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### 'StoryCorps'

**"StoryCorps" was at the Beatley Central Library in May conducting interview sessions with generations of Alexandrians. The conversations were part of a month-long celebration of community reading through the "All Alexandria Reads" program, which features "Listening is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life from the StoryCorps Project." Senior Services of Alexandria helped select those interviewed who will have their stories preserved at the Library of Congress and may be featured on an upcoming "Story Corps" program on National Public Radio. Above is Charlotte Clinger, a senior at T.C. Williams High school, and her grandfather, William Clinger, former U.S. representative from Pennsylvania and Alexandria resident.**

## Bishop Ireton Appoints Crooker

Stephen Crooker has been appointed to the newly created position of director of instruction at Bishop Ireton High School. In his new position, he is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school's academic and student life programs and related personnel.



**Crooker**

graduated from Mount Saint Mary's University with a bachelor of arts degree in theology and a minor in secondary education. He received a master of arts degree from the Saint Francis De Sales School of Theology, formerly in Washington D.C., and

has also been awarded Certification in Catholic School Leadership from Marymount University in Arlington.

Crooker has served as the vice principal for academics at Bishop Ireton for the past three years.

## Student Wins DAR Art Award

Lucy Medley, a student at T.C. Williams High School, won first place in the Daughters of the American Revolution Junior American Citizen National Art Competition. She is the daughter of Lisa and Howell Medley.

Lucy's poster won first place in the Virginia District V JAC Art contest (27 Chapters) and the Virginia State contest (125 DAR Chapters). Her entry next won first place in the Divisional Contest compiled of six states and the District of Columbia (335 Chapters). Winning these awards enabled her poster to compete in the National Contest (3,000 Chapters in the U.S. and overseas) where it won first place.

Following the guidelines and this year's theme of "Invest in America's Future", Kate Elkins, Lucy's art teacher, had students submit art work based on the theme. The Mount Vernon Chapter of the DAR sponsored T.C. Williams and several other schools in Alexandria.



Sylvia Duncan, DAR Mount Vernon Chapter JAC Chairman, met with each art teacher participating to provide contest guidelines.

## Long Wed Couples Vow 'I'd Do It Again'

Four married couples, all residents of The Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave., recently renewed their marriage vows in a ceremony at the community's chapel. Friends, families, and neighbors all looked on July 10 as the couples said "I'd do it all over again."

Taking part in the vow renewal ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Tomecek, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keil, 55 years; Mrs. and Mrs. Dan Schilling, 65 years; and Mr. and Mrs. Marv Ribyat, 67 years. The longest married groom, Mr. Ribyat, drew chuckles from the crowd when he joked that he and his bride got married when they were two years old.

The ceremony was followed by a reception featuring freshly-prepared bakery and fruit selections from the Washington House culinary team.



**Mr. and Mrs. Marv Ribyat, married 67 years, renewed their wedding vows along with three other couples at a July 10th chapel ceremony at The Fountains at Washington House.**

## Croquet Day

**Despite the rain, more than 200 people gathered on the lawn of the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria on May 18, to enjoy SCAN's inaugural Croquet Day. The new, family-friendly event — made possible by presenting sponsors AT&T and The Katz Family — included an official croquet tournament with 34 teams participating, as well as lawn games, refreshments and awards. The event raised more than \$30,000 to support SCAN's child abuse prevention programs. Guest judges at SCAN's inaugural Croquet Day included ABC7's Scott Thuman, Honorary Board Member Brian Moran, Del. Alfonso Lopez and Del. Vivian Watts. Pictured is the first place team in the tournament.**



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## Attending Naval Academy Seminar

Natalia Barrow, student at Bishop Ireton High School was one of 2,550 rising seniors invited to Naval Academy Summer Seminar program this year. Summer Seminar is a leadership experience for rising seniors in high school. This program helps educate, motivate and prepare selected students who are considering applying for admission to USNA.



**Barrow**

Summer Seminar teaches prospective applicants about life at the Naval Academy. Each student will attend a six-day session and experience a glimpse of USNA life. They will experience first-hand what the Naval Academy has to offer through its exceptional aca-

demic, athletic, extra-curricular activities, and leadership training programs.

Summer Seminar has an academic focus, with each student attending eight 90-minute workshops, covering subjects from information technology, naval architecture and mechanical engineering, to oceanography, mathematics, history and meteorology. Students will also participate in seamanship and navigation classes and will take a cruise aboard a Navy Yard Patrol Craft to apply what they will learn in class. Naval Academy Midshipmen lead Summer Seminar with oversight by active-duty Navy and Marine Corps officers.

### MILITARY NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos are welcome.

Navy Ensign **Jeffrey C. Christopher** graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned to his current rank.

Navy Seaman **Michael M. Costigan** completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Army 2nd Lt. **Yohei Sakamoto** has graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Sakamoto has served in the military for two years.