



# Fairfax Lions Club News

“The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter”

## January 2025

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**WE SERVE THE WORLD AND OUR  
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**Welcome 2025!**

**May we all be happy, may we be well, may we be blessed, and may we all be loved. May our nation be strong and prosperous, and lead the world in meaningful actions enabling peace and stability for all. May our Lions Club excel in providing important services to those in need.**

***Admin note: with the busy holiday schedule this newsletter has lots of photos but not many words. Hope you enjoy it!***

### **— Our Club Service —**

#### **Holiday Food Baskets**

On December 16th, team DeRosa and several Lions delivered 30 baskets, each with a holiday meal, for families selected by partner Main Street Child Development Center.





Many thanks to Lions Cory, Mike G, Bill (and Sandy) Szymanski, Joe R, Greg (and daughter Danielle), G, Harry, and Main Street staff.

## — Charity Fund Raising —

**SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS**

### December 19-21 Fruit Sale

Thanks to all Lions & friends who helped with the December Fruit Sale. Except for a little cold weather, everything went great! Several worked multiple shifts; some took time off from real work to lend a hand. Some brought goodies (donuts, pizza, egg mcmuffins, pepsi), some purchased our TX Roadhouse peanuts to share with co-workers. YOU were productive and good-spirited. Some (Joe &

Marty especially) put in many hours of prep work and planning, behind the scenes, that we don't really see or appreciate - but it is both essential and quality work. Did you notice the new hand rail on the wooden steps? We thank you all !!!



Unload -  
Woodson  
HS  
Robotics  
Team  
helped!









Lion Mike R tries to sell peanuts to one very malnourished specimen



Lions Scott  
and Joe  
install new  
handrail  
(Joe's  
invention)





Daily set-up  
included  
putting up  
door signs





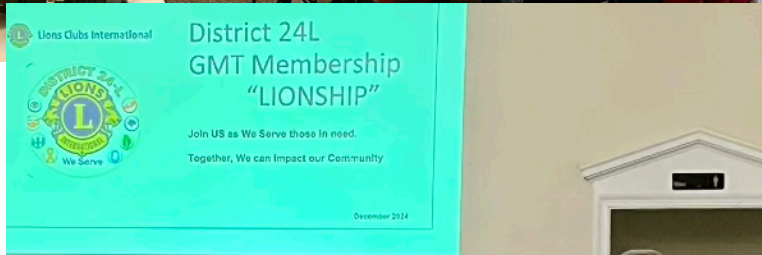


Woodson Robotics Team (with Lion-son Nicholas Rumberg) helped unload, and assemble "Bags of 20" mandarins



## Dinner Meeting - Dec 3rd

We had a good crowd (partly due to the Zone meeting that followed). IPP Greg presented the membership brief he gave at the district conference.







## GLOBAL CAUSES

Childhood Cancer – Diabetes – Disaster Relief –  
Environment Humanitarian – Hunger – Vision – Youth

Lion Mike G gave a “pep-talk” on the importance of signing up to work at the fruit sale.





QL Karen made a special presentation to Violet, who has been our dinner server for many years - exhibiting both an excellent demeanor and fine service. Thank you Violet!

## Holiday Brunch - Dec 22nd

Closing a busy month was our annual Holiday party, a very nice brunch at the Chantilly Country Club. A good time was had by all.





Lion Joyce was  
our outstanding  
song leader for  
Deck the Halls.





Lion Mike  
Greeley's  
daughter and  
family



Lion  
Maureen  
Johnson  
and her  
cousin  
meet  
Lion  
Gary.





# No Board Meeting in December

## January Dates

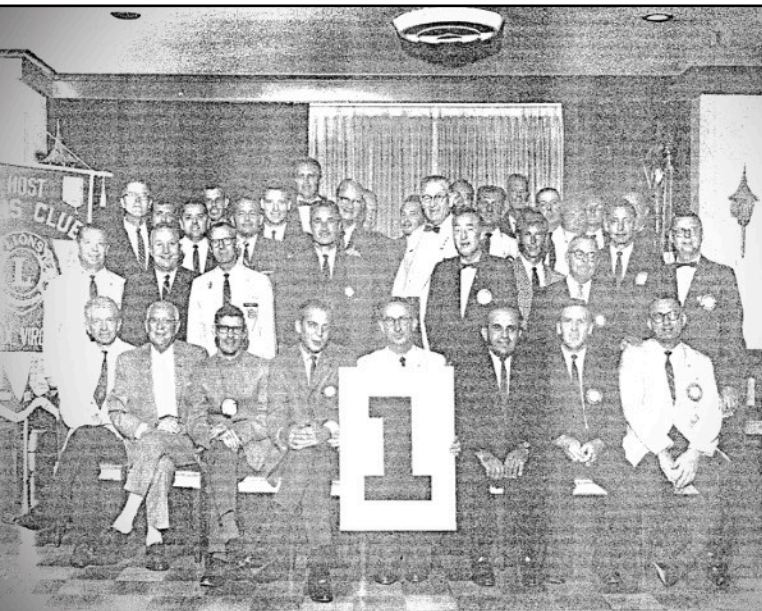
Jan 7 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Jan 8 - ISCC meeting

Jan 21 - FHLC Dinner meeting

## Miscellaneous Info...

### Fairfax Lions Club in October, 1968



44 Thursday, October 17, 1968 Fairfax Globe

Lion Scott Dulaney found the above photo among his Dad's (former Lion Hubert Dulaney) stuff. The annotation at the bottom says "October 17, 1968. Fairfax Globe." (We think the Globe was a local newspaper, a predecessor of the Fairfax Journal that existed from 1980-2001.) So in 1968, FHLC had a photo in the local paper! The members (men only, as was the case back then) are in coat & tie; not sure what the sign "1" means. Identified Lions: Bob Stahl (far right 2nd row); Hubert Dulaney (4th from left, 2nd row); Dick Ferraro (3rd from right, front row); John McGinty (behind Lion with bow tie in back row middle). We think the location for this photo was the Mosby Inn, in the Mosby Building on Main Street.

If the photo inspires you to think about FHLC's history, see a very short summary of our history on our web page: <https://www.fairfaxlions.org/about-us/club-history/>

### **As Season of Holiday Scams Arrives...**

*(Shira Ovide, The Washington Post, Dec 9, 2024)*

Fraud experts say that scammers tailor their tricks to the holidays.

To steal your money, they'll con you with bogus pleas for charitable donations or gift cards. Crooks entice you with holiday coupon links that hijack your bank account or let them order goodies from your online shopping accounts.

“There’s a season for every scam,” said John Haraburda, a director of product management at Transaction Network Services (TNS), whose technology verifies that business calls are legitimate.

No one is immune from the criminal grinch. Scam victims are just like you and me.

My colleague Michelle Singletary wrote a series of articles this week about a woman who was cheated out of nearly \$600,000 by a criminal who impersonated an FBI agent. Ashkan Soltani, a technology expert who leads California’s consumer privacy agency, was nearly tricked by a scammer armed with detailed personal information.

You’re not to blame for being victimized by crime. But you can build your resilience against scams by honing these four self-protection tips.

**1. If you’re prompted to click or call, don’t do it**

It's easy for criminals to make it look like an incoming phone call, email or text message is from your brother, FedEx or the local police department.

Be suspicious of every web link or phone call that you didn't initiate. Overkill? Maybe. But your motto should be, always verify another way.

If you get a text message claiming FedEx is holding a package, don't click a link or call a number listed there. (Digital security company Cloudflare said there's been an increase in scam attempts posing as package delivery notices.)

Find the FedEx website, app or customer service number on your own and then type in the tracking number from the text.

This is a legitimate text from FedEx. Just in case, don't click a link in a text you're not expecting.

If you get an email that seems to be from your human resources department with a link to contribute to a holiday gift drive, don't click the link or reply to the email. Separately find contact information for HR and make sure they sent it.

Related: Be careful of business phone numbers you find in Google or from voice assistants like Siri. That number might be a scam.

## **2. Never pay in a weird way**

That rhyme, from my colleague Heather Kelly, reminds you that reputable companies and government agencies won't ask you to make payments by cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency or personal payment apps like Zelle, Venmo or Cash App.

Don't pay an organization like a bank or cellphone company over the phone or in an online chat, unless you initiated the call or chat.

If a customer support person asks you to download software to your computer or hand over an account password or confirmation code, that's probably a scam.

## **3. It's a red flag if you feel scared or pressured to meet a deadline**

Scammers specialize in eliciting fear or the thrill of a great deal. It's difficult to fight your instincts, but it's a self-preservation measure to slow down when you feel emotional.

If a caller claims there's an emergency with your bank account or a fraud attempt on your Amazon account and they ask for money or information like



your password, take a minute and verify the information, as in tip No. 1.

Doriel Abrahams, principal technologist with the fraud prevention firm Forter, also said criminals appear to be using artificial intelligence to generate mass messages pretending to offer big discounts.

Stop before you click on what could be a bogus holiday coupon that swipes your credit card details or account information.

Verify the deal another way. Use the company's app or website to see if you can find the discount. Or search Google or Reddit to see if people are talking about the deal.

#### **4. Talk to someone you trust**

If you're asked to hand over money or give out personal information like your children's names or bank password, talk to another human first. You can gut check the request, plus it buys time for your instincts to kick in.

"Talking to someone else takes you out of the loop that the fraudster is trying to keep you in," Abrahams said.

Practice white lies if you need to wriggle out of conversations. Try, "Someone is at my door. I'll call

you right back.” Or say that you need to feed your baby or dog.

### **Here's some good news**

Technology and legal protections are making life tougher for scammers.

A technology system known as STIR/SHAKEN is helping stop con artists from using numbers that mimic those of legitimate businesses. TNS said that's helped cut the number of suspected spam or scam robocalls from roughly 107 billion in 2019 to 68 billion in the past year. (Yes, that's still far too many.)

Soltani from the California privacy agency said that he's encouraged by recent regulatory crackdowns and laws, including in his state, to limit companies from harvesting and selling your data.

The less personal information that criminals can buy or steal — including your Social Security number, address and phone numbers — the fewer opportunities they have to personalize their scams.

## Time for a Visual Dad's Joke



Get it? (If not, ask someone who knows some art history)

## 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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