

.. Sandston Founders News

From Your Board

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Plans

Bruce Waldrop represented our Club at the annual laying of the wreaths at Seven Pines National Cemetery in Seven Pines. Board members Roberta Sangster and Chris Layne were there too. Your Board is also talking with State and Henrico County officials about future land improvements at Sandston's western, Williamsburg Road entrance.

Upcoming Annual Meeting & Dues

Mid-March you'll receive membership-renewal and lunch-reservation forms. Please fill them out, add your check and mail them by April 18 to Chris Layne, 4307 Cary Street Rd., Richmond, VA 23221 (419-344-3846). Sorry: No in-person payments at the door.

Our annual meeting: Saturday, April 29, 2023, 10:30 A.M.

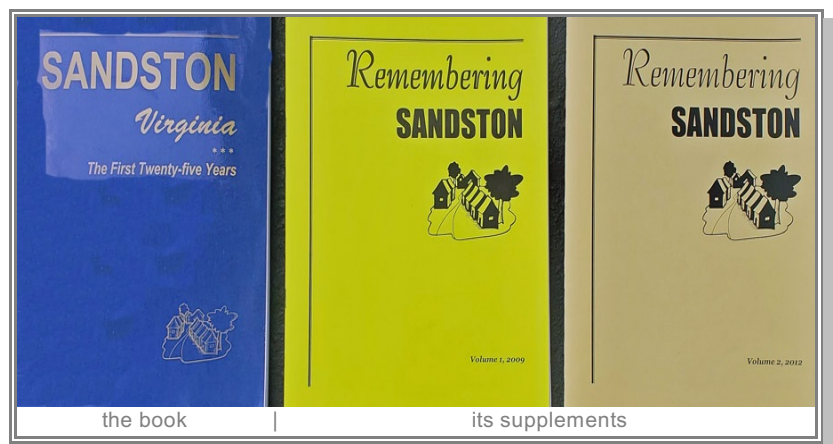
- Where: Sandston Community Center, Finley Road
- Menu: The Rolling Smokehouse—a Sandston favorite—will serve a buffet of barbeque pork or chicken or both and glorious sides
- Speaker: Dr. George Vetovec, Sandston resident in the 1950's and '60's.

All are welcome to our meeting! Please invite your childhood and school friends. We only need a lunch reservation for them. Bring your old Sandston photos and memories and be ready to share them.

Sandston, '20s-'30s

Still available are our book and two supplements packed with clear, detailed prose and vivid photographs that resurrect old Sandston.

The book's two supplements—one yellow and the other tan—present more detailed prose and more vivid photos. The cost?



- The book, *Sandston: The First 25 years*, \$45
- The supplements, both entitled *Remembering Sandston*, \$ 5 each.

Send your check for these publications to June Baldwin, 6370 Studley Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23116-4749; 804-512-7355. June will mail you your purchased books. Free shipping!

Get more information about Sandston by visiting our website, [Http://SandstonFc.Org](http://SandstonFc.Org)

Sandston, '40s

While World War II was being fought on foreign lands, Sandston played an active role at home. The new Army Air Base adjoining Sandston brought in construction workers and service personal. In our history book *Sandston–The First 25 Years* there is a section explaining Sandston's role during those years. What do you remember about this time period? What do you recall about the lost city? Bring your memories and your photos to our April meeting.

Our Speaker

George Vetrovec, MD became a Sandstonite at age 6. He attended Sandston Elementary and Highland Springs High Schools, then catapulted to the University of Virginia where he got its highest undergraduate degree (Phi Beta Kappa) and then Medical degrees; onward to VCU's Internal Medicine and Cardiology training. In the next decades he was a VCU professor, directed its Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and chaired its Division of Cardiology. Meanwhile he was:

- VCU's Chief Medical Resident
- First recipient of the Kimmerling Eminent Professorship
- Spearheaded 2 charity fund-raisers that got more than \$15 million
- Established the Vcu Pauley Heart Center
- First Irby Philanthropic Leadership Award at Mcv
- Authored 350 papers, 8 book chapters and 2 texts
- 2 years after the world's 1st surgical unlogging of a heart artery

George did the same at Vcu

- President of these: Society for Cardiac Angiography & Interventions, Association of Professors of Cardiology, Association of University Cardiologists
- Awarded for consistently contributing to heart care
- Awarded for physician excellence (Master of Science)
- National Award of Merit in 1991
- First recipient of the Richmond Golden Heart Award in 1997
- Launched former trainees into 7 countries and most US states

After 39 years he retired but remains an honored Professor (Emeritus).

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