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## MESSAGE FROM KING LION MIKE SCHUTZ

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**IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION**



A proud, and rare, moment when Lion Ken Schutz swears in his son, Mike, as King Lion. Lion Mike is a third generation Lion. Lion Ken was King Lion in the 2005-2006 term. Congratulations KL Mike.

As I look forward to a short year of serving as president of your club, I tend to think back 10 years to when I asked my Dad, "When are you going to invite me to join the Lions Club?" Some of you already know that I wasn't new to the Lions when I joined in 2004: my grandfather was a Lion, and my father has been a Lion as long as I can remember. When I think of my earliest memories of Lions Clubs, I picture pancake breakfasts, white canes, and a whole bunch of old men.

However simple or entertaining these images may be, at some point along the way I learned that you don't have to do anything extraordinary in order to make an extraordinary difference. You simply have to be interested in making a little difference, and that's why I joined Fairfax Host Lions Club.

Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston recently kicked off the theme for the 2014-2015 Lions Year: *Strengthen the Pride*. He encourages all Lions to Strengthen the Pride in three ways: through service, by strengthening our clubs, and through creatively connecting to our communities.

I am inspired by this year's theme, because it shows that none of us have to do anything extraordinary in order to make an extraordinary difference in the future of Fairfax Host Lions Club and the community we serve. I hope each of you will join me in *Strengthening the Pride* in three small ways:

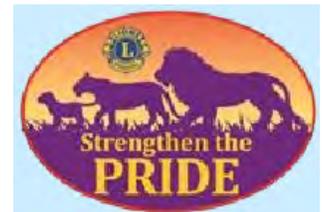
**In Service:** Join me in doing something new this year. There are many things I have not experienced as a member of this club; such as helping at the eyeglass recycling center, a Bingo night, or a screening event. Pick *just one day* over the course of the year, and volunteer to do something you haven't done before.

**Strengthen our Club:** Join me in doing something small to make our club just the slightest bit better. Bring a guest to a dinner meeting, suggest an interesting program speaker, or contribute a short piece to the club newsletter. My number one priority for this year is to communicate frequently and transparently and to facilitate your participation in any club activity that interests you.

**Be Creative:** Join me in sharing our club's mission with the community. Ask about the club's "Internet PR" committee, talk to your neighbor about what we do, or just "like" our club's page on Facebook. I will work with the Internet PR committee over the course of the year to make sure we get better at publicizing what we do.

This is a simple recipe to continue serving our community the same way millions of Lions have done worldwide. We all joined for different reasons, big and small, and the result to our community is nothing short of extraordinary.

*Yours in Lionism,  
Mike Schutz*



## CABINET INSTALLATION FOR DISTRICT 24-A

by Lion Sandy Mayo



The installation of the District Governor's Cabinet took place on Sunday, July 27, at the Stone Ridge Events Center located in Warrenton. Four FHLC members attended the event: Bill Smith and Greg DeRosa (both of whom will serve on the cabinet), as well as Sandy and Phil Mayo (newsletter editor and chauffeur, respectively). PID Wayne Davis opened the program by declaring that District 24-A is an "exemplary district." Four members of the Fairfax Host Club will serve on the cabinet: Dennis Brining (*Ethics and LCIF*), Greg DeRosa (*Lions Alert/Emergency Support*), Jeff Root (*Peace Poster*) and Bill Smith (*Trading Pins*). Additionally, PCC Bill Bartlett serves on the DG's Advisory Committee. After inducting the cabinet members, Wayne instructed us ALL to "use the power of service to strengthen the pride of being a Lion."

District Governor Jim Ryan's focus will be upon the "Power of Service." In his words, "One club can accomplish a local project, but together as a 'club' of over 1,600 members, we can accomplish countless things. We have plans to extend service projects and achieve greater service as a district." Five service projects which Jim mentioned at the installation are: (1) Relieve the Hunger, (2) Special Olympics, (3) Home for the Holidays, (4) Clean Up Bull Run and (5) the Sergeant Mac Foundation.

Like so many other members, DG Ryan became a member of the Lions' organization because of the service another Lion rendered his family when he was growing up. In his printed message, he writes "Think about your own reason for *staying* a Lion. The smile on the face of a person receiving help, the warm, satisfied feeling you get when performing service is why any of you have remained dedicated Lions throughout the years. We need to share this feeling with people who have the same interest in community service."



Relieve the Hunger: In Northern Virginia, one of the wealthiest areas in the nation, we have a poverty rate of 5%. Over 900,000 are at risk for hunger with over 5% of them being 50 years or older. In addition, one in six children face a daily struggle against hunger. During December and January dedicated Lions worldwide will participate in "Relieving the Hunger" projects. At the Fall Conference, a speaker from SERVE, a 501(c)(3) organization which aids local counties with food and other essential needs, will present details of a local approach to aid the hungry. Additionally, brochures listing many area food banks where Lions can get involved will be distributed at the conference. Contact Dodi Bunker at [bunkerdo@verizon.net](mailto:bunkerdo@verizon.net) for details.

Special Olympics: The Lions' goal is to partner with the Virginia Special Olympics organization and provide what assistance we can. At a minimum, Lions will provide vision and hearing screenings with Pediavisions and audiometers, as well as with the Sight and Hearing Van. Wilma Murphy, Chair of the Special Olympics committee, hopes to visit 24-A clubs to provide information and to solicit participation when a Special Olympics event is being held in their general area. Wilma can be reached by email at [too.cute42@cox.net](mailto:too.cute42@cox.net)

Home for the Holidays: The intention of this project is to invite active duty service members who are away from home during the holiday into our Lion homes to enjoy a home-style Thanksgiving holiday. The target population is the single service members at the lower pay grades (generally E-4 and below) who are unable to travel home to spend the holiday with their family. Additionally, Lions have been invited to personally deliver Thanksgiving Dinner to any active duty service members on duty at local military installations, unable to leave their post to enjoy the holiday festivities. These are two opportunities to SERVE those who SERVE us this Thanksgiving. To participate in this program, contact Lorain Land at [landlorain@gmail.com](mailto:landlorain@gmail.com).

Bull Run Clean Up: One day next spring, all clubs in District 24-A will be asked to participate in a single environmental event to clean up Bull Run. This effort will help preserve this historic and natural resource which runs through District 24-A. Contact Don Leas, Chair of the Environmental Committee, at [dragonwoods@pobox.com](mailto:dragonwoods@pobox.com) for details.

The Sergeant Mac Foundation is a non-profit one formed to honor the memory of Marine Sgt Eric McColley who was killed in a helicopter crash on February 17, 2006. The wreath project began when Eric's parents placed a wreath on his grave at Quantico at Thanksgiving of 2006. This family remembrance led to the idea of placing wreaths on every grave at Quantico. With the assistance of the Giant Food Floral Manager, the couple was able to purchase 515 wreaths and place them with the help of a few friends and family members on Christmas Day 2006. It was at that time that the decision was made to make it an annual event and The National Wreath Project was born. The wreath laying at Gettysburg will take place this year on December 5 at 1:00 and at Quantico on December 6 at 10:00. Each wreath costs between \$8 and \$10 and contributions are welcomed. Eric's father, John McColley will be at the Lions Fall Conference. Ed Warzywak will be heading up this committee and can be reached at [ewarzwak@aol.com](mailto:ewarzwak@aol.com).

## FAIRFAX HOST WELCOMES SANG H. YI AS ITS NEWEST MEMBER



Sang and his wife, Sarah, were married two years ago, and their daughter, Evelyn, is now three months old. As a Navy brat, Sarah grew up all over, but after her father was stationed twice in Virginia in his career, she considers the Commonwealth her true home. Sarah and Sang met in grad school at the Naval War College while she worked on Capitol Hill as an aide to Senator John McCain and Sang worked at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Sarah is currently a public relations professional. Currently, on Capitol Hill, Sang works for the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. As a Committee staffer, he handles issues related to national security, homeland security, and foreign affairs. His oversight portfolio includes the Defense Department, Homeland Security Department, Veterans Affairs Department, and the State Department. (Sang certainly has his work cut out for him!)

He also serves as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy Reserve, in probably one of the smallest communities in the Navy. As a strategic sealift officer, his job is to be prepared to operate Military Sealift Command vessels, which transport military equipment and also provide underway replenishment capabilities. In part satisfaction of his requirements, he also holds a Merchant Marine Officer's licenses to navigate these ships. He received his commission in the Navy as well as his Bachelor of Science in Transportation and Intermodal Logistics from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. He earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and his Juris Doctor from George Washington University Law School.

As for hobbies, he writes "having a three-month-old does not leave much room for hobbies, but it's truly a joy to be able to see Evelyn and Sarah everyday!" He also tries to stay active in the community and has a strong belief in the value of volunteerism (which is one of his main reasons for joining the Lions). He was recently appointed by the Mayor and the Fairfax City Council to serve as the Fairfax City Representative on the Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board, which has a main purpose of reducing the problem of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. He also serves as his homeowners' association's president, and as the 2nd Vice Commander of American Legion Post 177 .

## DON'T FORGET YOUR LION CLUB ABC RESOLUTIONS

A—Attend Tuesday night meetings  
 B—Buy 50/50 tickets for Admin fund  
 C—Come to the Fall and Winter Conferences  
 D—Deliver food baskets  
 E—Enjoy Charter Night  
 F—Fellowship with Seniors at Bingo Night  
 G—Give blood at blood drives  
 H—Help repair the youth camp cabin  
 I—Invite a guest to the Fall picnic  
 J—Jest with the Tail Twister  
 K—Keep up the good work of Fairfax Lions  
 L—Lend a hand at the Bland Music Competition  
 M—Mark fruit sale dates on your calendar

N—Never hesitate to ask a prospective member to attend a dinner meeting  
 O—Ogle the club-sponsored Peace Poster entries  
 P—Pick up trash on Roadkill Saturday  
 Q—Quickly volunteer for the 4th of July food booth  
 R—Remember — It's grrrrreat to be a Lion!!  
 S—Submit articles for newsletter  
 T—Travel to another Lions club meeting for a "visitation"  
 U—Use your enthusiasm to attract new members  
 V—Volunteer to serve as a Board member  
 W—Walk to stop Diabetes  
 X—X'emplify a spirit of service  
 Y—Yes! Sponsor a new Fairfax Lion!  
 Z—Zealously pursue new members

# TAKING JULY BY FOURTH



Bill Trent holds a pole — someone has to do it!



Not to be outdone, Carl Enix holds the canvas.



Elden Wright and Jim Davis setting up in the early morning. Unfortunately one grill did not



Corey Green holds yet another pole.



Bill, Jim and Carl are doing a good job of waiting



Uh, guys I could use some help here — says Elden the cook.



Phil Mayo and Tom Edict waiting for the rush to begin and enjoying the parade and festivities



Let's get this show on the road!



Do you want mustard with that hotdog ?



And the rush is on after the parade. Huey Sullivan pitches in.



KL Mike chats with Fire Marshall Dave Whitacre making vendor inspections.



A loyal Lion supporter.



It's a lot like folding a form-fit sheet!



By Jove, I think we've got it!



A proud banner.



A loyal member. Guess who.

We had a beautiful day on the 4th of July. Seventeen Lions participated in the set-up, selling, and tear-down of our Hot Dog stand. It appeared that all had a good time watching the parade and interacting with the crowd. The day started with some concern about Hurricane Arthur, but that worry quickly dissipated as the day turned partly cloudy then sunny and unseasonably cool.

The usual early group was there at 7:30 - Bill Trent with the trailer and cookers, and Carl Enix with a truck load of tables, tents, and all the material needed to set up the stand. We were completely set up and ready to cook dogs by 8:30 - a full hour and half before the parade started.

Sales were a little slow - we sold just short of 200 dogs - I expect the cool day had something to do with it - but we did make a little money for the charity fund.

The parade ended about 11:30 and we had the usual rush in sales; then it was over before noon. By 12:30, all was gone and you could not tell we had been there except for the full trash cans.

Thanks to all the Lions that participated. — Lion Ken Schutz

## BRANDIE GOES TO SCHOOL

By Lion Sandy Mayo



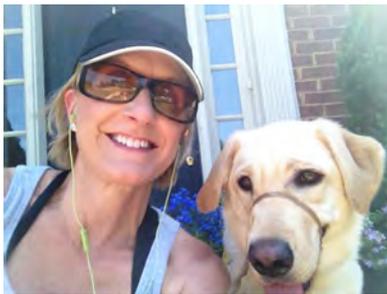
Did you know that Lion Karen DeRosa is a PR? Yup, she's a puppy raiser. This is the first time Karen has trained a Canine Companions for Independence dog, but the she has always loved animals. After attending a Lions conference where she met Jim and Michelle Purton, District 24-A Co-Chairs of CCI, she decided to volunteer for the task. Currently, Karen and the Purtons are the only Lions in this area working with CCI dogs.

Since 1983 CCI has partnered with the Lions Clubs to provide "exceptional dogs for exceptional people." CCI is headquartered in Santa Rosa, CA and has five regional centers located in California, Colorado, Ohio, Illinois, New York and Florida. CCI puppies are born and nurtured in the homes of volunteer breeders. At about the age of eight weeks, the pups are placed with volunteer puppy raisers for the next 18 months during which time they learn basic obedience commands. The next step for the maturing young dogs is Advanced Training at a CCI regional center. This training is a 6 to 9 month-long highly structured program. Upon successful completion, the dogs then enter a two-week intensive Team Training in which they are matched with either an adult or child with a disability. The Team Training curriculum includes dog handling and care, training methods, commands, and field trips. Once the assistance dog has been placed, CCI provides support services for an average of 8 to 10 years.



CCI trains four types of assistance dogs: service, facility, skilled and hearing dogs. Service dogs are partnered with adults with physical disabilities to assist with daily tasks and increase independence by reducing reliance on other people. A service dog can pull their partner in a manual wheel chair, push buttons for elevators or automatic doors, and even assist with business transactions by transferring money, receipts, and packages. Facility dogs provide unconditional love and attention to clients and patients with whom it interacts. In an educational setting a facility dog helps engage students in schools and special education classes. In a health care environment, activities such as grooming, feeding and playing fetch with a facility dog can aid patients in medical rehabilitation and psychiatric programs. Skilled companion dogs are trained to work with an adult or child with a disability. A skilled companion dog is bred to be calm, reliable, affectionate and reduces the recipient's reliance on other people to complete simple daily tasks. Hearing dogs are specially bred retrievers who alert partners to key sounds by making physical contact such as nudging the leg or arm. Among the many sounds hearing dogs are trained to recognize and respond to are the sound of a doorbell, alarm clock, someone calling a name or a smoke alarm.

In order to become a puppy raiser, you must complete an application, secure a sponsor and participate in a phone interview. Once accepted, volunteers must read a training manual, view a video of the program and understand the basic commands. Throughout the 18 months of training, progress reports are sent to CCI.



And now to introduce the star of this article. Brandie a cross between a Labrador Retriever and a Golden Retriever, was born on Christmas Day, 2012 and has a sister who lives in Middleburg. When she was nine weeks old, Lions Karen and Greg picked her up in Medford, NY on March 3, 2013. Her name, by the way, is selected by her donor. During her stay at the DeRosa home, Brandie chewed three door frames. I suggested that the frame in the kitchen remain with its chewed evidence as a reminder of Brandie's stay with the family. In photos of Brandie, she appears to be wearing a muzzle; however, it is actually a gentle lead which allows her to still open her mouth. Several leads have been purchased as she chewed through those as well. Puppies will be puppies!

Currently Brandie weighs 65 pounds. You feel her weight when she nuzzles up to you.

For the last 18 months Brandie has been through basic obedience training which encompasses 30 commands. She and Karen have run together 2-4 miles every morning. At lunch, they took a 15 minute walk and practiced commands. Whenever Brandie went outside, she had her vest on. And when the vest was on, Brandie was in training; no petting was allowed at this stage. Socialization is also important in training the dog; hence, Brandie accompanied Karen to restaurants, shops and church. She even traveled up and down escalators at the Metro stop. "D.C. has been fun," said Karen "as well as the trip to Mount Vernon."



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## BRANDIE GOES TO SCHOOL (Continued)

CCI gives a schedule each month regarding the amount of food to be given, what commands are to be focused upon and what shots must be given. Commands must be given in the proper way and the higher the command to perform, the greater the treat. Cheese, which Brandie loves, has been added to her treat ration.

After Brandie returns to the Regional Training Center at Medford, NY, she will undergo medical tests as well as an evaluation of temperament. Some dogs are released at this point due to medical or temperament problems. Not every dog continues training with CCI. The pass rate is 50/50. Traits such as fear, aggression and anxiety will eliminate a dog from additional participation in the CCI program. However, the puppies can go to another organization.



The two-week Team Training session teaches the recipients proper care and handling of the CC. After the training session and public access testing, they attend a graduation ceremony which the puppy raiser can attend.

On August 1 Brandie returned to Medford. Earlier, when asked how it would be to return Brandy to CCI, Karen's response was "horrible." Upon Brandie's hopeful graduation from the CCI program, Karen can attend the ceremony and pass the leash to Brandie's new owner. The *Lions Roar* will keep the FHLC apprised of Brandie's future endeavors. And you might send Karen a comforting email – parting from Brandie will be like sending a child off to college with a big lump in your throat.



## APPLE IPHONE HELPS VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE TO READ

by Lion Rodney

Many people are already familiar with how the Apple iPhone and other smart phones have revolutionized access to information for people who are fortunate enough to own one. Now owners of smart phones can use these devices to look up information on the web, find new and exciting places to visit, or keep in touch with friends by phone or using social media.

Smart phones have improved access to information for people with visual impairments and blindness as well. Although the Apple iPhone and other smart phones have enabled blind people to use GPS and to use social media for the first time, the purpose of this article is to highlight advancements in providing access to books for visually impaired and blind people.

I have chosen to focus the bulk of this article on the Apple iPhone 4S, 5, and 5S models because these phones have built-in screen access technology—Zoom for people who use large print, and VoiceOver for people who are totally blind.

The first group of books that blind people could read using their iPhones were books from the Apple book store. These books could be read using Apple's built-in VoiceOver screen reader or using Zoom. Blind people soon learned that they could purchase books from Audible.com and listen to them using their iPhones. The advantage of reading audible books is that these books are read by professional readers or sometimes by the authors themselves.

More specialized reading systems were soon developed to take advantage of the iPhones portability and ubiquitous proliferation in the blindness community. These applications included Learning Alley—which enables visually impaired and blind people to read prerecorded academic textbooks; BookShare's Read-to-Go app that enables people to read over 100,000 books, and NFB Newsline, which provides access to over 300 newspapers and magazines.

Although these apps enabled visually impaired and blind people to have convenient access to many books, newspapers, and magazines, many visually impaired people still lobbied for Amazon to provide access to their e-books using the Kendal app. In 2013 Amazon finally made its entire library of ebooks accessible to iPhone users with the Kendal app.

In late 2013 the National Library Service released its BARD Mobile app, which enabled visually impaired and blind people to read talking books using their iPhones.

In an even more exciting development, KNFB Technologies is set to release the KNFB Mobile software for the iPhone in late August of 2014. The KNFB Mobile Reading app will enable blind and visually impaired people to read any typewritten material such as books, memos, menus, and even this newsletter.

As you can conclude from reading this article, the iPhone has truly revolutionized the way that visually impaired and blind people read.

## A PICTURE IS WORTH . . . . MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY



Getting on this lion was no small task! It ain't easy when you are only 4'11" TALL and older than dirt. My grandson would tell you it was an "outrageous" moment.

Do you know where this photo was taken? Local old timers will know. Tell the Tail Twister if you know the location of this carousel and she might give you a quarter!

## THE ROAR OF APPROVAL — AWARDS GIVEN IN 2013-2014 TERM



Lion Phil Mayo received the Melvin Jones Award at the Club's annual Charter Night festivity on April 12. Since Phil joined the club in December 2003, he has participated in fruit sales and delivery of food baskets. Currently he serves as Corresponding Secretary and as Chairman of the Youth Cabin committee, he has put in a considerable number of hours in physical activity maintaining the FHLC cabin. He has participated in the Bland Concert activity, regularly goes to Eye Glass Recycling the first and third Wednesday of each month and is a loyal contributor to the blood drives.



Past Council Chair Bill Bartlett was presented the LCI Ambassador of Good Will Award in August 2013. It is the highest honor that LCI can give one of its members. The International President is authorized by the LCI Board of Directors to award up to thirty five such awards during a Lion's year. The award is generally presented to Lions serving as an International Director; however, there are a few exceptions made that result in a non-ID receiving the award. PCC Bill has over thirty four years of Lionistic service to Fairfax Host Lions Club, District 24-A, Multiple District 24 and Lions Clubs International (as an presenter at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum).



On June 17, Lion Jim Davis received the well-deserved Lion of the Year Award for 2013-2014. Jim joined the FHLC in January 2007 and serves as our Treasurer "Extraordinaire". You will also see Jim preparing hot dogs at every Fourth of July event and hoisting boxes of oranges during our three annual fruit sales. He also participates in the Eye Glass Recycling project two Wednesday mornings of each month.