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# Indian Spring News



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## Happy New Year ISCA

**W**ell it was cold. It was wet. At times it was even icy, but that did not deter us from getting the ISCA Christmas Tree lit in time for all to enjoy! A HUGE heart felt thank you to those 20 or so brave and hardy souls who stood in the freezing ice, rain, snow mix to help us light the ISCA Christmas tree on Saturday, December 14. We met new neighbors, connected with old friends and maintained the tradition of hot chocolate and carols which always puts me in the holiday spirit. It was a brief ceremony because of the weather, but little hands managed to put all of the ornaments on the tree that was so generously donated and planted by Suzy and Jim

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Finelli of Binghampton Nursery all those years ago. This year neighborhood contractor/handy man Tom Lindstrom tackled the lighting of the tree and did an amazing job. So when you see him please give him a shout out. Lastly none of this would be possible without the continued generosity of Dr. King who allows us to use an outlet on his home! While we were unable to get our soggy Menorah candle to light we did talk about the once in an 80,000 year alignment of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah producing the moniker of Thanksgivikkuh for a number of our ISCA neighbors before we lit the tree and sang our holiday songs. Despite the weather we also managed to collect a dozen or so gift cards for the YMCA Youth and Family Services Angel tree. Thank you ALL so much for your support of our neighbors good works. I know they are very grateful.

I willingly admit my love for the holiday season and the joy I take in the rituals that we have established both in our homes and in our neighborhood. What resonates for me with this annual event is how, when all is said and done, when politics and religious differences are put aside briefly and we are not as concerned with being PC at the moment as we are about enjoying the moment, the use of lights at this celebration is symbolic of one emotion across the globe - HOPE. Light and the HOPE it represents is so important in fact that the use of light is world wide for

worship and celebrations. From the use of the Menorah during Hanukkah, the traditional Christmas tree at Christmas, candles lit in the sand at a Brazilian New Year's celebration, the candles used in the African-American holiday of Kwanzaa, the Ramadan lanterns that hang over many doors in the Middle East, the Diwali lanterns and their scented oils, the Saint Lucia's crowns full of candles in Sweden, the Los Posados lanterns in Mexico and on St. Martin's Day in Holland, to the Festival of Loi Krathong (loy-kruh-thong) in Thailand where tiny little banana leaf boats carry away our bad luck and bring us HOPE for the next year. Light is the common denominator and there is something so powerful about the image. HOPE is the common denominator. Celebrations of Light circle the year and the globe. HOPE circles the year and the globe.

In the spirit of that sentiment I HOPE that you enjoyed celebrating the holiday of your denomination, the time spent with family and friends and if nothing else a time before the New Year to reflect and HOPE for what your heart may be missing and your wishes for the future.

In this New Year I look forward to seeing you all at some point in the neighborhood and having you join me for our next Celebration of Lights and HOPE!

Until Then,  
Stephanie (AKA the Christmas Tree Lady) ✨

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### Bob Tiller

was recently honored by his alma mater, Ottawa University in Kansas, with its annual Distinguished Service Award.

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# ISCA Entrepreneurs at Home: Chris Clark

By Jay P. Goldman

Chris Clark studied biology and for a time worked in criminology research and in restaurant management. But she's found her real passion more recently working with young children.

For most of the past decade, Clark has run a licensed child-care program for pre-schoolers in her Indian Spring home. She and her family moved about six years ago into a house at the corner of Franklin and Wire that once was owned and occupied by her husband Tim's great-grandparents.

During the past fall, Clark switched gears to begin running a before-school and after-school program for elementary and middle school students in the neighborhood. She works alone, currently tending to the needs of nine children.

When she opens her summer doors to elementary and middle school children, she expects to offer an array of learning experiences that include sewing, woodworking, berry picking, canning, cooking, nature exploration, participation in Silver Spring events, trips to historic sites and museum visits.



"I am excited for the change with the older children, and I am really loving their complex personalities, enthusiasm and boisterous energy," says Clark, who grew up in the Annapolis area and earned a B.A. degree at Towson University.

Clark started her pre-schooling business when her 3rd daughter was born 10 years ago. "I wanted to be able to provide the childcare setting I could not find anywhere for her and for other children," she says.

As a pre-school director, Clark says she was able to incorporate her love of science in activities and day trips, such as "creeking" to collect fresh frog eggs and examining specimens under the microscope.

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Asked what she enjoys most about the work, she says: "I love getting to know these wonderful children and celebrate their differences and interests. ... Watching their caring friendships evolve and their tremendous creativity is a gift that I feel fortunate to witness!" ✨

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is part 10 of an occasional ISCA newsletter series focusing on individuals in the neighborhood who run businesses out of their homes. Previous installments featured Ann Horton, Deborah Levy, Kendra LaDuca, Iantha Carley, Monica Bridgewater, Christopher Lancette, Christina Taylor, Lynette Mattke and Jennifer Chambers. (Send suggestions for future profiles to [jgoldman@aasa.org](mailto:jgoldman@aasa.org).)

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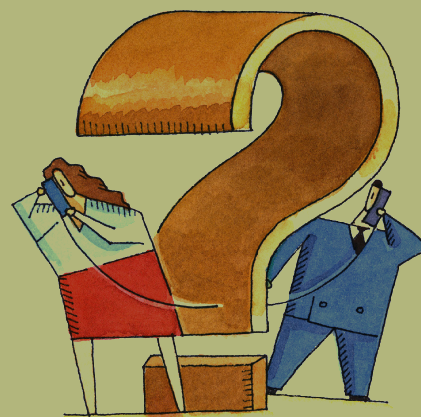


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# Community Supports Shepherd's Table Through Toiletry Drive

By Devin Whalen

**T**HANKS TO MY NEIGHBORS for their tremendous support of my toiletry drive for Shepherd's Table. With your participation, along with that of St. John the Evangelist School and Boy Scout Troop 466, I collected more than 600 items.

I delivered the items right before Thanksgiving. Donations included 205 tubes of toothpaste, 55 sticks of deodorant, 130 bars of soap, 70 bottles each of shampoo and conditioner, along with razors, toothbrushes, and dental floss. Neighbors and Scouts also donated more than \$100 in cash, which I used to purchase some of the items.

Located in Silver Spring, the mission of Shepherd's Table is to help people who are homeless or in need by providing basic services, including meals, social services, medical support, clothing, and other assistance in an effective and compassionate manner.



Sam (left) and Devin Whalen (right) unload over 600 toiletry items collected from Indian Spring residents, Boy Scout Troop 466, and St. John the Evangelist School.



Haile Gebregziabher (right) at Shepherd's Table accepts toiletry donations from Devin Whalen (left).

“The toiletries will be distributed during shower time and used to improve the daily lives of our clients and dinner guests,” said Haile Gebregziabher, director of operations for Shepherd's Table. “The drive was a success, and the short time to collect all the items was impressive. It was well planned and implemented,” Mr. Gebregziabher added.

As a result of the drive, I was able to earn my Citizenship in the Community merit badge as well as my Star Scout rank.

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*From Joyce Stocker*

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12/11/13 Theft from Vehicle 100 Granville Dr

**Please report all crimes,  
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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Joyce Stocker has indicated that she would be glad to facilitate the reporting of burned out street lights to PEPCO. Send an email to [comit89@aol.com](mailto:comit89@aol.com)



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# Table for One

By Ann Horton

This is my first ISCA restaurant review and I had planned on looking at a new restaurant. But one evening in November, after parking my car in the Wayne Avenue Garage in downtown Silver Spring, the delightful odors coming out of Bete Ethiopian Cuisine and Café proved irresistible.

Bete is located in that quaint little house next to the Montgomery County liquor store that fortunately was not rezoned during the last makeover of downtown. The homey atmosphere immediately strikes one as you walk through the door. Being a single diner, I opted for the smaller “bar” area where CNN was playing on the wide screen TV. When my meal came — the vegetarian combination platter, with an additional order of chicken wot — my full attention turned to the beautiful presentation in front of me.



The meal consisted of the traditional, tender, slow-cooked vegetables, which included yellow and green lentils, yams, green peas, collards — all



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covered in their own savory sauces. The chicken wot (shown in the middle in the photo provided) was spicy and rich with the most delicate, juicy chicken I have ever eaten. Ample injera (the traditional Ethiopian pancake bread) was provided to dredge through any combination my heart desired.

Overall it was sweet, savory, spicy and appropriately rich throughout. A small green salad that was lightly dressed provided a lovely palate cleanser for the meal.

With an Ethiopian beer, the dinner came to \$32.00, mostly due to my own extravagance in wanting to try both the vegetarian sampler and a meat option. This meal was easily enough for two to three people, and the leftovers from my meal ended up as dinner for my husband. ✨

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# Snider's Receipts Benefit Northwood

By Jay Goldman

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In 2012, the school's PTSA collected almost \$80,000 worth of receipts - which resulted in a \$788 check to the Northwood PTSA. The school receives 1 percent from Sniders simply based on shopping there.

Susan can accept 2013 Sniders receipts until mid-February when they must be turned in. \*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As noted previously, we will be including interviews with noted members of our community. We would welcome suggestions for further persons to be interviewed, please send to [thausner@gmail.com](mailto:thausner@gmail.com), 301-587-6943 and we would love to have students to serve as reporters for student service credits.



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### Gordon's Silver Spring Restaurant Review:

#### Pete's New Haven Pizza

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### Kate's Home Design Tip

Buyers are looking for homes that look modern and also show style. A great way to add some personality to your house is through artwork. Instead of leaving your walls blank, grab an inexpensive frame (from Ikea or the thrift store!) and hit the fabric store. Grab a half a yard of fabric with some color and pattern that coordinates with your room and place in the frames. This cheap project will make your home feel more complete!

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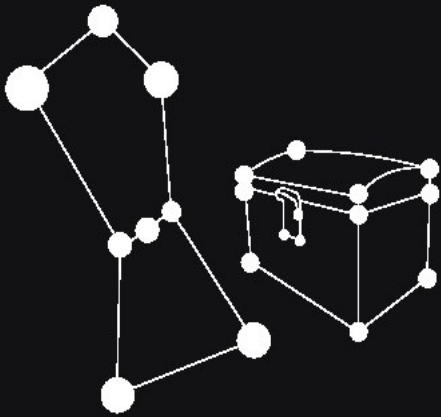
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