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Federation Membership Meeting

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Thursday, September 16, 2010

7:30 p.m.

Note New (Temporary) Location

Braddock Hall

9002 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA

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2010 Federation Board Meetings

August 26, 2010 (*fourth Thursday*)

Braddock Hall
7:30 p.m.

President's Message

Greetings Federation Friends and Neighbors:

It is with deep humility and great excitement that I write my first message to you as the newly installed President of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association ("Federation"). I am joined by my fellow officers, Kahan Dhilon as First Vice President, Don Hinman as Second Vice President, Ed Wyse as Recording Secretary, Esther Ferington as Recording Secretary, Scott Schlegel as Treasurer, and last but not least, Jeff Parnes as Past President to start the next chapters of the Federation. (See <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/contactus1.htm> for a complete list of the Board Members.) I would like to thank last year's Officers, Board and Membership for their service and commitment to the Federation for the betterment of our communities.

Although, the Federation will not be meeting for the better part of this summer, the Officers started working as soon as they were installed at the annual picnic on June 17, 2010. On June 21, 2010, the Officers gathered for a Vision Meeting to discuss the various administrative nuances; logistics of meeting venues; set goals and metrics; and brainstorm on long term planning.

I would like to highlight the following items from the Officer's Vision Meeting:

- **Commitment:** Now in our 70th year, the Federation is the only countywide organization representing the voice of Fairfax County residents on a variety of countywide issues. We reaffirm our commitment to the community to be a meaningful and thoughtful voice. And we would like

to wholeheartedly welcome the community to join in our efforts to address and act on our collective quality of life issues that impact us countywide. We will continue to support and encourage our membership to serve on the various citizen boards, commissions and committees as deemed pertinent. And in recognition, the commitment to service by our Board is truly reflective and exemplary of the outstanding work the Federation has done and continues to do on behalf of our community. We will continue to strengthen and support our Board with voices and vision that weigh in the greater good of the community.

- **Community:** The Federation strives to promote the interests of Fairfax County residents on issues that are expressed countywide and connect one community to another to foster collaborative work. In our desire to promote and connect in meaningful ways, we are taking our programming into the community to learn from you and share our collective knowledge with you. The temporary loss of our home at the Packard Center due to renovation plans provides us with an excellent opportunity to work towards this goal. We plan to host two community programming meetings; one in the North and one in the South county areas. Stay tuned!
- **Communication:** The Federation continues to look for ways to elevate the concerns of Fairfax County residents to our local, state and federal elected officials. We have a fortunate legacy of a strong working relationship with our elected officials and we look forward to newer opportunities of strengthening that relationship. In addition, to enhance this core value, we will heighten our communication efforts in order to engage the media on issues on which the Federation has taken a position; launch a Facebook page primarily to be used for promoting our events; and engage at least two interns to help with our website and archive our historical documents.

I would be remiss if I did not take a small personal moment in gratitude to my gracious mentors who have shown me this path to the Federation. About 10 years ago, I had the good fortune of having several life aligning conversations with Congressman Herb Harris who spoke to me about the Federation at length; Supervisor Linda Smyth who showed me that service to the community takes great humility, relentless passion, and is conducted through quiet work; and Past Federation Presidents John Jennison and Jeff Parnes who continue to encourage me to think outside the box and to think big.

On behalf of the Federation, I am honored and privileged to be working with you on the collective issues facing us countywide. Please feel free to reach out to the Federation at your convenience and we deeply appreciate your response when we reach out to you. I am directly available to you at your convenience as well.

Best wishes for a safe and happy 4th of July weekend.

Tania Hossain

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Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations Membership Meeting of June 17, 2010

DRAFT MINUTES

(for approval at the September 16, 2010 membership meeting)

The June 2010 Meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, held at Annandale Community Park, Picnic Shelter, Annandale, Virginia, was the occasion of the annual picnic, a "State of Fairfax" address by Supervisor Foust, and the inauguration of the 2010-2011 board. Attendance was not recorded.

Picnic

The weather was perfect for a picnic and the food was scrumptious at this potluck event. Art Wells brought a special cake whose decoration congratulated the Federation on its 70th birthday.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The membership approved the minutes of the May 20, 2010, membership meeting.

Farewell by Outgoing President Jeff Parnes

Jeff expressed his gratitude to all who helped make the Federation successful during his three years of presidency. He looks forward to his new role of immediate past president, which is more than honorary; it carries a number of responsibilities.

Inauguration of New Board by Supervisor John Foust

The new board was sworn in to office for the 2010-2011 year.

President - Tania Hossain
First Vice President - Kahan Dhillon
Second Vice President – Don Hinman
Treasurer - Scott Schlegel
Recording Secretary - Ed Wyse
Corresponding Secretary - Esther Ferington.

State of Fairfax by Supervisor John Foust of Dranesville District

Supervisor Foust described four major areas of change for Fairfax County; he explained the issues and described the Board of Supervisors' decisions and positions regarding the Fiscal Year 2011 budget, Tysons Corner Land Use Planning, extension of Metrorail to Dulles Airport/Loudoun County, and the dire situation of almost non-existent state funding for transportation. After his address, he answered questions.

Supervisor Foust has been on the Board of Supervisors for three years; years that he reports were challenging. He reported that Fairfax County has weathered the recession relatively better than other jurisdictions, having only to reduce services modestly and to raise taxes and users fees slightly. Some of the reasons for this success are conservative fiscal policy, the county staff anticipating and planning for the

recession, planning during the last budget development for an anticipated greater reduction of state funds than actually occurred, holding county employees' wages unchanged for two years, consistent public demand for adequate support of public education, and vibrant non-governmental organizations, such as citizen associations and faith-based organizations, that provide services to our communities.

Delegate Mark Keam, 35th District

Delegate Keam, a freshman member of the House of Delegates representing the 35th District (Town of Vienna and adjacent portion of Fairfax County), attended the picnic and spoke briefly. He noted that citizen involvement and active citizen associations are one reason that Fairfax County is a good place to live.

President Tania Hossain

Newly installed President Hossain expressed her humility at being elected to the office and promised to do her best to lead the Federation in support of our county's residents. She promised to listen to those who offer ideas and asked for team work in fulfilling the Federation's responsibilities.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at dusk.

Next Meetings

The officers will meet June 21 at President Hossain's home. The next board meeting has not yet been scheduled, but is not anticipated before August.

The next membership meeting is scheduled September 16; 7:30 p.m., at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

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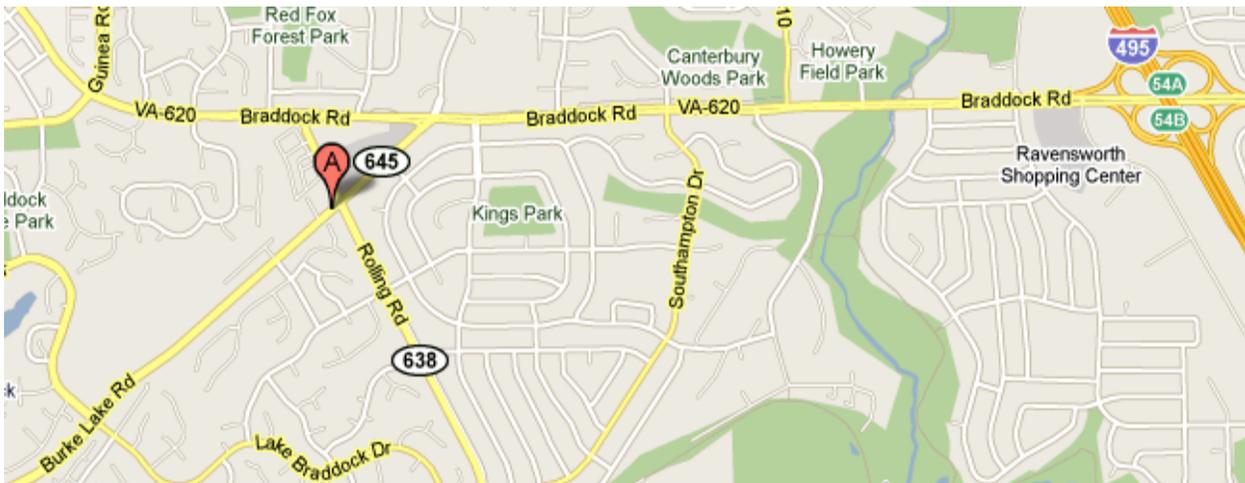
Braddock Hall
9002 Burke Lake Road
Burke, VA
(see directions, below)

**Directions to
Braddock Hall**

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Braddock Road (Route 620 - Exit 54);
go west 1.5 miles toward Burke.

Turn left at traffic signal onto Burke Lake Road.

Go 0.3 miles, immediately after crossing Rolling Road, turn right into the entrance to parking lot



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