

In his 15 years as publisher of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, and 37 years with the company in key roles, Tom has led the RTD through countless changes. Today, it remains one of the most community-focused and vibrant news outlets in the industry.

Throughout all the changes, Tom has been a champion for the RTD and for Richmond

Now, as he heads into retirement at the end of 2019, the RTD family and so many of his friends from the Richmond region wish him well.

While he won't be leading the RTD, he'll surely keep reading ... and wearing his trademark "R" hat to wave the RTD flag.

In his final daily note to staff as publisher, Tom encouraged us all to "Wake up each morning and shout 'ONWARD!"

We will, Tom.

Richmond Times-Dispatch





SPORTS* **Happy Retirement, Tom!** We appreciate your steadfast belief in the benefits of active living opportunities for all and for your support of the Times-Dispatch/Sports Backers Scholar-Athlete program!

TAS and I have shared many thoughts about our wonderful RVA community, many could never be published. Our breakfast & lunches were a release about many things personal, professional and whatever! Tom is a most trusted friend and like a brother to me. Sue will have much for him to do without excuses now. Be well my friend TAS!

John Jay



Thank you, Tom!

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I have great respect for Tom's intellect, curiosity, competitive spirit, responsiveness, quick wit as well as his ability to connect and synthesize the dots. Our entire region benefitted greatly from his full engagement in leading the RTD and in serving the region by lending his time, energy, and expertise to many important issues and initiatives needing strong leadership.



lways be your hometrack. Best wishes.

The quintessential servant leader...limitless optimism...puts the needs of others first... helps others develop and perform as effectively as possible...lifts the condition of the community he serves...enriches the lives of individuals...builds better organizations...creates a more just and caring world. And on top of that, Tom Silvestri is simply a good guy and a dear friend. Well done and thank you,

Congratulations upon this opportunity to continue to nake a genuine difference in your next chapter!

Tom Silvestri has been a community stalwart

for years. His creativity and innovation have

endeavors. Elaine and I have experienced him

first hand on many occasions and in so many

ways. He will be missed by us and all who have

All of us at Feed More sincerely thank Tom

for his enduring support to our fight against

changed the way we approach many local

had the pleasure of working with him.

We hope you have a wonderful retirement,



Our sincere thanks to Tom Silvestri for everything he has contributed to the Richmond region! Tom exemplifies the spirit of a servant leader, and he has made our community stronger and more inclusive.

Myra Goodman Smith President & CEO

Jonathan C. Zur President & CEO he brought news and info and with happiness and tears. All great things must come to an end but Tom will remain a lifelong friend! Dr. Joe and April Niam

The Richmond Region's psyche was changed under Tom's "watch" at the RTD. He took the doom and

gloom news off the front page and placed "feel good" stories and transformed the way our citizens felt about our destination. Ten years ago, no one would invite their family or friends to visit the region. Today not only do they invite their families and friends but also their conventions, reunions and

We will greatly miss Tom's positive influence on

Tom, on behalf of the locality with

making our destination great!

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For 37 years he has been the bomb,

Publisher and president for 15 years,

now it's time to retire for our friend Tom.

Tom – you deserve it.

Baxter & Elaine Perkinson





Congratulations

Tom - You are the true example of a leader.

Congratulations on this milestone achievement. Wishing you all the best with your future endeavors. Visit us at bankofamerica.com/local.

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"Tom—with your retirement, who will set

aside all dignity and emcee RVA events? No

one does Blues Brothers like you! You made

us laugh, learn, think and care more deeply

about our collective community. We owe

you, we'll miss you. Best wishes for your

next chapter; I know it will be well written

I met Tom when I was a student at VCU,

and he was serving on the alumni board. I

and well lived."

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food insecurity in our community! Central VA is truly in a better place for Tom having been at the RTD helm. We wish you the very best in your next chapters! -Doug Pick and the Feed More team

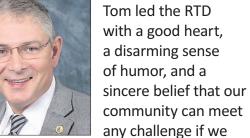


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the most subscribers, thank you for helping tell local and regional stories that have informed our citizens and businesses. You have given us your time, truly listened to our thoughts and new initiatives, and asked hard, but fair, questions about

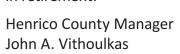
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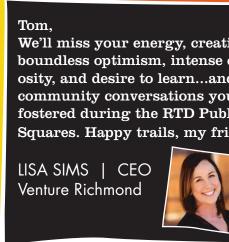
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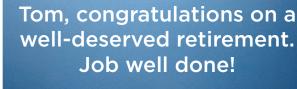


examine it truthfully and engage with each other respectfully, as neighbors. Tom, well done and best wishes in retirement!

Henrico County Manager







e *Times-Dispatch*. Thank you for your remarkable contributions and legacy.

> All the best, my friend. George Keith Martin, Managing Partner, Richmond office of McGuireWood McGUIREWOODS

remember thinking, "Wow, that guy is funny and successful". He was an immediate role model for me and continues to be a leader I aspire to emulate. We will miss you Tom! CEO

We'll miss your energy, creativity, boundless optimism, intense curiosity, and desire to learn...and the community conversations you've fostered during the RTD Public Squares. Happy trails, my friend