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THE LION'S ROAR

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LION OF THE YEAR: Suzanne Greenwalt Suzanne

was awarded

2009-2010 Lion of the Year on June 15. She was surprised and honored as she stumbled over herself moving into position to take a picture porter's attitude always of whomever was announced. Since joining the Fairfax Lions in December of 2008, she has participated in Fruit

Sales, Blood Drives, Greenwalt Food Basket deliveries, Bingo, yard sales, and organized a coat drive. the title of Her favorite events are the Fall Festival and camping at the youth camp. Suzanne disguises her shyness with a camera and a reworking toward a newsletter. Suzanne moved to Woodbridge, VA in 1988 with her military family after spending

time in Germany and North Dakota. Graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia, she is now a PM for a small construction company specializing in historic renovation. She married her best friend, Mike, in 2007 and is still

settling into Fairfax. Thank you for the honor!



HUMANITARIAN AWARD: Carl Enix





the Lions Humanitarian Award at the FHLC dinner meeting on July 20. Lion Carl is a past

president and two-time secretary of

FHLC. He has served for many years as Sight & Hearing Van coordi-

nator. coordinates sign set-up

for Fruit Sales, and works at all food stands.

Carl's many accomplishments and contributions are re-



flected in the fact that he is the only two-time recipient of the Lion of the



Year Award. Past recipients of the Lions' Hu-



manitarian Award from the Fairfax Host Lions' Club include Ernie Lynn, Elden Wright, Robert Stahl, Wallace Boblitt, Joe Giroux, DG Dennis Brining, PDG Bill Bartlett, Bill Trent, and PDG Bill Smith.

~Jeff Root





VLEIF AGREEMENT Press Release

Virginia District 24-A and the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation-(VLEIF) will furnish over \$160K in equipment to set up an additional low vision exam site at the VA Department for the Blind & Visually Impaired (DBVI) Fairfax office.

District 24-A Lions have an agreement with DBVI to furnish the Fairfax regional DBVI clinic with a complete set of low vision examination equipment that will provide comprehensive support to assist the Low low vision evaluations to visually impaired patients.

DBVI catchment area covers approximately 2.3mil people with 18 examination sites.

The 3 year agreement was officially signed on Aug. 19, by **District 24-A Governor Dennis** Brining; DBVI Deputy Commissioner for Services Robert Burton; & Virginia Lions Eye Institute President Elden Wright.

"We are very excited to work with an organization that

The Lions Clubs of Northern shares a common vision. Today we bring our strengths together to reach a larger portion of the population with hopes to continue to expand this effort in the years to come," stated District Governor Brining. "Today is the first step of what I hope to be many."

> In addition to equipment, Lions have agreed to maintain & calibrate the equipment and provide volunteer Vision exam sites.

"The DBVI is very pleased to work with Lions." stated Commissioner Burton, "We look forward to a long and positive relationship that will benefit the blind and visually impaired throughout this region."

The purpose of the agreement is to provide DBVI low vision practitioners access to equipment as well as prescriptive aids on the premises in Fairfax.

"Broad coverage low vision support has been a goal of VLEIF all along," noted Wright. "This is a centers we plan to support in Northern Virginia". DBVI plans to use this exam equipment to open its ninteenth exam site for Northern Virginia patients.

Lions have been involved with the DBVI for many years. This new agreement is an extension of this long-term relationship.

VLEIF operates as a separate entity partnering with Inova Health System, governed by a Board of Directors representing Lions District 24-A, community ophthalmologists, and the Inova Health Systems Foundation.

VLEIF funds the purchase of equipment, education, scholarships, clinical research, support symposia & continuing medical education for para-professionals and nurses in the ophthalmic field. VLEIF recently instituted a scholarship award for sight

August 19, 2010 handicapped individuals.

District 24-A includes 69 clubs spanning from Alexandria to Montrose, VA. With over 1905 memgreat start; it is the first of multiple bers proudly living up to the motto "We Serve" and taking on Helen Keller's challenge to the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since 1917, Lions have worked tirelessly to aid their communities, the blind and visually impaired, and the hearing impaired.

> The DBVI is committed to providing quality services to assist Virginia's citizens who are blind, deaf blind or vision impaired in achieving their maximum level of employment, education, and personal independence. The Department provides specialized services to blind Virginians of all ages to assist them in attaining the skills, confidence and positive

outlook that are critical to independ ence.









RUGARAMA UPDATE

This letter comes to express the gratitude and appreciation from Rugarama Hospital community for your support to the Hospital's effort to offer quality services accessible to the poor.

You have over the years supported Rugarama Hospital in many ways and I am glad to inform you that with your support we were recently able to purchase several items. It would have been impossible without your support. The items bought are:

-A generator with the capacity to provide power to all hospital departments at a cost of 19.6Mil shillings.

-Ultra sound scan at a cost of 13Mil shillings

-Brand New Toyota Landcruiser Ambulance at a cost of 104Mil shillings

The Haematology Laboratory machine will also be purchased soon since 10Mil of the 19Mil is already raised. Only God is able to reward you accordingly.

Continue in prayer with us as we continue to equip the Hospital such that we can start obstetric emergency operations. We are hoping to establish a blood bank, equip theatre, and start operations this financial year.

On behalf of the needy patients, the Hospital Community and on my own behalf, I want to sincerely thank you for this support and assure you

July 17, 2010

that without such support it would be difficult or even impossible for the Hospital to continue to offer affordable quality service to the poor in our community: this therefore is highly appreciated.

The Bishop of the Diocese of Kigezi, The Rt. Rev George Katwesigye, was here to dedicate the items and he expressed and conveys his appreciation for the support. Pictures of the function are attached.

Extend our gratitude to all who contributed to this noble cause.

I thank you. May the good LORD continue to bless you! Sincerely, Dr Gilbert A. Mateeka, Medical Superintendent, Rugarama Hospital

PRESIDENTS' DINNER

On June 8, 2010 incoming KL Gary Maxwell hosted a Past Presidents Dinner at the Red, Hot and Blue in Fairfax.

This annual event is open to ALL Past Presidents for the purpose of assisting the incoming KL as he prepares for his new year. with regards to making a strong club even stronger but the central theme this year was membership. The keen focus was on new member acquisition and current member satisfaction.

In attendance was the incoming President Gary Maxwell, PCC Bill Bartlett as well as Past Presidents Jay Kahn, Bill Trent, Steve Haywood and Don Ballard.

~ Steve Haywood, Past President

June 8, 2010



Many subjects were discussed

CABINET SOCIAL AND INSTALLATION



On August 15, 2010, District 24-A Governor, Dennis Brining, and his 2010-2011 cabinet members were installed at a luncheon held at the Mount Vernon Inn, located on the grounds of George Washington's historic home at Mount Vernon. Despite the heavy rain, the first official gathering of the new cabinet was attended by nearly 100 Lions and guests. Immediate Past International Director, Wayne Davis, performed the induction ceremony.

Many Fairfax Host Lions will be serving in DG Brining's administration during the coming year, including Secretary, Jay Kahn; Committee Chairs: Charlie Raper (Fall/Winter Conference), Jay Kahn (Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp), Jeff Root (Peace Poster), PCC Bill Smith (Protocol & Advisory), PCC Bill Bartlett (Advisory), Scott Dulaney (Safety), Suleiman Alibhai (Sight Con-

servation/White Cane), Ken Schutz (Speakers Bureau), Rodney Neely (Special Needs Equipment), Terry Smith (Trading Pins), and Marilyn Tanner (Virginia Lions Institute District Representative),

Immediately after the induction

ceremony, IPID Davis announced that DG Brining had earned the International



President's Award (the secondhighest Lions Club award). Linda Brining had the honor of pinning the award pin to her husband's lapel. Almost never at a loss for words, DG Dennis was *definitely* speechless (temporarily, of course!). Lions Clubs International President, Eberhard Wirfs, selected DG Dennis for this prestigious award, based





on his tireless grant work for the Lions Clubs International Sight-First program. Grant funds from the SightFirst program have been used to provide free eye exams to over 400,000 low-income elementary school students in the state of Virginia. DG Dennis has helped to take the Lion's motto "We Serve" to an entirely new level within District 24-A.

The Fairfax Host Lion Club was well represented at the social by DG Brining, PCC's Bill Smith and Bill Bartlett, as well as Lions Jay Kahn, Gary Maxwell, Terry Smith, Phil Mayo, Jeff Root, and Marilyn Tanner. FHLC guests included Linda Brining, Sarah Bartlett and Sandy Mayo. *Marilyn Tanner*



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VISITATION: PARK WEST

son, and many familiar

The check-in process

was easy and we soon found ourselves seated

of cheese crackers and

have contributed to our

table going last for din-

lated before dinner offer-

ing tickets for 50/50, a

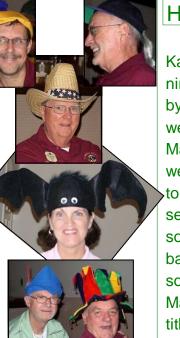
basket of cheer, and a

faces from the Youth

Camp day.

August 22, 2010 chance to win Redskins

tickets Awards were given to Zone Chairs and outstanding clubs in the district. Our own Rodney together eating bowls full Neely received a certificate for his work as a spemany refills (which might cial needs co-chair in Vienna. The evening concluded with announcements and reminders of Park West Lions circu- the Fall Conference (10/29 -30) and the Club Excellence Workshop (10/3). ~Suzanne Greenwalt



Fairfax Little League gives back to the Lions. This year, three team members helped us unload the truck for the Fruit Sale. What goes around comes around.

HAT NIGHT

213 Lions and friends

Visitation on Sunday Aug

attended the Park West

22. Fairfax was repre-

sented by Jeff Root, Bill

Bartlett, Bill Trent, Terry Smith, Tom Edick, Suz-

Mayo, Elden Wright, Carl

were Woody Wood-

ward, Phil & Sharon

Schrack, Tony Reyes,

Harry Parker, Roy Wil-

Also seen in the crowd ner).

anne Greenwalt. Phil

Enix, Rodney Neeley, and Gary Maxwell.

Our Tail Twister, Jay Kahn, made the evening quite entertaining by having everyone wear a hat or be fined. Many interesting "lids" were worn. It was nice to see some hats representative of Lions' personal history (collegiate ball caps, etc) and some just for fun! Lion Marilyn Tanner won the title of "Best Hat" as selected by our secret

judge Barb Ballard; who was also our photographer. A big FHLC thank you to Barb.

Our program for the evening was Dr. Robert Gilbert from **Operation Heartbeat.** Robert is a friend of Lion Scott Dulaney. **Operation Heartbeat is** a nonprofit group that goes to countries such as China and performs heart surgery and

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helps teach the local doctors the procedures. The program was most interesting.

We were all pleased to welcome back Lions Bill and Terry Smith. To make the evening complete, Lion Terry won the 1st 50/50 and Joe Breda won the other. We adjourned at 8:20 PM. ~Gary Maxwell

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Lions Club was honored with a plaque from the Red Socks Little League team at a dinner meeting in July. We sponsor a team

every spring and make a difference in these young kids' lives. Let's make an effort to see them in action next year! ~Suzanne Greenwalt

July 20, 2010



2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Membership Committee will lead the club's membership drive efforts this year. The year-long membership drive will focus on the 2R's - Retention of ex-

isting members through efforts to make dinner meetings and other activities more fun and interesting. and Recruitment of new high quality mem-

bers. A successful membership drive this year will require effort by 100% of all club Lions.

Bartlett, PCC Phil

~Marilyn Tanner

Invite potential Lions to upcoming events:

9/12 Lion Retreat

10/5 Membership Dinner

PREVENT BLINDNESS GRANT FINAL REPORT



entire year has passed since the announcement of the Prevent Blindness Grant. It is estimated that the team spent well over 3,400 man hours bringing the program to completion. The team faced a special challenge of contacting schools and implementing the program during the same time that school nurses were focused on H1N1 vaccinations and education. This was exacerbated by the severe winter weather and the remote locations of some schools.

Since the last update, two school which had

previously declined the program have contacted PBMA to formally accept and schedule their training dates. Three new school systems have been completed and two systems have been scheduled. Three final school systems have still neither accepted nor declined and a letter has been sent about limited time remaining in the program for eligibility.

These are remarkable numbers considering the enormity of the project. Virginia has 36 school systems containing 285 schools and affect 40.690 students and family members.

The amazing PBMA team includes PCC Bill Schrack, CC Don Colley, PPLOVF Carolyn Messimer, PDG John Redden, PID Wayne Davis, Lion Jim Miller, Lion Bud Chambless, Director of Special Gifts Frank Carlomagno, PBMA President Tim Gresham, PBMA VP Robin Mead. Children's Screening Associate Alison Markow, PBMA Director of Community Programs and Public Health Melissa Perry, Director of Special Proiects Martha Telford. and LCIF Coordinator DG Dennis Brining.



LION RETREAT September 12, 2010

The Lion retreat is just around the corner. Please RSVP to Jay Kahn It will be potluck

style so don't forget to bring a dish to share. This year the retreat will be held at Izaak

Walton League facility in Centreville, Virginia. Hope to see you there for some fun!

See Charlie Raper for your job at the Fall Conference. We need your support and we have just the job for you!

Keep an eye out for Fruit Sale sign-ups

The Lion **Diabetes** Team needs donations for their Yard sale/Bake sale Oct 2. Contact Suzanne if you need help moving large donations. Drop off items any time to her house or upcoming Lion events Baked goods can be dropped off Sept 29-Oct 1

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FOURTH OF JULY

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It was a little cooler this Pontius, Phil Mayo, year at the Independence Day Parade through downtown City of Fairfax. We had an extraordinary team including Charlie, Jackie & the Raper family, Suzanne Greenwalt & parents, Bill Trent, Steve & Paew Haywood, Tammy Harless, Suleiman Alibhai, Dave MacPherson, Tom Edick, Bill Bartlett, Jim Davis, Elden

Wright, Harry

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EASY ENOUGH TO SEE

Carl Enix, Ken Schutz, Walter Juraszek, Huey Sullivan, Gary & Pattie Maxwell, Jay Kahn & family, Rodney Neely, and Jeff Root. We split into two teams, one to man the hot dogs and one to escort the float. We sold out of hot dogs shortly after the parade ended only discounting a few. Some of the parade team returned to the food tent and we packed up in no time. Thank you to everyone

who helped. This is an incredible opportunity for positive exposure to the community and we received two vehicle donations from the fliers we passed out. We look forward to doing it again next year!

~Suzanne Greenwalt





It is easy enough to see What aging has done to me Since I have gotten old Winters are way too cold I though about my place in the sun Thought about it a lot When I finally found it I Decided it was way too hot I have decided road trips are way too long And my body odor had

gotten strong

No one seems to care For the tremendous amount Of wisdom I have to share There are things that I regret And things I try to forget What they are I just don't remember Here in my life's September But it has its bonuses too

People excuse what I say and do They hear me and don't take offense Because in their defense They pay little attention because all the while They have decided I'm old and senile It is easy enough to see What aging has done to me **BFW** 07/13/2010

by Ben Wiles

FAIRFAX HOST LIONS CLUB "GIFT OF SIGHT" to our Needy Citizens (With the Support of VLEI's Sponsored Lions Eye Clinic)



The Fairfax Host Lions Club purchases 40 to 50 pairs of eyeglasses in the average year for the needy citizens of our service area. We serve a large geographical area for eyeglass support which includes all of Fairfax City, Centreville, Chantilly and that portion of Fairfax County between Fairfax City and Annandale. These eyeglasses only cost our club \$50 per pair and that includes single vision as well as bifocal or trifocal. If you have purchased eyeglasses recently you might ask "how do you do that? My new recent glasses cost me over \$300 dollars with the examination."

We can get eyeglasses for our clients for \$50 per pair, because we can get them a

GIFT OF SIGHT

free eye examination at the Lions Eye Clinic located in the Fairfax Hospital Campus in Annandale. The Lions Eye Clinic examines 3000 patients each year and operates at full capacity 5 days each week. Once the patient is examined by the doctors in the clinic, whatever their eye problem is it will be corrected if it is possible to do so. If surgery is required, it is performed at no cost to the patient. If the patient only needs eyeglasses, they are given a prescription at no cost to the patient. The Clinic (with the support of Fairfax County Health Department) notifies the appropriate Lions Club close to the patient that the patient needs financial support to get their glasses.

When our club is notified that a patient who lives in our service area has a prescription and needs financial assistance to purchase their glasses, the patient is notified by us to go to Lens Crafters at Fairfax Oaks Mall to get their new glasses. The club takes a sight voucher to Lens Crafters which will cover the cost of the eyeglasses when the patient arrives.

The Fairfax Host buys the sight vouchers from a central location in Ohio. The vouchers come in books of 10 each and each voucher cost the club \$50.

The Lions Eye Clinic is sponsored by the Virginia Lions **Eye Institute Foundation** (VLEI). The Clinic provides 2,750 free eyeglass prescriptions to its patients each year. The Lion Clubs of the District then pay for the eyeglasses for these patients. Since the Clinic's beginning in 1966, they have supported the Lions Clubs of the district with an estimated 88,000 free prescriptions for their needy clients. That is 88,000 citizens who have been provided the "gift of sight" by the Lions as a result of the Lions Eye Clinic and the Clubs of the District. It is GREAT to be a Lion.

Look for future articles about the support Fairfax Host Lions Club gets from the **Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation** as we strive to assist sight handicapped citizens of our service area.

~Elden Wright



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Meetings
are open to all Li-
ons. Curious what
we do? Come visit
us at Green Acres
the FOURTH
TUESDAY of each
month!

New Board Members were installed June15.

2010-2011 Board

King Lion: Gary Maxwell 1st VP: **Scott Dulaney** 2nd VP: **Charlie Raper**

Pete Conklin IPP: Jeff Root Secretary: Treasurer: Tail Twister: Lion Tamer: Bulletin Editor: Suzanne Greenwalt Membership:

3rd VP

Jeff Root Mike Rumberg Jay Kahn **Jim Davis**

June 15, 2010 Corresp. Secretary: Phil Mayo PDGDirector: PCC Bill Bartlett PDG Director: PCC Bill Smith 1 yr. Director: **Tom Edick** 1 yr. Director: **Don Ballard** 2 yr. Director: **Ron Schier**

2 yr. Director: Steve Haywood

Marilyn Tanner

THE BLIND DRIVER CHALLENGE









Recently, I had the opportunity to see the second generation of a technology that many say is impossible. While attending the annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind during the 4th-of-July week in Dallas, Texas, I experienced technology that someday may enable the blind to drive their own cars.

The hands-on exhibit consisted of the latest technological advances coming from the NFB's Blind-Driver-Challenge which was initiated just over three years ago. The Challenge was issued to all universities in the United States asking them to develop an automobile that would be drivable by a blind person. One requirement was to utilize current technology and to make the vehicles semi-autonomous while the blind person would do the driving.

The College of Engineering at Virginia Tech took on that task and just one and a half years later had created a prototype vehicle. This consisted of a dune buggy outfitted with devices that translated visual information into tactile allowing the driver to make decisions based on what they could "feel" about their surroundings. This type of transforming information is called haptics. It is

not a new technology but used in a new way. There are plans to demonstrate this technology to the public. A Ford Explorer equipped with the non-visual interface technology, will be driven by a blind individual who will navigate part of the famed **Daytona International** Speedway.

There were three other devices on display at the convention that make this car possible. The first technology incorporated by the Blind-Driver-Challenge vehicle utilized Lidar. Lidar is a lot like radar except that it uses light rather than radio waves to gage distances to objects. The Explorer will have Lidar devices positioned around it and onboard computers identify objects surrounding the automobile. This helps the driver "look" around the vehicle.

The second technology assists the driver in interpreting the Lidar information. The driver wears a pair of specially designed gloves with built-in transducers. Depending on the type and urgency of the information the car's on-board computer needs to communicate. different areas of the gloves would be energized creating different sensations in the driver's hands. The urgency

of the information would be directly proportional to the intensity of the sensations.

The last technology informs the driver of the presence of surrounding objects consisted of a matrix of blow holes placed on a flat panel. Very much like the blowing holes in an air hockey table to keep the puck floating, the air holes in the blind drivable car would communicate information to the driver.

During a demonstration I had, I was asked to identify the pattern generated by the holes that had air coming out of them and by those that didn't. The first pattern I could identify with my hand was a cross. The second was a circle, and the last was a triangle. In a car, these would be the object present outside the car.

An on-board computer in combination with the Lidar information could be displayed tactilely on this device. No one I spoke to at the convention thought that a blinddrivable car would be on our highways anytime soon. Rather, the goal of the Blind-Driver-Challenge was to spur on innovation and to raise the visibility of how challenging transportation is to our visually impaired population. ~John Bailey

	UPCOMING	EVENTS			
SEPTEMBER	23 ADA Walk	DECEMBER	2011		
 12 Club Retreat 15 BINGO 23-25 USA/Canada Foru OCTOBER 2 ADA Yard Sale 3 Excellence Workshop 5 Membership Dinner 7 Lunch Bunch 9 Fall Festival 20 BINGO 	29-30 Fall Conference 31 Halloween MIN NOVEMBER 4 Lunch Bunch 4 Membership Meeting at Marilyn's 10-13 VA Pin Traders 17 BINGO 18-20 Fruit Sale 20 Food Basket 25 Thanksgiving	2 Chanukah begins 2 Lunch Bunch 5 Cabinet Social 7 Blood Drive 7 Peace Poster 15 BINGO 16-18 Fruit Sale 18 Food Basket 21 Holiday Party 25 Christmas	2/13 Bland Competition 2/15 Silent Auction 2/18-19 Winter Conference		
HMMmmmSomething					
Contact Suzanne at sms7x@yahoo.com to share your news	ber's daughter, Bettina Web- ber-Gentry, DVM PhD is doing diabe- tes research under and NIH grant at	Bill Bartlett has mini directories for sale: 1 for \$5 or 2 (proceeds to The next Blood Drive is mber 7, 2010	Help is still needed for the Fall Conference. Little time? Don't Drive? You can still contribute. See Charlie Raper for details.		

The Fairfax Lions work hard together and play hard together- and this quarter the Lions played! The summer was a great time for fishing at Lake Anna. Bill Trent and Elden had to take pictures so that we would believe their big fish stories. On July 29, Don, Barb, & Rav Ballard, Ron. Teresa & the Schier family, and Suzanne & Mike Greenwalt enjoyed an evening of good food and music at Bangkok Blues. Playing live was long time Lion supporter (cued speech & the parade), Christine Millet and her band Rose Between Thorns. Continuing the music and food themes. Dave MacPherson & Liz, and Suzanne & Mike Greenwalt brought picnics to the McLean Community Center on July 11 for a free outdoor Journey Tribute Concert. Last, John Bailey invited all club members to meet him for dinner at Bubba's BBQ on July 13. KL Gary Maxwell (Pattie) Marilyn Tanner (Chuck), Steve Haywood (Paew), Dave MacPherson, Suzanne Greenwalt (Mike) and Jay Kahn joined John for some finger -lickin' good food and a fun time! ~Suzanne Greenwalt



October 2010

Sun	Mon	TUE	WED	THU	Fri	SAT
					1	2 ADA Yard Sale
3 Excellence Forum	4	5 Membership Dinner Mtg	6	7 Lunch Bunch	8	9 Fall Festival
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Dinner Meeting	20 BINGO	21	22	23 ADA Walk
24	25	26 BOD	27	28	29 Fall Conference	30 Fall Conference

 $31\,\mathrm{Halloween}$

November 2010							
SUN	Mon	TUE	WED	THU	Fri	SAT	
	1	2 Dinner Meeting	3	4 Lunch Bunch, Membership Mtg @ Marilyn's	5	6	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	15	16 Dinner Meeting	17 BINGO Fruit Truck	18 Fruit Sale	19 Fruit Sale	20 Fruit Sale Food Basket	
	22	23 BOD	24	25 Thanks- giving	26	27	
	29	30	Mark Your Calendars:	Dec 16-18 Fruit Sales	Dec 18 Food Baskets	Dec 21 Holiday Party	