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Neighborhood Anchor Fred Zusman Dies at 84

by Jay P. Goldman

Anyone who's ever attended the Taste of Indian Spring, a fall festival at the recreation center or any other major neighborhood event over the past generation probably has dealt with Fred Zusman.

He's been one of our neighborhood's most solid anchors for longer than just about anyone can recall, a stalwart volunteer who made significant contributions to the fine qualities that define Indian Spring. Fred passed away on Sept. 26 at the age of 84 in Silver Spring.

He and his wife Phyllis, married 61 years, formed a dynamic pair as membership co-chairs of the Indian Spring Citizens Association for the last two decades. You could find them set up as greeters at the front check-in table at just about any event likely to draw a neighborhood crowd. Fred and Phyllis fastidiously maintained up-to-date records about who had paid their ISCA dues for the coming year.

Jill Ortman-Fouse got to know both Zusmans well during her time as ISCA president (2010-12) and the preceding decade as a board member when she attended

many meetings in their home. "Fred was great at telling it like it is, and Phyllis always softened the mood with her delicious desserts and lovely sense of humor," Ortman-Fouse said.

"They worked so well together, and our whole neighborhood benefited by their special partnership—I can't imagine one without the other.

We were extraordinarily lucky to have a couple so dedicated to community that they gave selflessly hundreds of hours of their time over so many years." (cont. page 3)



Fred and Phyllis Zusman lived in their East Indian Spring Drive home for 53 years.

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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, 301-587-6943 and we would love to have students to serve as reporters for student service credits. 

Fred Zusman Dies at 84 *(cont from Page 1)*

Fred also served as president of the neighborhood association sometime in the early 1970s. The Zusmans lived for 53 years in the same house on East Indian Spring Drive, where they raised their two children, both graduates of Montgomery Blair HS.

He was also active in the wider community, serving in 1978-80 as president of Temple Israel when it was located on University Boulevard (before its merger in 1997 with Beth Tikva to form Tikvat Israel in Rockville, where they held current membership).

In addition, Fred derived great satisfaction from teaching U.S. citizenship classes to immigrants and often stayed in touch with those he tutored after they had been sworn in as U.S. citizens.

After earning academic degrees in math at Harvard University, Fred began working for the fledgling National Security Agency as a cryptanalyst, then spent about 20 years as a computer scientist with Operations Research Inc. He also was founder and technical director of Scientific Management Systems, another government contractor.


With a specialty in computer simulation, Fred worked on complex programs that may still be in wide use.

One notable program was MADAM (Multiple Airport Demand Allocation Model), used by the Federal Aviation Administration to determine gate allocations at airports nationwide. Another program, SOUP (Spectrum Orbit Utilization Program), was used by the International Telecommunication Union to allocate telecommunications satellite slots.

In his eulogy at the funeral, Robert Zusman referred to his father as “truly one in a million.” That claim actually had a factual base, Robert added, because his father was born with all of his internal organs on the opposite side of a typical human body. That meant Fred’s heart rested on his right side, a phenomenon that stunned every doctor he ever encountered.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, who relocated in early October to Riderwood, a senior living community in Silver Spring; his daughter Rosanne of South Amboy, N.J.; and his son Robert of Scottsdale, Ariz.

The family requested that donations honoring Fred’s memory can be made to the Jewish National Fund (www.jnf.org).

(Jay P. Goldman is a magazine editor, journalism professor and resident of Indian Spring since 1988.) 



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Celebrate America Recycles Day with Highland View Elementary School

by Celeste Raker-Dillen

Highland View Elementary School is celebrating America Recycles Day by hosting a shred and recycle event. Come shred your personal documents for free and drop off your scrap metal (anything 50% or more metal) on Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. HVES is also collecting plastic bags including clean ziplocks, shrink wraps, dry cleaner bags, cereal bags, and regular plastic shopping bags. And if you drink juice pouches, save them and bring them to HVES for Terracycling. Highland View is located at 9010 Providence Avenue, Silver Spring. Any questions? Please email c.rakerdillen@gmail.com or call at 240.601.9147. Feel free to spread the word! 

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Crime Report from Joyce Stocker

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[This could be either our side of University or across the Blvd.]

Please report all crimes, no matter how minor, to the police and to the listserv. Be sure you lock your vehicles and leave nothing in them. Please also report to the listserv any suspects that are arrested, convictions, etc. See also the article about National Night Out for steps being taken by the Police Department.

Editor's Note: Joyce Stocker indicated that she would be glad to report burned out street lights to PEPCO. In the case of street light outage, send an email to comit89@aol.com 

We're Called Freshman for a Reason

by Melissa Kane

Where should I sit on the bus?

That question circled endlessly through my head as I lay awake the Sunday night before the beginning of the rest of my life—my first day as a freshman at Northwood High School.

The concept seems simple enough. Get on the bus at the neighborhood bus stop, look down the aisle for an empty seat, walk to that empty seat, sit down and try not to move a single muscle because you don't want to disturb the person you're sitting next to.

This may seem easy to most people. But when you're a freshly turned 14-year-old surrounded by 56 girls who look better than you and guys already growing beards and there are no seats left on the bus next to people you know, it's really not so easy.

Some who know me or my family might say that freshman year should be a breeze for me. After all, I had two brothers who have graduated from Northwood and a mom who ran the school's Athletic Boosters for longer

than I can remember. I'm a captain of the school's cheer team, I'm 5-foot-10, and I'm surrounded by people whom I mostly know. But just between you and me, I was just as confused as the rest of the freshmen on the first day of school.

At this point, you're probably thinking, "Melissa, it's been almost a month since school started. You should have the hang of things by now." Maybe so, but to clue you in, I wandered the halls for 10 minutes the other day just trying to find a bathroom.

Attending a high school with 1,600 students sometimes seems as if someone dropped you in the middle of the ocean and told you to swim home. But high school isn't as scary as it's made out to be. The hallways aren't filled with countless twists and turns designed to confuse you. Seniors don't shove younger students into lockers, and lunch isn't an every man for himself free-for-all.

High school is indeed one big adventure that's a part of growing up. Everyone is a little bit scared, a little bit confused and a little bit awkward. But there's a place for everyone to fit in and a stage for everyone to shine on.

(Melissa Kane, a resident of Indian Spring from birth, is a freshman at Northwood High School.) ☞

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Northwood Students Celebrate Peace

by Brianna Staples

Northwood High School celebrated the International Day of Peace on Sept. 21 for the second year in a row with an assembly, featuring guest speakers and performances from staff and students.

The school's Academy of Musical Theater and Dance was able to shine as advanced dance and chorus students performed along with staff members.

As students entered the auditorium, they were welcomed by a slideshow of images of compassion, love and peace from last year's Peace Day celebration along with a recording of the Cat Stevens classic "Peace Train."

Luis Arce, an English as a second language teacher at Northwood, opened the program with a song "Solo Le Pido" (I Only Ask), showing off his musical abilities as a singer while simultaneously playing the guitar and the harmonica.

A video titled "What Would You Do?" showed a teen helping a man with a flat tire out of the kindness of his heart. The advanced dance class at Northwood performed to "Waiting on the World to Change." This was followed by an acapella performance by three students singing the John Lennon classic "Imagine," featuring a dance duet by two Northwood alumni.

The first speaker, Silvio W. Deng, the Institute of Peace's South Sudanese youth leader, detailed how he grew up facing war in his homeland. He encouraged students to use the hashtag #peaceday on social media. The second speaker, Dick Barnes, a Vietnam war veteran, spoke about what it means to reconcile, examples from our past and present, and what kids can do to reconcile with family and friends.

The final performance included the Northwood chorus singing "Glory" and staff members playing instruments and singing "Stand by Me."

In 35 minutes, not only was Northwood able to highlight some of the school's talent but also was able to spread the universal message of peace.

(Brianna Staples is a junior at Northwood High School and resident of Baden Street.) 



Supporting Northwood Students in Three 'Pain-Less' Ways

You can support the PTSA at Northwood High School in 2015-16 through the following pain-less methods. The PTSA uses these funds for the school's Homecoming dance, teacher appreciation, PTSA scholarships and the AfterProm in May.

1. Register your Giant Bonus card.

Go to www.giantfood.com/aplus/register-card. Under the "Register your card" box, enter the first three letters of your last name, then your 12 digit Giant Bonus card, then click Lookup. (If you don't know your Bonus card number, call 877-366-2668.) Fill in the box "already know your school's ID?" using 04641 in the School 1 box and click register. On the next screen, click "confirm my information."


The Giant program runs from September 2015 through March 2016, and Northwood earns about 1 percent of the grocery receipt value for registered Bonus cards. The program will work well if many in the neighborhood register their Bonus Card. (Note: Safeway has discontinued its painless fundraising program.)


2. Save your Sniders receipts.

Northwood has an arrangement with Sniders on Seminary Avenue. The store will provide a check for 1 percent of the value of grocery receipts submitted by Northwood's PTSA at the end of the calendar year. Contact Indian Spring's Susan Luck (susanluck@comcast.net), who coordinates pain-less fundraising at Northwood, when you have collected a few receipts for this purpose.

3. Collect empty computer printer ink cartridges.

Northwood can receive \$2 for each ink cartridge when recycled. Contact Susan Luck if you have a few cartridges to pass along.

Cartridges and Sniders receipts can be left by parents and students in the name of the PTSA in Northwood's main office or the school media center. 

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Girls Scouts Doing Great Things This Fall in Indian Springs!

by Chris Clark

Girl Scouts of all ages live in our neighborhood and continue to do amazing things this fall! There are currently 7 troops that have girls from Highland View and Silver Spring International Middle School (that I know of). 1st Grade Daisies: Troops 1202 and 139, 2nd Grade Brownies: Troop 2772, 3rd Grade Brownies: Troop 4272, 5th Grade Juniors: Troop 2986, 7th Grade Cadettes: Troop 4005, 8th Grade Cadettes: Troop 4274.

If you have a kindergarten daughter interested in joining Girl Scouts we are having a parent meeting at Highland View on October 20th from 7-8. Please email chrisamyclark@gmail.com if you would like to come or just show up!

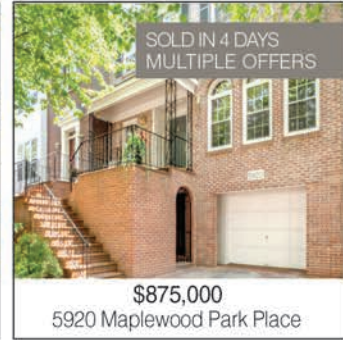
Here are some things the girls are doing this fall:

Troop 4272 3rd grade Brownie Girl Scouts are starting work on the Brownie pets patch. At the next meeting they plan to talk about responsible pet care and make dog toys that we will then deliver to Lucky Dog Animal Rescue or Washington Animal Rescue League. After focusing on pets for a while, they are planning to do some work around "ethical fashion" (an area where one of the moms has expertise), discussing how we can be more thoughtful in our fashion purchases to ensure fair working conditions, animal welfare, environmental sustainability, and so forth.

Troop 2986 5th grade Junior Girl Scouts are looking forward to their first two night camping trip to Fairwinds farm. On their trip, they will be going on a trail ride and planning a community action project to complete the Agent of Change journey.

Troop 4005 7th grade Cadette Girl Scouts joined the 8th grade troop for a fabulous trip to very windy Cape Henlopen, DE in September. They are enthusiastic to earn money toward their international trip in 2017 and will be offering their services throughout the year. If you would like to have these hard working girls come rake your leaves this fall, wrap your presents (in or out of your home) during the holidays, or have two come as mother's helpers to have a super duper fun time with your children while you get important things done around the house, please email Leader Chris Clark at chrisamyclark@gmail.com.

Troop 4274 8th grade Cadette Girl Scouts began the scouting year with a terrific weekend at Cape Henlopen, DE where they participated in a nature walk and night-time expedition, which helps them earn the "Night Owl" badge. During the coming scout year, they are looking forward to earning the babysitting, field day, comic artist, and first aid badges (among others). If there are any ISCA adult experts in any of these areas, please let troop co-leaders Pam Wertz (erikandpam@verizon.net) or Sarah Morgan (sbakermorgan@gmail.com) know so that they can schedule a short (one-hour) information session with the girls. ☺



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Cub Scout Pack 275 in Indian Spring

by Jon Montgomery, Cubmaster Pack 275

Cub Scout Pack 275 is off to a great start with several exciting activities this fall, embodying our informal motto of "fun with a purpose." Scouts new and old ranging from first to fifth grade have started work on their activity badges, and are gearing up for the first campout of the season in mid-October at Greenbelt Park.

You will see our Scouts in the neighborhood over the next few weeks engaged in community service and fund raising projects. On **November 7**, the Scouts will kick off our annual **Scouting for Food** drive (<http://www.ncacbsa.org/?SFF>) to collect food for needy families in Montgomery County by delivering plastic grocery bags to homes across the community. On **November 14**, the Scouts will **return to collect** the bags from your homes – now filled with non-perishable food – and deliver them to local food pantries. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our neighbors Pack 275 collected and donated over 188 bags of groceries,

helping our scouts to demonstrate good citizenship and friendly service.

Pack 275 Scouts also will be seeking support from their friends and neighbors through popcorn sales at local grocery stores and by going door to door. This fundraising activity provides our scouts the opportunity to learn important life skills, including entrepreneurship, customer service, setting goals and working with teams, and even mathematics, while raising money to pay for badges, pack campouts and other activities. Over one third of sales proceeds remain with the Pack, and our customers get yummy popcorn!

If your son is interested in joining scouts, it is not too late to sign up. Contact Cubmaster Jon Montgomery (jon_n_montgomery@hotmail.com) for more information. 





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