



Fairfax Lions Club News

"The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter"

November 2024

Fairfax Lions Club - Since 1951

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**WE SERVE THE WORLD AND OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE,
COMPASSION AND KINDNESS**

— Our Service: A GOOD MONTH! —

Vision Screening - THREE Events!!

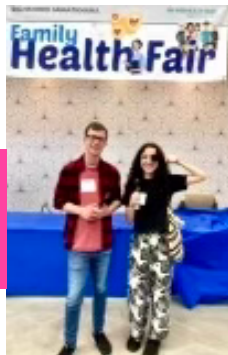
1st: Family Health Fair, Sep 15th, in Richmond

Lion Suleiman Alibhai, Lion Ben Dilzer, along with George Mason Pre-Optometry Club President Jordan Jacobi used the club's SPOT vision screening system to conduct vision screening at a Family Health Fair near Richmond (Glen Allen, VA). They screened 75 people, measured visual acuities and even gave out advice on caring for "itchy eyes!" Thanks to all three for extending this valuable vision service outside our local community! Talk about being GGGRREAATT !!



(L-R) Lions Suleiman and Ben, Jordan Jacobi, unidentified

(L-R) Lion Ben and Jordan Jacobi



2nd: Vision Screening at St. Leo the Great Catholic School (Oct 8th)

Fairfax Lions completed a vision and hearing screening event at St. Leo the Great Catholic school in Fairfax. We completed vision screening for 56 students, with 2 referrals, and hearing screening for 55 students, with 7 referrals. It was a successful event that went very smoothly. The school even provided box lunches for us.



Lion Joyce
Myers with
SPOT Camera
VisionScreener



Vision Team (L-R): Lions Joe Breda, Joe Rovansek, Joyce Myers, School Nurse, Lions Marty Lockard and Mike Greeley

We missed getting a photo of the Hearing Screening Team: Lions Diana Amsbaugh and Maggie Reidy.

SPECIAL NOTE - The School Nurse sent this: "Thank you again for helping with this year's hearing and vision screening. One of the students who did not pass their hearing screening was seen by an audiologist and was diagnosed with bilateral hearing loss. She will be getting hearing aids in the near future. Our first big "catch" for hearing in 6 years."

Many thanks to all Lions for helping in this worthy service! To participate, you don't need to know anything about screening; there are always Lions present who have done it before, and are ready to incorporate newcomers into the process! Try it.

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3rd: Vision Screening at Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool, in Vienna (Oct 23)

Three Lions (2 Joe's, and a Mike), screened 40 preschoolers, age 2 to 5, with No Referrals!

Our Club vision screening events: they are personally rewarding, a wonderful service for youngsters (and their parents), and you learn; give it a try!



L-R: School staff Alison & Maureen; Lions Joe Breda, Joe Rovanske, Mike Greeley

Blood Drive

Last month, on September 17th, Lion Bill Szymanski along with Lion Mike Greeley hosted the American Red Cross for a blood drive at Providence Presbyterian Church in Fairfax City. Bill reports a

total of 14 “good units” were collected. More potential donors showed up to give blood, but the Red Cross was not able to accept it due to some limitation. These blood drives are always a good service activity because blood supplies are always needed in local hospitals.



Lions Scott and Cory Give
the Gift of Life Saving Blood

Club Donation at Dog Fest, October 5th

Lion Harry Parker is a strong advocate for the Lions Project for Canine Companions (read about it at [this link](#)). FX Lions make an annual donation, which Harry typically presents at [Dog Fest](#) in

Reston; Harry was supported by Lion Greg DeRosa this year.



Greater Falls Run & FX Lions Clubs Make Donations



— Charity Fund Raising —

SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS

Fosters Grille Fund Raiser Oct 8

The food special at Fosters: wings were >50% off. We picked up 150 plastic bags Foster's donated, to use in fruit sales (to assemble "Bags of 20" Mandarin Oranges).

Seen dining at Fosters: Lions Cory Green, Tom Comi, Gordon Tillery, and former Vienna Lion and current Vienna Town Manager Mercury Payton. Mercury was being interviewed there for a local newscast. We tried to recruit him for FHLC!

Upcoming 2024 Fruit Sales

We sent our initial mass-email on October 4 to 1569 persons signed-up through our web site for news of fruit sales & discounts. We handed out promotional cards at the Fall Festival, encouraging folks to sign up. On Oct 17 we sent a follow-up mass email with updates on Grapefruit sizes, etc.

You can help...pass the word by sending this link to friends and neighbors so they can sign up:

<https://www.fairfaxlions.org/2024/signup-for-fruit-sale-discounts/>

Fairfax Lions Club 2024 Citrus Fruit Sale



Order on-line, pick-up in Nov or Dec

Fresh from Florida

Mandarins

Ruby Red Grapefruit

And

Whitley's VA Peanuts
TX Roadhouse Peanuts
Vermont Maple Syrup

Sign-up now for
email notices and
discounts for all
citrus sales!

Scan to sign-up



All proceeds
to charity!

About Fairfax Lions...See <http://www.fairfaxlions.org>

Since October 4th, customer orders have been rolling-in. Lion Joe Rovansek keeps our sales records (using Square software); assures refunds necessary (to cancel duplicate orders, or correct customer mistakes when ordering), and keeps sales inventory up to date. Lion Marty Lockard stays in contract with the FL grower, especially recently - to check on hurricane damage to fruit. We need to run a test of site electronic operations (generator; internet access; Square data base access; point-of-sale ordering; etc). QL Karen has published to *Sign-*

up Genius page - YOUR opportunity to sign-up to work at the sales site (American Legion parking lot), to un-load on Wednesday Nov 20, and fulfill orders Nov 21-23. **As former Lion Elden Wright used to say: "this is a 3-signature event," meaning we look to EVERY Lion to sign-up for 3 shifts over Nov 20-23!** Click this [link to the Sign-up Genius site](#). Our charity programs depend on YOU, to make this a successful sale!!!

Fall Festival Food Sale - Oct 12th

QL Karen: *"We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of our Fairfax Host Lions for their incredible efforts at this year's Fairfax Fall Festival. Their dedication and hard work truly embodies the Lions' spirit of service, making a meaningful impact on both our community and the event's success."*

"From collecting the equipment, unloading, setup, to grilling hot dogs and brats, selling wine and beer to take down, our Lions showed their dedication and energy serving the community making sure everything ran smoothly!!

It's GREAT to be a LION!!!!"

A team of hard-working Lions planned our food & beverage sales and everything came together flawlessly. A good number of Lions signed-up, and showed-up starting early Saturday to set up and operate the sales site. The weather was terrific, and we had lots of customers buy Brats & fixings, and visit the beer & wine stand. It was fun being there, working together and earning money for charity - on a great weather day!

We want to especially thank several Lions for their hard work making this a successful event: Greg & Karen DeRosa, Cory Green, Tom Hewlett, Joe Rovansek, Don Berry, G Sanchez, Bill Szymanski, Ron Zabel, Cindy Roman, Ben Dilzer, Judith Richter-Murphy, Harry Pontius, Tom Comi, Harry Parker, Joe Breda (and family), Pete Conklin, Stephen Bilowus, and Mike Rumberg. Lion Joe Rovansek took the opportunity to install shelving (he donated) and then organize contents of our storage shed. Some Lions worked a "Lions-share," like Greg DeRosa - master planner - who also rented & drove the U-Haul and brought full propane tanks; Cory Green who planned, bought and delivered all food items and organized the site; Harry Parker & Tom Comi who both spent the whole day working the hot grills cooking brats & dogs; Cindy Roman who spend a half day serving beer & wine then took

customer food orders until we closed down; the sales team of Don Berry, Bill Szymanski, G Sanchez, and Harry Pontius - who spent much of the day running sales operations; and finally, Pete Conklin and Joe Rovansek who both spent the entire day monitoring beer & wine consumers - assuring compliance with City rules (no alcohol leaves the food court). For the EXCELLENT financial results, see report under Board Meeting, later in this newsletter.) Great job Lions!

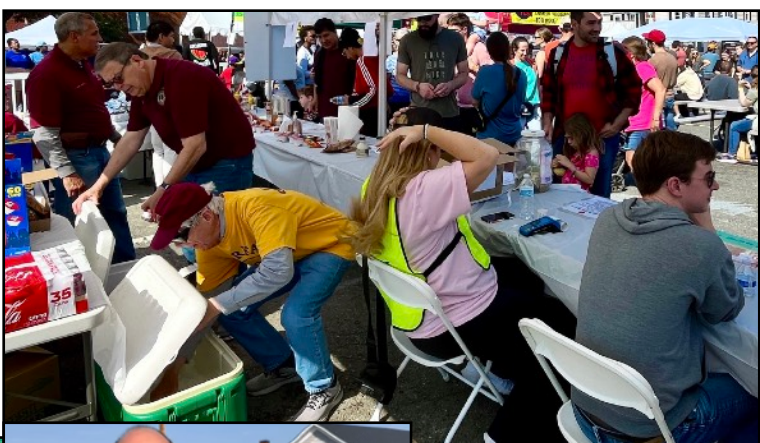




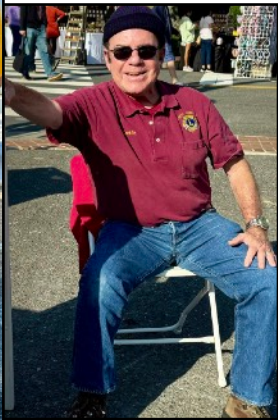


Early Morning Crew





1st Beer, 1st Wine Sales







All back in re-organized shed; new shelving (left rear) allows coolers to be stored up, out of the way

Dinner Meeting - Oct 1st

New Lion John Wasley was inducted into Club membership. John's email is: johncurtiswasleyiv1972@gmail.com.

Bulletin editor has no photos from the meeting, but it was great...a new Lion! Welcome Lion John.

Dinner Meeting - Oct 15th

1VP Cory Green planned an interesting program - discussion about club business operations. The main speaker was Lion Treasurer Mike Rumberg, who handed out details of current Administrative & Charity budget. Mike explained the club dues structure, how admin budget funds are raised and spent, and similarly the charity budget. He also addressed questions, like how does a club member introduce a recommendation for a new charity program to be included in the budget.



Mike also talked about charity fund grants that are available from both LCIF and VA state Lions. He cited two examples, acquiring grants for construction of the Rugarama Hospital in Uganda, and the Club's "70 for 70" donations to Food-for-Others in recognition of FHLC's 70th anniversary. (Lions grants are mention on the hospital's home page <https://rugaramahospital.org.ug/about.php>.)

For our "70 for 70" donation (during Covid), FHLC was honored with the "KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD." Each club member received an individual award. See our club web page: <https://www.fairfaxlions.org/2021/fairfax-lions-club-awarded-kindness-matters-service-award/>



Citrus 3 & Citrus 3 (terminology explained at the meeting) briefed club members on our recurring fruit-sale charity fund raisers, and how we stand so far this year.

QL Karen DeRosa made a point of thanking each Lion who participated in the recent Fall Festival event, emphasizing that our charity fund raising events depend on essential participation by every

member of the club, and we had a good turnout on October 12th.

District Fall Conference, Oct 18-19

The District 24-L Fall Conference was held at Holiday Inn Washington Dulles in Sterling. PCC Harry Parker led our delegation which included Lion Jeff Root, and IPP Greg DeRosa - who manned a FHLC “Club Table.” FHLC was presented the “Club Excellence” award for the past year, one of 8 clubs among 79 clubs in the District to receive the award.



**ALL Fairfax Lions Contribute
to Attaining this Award**

A VERY significant award (4th highest of all Lions awards), the **International President's Certificate of Appreciation** had IPP Greg DeRosa's name on it. Greg had to depart the Conference early and missed the presentation, but PCC Harry presented it to Greg at the Board meeting.



International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Greg DeRosa

Club Picnic, Sep 22nd

The annual Club picnic, planned by Queen Lion Karen, was on Sunday Sep 22nd at Paradise Springs Winery. Karen and Greg arranged for cheese platters (and *charcuterie*), and a variety of wine and soft drinks; Lions were welcome to bring a shareable dish. The winery had an Artisan Food Truck to purchase flatbreads, sandwiches, sweet items, and drinks. And, Lions could purchase tastings, wine, and cheese / crackers inside the winery. Photos...









New Lion Orientation, Sep 26

Many thanks to Lion Joe Breda for this photo from the Sep 26 orientation for new Lion John C Wasley, IV, at the Fairfax American Legion.



(L-R) IPP Greg DeRosa (leading the Orientation), Lion Pete Conklin, Lion Joe Breda, new Lion John Wasley, 1st VP Lion Cory Green.

Board Meeting - Oct 22

First, a report from last month's Board meeting: the Board agreed to continue the Vienna Lions tradition of donating funds for a "Free Hot Dog for Veterans" at the Vienna Inn on November 11 (Veterans' Day). The Board approved donating \$250

to the Vienna American Legion, to disburse to the Vienna Inn, to pay for hot dogs for 50 veterans.

This month, the Board reviewed our fundraising from the Fall Festival and we are pleased that we far exceeded last year due to the perfect weather and our many volunteers selling hot dogs, bratwurst, and beer/wine. As you recall, last year's rain impacted our sales. We will have final figures once the City finalizes the wine/beer sales.

The Board noted a few members are late on dues, and will encourage those members to stay current.

November Dates

Nov 3 - 2am: DST ends "fall back" for extra hr sleep!

Nov 5 - US General Election Day

Nov 5 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Nov 12 - Foster's Grille - Fund Raiser

Nov 18 - Set up Fruit Sales site

Nov 19 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Nov 20 - Unload Fruit delivered from FL

Nov 21-23 - Fruit Sale: Sales Site Open

Nov 25 - Food Baskets (Main St Child Dev Ctr)

Nov 26 - FHLC Board meeting

Nov 28 - Thanksgiving

Coming Up

Dec 3 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Dec 17 - NO Dinner meeting (due to Holiday Party)

Dec 18 - Unload Fruit from FL

Dec 18 - Lions Eye Clinic 50th Anniversary celebration

Dec 19-21 - Fruit Sale - Sales Site Open

Dec 22 - Club Holiday Party

Join Us for Fairfax Lions Holiday Brunch!

Message from QL Karen

The holiday season is fast approaching, and we are excited to invite all Fairfax Lions, family and guests to our annual Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 22, 2024 from 1:00-5:00pm, at CHANTILLY NATIONAL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB. This festive gathering is the perfect opportunity to come together as Lions and celebrate another wonderful year of service. Watch for an email with details, so you can RSVP to join us!

FHLC 75th Anniversary Project(s)

A committee will come together to decide and plan a project(s?) appropriate to commemorate FHLC's 75th anniversary (on Feb 21, 2026).

Possible projects may be a special donation to the Lions Eye Clinic, the Lamb Center, etc. Stay tuned for more information.

Fairfax City Inter-Service Club Council

Bulletin editor missed the Oct 2nd meeting.

International Convention Moved

Recently announced: due to unforeseen challenges, LCI announced a change of venue FROM Mexico City TO Orlando, for the next International convention to be held July 13-17, 2025.

Former Fairfax Lion Passes

Thanks to Lion Jeff Root, for the news that former Fairfax Lion Jay Kahn (who transferred to the Clifton Lions Club) passed away January 1, 2024. Jay was FHLC President 1999-200, and Club Secretary 2002-06 and again 2007-09.

Jay had been in assisted-living at the time of his passing. Jay's daughters are Sarah and Anna. To send condolences, Sarah's address is:

Sarah Kahn Turner and Family
14 Rutledge Ct.
Sterling, VA 20165



Lion Jay Kahn in 2011, with Lions Huey Sullivan (L), Jim Kaplan, Diana Amsbaugh (R)

Guess Who?

Hints:

- Born in 1935
- Photo taken in 1960
- Current member of FHLC
- Past President of FHLC



Answer to Previous Month's "Guess Who"

Hints:

- Born 1935, Died 2015
- Dallas HS (Dallas, OR) - 1953 Photo
- Past President, FX Lions Club



Answer:

That 1953 photo is William E. Trent, a senior at Dallas HS (OR). Bill rose in rank in the Army to Colonel, was a combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam, 1966-67, and retired after 30 years of service. He joined FHLC in 1997, was Club President 2001-2002, and very active leading Fruit Sales; Bill engaged in most every Lions activity. Bill was a good friend of all, mentor to many, and a great Lion serving others.



Bill was recognized in 2010 as reported in this item:

KEY AWARD GIVEN TO BILL TRENT

February 16, 2010



Lion Bill Trent received the LION KEY AWARD on February 16, 2010 for sponsoring five lions over the years. Among his Lions are Frank

organizing and coordinating three citrus fruit sales and attending almost all lions events. It's obvious that he has instilled a passion for Lionism and helping others in those whom he has sponsored.

Congratulation on your achievement and thank you for your dedication!



Teas, Tammy Harless, Ken Giberson, Pete Conklin, and Charlie Raper. Lion Bill works very hard throughout the year

Sadly, Bill developed a brain tumor; despite treatments at Duke University hospital, he passed in 2015, and is interred in Army National Cemetery.

A comment posted to Bill's memorial web page, refers to his Army service:

Sir, you were a "one of kind" memorable battalion commander of 2nd Battalion, 4th AIT Brigade (Combat Support) at Fort Ord. Thanks for the salmon BBQ in 1975 and for your trust in choosing me, a 2LT at the time, to lead the Wheel Vehicle Mechanic Course. It prompted me to pursue a master's degree in education and ultimately to become a teacher once, I, too, retired from the Army."

William Edgar Trent

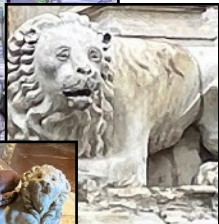
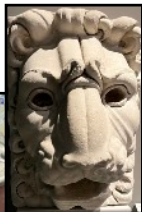
JULY 6, 1935 - AUGUST 7, 2015



Miscellaneous Info...

Lions in Italy - An Observation

There are Lions Clubs all over Italy (editor points to sign for "Lions Club Orvieto"). There are also Lions across Italy...sculptures and other artistic representations.



Jimmy Carter Thanks Lions

A Lions historical moment...in 2009 President Jimmy Carter (a centenarian, born October 1, 1924) visited LCI HQ in Oakbrook, IL, and thanked Lions for their global service...especially the great progress made in preventing River Blindness.



Click on the image below to see a 3 minute video featuring Carter talking to Lions.



Satellites Can Help Keep You Connected When You Lose Your Cell Service

In the midst of a natural disaster, your cell service may not last for long. Or, perhaps you are a hiker on the local trails (like Old Rag) - your trail buddy gets hurt, and your phone has no service. Either case doesn't mean you can't reach out for help.

In the past few years, some smartphones have evolved to gain the ability to connect to passing satellites that can route messages to people — or even emergency services — as long as you have a clear view of the sky. Even better: You can use these satellite features free, at least for now.

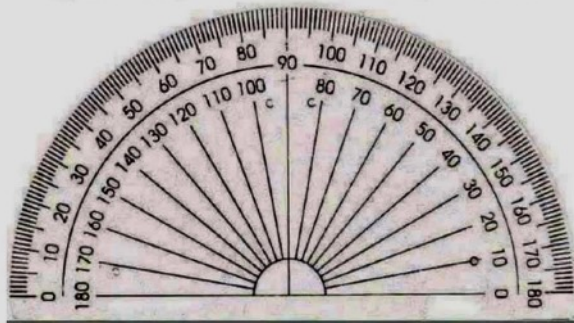
For how to connect your phone to satellites when you have “no bars” (no cell service), see this recent Washington Post article:

See this link:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2024/10/10/how-text-message-satellite-without-cell-service/>

Time for Visual Dad's Jokes

I support farming, I guess you could say I'm...



Just caught my tomatoes trying to sneak out...



Special thanks to...

Several Lions always step up to help make this newsletter happen...thank you for providing ideas and/or input (whole articles, reports, photos). Such help is essential to presenting the news of this Club!

YOUR COMMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! (News items, photos from recent trip, etc.) Send words & photos for the newsletter, anytime....they must be received by the 25th of the month to be included in the next issue. We need **YOUR** help to publicize information about our Club, and about you.

"The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter" is published on the [Fairfax Lions web page](#) (see right hand column under the section titled "Pages"). You should check the FHLC web page periodically.

Club members are alerted around the 1st of each month to the newsletter's availability on the web page. That's all folks!

Send any suggestions, or items to include in the next newsletter.

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