



FAIRFAX COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS  
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# THE ADVOCATE

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## President's Message

This has certainly been a challenging few months. By now, I'm sure you've adjusted to social distancing, face masks, and limited, if any, access to your favorite places.

The FCRE Board met via Zoom this month. We have decided to hold four luncheons next year provided it is safe to do so. Save these dates: October 8, December 10, March 11, and June 10. At the October luncheon, recipients of the 2020 scholarships will be recognized. We hope to have Dr. Scott Brabrand, the FCPS Superintendent, join us at this luncheon. The FCRE Board has also approved the 2020-21 budget, which can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Please review the proposed budget as members will be asked to vote on the budget at the October luncheon.

FCRE continues to be in need of volunteers to serve as officers and directors. We especially need a volunteer to take on the duties of the Treasurer since our previous treasurer, Barbara Dent, has moved away from the area. She is still helping us with treasurer duties and is more than willing to train a new person. Please contact me at cshelt@verizon.net if you are interested in volunteering and willing to help keep FCRE strong. Remember that in addition to providing social opportunities for our members, FCRE regularly meets with FEA-R and FCPS Human Resources personnel to have input about retiree benefits.

At this time, the Cinema Arts group, the Bridge group, and the Book clubs have been de-activated due to health concerns surrounding COVID-19. As restrictions related to COVID-19 are eased, it is our great hope that these groups will be re-activated. I encourage you to check our website ([www.fcrc.org](http://www.fcrc.org)) or our next issue of *The Advocate* in September for updates.

Stay safe and healthy! We hope to see you in the fall.

## Contributors to Ford Scholarship Fund 2020

The Board of Directors of the W. Harold Ford Scholarship Foundation would like to thank all of you who contributed to the Scholarship Foundation as of June 2020. FCRE expects to award at least three scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the September FCRE luncheon. FCRE would also like to thank all those members who purchased 50-50 raffle tickets at the 2019-2020 luncheons, proceeds of which were added to the scholarship fund. The Board appreciates the generosity of all its members:

Joanne Alexander	Beverly George	Ardis Morton	Charles Sane
Barbara Aspinall	Joanna Guccione	John & Doris Patteson	Frederick Scango
Bonnie Becker	Betsy Harris	Christel Payne	Mary Elizabeth Seip
Maurice Burnsworth	Valerie Joseph	Dennis Pfennig	Barney Strutton
Murry Franklin	Sue Langley	Kenneth & Jane Plum	
Lynn Gaaserud	Foster Morse	Joseph Romeo	

## Collette Travel Information

by  
Alicia Clelland

Collette Tours continues to offer some previously scheduled tours this year. The following trips are still planned: the French Canada in July, the Colorado Rockies in September, Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in October, and the Costa Rica in November. Collette Tours is adopting a new protocol that will be aligned with the CDC and WHO guidelines. For information, see [gocollette.com](http://gocollette.com).

Shillelagh Travel Club has a variety of day trips planned. All trips include coach transportation from their Vienna Office. Detailed information can be found at: [shillelaghtravelclub.com](http://shillelaghtravelclub.com). The trips scheduled now include:

- **Crab Feast:** August 4th for a cost of \$107.00: Enjoy a day trip to Kent Island for their annual Crab Feast! Depart at 11:00 AM and return at approximately 5:00 PM.
- **A Day in Virginia Wine Country:** September 16th for a cost of \$169.00: Trip includes two wineries and lunch. Depart at 10:15 AM and return at approximately 6:15 PM.
- **Autumn Leaf Train Ride:** October 21st for a cost of \$129.00: Trip includes a visit to the Delaware Art Museum, lunch in the museum and a Fall train ride on the Wilmington and Western Railroad. Depart at 7:15 AM and return at approximately 7:30 PM.
- **Sunken Cities -- Treasures of Ancient Egypt:** November 4th at a cost \$89.00: Travel to the VMFA in Richmond with lunch on your own. Depart at 8:30 AM and return at approximately 5:00 PM.
- **Holidays at Mt. Hope** - December 7th for a cost of \$125.00: Trip includes a visit to this gorgeously decorated historic mansion, a four-course pre-set luncheon and a 45 minute holiday performance following lunch. Depart at 9.30 AM and return at approximately 7:00 PM.

Contact Trevor Major at Shillelagh Travel for more information or to make a trip deposit. Trevor can be reached by phone at 703-242-2204 or by email at [trevorm@shillelaghtravelclub.com](mailto:trevorm@shillelaghtravelclub.com).

### ARE YOU IN THE PINK?

**If the answer is "yes," it is time to renew your membership! Here's how to know and what to do:**

- Check the expiration date above your name on your mailing label. If it reads "Expires June 30, 2020," then it is time to renew.
- To renew:
  - ✓ Write your check (payable to **FCRE**) for either \$30.00 (for a 1-year renewal) or for **\$75** (for a **3 year renewal**)
  - ✓ Mail your check to:  
FCRE  
Membership Renewal  
PO Box 682  
Springfield, VA 22150-0682

\*\*\*MANY THANKS\*\*\*

*FCRE members wish to give their many and continued thanks to the Apple Federal Credit Union. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*

**PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR  
FAIRFAX COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS  
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

**W. HAROLD FORD  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.  
Budget - Fiscal Year 2021  
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY  
RETIRED EDUCATORS, INC.  
Budget - Fiscal Year 2021  
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**

**INCOME:**

Dedicated Donations	
FCRE	\$ 2,000.00
Mary O. Ambler Trust	2,000.00
Raffle & Table Donations	300.00
Individual Donations	1,450.00
FCRE Admin. Fund	1,000.00
Interest – Apple FCU CDs	600.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$7,350.00</b>

**EXPENSES:**

2021 Scholarship Awards	
FCRE	\$2,000.00
Mary O. Ambler	2,000.00
W. Harold Ford	2,000.00
Administrative costs	1,000.00
Tax preparation	350.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$7350.00</b>

**INCOME:**

1. Membership Dues	\$ 17,000.00
2. Member Services	0.00
3. Interest—Apple FCU Accts, CDs	1,000.00
4. Miscellaneous Income	2,500.00
5. Transfer from Reserves	9,505.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$ 30,005.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

11. Information & Publications	\$ 3,500.00
12. Postage—Info & Publications	3,500.00
13. Copy Equipment—Supplies	500.00
14. Copy Equipment—Maintenance	520.00
15. General Office Supplies	600.00
16. Post Office Box Rental	200.00
17. Telephone Services	2,800.00
18. Computers—Programs and Main.	700.00
19. Tax Preparation & Audit	600.00
20. Corporation Liability Insurance	2,500.00
21. Internal Website & ISP	0.00
22. Miscellaneous	10.00
23. Annual State Incorporation Fee	25.00
24. Office Manager	5,800.00

**OFFICERS & DIRECTORSHIPS:**

31. President’s Fund	\$ 1,200.00
32. Remembrance	400.00
33. Government Relations Team	1,300.00
34. Membership Development	500.00
35. History & Photography	300.00
36. Scholarship Director	1,000.00
37. Directors & Committees	200.00
38. Legato School Museum	150.00
39. W. Harold Ford Scholarship Fund	2,000.00
40. Luncheon Set-ups & Programs	1,000.00
41. Members Services—Tours	500.00
42. Change and Petty Cash Fund	200.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 30,005.00**

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**NOTES TO THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR  
JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021**

The budgets will be voted on by the membership at the September 2020 luncheon meeting.

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**Upcoming FCRE Luncheon at the  
Elks Lodge in Fairfax**  
  
**At this time, the next luncheon date is  
Thursday, October 8, 2020**

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**OFFICERS: JULY, 2019 - JUNE, 2020**  
**President:** Cathy Shelton  
**Vice President:** Eva Pappas  
**Secretary:** Dennis Pfennig  
**Treasurer:** *Vacancy*  
**President-Elect:** *Vacancy*

**BOARD of DIRECTORS**  
**History & Records:** *Vacancy*  
**Information & Publications:** Connie Dineen  
**Legato School Museum:** Bob Coffin  
**Legislative/Gov't Relations:** Barbara Allen  
**Luncheon Coordinator:** Phyllis Rittman  
**Member Activities:** *Vacancy*  
**Member Services/Tours:** Alicia Clelland  
**Membership:** Valerie Shapiro  
**Parliamentarian:** Dennis Pfenning  
**Retiree Benefits:** Andy Mika  
**W. Harold Ford Scholarship:** Phyllis Rittman  
  
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**Office Manager:** Cathy Shelton