



Fairfax Lions Club News - March 2017

"Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter"



"I resolve to participate in at least one Lion's service activity each month this year."

Service - Our Mission

Vision Screening

Submitted by Lion Marty Lockard, 1st VP

Five Fairfax Lions conducted vision screening at the Fairfax City Chocolate Lover's Festival on Feb 4: Rob Higginbotham, Ted Kuriata, Harry Pontius, Linda Brining, Marty Lockard. They screened 79 people using portable SPOT equipment. Most of the 79 were children, including two pairs of twins. A total of 11 or 14% were referred to an optometrist for a complete exam.

It was a highly productive vision screening effort in close cooperation with the Fairfax Kiwanis Club and their Key Club (youth group - equivalent to Lion's Leos). The setting was a large hall at the #3 Fire Station on University Drive. The Kiwanis Club sold pancake breakfasts, drawing fairly large and continuous crowds. Face painting was offered. We were in an adjacent room perfect for screenings. A table outside the room attracted folks with the display of our new large mascot lion, a baby mascot lion, a donation jar, sample reports from the portable SPOT equipment, and FHLC brochures. Lion Rob made an excellent sign directing people. (We also collected \$36 in donations for our charity account.)

The mascot lions got a lot of attention from the younger children. We talked to a lot of people about what we do and about a half dozen took brochures and indicated they planned to visit our web site. One very interested gentleman was a former Leo.

The help from the Kiwanis Club was super. As people entered the hall, they were told the Lions Club was there to provide free vision screening. One Kiwanian took a picture of our Lion mascots and Lion Marty, and posted it on their Face book Page. The President of The Kiwanis Club was very interested in working jointly with us on other community support efforts (something I like to call a force multiplier effect). More on that in the future.

A Channel 12 (Fairfax City channel) camera crew filmed the pancake breakfast, face painting, and vision screening. They did a short interview with Lion Marty followed by filming an actual SPOT screening. Lions Ted and Rob were also filmed. It aired on Channel 12 on Feb 15th at 2PM and 6PM. We definitely got some good advertisement out of this service activity! The link below is to a 30+ minute video clip - the coverage of our vision screening starts is at about 7:35 minutes into the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityoffairfaxva>

To see the whole video (on Fairfax City web site), go to:

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/>.

These events are special because they involve lots of families. Parents want their young children screened. Then they are so amazed at the SPOT screening technology that they also want to be screened. The biggest kudos came from adults and teenagers who realized that we could screen their vision while they are wearing glasses or contacts, and advise them if the prescription needs to be updated.

Photos below:

- 1: Lion Harry briefs a client on screening results
- 2: Lion Rob conducts a screening with the SPOT system
3. Lion Marty speaks on Channel 12 video



WELL DONE MARTY & TEAM!!!



Lions Marty and Harry, and Mascot - Vision Screening



Do we have a name yet for the Mascot?

Nursing Home Bongo

The Fairfax Lions hosted Bingo Night at the Fairfax Nursing Center on Wednesday, February 15. Eleven nursing center residents participated. Volunteers from our club were Lions Anh-Thu Phan, Jeff Root, and Michael Rumberg. These Lions were assisted by family members of two of the nursing center residents.

Bland Contest

*Submitted by Lion Jeff Root, Chairperson
Fairfax Lions James Bland Music Contest*

On February 12, Fairfax Lions Club hosted its annual James Bland Music Contest at St. George's United Methodist Church.

Lions Clubs across Virginia run local contests to promote cultural and educational opportunities for musically talented young people (primarily of high school age). Winners compete to advance to State level contests. At State level, music scholarships are awarded to the top twelve finalists. Past scholarship winners have attended some of the best music schools. For example, state finalists from 2015-2016 enrolled in the Peabody Conservatory of Music of John Hopkins University, the Juilliard School of Music, Oberlin School of Music, Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, Columbia University, Manhattan School of Music, Carnegie Mellon Musical Theater Program, Yale University, the Earl V. Moore School of Music at the

University of Michigan, and Princeton. The contest is named for James A. Bland, an African-American who was a popular composer in the late 1800's.

In our Club's contest on Feb 12th, ten pianists and three vocalists competed. The instrumental winner was pianist Alexander Suh, an 8th grader at Lake Braddock Middle School, who performed "L'alouette (The Lark)" by Balakirev. The vocal winner was soprano Kirsten Tierney, a 7th grader at Longfellow Middle School, who sang "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" by Roger Quilter. Alexander and Kirsten will compete in the Region III Bland Music Contest on Tuesday, March 14.

The contest judges on February were:

Instrumental: Andrea Lockard (Lion Marty's daughter) and Devyn Wilcox

Vocal: Sang-mi McHale and Deborah Miller

And many thanks go to several volunteers who made our Club's contest a success:

- Suleiman and Meera Alibhai and daughter
- Lion Marty Lockard - Lion Dave MacPherson
- PDG Karen and PCC Harry Parker
- Lion Jeff and Penny Root - Lion Michael Rumberg
- Lion Ken and Diane Schutz



Bland contestants with Bland Chairperson Lion Jeff Root



Bland vocal contestants with judges

Eye Glass Donations

Lion Scott Dulaney Reports

For this fiscal year, we have collected 5,287 pairs of donated eyeglasses and nine hearing aids. These all go into the recycling process for cleaning-repair-testing-packaging, with resulting serviceable items going to persons in need.

Fund Raising - Underpinning Our Service Mission

Vehicle Donation Program

Lion Ken Schutz reports four vehicles have been donated since the first of this Lions year; two have been sold at auction so far. The two vehicles sold netted a total of only \$68 for our charity account...we can only imagine they must have been real clunkers!

Don't let these meager returns dismay you. Many cars donated for charity are actually worth significant money. We must continue advertising this program at every opportunity (have you put a card on your company bulletin board?) and let the process unfold. This fund raiser certainly does not require much effort on anyone's part. So help us spread the news.

Any person with a vehicle they might donate - ask them to call 844-455-4667. The trained staff will answer any questions, and take it from there.

More at: <http://www.fairfaxlions.org/donate-a-vehicle/>

Next Citrus Fruit Sale

March 9-11

The work starts Wednesday evening, March 8th, when we unload the 18-wheeler delivering fresh Florida fruit to our sales location. Be there by 6pm - if you can make it.

Actually, unloading is not the real START of work. Your Fruit Sale Committee has been doing prep-work since the December fruit sale ended: deciding on order quantities and placing the order with the orange and grapefruit grove, scheduling the van (which we use to temporarily stove fruit) to be positioned at our sales location, acquiring other products to sell (peanuts, etc), deciding prices and getting price signs made, getting discount coupons to past customers, signing up Lions to work the sale, and SETTING UP ON-SITE ADVERTISING SIGNS. This last item is capitalized because a lot of work went into it over the past month. If you ever handled the old plywood signs and erector-set wood framing used to mount them - you know they were "beat up" from years of use, heavy, and very time consuming to set-up. Lion Ted Kuriata fixed all those problems.

Ted designed a lightweight, durable, and easy use to use sign system; he obtained Board approval and purchased all the materials; then Ted rounded up a team of Lions and on February 18 set the new signs up.

One look will tell you this is probably an improved and more attractive system:



New Fruit Sale Signage
Designed and Procured by Ted Kuriata



Several Lions conduct the set-up process. Shown (L to R) are Joe Breda, Ted Kuriata, Marty Lockard, Jim Davis

Lion Mike Rumberg bought his two sons to supervise the work.

On the left is Marty, not Mike, with the Rumberg boys



We all know the November, December and March citrus fruit sales are the primary fund raisers to generate funds for our annual Charity budget. For next week, let's hope for good fruit, good weather, and good numbers of customers!

Dinner Meetings

Feb 7th

Our speaker was Dr. Frederic Schroeder, First Vice President of the National Federation of the Blind. His presentation was very thought provoking and he is an eloquent speaker. Through experiential examples he discussed the current misconceptions business owners and individuals have in the functionality of persons with limited vision and the cost to integrate (which is very small).

Although significant progress has been made in the area of awareness and integrating persons of limited vision in the workforce and in the everyday things we take for granted (such as reading a book), a lot more is needed to achieve the integration objective. His experiences with the UN on progressing the functionality agenda reinforced that bureaucracy is everywhere and is human nature. It was time well spent for our club members to hear about his experiences. You can find his bio at <https://nfb.org/fredric-schroeder>

KL Gene Brown presents gift to Dr. Frederic Schroeder



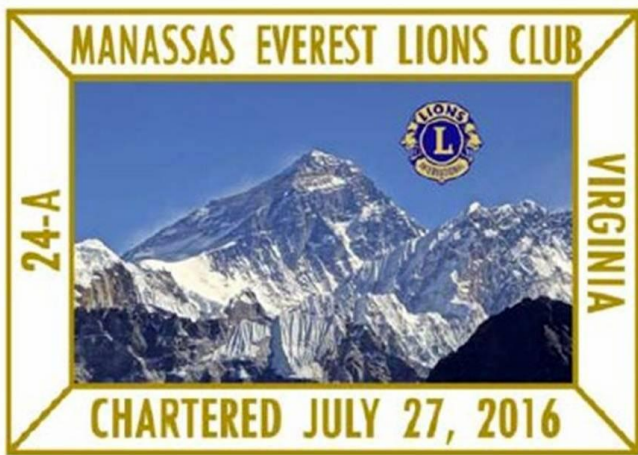
Feb 21st

This dinner meeting - a week after Valentine's Day - was a "Spouses Night." That's a double treat - we are graced by the presence of many spouses, and there is no cost to members for their spouse's meal.

The speaker was Ms. Brenda Cabrera, Fairfax Director of Elections & General Registrar. She is a motivated, interesting, and funny speaker who spoke on a serious topic: "Preventing Voter Fraud."

By the way, 1st VP Marty Lockard is an Electronic Poll Book Officer for Precinct 3 in Fairfax City, and had to miss this meeting because he was working at the special election for mayor. All election officers go to the Registrar's Office and vote absentee before any election. Marty was there and ran into Lion Stephen Bilowus. Steve was getting special training to be "Deputy Chief" of Precinct 5. This is a daunting responsibility, but Stephen has stepped up to the plate!

We were honored also at the meeting to have guests from the new Lions Club in Manassas, which our club sponsored. PCC Harry Parker and PDG Karen Udell Parker introduced the King Lion of that new Manassas Everest Lions Club, Govinder Giri Prerana.



Song" (that song originally was the Artillery Caisson Song). Mike Rumberg walked into the meeting during the closing bars of the song, and captured them on video. Click here to hear the final bars:

<http://www.fairfaxlions.org/photo-gallery/>

In addition to the speaker, four guests attended: three visiting Lions (from Manassas - Lake Jackson Lions Club), and Joe Guignon - invited by Lion Gordon Tillery. Joe lives in Fairfax City, is retired from Mobil Oil, and is very service oriented. We hope to see Joe again, any time.

Back to Stephen Stombres, who was our speakeryou can find his full bio here:

<http://www.harbingerstrategies.com/our-team/steve-stombres>

King Lion Govinder Giri Prerana (L), PDG Karen Udell Parker(C) and PCC Harry Parker (R)



Steve Stombres Speaks to Our Club

Building on historical anecdotes of Thomas Jefferson, General George Patton, and a young high school athlete - shortly after 9-11 (named Eric Heidenberger), Steve described critical characteristics of our Nation's success, and the environment that can be set by public officials: integrity, trust, fairness, respect, listening (and hearing), civil discourse, and compromise. After this wonderful talk, there were several questions from Lions - including this one: "Why don't you run for Congress?"

Lion Jim Kaplan's "Brag for a Buck" moment enabled Lion Mike Rumberg to brag about spouse Marisela's recent successes as a quilting genius: Marisela has been invited as a guest instructor at Glen Echo Park this coming Saturday, 4-6pm; and she has been accepted as an exhibiting artist at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria. <http://www.quiltsbymarisela.com/home.html>

Lion Gordon Tillery asked for a show of hands - those interested in a regular "dinner-out" at The Auld Shebeen restaurant. The restaurant will donate a portion of what we spend to our charities account; if 6-7 couples participate, we can buy one more pair of eyeglasses for a needy person in our community each month. Nine Lions raised their hands - so, we will test start this program in April - watch for more information.

50-50 winners: Phil Mayo, and Joe Breda

March 7th

If you missed the March 7 meeting, you missed a wonderful speaker: Stephen Stombres - who acted as the temporary Mayor of Fairfax City for seven months, between the departure of Mayor Silverthorne and the special election for a new Mayor on Feb 7th, 2017.

In the absence of our King Lion (on travel to Texas), 1st VP Marty Lockard chaired the meeting. After the usual opening pledge, song and invocation, we enjoyed a meat- and vege-lasagna dinner. By the way, the song (led by Lion Joe Bread) was "As The Lions Go Roaring Along." It is sung to the tune of what is now the "Army



1st VP Marty Thanks Speaker Steve Stombres

Board Meeting - February 28th

A few hi-lites of the Board meeting:

- Board approved an expenditure of \$1000 for the Fairfax Little League teams we sponsor (this is a planned item in our Charity Budget).
- Much discussion on improving quality of dinner meetings, and also on club membership.
- Board approved a test of a quarterly award associated with meeting attendance and 50-50 participation. You should have seen an email (sent 3-1-2017) from PCC Bill Bartlett announcing the details. It kicks off April 1.
- Board approved a "retreat" in June for the outgoing Board and the incoming Board. Purpose is to brainstorm solutions to declining membership. Director Joe Breda offered to host the event at his mountain home.
- Board approved a proposal by 1st VP Marty Lockard to submit the very successful youth camp cabin renovation project led by Ted Kuriata for consideration as a " LCI Centennial Legacy Level 2 Project and LCI Centennial Service Challenge." (See Marty for more info.)
- In the photo below, you may think you are looking at a very important captains of industry, or something - but this is just part of your Board of Directors, in action!



Board of Directors - Feb 28 Meeting

Upcoming Events

- Mar 8 - Eyeglass Recycling*
- Mar 8 - Unload fruit
- Mar 9-11 - Fruit Sale Fund Raiser
- Mar 14 - Region Bland Competition,* Whole World Fellowship Church, Oakton - 7pm
- Mar 15 - Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center*
- Mar 21 - Dinner Meeting
- Mar 22 - Eyeglass Recycling*
- Mar 28 - Board Meeting
- Apr 4 - Dinner Meeting (Speaker - "Sprout")

***Service activity, if you need one to satisfy the resolution cited in this newsletter header.**

Highlight of Upcoming April 4 Meeting

To tweak your interest in the April 4 meeting: our speaker will represent "The Sprout Therapeutic Riding and Education Center," one of the wonderful community activities we support. It is a mission-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing equine assisted activities and therapies to individuals seeking opportunities for growth. Sprout also raises public awareness about special needs and provides dynamic learning, recreation, socialization and therapy opportunities for individuals and groups in a farm environment. Sprout allows individuals with special needs the opportunity to rise above challenges and prove that with hard work, and a community of believers, anything is possible. Learn more: <http://sproutcenter.org/>



Sprout Therapeutic Riding and Education Center

Lions Information

Your newsletter editor was absent for most of February - on vacation. I want to pass on a very noticeable PRESENCE I observed - the Picton Lions Club. Picton, New Zealand, is a small port city, population about 6000, with lots of tourist traffic as it is the south terminus of the ferry connecting the two islands making up NZ. Their Lions Club is BIG (in action), from I saw. A few photos shown next were taken on an ordinary week day, and indicate to me that the Picton Lions Club is a very active club with a strong presence in their community.



Kindling Wood Sold in Grocery Store



Sign above at main intersection: Lions rent (\$30 NZ currency) booth space in a Picton open air market:

Copied from the Picton Lions web page...

Who are Lions?

Lions are ordinary men, women and young people from all walks of life who bridge religious, political, economic and social boundaries. They are united in their desire to make a difference by contributing their personal time and talents to help other people. Their motto is "We Serve".

What's not to like about that?

Recent Development in the State of VA.

The VA state legislature considered a bill (Virginia House Bill 1408) which would both require children to have their vision screened in public schools and also impose strict standards on vision screeners. Lions across the state argued the standards were overly restrictive and unnecessary, and could limit Lions vision screening in schools. Our 1st VP sent such a letter to Senator Chap Peterson. The VA legislative process made changes, and finally passed a modified bill. DG Jay Moughon reports in the District newsletter: "As a result of the combined efforts of Lions from across the state, the bill was amended and reduced the impact that it will have on us. While it's not perfect, it's something we can operate with." Jay notes these standards in the final bill having the largest impact on Lions:

1. All screeners must have proof of certification on the machine(s) used for screenings.
2. Screeners must have a valid tuberculosis test.
3. Screeners must have a recent background check.

So, once the bill becomes law, there is work to do to quality Lions as screeners.

Club Centennial Legacy Project

Our 1st VP Marty Lockard has written a Club submission for LCI, to designate our recently completed youth camp cabin renovation as an LCI Centennial Legacy Level 2 Project and LCI Centennial Service Challenge project. The summary paragraphs:

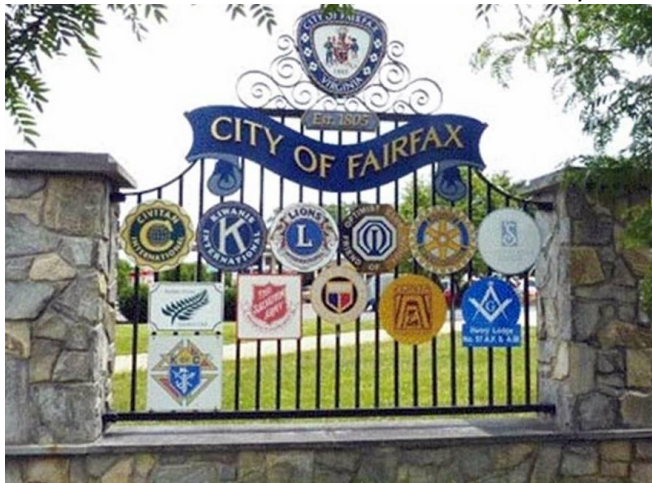
- "The results were far more than anyone expected when the effort began. The cabin is now very inviting, as well as functional, for campers. It will likely set the standard for other renovations in the camp. The renovation cost was \$10,414 (donations from NVLYC, FHLC, and a significant amount from individual FHLC members). Fairfax Lions dedicated approximately 378 labor hours to the effort."
- "The highly successful achievement meets the criteria for a LCI Centennial Legacy Level 2 Project in that it is clearly a visible gift to our community – as seen in the photos to follow. It commemorates our Centennial Celebration and perpetuates a lasting legacy of Fairfax Lions and Lions of Northern Virginia at the camp. Finally, the renovated cabin stands permanently as a visible reflection of the detailed planning, financial contribution, leadership, and long hard hours of work by Lion Ted Kuriata and his team from Fairfax Host Lions Club. With its emphasis on youth, the achievement also meets the criteria for a LCI Centennial Service Challenge."



It's Great to be a Lion! Thank you Ted for your leadership!

Fairfax City Inter-Service Club Council

ISCC meets monthly, for the purpose of exchanging information for the betterment of the community.



ISCC Assures the City Sign Represents All Service Clubs

ISCC also hosts the annual community Volunteer-of-the-year event, in which our Lion-of-the-year is recognized. A recent ISCC initiative is to develop a single integrated calendar of service activities in the community. By sharing information we learn of other service clubs' events. Member clubs include: Lions, Civitans, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Optimists, Rotary, Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, and others. Your newsletter will highlight service activities in which you might be interested. This month we include (at the very end of this newsletter) a flyer for a fundraiser - a lunch and professional fashion show at the Waterford, on March 24th. Surprise your spouse with tickets - it is not cheap (\$50), but it's for a great cause: Salvation Army. This is the primary fund raiser (like our fruit sales) for the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter.

What's Up With Lion Spouses

We know Lion Elden and Mary Ellen Wright have been struggling. Mary Ellen has spent time in the Intensive Care Unit at INOVA Heart and Vascular Institute, and more recently in a rehab facility to help her get up and around again. She has great medical care, and the best life partner in Elden. We continue to pray for Mary Ellen's full recovery. Mary Ellen, you are in our hearts - we all love you!

It is also sad to report, we lost a Lion spouse. Lion George Mocharko passed away about 4 years ago. George was President of FHLC, 1997-98. We just learned of spouse Linda's passing; her obituary:

Linda Lee Mocharko

Linda Mocharko, 79, of Fairfax, VA, died unexpectedly on Sat, March 4, at Reston Hospital Center after undergoing a hip surgery and hospital recovery period. Mrs. Mocharko was a beloved wife, mother, daughter, aunt, sister, elementary school teacher, and friend. She was born on December 25, 1937 in Slovan, Pennsylvania, as the fourth daughter and fifth child of the Durinzi family. She was a Christmas baby! She didn't have a lot of birthday parties with friends while growing up, but her life will always be celebrated by everyone who knew and remembered her—and her life was a gift to those she loved. She was selfless, patient, kind, smart, and a wonderful cook. She was preceded in death by her husband George Leonard Mocharko. Survivors are her son, George Lee Mocharko, of Fairfax, Virginia and her sister Katherine Zollars, of Burgettstown, Pennsylvania. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 11. Visitation will begin at 1 PM and Liturgy will start at 2 PM at Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, 3410 Woodburn Road, in Annandale, VA 22033. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Linda L. Mocharko Memorial Fund, PO Box 2361 Merrifield, VA 22116-2361 <https://www.youcaring.com/lindamocharko>

A Departing Member of Fairfax Host Lions Club

Saying goodbye to a great Lion is hard to do. One such person has been a Lion and a member of our club since January 2016 - just over 1 year. And in that relatively short time, he has become an irreplaceable presence. He brought energy, ideas, leadership, smarts and that sought-after "can-do" attitude. He has attended nearly all meetings while he was a member, and engaged in nearly all service and fund raising activities. He was an active member, and he observed the club's processes, products, and materials we used. He presented suggestions for improvement. He took his ideas, conducted cost-benefit analyses, made detailed plans, and turned the plans into reality - many times doing most of the work himself, and always leading. He took the more difficult path, the better path, when the easy way would have been to do nothing. He urged all of us to work with him, to make changes for the better. He led by example. He secured donations from commercial retailers to make things happen, and when funds ran short he donated his own personal money to bring a project to completion. Our newsletters have been filled with his accomplishments...(this will give away his identity) think about the renovated cabin at the Lions Youth Camp, and the new signs at the fruit sale. We are a better Club because of him.

Then a wonderful thing happened in his life - a house and property he has yearned for over many years came on the market - and he was able to purchase it. The bad news (for us) is, that means he is moving away. We will miss, more than is possible to say, this Lion - a terrific presence in our Club's life if only for a relatively brief time, and of course his lovely spouse Ellen. We wish them a wonderful transition and a great future life. Our friend, and can-do Lion - Ted Kuriata...You-the-Man!!!!



Lion Ted Kuriata

Passing of Former Member, Fairfax Host Lions Club

Obituary - Richard E. "Dick" Burington

March 21, 1927 - January 31, 2017

Resided in Springfield, VA



Beloved husband of Marie "Mary" Burington; father of John Burington (Cheryl), Jennet "Jenny" Burington and Jeanne Burington; brother of Artha Jean Snyder and Juanita "Nita" Sulmonetti. Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 2 to 4 PM. Memorial service at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA 22310 on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 10:30 AM. Inurnment Fairfax Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cameron United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Some Useful "Tech" Info

Somehow I got on the mailing list for a free newspaper, *The Erickson Tribune*, published by the developers of Erickson retirement communities. A local Erickson property is "Ashby Ponds" - where Lions Chan Medwedeff and Pete Bennett both reside. A recent issue of that paper featured an article useful for understanding the "Cloud." I included it at the end of this newsletter. (You may find *The Erickson Tribune* online version at: <https://www.ericksonliving.com/tribune>)

The Last Word...Special thanks to...

Several Lions provided substantial input (whole articles, activity reports, ideas, photos, video clip) for this month's newsletter. **Thank you for your most important help!**

- Mike Rumberg
- Marty Lockard
- Phil Mayo
- Jeff Root
- Bill Bartlett
- Ted Kuriata
- Dave MacPherson

Without them, this issue would have been sparse indeed. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help make this newsletter!

A Note About This Newsletter

Bob Stahl was a WW2 veteran (US Navy - Pacific Theater) and a Fairfax Lion for nearly 40 years (serving as President and bulletin editor, among other duties). This "Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter" is published in PDF format, and is sent by email to club members after the 1st dinner meeting each month. **YOUR COMMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** (That does not mean \$ contributions, but your words & photos!) Send anything, anytime, to tilleryg@gmail.com I need your help to publicize information about our Club, and about you.

That's all folks!

Send me items to include in the newsletter.

tilleryg@gmail.com

ITEMS FOLLOWING

- Article on understanding the "Cloud."
- Flyer for fundraiser - lunch and professional fashion show at the Waterford

Fairfax Lions Club



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Since 1951

What does 'cloud storage' mean?



Alex Ball
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Whether it's raining or not, there's probably still a cloud in your future. Ever wondered what everyone's talking about when they talk about storing things "in the cloud"? It's probably both easier and more useful than you expected.

What is cloud storage?

The term "cloud storage" is sort of a fancy way of saying that something is not stored on a piece of hardware in your possession. Instead, it refers to a way of storing files on multiple storage drives, which are located in various locations and connected to the Internet. For example, a photo that you upload to a cloud storage service may be stored redundantly on three different hard drives in three different buildings. This is so that if one of those drives breaks or one of those buildings goes up in flames, your photo is still safe and accessible.

Why use it?

In practice, it means that you get a certain amount of disk storage space for whatever you want to store and the peace of mind that it's safely backed up without having to worry about your computer crashing or your phone falling into a toilet.

It also makes sharing photos and videos a cinch. Many services have mobile apps that can sync with your smartphone's camera and automatically back up each photo you take. It also lets you sync your files across all of your devices.

Caveats

As always, there are some things to keep in mind. Uploading large amounts of photos or music from your phone can quickly eat up your cellular

data plan. Most apps take this into account and only back up photos when on a Wi-Fi network rather than cellular data. Different services offer different security options, but take care when backing up sensitive files, including things like tax documents and anything containing lots of personal information like social security numbers.

Note: Services do occasionally update the storage offered for each of their available plans. The numbers cited here were accurate as of press time.

Dropbox

It may not be the "granddaddy" of the services on this list, but it's probably the closest to being synonymous with personal file storage. With solid apps for most smartphones and a solid desktop application, it's easy to store just about anything with Dropbox, including photos, videos, Word documents, PDFs, music files, and much more. A basic free plan gives you 2 GB of space, with a paid plan that increases your storage space to 1 TB for less than \$10 a month. (Depending on image resolution, 2 GB should get you anywhere from hundreds to thousands of photos.) You can also earn an extra 500 MB of space for each new user you refer to Dropbox, up to a maximum of 16 GB.

Google Drive

A bit different from the other storage options, Google Drive still lets you store all sorts of different file types, but they also include Google Photos, which has various features for managing, sorting, and lightly editing your photos. Google Drive can also convert common document types into Drive documents (essentially Google's version of an office suite) that let you collaboratively edit text documents, spreadsheets, and presentations from a web browser or mobile app. Not surprisingly, Google is closely tied to Android phones and you'll need a Google

account to get started, but the broad offering of services all centering around Drive make for a pretty amazing set of features. Google Music lets you upload your music files and organize playlists and then stream them anywhere from a browser or app. Another perk is the roomy 15 GB of space you get with a free account, with paid plans available for more space.

OneDrive

Similar to Google Drive in that it aims to be more than just a storage space for files, Microsoft's OneDrive integrates closely with the company's other offerings like Word, Excel, and PowerPoint to help manage specific file types across devices. Plus, it's pre-installed into the latest versions of Windows, so if you use Windows and have a Windows phone or tablet, this may be your ideal service, although they have apps for older versions of Windows as well as Android and iOS devices. Their free plan gives you 5 GB of space.

Apple iCloud

Speaking of services that are closely aligned with particular operating systems and mobile devices, there's also Apple's offering: iCloud. If you're an Apple devotee or even if you've got mostly Apple devices like a Mac and an iPhone or iPad, this may be the simplest solution. In addition to enhanced photo-storage and -management features, iCloud lets you back up your phone contacts and even helps find your lost iPhone or iPad. The free plan starts with 5 GB of storage, with paid plans offering more space.

Amazon

Amazon's enterprise cloud storage forms the back-end of a lot of large storage systems out there, so it only makes sense that they'd offer personal file storage to consumers. If you're an Amazon Prime member and/or a Kindle Fire owner, you'll want to pay close attention. Prime members get unlimited photo storage (yes, unlimited) and 5 GB for other types of files with Prime Photos. Plus, you can share your photos account with up to five people and create a Family Vault for sharing. And the app lets you order prints of photos as well as photo books, calendars, and more. For unlimited storage for all file types, Amazon offers a paid plan.

The Fairfax Salvation Army
Women's Auxiliary
37th Annual Luncheon
and Fashion Show



Fashions Presented by
Lord & Taylor
Fair Oaks Mall

Friday, March 24, 2017
Doors Open at 10:30 a.m.
Waterford Fair Oaks
12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway
Fairfax, Virginia
\$50 per person

For information & tickets contact
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