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Tisara, Curran Receive Awards for Their Service



John Chapman, president of the Alexandria Branch of the NAACP and a board member of Volunteer Alexandria, presented photographer Nina Tisara with the 2011 Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Service Award.

Jane Collins of Get Out and Give Back presented Brooke Curran with the 2011 Joan White Grassroots Volunteer Award.



City of Alexandria Town Crier Benjamin Flore-Walker

Volunteer Alexandria board member Laurie Blackburn

Nina Tisara has worked for years documenting the city of Alexandria, and especially its people, through photographs which will last for generations to come.

Brooke Curran didn't want to simply run marathons for her own enjoyment, but to utilize her desire to raise funds for others.

Thursday, Volunteer Alexandria recognized Tisara and Curran at its 17th Annual Evening in the Heart of Alexandria gala at the Carlyle Club.

Tisara was awarded the 2011 Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Service Award (named in honor of the former state delegate and founder of Volunteer Alexandria) for her involvement in the arts, women, and business organizations and most recently for her work as director of Living Legends of Alexandria.

Tisara is known to countless Alexandrians through her sensitive and artistic photographs of people and places in the Alexandria Gazette.

In addition, for more than

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Former state delegate and founder of Volunteer Alexandria Marian Van Landingham, left, enjoys the evening.



Gant Redmon, left, chats with John Renner following the program.



U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8th) with Volunteer Alexandria program manager Donna Walker James.



Tables were full at the Carlyle Club for the 17th Annual Evening in the Heart of Alexandria.