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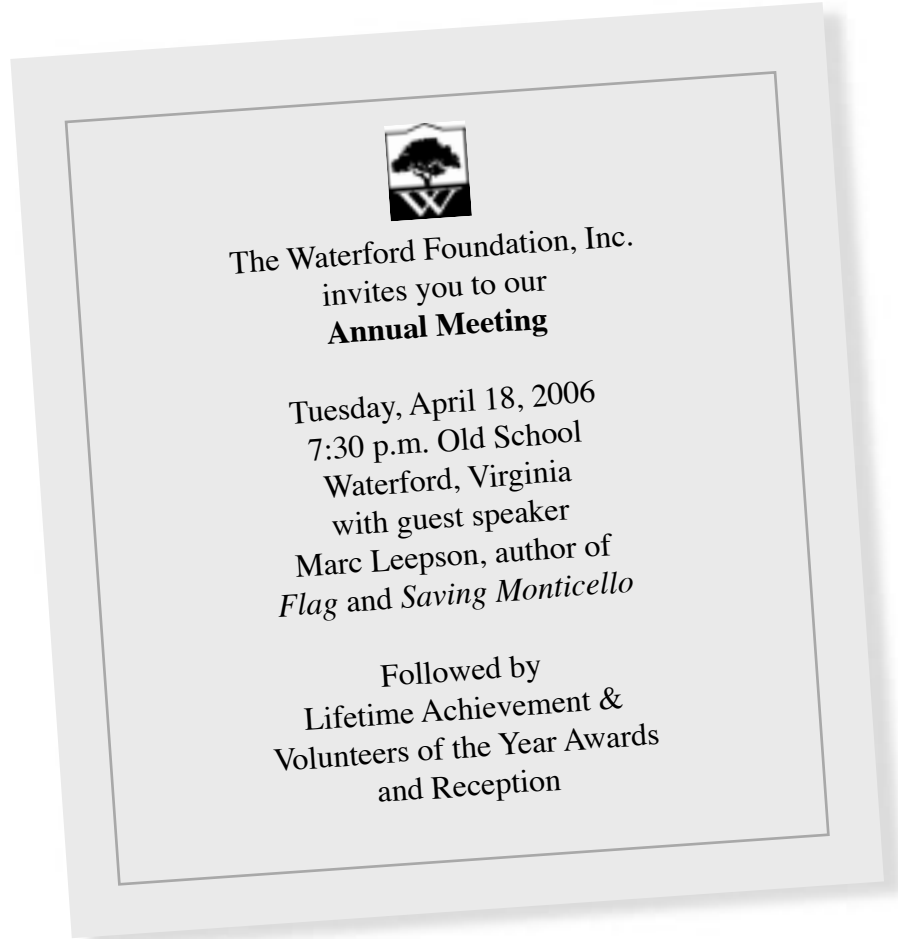
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Author-Historian Marc Leepson Will Speak at Annual Meeting

The Waterford Foundation is honored to have Marc Leepson as keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting on April 18th. Mr. Leepson is author of *Flag: An American Biography*, *Saving Monticello*, and three other books, including the *Webster's New World Dictionary of the Vietnam War*. Since March 1986, he has been arts editor and columnist for *The VVA Veteran*, the newspaper published by Vietnam Veterans of America.

A former staff writer for Congressional Quarterly in Washington, D.C., he has written for *Preservation*,
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Waterford Foundation Joins Virginia Preservation Day

Foundation president Jim Behan, executive director Mary Yakush, and communications chair Kathleen Hughes journeyed to Richmond on Tuesday, January 31, for Virginia Preservation Day. Sponsored by APVA Preservation Virginia, this annual lobbying day brought together preservationists and organizations from across the state for a full day of activities at the General Assembly and St. Paul's Episcopal Church with presentations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Waterford's delegation, concerned about new legislation that could weaken land preservation tax credits—one of Virginia's most successful conservation programs (responsible for easement donations in the state last year of 23,000 acres!) visited with 33rd District Delegate Joy T. May, and staff of 32nd District Delegate David Poisson, 27th District Senator Russell Potts and Senate President Pro Tempore John H. Chichester. A networking lunch featured Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. 🌳

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Preserving Waterford The Board of Directors Is Active

Dear Members,

The winter months are normally the quieter time of the year for the Foundation. However, the past few months have been busy, if not hectic at times, for us.

I am pleased to report that in January the Loudoun County Circuit Court dismissed the challenge to the legality of the county's Waterford Historic District. Ms. Angela Plowman did a masterful job defending the historic district. Also in January, Mary Yakush, Kathleen Hughes and I went to Richmond and lobbied our local representatives during the Virginia Legislative Session. We talked with Delegate May and also with the executive assistants to Senator Potts and Delegate Poisson. We focused on a bill to protect the sale of conservation tax credits, which are a prime catalyst for placing conservation easements on open space and buildings.

Maryann Naber, Susan Sutter and Nick Ratcliffe are representing the Foundation on a Core Committee, the Waterford community's primary interface with the School Board regarding the future of the Waterford Elementary School. In addition, the Foundation briefed seven School Board representatives and staff in the Corner Store and then took a walking tour of the village. This provided the attendees a better understanding of the Waterford Foundation and the National Historic Landmark.

Here's an update to items mentioned in the Fall newsletter.

- The Foundation's purchase of 25 acres and an easement on an additional 25 acres within the National Historic District remains on track. Hopefully, this will be consummated by the time you read this.
- Many of you responded to the Foundation's Annual Appeal. Thank you for the fabulous support! Your donations totaled \$55,000 to help offset the reduced income from the 2005 Fair.
- The latest Old School project to be completed under Rich Biby's leadership, was the insulation of the heat pipes and reduction of our energy bill.

If you haven't already done so, please get your tickets for the 2006 Concert Series as it promises to be another great program. And, if you are planning a big party—a wedding or graduation party, for instance—consider renting the Old School. Many great parties have been held there in the past. Now it's ready for more! Visit www.waterfordva.org.

Finally, Margaret Good resigned in January from the Assistant Executive Director position to spend more time with family (grandmother now!) and other interests. Her advice on countless matters and selfless support for the Foundation are greatly missed!

Sincerely,



Jim Behan
President

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

On Saturday, April 22, 2006, at 10 AM, runners and walkers from around the metropolitan Washington area will take part in Waterford's second "Landmark 10K Run."

Organized by Waterford residents John White, a sometime marathon runner, and Ginny Friend, a walking enthusiast—the "run-hike-walk" will take place this year at historic Talbot Farm.

The bush-hogged and paint-marked route meanders across the creek and up and down hills and along the property boundaries on the farm. Designed for participants at any level of fitness, the run route is the longest at 10K, the hike route is 6K, and the walk is 3K. If fast walking and hills are interesting: take a hike. If you just want to enjoy the day and the landmark view: take a walk. The race

will be followed by an awards ceremony, honoring the man and woman winning overall, the best individual and team high school runners, and fastest "55+" competitors.

Proceeds from the race will be used to further the Waterford Foundation's mission to preserve and protect the Landmark and to support the Briggs Animal Adoption Center (in nearby Charles Town, West Virginia). The event this year is being administered through the Foundation for Charitable Funding (www.fcfevents.org) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Organizers of the run are seeking sponsors for event expenses. The entrance fee for runners and walkers is \$35, with additional sponsors welcome. Registration forms are available by calling the Foundation

office at 540-882-3018 or on the website, www.fcfevents.org. Return registration forms by mail or bring to Race HQ at the Old School on Race Day. Registration begins at 8:30 AM on Race Day and is open on a first come, first serve basis—with a maximum of 400 participants.

Volunteers are needed on Race Day to handle registrations, hand out numbers, mark traffic layouts with cones, staff the water stop, and help with finish line activities. Volunteers will need to attend a few short meetings before the race. If you are interested in volunteering, please email John White at jwpatent@aol.com. 📧

Member Spotlight: Margery Lueders

Our appreciation to Margery Lueders, an avid Waterford Fairgoer and volunteer for forty years. Currently, Margery is recovering from Hurricane Katrina and the loss of her home on Fontainebleau Drive in New Orleans to looting and vandalism. Despite these disasters, Margery made it to our own rainy Waterford Fair this fall. We are grateful to her for her many years as a faithful volunteer at the Mill and participant in the fair's Art Show.

Margery came to Loudoun County in 1958 as a newlywed. Gene and Margery met at Pennsylvania State University and as bride and groom, moved to the Waterford area to start a dairy farm with Gene's father. She happily became a farmer's wife and lived on Rogues Hollow Farm, just outside of Waterford, where a dairy farm operated until 1964. Margery has always loved the rolling hills of Loudoun County, and has a special interest in farmland preservation. She is ever optimistic and is planning to fix up her home and let time help her "decide what to do."

Thank you Margery! 📧



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Smithsonian, the Washington Post, New York Times, New York Times Book Review, Christian Science Monitor, USA Today, and others. He has been interviewed on The Today Show, CNN, CNBC, Talk of the Nation, To The Point, Morning Edition, Irish Radio, and CBC (Canada).

Marc will explore the American history and issues described in his two most recent books: *Flag* a detail-

packed history of the evolution of the American flag and our patriotic relationship with it and *Saving Monticello* the first complete post-Jefferson history of this American icon and how one family saved the house.

Marc Leepson, who lives in Middleburg with his wife Janna and their two daughters, serves on the Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees

In Memory of a Beloved Preservationist – Logan Rodman Doane III

On January 25, 2006, Waterford Foundation vice president, Nancy S. Doane, lost her husband of 33 years, Logan Rodman Doane III, after his hard-fought battle with cancer. In accordance with Logan's wishes, Nancy and his family have designated the Waterford Foundation as the recipient of donations in his memory. They have asked that these memorial funds be set aside to launch the newly established Waterford Foundation Endowment Fund. The monies can only be used for this project.

"Establishing an endowment has been a long-held dream of the Foundation," according to President James Behan, "and we are very grateful to the Doane family for thinking of us at this difficult time."

Logan and Nancy have lived in Waterford for the past 18 years. Their two children, Erik and Becky attended Waterford Elementary School and are busy college students now. In 1995, Logan retired as the Director of Budget and Program Control for NASA's Space Station Freedom to enjoy his life as a devoted father and caretaker of his gardens and grounds

along the Catoclin Creek. He was the founding Director and President of the Catoclin Preservation Alliance. Logan was always a willing volunteer for the Foundation and was serving on the Land Use Committee at the time of his death. He will be missed by all those who knew him.

To contribute to the Foundation in memory of Logan, please send donations to the Waterford Foundation, Endowment Fund, PO Box 142, Waterford, VA 20197. Be sure we have your complete address. Visa/Mastercard accepted.

Next Waterford Concert – April 23rd at 4PM

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**Join us for our Annual Meeting
on April 18th at 7:30**