

# Fairlington celebrates 75 wonderful years

The Fairlington Historical Society (FHS) and Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) commemorated the 75th anniversary of the community's 1943 founding last month with a celebration held at the North Fairlington Community Center. The event was preceded by a series of printed *Bulletin* articles contributed by the FHS that looked back over the history of life in the community over the last three-quarters



of a century.

FCA President Guy Land welcomed guests and introduced the evening's speakers: State Senator Adam Ebbin; County Board Members Libby Garvey and John Vihstadt; and former Fairlington resident, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Arlington County and the City of Falls Church Paul Ferguson.



*Arlington County Board Member John Vihstadt, former Glen President Thora Stanwood, and 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chair Barbara Berti*

*FCA President Guy Land and Clerk of the Circuit Court Paul Ferguson*



*Mews President Renee Powlette (third from left) and friends*



*Arlington County Board Member Libby Garvey*



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Senator Ebbin presented and read a Virginia Senate Commemorative Resolution honoring Fairlington during the year of its 75th anniversary. Land presented a Certificate of Recognition bestowed by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam recognizing October 20, 2018, as Fairlington's 75th Anniversary in the

Commonwealth and calling this observance to the attention of all Virginia citizens.

The celebration hosted approximately 300 past and present Fairlington residents. The FHS slideshow, *Fairlington: Our Home and History*, based on Catherine D.

Fellows book, *Fairlington at Fifty* and featuring photos of community life by FCA President Guy Land and Fairlington Villages owner Robert Tetro, played on a continuous loop and sparked many memories and conversations. Fairlingtonians enjoyed hors d'oeuvres from Osteria da Nino while toasting the joyous milestone.

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*Senator Adam Ebbin presented and read a resolution honoring Fairlington.*

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*First North Fairlington owner, Mary Maglio, second from right.*



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*Historical Society Trustee Cindy Kunz and Luetta Donalds*





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Many attendees chatted about their own milestones that occurred while living in Fairlington—first homes, marriages, births, career changes, and more—that made the neighborhood particularly special to them.

The Fairlington 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee planned

and coordinated this very special evening. Special thanks to committee participants and volunteers: Barbara Berti, Sharon Bisdee, Joan Carter, Patty Clark, Jennifer Davies, Robyn Dickey, Cynthia Kunz, Guy Land, Carolyn Lathey, John Lathey, Terry Placek, Harry Reem, Rebecca Sayres, Vickie Spindler, and Chris Weathers.

—Rebecca Sayres



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FCA Board Directors Kent Duffy and Jennifer Davies with county board member John Vihstadt

