

THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

MARCH/ APRIL 2022

SCAS Special Event Presents

The Alexandria School of Highland Dance 11:30 am—1:00 pm Saturday, March 12th



Enjoy some Shepherd's Pie and watch Highland Fling dances. Wear your best plaid and join in the fun. **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** 8922 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA

Cost is \$20 per person.

To Register: Call the office at 703-941-1419 by Tuesday, March 8th or send an email to shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com.

Send Check To: SCAS, 7610 Newcastle Drive, Annandale, VA 22003.

The event is catered so pre-payment is required.

SCAS Lunch N'Life Presents

The Olli Players singing GOLDEN OLDIE's!

Come hear Oldies we all grew up with. The Olli players will be singing, reciting them as lyrics and prefacing the performance with antidotes about why we love those songs.

April 28th 11:30 am—1:00 pm United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA

Cost is \$10 per person

To Register: Call the office at 703-941-1419 by Monday, April 25th or send an email to shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com.

SPRINGFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, March 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Springfield United Methodist Church will be accepting donations of non-perishable food and personal care products for Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) in the church parking lot at 7047 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield.

Any size donation is welcome. All kinds of non-perishable foods and personal hygiene items are needed, but items currently in short supply are: masa flour, condiments such as mustard and ketchup, dish detergent and shaving cream.

Adult Protective Services Can Help

To report abuse, exploitation, or neglect of an adult who is 60 years or older or is 18 years and older and incapacitated, contact Adult Protective Services.

This service is available 24/7.

By law, your call will be kept confidential.

- City of Alexandria: Call 703-746-5778
- Arlington County: Call 703-228-1700
- Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, & Falls Church: Call 703-324-7450, TTY: 711
- Loudoun County: Call 703-771-5742
- Elsewhere in Virginia: Call 888-832-3858

So keep a watch on your friends and neighbors and call for help if you think they need it.

Amazon Smile

Shop at Amazon and donate to SCAS at the same time. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to SCAS.



Visit <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com, Select your charity (SCAS).

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

Lunch N' Life January 2022

Thanks to MPO Sean Corcoran who spoke about Fraud and Scams. He is the Crime Prevention Officer from the Franconia District Station. Sean gave us lots of tips on how to avoid being scammed. One of his tips is to get your credit reports once per year. See the article on the lower right.

The luncheon was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale Activities Hall. Thank you to Pastor Dr. Chris Looker for the use of the great hall.

Thanks to Barry Uhlig for the wonderful chili, thanks to Sanny for the yummy salad, and thanks to Margo for the delicious brownies.

Thanks to the helpers who set up and cleaned up. We could not have luncheons without all the volunteers and helpers.

Reunion Music Society

NOVA Symphony Orchestra will return to the stage of the Richard J. Ernst Cultural Center on Sunday, April 24th at 4 pm. "The Joys of Spring" concert will include Rossini's "William Tell Overture" and "Celebration", a work by Virginia composer, Adolphus Hailstork.

TICKETS (Available at the door)
General Admission – \$20.00
Non-NOVA Students – \$15.00
NOVA Students and Children 12 and under – Free www.reunionmusicsociety.org

Visit <u>www.reunionmusicsociety.org</u> for more information.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

A rare look inside for the public, only the second time in history since it was dedicated in 1974, will be held April 28 through June 4 at 9900 Stoneybrook Dr. Kensington, MD.

Latter-Day Saints leaders share the significance of the DC Temple opening to the public for only the second time ever.

While non-members can visit the grounds of the DC Temple and its visitor center, the upcoming open house will allow visitors to see the inside of the DC Temple. To reserve tickets and learn more about the DC Temple, visit dctemple.org

The Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield (SCAS)

SCAS is a non-profit interfaith organization sponsored by area congregations and community groups to serve and enrich seniors 50 & older in Annandale, Springfield, and sections of Alexandria, VA. Since 2004, SCAS has been providing programs for transportation, socialization and learning for senior adults.

Definition of a Volunteer

vol·un·teer; noun a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.



Volunteer Opportunities with SCAS

Do you have a few hours a month you can spare to help SCAS as a volunteer?

Lunch N' Life committee—help set up and clean up, locate LNL speakers and plan fun events

Board Members—help guide SCAS

Outreach—contact churches and businesses.

Fundraiser/grant writer—help raise funds

Drivers—volunteer transportation services

Office Volunteer—Needed for Thursdays 10 am—1

Call the SCAS office today to begin giving back.

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Stagger your report requests every 3 months so you see the latest information on each report.

Go to https://www.annualcreditreport.com

Friendly Callers

If you would like to make a new friend or just check in on someone to make sure they are ok, just call our office and register.



Reliable Health sites

Do you surf the web to find health and medical information? If so, try these trusted sources:

https://health.gov - This microsite is coordinated by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

https://www.mayoclinic.com - who hasn't heard about the Mayo clinic?

https://medlineplus.gov - National Library of Medicine , U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health

https://www.merckmanuals.com/home or The Merck Manual of Medical Information- Second Home Edition (book)
 Merck also publishes a professional book for the medical profession.

https://www.cdc.gov/-centers - for disease control and prevention

www.americanheart.org - The American Heart Association www.cancer.org - The American Cancer Society

<u>https://www.mskcc.org-</u> Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center – good info on herbs, dietary supplements, and alternative cancer treatment.

Natural Medicines comprehensive Database – this is a fee-based site.

<u>https://www.consumerlab.com</u> - ConsumerLab.com- some free info and some fee-based info on testing of dietary supplements and herbs

<u>https://www.who.int</u> - the World Health Organization – more global information

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Cars for SCAS! Donate Your Vehicle!

Help SCAS by calling 1-855-500-RIDE (7433) to pick up your car for free. All vehicle sale proceeds will benefit SCAS. Get that old car, motorcycle, boat, out of your driveway or garage, running or not.



- GETTING YOUR HOME ORGANIZED & RENOVATED AS NEEDED - GUIDANCE ON WHAT TYPES OF HOUSING FOR DOWNSIZING
- UNIQUE MARKETING FOR BEST PRICE AND TERMS
 NEGOTIATING AND ADVOCATING FOR YOUR BEST INTERESTS

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THE GREAT SPRING CLEAN OUT

My neighbor said he wants to have a garage sale and that got me to thinking that it's time for the great spring "CLEAN OUT". Have you ever sat down to just clean out your desk and the next thing you know you find an old letter and have to read it again and then decide to call the friend to have a catch up. Of course from there you find that time has gone by and it's time to fix dinner which then leads to cleaning up with bed not far away. But wasn't I just going to clean out my desk? This is my life. I have memories surrounding me and it's hard to put them away or get rid of them without revisiting them. I know, we all say we don't want to leave this mess for our kids to clean up when we are gone, but it won't be as hard for them because there isn't the attachment that we have to these little things. They will see an object and think it's cute but nothing they want to keep. We see the same object and see a day at a fair with friends, eating an ice cream and laughing at each other. If you still think you need to "clean out" or down size", get rid of the object but not the memory. Take a picture of the item, write why it is so special and put it in a book for your kids to see. It doesn't have to be fancy but it would be a way of sharing your life with them of the little things that made you happy. Think of it as your Knick Knack Memoir. Now if I could only take my own advice. A. Eversole

Quote of the Month:

"No one is perfect - that's why pencils have erasers." Wolfgang Riebe



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Real Possibilities



SCAS supports the transportation initiatives of Fairfax County's 50+ Community Action Plan. Find out more at fairfaxcounty.gov/Older Adults.

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