

ISCA Entrepreneurs at Home: Jill Ortman-Fouse by Jay P. Goldman

Editor's Note: This is part 11 of an occasional ISCA newsletter series focusing on individuals in the neighborhood who run businesses out of their homes. Previous installments (accessible on the ISCA website) featured Ann Horton, Deborah Levy, Kendra LaDuca, Iantha Carley, Monica Bridgewater, Christopher Lancette, Christina Taylor, Lynette Mattke, Jennifer Chambers and Chris Clark. Send suggestions for future profiles to jgoldman@aasa.org.

Jill Ortman-Fouse concedes her job history "is kind of a crazy mix" that has included a stint co-hosting a twohour morning TV show on a CBS affiliate, raising funds for non-profits on an array of causes and constructing homes for impoverished people in Central America.

From such a potpourri of experiences and skill-building opportunities, Jill, a native of Raleigh, N.C., stumbled across a personal development instrument that changed her life and sent her forward on a new career path. Since 2010, she has run her own home-based firm, T.E.A.M. Consulting (www.teamconsulting.us), working as a team-building and leadership coach. It was while working for an organization on Capitol Hill called the Faith & Politics Institute that she learned about a tool known as the Enneagram that assesses emotional intelligence, which in turn can help individuals better understand themselves and their relationships with others.

Through her own study of this tool, Jill discovered a wealth of practical applications and found herself using it to make sense of difficult situations and to better appreciate others' points of view (a skill that served her exceedingly well during a sterling stint as president of the Indian Spring Citizens Association from 2010-12). Ultimately, she became a certified Enneagram coach.

In her consulting world, Jill has run team-building programs and facilitated strategic planning for a variety of clients, from the Girl Scouts to non-governmental organizations operating globally.

"One of the most challenging experiences I had was conducting a team-building training for a multi-national organization that was under federal investigation. People were literally being fired while I was in the building," she says. "When I walked in, I got a very cold reception. The attendees were visibly upset,

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Congratulations to the Srinivasan family, Nancy and Suresh. Their daughter Grace Srinivasan had the good fortune to be cast as lead in a documentary (drama) shot in Baltimore playing the part of an Indian American woman, Noor Inayat Khan, who spied for Britain during WWII. The film was done by an academy-award nominated director in Baltimore, Rob Gardner and is narrated by Helen Mirren. The "world premier" of the film (Enemy of the Reich: The Noor Inayat Khan Story) will take place on February 15th at the Warner Theatre in DC. A trailer and ticket information can be found on their website So, if you need something to do on a cold February evening, come on out. Otherwise, PBS will be airing the film sometime in 2014 so you can see it there for free there!

Congratulations also to Andrew Schneider, a freelance writer who's just published two Young Adult novels: the swashbuckling sci-fi/fantasy adventure, Nothing Left to Wish For; and the contemporary fairy-tale adventure, Undercaffeinated and Overexposed: The Tale of a Coffee Shop Princess. The books are available digitally in all formats, and more information can be found at andrewgschneider.com. Check them out! To any other writers in the neighborhood, I'm always happy to chat about writing and the craft thereof, and how awesome we are. Schedule is flexible. Here's the synopses:

Nothing Left to Wish For: Esme, first mate on the skyship the Pirate Queen, is anxious to prove herself worthy of her own commission. A raid on the treasure galleon, the Desert Jewel, leaves her with more than she bargained for: Prince Sasha, son of the high wizard al-Hasan, on the run from his father's ambition. The money from Sasha's ransom could buy Esme a ship and the respect she craves, but are her desires worth the sacrifice of Sasha's freedom? Esme's choices will, one way or another, leave her with nothing left to wish for.

Undercaffeinated and Overexposed: Around two hundred years after her discovery by the Brothers Grimm, Sleeping Beauty has lost her happily ever after. Mortal authors can enslave fairy tale folk as muses with the flash of a camera, and Beauty has long since left her enchanted castle for the anonymity of city life in modern Washington, D.C. Worse, her relationship with Prince Charming is on the rocks; her crush on her best friend Lancelot is going nowhere; and her boss, Titania, is about to fire her from the Tale's End Bookstore and Café, where she lives and works as a barista. As if that weren't enough, alone among the immortal fairy folk, Beauty is changing. She's not sure how, or why, but she isn't the same person who walked out of the Dark Forest and it terrifies her. If she's no longer a princess – if her life is no longer a fairy tale – will there be a home for her with the fairy folk when the last words are written?

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and one of them said to me, 'You know, no one wants to be doing this right now."

Jill admits she was stunned by the hostile reaction. "My mouth went dry. They felt as if I was going to be teaching them how to wallpaper while the house was burning down," she quips.

Jill proceeded with her planned workshop on coping with stress and how it affects different personality types and how to respond in productive ways. "We did some fun exercises, and I could see the light bulbs going off in their heads," she says. "The cloud lifted, and they were so grateful. The feedback and evaluations I received let me know that this tool is something anyone can benefit from in all kinds of situations."

The workshop attendees told Jill they gained a better understanding of themselves and learned ways of adjusting to whatever their new reality would be. "I loved that," she admits.

Jill and her husband Dave moved to Indian Spring in 1999, just after the birth of daughter Siena, now 14, and before the birth of son Nathan, 12.

She has applied her acumen in organizational health to a number of volunteer leadership roles, in addition to ISCA. She's served as a parent leader at Highland View ES and Silver Spring International MS and serves as an advisory board member at the YMCA of Silver Spring.

"I've used the work I do in my volunteer efforts over the years, whether it is in my civic activities toward helping us reach our goals for our community or advocating for our public schools. I find both my paid work and volunteer work to be equally fulfilling."



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Crime Report from Joyce Stocker

The following crimes have been reported to the Montgomery County Police Dept from the Indian Spring community from 12/23/13 to 1/26/14

01/03/2014 Theft from Vehicle 200 Block BREWSTER AVE

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1/23/2014 Theft from vehicle 1 Block FRANKLIN AVE

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Gordon's Restaurant Review: Republic

Takoma Park's latest restaurant, Republic, is another great establishment from Chef Jeff Black (Black's Bethesda, Black Market in Garrett Park). Republic focuses on fresh menu items such as freshly shucked oysters, and other local seafood and meat specialties. Located at the corner of Laurel and Carroll Avenues, must try items include their fresh oysters, the braised beef empanadas, and the wood grilled brick chicken with chicken sausage. The Carrot Parsnip Cake dessert is fabulous. They also have happy hour specials during the week with discounts on beer and raw bar items. Heads up - they don't take reservations.

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Minetti String Quartet from Austria At the Embassy of Austria 3524 International Court, NW Friday, March 7, 2014 at 7:30 pm The Minetti Quartet has collected more important prizes

than any ensemble since 2003 when it received the Haydn Award at the International Joseph Haydn Competition in Vienna, followed by the International Rimbotti Competition for String Quar-



tet in Florence, the Franz Schubert Competition in Graz, the national "Gradus ad Parnassum" Prize. **Program: Beethoven: String Quartet, op. 18/2 in G Major; Arvo Pärt: Frates; Mendelssohn: String Quartet, op 44/2 in e minor.** \$65/ hors-d'œuvres, wine, cheese, sweets reception.

Emanuel Salvador, violin Ronaldo Rolim, piano Portuguese Ambassador's Residence 2125 Kalorama Road, NW Friday, March 14, 2014

at 7:30 pm

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ven ; Szymanowski – Mythes; A. Pärt - Spiegel am Spiegel; J. Brahms - Sonata No.3 in D minor op. 108; \$150/Portuguese buffet.

Claudia Galli, soprano Gregory Moulin, piano At the Embassy of Luxembourg 2200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 7:30 pm

Soprano **Claudia Galli** was born in Luxembourg. She was a member of the Atelier Lyrique of the Opéra National de Paris, singing, the Princess in Ravel's L'Enfant et les sortilèges, Carolina in Cimarosa's II matrimonio segreto and Despina in Mozart's Così fan tutte. At the Opéra National de Paris, she was heard between 2008 and 2011 in Strauss's Die Frau ohne Schatten. In January 2011, Claudia Galli took on the role of Micaëla in Bizet's Carmen, performed under Claude Schnitzler's direction at the Opéra-Théâtre de Metz as well as the Opéra National de Lorraine. **Program: Schumann, Richard Strauss, Brahms. Wolf, Zemlinsky, Berg.** \$110/elegant reception and valet parking included.

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