We Serve

Happy New Year 2018 !!!

Fairfax Lions Club News - January 2018 "Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter"

"I resolve: when a doubt arises as to the right, or ethics, of my action towards another, to resolve such doubt against myself."



2017 - The Top Stories

2017 is fresh in our minds...a few words highlighting, perhaps, the top-ten news stories of the year (regardless of where you get your news).

- President Donald J. Trump
- Women's March
- Russian Hacking and US Investigations
- Protests in Charlottesville
- Hurricanes
- Mass Shooting in Las Vegas
- Me-Too-Movement
- North Korean Weaponry
- Wildfires in California
- Take-A-Knee Protests

Anniversaries to Consider in 2018

Anniversaries recall events and honor losses. Here are a few coming up in 2018...folks born before 1950 may remember well the five, 50th anniversary events.

- Jan 1: <u>155th anniversary</u> of the Emancipation Proclamation (ending slavery) issued by President Lincoln (1863). Also, <u>25th anniversary</u> of formation of the European Single Market - the EU (1993).
- Jan 30: <u>50th Anniversary</u> of Tet Offensive, one of the largest military campaigns of the Vietnam War (1968).
- Feb 6: <u>Centennial</u> of British women getting the right to vote (1918). (The 19th amendment in 1920 gave US women the right to vote.)
- Mar 27: 60th anniversary of Nikita Khrushchev becoming Premier of the Soviet Union (1958).
- Apr 4: <u>50th Anniversary</u> of assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King (1968).
- Apr 21: <u>Centennial</u> of German fighter ace Manfred von Richthofen ("The Red Baron") being shot down and killed over France (1918).
- Jun 5: <u>50th Anniversary</u> of assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy (1968).
- Jun 24: 70th anniversary of start of Berlin Blockade. As the first shot of the cold war, the Soviet Union halted all rail/road/canal travel for 11 months between West Germany and West Berlin (1948).
- Jun 26: <u>55th anniversary</u> of President John F. Kennedy's "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech in West Berlin (1963).
- Jul 1: <u>50th Anniversary</u> of the international Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons opening for signature (1968). It went into force in 1970.

- Aug 1: <u>185th anniversary</u> of The Slavery Abolition Act passed by British Parliament (1833).
- Aug 20: <u>50th Anniversary</u> of Soviet Invasion of Czechoslovakia (1968).
- Nov 11: <u>Centennial</u> of Germany signing armistice to end World War I (1918). Fighting officially ended on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, 1918. In the US, Nov 11 is celebrated as both Armistice Day and Veterans Day.

Resolutions

Each issue of this newsletter suggests a resolution in keeping with the spirit of Lionism. Resolutions you may have noticed over the past year:

- I resolve to participate in at least one Lion's service activity each month this year.
- I resolve to recruit a new member this Lion's year.
- I resolve to promote the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- I resolve to take an active interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of the community.
- I resolve to help unite Club members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- I resolve to provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest--partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.
- I resolve to show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

<u>This month's resolution</u> (header, above): "I resolve: when a doubt arises as to the right, or ethics, of my action towards another, to resolve such doubt against myself."

Have you made a resolution for 2018?

Service - Our Mission

Holiday Food Basket Delivery Partnership Gives a Happier Holiday to Area Families

by Lion Marilyn Tanner

On December 21st, Fairfax Lions Club joined forces with Wegley-Higginbotham & Associates, PLC, to provide nourishing holiday food to 25 families in need of food assistance. The delivery was funded by Patti Higginbotham's company. Patti is the wife of Fairfax Lion Rob Higginbotham.

The baskets included a frozen turkey (11 - 14 lbs), cans of corn and green beans, a can of cranberry sauce, 5 pounds of flour, 4 pounds of sugar, a box of stuffing mix, a cake mix and tub of cake frosting, 5 pounds of potatoes, 1

pound of carrots, 2 pounds of onions, 3 pounds of apples and a bag of fresh Florida oranges and grapefruit from the club's recent citrus sale. Food Basket sponsor, Patti Higginbotham, assisted with the delivery of 2 food baskets.

Lion volunteers included: Stephen Bilowus, Doug Brisson, Pete Conklin, Mike Greeley, Rob Higginbotham, Marty Lockard, Gary Maxwell, Jeff Root, Ken Schutz, Marilyn Tanner and Gordon Tillery. Lion Rodney Neely contributed valuable support by working with Spanish-speaking basket recipients to schedule their delivery. Also lending a hand during the delivery were Lion supporters Chuck Higdon and Elsie Tillery.

The Food Basket Delivery is one of the most popular volunteer opportunities for many Fairfax Lions. In fact, all club members contribute to this program when they participate in fund-raising activities such as Citrus Fruit Sales, and 4th of July/Fall Festival food booths. Through our partnership, Fairfax Lions and Wegley-Higginbotham & Associates proved what Lions Clubs founder, Melvin Jones, often said, "You don't get very far unless you start doing something for somebody else." Together, We did something special for 25 area families.

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!



From Fairfax Lions Club

In partnership with: Wegley, Higginbotham & Associates, PLC

Greeting in Each Food Basket



Contents of Each Family's Food Basket



Each Family Received Two Bags Plus Turkey



Bags Lined Up Awaiting Lion Delivery Teams



Lion Jim and Patty Higginbotham Delivery Team

Fruit Donations

Our Club had 45 cases of citrus fruit left-over from the December fruit sale. The good news: we put all unsold fruit to great use by donating it. The 45 cases of fruit (both oranges and grapefruit) went to: The Lamb Center; Food for Others; the Sprout Therapeutic Riding Center; and we increased the amount of fruit already planned for holiday food baskets. All's well that ends well!

Recurring Monthly:

Bingo, Eyeglass Recycling, Eyeglasses for the Needy

As most know, these three service activities take place routinely each month. Lion Scot Dulaney reported at dinner on Jan 2, thus far in Lions year 2017-2018 we have collected 3000 pair of donated eyeglasses and six Hearing Aids (all taken to the Recycling Center).

To give you an idea of where donated eyeglass go, this chart is from the Recycling Center's web page. The data is a few years old, but it gives you an idea of the impact around the world made by recycled eyeglasses.

Eyeglasses Donated to Missions July 2010 – June 2011

Country	Total	Country	Total	Country	Total
Belize	3,400	Guyana	1.050	Panama	1,900
Bolivia	1,300	Haiti	7,700	Peru	2,450
Brazil	1.900	Honduras	7.715	Philippines	5,100
Cambodia	1,700	India	1,800	Romania	4,400
China	1,400	Jamaica	2,750	Sierra Leone	
Columbia	400	Kenya	3.150	Sri Lanka	400
Dominican Republic	4.900	Kosovo	200	Swaziland	1,000
Ecuador	7,050	Lebanon	800	Tanzania	1,100
Egypt	900	Liberia	1,000	Togo	300
El Salvador	1.700	Mexico	2.500	Uganda	2.600
Ethiopia	1,250	Moldova	250	AZU	1,300
Ghana	2,150	Nepal	1,150	Zambia	2,600
Grenada	1.750	Nicaragua	3.200	SERVED CO.	ter
Guatemala	6.000	Nigeria	4.950	400	O. B.

Total: 99,865

<u>Fund Raising - Underpinning Our Service Mission</u> <u>Lions Dinner Out</u>

We met on Wednesday Dec 13th (ALWAYS 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, ALWAYS AT AULD SHEBEEN). After unloading fruit earlier that evening, seven folks joined together at the Auld Shebeen for refreshments, dinner and fun. We have enjoyed nine dinner-out events now, and we have raised (the restaurant gives back a portion of our spending) for our charity account: \$288.

Next Dinner-Out: Wednesday, Jan 10th at The Auld Shebeen (6:30-8:30pm).

Next Charity Fund Raiser - Lions Dinner Jan 10th

Always the 2nd Wednesday of each month **Always** The Auld Shebeen Restaurant 3971 Chainbridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030



Ask to "Sit with the Lions Group"
6:30 pm - Happy Hour prices; 7pm - Dinner
Order from regular menu
Separate checks; Pay your own bill.



Vehicle Donation Program

Great news: our club received a check from the sale of two vehicles donated in September. The amount generated by the sale of those two cars and deposited into our Charity account: \$5709.16 (that will go a long way!!!). We had one vehicle donated in December. It may need repairs (a 2000 Mercedes), but we look forward to whatever revenue the sale may generate for our charity programs. We thank the donors of the vehicles, and commit to putting the proceeds to good work in our charity programs!

December Fruit Sale

The bottom line, up front: net income from the Nov and Dec sales was - respectively: \$5,932 and \$7,934. Total so far: \$13,866. That is great work Lions! It puts us ontrack with budget expectations. Your hard work, giving up time from family and other tasks, and standing in some very cold weather has been worthwhile! Many thanks to King Lion Marty and his team for leading us to success!



New Sign Conforms to City Regulations and Looks Good

As usual, after a lot of early planning/ordering/... advertising/organizing/setting-up, the citrus sale kicked-off Wednesday Dec 13, with unloading fresh Florida fruit off the 18-wheeler delivery truck and storing it in the van

(loaned to us by Craig Van Lines) from which we hold the sale.

We had ordered lots of fruit this time - intending to not run out early, as is often the case. The delivery truck arrived on time, several hardy Lions unloaded, counted, stacked, and got ready to open sales Thursday morning.



Moving Cases From Delivery Truck to Sale Van Truck Driver's Nephew - Jacob (right) - Helps Lion Rob



Jim Davis Directs Fruit Traffic Flow; Marilyn Tanner and Huey Sullivan Assure An Count of Cases Received



Master Schedule Shows Who Works Which Shift



Mike "Rolls" Oranges





"Why Do We Roll the Fruit?"
Because, There Is Always Some Spoilage...
We Don't Want Our Customers to Find it!

Inventory Record Dec 2017 Fruit Sale

<u>Team Leads</u>: Please record the day and time you sold out of anything on this list. On the final shift Saturday, we will fill in the last column on the right. Accurate recording of this info will help us to make informed decisions on the quantities of each size to order for the next sale.

Item	Size	Quantity On Hand and/or Purchased	Quantity Sold/Given Away	Number Remaining	Day/Time Sold Out
Oranges	48	105 boxes	1-Trucken		10 AM FRIDA
Oranges	56	184 boxes			1
Oranges	64	86 boxes			
Grapefruit	27	65 boxes			
Grapefruit	32	104 boxes			
Grapefruit	36	56 boxes			
Peanuts	32	73 tins			
_	oz	salted			
Peanuts	20 oz	41 tins salted			
Peanuts	20 oz	19 tins unsalted			
12 tins/box					
Ken S.					
Syrup	½ gal	6 bottles			
Syrup	quart	3 bottles			11 AM THUR
Syrup	pint	10 bottles			
Syrup	½ pint	18 bottles			
Maple	n/a	10 bottles			3PM THUR

Team Leads Keep Track of Inventory Count Each Day



Thursday Noon Team - A Sunny Sales Day With New Lion Karen as Team Lead!



When the Sun Shined, We Saw Many Customers



Santa's Helper Helped Sell!



We Gave Out diabetes Awareness Book Marks



Friday Afternoon Brought Cold & Snow! Friday Afternoon Sales Declined Dramatically from Thursday's Volume.



Cover Those Peanuts!



Keep Moving to Stay Warm



Thank You Harry for Donuts for Early Shift Saturday



Sell More Fruit!



Part of Sunday Sales Crew



We Like Cars to Pull Forward, Allowing More Room



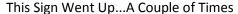
This Driver Did It Exactly Right!



We Had Steady Customers Many Times, But As Saturday (and then Sunday) Dragged On, It Was Apparent We Would Not Get Customer Flow Needed to Sell Out.



Instead of Posting this Sign on Saturday...





At closing Monday, unsold fruit amounted to 45 cases - which was disposed of as discussed under <u>Fruit Donations</u> (above in this newsletter).

Planning is now underway for the final fruit sale this Lions Year, in February. Please watch for sign-up lists for the February sale - at dinner meetings, and by email. Let's make the final sale an all-hands activity, and successfully close out our last major fund raising event for this year.

Next Citrus Fruit Sale, February 8-10

<u>Fruit Sale Anecdote</u>: One customer at the December fruit sale arrived quite late on Friday. She was part of the FACETS team assembling in the parking lot to deliver meals for homeless persons. She was accompanied by a few of her "girls" - she is a Girl Scout leader. Seeing our signs, she bought some fruit. And, she asked - "Do you know about the Lions Youth Camp?" Of course we do, and explained we maintain a cabin there. She asked - "Is that by chance the cabin called '*Fairfax Host'?*" (She was confused by the word Host.) Turns out her Girl Scout unit has stayed in that cabin a few times, and enjoys it! Great feedback; small world.



Fairfax Host Cabin at Lions Youth Camp (Our Club's renovation of this cabin in 2017 was recognized with an LCI Centennial Service Challenge Community Legacy Project Award)

Dinner Meetings

December 19th - Holiday Party

Our Club enjoyed a wonderful holiday dinner party at the Waterford. Members, family and guests dressed up in their holiday finest; a fine buffet dinner followed social time with cash bar; dessert was eaten - and judged; dessert prizes were awarded, along with door prizes and gifts for children. Many thanks to event chair Karen Parker and her committee for this excellent event. Words do not do it justice; perhaps photos which follow will describe it better.



Nicely Decorated Lobby of The Waterford at Fair Oaks

Fairfax Host Lions Club

Holiday Dinner Party

December 19, 2017



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Web Page: www.fairfaxlions.org

Car Donation Program:

http://www.fairfaxlions-cardonations.org

Email: info@fairfaxlions.org



Program for Holiday Dinner



Greeters Karen Parker, Terry & Joe Breda



Gary Maxwell with Centerpieces, Courtesy of Flower Den



Smiles



And Smiles



And More Smiles



Members, Family and Guests



Adults Socializing



Along with Children and Guests



Dessert is a BIG Hit



Folks Queue Up for Dessert



More Dessert



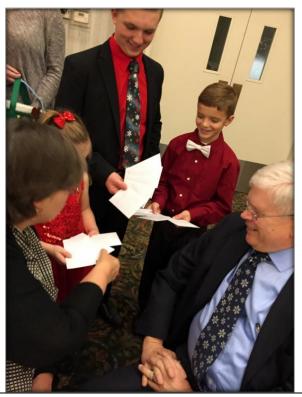
Every One Wants a Taste



Jim Announces Winners of Dessert Contest



Penny Wins Best Dessert Grand Prize



Door Prizes for Lucky Ticket Holders



Chuck and Marilyn Gave Their Flower Prize to Elsie



Event Chair Karen Parker Presents Gifts to Children

January 2nd Dinner Meeting

The theme was "Stopping the Spread of a Devastating Disease." After a meal of steak and stuffed chicken, our Guest Speaker was Ms. Denise Taylor of the American Diabetes Association (ADA). LCI has designated "combating diabetes" as a key emphasis area for LCIF and all Lions Clubs. Our club has helped to raise awareness by distributing information about diabetes at fruit sales.



Denise Taylor describes the growing diabetes epidemic in the US

Denise presented a few metrics on diabetes in the US: 1 in 11 persons has diabetes; 84 million are pre-diabetic (and most do not know it); and every 21 seconds someone is diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes is complicated; it is not simply the result of diet and exercise choices (although those contribute). A growing concern is children - whose live styles are markedly different from parents...think video games & fast food, so increased focus on children is important. Denise offered ADA resources to help if our Club wants to have a diabetes project (example, a community meal to emphasize food choices).

KL Marty gave out several special awards. Among them:

- Membership pins Dave MacPherson (35 yrs), Ken Schutz (>30 yrs), Mike Rumberg (20 yrs), Marilyn Tanner (15 yrs), and others.
- <u>Club Growth Awards</u> Ken Schutz, Bill Bartlett, Karen Parker
- New Club Award Karen Parker

- Leo Club Award Greg DeRosa
- (And others your editor missed)

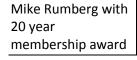


Ken Schutz Accepts Club Growth Award



Bill Bartlett with another Club Growth Award







Marilyn Tanner with 15 year membership award

In addition, KL Marty presented a major award to our Club: recognition of the renovation of our cabin at the Lions Youth Camp as a Level 2 Centennial Community Legacy Project. The award both commemorates the Lions Centennial anniversary, and the lasting legacy of this renovated cabin accomplished by the service of our Club.



Centennial Service Challenge, Level 2 Community Legacy Project Award to Fairfax Lions Club

Finally, KL Marty told us of the wonderful experience he had attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Portland this past September.



Club President Marty Lockard Reports on 2017 USA/Canada Leadership Forum

50-50 winners: Lions Karen Habitzreuther; and Scott Dulaney (hardly seems fair, he wins so often!)

<u>Membership</u>

More good news. Recall, we had a new member orientation last month (Nov 25 - for Lion Karen Habitzreuther). Our Club held another new member orientation on Dec 30 for Lion-to-be Ron Page.

Membership Chair Ken Schutz led the orientation, and several Lions attended including KL Marty Lockard - Ron's sponsor.

Please plan to attend the induction ceremony for Ron, at the regular dinner meeting on January 16th.

Board Meeting

There was no Board meeting in December.

Upcoming Events

Jan 3 – Eyeglass Recycling

Jan 4 - Lions Lunch Bunch

Jan 10 - Lions Dinner Out (Auld Shebeen)

Jan 16 - Regular Dinner Meeting (induction ceremony)

Jan 17 - Eyeglass Recycling

Jan 17 - Call Bingo at Nursing Center

Jan 18-20 - Vision Screening at The Lamb Center (1130-1230 daily)

Jan 23 - Board Meeting

Feb 3 - Vision Screening at Chocolate Lover's Festival (7am start; joint club event with the Fairfax Kiwanis Club's pancake breakfast)

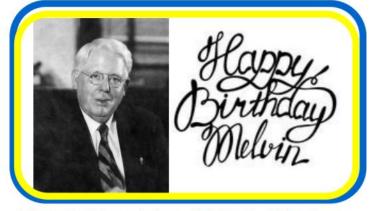
Feb 6 - Regular Dinner Meeting

Feb 7 - Unload Fruit (6pm)

Feb 8-10 - Fruit Sale

Feb 11 - Return Fruit Sale gear to shed (2pm)

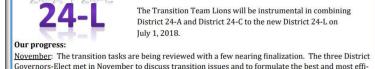
Lions Information



A Happy Birthday to the Lions Club founder, Melvin Jones, who was born on January 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, Arizona, a remote U.S. Army cavalry post where his father was a scout for the Army.

In case you missed it, in last month's District 24-A newsletter was a clip pertaining to the reorganization of all the Lions Districts in the state of VA. Our District (24-A) will

merge with District 24-C, and the result will be a new District 24-L - effective on July 1, 2018.



Transition Team Update

Please see the **very last page of this newsletter** for LCI information on an important topic for all computer/email users.

Last Word - THE MAN IN THE ARENA

cient means to coordinate activities within the three new Districts.

This "Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter"

January 2018 Issue

Is Dedicated to

- The Fairfax Lion in the Arena -

On April 23, 1910, Theodore Roosevelt gave what would become one of the most widely quoted speeches of his career. The former president (he left office in 1909) had spent a year hunting in Central Africa and attending events and giving speeches in Cairo, Berlin, Naples, Oxford, and elsewhere. In Paris on April 23, before a crowd of ministers, army and navy officers, students, and two thousand ticket holders, Roosevelt delivered a speech that has come to be known as "The Man in the Arena."

Roosevelt railed against cynics who looked down at those trying to make the world a better place. "The poorest way to face life is to face it with a sneer," he said. "A cynical habit of thought and speech, a readiness to criticize work which the critic himself never tries to perform, an intellectual aloofness which will not accept contact with life's realities—all these are marks, not ... of superiority but of weakness." Then he delivered this inspirational message:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

The January 2018 issue of the Fairfax Lions Club newsletter is hereby dedicated to "The Fairfax Lion in the Arena," whomever that may be - who volunteers to help with, contribute to, and lead club work. While we are all human, and it is possible you might on occasion hear a few critical words, do not let them dissuade you. For YOU are the Lion in the arena; you stepped forward to make things happen, and we all genuinely appreciate everything you do! We serve!

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.

Special thanks to...

Marilyn Tanner, Bill Bartlett, Marty Lockard, and others for providing ideas or input (whole articles, reports, photos) for this month's newsletter. Such help is essential to presenting the news of this Club!

Finally, We Thank Our Wonderful Sponsors

We highlight a few organizations and people that have helped the Fairfax Lions Club by proving products, services, or donations. If you may need a product/service they offer, please contact them to see if it is a good fit for you. Be sure to mention you are a member of Fairfax Lions club, and we all greatly appreciate their support!

Wegley, Higginbotham & Associates PLC

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Wegley, Higginbotham & Associates, located in Fairfax City, offers a variety of tax, accounting and consulting services. We thank them for recently sponsoring our Holiday Food Baskets.

See: http://www.whacpa.com/home.html



Craig Van Lines is a local professional residential and commercial moving company, with free estimates and no hidden fees. They have provided for years (three times each year) a moving van to make our citrus fruit sales possible. They also offer short term storage.

703-997-2795 See http://craigvanlines.com/about-us



Flower Den is the leading FTD florist in Lorton. Flower Den has provided flowers (table centerpieces, carnations for spouses, and much more) for Fairfax Lions Club events for many years. Order Flowers Online or for delivery.

See: http://www.flowerdenva.com/



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A downtown Irish Pub, we thank the Auld Shebeen restaurant for donating 15% of our spending in the restaurant to our Lions Charity Programs.

See http://theauldshebeenva.com/entertainment/



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Streets Division

We thank the City for the parking barriers they provide for our use during fruit sales.

Parks and Recreation

And for:

- Selecting our Club to engage in Fall Festival beer and wine sales to earn money for our Charity programs
- Allowing us to use space at no cost in the Green Acres senior center for our Board meetings

Real Estate Referral Program

Let us not forget the generous standing offer made by club member Lion Stephen Bilowus:

For any real estate listing in 2018, by a club member - or a referral by a club member, Lion Steve will donate \$500 to the Fairfax Lions Club charity account.

Call Lion Stephen at: 571-309-4395



That's all folks!

Send me any items to include in the next newsletter.
tillerya@gmail.com



The Last Page (Next):

The item below was published in the District 24-B newsletter, and copied here. It seems to be good advice for all. (That District 24-B newsletter was provided courtesy of PDG/PCC Bill Bartlett.)

PHISHING PROTECTION FOR LIONS



At Lions Clubs International, we pride ourselves in service to others. Our efforts bring notoriety and respect from communities worldwide. Unfortunately, this notoriety can also attract individuals that misrepresent themselves in order to gain access to personal or financial information. When individuals use the internet or phone to commit this type of fraud it is commonly known as "phishing."

LCI systems are password protected for your safety, and restrict access to personal information including email addresses and phone numbers. Outside of our LCI systems, Club information is widely known in our local communities through the media or non-LCI websites, and it is quite easy to obtain. This visibility also increases the chance of being contacted by a phisher.

To protect yourself, your club, and the Association from phishing:

- As a general practice when receiving unsolicited emails, do not follow embedded links in emails, especially if there is any mention of updating credit card information, personal data, PIN numbers, or passwords. Delete these emails immediately.
- If you should be redirected to a website, verify that the URL address starts with https://. The single letter S after http indicates that it is a secure site, and is likely legitimate. If the URL is not secure, close your browser immediately.
- If contacted by another club member or the Association Headquarters via email, mobile text message or social media, and there is a request for financial assistance, wire transfer, etc., donot reply to the message. Contact the club member or Association staff separately via email, phone, or through the MyLCI Communications Center to validate that the request is legitimate.
- Always use virus protection software on your PC or MAC.
- Exercise caution when using public Wi-Fi systems in a coffee house, restaurant, or internet café. These public systems offer no protection from unauthorized fraudulent monitoring.
- Create strong passwords for your email, social media and other online accounts, and update your passwords often.
- Never store passwords, banking information, or credit card numbers in your email.