



THE LIONS ROAR

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May 21, 1922

Ernie Lynn

March 1, 2010

Ernest Theodore "Ernie" Lynn
BORN: May 21, 1922
DIED: March 1, 2010
LOCATION: Fairfax, VA



Mr. Ernest Theodore "Ernie" Lynn, a longtime resident of Fairfax, VA, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2010. Beloved hus-

band of the late Phyllis E. Lynn. Loving father of Ernest T. Lynn, III (Debra), Suzanne M. Buffington (Mitchell), Laura Lynn (Frederick G. Kuhm) and James C. Lynn. Dear brother of Kathleen Flynn. Cherished grandfather of Megan Lynn, Meredith Lynn, Alexander Buffington, Heather Lynn and Ian Lynn. Ernie was a dedicated member of the Fairfax Host Lions Club for many years. The family received friends at the EVERLY FUNERAL HOME, 10565 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22030 on Monday March 8, 2010 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM where a Lion's Service was said at 7 PM. Mass of Christian Burial, Tuesday,

March 9, 2010 at 10:30 AM in St. Leo The Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. Interment followed in Fairfax Memorial Park. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society. Ernie was a beloved Lion and will be deeply missed.



I'M FREE (as read by Bill Smith at Ernie's service)

Don't grieve for me, for now I am free	A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
I followed the path God laid for me.	Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
I fought the battle with all my might	Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I would never leave here without a fight.	I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
I could not stay another day	My life's been full, I savored much
To laugh, to love, to work or play.	Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Tasks left undone must stay that way	Perhaps my time seemed to brief
I've found that peace at close of day.	Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
If my parting has left a void,	Lift up your hearts and share with me
Then fill it with remembered joy.	God wanted me now, He has set me free.

KEY AWARD GIVEN TO BILL TRENT

February 16, 2010



Membership Advancement Key

Lion Bill Trent received the LION KEY AWARD on February 16, 2010 for sponsoring five lions over the years. Among his Lions are Frank Teas, Tammy Harless, Ken Giberson, Pete Conklin, and Charlie Raper. Lion Bill works very hard throughout the year

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!





I am willing to share the Greenwalt Growl if you have something interesting to share with the group. And of course, I will always accept articles!

Greenwalt Growl

It seems that I have found something in the Lions that I didn't even know was missing from my life. Family and friends are great, but there is something special and extra provided by the Lions.

In the Fairfax Host Lions, I have found a unique place where I belong. A little intimidating at first, surrounded by fascinating people and incredible life stories, a huge capacity to care, and a support network for all our endeavors, but also happy to accept new participants.

I was bummed last June when I had to miss Road Kill Satur-

day in order to lead my Race for the Cure team with my mom-but of course the Fairfax Host saw this as an opportunity to support a fellow Lion. At a dinner meeting, I was literally brought to tears when I was presented with hundreds of dollars collected in secret in honor of my mom for our team.

Again, the Lions came through when a simple act of cleaning my coat closet turned into a full fledge coat drive. With little prompting, the Lions had collected 74 coats, hats, scarves, and mittens in all sizes in just a few weeks.

Again and again, the Lions have willingly answered the call and

stepped-up to the challenge. I don't think that the Lions Club is a group that someone can join lightly or half heartedly. I've been told you get out when you put into something, but the Lions multiply it exponentially upon return.

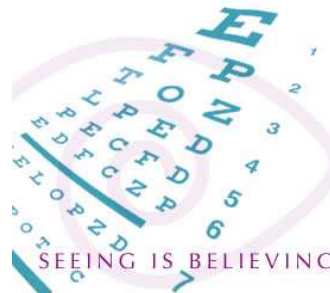
I am part of a wonderful club that makes me feel like anything is possible and that I have your support while trying to do it.



LOVF/LCIF GRANT UPDATE

THIRD PROGRESS REPORT: All schools in the state of Virginia have been contacted and offered the screening program. Six new school have since been trained and two more have schedule times for their training, three schools have not made a decision to take advantage of the program, three schools have declined the program.

Fifty-five lions have been trained and certified as Vision Screeners. School



nurses receive the same training as ophthalmologists to recognize lazy eye and other vision issues that can have a huge impact later in life. This program touches the lives of 35,000 students in 257

schools in thirty-four school systems. A final report for this program will come out in June.

The next step is to take this program to Maryland (17 School districts), Delaware, and West Virginia before making this a National phenomenon.

The world is truly a little better because Dennis is in it.



JIM KAPLAN RUNS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

On February 24th, I filed my papers to seek a seat on the City of Fairfax School Board. There are six people running for the five positions on this nonpartisan City board.

I am running for three simple reasons: Shauna, Sierra, and Elana.

The School Board oversees the contract we have with

Fairfax County to manage our schools. To ensure they remain the envy of the nation, I will ask the tough questions and hold those responsible for keeping our schools strong accountable. I will use my personal experience – as a parent; the husband and son of public school teachers; a former official in the Office of Management at the U.S. Department of Education; and as a local volun-

teer and activist – to preserve programs that matter to our families, maintain our high standards, and to keep our community fully informed of decisions that impact our children so that we can hear your concerns.

Anyone interested in learning more can see www.JimKaplan.com or my group on FaceBook.



NEW LION INDUCTION: RODNEY NEELY

February 16, 2010

I began my educational career at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, VA. After 4.5 years, I was permitted to go to public school. I graduated from Douglas Freeman high school in Richmond, VA in 1981. I attended the University of Maryland for two years, and then I transferred to James Madison University, where I majored in Spanish and English. I graduated from JMU in 1985.

I obtained a masters in Business Administration from George Mason University in 1990.

I am currently attending George Mason University, where I am pursuing a Masters in Public Policy with a concentration in Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics.

I have known that I wanted to become a Lion since I was in high school. One of the Lions asked me to speak to the Richmond Host Lions Club about the Virginia Voice-a radio reading service in the Richmond, VA metro area. I was trying to raise money for this organization because I worked there while I was in high school.

I knew that one of the first organizations that I would join after I had completed my education and gotten a job would be the Lions Club. I always wanted to work to become a positive role model for blind people-to let some of the Lions know that blind people can have careers and become productive members of society. I liked educating professionals about the capabilities of blind people, and I thought that by becoming a member of the Lions

Club that I could do this.

I joined the Falls Church Lions Club in 1992. I moved away from the area in 1993. Then I rejoined the Lions in 1997 in Roanoke, VA. But our club was not very active. I rejoined the Falls Church Lions in 1999. I moved to Vienna in 2003. I transferred my membership to the Vienna Host Lions in 2003. I was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2008 by the Vienna Host Lions Club. I transferred my membership to the Fairfax Lions club in January of 2010.

I will participate in most of the Lions events. I am most excited about helping with fundraising, some publicity, membership recruitment, and food baskets. I will also continue to serve on Lion Dennis Brining's cabinet as the Special Needs Equipment Coordinator during the 2010-2011 Lions year.

My most satisfying experience with the Lions was being asked by one of the past district governors to serve as one of the Sight First Coordinators for our zone in 2006-2007.

I also enjoy helping blind/visually impaired young people get the assistive technology that they can use to become productive members of society.

I currently work as a Contract Specialist for the United States Environmental Protection Agency. I help with administrerring some contracts to help the USEPA to clean up Superfund sites.

I am involved in helping to schedule furniture pick ups for the Committee for Helping Others



in Vienna, VA. I am also a member of Vienna Presbyterian Church. I am a member of the National Federation of the Blind, where I specialize in helping people with issues pertaining to public transportation advocacy.

I like to travel, but I am lucky to find the time to go on one or two vacations a year. I usually travel within the United States.

I enjoy visiting American cities which have musical entertainment associated with them.

I like to visit Hylton Head, SC and Virginia Beach, VA for casual vacations.

I want to go to South America, especially to Bolivia, Chilli, and Argentina.

The most intelligent decision that I have made in my life was my decision to marry my wife, Helen. She is my best friend. We have been best friends since we met in 1984 at JMU. It just took me a while to realize that I wanted to spend the rest of my life with my best friend, my Wife, Helen.

SPOUSES' NIGHT

February 16, 2010



Many spouses and family attended the post Valentines day dinner on February 16, 2010. The Lions demonstrated a touch

of class with every guest receiving a beautiful white rose as they entered the dining area. Dinner was nice treat. Many lions even comments on the delicious roast beef and baked potatoes.

Our guest speakers were from Considerate Care, a company that offers in home care and rehabili-



tation. Their team of RNS come to clients' homes as often as needed, many times covered by insurance, to work with patients physical needs and recovery. They also offer companion caretakers that help with daily activities such as getting dressed for the day, cooking meals, or other things someone may not be able to do on their own.



BLAND COMPETITION by Marilyn Tanner

February 21, 2010

Music is well said to be the speech of angels; in fact, nothing among the utterances allowed to man is felt to be so divine. It brings us near to the infinite.
 ~Thomas Carlyle



The Bland Music Scholarship Competition, sponsored by the Fairfax Host Lions Club, was held on Sunday, February 21, 2010, at Old Town Hall in the City of Fairfax. Given the recent snowstorms, we were very fortunate that our contest was held as originally scheduled. Seven of last year's contestants returned to compete this year. Twenty of the areas most talented singers and musicians delighted a very appreciative audience.

Taking first place (for the second year in a row) in the vocal category was soprano, Anne Hruskoci, a junior at Annandale High School. Anne sang *The Trees on the Mountains* composed by Carlisle Floyd. Tenor, Andreas Moffet, earned the second place vocal award after



a heart-felt rendition of *Non T'amo Piu* (I Don't Love You Anymore) by Francesco Tosti. Andreas is a junior at Woodson High School.



Ten musicians competed for the instrumental 1st place award. That honor went to pianist, Kevin Shu, a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Kevin played Ludwig van Beethoven's *Tempest Sonata mvt.1*. Capturing 2nd place in the instrumental category was pianist, Elaine Chen, a 10th grader also attending TJHSST. Elaine played *Mephisto Waltz* by Franz Liszt.



Anne and Kevin represented Fairfax Host Lions Club as they advanced to the Region III Bland Music Scholarship Competition held at Melodee Music Center in Sterling, Virginia on March 21, 2010. The next level will be at



the Alexandria Lyceum on April 16 followed by the state competition in Roanoke in May.

Much of the success of this year's Bland Music Scholarship Competition goes to our enthusiastic and reliable group of volunteers. This year's volunteers included the following Fairfax Host Lions and Lion associates: Past District Governor Bill Bartlett, Sarah Bartlett, King Lion Jeff Root, Lion Elden Wright, Mary Ellen Wright, Lion Bill Trent, Margaret Trent, Lions Steve and Paew Haywood, Lion Tom Edick, Lion Pete Conklin, Lion Ken Schutz, Lion Jim Dellinger, Chuck Higdon and Marilyn Tanner (Bland Chairperson).
 ~Marilyn Tanner

Also in attendance were Lion Dennis Brining, Linda Brining, Lion Carl Enix, Mary Enix, and Suzanne Greenwalt



Lion Helped to Raise Flag at Iwo Jima

by Tom Hovis



Wisconsin native and Lion John Bradley has a special place in the history of World War II. As a Navy Corpsman on Iwo Jima, he treated the wounded and comforted the dying. He saved many Marines during his service on the island.

After the war, John told his son that he had reached Mt. Suribachi after heavy fighting. He noticed some Marines struggling

with a slightly bent long iron pipe. As he looked closer, John realized that the pipe was being used as a makeshift flag pole for Old Glory. He helped the Marines raise the flag that could be seen all over the island. It was a proud moment as horns and sirens of nearby ships paid tribute to Old Glory flying in the breeze. A combat photographer took what would become one of the most famous photographs of the war.

John continued to save lives until he was wounded in the leg. He would not leave the battle field until he had treated all Marines around him. John was awarded the Navy Cross and other decorations for his heroism.

After the war, John returned home to Wisconsin, where he became a successful businessman and civic leader in his small community. He volunteered at the nearby veterans' hospital and was an active Lion.

Written by Tom Hovis, Fairfax American Legion Historian (submitted by Jeff Root)



WINTER CONFERENCE

February 20, 2010



Despite the directions, 216 Lions from District 24A found their way to the Winter Conference at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House on February 20, 2010. The morning provided many opportunities to buy buy buy- Silent Auctions, Cheer Baskets, purses and jewelry, and raffles!

raised \$232.5 million, funded 956 projects in 100 countries, performed 7.6 million cataract surgeries, and treated 131 million people for River Blindness. The audience

was very interested and asked a lot of informed questions. I learn something new whenever I talk to Dennis.



Second, I attended "How to plan a service project from start to finish" put on by two women in the Aquia Harbor club. The talk and slide show explored their partnership with the local Head Start Program for underprivileged kids who made need to catch up in school before they even start. Each year the lions organize a breakfast with Santa, personalized gifts for all the children who attend, and creative activities throughout the event.



Anne Pimby received her third grant from the Fairfax Lions. She lost her sight at age 51 and realized that she would need a new career. She is currently in a program at NoVa Community College but has applied to transfer to GMU in the fall. Her degree will allow her to work rehabilitating others in her situation and teach them how to lead a normal life.

The Fairfax Lions won NO raffles, Cheer Baskets, Scavenger hunt prizes, etc despite spending all of my grocery money for the week on tickets!

During the third Breakout session, I attended a discussion bridging the communication gap between Traditionalist/Baby-Boomer Lions and Generation Y/ Leos. The speaker said to reach all of the members in his club, they mail letters, leave, voice messages, email, and facebook. It has sparked my own interest in update our website and creating a Fairfax Lion Facebook page.

I think all who attended found a lot of ideas for the Fall Conference we will be hosting in October.



We took a break for lunch where Tony Reyes was the guest speaker and introduced the current cabinet. After lunch, Elden Wright presented eight \$1500 VLEI scholarships. Two of the recipients were sponsored by the Fairfax Host Lions Club.

Breakout sessions throughout the day went on without a hitch. I attended Dennis Brining's presentation titled "Where humanitarian efforts should go in future years" discussing Lion efforts on a large, international scale. River Blindness medication is \$1 per treatment and hundreds of thousands of people can be reached in one distribution. Grants



Matthew Borne, who just graduated from JMU, plans to use his scholarship toward student loans. He is currently working for a moving company while he looks for a job more in his field of study.



have gone toward building hospitals that treat a whole region for the same amount of money that it costs for Habitat for Humanity to build a modest home in the DC Area. The Sight First Program grant has



THE LIONS ROAR

Close your eyes and think of your favorite Lion event.

Chances are you're surrounded by friends, you're having fun, and the funding was raised at the Citrus Fruit Sales.

Sign-up for a shift. We need you there!!



Suzanne and Mike Greenwalt will camp at the Lion YOUTH CAMP for the Earth Day celebration on May 8, 2010. We will arrive Friday evening (May 7) and leave Sunday afternoon (May 9). If you are interested in camping as well, please contact Suzanne to coordinate and plan



Where is your announcement?

Email: sms7x@yahoo.com

To place your announcement in the next newsletter. We want to hear all about it!

UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL

- 16 Bland Contest at the Lyceum in Alexandria
- 16 Bailey's Shrimp Dinner
- 17 Charter Nights
- 21 Bingo
- 24 Stafford Pancake Breakfast
- 24 Worldwide induction day

MAY

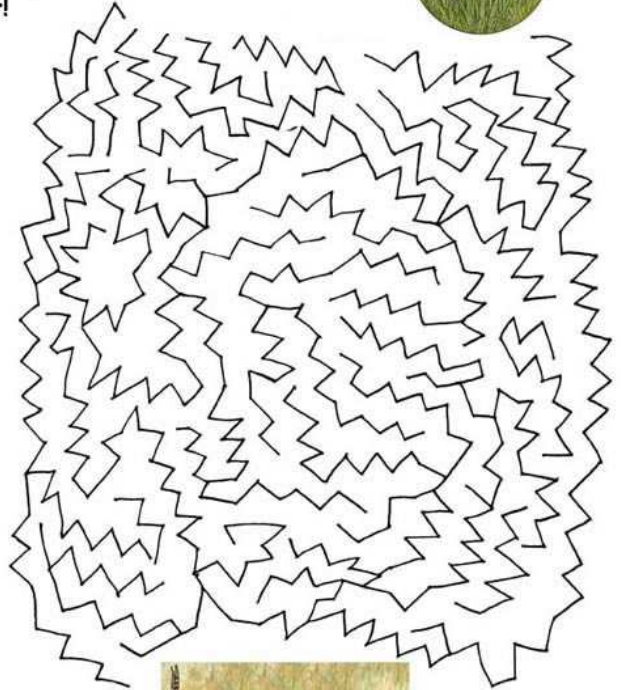
- 1 Sight and hearing van
- 2 Officer Training
- 8 Youth Camp Earth Day
- 11-12 White Cane Days
- 22-23 State Convention-Roanoke
- 25 Blood Drive

JULY

- 4 Parade and Food Booth

AND NOW FOR SOME FUN!

The lioness is stalking her prey. Help her find her way to the Thompson's gazelle she wants to eat!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS: Phil and Sandy Mayo are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Anna Margaret Mayo, born at Fair Oaks Hospital on February 23, 2010 shortly after 5:00 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs 8 oz and was 21" tall." She draws her first name from her maternal grandmother and her middle name from her paternal great-grand mother.



Ron Weber was in Germany before Christmas and was invited by the Nuertingen/Kircheim Lions to their annual Christmas celebration. Had a great meal and joined them outdoors to sing a few Christmas carols, in German of course. They are always great hosts



We wish Chan Medwedeff the best of luck with his move to FL. We wish Bob Helland the best of luck with his move to NC. We hope that you are happy and remain active with the Lions in your new hometowns. Know that you are welcome at any Fairfax Lion event when you find yourselves back in this area.



On March 2, Craig Van Lines (recommended by the Lions) pulled up to the house of Suzanne Greenwalt's parents and moved 22 years of collecting treasures to Syracuse NY. In the process, they found a box of raffle tickets and 14 pairs of glasses with cases- all of which were donated to the Fairfax Lions Club. The Stewarts say they



would also recommend Craig Van Lines.

The next blood drive will take place at Providence Presbyterian Church on May 25 from 2:30-7pm.



Fairfax Lions Club will host both the Fall and Winter Conference . Sign-up forms are circulating-the last few positions need to be filled including Training classes, Meals, and PR/Signs. I'm depending on all of you to participate and provide guidance since I have signed up and may be in over my head! You saw how well it went when I lead the song for dinner...

