



Fairfax Lions Club News

“The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter”
for April 2025

Fairfax Lions Club - Since 1951



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COMPASSION AND KINDNESS

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FLASH - LAST CHANCE!!!

RSVP - 74th Charter Night Celebration

Sun April 13, 5-830pm, Chantilly Nat Golf & Country Club

➔ **RSVP by Saturday April 5th**

to Karen DeRosa derosagk@aol.com
(or call Karen at 571-213-7089)

Who's invited: All Fairfax Host Lions, families & guests
Attire: Informal - Suit/Jacket&Tie; Evening Dress/Suit
Price: \$50 each; cash bar; wine at dinner table.

Charter Night Celebrations are special...don't miss out!



— Club Service —

Vision & Hearing Screening March 25

Seven Lions (good turnout!) performed vision & hearing screening at St Mark Catholic School in Vienna; we received thank-you's from school nurse & office.

We tested vision of 80 students, and hearing of 76 students (K/1/3/5/8 grades). Four students were referred for vision followup, and 10 for hearing followup. (See *also note on page 23 of this newsletter.*)



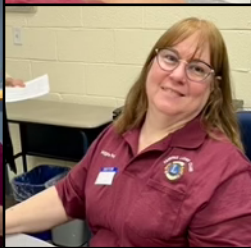
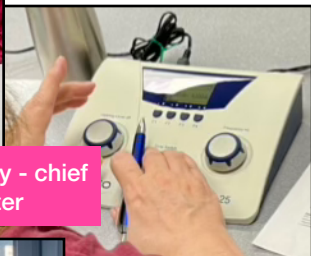
Top - Lion Bill Szymanski adjusts headphones for hearing test



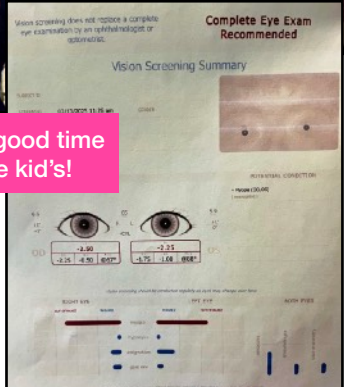
Left - Lions Joe Rovanssek, Mike Greeley, Joyce Myers prep camera system for vision tests.



Lion Maggie Reidy - chief hearing tester



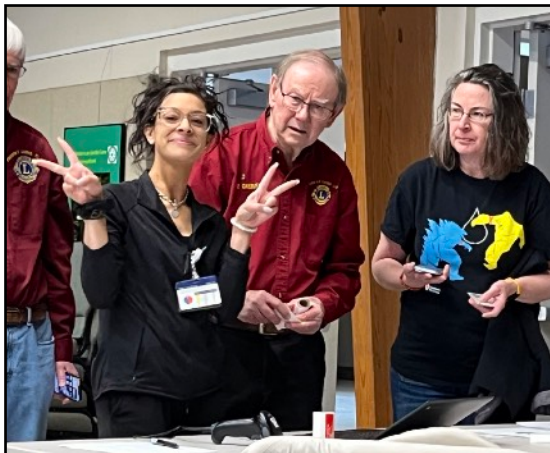
Lions all had a good time screening the kid's!



Fairfax Lions Sponsor Blood Drive

By Lion Bill Szymanski

On March 12th, five Lions were among members of the community who showed up to donate blood at the American Red Cross blood drive sponsored by the Fairfax Host Lions Club. Thanks to Lions Scott Dulaney, Cory Green, Gary Maxwell, Joe Rovansek, and Gordon Tillery. Successful blood donations (16 whole units, 2 power red units) were received from 18 people. Lions Mike Greeley and Bill Szymanski assisted in setting up tables and chairs for Red Cross's operation and administering the check-in of donors.

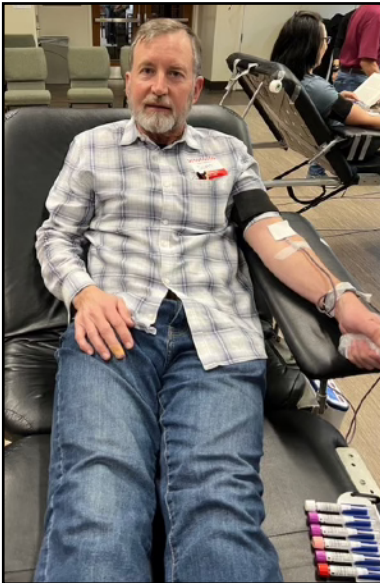


(L-R) Lion Bill Szymanski (partly visible), ARC lead Patricia (“V” signs), and Lion Mike Greeley, sign-in a donor



Above
(L-Rt) Lions Scott, Mike, Gordon, Bill, Joe
Below
Missing from above photo - Lion Cory (on left)
was qualifying to give blood





(Top) Red Cross
team van
(Left) Lion Scott
donates

Update - Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Northern VA (LERC NOVA)

By Lion Marty Lockard

Lion Marty visited the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC NOVA), March 22, to pick up reading glasses for the Lamb Center's homeless Guests. He received 300 pair of glasses which he took to the Lamb Center. Since starting this effort, LERC has supported the Lamb Center's needs to the tune of about 800 pairs of glasses each year. This was

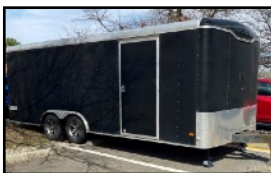
Marty's first visit to the new LERC location in the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike. It's a Falls Church address but is physically located about a mile north of Annandale. The County provides the space at no cost.



New LERC location

There is a large meeting area where volunteers work. The equipment and glasses in various stages of processing are stored in a dedicated storage room off the meeting area. Pam Martinov, the Bailey's Crossroads Lion that manages LERC, has a small office, also off the meeting area. In addition, the LERC has purchased a new or fairly new, large (20' x 8') and very nice/well-organized

trailer parked in the parking lot. Glasses that have been processed and boxed are stored there until sent out



Lion volunteers

– typically on medical mission trips. The new LERC location is very practical, efficient, and much nicer than the old location in Arlington. About a dozen volunteers

(mostly or all Lions) were there working.

Before COVID, our club had 4 or 5 regulars who worked at LERC one morning every other week. They usually drove there in one car and finished in time to go out to lunch – usually Olive Garden. It was always a fun time working and socializing together. This Fairfax Lions team worked on



Lion Pam Martinov

machines that determined the prescription for every donated pair of glasses followed by writing the prescription on a special bag and placing the glasses in the bag. The bags were later sorted and placed in boxes of 50 by other volunteers. If

anyone is interested in doing this, find another Fairfax lion to join you, or invite three-four other lions as a team. Coordinate with Pam Martinov. She can be reached at 703-987-4411 or pammartinov@gmail.com. If you wish to use the machines, like before, training can be arranged. There were plenty of machines available to use on two separate days during the last week. This can be a wonderful service project - one fully aligned with Lions core mission of serving the vision impaired.

Dinner Meeting - March 4th

Guest speakers from the [City of Fairfax Theatre Company](#) were Artistic Director, Amanda Herman Snellings and Board Member, Sharon Kim Peterson. They spoke of theater productions, and summer camps and other activities.

Lion Jim Kaplan's family

has long been involved in CFTC, and FHLC has financially supported this theater for several years. City of Fairfax Theatre Company info:



Lion Jim Kaplan introduces Amanda Herman Snellings (L), Sharon Kim Peterson (Rt)

ABOUT



- Since 2009, we have been dedicated to generating live performing arts experiences by and for our community.
- Intergenerational Theatre builds community!
- 4 Productions each year
 - Small Cast Play or Musical
 - Shakespeare in the City
 - Summer Musical
 - Holiday Production
- Theatre Camp
 - Spotlight Performing Camp
 - Traditional Camp
 - Adaptive Camp



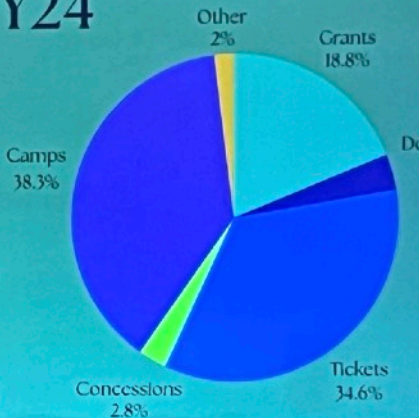
2024 BY THE NUMBERS

- 5 productions, 1 cabaret
- 2 new plays by local playwrights
- 3 camps, 8 weeks, 2 Jr. Musicals
- 3 performance venues, 5 rehearsal venues
- 20 WATCH nominations
- 102 cast members
- 135 creative team members
- 3,631 audience members
- 237 campers
- 845 tickets donated to Veterans, Service Members, and their families



FUNDING: FY24

- Contributed Revenue
 - Grants are 82% of that
 - Individual & Corporate Donations
 - Lions Club lifetime giving: \$1,500
- Productions
 - Ticket Revenue- 5 productions
 - Concessions
- Camp
 - through COF Parks & Rec - we receive 70% of enrollment fees
- Other: Cast Fees, Board Dues, Misc.



Spotlight on the Arts 2025
THE BAD GIRLS OF WESTERN LIT
Compiled and Directed by John Geddie

2025 SEASON

Fall Musical 2025
GUTENBERG! THE MUSICAL
By Scott Brown and Anthony King
Directed by Molly Marsh

Summer Musical 2025
THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
Music and lyrics by Alan Menken & Stephen Schwartz
Book by Peter Farnell
Directed by Zachary Flich
Music Directed by Matthew Brown

Holiday Show 2025
A BACKSTAGE CHRISTMAS
Written and Directed by Ellen Dean Price



Lion Jim and QL Karen thank speakers Amanda and Sharon, and present a check from FHLC!



Lion Tom Hewlett leads 50-50 drawing

Dinner Meeting - March 18th

As required by Club bylaws, this was the *Nomination Meeting* for 2025-26 Officers and Board of Directors. The current slate of nominees:

OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>President (King Lion)</i>	<i>Gary Maxwell</i>
<i>Immediate Past Pres.</i>	<i>Karen DeRosa</i>
<i>1st Vice President</i>	<i>Jim Kaplan</i>
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	<i>Tom Hewlett</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Jeff Root</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Michael Rumberg</i>
<i>Corresponding Sec.</i>	<i>Pete Conklin</i>
<i>Tail Twister</i>	<i>Michael Greeley</i>
<i>Lion Tamer</i>	<i>Joe Rovansek</i>
<i>Bulletin Editor</i>	<i>Gordon Tillery</i>
<i>Membership Director</i>	<i>Stephen Bilowus</i>
<i>Director (Two Years)</i>	<i>Maggie Reidy*</i>
<i>Director (One Year)</i>	<i>Joe Breda</i>
<i>PDG Director</i>	<i>PCC Harry Parker</i>
<i>PDG Director</i>	<i>PCC Bill Bartlett</i>
<i>Director Emeritus</i>	<i>PCC Bill Smith</i>
<i>Assistant to Secretary</i>	<i>Ron Zabel (Non-Voting)</i>

(*Initial nominee: Greg DeRosa; subsequently, Maggie proposed as nominee. Nominations remain open until election meeting, Apr 1.)

PCC Harry Parker presented a Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation scholarship check to one grant recipient - who could not be present at the event on February 22.



For more information see our club's Face Book post!

[Facebook link](#)

Lion John Wasley spoke about the American Red Cross.



Board Meeting - March 25th

The Board considered a Boy Scout's request to work with FHLC for an Eagle Scout project. Project possibilities might include: collecting eyeglasses for the recycling center, or running a food drive for Food for Others. 1VP Cory Green offered to take the lead, contact the Scout, define a project for him, and monitor it to completion.

The Board discussed potential Club 75th anniversary service projects appropriate for such a Club anniversary, and agreed to present projects for membership input - and a Board decision - at the next club dinner meeting (on

April 1). Based on early assessments, possible special service projects include a major donation to either:

- (1) Enhance clinical space and meet growing patient needs at the INOVA Lions Eye Clinic, which has empowered vision services for the underserved since 1974, or
- (2) Improve facilities and operations of The Lamb Center.

Both are highly worthy service projects, aligned with Lions Clubs core missions.

Due to increased costs of social events in December, at the Chantilly Country Club, the Board agreed to explore holding the December 14, 2025, Holiday Party at the American Legion - if space and an appropriate menu is available for a reasonable cost.

The Board approved locking in our 75th Anniversary Charter Night celebration on March 21, 2026 at the Chantilly Country Club, with a “plated” dinner. The planning team will pursue inviting a noted LCI official as a special guest.

ISCC Meeting - March 5th

Fairfax Lions Club opened the ISCC discussion on how local service clubs promote their clubs and activities. We talked about:

- Having a functional e-newsletter, webpage, Instagram, and Facebook pages;
- Using MAILCHIMP to email customers info on fruit sales;
- Handing out promotional information cards at public events (like July 4th and Fall Festival);
- Using internet resources like Fairfax Times/Connection Golden Gazette/Central FX-Chamber-of-Commerce to advertise events.
- How Lion Tom Comi publishes ads in “Vienna Voice” - the Town’s official newsletter mailed each month to homes and businesses throughout the community.

We have opinions, but don’t have data, on what works best. However, we do get inquiries and questions frequently through our webpage contact info. Lion Tom’s use of print media (Vienna Voice) is probably very effective in getting info out.

April Dates

- Apr 1 - FHLC Dinner meeting (Election meeting)
- Apr 2 - ISCC meeting
- Apr 3 - Lions Lunch Bunch (Wegmans Market Cafe)
- Apr 5 - **RSVPs due** - 74th Charter Night (see page 1)
- Apr 8 - Fundraiser at Foster's Grille (Vienna)
- Apr 13 - Charter Night (5pm, Chantilly CC)
- Apr 15 - **NO** FHLC Dinner mtg (due to Charter night)
- Apr 15 - TAX DAY*
- Apr 22 - Board Meeting

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***\*Want to minimize the risk of an IRS audit?  
See advice from Charles Schwab at this [link](#).  
Be sure to read the last paragraph on  
“correspondence audits,” to be aware that  
scammers have been sending fraudulent  
letters to collect funds from unsuspecting  
taxpayers.***

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Lions Clubs Across Our District (24-L)

Have you ever wondered what other Clubs in our area do? Below is a short report on a food drive by Manassas Host....



Manassas Host Food Drive

The Manassas Host Club holds two food drives each year. Normally we hold one on the Saturday before the Super Bowl but the threat of bad weather postponed it this year to the following Saturday, February 15th. Mother Nature did not fully cooperate that day with cold and rain but we persevered and were out for six hours collecting food and monetary donations to support four local food banks. In our past Food Drives, the record was 90 boxes and \$398 in cash and gift cards. We now have now a new record of 97 boxes as well as \$448 in donations. This translates to about 1,500 pounds of food. Eleven members helped with the collection. Kudos to the lead, Lion Ed Slevin and to Lions Robert Bass and President Keith Garrett (pictured) for their skills in packing boxes with a variety of items so they were ready to distribute to those in need.

See other news reports and photos on our District webpage:

<https://valions.org/index/>

Miscellaneous Info...

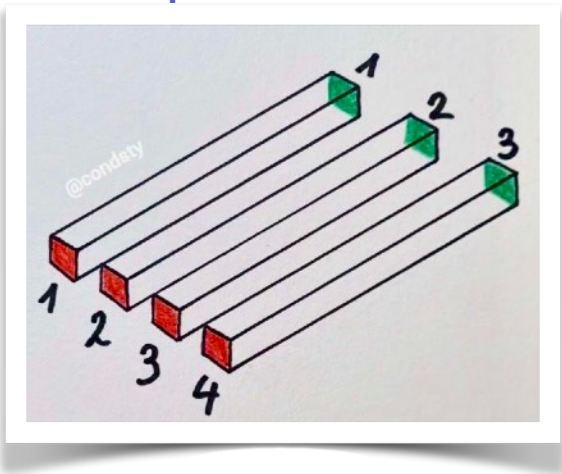
Some Lion's couples celebrated St Patricks Day at the American Legion Post 176's dinner event. From the photos, it's not clear everyone wore green!



PCC Harry Parker, PP Mike Greeley, and PP Joe Breda have an Irish meal! Spouses Terry, Kate and Karen Lion joined in the Irish fun.



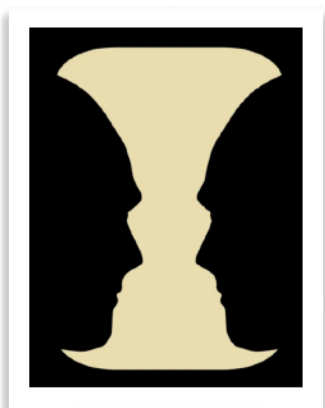
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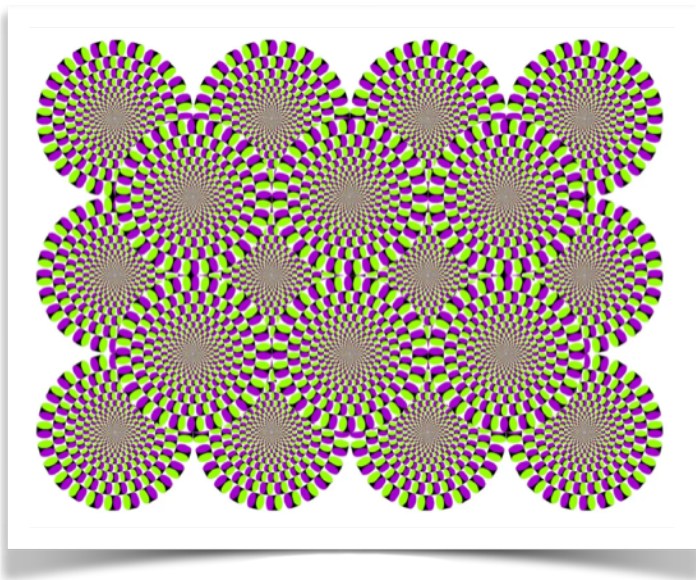
Above: 3 or 4 boxes?



Right: A vase, or 2 Faces



Below: Motion, or a still image?



Worthwhile Thoughts?

“The secret for getting ahead is just getting started.” Mark Twain

“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.” Booker T. Washington

An April Fools Joke?



Last...

Q. What animal representation did we see at St Mark's School, where we did vision/hearing screening?

A. A Lion! (Why is a lion aligned with St Mark? It's Catholic teaching, see this [link](#).)



Vision screeners
with St Mark's Lion

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.

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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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