



THE LIONS ROAR

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A NOTE FROM THE NEXT KING LION: CHARLIE RAPER

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Dear fellow Lions:

As the incoming President, I would like to say it is an honor for me to serve in this capacity with the Fairfax Lions Club. Since I became a Lion in March 2008, each of you has taught me many things about being a Lion. I have watched all the hard work that you put into our clubs activities.

I have seen the dedication and hours of work behind the scenes you put in selflessly. During this year, I want to lead our club in opening up new opportunities and expanding our membership. I want each person in the club to feel challenged, but not overwhelmed, by the work that we do. I would like to acknowledge Lion Gary Maxwell's hard work and dedication during his year as President. He has done an out-

standing job and will continue to be a great asset to our club. I look forward to a great year in providing service to our local community as well as those abroad. Sincerely,
Lion Charlie Raper



MEET THE NEW LIONS



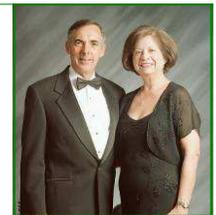
LION GORDON TILLERY

Inducted June 7

After being a Fairfax Lion for 10 years, I became preoccupied with work and sacrificed my membership in 2000. I retired in 2010 and was most happy to receive a letter inviting Elsie and me to Charter Night this past April. That night, in the company of former Lion friends, I saw the great energy and enthusiasm present in the current Fairfax Lions- it prompted me to re-join the Fairfax Lions. My wife, Elsie and I met on a blind date and were married at Fort Sill, OK in 1970. Together forever, we raised our three

daughters of whom we are very proud. Stephanie has 2 children and lives north of Chicago. Megan has 1 son, and lives in Burke. Our youngest, Allison also lives in Chicago. Elsie's Mom lives in Oklahoma City, and we were with her in May to celebrate her 95th birthday. I earned a BS in General Science at the US Military Academy and a MS in Industrial Engineering at Texas Tech University. I served in the US Army for 22 years, and worked as a Pentagon con-

tractor for 20 years. The Army reassigned me to the DC area from Germany in 1981. We first lived in Greenbriar and later moved to Centreville. In addition to the Lions, Elsie and I are members on Pender United Methodist Church and I belong to the local chapter on the 1st Cavalry Division Association. In my free time I enjoy fly fishing, kayaking, hiking, and traveling with Elsie.





GLOBAL COMMUNITY SERVICE FOUNDATION

LION MARCIA SELVA

Inducted May 17

Working on a center for visually impaired children in Viet Nam, we were looking for organizations that we might partner with. Over the years, I had learned of all the wonderful things that Lions Club did helping people with visual disabilities. I decided to call to see if they were working in Viet Nam. Living in Fairfax, I chose to call the Fairfax Chapter and got Dennis Brining. After speaking with Dennis, visiting him in person, coming to one of the Fairfax Lions Club's meetings and meeting everyone - I realized just what a special group it was and I was also delighted to learn of all the other service

projects they did.

Our foundation's name is Global Community Service Foundation. We believe in service projects that will continue through self sufficiency. I sensed the synergy and also enjoyed the company - so decided to become a member.

The first activity that I want to get involved with is to see if we can get Lions Clubs into Viet Nam. The second is to participate in the eyeglass and hearing aid recycling center. Then of course, with everything I have heard about the fruit sale - that will be a must - I am looking forward to "turning my first or-

ange" - and hopefully many more activities as my time allows.

Following High School, I attended Mid-State College of Commerce in Peoria, Illinois. Now I run an international tour company, Global Spectrum Travel, specializing in travel to Southeast Asia, specifically: Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos; Burma; Northern Thailand and Bhutan. I also run the Foundation, Global Community Service Foundation. When I have free time, I either travel or work on efforts to support the Foundation Global Community Service Foundation.

"Working to reduce poverty in Southeast Asia"

LION GENE BROWN

Inducted May 3



Gene Brown has lived in Vienna, VA since 1981 when he moved with his family from Buffalo, NY to take a job at Northern Virginia Community College teaching mathematics. After 30 years, Gene retired from NOVA. His teaching career culminated in being a Dean of Science and Applied Technologies at the Alexandria campus and the Campus Center Director at the Arlington Center in Ballston, Arlington, Va. Gene's teaching career included HS teaching in WV and NJ and then he moved to community college teaching. His Doctorate is from George Mason University. Gene and his wife, Nancy,

have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Every Christmas he makes sure the Christmas stockings include large luscious oranges. When his local HS band members graduated, Gene actively searched for a new orange provider and he met some of the members of the Reston Lions Club at their Reston sales location. From that first meeting he later was invited to speak on investment and finance planning at one of their meetings. Again, the Lions club was on the horizon as a group of interesting and active people. Earlier this year, Gene and Lion Rodney Neely met in the Metro parking lot as Gene was picking up Nancy, and

they renewed their 25 year acquaintance that started in a NOVA classroom. Rodney was kind enough to invite Gene to consider membership and introduced him at the March meeting.

Gene retired from NOVA in 2008 and formed his own LLC in financial planning solutions in 2010 after spending two years working at a local company, learning the business and getting credentialed. Gene is also a member of NARFE and the US Sail and Power Squadron of Northern Virginia and an associate member of the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron, as is his wife Nancy who works for the AF in the Pentagon.



We Serve

LION JOHN BLANCHARD

Inducted May 3

I became a Fairfax Lion after searching for a club that I felt would match who I am and kind of people I enjoy being with. My father-in-law was a Lion in Urbana, Illinois most of his adult life and I witnessed the fun and brotherhood he enjoyed. He passed away a few years ago and I vowed that I would renew his Lion legacy at the first opportunity. I'm eager to try various Lion activities, but I'm anticipating the fruit sales and concession events as my focus. My wife and I spent many years working fund raising for our daughters' marching band activities: hot dogs, pretzels, soda, raffle tickets, candy-you name it, we've sold it. I'm an amateur trumpet aficionado, and will eventually play again with community bands or orchestras. Also, I can be seen "on ice" at the Fairfax Ice Arena as an aging, amateur ice hockey player in the senior league. My "education" was as a farm boy aka

"John Boy" (from the Waltons), and then at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. I'm a newly licensed Virginia Real Estate Licensee affiliated with Weichert Realtors and I'm a business owner-operator of AmeriSpec Home Inspection Service. My wife and I relocated and re-invented our lives to be closer to our family. We do many things together including: concerts, sports events, sight-seeing, and good-ole backyard BBQs. My parents relocated to McLean from Illinois nearly 30 years ago. We often visited this area to be with them. We stayed in Illinois until our daughters were nearly out of college, then my wife and I went to Naples, Florida for 11 years. We founded a community association management business that served common interest housing associations, condos and HOA groups. After

8 years of that work, we sold our interest in that business and could go anywhere. But, again the call to be closer to family was greatest. We've just purchased our first house in the area, and are making some upgrades to call it home. My wife of 37 years, Megan, is a Surgical First Assistant at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. My older daughter, Amanda, is a mathematics teacher at Mary Ellen Henderson MS, Falls Church City. My younger daughter, Kelly, works for the FCPS Head Start program in Dunn Loring. Other family members cover Arlington to Leesburg.



LION SANDY MAYO

Inducted June 7

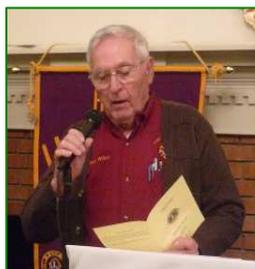
As I mentioned in my introductory remarks at the meeting on June 7, individuals should be able to describe themselves in ten subject words. "**Lion**" is my latest word. Now for the other nine words: **Virginia** – I was born at home in Round Hill and grew up in Purcellville (both in Loudoun County). My family moved to Arlington when I was twelve. Both Phil and I graduated from Wakefield High School (he is a year ahead of me, but we both were in Latin class together in the 9th and 10th grades). **History** – How can one be a Virginian and not love history! My love of history culminated in achieving the BA and MA degrees from GMU. **Docent** – In conjunction with my love of history, I am a docent at Gunston Hall, home of George Mason. When giving tours of children around the plantation, you

never know what questions you will be faced with. One question posed to me recently by a 4th grader was "How come there were so many babies?" **Books** – Most of my reading concerns the 18th century history and biography. As Thomas Jefferson wrote "*I cannot live without books.*" **Quotes** – The gathering of quotes has developed into the semblance of a hobby for me. I have a particular interest in Presidential history – who can forget Warren Harding's famous quote "If I were a woman, I would be pregnant all the time as I cannot say No." And of course, my 5 year old grandson is a wealth of memorable quotes: sage wisdom can be found in "Don't eat the soap" and "Food makes you poop." **Memories** – Are not memories the history of our being? Memories of fun times provide the best inheritance for our children... and

grandchildren. **Writing** – I am one of a dying breed – I write letters! And not just notes – I am talking about epistles of three to four typed pages. One year our Christmas letter was six pages long! My love of writing has extended to keeping journals – two published as "Reflections Among the Usual Days" and "At Sixty." **Family** – Times spent with my family convict me of how precious time is and how we must be with one another as often as possible. And here is a quote for you: "*Everyone begins life as part of a family . . . Making the most of it is a lifelong opportunity.*" **Grandmother** – I have two grandchildren: Josh (5) and Anna (15 months). As our son, Travis, and his wife, Beth, live about a half-mile from us, Grammie and PawPaw get many opportunities to babysit. Furthermore, I think they will eventually send me into bankruptcy!

MORE THAN JUST A “MOMENT” Lion Marilyn Tanner, Membership Chair

As this Lions’ year draws to a close, let’s take a moment to remember all of many “Membership Moments” that helped to make our dinner meetings more lively and enjoyable. Sometimes a moment of fun can lead to a lifetime of service.



Our club’s poet laureate, Lion Ben Wiles, kicked off the first “Moment”, when he wrote and recited his poem *Being A Lion* at the March 1 dinner meeting.



Phillipe de Leon (aka Lion Phil Mayo) set the record straight about Julius Caesar’s death on March 15th, with the telling of his Ides of March joke.

In April, Lion Don Ballard reminded us that, while deaf jokes may be funny, being deaf (even partially) is not – protect your hearing!

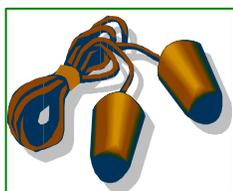
Bunnies, Chuck Higdon and Lion Marilyn Tanner, delivered a sweet treat and a special pin (designed by PCC Bill Smith) to members and guests at Charter Night.

And, who could ever forget Sonny & Cher (Lions Bill Trent and Ron Kronz) who came all the way from Heaven and Hollywood to serenade our newest Lions during Mini-Membership Night? Indeed, we want you, babe!!

Then came head cheerleader Lion Suzanne Greenwalt with her cheerleading squad (Lions Steve Haywood, Pete Conklin, Jim Kaplan, Bill Trent and Ron Kronz), who proved that L-I-O-N-S really does spell F-U-N!!

At the June 7 dinner meeting, Lion Bill Trent spearheaded a food collection “Moment”, when club members served their community by donating food items to feed the hungry in Northern Virginia. Lions Steve Haywood and Marilyn Tanner joined Bill and District Governor Dennis Brining to deliver the food to area food bank, Food for Others.

And, for our final “Moment” of the year, we were treated to a Lionswear Fashion Show, featuring Lions Jim Kaplan, John Blanchard, Huey Sullivan, Marilyn Tanner, Bill Trent, Mike Rumberg, Bill Bartlett, Elden Wright, Phil Mayo, Jim Davis, Steve Haywood, Suzanne Greenwalt, and the newest member of the Fairfax Host Lions Club. Tonight, we bid “welcome” and “farewell” at the same time, to a beloved Fairfax Lion.



MELVIN JONES RECIPIENT: MARILYN TANNER

April 16

I'm honored to have been presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the celebration of Fairfax Host Lions Club's 60th Charter Night. I was inducted into the club in May 2003, and was very fortunate to have Lion PJ Story as my sponsor. PJ introduced me to each Lion and made sure I was familiar with every club activity. It was her enthusiasm about being a Lion, and serving others, that really got me hooked!

During my time as a FHLC Lion, I've

had fun rolling fruit, delivering food baskets, picking up trash, recycling eyeglasses, selling hotdogs and hamburgers and 50/50 tickets, chairing Bland music competitions, working at blood drives, being Lion of the Year (2008-2009), performing sight screenings, serving on the club's Board of Directors, serving on the VLEI Board of Directors, and chairing the Membership Committee. I'm proud to join the club's elite group of

Melvin Jones Fellows, and know that the contribution made to LCIF in my name will serve others in need.



MELVIN JONES RECIPIENT: JEFF ROOT

April 16

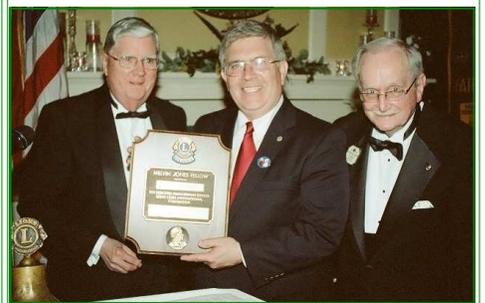
Lion Jeff Root was honored with a Melvin Jones on April 16. Sponsored by PJ Story, Jeff joined Fairfax Lions October 2005. He has a proven Lion record as Lion of the Year 2007, Lion Tamer in 2006, 3rd VP in 2008, and 2nd VP in 2009, King Lion in 2009-2010, FHLC Peace Poster chairperson since 2006, District 24-A Peace Poster chairperson since 2010, FHLC Bland Music Contest chairperson in 2011, chairperson of 4th of July Food Stand and Fall Festival Food Stand, regular volunteer for Lions' Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center, and delegate to State Convention in 2010 and 2011.

Jeff was inspired to join a service club

by his father's long-time service to Rotary International and became a member himself (1985-1988) in Old Town, Maine. He chose the Lions due to Bill Sheets and Dick Wieland, friends from St. George's United Methodist Church.

Jeff Root and his wife, Penny Root, have 2 children, Andy and Hannah. Penny is a registered nurse, Andy works at Wegman's in Woodbridge, and Hannah has been accepted into the pre-pharmacy program at the University of Western New England in Springfield, Massachusetts. Jeff also has 2 basset hounds and 3 cats. Jeff is a graduate of University of

Wisconsin-Madison, University of West Florida, and George Mason University. He served in the US Air Force and retired in 1994 as a Major. Currently, he teaches Geosystems (Earth and Space Science) and Biology at W. T. Woodson High School.



KENTUCKY COLONEL RECIPIENT: SUZANNE GREENWALT

April 16

Lion Suzanne Greenwalt was awarded the Kentucky Colonel award by PCC Bill Smith and PCC Bill Bartlett at the 60th Charter Night. Since becoming a Fairfax Lion in 2008, she has served on the Board of Directions, produced 10 newsletter editions, became a regular at Bingo nights, started the annual coat drive, headed the Diabetes Walk team and yard sale, ran the 2011 Silent Auction, participated in Fall Festivals, 4th of

July food booths, citrus fruit sales, food basket deliveries, Youth Camp work days, designed the games at the Holiday Dinner and Fall Conference, and was Lion of the Year 2010-2011.

Suzanne attributes her strong start in Lionism to her sponsor, Steve Haywood who made sure she was always included and never lost her

way, and to an active club who has a place for everyone or will support you while you make your own place.



CITRUS FRUIT SALE Lion Bill Trent

March 24-26



Fairfax Lions Club has been very successful in citrus fruit sales for many years now. Over time, the dynamics have changed some, but the profits each year have averaged over \$500 more than the year before. The factors contributing to the Club's success are (1) an enlarged data base, (2) the quality service from our Florida based supplier, and (3) the hard work and dedication of our Club members.

During the past six years, the cost of citrus fruit increased from \$13.50 per case (November 2005) to a high of \$17.00 (March 2011). During that time, we

increased the postcard and email discount for customers and members from \$1.00 per full case to \$2.00 per case and, finally, to \$3.00 per case in March 2010. This increase in discounts had a very positive influence on the number of customers signing up for the discount notification lists. Consequently, our customer base is much larger now than it used to be. Thanks to the exceptional work by Lion Ken Schutz who maintains both data bases and the encouragement of Lions to customers to change to email, our lists have changed from predominately postcards to emails with a resultant reduction in printing and postage costs of approximately 50%.

DNE, our fruit supplier, has been constant in providing the Club with high quality citrus fruit, and when unfore-



seen problems have arisen, such as a serious accident with the delivery truck or a lost driver, has worked tirelessly to ensure that promised fruit arrived in a timely manner. Final kudos go to the members of Fairfax Lions Club. The fruit sale is by far the most labor intensive effort in which the club participates. Nearly all of the physically able Lions support this event by serving at least two 3-hour shifts for each of the three fruit sales. Many thanks go to those Fairfax Host Lions who make all this possible! It's GREAT to be a Lion!

To date the Fairfax

Lions have collected 2908 pints of usable blood.

The next drive is 09/21/11

BLOOD DRIVE Lion Elden Wright

May 10

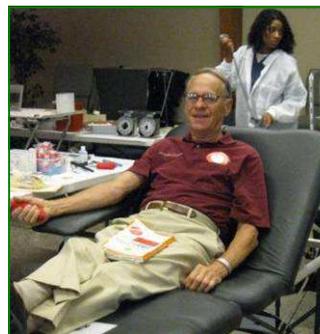


We had a good turn out for the May Blood Drive at

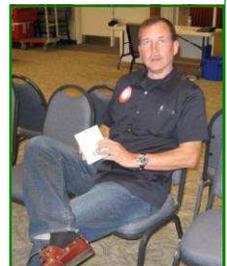
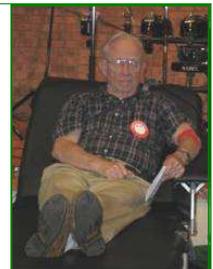
Providence Presbyterian Church. Despite 8 deferrals



and 3 no-shows, we collected 26 good units of blood including one double red. Our grand total is now at 2908 and counting! Thanks



to the Fairfax Lions support for this great cause! You are saving lives. Donors were Lions Elden Wright, Scott Dulaney, Carl Enix, Bill Trent, Tom Edick, and Toni and Chan Medwedeff.





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LIONS OF NORTHERN VA and THE FAIRFAX EDUCATION ASSOCIATION HELP FIGHT HUNGER

“HUNGER DOES NOT TAKE A VACATION, AND YOU CAN HELP”

Fairfax, VA June 13, 2011 – The Lions of Northern VA , the Fairfax Education Association (FEA) and the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) collected can food from June 6-10 to help restock the “Food For Others” food pantry in Fairfax, VA . This event is part of the “Relieving the Hunger” Campaign, a Lions global campaign taking place this year that focuses on hunger and malnutrition.

Lions Clubs participating included, the Fairfax Host Lions, Tyson Corner Lions and Merrifield Lions. Fairfax County Public Schools participating included: Aldrin, Terraset, Mosby Woods, and McNair Elementary Schools and South Lakes High School for this first time event. The team collected over 1800 pounds of food with a wholesale value of approximately \$3,000 which will contribute to over 1800 meals. Given the success of this effort, the Lions and FEA plan on making this an annual event and believe that it will grow in time, to further help the local community in times of need.

Lions everywhere share a common belief, “community is what we make it.” During the “Relieving the Hunger” campaign, Lions are fighting hunger in their communities,

while raising awareness of this global problem. Over one billion people do not get enough food to be healthy. Recently, financial and economic crises have pushed more people into hunger, and many hunger relief organizations are finding it difficult to keep up with demand.

Poverty and hunger exist in Northern Virginia. Even though Northern Virginia is considered one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the country, we still face a poverty rate of 5%. This means, based on US Census figures, that 90,183 persons are living in poverty, 30% of who are children.

In addition, at the end of the school year, many parents are faced with a problem: how to feed their children while schools are closed for the summer? Food services that regularly provide free or reduced price breakfast and lunch to our neediest students are not in operation during the summer months. This is also a time that food pantries often are nearly empty and have nothing to offer these families. “This presents an opportunity for educators to make a real difference for our students while they are not in our care” notes Mrs. Kimberly Adams, VP of the Fairfax Education Association.

“Organizing this project with the FEA and FCPS also gives us a chance to help families in our community who don’t have enough to eat or can’t afford to buy nutritious food,” said Lions District Governor Dennis Brining. “We’re trying to build a stronger, healthier community.” In addition to the Lions “Relieving the Hunger” service event, Lions conducts a variety of community projects, including sight and vision screening, diabetes awareness, to name a few of many in the County.



CELEBRATE COMMUNICATION DAY 2011 Lion Carl Enix May 14



For reporting purposes, I owe a big thanks to all the Lions who participated in yesterday's "Celebrate Communication" health fair event for Deaf & Hard of Hearing, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons. (How's that for a long title?).

Lions: Marilyn Tanner, Suzanne Greenwalt, and Don Ballard stopped by with Ray Ballard.

Overall it was a very successful day. On the van we screened 48 individuals, five of whom had serious, glaucoma problems and were advised to seek medical attention.

This year was a first for us, the Lions, in having a display



table inside. The inside crew telling the Lions story was a big hit for both the event sponsors and of course the Lions.

At this event, we collected 9 pairs of glasses, 5 hearing aides and batteries, and a \$1 donation.

Again, thanks gang for all your help making this a very successful event.



On the Lions Sight & Hearing Van, there were Lions: Steve Haywood, Chan Medwedeff, myself, Van Operator Lion Ralph Thompson, and a volunteer that assisted with sign language.

Inside at the display table, telling the Lions story, were



ROAD-KILL SATURDAY Lion Mike Rumberg April 30

The Fairfax Lions cleanup their Adopt-a-Highway every other summer.

April 30 was the date of "Road-Kill Saturday," our annual policing of our Adopt-A-Highway section of Picket Rd from the ball-fields to the Post Office in coordination with the City's annual Spring Beautification Days. In reality, this is just an excuse for us to visit a local house of flapjack-ery to replace the few calories lost while picking up trash. In spite of my arranging really great weather for this year, attendance was lower than usual. The citizens of the City of Fairfax say

thanks to those able to join us: (pictured left) Gene Brown, Scott Dulaney, Bill Trent, Bill Bartlett, Elden Wright, Tom Edick, Mike Rumberg, and (top picture) Huey Sullivan. The haul of ill-dropped booty was less than we used to pick up many years ago. I would like to think this continues because people are more conscious of littering, but I am sure its due to the tremendous amount of housing construction that has occurred over the past several years resulting in policing their areas as well as more visibility encouraging our community members to refrain from their disgusting, selfish, wayward habits. We picked up about 6 bags of trash in about 60 min including the usual collection of mu-

sic CD's, bottles, glass, Styrofoam, fast food wrappers, aluminum siding, gloves, and of course, the stray bits and pieces of automobiles that had a not so gentle encounter with the trees in the median. The "banana commuter" still seems to be employed. Six Lions made it 10 years running for the Lion's Annual Pancake Breakfast at IHOP which, by the way, was quite nice to extend the senior discount to those of us not having as much, ahem, "experience" as our fellow Lions. Nothing like Chocolate Chip pancakes to celebrate a Lion's job well done! Thanks again for showing why the Lions motto "We Serve" makes a difference to our community.



STATE CONVENTION Lion Gary Maxwell

May 19-22

The Lions of Virginia State Convention was held on May 19-22 at the Ramada Plaza West - Richmond, VA. Fairfax Host was well represented. We had 10 members and 4 spouses in attendance. DG Dennis Brining, PCC Bill Bartlett (Sarah), KL Gary Maxwell (Pattie), IPP Jeff Root, 2nd. VP Charlie Raper (Jackie), 3rd. VP Pete Conklin, Treasurer Mike Rumberg, Cabinet Secretary Jay Kahn, Lion Linda Brining, and Lion Elden Wright (Mary Ellen). Dennis, Bill, Jeff, Charlie, Pete, Mike and myself were the voting Delegates for the club.

There were some By Laws and Constitutional Amendments to be voted upon, as well as a request for a dues increase. After some lengthy discussion on all issues, the Dues Increase did not pass. Some of the Constitutional Amendments and By Laws were changed and others were dropped.

Fairfax Host received much recognition from the District Governor and Lions Club International. Lion Elden Wright received the International Leadership Award for his work with VLEI and the Low Vision Centers. PCC Bill Bartlett, PCC Bill Smith received the "Council of Governors Ribbon." There were only 5 given by each DG. Lion Greg DeRosa, and Lion

Linda Brining received a special "Script Lion" from the District Governor. There are only 10 Script Lions given to each DG to award. Membership Chair, Lion Marilyn Tanner received a special Membership Award for all of her efforts in attaining 9 new members for this lions year, and paving the way for other clubs to grow their membership using the "I" Plan developed by PCC Bill Bartlett, and her use of Static Displays at both Lion and Non-Lion Events. Our very own Newsletter won 2nd place and a check for \$75.00. Kudos to Lion Suzanne Greenwalt for all the hard work and effort put into this project, that is enjoyed by everyone. Lion Dr. Suleiman Alibhai was awarded the DG Certificate of Achievement for his work with Low Vision Screening and the Low Vision Centers. Other Awards given by the DG went to Jeff Root (District Peace Poster Chair), Charlie Raper (Conferences), Ken Schutz (Outreach / Speaker Bureau). The club received a Club Twinning Patch for our banner. We twin with clubs in Australia and Uganda.

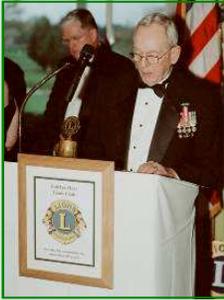
Our own PCC endorsed incoming DG Dennis Kelly at the District Meeting on Sunday AM. There were 2 elections held on Sunday for an endorsement of

a candidate for an International Director to represent Virginia. The 1st vote was PCC Shirley Wilson (Baileys Crossroads Host) vs. PCC Ken Isaac (Clifton Lions). PCC Shirley won that election 60 to 38. In the 2nd. election PCC Shirley ran against PCC Hauser Weiler of 24 D. The results of the election were PCC Shirley 139 to 129 for Hauser. We all assumed Shirley would be our candidate for International Director. As you have read on under separate cover; the Monday after the Convention, some errors were discovered by the Constitution and Bylaws committee in how the Elections Committee counted the votes. They neglected to account for the neither votes which are actual votes that needed to be counted. It was then decided by the Council of Governors that since neither candidate had a majority of the votes cast (as required by the Constitution and Bylaws) there was no candidate qualified for endorsement by the state. A great time was had by all of us and our spouses!



CHARTER NIGHT Lion Bill Bartlett

April 16



The FHLC 60th Charter Night celebration was held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Chantilly National Golf & Country Club in Centreville, VA. The honored dignitary for the evening was our very own District Governor Dennis Brining. Eighty eight people signed up to attend the event and eighty five actually attended. Lion Don Ballard served as the Master of Ceremonies. Entertainment was provided by Ginny Carr – a singer, song-writer.

A side table was set up with an assortment of cheeses

and crackers and an assortment of fresh veggies and a dip. Individuals helped themselves during the social period. The meal was a buffet



that included salad with two dressings, rolls, green beans, scalloped potatoes, chicken with a butter sauce including dried tomatoes, basil & other herbs, mahi-mahi with a pineapple salsa and London broil in brown gravy. Dessert was a choice of vanilla or chocolate ice cream



with real chocolate fudge topping. A wine station was set up with both white and red wine and individuals served themselves and left the bottles on the wine station table.

Door prizes consisted of the 13 floral arrangements donated by Flower Den, 14 computer/office related items donated by Office Depot and 20 gift cards purchased by FHLC. The grand prizes were a flat



screen TV and a set of kid's DVD players purchased by FHLC.

VIENNA VISITATION Lion Rodney Neely

May 10

Is 13 unlucky? Not for the 13 Fairfax Lions representatives who visited the club that sponsored FHLC: the Vienna Host on 10 May.

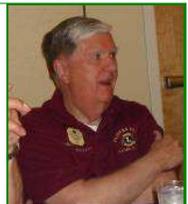
In attendance from FHLC were: Lions Bill Bartlett, Bill Trent, Carl Enix, Chan Medeweff and his wife Toni, Gary Maxwell, Huey Sullivan, Jay Kahn, Jim Kaplan, Marilyn Tanner, Rodney Neely, Pete Bennett, Phil Mayo, and

John Blanchard

After a nice meal, State Trooper Matt Downer told us about some humorous events that happened to him as a rookie trooper. He then answered numerous questions and gave everyone present an inside peek at what it is like to be a state trooper. While no FHLC



member won the 50/50, it seemed everyone had a good time. As Vienna hosted a zone meeting, we all went home after enjoying an evening of good fellowship.



BINGO Lion Steve Haywood

3rd Wednesday of each month



One of the many ways the Fairfax Lions Club

serves the local community is by hosting Bingo games at the local nursing homes. Once a month, 5 or 6 Lions will get together to host a Bingo game for the nursing home residents in Fairfax. They know we are coming and boy do they turn out. It's not unusual to see 15-20 people waiting to start before we even get set up.

Just recently I was trying to figure out just how long Fairfax Lions has been hosting Bingo. I started thinking back, I know I have



hosted Bingo for at least 5-6 years,



before me Lion Bill Trent hosted Bingo for at least 5 years, and

before both of us was our good friend Lion Ernie Lynn (now deceased) for 30+

the same. It was either "over 30 yrs ago" or "back in the 70's". I'm proud to



continue the service project Lion Ernie started and my hat goes off to all the volunteers who have helped to make the Nursing Home Bingo a long standing 4 decade success.

Once in a while, people ask me why I do it year after year. The answer is always the same. I know my time will come and when it does, I hope the young people from the Lions will come out to entertain me too.



years. I checked with all the senior members of the club to see if they could tell me when Lion Ernie started Bingo. The answer I always received was



B-I-N-G-O

Join us the **THIRD Wednesday** of each month at the **Fairfax Nursing Center** located at: **10701 Main St** Fairfax, VA 22030 **7:15pm-8:15pm**

FLAG EXCHANGE Lion Ron Weber

May 3

Ron Weber received this flag from a Lions Club during his travels abroad. He presented it to the Fairfax Lions and explained: The flag represents Saint Fridolin of Ireland, a



7th Century missionary, who established churches in the region which is now known as Glarus. In 1352, Glarus joined a Confederation that rebelled against the Habsburg Empire. Canton Glarus is one of the oldest cantons (provinces) in Switzerland and still keeps up the original form of democracy with its Landsgemeinde. This is when all the citizens who

are entitled to vote foregather on the first Sunday in May in the main town of Glarus to discuss and decide on laws and tasks that are to be undertaken by the canton's government. Glarnerland, as the region is known, is a narrow, steep-sided valley in south-eastern Switzerland situated 70 km south of Zurich.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA LIONS YOUTH CAMP Lion Suzanne Greenwalt

June 11



The Northern Virginia Lions Youth

Camp work day is always a lot of fun. It's a quick trip up route 50 (under an hour) to get to the middle of no-where, nestled on the edge of the Shenandoah River. I

showed up around 10am Saturday, which was a little too late to sit in on the Youth



Camp Board meeting but just in time for doughnuts and coffee. About 25 Lions, friends, and family showed up for our outdoor adven-



ture. We put up new signs along Lions Lane and at the picnic pavilion, demolished old rabbit cages, emptied gutters, cleaned out the cabins, and replaced the freezer in the dining facility. It was nice to spend time with Lions from other Clubs including Phil and Sharon Schrack, Dennis Kelley, Harry Parker and the daughter of a Lion trying to start a Leo club at her high school. This is an annual event so I hope that



more Fairfax Lions are able to make it next year.

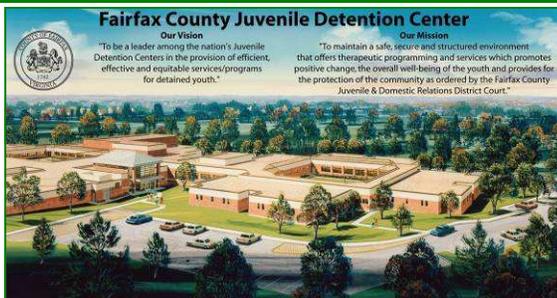


THANK YOU LETTER Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center

April 2011



The below letter came to us from a recipient of a pair of eyeglasses. The Lions have truly impacted the life of a young individual and their community.



Dear, Mr. Wright I would like to thank you. The glasses have really helped me improve school wise. Before I wasn't able to see and concentrate much, but now I am able to. Your gift meant alot to me. There are not many people that help kids like me, but I am glad you took time out to help me. Maybe now I can stop running into walls, so I can move forward in my life. Well thank you for everything God bless.

Sincerely, Jairo

Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/courts/jdr/jdc/>

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VISIT ABROAD Lion PJ Story

May 14



Wir bedanken uns bei unseren Partnern und Sponsoren

While visiting with family in Bamberg, Germany recently, one of the places that I liked to visit is the town square, Maxplatz. Saturday is usually pretty busy there with the farmers market spread along the plaza area between the stores. In the main plaza area of Maxplatz, to my surprise this particular Saturday, May 14, was a festival going on for the Lions-Leo-Service-Day. After talking to several of the Lions, they explained that all the clubs in the different Districts in Germany get together on that day and have a festival within their own District to thank their sponsors and partners and let everybody know what they do. In the Bamberg area, they have three Lions clubs and one Leo Club. Of the three Lions clubs, one of them is still a men's only club. The food they served was a little different than ours of course. The bratwurst and pretzels were selling just like our dogs on July 4th. I will have to say their beer and wine were more to my liking.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fairfax Lions club placed 2nd in the District 24A newsletter competition earning \$75 for our club. Way to go Suzanne

Greenwalt! Manassas took 1st place and Aquia Harbour was 3rd!

Former FHLC Lion Rudy Weatherholtz moves back to



Virginia. Maybe we'll be lucky and see him at a Fairfax event.

The next BLOOD DRIVE will be held on September 21, 2011 at Providence Presbyterian Church.



The City of Fairfax 4th of July Parade and FHLC Food Booth are just around the corner. Sign up for your shift at this great PR Event!



Mark your calendars! The DIABETES WALK will be held Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Nationals Stadium.



WHAT'S MISSING? Your announcements! We want to hear from you. Send your news to Lion Sandy Mayo at vadaughter@msn.com to be included in the next newsletter.



A PARTING NOTE FROM THE KING LION: GARY MAXWELL

It has truly been an honor to be your King Lion for the past year. This was even more special being it was also our 60th Anniversary. I have always been impressed with our club in the way we work together as a team. That is the key to our longevity and our biggest asset. Having the opportunity to "steer the ship" has been amazing. It has given me a new reality on how strong of a club we have. Every member has their individual strengths yet no one takes all the credit for success. I want to say "THANK YOU" to every Lion in the club and their spouses. They are as much a part of the team as the members. I would however like to mention some very special individuals. PCC Bill Bartlett and PCC Bill Smith are the backbone of our organization. They were my first "go to" guys whenever I needed

advice. I'm sure both of them cringed when they saw my number on their caller ID. All of the past presidents were also there for guidance and were a second set of eyes for me. The lines of communication with all members was phenomenal. We had a few bumps in the road along the way, but we all worked together for the benefit of the club. Lion Marilyn Tanner and the membership team made me look awesome. 11 new members in one year; AMAZING!! Lion Suzanne Greenwalt has a gift for thinking outside the box. She was the Newsletter guru, the Queen of all elves. Whenever something was needed, she had a plan, and made it a lot of fun. We will all miss you. I wish you and Mike the best in your future, and know that you will be a godsend to whichever club you join in Colorado. Finally the Board

of Directors. I can't say enough of how you look out for the best interest of the club. All the members should be proud of all you do. I will miss being at the helm, but it is always best to let others share their talents and new ideas so we can continue to grow and "SERVE" Warmest congratulations to Incoming KL Charlie and the new Board. I look forward to serving with you in the upcoming year, and will do all I can to make this new Lions year better than the last 60.

Yours in Lionism,
KL Gary Maxwell



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Fill in the Letters of Fairfax Lions Club (F-L-I-O-N-S-C-U-B) to complete the Sudoku puzzle. There will be one of each letter along the Vertical, Horizontal, and in each green box. Good Luck! Answer Key at bottom (no peeking!)

Answer key:

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SANDY'S SPOTLIGHT *a note from the editor* Lion Sandy Mayo

"Newsletter" could actually be another identity word for me. While Travis was in college, I produced a newsletter for the students belonging to our church, who attended colleges all over the U.S. The newsletter was entitled "The Grapevine" – as in Cool and the Gang's song "I heard it through the grapevine." It was printed on purple paper and mailed in green envelopes which were addressed in purple ink – can you stand it! I have also produced the "Cousin Communique" to keep Phil's 21 cousins scattered across the nation in touch with one another. Hence, I am accustomed to prodding (also known as interrogating) folks for information.

Following in Lion Suzanne's foot-

steps will be a challenge indeed. However, I will make every effort to present an interesting, informative and timely newsletter. As I mentioned on June 7, I hope to use "Sandy's Spotlight" to highlight various programs and projects in which the Lions are involved. It is my plan to have an interview of a Lion member featured in each newsletter; hopefully kicking off with an interview with the new District Governor. So beware, this inquiring reporter will be knocking on your door.

Between KL Charlie Raper and myself, we will be taking lots of pictures at various events. Any photos taken at events, but which may not be included in *The Lion's*

Roar, will be placed on a bulletin board set upon an easel at various Tuesday dinner meetings.

Finally, I would ask that you email me certain topics or questions you want explored in "Sandy's Spotlight." My email address is

vadaughter@msn.com

(short for "Virginia daughter" – did I tell you I love Virginia?)



GREENWALT GROWL *a note from the editor* Lion Suzanne Greenwalt

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Marilyn Tanner and Bill Bartlett for their incredible support and dedication to the newsletter. They spent countless hours contributing stories, edits, and fact-checking at all hours-any day of the week. Their professionalism is outstanding. I appreciate that you take it as seriously as I do. The newsletter would not be what it is without you!

THE LAST GROWL:

I cannot believe this is my 10th (and final) edition of the Lions Roar! Although I was hoping to make it to 100, it has been a great experience. Thank you for letting me report all that we do. It has been an honor and a privilege creating a part of Fairfax Lion history. You are truly an amazing group and it IS GRR-REAT to be a LION! I hope that my new club has as much to share with me as Fairfax.

CONTACT INFO:

I will keep my same email address (sms7x@yahoo.com) and would love to get updates. You are family-some like a father, some like dirty uncle Sal, but family none-the-less.



A NEW CHAPTER:

Welcome to Lion Sandy Mayo who will try her hand at the newsletters. I hope you have as much fun as I did! Just remember, if anyone has any advice to give, they are really asking to write the next one! Bill Bartlett shared some knowledge with me when I joined the Lions from which I think you will benefit: "If you're not having fun, you shouldn't do it." Good luck and have fun!

July 2011

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3	4 Parade and food booth	5 Dinner	6 Eyeglass Recycling	7 Lunch Bunch	8	9
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24	25	26 BOD	27	28	29	30

August 2011

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