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## GET FOCUSED ON READING by DG Dennis Brining

March 2

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Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax Education Association (FEA) and the Fairfax Host Lions joined forces to *Get Focused on Reading*, a campaign designed for students to help promote literacy throughout the world by collecting used eyeglasses. Thirty-six Fairfax schools participated. Notes were sent home asking parents to collect used eyeglasses and sunglasses over a two week period for the Fairfax Lions Recycle

for Sight Program.

Getting the students excited to help the Lions was easy according to librarian and VP of the FEA, Kimberly Adams. "Here, at Mosby Woods Elem., students even performed a skit for the morning news report. It's exciting to have our students and schools participate in this unique recycling program in conjunction with the Lions Clubs," noted Adams. "This program has allowed for younger students to participate in a civic cause and will teach them that even little things like collecting eyeglasses can have a local and global impact."

Everyone enjoyed themselves and had fun. "But the

mission is so much more, encouraging students to participate in eyeglasses recycling teaches them important lessons in being good citizens and good stewards," commented DG Dennis Brining.

The donated glasses collected by the students went to the Arlington, VA., Regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center to be processed and distributed. An estimated 1000 pairs were collected on the 1st day.



## READ ACROSS AMERICA by Lion Linda Brining

March 2

Together we can do it! Lions Clubs of



Northern Virginia are partnering with the Fairfax Education Association to enhance their *Read Across America* campaign. In celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, school children across

America celebrated by reading. Not only are children encouraged to read but also develop an awareness of how important vision is in reading.

To honor this partnership, DG Dennis Brining, and his wife, Lion Linda Brining, of Fairfax Host Lions Club, participated in the frivolity of the day by reading Dr. Seuss books to the children at Mosby Woods Elementary School. "We had

as much laughs as the students when we came in to the library wearing our Cat in the Hat giant hats," commented DG Brining.



## DISTRICT 24-A WINTER CONFERENCE by Lion Marilyn Tanner

February 19

This year's District 24-A Winter Conference took place at the Hyatt Fair Lakes in Fairfax, Virginia, on February 19, 2011. The conference was attended by 247 registered Lions and guests, representing 44 clubs from around the district. The Fairfax Host Lions Club proudly hosted the conference.

The conference theme was "Change & Positioning the District for the Future". On Saturday, as winter winds gusted outdoors, Lions, Lionesses and Leos headed to their morning seminars. Seminar topics focused on helping the members of District 24-A to update their understanding and skills, in order to better meet future challenges. FHLC's Past Council Chair, Bill Bartlett, facilitated a seminar entitled "Public Speaking Tips for Lions".

Colonel Maurice Clemons was our conference luncheon guest speaker. Unfazed by a temporary power outage, Col. Clemons spoke about the importance of teamwork and strong leadership



in extreme conditions. He related some of his leadership experiences in Iraq, and commended the Lions in attendance for their leadership efforts to help others in need in their local communities, and throughout the world.

During the conference luncheon, we were privileged to host the 2010-2011 Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation (VLEIF) scholarship grant awardees and their guests. Lion Elden Wright, VLEIF president, presented each of the 7 grant recipients with a check for \$1500. The purpose of the VLEIF



grants is to assist the visually impaired recipient in living a more independent life. Fairfax Host's Lion Rodney Neely was one of the VLEIF grant recipients. Lion Jeff Root, District Peace Poster coordinator, introduced MinJoo Kang, one of the 2010-2011 Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Merit winners. Twelve-year-old MinJoo was sponsored by the Fairfax Host Lions Club. The conference concluded with the General Session & District 24-A Cabinet Meeting, led by District Governor Dennis Brining.

Behind every successful conference stands a group of dedicated,

hard-working volunteers. At the top of that list stands Conference Chairperson, Lion Greg DeRosa, who worked tirelessly to circulate the conference information throughout the district. PCC Bill Bartlett provided key conference support in many important ways, including creation of the conference program and signage. Registration Chairperson, Lion Ken Schutz, revolutionized the conference registration process by creating an electronic registration form and a shared internet site.

Other FHLC members who contributed considerable time and talent to the conference include PCC Bill Smith (Conference pins), KL Gary Maxwell (Conference Treasurer), Lions Bill Trent and Carl Enix (50/50 sales), Lion Tom Edick (Wines from Around the World raffle), Lion Jay Kahn (Program printing), Lion Don Ballard (Work on Vehicle Donation Program seminar), Lion Karen DeRosa (FHLC Hospitality Room), Lion Linda Brining (Conference decorations, Spouses' activity list), IPP Jeff Root (Musicians), PCC Bill Bartlett (Photos), Lion Ken Schutz, Lion Phil Mayo and Diane Schutz (Registration table) and Lion Marilyn Tanner (Conference packets).





### BLAND MUSIC COMPETITION by Lion Jeff Root

February 13



Sixteen students participated in the FHLC Bland Music Scholarship

Competition on Sunday, February 13, at Old Town Hall in Fairfax. The first place winner in the vocal competition was Joseph Mazzara, a baritone from Annandale High School. Joseph sang "Der Neugierige" by Franz Schu-



bert. The first place winner in the instrumental competition was Miyabi Saito, a pianist from Thomas Jefferson High School. Miyabi performed Concert Etude "La Leggierezza" by Franz Liszt. Second



place winners were Nicholas Burroughs, a tenor from Westfield High School, and Clara Guo, a pianist from Thomas Jefferson High School. First place winners in each category received \$200, while



second place contestants received \$100.

Joseph and Miyabi will advance to the Region III Bland Music Contest on Sunday, March 13, at the Melodee Music Center in Sterling.



### PEACE POSTER CONTEST by Lion Jeff Root

January 28

MinJoo Kang, the District 24-A and State of Virginia Peace Poster winner, has been named one of 23 Merit Award winners in the 2010-2011 Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. MinJoo will receive a check for \$500 and a certificate. MinJoo is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Frost Middle School in Fairfax. Fairfax Host Lions Club also sponsored Peace Poster contests at Lanier, Rocky Run, and Stone Middle Schools. Approximately 350,000 students



entered the Lions' International Peace Poster Contest. The grand prize winner was Raj Phairembam,

an 11-year-old boy from India. The 23 Merit Award Winners are from 17 countries and the states of California, Florida, Hawaii, Massachusetts, and Virginia.

MinJoo's poster depicts six young people holding hands around the Earth, surrounded by flags and the universe. The poster can be viewed on the FHLC and District 24-A Web sites.

[www.fairfaxlions.org](http://www.fairfaxlions.org)  
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SILENT AUCTION by Lion Suzanne Greenwalt

February 15

This year's Spouses' Night was an overwhelming success with 75 items for sale at



the Silent Auction. The club made over \$190 for the Admin Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated items. There was an interesting range of items from chopped wood, boat oars, and fishing rods, to picture frames, a crock pot, and travel

jewelry cases-treasures to catch every Lion's eye.

Thank you to Lions Phil Mayo, Mike Greeley, and Bill Bartlett for their help setting up and decorating. With my late arrival, I couldn't have done it without you!

The unsold items were donated to the Green Acres Senior Cen-



ter's flea market which took place on Feb 26.

Lion Elden Wright was our guest speaker for the evening. We were excited to learn about the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation and the 2011 scholarship recipients.

It was great to see so many guests. King Lion Gary Maxwell brought potted African Violets for each spouse to take home.



HOLIDAY PARTY by Lion Jim Kaplan

December 20

The Fairfax Lions continued their tradition of fun for all ages with our 2010 Holiday Dinner. Holiday Committee Member, Lion Suzanne Greenwalt, and her husband, Mike, started the kids' activities early with games and prizes while club members socialized before the meal. Games included Pin the Hat on the Penguin, Reindeer Landing Practice, Guess How Many Presents, and a marshmallow "Snowball" Fight. As part of the evening's festivities, all of our young guests received a stocking stuffer from either Toys R Us, Build-A-Bear, or Barnes & Noble gift cards.



After a yummy dinner, Lions and guests of all ages were enter-

tained by the return of Jonathan Austin, a humorous juggler. His antics were as unpredictable as his juggling- and PP Don Ballard and Holiday Committee



Member Jim Kaplan helped out with the grand finale as he took full advantage of the high ceiling in the American Legion Hall to ride a seven foot tall unicycle for his final series of tricks.

As if that wasn't enough, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Dessert Contest completed the evening. Desserts

ranged from traditional brownies and peppermint bark to non-traditional sweets such as cinnamon pie. Holiday committee Chair, Jay Kahn, well known for his enjoyment of this part of the night, led Jim and Suzanne in the judging- resulting in Cheese-cake Factory gift cards for winners: Mike Greenwalt (cinnamon pie), Mary Ellen Wright (mini-cheesecakes), and Diane Schutz (holiday cookies). A sweet finish for a sweet evening. I can't wait until next winter to see what our talented chefs serve up next.





EYEGLASS RECYCLING photos by Lion Mike Greeley

March

Lola Wulchin & Bill Bartlett



Meryl Davis & Charles Erkkila



Chuck Mendelbaum



Ivette Morales

Larry Newman



Aaron Lillis & Adriana Clavijo



The Eyeglass Recycling Center

Thank you to the Lions who donate their time at the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center. Your time gives people the gift of sight all over the world. Because of you, parents can work and make a living to provide for their families and children can see the blackboard in school. A seemingly simple gift can change a village!

HEALTHCARE REFORM HAPPENS... by Lion Nic Morrow

March 2

...because of the Lions. Healthcare reform is a hot topic in the United States these days. No matter which side of the issue you're on, everyone is trying to get better health care at a lower cost. And, regardless of our age and state we all hope to live in a state of good health and have vital, active lives. Unfortunately, more Americans are becoming obese, and are developing diabetes and heart disease in higher numbers than at any other time in our history.

In an effort to change this trend, I have become a volunteer for the Foundation for Wellness Professionals. Members of Foundation for Wellness Professionals are natural healthcare professionals such as Chiropractors, Acupuncturists and

Naturopathic Physicians who volunteer their time as motivational speakers. The free services include workshops, lectures and individual consultations, including blood pressure, health and stress surveys and stress-reducing massage. All seminars and workshops emphasize preventative care as the key to good health. The most significant way to reduce healthcare costs is to educate the public on ways to maintain their health and prevent disease.



As a FWP volunteer, it is my responsibility to complete 32 disease and injury prevention workshops

per year. As a member of the Fairfax Host Lions Club, I need your help! At a recent FHLC dinner meeting, I asked for your help in identifying groups of individuals who might benefit from one of the FWP healthcare workshops. If you are part of a group, business, or organization with 5 or more people that would like to have me come to conduct a free health and wellness workshop, please call (703)651-0166. If one of the workshop attendees subsequently schedules a health screening, I will waive the regular \$250 fee and request a \$50 donation to the Fairfax Host Lions Club, instead.

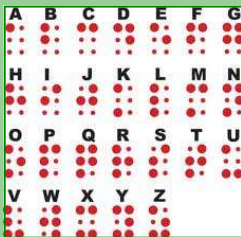


GIFT OF LITERACY by Lion John Bailey

February 16



BELL: Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning



The 2011 Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL) program scheduled for May will be able to host more students this year thanks to a generous donation to the National Federation of the Blind of Virginia from the Fairfax Host Lions.

The Fairfax Lions Club donated \$2000 to support the BELL initiative that will help students learn new skills to do well in school and to eventually be employed.

Braille is a system of raised dots that blind people can use to read and write. It was invented by Louis Braille nearly 200 years ago and is one of the most effective methods for bringing literacy to those who cannot read print.

The BELL program teaches blind and low vi-

sion children below the age of 14 how to use Braille effectively for reading and writing. "The goal of the BELL program is to introduce children who cannot read regular print to how useful Braille can be in hopes that they continue using it throughout their lives," said Dr. Fredrick K. Schroeder, President of the NFB of Virginia. "When they become adults, the one factor that enables them to be employable is their Braille skills. Odds are, if you don't know Braille, you don't have a job," Dr. Schroeder added. This is the second summer where the NFBV will organize a BELL program in our area. In a pilot program in August of 2010 held in Arlington, VA, 7 blind and low-vision students participated in a 2-week program, exploring the many uses of Braille in school and at home. Theresa Willis from Virginia

Beach, a blind parent of a blind student who attended the 2010 pilot program, said, "I have retinitis pigmentosa (RP) and have never read a book in my life. I would try to read a chapter but would give up because it was too hard with eyestrain and headaches. I don't want that for my child and this program has given her what our school district could not. My daughter also has RP and if she learns Braille, she will not have to come home from school crying because her eyes are tired and she has headaches. I want her to be able to read the books that I have never been able to." The NFBV consists of 15 chapters throughout VA and serves its members and all visually impaired citizens by promoting fellowship as well as supporting programs that increase the educational and economic opportunities of the blind.

~GREENWALT GROWL~

(note from the Editor Lion Suzanne Greenwalt)

HOW TO FIND US

Fairfax Lions  
Dinner Meetings  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
American Legion  
3939 Oak Street  
Fairfax, VA  
6:30-8:30pm

FairfaxLions.org

Facebook: Fairfax  
Host Lions Club

Membership may be an even bigger job than fundraising. All of the money in the world can't help if we don't have Lions to do something with it. KL Gary Maxwell set the goal of inducting 10 new Lions in the 2010/11 Lion year. The Membership Committee, headed by Lion

Marilyn Tanner, has put many hours into this year's membership effort. Membership Night went well with professional-looking boards, featuring many Lion activities and Lions on hand to answer questions about our events. All the hard work has produced 6 new members so

far this year! We still need at least 4 more. If your guests weren't able to attend Membership Night, invite them to attend a dinner meeting, the Fruit Sales, Bingo night, or other Lion activities. New members bring new ideas and new possibilities!

A VIEW FROM THE TOP by King Lion Gary Maxwell

March 3

Fellow and Lady Lions, it's hard to believe that 2/3 of the lions year is already behind us . It seems like yesterday that I was handed the gavel, and given the prestigious honor of steering the ship of the **Greatest Lions Club in the District!** It has truly been my pleasure to serve the membership and work alongside such a talented and hardworking group of men and women. I want to take this moment and say **Thank You** to each and every member of the club. It has been a rewarding and learning experience. The past

presidents and all of the members of the club are always willing to mentor and assist. Whenever I was at a loss or unsure of something, all I had to do was pick up the phone or send an email. In no time, I had more information that I could have expected. I encourage the newer members of the club; as well as those that have not taken the opportunity to be a leader, to take a step forward and give it a try. You will be amazed at how rewarding and fulfilling it really can be. I look forward to being able to give my input to the

future leaders of this club for years to come. Once again, please accept my thanks for allowing me the honor to lead the Fairfax Host Lions Club during our 60th Charter Year and learning the true meaning of our motto

"We Serve".  
Yours in  
Lionism,  
King  
Lion  
Gary  
Maxwell



BEING A LION by Lion Ben Wiles

March 1



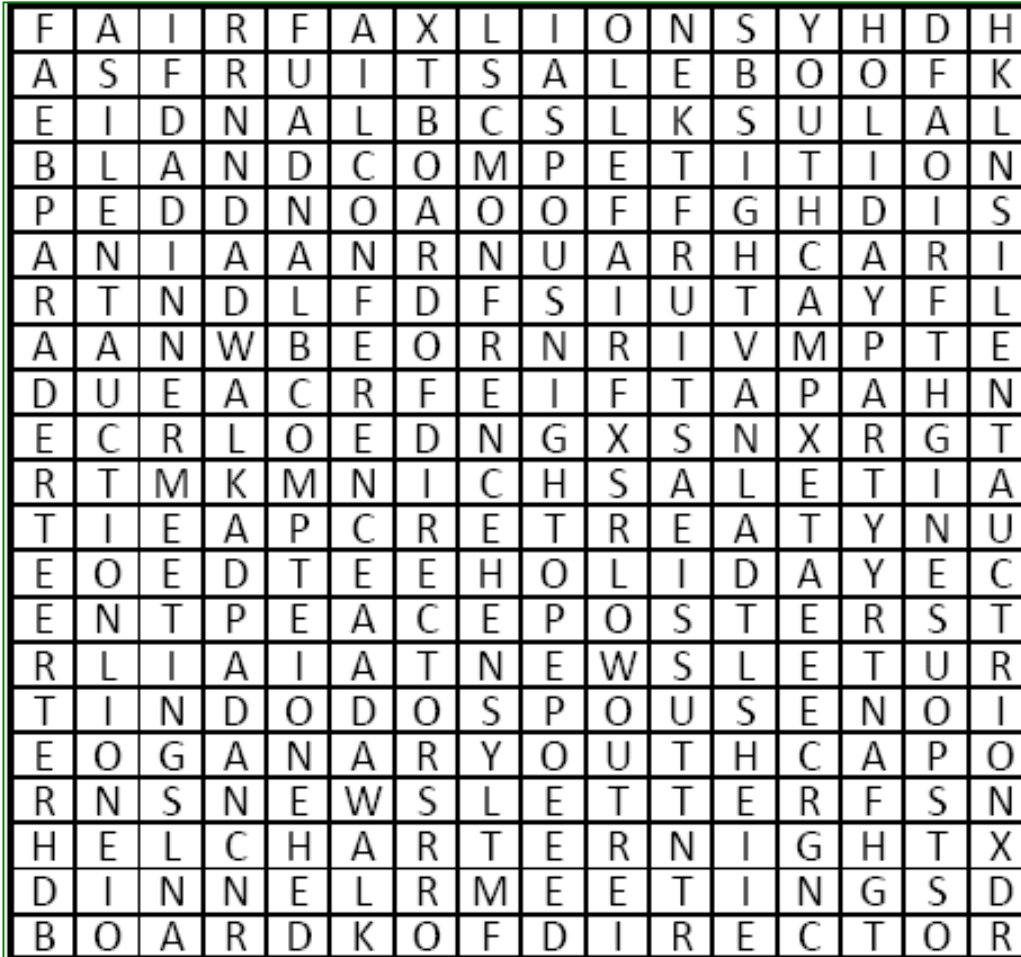
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a sense of pride  
And satisfaction  
and a warmth inside  
When you are a member of  
Fairfax Host  
"WE SERVE" is not just  
an idle boast  
In many ways we contribute  
Food toys and coats  
we have managed to distribute  
And it is an established fact  
That we have made a local  
and global impact  
A much needed hospital

in another country  
The effect very impressive to me  
Through these efforts difference  
we have managed to breach  
And many people  
we have managed to reach  
Our officers qualified  
and dedicated  
As Lions they are highly rated  
We have recognized  
our gifted young  
Through Bland and peace poster  
contests  
Their praises we have sung  
Eyeglass donation program  
a local ministry  
Eyeglass recycling globally  
Our service covers more  
than just a few  
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more than one or two  
Our membership  
covers the elderly  
A term which I fit

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To the young active  
and dedicated  
That we need all ages  
is simply stated  
Our activities are funded  
in many ways  
We found that diversity pays  
Fruit sales car donations  
I could go on all day  
And still not name each and  
every way  
In serving there are many things  
that we do  
If you're thinking of joining  
there is a place for you  
In serving I think we do just fine  
And I say it is grrreat to be a Lion  
And in honor of those dedicated  
Lions  
Who have passed away  
Again and again I say  
It is grrreat to be a Lion!



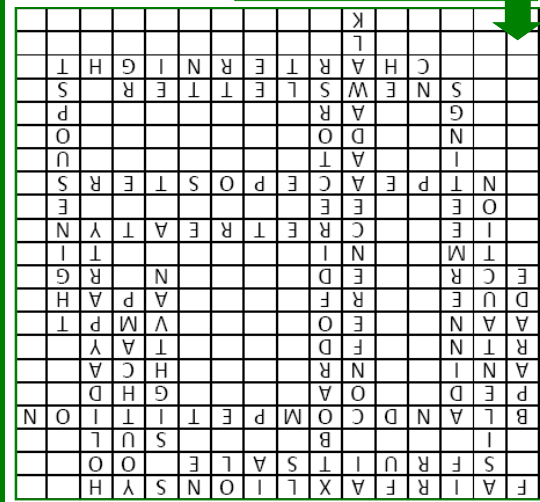
~LION WORD SEARCH~



**WORD LIST**

- ADA Walk
- Bland Competition
- Board of Directors
- Charter Night
- Conference
- Dinner Meetings
- Fairfax Lions
- Fruit Sale
- Holiday Party
- Newsletter
- Parade
- Peace Poster
- Retreat
- Sight Van
- Silent Auction
- Spouse Night
- Youth Camp

**ANSWER KEY**



**CITRUS SALE** by Lion Mike Schutz March 5



near Fairfax Circle. Lions Steve Haywood, Bill Trent, Carl Enix, Tom Edick, Elden Wright, and Mike Schutz were present to



The final citrus sale of 2010/2011 is fast approaching for the Fairfax Host Lions Club. This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. In preparation for the March 24-26 sale, the Lions came together to set up signs around the sale site

assemble the signs. Valencia Oranges, Ruby Red Grapefruit, Vermont Maple Syrup, and Virginia Peanuts will be for sale. Contact **Lion Bill Trent** to sign up for your shift.





## SIGHT AND HEARING VAN by Lion Carl Enix

May 14

It is that time of the year again when the Fairfax Host Lions will sponsor the District 24-A Sight and Hearing Van at the *Celebrate Communications* on May 14th at George Mason University.

*Celebrate Communications* is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons.

This year in addition to sponsoring the S&H Van the Lions will have a table in the exhibit area, to tell the Lions story. The table



is free and a first for the Lions as a thank you for sponsoring the Van. Based on previous years

experience, this is your chance to come out and see all the gizmos and gadgets to help the hearing impaired.

The event will kick off at 10 AM and wrap up around 3 PM in the lower level of the Fine Arts building on the George Mason Campus. For further information contact Lion Carl Enix at irakid2@aol.com

## FAIRFAX HOST LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISERS

### CUSTOM BLEACHING TRAYS!



Lion Dr. Ken Giberson is offering trays with 2 tubes of bleaching gel to all Fairfax Host Lions Club members and their families for a **special price of \$200**

(regularly \$450) For each set of trays sold Lion Dr. Giberson will **donate \$50 of the proceeds to the Lions Club.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Lion Ben and Marian Wiles who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this month – you are an inspiration!



Welcome back Lion Dr. Suleiman Alibhai from your trip abroad.



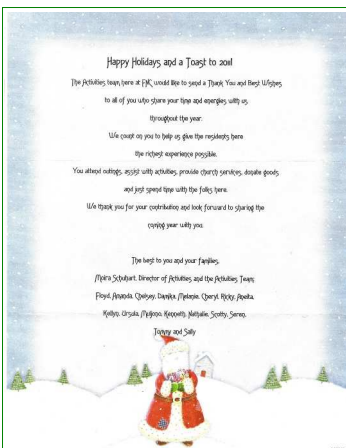
Our thoughts are with Lions Terry Smith and Carter Marlow. We

wish them a quick and full recovery!



To submit your news, email Suzanne at sms7x@yahoo.com or Facebook: Fairfax Host Lions Club

## “THANK YOU” FROM FAIRFAX NURSING CENTER



On Dec 12, the Fairfax Lions received the following note (pictured above) from the Fairfax Nursing Center where

we play Bingo once a month. It reads: Happy Holidays and a Toast to 2011 The Activities Team here at FNC (Fairfax Nursing Center) would like to send a Thank You and Best Wishes to all of you who share your time and energies with us throughout the year. We count on you to help us give the residents here the richest

experience possible. You attend outings, assist with activities, provide church services, donate goods, and just spend time with the folks here. We thank you for your contribution and look forward to sharing the coming year with you. The best to you and your families. Moira Schuhart, Director of Activities and the Activities Team

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# April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 <b>Dinner Meeting</b>	6 Eyeglass Recycling	7 Lunch Bunch	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Charter Night
17	18	19 <u>NO</u> <b>Dinner, Passover</b>	20 Bingo/ Eyeglass Recycling	21	22	23 Food Basket Delivery
24 Easter	25	26 <b>BOD</b>	27	28	29	30

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <b>Dinner Meeting</b>	4 Eyeglass Recycling	5 Lunch Bunch	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Blood Drive/Vienna Visitation	11	12	13	14 GMU Celebrate Communic.
15	16	17 <b>Dinner Meeting</b>	18 Bingo/ Eyeglass Recycling	19 State Convention	20 State Convention	21 State Convention
22 State Convention	23	24 <b>BOD</b>	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				