

# The house special

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# **Board of Directors President, Johnnie Moore**

I am very pleased to report that the Treasurer reported that we completed the 2002 fiscal year approximately under budget \$8.5K. by Additionally, the major facade work scheduled for 2002 was completed and as soon as weather permits, the work planned for 2003 will commence. Work has started on the upgrade of the elevators in the East building and will take several months to complete. During this period, the East building will be limited to two operating passenger elevators, as was the case during the period that the West building was going through passenger elevator renovation. The freight elevators will be addressed separately.

The Board approved the replacement of the hallway carpeting in the worst eight (8) corridors as determined by a walk-thru by Management. Additionally, the Board approved the replacement and repair of the retainer wall between the front of the building and South George Mason Drive that is buckled. This is a long lead-time item because of the time it will take to acquire matching brick, so the work may not occur until 2004, but funding had to be authorized now to procure the brick.

The Board also voted to remove the "speed abatement" devices that were being moved around in the garage. Numerous residents have complained about them being a problem from a physical well-being point of view as well as potentially damaging their vehicles. The concern that remains is the

number of residents that routinely exceed the speed limit posted in the garage. Residents are reminded to obey the rules of the Skyline House Unit Owners Association (SHUOA), as well as be concerned about a potential liability should you injure an individual or damage another resident's property as a result of an accident. The amount of time potentially saved by speeding on the property will never be worth the risk of injuring someone or causing property damage.

I was very pleased at the participation and turnout for Adua's retirement. She clearly appreciated the expressions of love and kindness shown by residents, new and old. I look forward to seeing the same level of participation in the upcoming election. We need a large turnout to ensure that we continue to have a place to live that we can be proud of and that retains its' value and reputation as a luxury condo community.

For those of you that have been providing feedback on how we, the Board of Directors, are doing as a leadership team and how Management is managing your common property, thank you. We are committed in 2003 to being the year we change the perception of our relationship with residents. Based on the feedback, effective immediately, we will be keeping a small number of garage access cards at the front desk for purchase by residents during the hours that the offices are not staffed. This is a value-added service to improve the quality of service we provide to residents. If there are other suggestions for enhancing the experience of living at Skyline House, please feel free to let Management know

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#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

THE HOUSE SPECIAL welcomes brief comments from its readers. Limit your letters to 250 words or less and include your name and unit number. The Association Board reserves the right to refuse incorrect or improper statements. Committee reports must be submitted to the Editor by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month or NLT 3 days after mtg.

Information for *THE HOUSE SPECIAL* may be sent by email to the Editor, dropped off at the Management office or the reception desk.

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or communicate it to me and I will pass it to Management for review and action.

Hope to see you at the next Board Meeting, on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.



#### General Manager Gusbey Silva

#### **Storage Bins:**

There is a great demand for storage bins from our residents. Each unit has an assigned storage bin. Residents must refrain from using a bin that does not belong to them. Any items found in a bin that do not belong to the bin owner will be removed and stored away by Management. A charge will be incurred for the removal and storage of the items and should be paid prior to the retrieval of the items involved.

Management built 22 additional storage bins in the S Level of the East building, which generates an annual income of \$14,000. Management has selected another storage room located in the G level of the East Building to build additional storage bins, which will be available by the second quarter of 2003.

There is a set of eight wooden storage bins located in the West building, room # 1, which do not meet the Association's safety standards and for that reason will be removed and replaced with metal ones. If you are storing items in any of these wooden bins, please contact the Management office no later than February 18, 2003.

#### **End Walls Façade Repairs:**

SPS completed the concrete spandrel repairs, the installation of the new flashing and brick repointing on the east end wall of the East building and the west end wall of the West building. Due to inclement weather the last phase of the project, installation of the spandrel coating and façade sealer, has been postponed until we have an entire week of good weather with temperatures above 40

degrees and no precipitation during the previous three days.

#### **Elevator Modernization:**

The modernization of the East building passenger elevators started on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, with the removal of passenger elevator #1 from service. The estimated time for the East building passenger elevator modernization project is approximately eight (8) months. During this time only two passenger elevators will be in operation.

#### **Eradication of Crows:**

A new agreement was signed in early December with USDA to continue the crows' eradication program. USDA performed another "depopulate and disperse" program with the crows from the college grounds from January 27 through January 31, 2003. USDA is also looking into the possibility of using the roof of the office building located across the street on S. George Mason Drive in front of the East building.

#### **Adua's Retirement Party:**

Thanks to the time and effort spent by Nadyne McKelvey, Louise Albin, Sophia Mazur, and Carroll Thompson who helped Management with the organization and planning for Adua's retirement party. I also want to thank Tony DiSalvo for his help in setting up the party room.

Adua's party was a great success. More than 170 residents attended the party. There was plenty of delicious food prepared by our residents. Mr. David Tilson presented Adua, on behalf of the Association and the Board of Directors, with a Service Award. Many residents had the chance to express their gratitude to Adua for the great service she provided to the residents and their guests during her 22 years of employment at Skyline House.

#### **Trash Rooms:**

Leaving trash in the disposal room floors not only creates a trip hazard for other residents but bad odors also travel, causing discomfort to residents in units close to the disposal rooms. Please be considerate of your neighbors and place all trash in the trash chute and bring all large items to the loading dock.

There are occasions like the one that happened on Sunday, January 19, 2003, in the West building, when not only the trash chute was stuck and could not be used, but also the freight elevator was out of service at the same time. That day we had problems on several floors due to residents not being able to place their trash in the chute or taking the service elevator to the loading dock to leave the trash there. Some of these residents were asked by the housekeeping staff on duty to leave the trash on the floor of the disposal room while the staff worked on clearing the chute, assuring the residents they would remove the trash after the work was completed. At times like this, we suggest that you leave the trash at home until the problem with the trash chute is resolved.



Editor Louise Albin

### ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Nominations for the Board of Directors will close on FEBRUARY 6, 2003.

Detailed information on the upcoming election, MARCH 25, will be mailed to all resident and non-resident owners on February 20. Please read all the information, including the bios of the nominees, so that you will be prepared to attend the MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT, MARCH 11, at 7:00 P.M., in the West Party Room.

To our non-resident owners, we would welcome you at the Annual Meeting. Our By-Laws require a quorum (as represented by proxies and registrants equivalent to no less than 25% of the total votes possible) before the Annual Meeting can commence. Therefore, it is important that, if you cannot be present, you return the required material being sent to you promptly. It must be received no later than March 26.

# IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

#### Adua's Thanks

I was astounded when Ed and I walked into the party room on Saturday night. I can't begin to express my appreciation for your kindness and generosity. My heartfelt thanks to each of you for a very exciting evening.

It was wonderful being back among my friends—you know how much I miss you. I can't personally thank each of you for your gifts and cards, so I have chosen this way to tell you how much I appreciate all that you did for me. Thanks, also for the lovely red roses, the walk down the red carpet, the crown, and the Service Award. It all made for a very memorable evening. I love you all. Adua

Editor's note: If anyone took any good pictures of the evening, I would like to have some to put together an album for Adua.

Edwin "Ted" Mosser, Unit #101E, submits the following:

Is anyone interested in get-togethers to discuss Film Classics, Classics of American Popular Music, and Old-Time Radio Shows? Please contact Ted Mosser at (703)-671-5814 or uncleteddybear@starpower.net.

I recently moved into Skyline House. My professional background has been mostly in teaching English, and I have also taught film appreciation, been a Jazz/Broadway DJ for several years, and also done quite a bit of community theatre.

I am also the founder and president of Renaissance Singles for the Arts.

#### A SENIOR VIEW

50 Photographic Portraits of seniors now at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Virginia

Fifty black and white photographic portraits of residents of Culpepper Garden, a retirement

residence for low-income elders, are on display at the Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, Virginia until the end of February.

The photographs by David Tilson, exhibit the range of attitudes, personalities, ethnicity, and age distribution that are representative of that found at Culpepper Garden.

Culpepper Garden is a HUD-subsidized retirement community that was developed by members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington to meet the unmet needs for housing for low-income elders. This was the first HUD-subsidized residential facility for the elderly in Northern Virginia. It also contains the first HUD-subsidized facility for assisted living. *Not the first in this area; the first in the country*!

The Gallery will be open during church office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and evening hours from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Unitarian Universalist Church is located at the corner of Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) and George Mason Drive in Arlington, Virginia.

Submitted by Vera Tilson

#### HOWIE MCCLENNAN, THE BOSTON IRISHMAN

Many of you will remember Howie McClennan, the Boston Irishman who died this past October. Howie used our corridors for his walking exercises greeting everyone with a friendly, "Hi, pal!" With Howie's death, the condo's lost a unique voice; as a firefighter, Howie would often raise issues of fire safety at PPOC meetings--possibilities that had been thought of by no one else.

Two surprises emerge from the material Howie's family sent: one, his first name was William! Perhaps there were too many Bills at his first work place! The second surprise is that he used the proceeds from his retirement dinner to establish the William Howard McClennan Scholarship Fund for children of Fire Fighters killed in the line of duty. By last October, 26 children had already been helped by Howie's fund.

Howie had a useful and distinguished career beginning in Boston in 1942. He went on to become President of his local union, serving four years; he was a VP of the district International Association of Firefighters from 1958-1966, becoming General President of the IAFF for ten years, and President Emeritus in 1980. He served as well during those vears on the Executive Board of the AFL-CIO, was a VP Emeritus of the union and President of the union's Public Employees Department. He held two Presidential appointments and was spokesperson for the Jerry Lewis Telethon for 25 years as well as VP of the DC Friends of Ireland for 28 years.

His fellow firefighters honored him every step of the way to his burial in Boston, beginning with honor guards standing at his casket, to 500 firefighters lined up in formation as his casket was carried from the church, to the Boston Fire Department Pipe Band playing, with firefighter pallbearers and the Executive Board of the IAFF acting as honorary pall bearers, an a cappella group of firefighters singing the mass, and a eulogy given by the current President of the IAFF. Police cars and motorcycle cops stopped traffic so that the procession could pass; employees of the firefighters credit union stood outside in the rain to pay their last respects, and six firefighters carried Howie's casket to the grave, where a lone piper played "Amazing Grace." The whole experience finished with an Irish Wake, and one can only imagine Howie's pleasure!

Submitted by Jean Orben

#### Security, Fire and Safety Committee Terry G. Sakellos, Chairman



#### Charter

The Security, Fire and Safety Committee is the Skyline House guardian of the vital measures for the protection of persons and property against accidents or willful malicious acts. Using the following guidelines, the Committee will formulate suggested rules or courses of action for the Board's implementation.

- 1. Promote the fire safety laws and secure compliance with those regulations.
- 2. Maintain a working relationship with local fire and police departments by sponsoring seminars for dissemination of information for residents on fire safety, crime prevention, and building evacuation procedures.
- 3. Review vandalism prevention policies and monitor violations.
- 4. Support a Neighborhood Watch program.
- 5. Review building and ground security services contracts.
- 6. Review and make recommendations concerning security procedures for entrances and exits by all personnel and vehicles using Skyline House facilities and associated physical surveillance controls.
- 7. Maintain a security, fire, and safety checklist that will be utilized by Management for orientation of all new Skyline House residents.
- 8. Review any security or safety issue as directed by the Board that is not covered by the aforementioned guidelines.

The next Security, Fire & Safety Committee meeting will be January 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



#### Financial Management Committee Wynfred Joshua & Chuck Ruby,

The Financial Management Committee met on January 21, 2003. The Committee reviewed the December financial statements and found no issues.

The summary figures for the month of December 2002 and preliminary figures for the year 2002 are as follows:

	December	Y2002
<b>Total Income</b>	\$257,057.77	\$3,123,018.49
(assessments, fees,		
interest and other		
items)		
Total Expenses	181,891.30	1,977,278.17
Total Reserve	91,713.54	1,100,562.48
Contributions		
Net Income Before	(16,547.07)	45,177.84
Taxes		
Taxes	3,715.00	16,142.79
NET INCOME	(20,262.07)	29,035.05
AFTER TAXES	,	

Let me stress again that the figures for the year 2002 are preliminary and will probably be changed once we have the audit report.

To elaborate on our Reserves: In 2002, we withdrew \$808,475 from the Reserves for the various repairs and acquisitions. Funds in the Reserve account at the beginning of 2002 and the contributions made during the year ended 2002 with a total of \$1,645,345. We are getting closer to what a former treasurer, Mr. Krumwiede, had advocated for a sound and responsible Reserve fund. The detailed financial statements that indicate the items that make up the summarized data above are available in the Management office.

I draw your attention to a most positive development. In 1999, we had a Special Assessment for more than \$2 million to pay for garage repairs. Not everyone was able to pay his/her share but had to make special arrangements to pay this in installments. Starting in 2002, the Association still had \$25,206 due. During 2002 we received \$23,696. We are left with only \$1,511 that we expect to collect this year. At one point, we had to write off \$7,270 that we could not collect because the owners had filed for bankruptcy. But it is a remarkable achievement that, thanks to the diligence of our Management, we were able to reduce the Special Assessment debt due to the Association.

In December, the Financial Management Committee recommended to the Board of Directors the approval to allocate our excess income funds to the West End Façade Maintenance account to relieve the unexpectedly high repair costs. We had \$37,000 plus at the end of October. Somehow the Board did not get to that recommendation. We are again requesting the Board to approve as yet an allocation of excess income for 2002 to that account. Once we have the audit report, we expect to have approximately \$35,000 available for this move. Our Manager has already checked with the auditing company to verify the legality of this move.

The Committee considered the proposal for the replacement of the carpet in the corridors. Floors, Inc. has done the re-carpeting so far and is offering to do six floors for a total of \$68,000 plus or to do 8 floors for \$85,325. This second option would save us about \$2.00 a yard or some \$3800. The guarantee is for one year from date of installation. The 2003 budget has \$66,355 available for this purpose; however, we can temporarily use funds from the total reserve fund and put it back in 2004. The FMC is joining PPOC in recommending to the Board to take the second option. The Committee agreed with the Treasurer that we put the total remaining requirement for finishing the residential corridors in the 2004 budget.

The Committee also discussed the proposal for the replacement of that part of the brick wall along George Mason by the circle. Here too, we are joining the recommendation of PPOC to award the contract to NVM Contractors because of their excellent work in the past and the price they are offering. The replacement of the wall part comes to \$16,940, unless the footer of the wall also needs to be replaced. In that case there will be an additional \$5,280. Guarantee will be for one year after completion. We have been assured that the landscape and trees will not be degraded or damaged. We have a total of \$16,850 available in the 2003 budget, so we can cover the wall. For the footer, we will have to use the funds in the overall reserve budget.



#### Physical Plant And Operations Committee George Beams And Kurt Bedenbaugh

The PPOC met on January 9, 2003. The main topics of the meeting were two proposals submitted by Management for approval. One covered the bid of Floors, Inc. to provide carpeting to replace eight residential corridors. The specific corridors to be replaced will be based on the inspection of the corridors still having wrinkled carpets. The Committee approved the expenditure of \$85,325 to complete the job. Floors, Inc. has done all the previous carpet work in Skyline House.

The other request was for repairing the retaining wall by the circle on George Mason Drive. The NVM contractors submitted a bid of \$16,940. They were selected for their excellent work test costs. It should be noted that the repair of the wall couldn't be started until the same type and color can be obtained. It is estimated this will take approximately one year. These items were budgeted in the 2003 budget.

PPOC meets the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend. Once a month we sponsor a walk-a-round of specific areas of the property. Note of times and place are posted on the bulletin board and Channel 12. This past month we visited the two party rooms to see the newly recovered furniture and new rugs, and to inspect the floor areas where the tiles need to be replaced.

The next PPOC meeting will be on Thursday, February 13, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



#### Covenants Committee Joseph Livingston, Chairman

Review of the Skyline House Rules and Regulations:

At the January 2003 meeting of the Covenants Committee, work was completed on the review and revision of the first 10 of the Association's Rules and Regulations. They were presented to the Board at the January meeting. The Board directed that the proposed revisions be presented to the Unit Owners for comments.

To facilitate your review, please refer to the May 28, 1997 revision of the Rules and Regulations.

The new material is in boldface type:

#### Rule 1 D:

D. In the event that an owner: (a) has condominium assessments that overdue for a period of more than thirty (30) days, or (b) has been found to be in violation of a rule or regulation of the Association and has failed to abate such violation after appropriate notice, the Board may suspend or limit the privilege of that owner, and/or his/her tenants, family members, invitees and guests, to use the common facilities of the Association. When used herein, the term "facilities" means the Pool, Party Rooms, Card Room, Billiard Rooms, Exercise Room, Library, Guest Parking and any other similar amenity.

Rule E and exception 2:

- E. Smoking, **eating and drinking are** prohibited in the common areas with the exception of:
  - 1. Unit balconies
  - 2. Outside areas (such as rooftop and pool area sundecks)

Rule 6 Title and paragraphs B, C, and D:

#### RULE 6 RECEPTION DESK SERVICES

- B. Registered or Certified Mail and COD's CANNOT be accepted.
- C. Reception Desk personnel CANNOT accept packages, mail or other articles that are addressed solely to a business without a resident's name and resident's unit number.
- D. Equipment, such as a luggage cart and dolly, is available for use by residents on condominium property only. Residents, upon signing for these items at the Reception Desk, will leave a Photo I.D. during the use of the equipment and agree to return equipment within one hour. If no other resident is waiting, the equipment may be kept for another hour.

Also, please note that asterisk indicates that rates and fees are subject to change and will appear as a footnote to the table of contents.

The remaining 16 Rules and Regulations will be reviewed and revised if warranted. Your suggestions are requested. You are also invited to attend the next meeting of the Covenants Committee that will be held on March 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



#### Neighborhood Watch Judith York, Coordinator

Due to circumstances beyond our control, two reliable volunteers have dropped out of the program. We invite you to join neighborhood watch as a participant in order to keep the program alive. The program is in need of volunteers to replace those who have left the program for reasons of health, time, or relocation. It requires only one hour a week and you choose your time and day. It is a great way to exercise, meet your Skyline House neighbors, and contribute to making your home a safer and more attractive home.

The next two open training sessions for volunteers to receive certification are on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, and again on Thursday, May 6, 2003, at 7 p.m. at the Mason District Police Station, 6507 Columbia Pike. I will be attending both meetings and will be pleased to give rides to those needing transportation. Please call Mrs. Judith York at 703-671-2267. You may want to attend one of these meetings even if you are not a watch participant, the information distributed by the police officers about general safety and our community is interesting and relevant.

Some of the complaints listed in January are:

- 1. East Building untidy trash rooms due to residents leaving trash on the floor; cable boxes left open by the cable company (Management has contacted the cable company); vandalism to the wall beside the telephone on the Penthouse level, also interior ceiling lights and exterior lights on the Penthouse level damaged; marble slab broken in front of unit #1105.
- 2. West Building lock on the sundeck door inoperable with common area key; trash thrown on the floor in the Penthouse disposal room; damage to the column on the Penthouse level across from the billiard room; exterior light out on the penthouse sundeck.



#### Recreation Committee Tony DiSalvo Chairman

All who attended the Post Holiday Party, which was held on Friday, January 3rd, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A number of the regulars were out of town or not feeling well. We hope to see them on February 7th.

If you are a resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your neighbors, and to make it easier, you are

requested NOT to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres, just your own liquid refreshment.

The next TGIF is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Party Room. The Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in West Card Room. All residents are invited to attend.

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

TGIF: Friday, February 7, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., in the West Party Room.

Recreation Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.

New subject: A very nice retirement party for Adua on Saturday night.



## **Good Neighbor Committee Co-Chairs**

Toska Prather 703-379-7849 Ann Preston 703-931-7679

#### Good Neighbors for January:

Maryanne Solak 703-845-9325 Frann Stamm 703-998-8221

The Good Neighbors are available to assist all residents who are in need of temporary help due to illness or emergency. We need new members. Please call one of the co-chairs and join us.

#### **MASON MATTERS:**

Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled: Department of Tax Administration staff will be on hand at the Mason District Governmental Center on Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., to assist Mason residents who are either 65 or older, or totally disabled, in obtaining Real Estate, Personal Property Tax and Vehicle Decal Fee relief as well as Rental Grants. For more information on eligibility requirements, contact: 703-222-8234, TTY 703-222-7594 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/md/homepage.htm.



runs February 3rd through April 14th!

Mason Governmental Center, Large Conference Room, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Sign in from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon.

Schedule of <u>NO COST</u> events at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. commemorating Black History Month: The contact for all of the events is Keith Wynn, 703-845-6304, e-mail: ewynn@nvcc.edu.

#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS**

## Covering the National Capital & Chocolate City

**Keynote address**: "Covering The National Capital and Chocolate City: A Quarter Century of Journalistic Coverage of Our Virtual and Actual Washington, D.C."

**Date& Time:** February 4, 2:00 p.m. **Place**: Room 131, Bisdorf Building, NVCC, 3001 No. Beauregard St., Alexandria

Particulars: Washington Post columnist Courtland Milloy opens NVCC's celebration of Black History Month. Milloy, who has written for the Post since 1975, is also a weekly commentator on Black Entertainment Television. The Capitol Press Club named Milloy Columnist of the Year in 1990 and, in 1996, the Chesapeake Regional Associated Press designated him Best Columnist of the Year. Washingtonian magazine lauded Milloy as a "Washingtonian of the Year" in 1988.

#### BLACK HISTORY IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA: A TOUR OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN SITES OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

**Date & Time**: February 8, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Place:** The bus will depart from, and return to, the Bisdorf Building on the Alexandria Campus, 3001 No. Beauregard St., Alexandria.

**Particulars:** Learn the significance of various often-forgotten African-American historical sites with historian Dr. Bettye Yates. The event is free and open to the public; however, tickets are required. To reserve a seat, contact Brenda at 703-845-6313 or e-mail her at brobinsonbap@nvcc.edu. Seating is first come, first served.

# GET THE BLUES: LEGENDARY AMERICAN BLUES WITH THE ARCHIE EDWARDS HERITAGE FOUNDATION

**Date & Time**: February 13, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

**Place**: Room 158, Bisdorf Building, NVCC, 3001 No. Beauregard St., Alexandria

**Particulars:** Meet three "generations" of NVCC alumni, including two former students from the 1980's and 1990's and one currently enrolled. All enjoy professional success and thrive in careers in health care, technology and the visual arts. They will share their compelling stories on the benefits of higher education.

Come and hear the stories and the music of great American blues artists in an intimate concert setting! Bring your bag lunch and "get the blues!" The Archie Edwards Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization working to keep the blues tradition alive—specifically, the East Coast acoustic Piedmont blues. Dedicated to preserving the memory and legacy of the legendary Archie Edwards, the foundation is headquartered in Archie's Barbershop, which functions as a museum, music hall and educational facility.

#### CAREER PANEL WITH NVCC ALUMNI

**Date & Time**: February 20, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Place: Room 158, Bisdorf Building, NVCC, 3001 No. Beauregard St., Alexandria

**Particulars:** Meet three "generations" of NVCC alumni, including two former students from the 1980's and 1990's and one currently enrolled. All enjoy professional success and thrive in careers in

health care, technology and the visual arts. They will share their compelling stories on the benefits of higher education; a question and answer session will follow the panelists' presentations.

### AN EVENING WITH JAZZ SENSATIONS RON HOLLOWAY AND JULIA NIXON

Date & Time: February 27, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC, 3001 No. Beauregard St., Alex.

#### **Particulars: Washington Post**

One of today's most dynamic performers creates music rooted in the best traditions of R & B, Blues, Jazz, and Gospel. Fiery tenor saxophonist Ron Holloway combines passion and a broad dynamic range to generate an exciting and distinctive sound. For more than 20 years, diva Julia Nixon has been a fixture on the Washington, D. C. music scene and beyond. "Julia & Company" was the resident group at the popular Mr. Henry's restaurant.

The Alexandria Concert Band, conducted by Dr. Robert Petrella, will open the celebration. Seating is first come, first served.

# SPECIAL EVENTS AT SKYLINE HOUSE February 2003

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 LIBRARY	4	5	6	7	8
	OPEN 7:00-8:00 PM ECR				TGIF 6:30 PM WPR	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR		RECREATION 7:00 PM WCR	PPOC 7:00 PM WCR	Valentine's Day	
16	President's Day  LIBRARY CLOSED	FIN MGT 7:00 PM WCR	19	20	21	22
23	LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 PM	25	BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM WCR	27	28	