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Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards

“**M**rs. Fowler’s students are not the ones who will thank her in their valedictorian addresses,” said Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham**, reading from an endorsement letter written by Kristin Fleckenstein for Andrea Fowler from Fort Smallwood Elementary School in Anne Arundel, Md. “Many of them are not the students who will think of her as they finish their last AP exam. Her students are those who will think of her when they accomplish a long, sought-after goal. It might be something as simple as learning to write a paragraph or...solving a

math problem. Mrs. Fowler is a special education teacher and she is just as special as the students she teaches.”

Graham continued to read from the letter, “Though it is frequently heartbreaking to watch my child struggle as she does, I know the reason Lucy wants to go to school is Mrs. Fowler.... It is why she will be the teacher each of them think of if ever asked, ‘What teacher made the biggest difference in your life?’ Even if they are too young to remember how important she was to them years from now, I assure you that will never escape the memories of parents like me who will cherish her spirit and dedication for many years to come.”

This is one of hundreds of letters submitted by parents, teachers, principals and students that made the case on why their teacher deserved to be one of the 21 teachers recognized during the recent annual Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards on May 12. Graham recognized each of the winners by sharing different anecdotes about them or reading excerpts from other letters.

The teachers—representing 19 local public school districts and one private and another charter school—were selected by their corresponding regions. Graham explained, “We don’t have anything to do with the selection process. It’s simply

our privilege to honor them tonight.”

Following the ceremony, the award-winning teachers, along with their families and supporters, were treated to dinner. They also had the opportunity to network with other educators and The Post staff.

Community Relations Coordinator **Aurora Gonzalez** and Grants Coordinator **Tito Tolentino** organized the event and executed it with the help of several volunteers and the rest of the Community Relations staff.

To view photos from the event, visit <http://tinyurl.com/ou86nh>.



From left, Kristin Fleckenstein, Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award recipient Andrea Fowler from Fort Smallwood Elementary School (Anne Arundel, Md.) and Tom Fleckenstein. Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham** read from a moving endorsement sent by Mrs. Fleckenstein, the mother of child with special needs.



From left, Post Chairman **Bo Jones**, Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award recipient Allyson Kurtz from Cougar Elementary School (Manassas Park, Va.), Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham** and Publisher **Katharine Weymouth**.



From left, volunteers **Kimba Brown**, **Terry Johnson** and **Ceyda Schofield** with **Aurora Gonzalez**, who organized the event with the late **Tito Tolentino**, not pictured. Tolentino had a stroke at home the morning of the ceremony and passed away a week and a half later.

Remembering Tito Tolentino 1947-2009

Our friend and colleague **Tito Tolentino** passed away on Tuesday, May 26. Writing these unbelievable words is still as jarring as nails on a chalkboard. Maybe the disbelief stems from Tito being one of the most alive people I knew. At 62, he had an almost enviable,

childlike exuberance, and he did everything with so much gusto that it often rubbed off on everyone around him.

Or maybe I'm still incredulous because our last goodbye, wasn't a goodbye at all. We exchanged smiles in the Auditorium, as we were both running around

like crazies taking care of business. In other words, just a typical day in the office. There was supposed to be a tomorrow.

I visited him at the hospital a week later. He had slipped into a coma. This is the last time I saw him alive, but since it doesn't cost anything to hope, I held off on saying goodbye.

It seemed too premature. I did, however, play him some salsa off my iPhone. In hindsight, maybe playing him Joe Arroyo's "A Dios Le Debo Todo" ("I Owe Everything to God") was a very appropriate way to say farewell to my friend, who almost became a priest, and who loved to dance almost as much as he loved God.



Beloved friend and colleague, Grants Coordinator **Tito Tolentino**, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, after suffering a stroke and going into a coma. He is survived by his wife Maggie and their children, Christine and Johnathan.



Community Relations Coordinator **Aurora Gonzalez** and Mr. Tito greet educators during the Vincent E. Reed Principals Leadership Institute. Gonzalez: "He was my 'spiritual' buddy, a great friend and a wonderful mentor. Our small world is a better place because of him. He exemplified love in its purest form."



Among many other things, Mr. Tito was also Ned the Newshound's handler, especially since his son, Johnathan, would often dress up as The Post mascot.



Mr. Tito, Aurora Gonzalez, Budget Officer and Assistant Grants Coordinator **Darrick Hansen** and his wife Allison Hansen at the Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards seminar. Hansen shared an office with Tito and during Tito's recent visit to the Philippines with his wife, Maggie, Hansen recalls Tito calling from the other side of the world to check in. Unbeknownst to Tito, it would be his last time visiting his two adopted sons, family and his place of birth.



Mr. Tito and **Anika Harden** cut a little rug. They didn't call him, Mr. Twinkle Toes for nothing. If there was a song to be danced, he didn't waste any time. Community Relations Supervisor **Carrie Morse**: "For almost 11 years, I saw Tito almost every day. We walked the halls of The Post together, rooted for the Caps, shared joy, laughter, success and sadness. He helped me to keep my faith intact through my bouts with cancer and I will always be grateful for that."



The Community Relations Team. From left, Mr. Tito, Lianne Liang, Carrie Morse, Community Relations Manager **David Jones**, Aurora Gonzalez, Eric Grant and ShopTalk Editor **Mario Iván Oña**. Jones: "Rain, snow, sleet or thunder, Tito always knew how to make you smile. I don't know anyone who didn't like being around him. He could always lift your spirits. He was our Happy Warrior and that's exactly how I will always remember him."

In honor of Tito, Community Relations will be forming a Post team to participate in the 2009 Start! Greater Washington Region Heart Walk. Stay tuned for more details. To view more photos of Tito, visit <http://tinyurl.com/pvx34d>

Post Hunt 2009



The 2009 Post Hunt winners hailing from D.C. with the Post Hunt masterminds. From left, columnist **Gene Weingarten**, Tom Jawetz, Jim Reilly, Jemy Hunter, Serena Hoy, Emma Filstrup, David Shahoulian, columnist Dave Barry and Post Magazine Editor **Tom Shroder**.



"Weinshrodarry" sing the last clue to approximately 10,000 Post Hunters. Barry strummed a few notes on the axe, before Weingarten and Shroder joined in: "Old McDonald had a farm..." Barry then said, "Now turn that around in your head." Turning "E-I-E-I-O" around gave the answer 01313.



Papa John's Pizza, a major sponsor of the Post Hunt, rolls out their big slice for the event, but also had plenty of edible pizza for sale and some courtesy slices for the volunteers.



Barry greets the sea of hunters before cutting them loose on downtown D.C. The second annual Post Hunt took place on Sunday, May 17.



How many people can you spot reading or analyzing Post Magazine? The answer was not part of the Post Hunt, but it sure was nice to see that many folks glued to the magazine.



To solve the end game, those with their brains still intact had to find the adorable Boxer "Lucy" and hand their cell phones over to her handler.



Marketing's **Nicole Marshall**—instrumental in implementing the Post Hunt—discusses volunteer assignments with Shroder and a few vol-Hunt-eers.



Volunteer **Lyndon Williams**, dressed as one of two Uncle Sams, throws fake \$100 bills into the air shouting, "The Post Hunt Stimulus Package... take the money it's yours!" The bills read "In Gold We Trust." A poster between the uncles had the answer: gold at \$893 per share or simply 893.

For video explanations of all the puzzles shot by **Akira Hakuta** and **Whitney Shefte**, and everything else you ever wanted to know about this year's hunt: <http://tinyurl.com/d962gr>

To view and/or download photos taken during the Post Hunt: Photos by ShopTalk: <http://tinyurl.com/ov3kh9>
Photos by Nakeva N. Corothers: <http://tinyurl.com/mvbjwo>
Photos by Messay Shoakena: <http://tinyurl.com/n5kn6v>

Young and Younger Retirees Come Together



E-Streeters President Al Manola, 96, stops by to chat with the "young ones"—the recently formed Washington Post Alumni Group, during the recent E-Streeters luncheon. The E-Streeters are Post retirees, who worked at the paper when it was located on E Street. For those keeping score, The Post moved from E Street to its current location in November 1950.



Luncheon guest speaker, Executive Editor Marcus Brauchli, applauds E-Streeter Katie Klein who was celebrating her birthday. Klein worked at The Post when Eugene Meyer purchased the newspaper during a bankruptcy sale in 1933. Brauchli talked about the ongoing changes in the newsroom, the challenges of the newspaper industry and then took questions.

PostScripts

Chat Fashion Live With FW editors

At noon on June 19, visit fashionwashington.com/junechat.html to ask all your burning questions about the latest summer styles and trends. You can also follow FW on Twitter (twitter.com/FWupdates) and become a fan on Facebook (tinyurl.com/fwonfb). Also, don't forget to pick up a copy of the June 10 issue at these locations: tinyurl.com/findfw. And remember, even if you are not interested, your friends and family might be. So help spread the word. Every little bit helps.

Notice to 401K Participants

As of May 4, 2009, The Post Company began synchronizing name and address information with Vanguard—the savings plan record keeper. Once the data is synchronized, Vanguard will send out confirmation statements for any changes made to an employee's home address on WPOnet.

No action is necessary at this time, but if employees want to view their home address information on Vanguard's Web site, they can log on to vanguard.com (click on "My Profile," then the "Address and Phone" link). To update the home address information, employees can go to WPOnet and click on "My Contact Information." Changes will be sent to Vanguard automatically. Contact WPOnet Help Desk at 1-877-976-6384 with any questions about logging in. Employees are encouraged to register for Vanguard access. Note: this communication is applicable to 401K savings plan participants only. Anyone

interested in starting a plan should contact their HR representative.

Do You Have Any Interesting Hobbies or Extracurricular Activities?

Last call. When you punch out after a long day of work, do you rock or jazz out with a band? Run marathons? Race cars? Fly helicopters? When you tell people about this extracurricular activity of yours, do their jaws drop or do they respond, "No freakin' way"? Are you guilty by association with a colleague who might be too busy not reading ShopTalk to respond? If you answered yes to any of these, send a quick e-mail to onom@washpost.com. ShopTalk will be doing a feature about some of our weekend warriors (re-enactors only, no vigilantes please), cowboys, pilots, rock stars, thespians, poets and so on.

The Post Golf Tournament is Cancelled

The Post employee golf tournament scheduled for Monday, June 8, has been cancelled.

Pillow Drive

Christine Haynes, Advertising, is helping her 8-year-old daughter with a pillow/blanket/teddy bear drive for My Sister's Place—a shelter for battered women and children. You can either donate \$3 toward the purchase of pillows, blankets or teddy bears, or you can donate the items yourself. The items must be new and unisex, and blankets should be twin or double. Contact Haynes at x4-4053.

Become a Post Fan on Facebook and YouTube

To become a Post Facebook Fan: <http://tinyurl.com/cu5rgf>. To become a Post YouTube Fan: <http://tinyurl.com/c3aksx>.

Note to All Post Employees

It is imperative that all Post employees contact **Monica Williams** at the switchboard at x4-6000 or **Mary Robinson** x4-7880 to ensure that their contact information is up to date. If you are new at The Post, you absolutely need to call and provide your contact information. The information is used to

In the Green Corner

FACT:

The Post is now using environmentally friendly, 100-percent recycled and EcoLogo-certified Tork products (paper towels, tissues and napkins), annually saving 16,725 pounds of waste paper; 50,537 gallons of water; 22 cubic yards of landfill space; 29,219 kilowatts of energy; 1,734 gallons of oil; 433 pounds of air pollutants and 123 trees.

GREEN TIP:

Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.



reach you in an emergency, a crisis or if someone is trying to contact you from outside the building.

Use ShopTalk to Communicate Internally

Communicating new initiatives and programs through ShopTalk can assist employees at the paper and Web site in working together more efficiently. It can also empower employees to become word-of-mouth advocates. Finally, ShopTalk can also be used to publicly recognize outstanding colleagues. Contact **Mario Iván Oña** at x4-6803 or onom@washpost.com with any tips or suggestions.

Zip Out of The Post

Need to zip out of work to somewhere that's not Metro accessible but don't want to drive in? Zipcars are now available at a discounted price in the alley next to the 15th street entrance. Contact ssellers@zipcar.com or 202-552-5927 for more information. Visit www.zipcar.com/washingtonpost to become a member.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: OUTER BANKS VACATION RENTAL: elegant, sunny three-bedroom, two bath condo just off the beach in Corolla. Available third week in June, last week in August, most of May and September. Wireless Internet and all other conveniences. Two-minute walk to the waves and the splendid beach. Sleeps seven comfortably, though eight can fit. Great room with cathedral ceiling, loft, deck with beautiful ocean view, outside shower. Five-minute

walk to supermarket and other shops. Tennis courts, small community pool, surf fishing, etc. Price varies from \$895 to \$1,295 per week, depending on the week. Cheaper weekend rates available in off-season. October is gorgeous. Call Mike: x4-7346.

FOR SALE: 35-in. square contemporary teak extension dining table. Open to 65-in. with two pullout leaves. Very good condition. \$165/OBO. Call Sandy at x4-7391.

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