

- Annandale Book Group--Dottie Addison, coordinator. Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 12 noon in various places. Call Dottie at **703-971-8479** for more information.
- Fairfax City Group--Sue Williams, coordinator. Meets at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd Friday in Barnes and Noble at Fair Lakes.
- Vienna Tuesday Book Group--Joey Graves, coordinator. Meets the 2nd Tuesday at the Providence Community Center. The April book selection is *Emma* by Emma Donoghue.
- Vienna Retired Ladies Group--The next meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Oakton Library. **The contact person for this group is now Dee Hardtke.** Dee's email is dmhardtke@gmail.com

BRIDGE GROUPS

- 2nd and 4th Monday Group--Meets 2nd and 4th Monday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Contact person is Barbara Marshall at 571-203-0375 or bmarshall12@verizon.net. This group will meet at the Vienna American Legion this month. The Legion is located at 303 Center St., Vienna, VA 22180.
- Tuesday Morning Group--Coordinator is Sandy Smith. Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in homes.
- Third Monday Evening Group--Coordinators are Claudette Coffey and Joey Graves. Meets in homes at 7:00 p.m.
- 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday Bridge Group--Coordinator is Nancy Smagala. Meets at David R. Pinn Community Center on Zion Road in Burke at 9:45-12:00. Players do not stay for lunch. Email nsmagala@aol.com for more information.
- The Review Bridge Group led by Dave Meadows meets at the Vienna American Legion on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

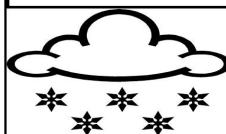
CINEMA ARTS GROUP!!!!



Meet your friends at the Cinema Arts Group which meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Cinema Arts Theatre in Pickett Shopping Center across from Woodson High School.

Join your friends for a good movie and lunch at the First Watch Café to discuss the film.

Contact person is **Alicia Clelland** at clellaap@cox.net Email Alicia if you would like to be included on the email list for the next film.



If ice, snow, or other inclement weather occurs on the days of our luncheons or activities, please listen to your radio or television. If Fairfax County Public Schools are closed, our activities are cancelled as well. If FCPS opens late, our activities will operate on time.

FCRE Request for Digital Version of Advocate Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving the FCRE newsletter in a digital format instead of the hard copy presently mailed to you, please fill out the form below and return it to the FCRE office. We are offering this option as we move towards digital communications with our members.

Name (please print): _____

Email address (please print): _____

Send this form to:

FCRE

P.O. Box 682

Springfield, VA 22150-0682

BENEFITS NEWS

Preventative care services are covered by the FCPS Health Plans. There is neither copay nor deductible for most preventative care. Your annual checkup is an example of this preventative. Be sure to schedule a yearly check up. Also, health and wellness screenings, vaccines, and immunizations and other preventative health care. Preventative care helps identify health risks and potentially stops certain health conditions from developing. This, in the long run, will save you money.

FCPS Human Resources reminds us all of the benefit changes which took place January 1, 2016. Remember, there are deductibles under the Aetna/Innovation Health and CareFirst plans. Non-preventative services are subject to a deductible before the plan pays. The maximum out-of-pocket amounts have been adjusted under the Aetna/Innovation and CareFirst plans. CareFirst and Kaiser will have higher office visit copayments for specialist care.

These benefit changes are the same for Medicare enrollees in the Aetna/Innovation Health Plan. Medicare benefits will pay as primary, and the FCPS retiree medical will pay as secondary. If you have any questions about your coverage, please call the Office of Benefit Services of the Human Resources Department at this number: **703-423-3200, Option 2**. Or on line at HRConnection@fcps.edu

Below is a copy of a form you will be receiving from FCPS Human Resources in early April, 2016. Please read the information on the form below to know what this form is about. Please keep it with your 2015 tax records. It may be necessary for you to use this information on this form to complete your taxes. (continued on page 5, first column)

New Tax Form for 2015 Filing

The Affordable Care Act (ACA)

This year, many retirees will receive a new tax form to document health plan coverage and compliance with the Individual Mandate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The new form (IRS Form 1095) documents health insurance coverage through the marketplace, public plan, or other source such as an employer plan.

In April of 2016, retirees who were covered under an FCPS health plan (or eligible for coverage under the plan) will receive this form in the mail. Much like Form W-2 and Form 1099, which include information about the income you received, these new forms provide information regarding you and your family members' health insurance coverage.

While the information on this form may assist with preparing your tax return, the Internal Revenue Service has stated you will not need to submit these forms with your tax return. You should keep the forms for your records with your other important tax documents.



Human Resources Department
Office of Benefit Services
8115 Gatehouse Road, Suite 2700
Falls Church, VA 22042
571-423-3200, option 3, option 2
HRConnection@fcps.edu

Why am I receiving a 1095-C Form?

Form 1095-C was created to fulfill the requirements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This new form documents your health plan coverage for 2015.

When will the 1095-C Forms be issued to retirees?

FCPS will mail the 1095-C by March 31, 2016, so you can expect this form to arrive in the mail by early April.

What do I do with the 1095-C Form?

The information on this form may assist with preparing your tax return, but the IRS has stated you will not need to submit these forms with your tax return. You should keep the forms for your records with your other important tax documents.

The image shows the top portion of Form 1095-C, 'Employer-Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage'. It includes fields for the employee's name, Social Security Number (SSN), and applicable large employer member information. There are checkboxes for 'VOID' and 'CORRECTED'. The form also has a table for 'Employee Offer and Coverage' with columns for months from January to December, and a table for 'Covered Individuals' with columns for names and months. The form is dated 2015 and includes the IRS logo.

Action Required by You

- When your 1095-C arrives in the mail, you will need to keep this form for your records with your other important tax documents. You may need to use the information on this form to complete your 2015 tax forms.
- For more details regarding 1095 statements, the IRS has posted a set of questions and answers that discuss these new forms. If you have questions regarding how these forms impact your tax return preparation, log onto the IRS.gov site or check with your tax professional.

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The Social Security Administration and some health plans (like Kaiser Permanente) have started issuing these form to participants. Many employers have until **March 31, 2016**, to issue their forms.

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For questions, please contact the **Office of Benefit Services** at **571-423-3200, option 3, then option 2 to speak to a representative.**

In the meantime, your FCRE officers continue to meet with representatives from the FCPS Benefits Office concerning benefits for 2017. **Barbara Dent**, FCRE Treasurer, will represent retirees for meetings which will look at pharmaceutical proposals for 2017. Stay tuned.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM

BY
Barbara Allen

Just a few dates for your calendar as we prepare for our Spring activities which include discussions with FCPS School Board Members.

Meeting dates for GRT Meetings:

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. March 17 at the FEA Office.

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. April 21 at the FEA Office.

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. May 19 at the FEA Office.

The School Board Position Statement will be reviewed. Appointments will scheduled for talks with the School Board Members.



REMEMBRANCES

Fairfax County Retired Educators is saddened by the loss of two of its members:

Richard Byrd
February 13, 2016

Gail Farmer
January 20, 2016

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

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FCRE LUNCHEON DATES
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Thursday, June 9, 2016

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