



FAIRFAX COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall! FCRE is pleased to announce the resumption of activities as long as conditions permit. We plan to hold a luncheon on Thursday, October 21 at the Elks Lodge. Information about making reservations is found on page 6.

In this newsletter you will find information about a proposed September get-together as well as the book clubs and bridge groups. Also, the list of Shillelagh day trips as well as Collette tours for 2022 can be found on the next page. Last, we are pleased to have awarded scholarships to four deserving FCPS graduates. Read about the winners on page 3.

We hope to see you at our Fall activities.

## LUNCHEON SPEAKER: AUTHOR LINDA HARRIS SITTIG

We are pleased to have Linda Harris Sittig, an author and an award-winning teacher, to speak at the October luncheon. During her teaching career with Fairfax County, Linda was selected as the Outstanding Reading Teacher of the Year by the Greater Washington Reading Council and was also honored at the state level. A decade later, the International Reading Association awarded her The Outstanding International Elementary Reading Teacher of the Year medal.

Combining her passion for history and strong women, Linda created a blog, [www.strongwomeninhistory.com](http://www.strongwomeninhistory.com), where each month she highlights the stories of women who should have become famous.

Linda's sincere belief that every woman deserves to have her story told shines through her historical novels, *Cut From Strong Cloth*, *Last Curtain Call*, and *Counting Crows*.

Don't miss this wonderful speaker! Make your luncheon reservation by October 15.



## Travel Information

by  
Alicia Clelland



2020 was a bust year for travel and 2021 has not been much better. I am looking forward to resuming travel once COVID has diminished. I have already begun with some limited local day trips but am already planning my overseas adventures. I am sure that many of our FCRE travel aficionados are also doing the same.

Shillelagh Travel Club is in business and will celebrate its 57<sup>th</sup> year this October. I will have taken my first day trip of 2021 with them on August 12<sup>th</sup> to St. Michael's. This trip sold out. Shillelagh is requiring proof of vaccination to be included on their trips. This is reassuring. There are several trips available. These are as follows:

- September 14<sup>th</sup> Crab Feast – cost \$107
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Fall Train Ride – cost \$129
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Holidays at Mt. Hope –cost \$125

A brief description of these trips can be found on the Shillelagh web site ([shillelaghtravelclub.com](http://shillelaghtravelclub.com)). There is the possibility of additional trips so you might want to check out their website. Should you be interested please contact Trevor Major by email ([trevorm@shillelaghtravelclub.com](mailto:trevorm@shillelaghtravelclub.com)) or call 703-242-2204 and do it early since the day trips tend to get sold out.

Your Travel Committee has several Collette tours selected for 2022. Prices listed include airfares and are per person double. The tours and dates are as follows:

- March 12-21: Sunny Portugal - cost \$2463, deposit due September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- April 21-29: Holland and Belgium River Cruise - cost begins at \$3516, deposit due August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- June 18-26: Western Canada's Rockies, Lake and Wine Country - cost \$3734, deposit due December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- July 22-30: Colorado Rockies National Parks and Trains - cost \$2946, deposit due January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- August 28-September 4: Pacific North West & California - cost \$2949, deposit due February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- October: Scotland Isles of Lore & Legend dates and cost TBA.

Details about each trip can be found on our website: [www.fcrc.org/fcretours.html](http://www.fcrc.org/fcretours.html)

For more information regarding the Collette trips and single prices, please contact Trevor Major (email above) at Shillelagh. They are open M-F 9 AM – 5 PM.

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

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

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The W. Harold Ford Foundation, a part of FCRE, is proud to award four scholarships, each worth \$2000, to deserving Fairfax County Public Schools graduates. The scholarships are made possible by the generous donations of our members, the Mary Ambler Trust, and the family and friends of Dr. Paula Johnson.

The winners are:

**Carson Kaiser.** Carson is a graduate of Centreville High School. During her high school years Carson participated in numerous volunteer activities and the Teach for Tomorrow program. She is attending Florida State University.

**Linda Le.** Linda graduated from South County High School and was a member of Honor Societies and did community service. She is attending Virginia Commonwealth University. Linda plans to become a Secondary Education teacher possibly in the field of Biology or Environmental Science.

**Kaitlyn Rubens.** Kaitlyn is a repeat winner and a graduate of Westfield High School. She is a junior at Longwood University and has been selected for Longwood's Education Honor Society.

**Joseline Vega-Cano.** Joseline graduated from Fairfax High School. During her high school years she taught English to Latin American students. She is attending the College of William and Mary.

## Contributors to Ford Scholarship Fund 2021

The Board of Directors of the W. Harold Ford Scholarship Foundation would like to thank all who contributed to the Scholarship Foundation as of June 2021. Those donations enabled FCRE to award four scholarships this year.

We would like to give a very special thanks to the family and friends of the late Dr. Paula Johnson whose contributions funded two scholarships. Dr. Johnson taught at Groveton HS, Hayfield Secondary, and Edison HS. She was an assistant principal at Mt. Vernon HS and then served as the FCPS Area II Superintendent.

Those who contributed funds to support the scholarships are:

John & Barbara Dent	Carol Dandy	Theresa Dooley	Murray Franklin
Beverly George	Kathleen & Richard Hirata	Glynn Hyer	The Johnson Family
Valerie Joseph	John & June Lipp	Mary McKinley	Foster Morse
Nancy Nicholson	Nancy & Bruce Oliver	Kenneth & Jane Plum	
Barbara Robinson	Cathy Shelton		

## SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund so FCRE can continue to support students pursuing a degree in education. If you make a donation at the October luncheon, you will be able to select a travel book. The books have been graciously donated by Doris Patteson. You can also send your tax deductible gift to the FCRE office at the address on the back of this newsletter. Please make your check payable to the **W. Harold Ford Foundation**. You will receive a receipt for your donation.

## **POSSIBLE OUTDOOR GET TOGETHER?**

**WHAT:** Information BYO lunch meet up (water and dessert to be supplied)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 22 at 11 AM

**WHERE:** TBD

**RSVP:** Please let us know if you are interested by Thursday, September 16 by emailing  
Cathy Shelton at [cshelt@verizon.net](mailto:cshelt@verizon.net) OR  
Valerie Shapiro at [valerieshapiro0814@gmail.com](mailto:valerieshapiro0814@gmail.com)

## **BOOK GROUPS**



### **ANNANDALE**

This group meets via ZOOM at 1 PM on the third Wednesday of each month.  
For information, contact Dottie Addison at [DAddison@wrsystems.com](mailto:DAddison@wrsystems.com)

### **FAIRFAX**

This group meets at Barnes & Noble near Fair Oaks Mall at 10:30 AM on the second Friday of each. For information, contact Sue Williams at [suewms@cox.net](mailto:suewms@cox.net).

## **BRIDGE GROUPS**



### **GROUP #1**

Group may resume in the Fall. For information, contact Barbara Marshall at [bmarshall6210@gmail.com](mailto:bmarshall6210@gmail.com).

### **GROUP #2**

This group hopes to meet in September. For information, contact Joey Graves at [joeygraves1@gmail.com](mailto:joeygraves1@gmail.com).

## **CINEMA CLUB**



The group is not yet meeting for the Wednesday morning cinema. To be placed on a contact list, email Alicia Clelland at [clellaap@cox.net](mailto:clellaap@cox.net).



## **DOCENTS NEEDED at GUNSTON HALL**

Are you bored and looking for a stimulating experience? Retired educators are sought to join the docents of Gunston Hall for camaraderie, a way to enjoy history through trips to historic sites and sharing history with students while conducting tours. There are many other opportunities available such as: joining our book club, participating in social events with fellow docents, becoming an historic character or story-teller, and enjoying guest speakers and programs that are rich in the history of the American Revolution and Constitution. Our awareness of the part and importance that slaves played in the development of our country is increased and we have opportunities to share the history of Gunston Hall and George Mason's place in history by providing outreach programs in local classrooms and retirement homes. We meet once a month to share educational research and relevant training. You will have many volunteer opportunities and receive training this Fall to provide tours for Northern Virginia students.

Listed below is contact information for our trainer and three retired FCPS educators:

Camille Morrone: 703-200-3257 or [mikecamillemorrone@gmail.com](mailto:mikecamillemorrone@gmail.com)

Carol Coose: 703-887-7596 or [carolcoose@gmail.com](mailto:carolcoose@gmail.com)

Debbie Bullock: 571-594-0371 or [dbullock@verizon.net](mailto:dbullock@verizon.net)

Nancy Sage: 703-899-3604 or [nbsage@aol.com](mailto:nbsage@aol.com)

## LUNCHEON INFORMATION



**WHEN:** THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21; CHECK-IN STARTS at 11 AM  
LUNCH at 11:30 AM

**WHERE:** Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax

**COST:** \$18 for members and \$20 for guests. Check payable to FCRE or cash.

**MENU:** Salad, Chicken Marsala with Pasta, Dessert, Beverage  
If needed, a vegetarian meal can be requested at time of reservation.

**RESERVATIONS:** Please make your reservation by phone or email giving your name and number of attendees. Reservations MUST be made by noon on Friday, October 15.  
Phone FCRE at 703-923-9877  
Email: luncheon@fcre.org

PLEASE do not send your payment to the office but bring it to the luncheon.  
NO-SHOWS will be billed.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:** Please be prepared to show proof of Covid vaccination at check-in and wear a mask when not eating or drinking.

**TRAVEL QUESTIONS:** Trevor Major will be present to answer questions before and after the luncheon.



**PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR  
FAIRFAX COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS  
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

**W. HAROLD FORD  
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, INC.  
Budget - Fiscal Year 2022  
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

**FAIRFAX COUNTY  
RETIRED EDUCATORS, INC.  
Budget - Fiscal Year 2022  
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

**INCOME:**

Dedicated Donations	
FCRE	\$ 2,000.00
Mary O. Ambler Trust	2,000.00
Raffle & Table Donations	200.00
Individual Donations	1,850.00
FCRE Admin. Fund	1,000.00
Interest – Apple FCU CDs	300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$7,350.00</b>

**EXPENSES:**

2022 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	\$ 8,000.00
2. Member Services	0.00
3. Interest—Apple FCU Accts, CDs	350.00
4. Miscellaneous Income	2,500.00
5. Transfer from Reserves	15,405.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$26,255.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

11. Information & Publications	\$ 2,000.00
12. Postage—Info & Publications	1,500.00
13. Copy Equipment—Supplies	500.00
14. Copy Equipment—Maintenance	520.00
15. General Office Supplies	600.00
16. Post Office Box Rental	250.00
17. Telephone Services	3,000.00
18. Computers—Programs and Main.	700.00
19. Tax Preparation & Audit	600.00
20. Corporation Liability Insurance	2,500.00
21. Internal Website & ISP	350.00
22. Miscellaneous	10.00
23. Annual State Incorporation Fee	25.00
24. Office Manager	5,000.00

**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	150.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 26,255.00**

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**NOTES TO THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR  
JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022**

The budgets will be voted on by the membership at the October 2021 luncheon meeting.

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**FCRE LUNCHEONS**  
 SAVE THE DATES:  
 Oct 21, Dec 9, Feb 10, June 9

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