

Clifton Clatter



President's Corner



Our 4th Annual Ping Pong tournament is coming up and to get you “pinging” the CBA is sponsoring 3 nights of “ponging” prior to the event. Just show up and practice or come and learn to play. Jan 4th and 18th and Feb 1st from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Town Hall. If we have interest this could continue as a regular event. It is sure a great way to get out of the house in the winter!

Looking for a great holiday gift? Something for a new neighbor, or a going away gift for someone leaving town? How about some winter reading for yourself? Pick up a hard cover copy of Clifton: Brigadoon in Virginia. The book was published in 2007 and contains stories and photos of life in and around Clifton, including updates to the 1st edition which came out in 1980. If you are interested in seeing the book, or would like to purchase a copy, please contact Sydney sydneysawyer26@gmail.com. Price is \$20

Michelle Stein is the President of the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA)

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

January 4 and 18	Ping Pong
February 1	Ping Pong
February 10	Ping Pong Tournament



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Historic Clifton

It was the year BEFORE women first had the national right to vote (1919). The 19th Amendment would become the Law of the Land on August 26, 1920. So “Womenkind” was a phrase heard in the north, south, east and west of our great land! Here in Fairfax County, a jolly and festive Christmas celebration occurred, featuring Clifton musicians from our Kidwell clan. This happy event, within miles of Clifton, surely became the “grapevine story” for this end of the county. *(Please note who portrayed a Mrs. Santa Claus – arriving in of all things – an automobile!)* This is also perhaps a story of “things to come” later in the coming year!

The Methodist Episcopal Church South of Fairfax (now Fairfax United Methodist Church) had changed congregations & names over a number of years. It was largely a white congregation although early records from 1800-1850 show a strong one-third African-American presence in its membership and attendees. Originally located in Duncan’s Chapel for 134 years (near today’s Massey Building), their vibrant and alive Sunday School program, with Superintendent Mr. Charles Wesley Israel at its helm had a loyal and devoted following. Mr. Israel later became ordained as a pastor. From a white family and born in Vienna, VA, he went on to graduate from Northwestern University in Chicago in 1925. Reverend Israel later went on to pastor churches in Maryland.

Enjoy this story of a local church congregation, their last Christmas celebration, just before Women officially Won the Right to Vote!

(and with gratitude for Christopher Barbuschak from the Fairfax County Library Virginia Room for added research herein)

Lynne Garvey -Hodge

Fairfax Herald, January 2, 1920

“Christmas Entertainment” – Children of the M.E. Church South, Have a Fine Time

Santa Claus often visits Sunday School entertainments at this season of the year, but it is seldom that he brings his better half with him, but Saturday night last both Mr. and Mrs. Claus were Fairfax visitors. The occasion was the annual Christmas Sunday School entertainment of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South of Fairfax, which was held in the town hall.

The hall was filled with members of the Sunday School, and many others who were not, and a most pleasant time was had. Mr. Wesley Israel, Superintendent of the school was a master of ceremonies.

A program of recitations and other features were given by Misses Mary Susan Wiley, Helen and Virginia Kidwell and Roberdeau Allison. Miss Viola Kidwell, at the piano, played accompaniments. Games followed and while they were in progress, the tooting of an automobile horn announced the arrival of Santa and his wife.

Santa was so anxious to get with the children he ran away from Mrs. Claus, and she had to hunt him up, and in the presence of the entire assemblage, she gave him a good scolding for leaving her behind, showing that even the good old soul was bossed by his womenkind!

Each member of the school was presented with a box of candy from the tree that stood in the hall, and afterward, every one present was treated to ice cream and cake. Mr. Wesley Israel, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held was presented with a handsome scarf pin in the shape of a bunch of grapes made of pearls and in a gold mounting.

Mr. Philip L. Cummins, as Santa and Mr. Elton Holbrook, as Mrs. Santa, added much fun to the evening!

Happy Holidays and a Joyous “Ho, Ho, Ho!” to everyone!

Clifton Community Ping Pong

Come out and play ping pong with your neighbors.

All levels and ages welcome.

A fantastic opportunity to tune up your skills for the

February 10th Ping Pong Tournament.

Thursdays: January 4th and 18th,

February 1st

6:30 to 8:00

Clifton Town Hall

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Around Clifton

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At our November meeting, in the spirit of the holidays, we heard about the work of two charitable organizations that we support annually and learned how our donations make a difference in the lives of children and families all across Northern Virginia. You do not have to be a member of the DWCNV, and it is not too late, to contribute to these worthwhile projects: **Fairfax Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue** and **Britepaths**.

As in years past, the Firefighters organization is accepting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages for its annual Toy Drive. Also, gift cards to local department stores like Target, Best Buy, and Old Navy are needed for older children, as well as checks payable to "Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue" for purchase of winter coats for children. Working with the nationwide program Operation Warm to buy coats made in America, the Firefighters provide more than 3,000 coats to children in Northern Virginia each winter. The Firefighters work with local schools, shelters, and churches to identify and serve children in need (www.ffandfriends2therescue.org). You may donate to the Firefighters project until December 10th.

Britepaths (<http://Britepaths.org>), formerly known as Our Daily Bread, provides year-round programs that help stabilize families by giving them short-term food and financial assistance. Britepaths also offers classes, mentoring, and guidance to help families become financially independent and resilient. Especially during the holiday season, the organization welcomes donations of gift cards from local food stores such as Giant, Shoppers, Wegman's, Target, and Walmart, or checks payable to "Britepaths," for purchasing food gift cards for families they serve. DWCNV will collect for this project until December 31st.

All donations are tax deductible. To donate, mail gift cards or checks (made out to either organization) to DWCNV, P.O. Box 143, Clifton, VA 20124. Contact us at cliftonwomendems@aol.com if you have questions. We will also pick up toys.

After the November meeting, DCWNV members gathered at a local restaurant for dinner together to celebrate the holidays and our recent Democratic wins. These strictly social dinners every few months are becoming a tradition and are another benefit of membership in the DWCNV.

We will next meet on Sunday, January 21st, for our Annual General Meeting and a presentation on General Assembly legislation from local state senators and delegates. On Sunday, February 11th, we will celebrate the 13th Anniversary of the DWCNV at the home of a member.



Save the Date!

4th Annual CBA Ping Pong Tournament



Saturday, February 10, 2018
Clifton Town Hall

No fee to enter! All ages and levels of experience welcome!

Registration opens in early January.

For more information, please contact Michelle Stein (michellestein@cox.net) or Lynne Strang (lbstrang@gmail.com).

Around Clifton

Stop by and visit our new TreeHouse above Wheelhouse! We are excited to announce that Wheelhouse Mind Body Studio has opened a second studio upstairs! This new space offers more space, a serene atmosphere and beautiful views of the trees. We are offering more classes with the new space and more retail downstairs in our WheelHouse Boutique. Come on by and see what we have to offer. The new Schedule is online on our website www.wheelhousemindbodystudio.com or you can pick one up in the studio! We are so excited to offer yoga, pilates, workshops and teacher trainings to the Clifton Community!!



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Republican Women of Clifton

STARTING THE NEW YEAR “RIGHT”

The Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) are busy putting together plans for 2018 under the confident leadership of president-elect Tyna Gaylor. Fasten your seatbelts! She is following the talented and energetic past RWC presidents who have built, expanded and guided the club since 2007.

Come join us at Fairview Elementary School on Wednesday, January 17, for the first membership meeting of the New Year. Starting time is 7:30 PM but doors open at 7 PM for a bit of socializing and snacking. Lolita Macheno-Smoak, who ran as a candidate for the first time during this past election, will speak about what it was like to run a campaign and what were the lessons learned.

Save the date of February 10 for the debate between the candidates vying for chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. Our club is taking an active role in the planning of this event.

We invite you to visit our website at www.CliftonGOP.com . . . and join us in making our little piece of Virginia “Great Again!”



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Extended Care:

12:00 pm—3:30 pm
 (\$26.25/day)

After lunch, students will observe quiet time; then participate in story time, free-play (outside/ inside), crafts and games.

EXTENDED CARE FEES:

1 DAY PER WEEK	2 DAYS PER WEEK	3 DAYS PER WEEK	4 DAYS PER WEEK	5 DAYS PER WEEK
MONTHLY \$105	MONTHLY \$210	MONTHLY \$315	MONTHLY \$420	MONTHLY \$525

After Care:

3:30 pm—5:00 pm
 (additional \$15.00/day.)

This will be a continuation of the Extended Care program with additional physical activity or playtime.

AFTER CARE FEES:

1 DAY PER WEEK	2 DAYS PER WEEK	3 DAYS PER WEEK	4 DAYS PER WEEK	5 DAYS PER WEEK
MONTHLY \$60	MONTHLY \$120	MONTHLY \$225	MONTHLY \$240	MONTHLY \$300

The Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool is open to children regardless of race, color, religion and national or ethnic origin.

Membership Corner

Last year, the CBA board began the process of updating membership lists and creating usable database to track membership. I'm happy to say that we now have a completely updated, fully functional database!

The majority of memberships in the CBA have lapsed, so I have now begun the process of reaching out to past members via email. I'm getting quite a few email bounce backs, so I may be following up by phone as well.

If you know that your membership has lapsed, please go ahead and renew online (<https://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=6X2VMJ7>). You can also send in the form in the Clatter via snail mail.

If you are wondering if your membership has lapsed, or if you have questions about membership, please don't hesitate to email me at CBA.VA.Membership@gmail.com. I'm happy to answer any questions you have.

For current members who are expiring, you will be receiving an email from me one month before your renewal is due.

We are also trying to reach out to potential members, so please mention the CBA to your new neighbors!

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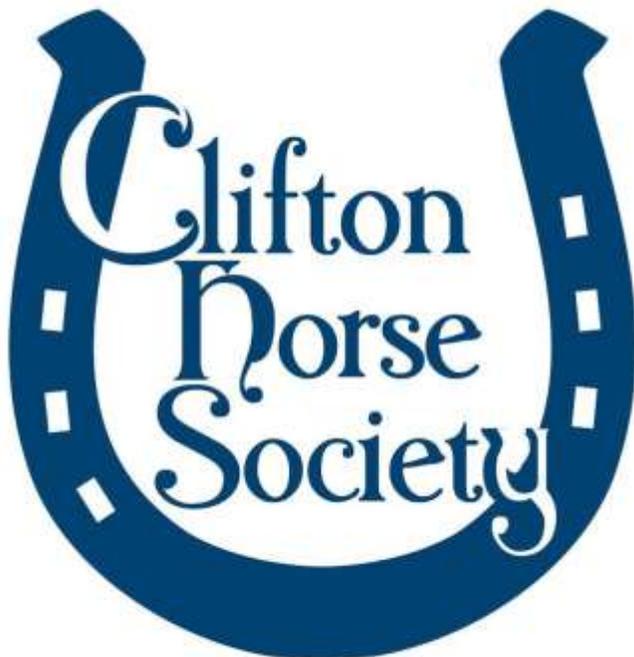
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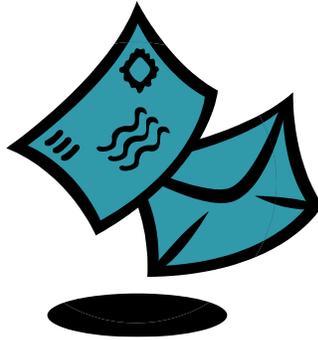
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To rent or reserve any green space, please call Donna Netschert at 703-830-2727 or email villagetimesaver@aol.com.



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- holds the preservation of our unique historic character in the highest regard.
- participates in community activities, organizations and events in the best interest of all.

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