Fifth Annual Monroe Scholars Book and Author Luncheon

featuring

Nancy Wright Beasley

Noon

April 15, 2015

at

Willow Oaks Country Club

6228 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, Virginia 23225

Autographed copies of her book “Izzy’s Fire” will be available for sale.

Cost is $75 per person or $700 per table of 10.

Purchase tickets at www.vcualumni.org/bookluncheon.

For information, contact Diane Stout-Brown at (804) 828-7020 or dstout@vcu.edu.

$50 of each ticket is a tax-deductible contribution.

Proceeds benefit the VCU Alumni Monroe Scholars Book Award program.

This program provides a special recognition award and a $1,000 scholarship to high school students who meet the criteria of leadership and scholarship and who enroll at VCU.

Nancy Wright Beasley received her M.S. in Mass Communications from VCU in 2000 and her M.F.A. in Children’s Literature from Hollins University in 2011. She was an adjunct professor in the VCU School of Mass Communications from 2000-03. Beasley’s journalistic career began with The Richmond News Leader where she served as a state correspondent from 1979-1986. She has been a freelance writer since 1992 and wrote her first nonfiction book in 2005. She was a columnist/contributing editor for Richmond magazine from 1998-2014.

The author uses simple prose to lead readers through “Izzy’s Fire,” detailing how humanity surfaced during the vilest of times. “Izzy’s Fire” describes the courage of an extremely poor Catholic farm family risking their lives to save 13 Lithuanian Jewish people, an act that resulted in the three family members being named “Righteous Among the Nations” by Yad Vashem – World Center for Holocaust Research in Jerusalem. Historical aspects of the Holocaust, as well as the background and story of “Izzy’s Fire,” are re-created through exhibits at the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond.

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