



Fairfax Lions Club News - February 2018

"Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter"

"I resolve to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen (nation and community), and to give my loyalty in word, act, and deed."



Service - Our Mission

Vision Screening at The Lamb Center

Several Lions are strong advocates for The Lamb Center; for example, KL Marty volunteers a lot of time helping its guests. The Lamb Center is a religious based non-profit, "working to serve the poor and homeless, transform lives, and share God's love." Since 2014, FHLC has conducted eyeglass screenings at The Lamb Center. Most recently, we screened guests for a little over an hour each day, January 18-20. Six Fairfax Lions participated and put in a total of 22 hours of service time. Thank you: KL Marty Lockard, and Lions Linda Brining, Harry Pontius, Gordon Tillery, Phil Mayo, and new member Ron Page.



The Lamb Center at 3160 Campbell Dr, Fairfax



Lions Linda Brining and Marty Lockard Do Client Intake

For the vision screens, we use the SPOT hand-held camera system (camera to measure vision, and printer to

generate a complete report of each screen). The SPOT system is very fast, easy to use, and produces an accurate report of the subject's vision. Each guest we met with received a copy of the screen results, and a copy was provided to the case worker in the Lamb Center. Case workers will set up an appointment with an optometrist for a complete eye exam (pro bono for Lamb Center Guests who qualify) at the free Lions Eye Clinic at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. An eyeglass prescription will be provided to the Guest, and he/she will be directed to the appropriate Lions club for a pair of no-cost glasses.

Several SPOT systems are available by coordinating with Lion Davida Luehrs of the Reston Lions Club. They may be checked out for our use.



Lion Harry Pontius Checks Out the Spot Camera



Harry Focuses SPOT Camera on the Guest's Eyes



Screening Result Shown on SPOT Camera
(the printed report is more detailed)

KL Marty submitted an after-action report to The Lamb Center for our Jan 18-20, screening, saying: "Attached are the results of the Fairfax Lions vision screenings completed last week. A total of 22 individuals were screened, and 12 (54%) need to be referred to an optometrist for a complete eye exam. This is the highest percentage of referrals we've had at The Lamb Center since the screenings began in 2014."

Vision Screening at Chocolate Lover's Festival

On February 3rd, six Fairfax Lions conducted another vision screening. We used the same SPOT system equipment, but our clients this time were anyone that walked into Fairfax Fire Station on University Drive during the City's Chocolate Lover's Festival. In that same location, the Fairfax Kiwanis Club held their Annual Pancake Breakfast (a fundraiser). So our advertising slogan was: "Come have breakfast, and we will check your vision!" It has been a great partnership for two consecutive years.



Fairfax Lions and Fairfax Kiwanis Club Partnership

This was a very rewarding service event - we screened 127 people, including many teenagers and families. Of that total, we referred 15 people for professional eye care, and 11 of those were young persons.



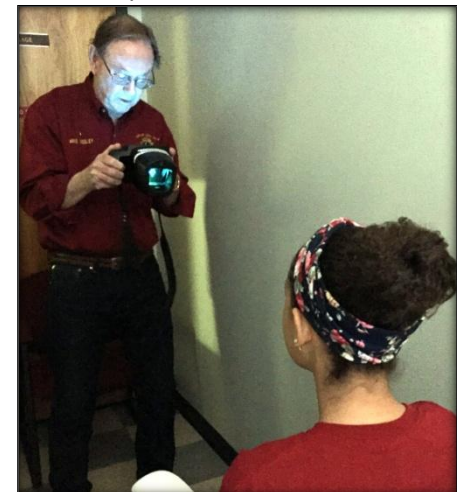
Lion Ken Schutz Guides Clients in Sign-up Process



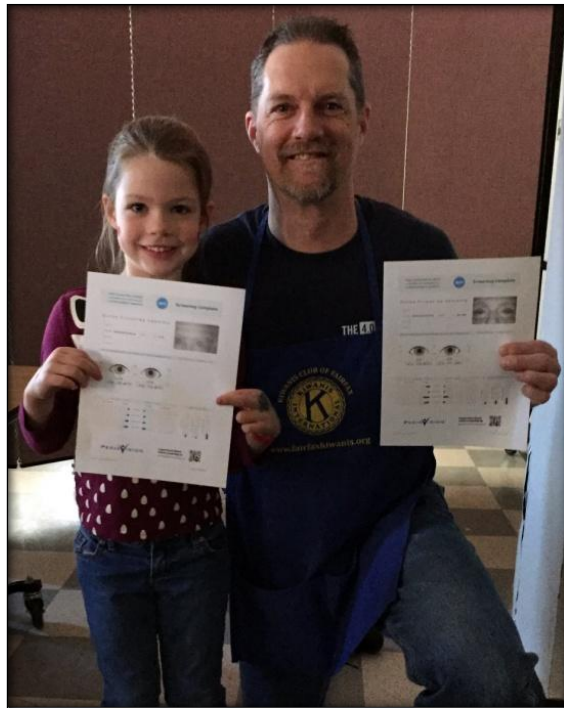
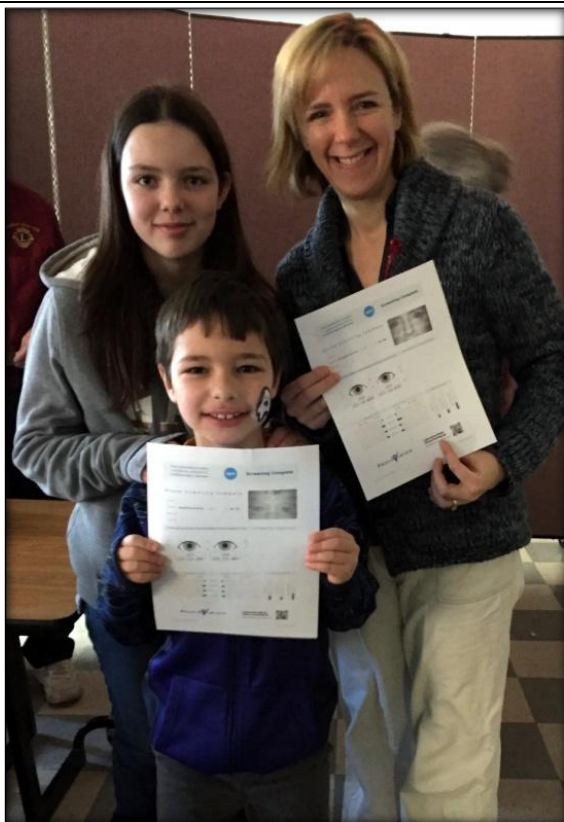
Lion Harry Pontius and Linda Brining Do Sign-ups



Linda Operates the SPOT Camera



Lion Mike Greeley and the SPOT Camera



Happy Families - Glad They Had Their Vision Checked!

Many thanks to six Lions making this service event a wonderful success: Linda Brining, Ken Schutz, Mike Greeley, Ron Page, Harry Pontius, and Gordon Tillery.

After the event, we received an email from the President of the Fairfax Kiwanis Club:

"On behalf of the Fairfax Kiwanis, many thanks for participating in our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser with your vision screening. This is such a wonderful and valuable service provided by the Fairfax Host Lions. We are honored to be able to partner with

your club to bring this service to forefront of the public and they are a better, healthier, and well-informed public for it. Thanks also for resolving the EMT training issue; something I was not aware of until you had already resolved the matter. I take full blame for that as the firehouse informed the city, only one day prior to the event, that they did not even have the Fairfax Kiwanis on the event schedule!!! This was quite incredulous as we booked the room one year in advance and they had the signage for the event in front of the station one week in advance of the event. Seems as though someone at the firehouse had a very senior moment!

Thanks again for your participation and for making our event even more worthwhile. We look forward to continuing with the Fairfax Host Lions club!

Best,

John L. Crawford

President, Fairfax Kiwanis"

State Winner - Peace Poster Contest

Recall, as reported in your December newsletter, the peace poster sponsored by our club won the Lions District 24A contest. We all got to meet the artist - Miss Kaitlin Young - and see her poster, at our December 5th dinner meeting. Kaitlin's poster then went to the State (called "Multiple District 24") competition.

The poster selected at State level was from District 24F, and it has gone on to Lions International competition. Congratulations to Isabelle Shockley, 13 years old, from Carroll County Middle School; her poster was submitted by Hillsville Lions Club, District 24F



The State (MD24) Peace Poster Winner
by Isabelle Shockley

Other District Posters Submitted



District 24A Kaitlin Young 13 Years old Rocky Run Middle School submitted by Fairfax Host Lions Club



District 24D Mia Bundy 13 years old Northumberland Middle School submitted by Northumberland Lions Club



District 24B Morgan Hardy 12 years old from Carter G. Woodson Middle School submitted by Hopewell Lions Club



District 24E Elena Smith 13 years old Forest Elementary School submitted Forest Lions Club



District 24C Mikaylah Showalter 13 years old J. Frank Hillyard School submitted by Broadway Lions Club

— Mark Your Calendars for Service —
March 10 - Region III Bland Contest

The Fairfax Lions will sponsor the Region III Bland Music Contest on Saturday, March 10. Start time is 1:30pm in St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox (near intersection of Braddock Road and Ox Road, across from University Mall and Salvation Army). Please let Lion Jeff Root know if you are available to help. Volunteers are needed for registration, timing, assisting judges, supervising the warm-up room, and refreshments. Last year, six clubs sponsored 12 contestants in the Regional - the quality of the performances is always good!

April 21 - "Roadkill Saturday"

You may have seen this email from Lion Marilyn Tanner: "This year's "Roadkill Saturday" will take place on

Saturday, **April 21, 2018**. For those of you who are new to the club, or have never participated in this activity, here's the scoop:

Our volunteers (FHLC members, friends, family) meet for breakfast and, afterwards, proceed to our club's Adopt-A-Spot section of Pickett Road to collect litter along the roadway. It's a fun and quick activity, and we get to eat, too. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend!!"

Fund Raising - Underpinning Our Service Mission

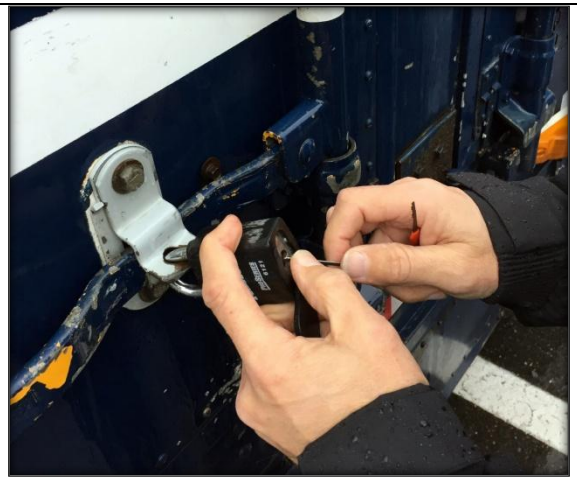
Last Fruit Sale this Lions Year, Feb 8-10

The day you receive this newsletter is "unload day," to off load fresh fruit from the delivery van from Florida.

Of course, there is prep work. For example, on Sunday, Feb 3, 9 people moved fruit sale equipment (rollers, ladders, signs, etc) for our storage shed to the Craig Van Lines trailer from which we conduct the sales. Many thanks to: Lions Rob Higginbotham, Joe Breda, Marty Lockard, Michael Rumberg, Marilyn Tanner, Stephen Bilowus, Scott Dulaney, Gordon Tillery, and steadfast supporter Chuck Higdon. We had two pick-up trucks, an essential commodity for moving equipment. Joe Breda brought his, and Rob Higginbotham brought Lion Brian Laccone's - as Brian was not able to work that day.

Now moving equipment may sound like dull work on a rainy, super-bowl Sunday; but, under KL Marty's leadership the process was quick and efficient. The only snag had been foreseen - a mysterious lock on the Craig Van Lines trailer. KL Marty had asked Craig Van Lines - they did not have a key to remove it. So Lions went to work on Sunday.

We tired picking the lock (with actual lock-pick tools), then brute force - smashing with sledge and chisel, and finally resorting to a trusty bolt cutter - success, and a little excitement!



Maestro at Work



Rob Tries Brute Force



Retired Police Officer Scott Tries Picking the Lock



Scott's Bolt Cutters Solved the Problem

Lions Dinner Out



Cheers! Rob Higginbotham, Phil Mayo, Gordon & Elsie Tillery, Marilyn Tanner & Chuck Higdon, Joe & Terry Breda, Mike & Kate Greeley

The ten folks in above photo had dinner-out on Jan 10th. The Auld Shebeen gave us a check for \$32 for our Charity programs, which makes a total of \$320 (for dinners-out, April 2017- Jan 2018).

We will meet next on **Wednesday Feb 14th** (ALWAYS 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, ALWAYS AT AULD SHEBEEN, 6:30-8:30pm). **Feb 14th is Valentine's Day - what could be a better reason to join us at Auld Shebeen?**

Next Dinner-Out: Wednesday, Feb 14th at The Auld Shebeen (6:30-8:30pm).

Next Charity Fund Raiser – Lions Dinner Feb 14th

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Friends in Your Club

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.



Lions of VA Foundation Raffle

Lions of VA Foundation began in 1972 (in reaction to the disastrous hurricane Camille). LOVF provides grants for emergency aid and statewide humanitarian efforts. Read more at: <http://lovf.org/History.html> As examples, in 2017, LOVF granted:

- Arlington South Lions Club - \$1750 to purchase a prosthetic eye for an individual in need;
- McGaheysville-Massanutten Lions Club - \$12,000 for Pavilion & Playground Equipment
- Northern VA Lions Youth Camp - \$27,500 to rebuild the pavilion.

Grants have gone for hearing aids, SPOT vision screening systems, and more. Any club may apply.

One LOVF fund raiser is an annual raffle. The top winner gets \$10,000 cash, and there are other prizes. You can buy tickets...one book sells for \$30 of which \$10 goes to LOVF, and our Club keeps \$20 - so it is also a fund raiser for us!

So far this year, 1st VP Karen Parker has distributed all books of tickets she had on hand, and is requesting additional. See Karen for tickets (or email Karen: acgakup@cox.net). Turn-in your filled-in tickets (and \$30 for the book) to Karen PRIOR to May 1; you might win the raffle! The drawing is at the state convention in May.

Dinner Meetings

January 16th

The meeting theme was eyeglasses for the poor. It was well attended, requiring setup of an overflow table. We were joined by King Lions and Club Secretaries from clubs in Region III, Zone 5, for a "Zone Meeting" just after our regular dinner meeting. Guests included Lion Gary Welschenbach (Clifton Lions Club) - Zone 5 chair, and Immediate Past District Governor Jay Moughon (also a Clifton Lion). Other guests were Ron Page and spouse Mary Jane (more on them later), and Tony Gabro. Tony owns Gabro Printing which produced the diabetes book-marks (at no cost to us) we distributed at our fruit sales.



Impressive Welcome Signs Made by PCC Bill Bartlett

Our invited guest speaker was Javier Alarcon-Ramos from Fairfax County's Health Department. Javier was introduced by his boss - Ms. Shauna Severo, County Assistant Director for Patient Care Services.



Shauna Severo, Asst Dir for Patient Care Services



Javier Alarcon-Ramos
County Coordinator for Eyecare Partnership

Javier told us about providing eye exams and glasses for the needy under a partnership between the County Government, INOVA Lions Eye Clinic, local eyeglass companies, and several local Lions Clubs. The partnership has been in work for about a year, with some good results. FHLC has its own robust eyeglass program for the needy, led by Lion Marilyn Tanner. Some of the other clubs in the zone do not; hence Zone Chair Gary arranged for this speaker to help incentivize other clubs.

Guest Lion Gary Welschenbach offered that Shauna and Javier have their offices right up the street from the American Legion.

Our big celebration in this meeting was induction of new member Ron Page. Past Council Chair/Past District Governor Bill Bartlett, as always, conducted a wonderful induction ceremony.



Ron Receives "It's Great to be a Lion" Member Certificate



Mary Jane Page Places Ron's Lions Member Pin



Lion Bill Bartlett Conducts Induction Ceremony



New Lion Ron Tells Us a Little About Himself

Tail Twister, Lion Jim Kaplan - who could not attend this meeting - had asked Lion Marilyn Tanner to talk about the "trail" that led her to become a Lion. Marilyn told us that in the Spring of 2003, a club member invited her to participate in two service projects -- "Christmas in April", and "Roadkill Saturday." Those were such positive

experiences for her, that she joined the club in May 2003. Marilyn spoke from the heart, saying she does not have polished public speaking skills (could have fooled us!), but she is very happy to use the skills and abilities she has to serve those in need in our community.



Lion Marilyn Tanner Discusses Her "Lions Trail"

50-50 winners: Guest Tony Gabro, and Lion Ken Schutz. Both winners graciously donated their winnings (\$35 each) back to Fairfax Lions Club.

After our regular meeting, Lion Gary Welschenbach, Zone 5 chair led a 15-minute zone meeting.

February 6th Dinner Meeting



Mike Greeley with Guest Ed Armstrong, King Lion Marty

We had five dinner tables, each mostly full, and the theme was Veterinarians and Favorite Pets. Lion Karen Habitzreuther, who just returned from a work trip to Nigeria, told us about veterinarians and her second career as a vet. In particular, we learned about "One Health Initiative," to unite human and veterinary medicine and forge co-equal, all inclusive collaborations between physicians, osteopathic physicians, veterinarians, dentists, nurses and other scientific-health and environmentally related disciplines. More than 900 prominent scientists,

physicians and veterinarians worldwide have endorsed the initiative. The drivers for this are world-wide reemerging infections, 70% of which are vector-borne or zoonotic (diseases transmitted from animals to people).



Veterinarian and Lion Karen Habitzreuther

For "Favorite Pets," we looked at photos of pets Lions had brought to the meeting, and KL Marty awarded prizes to people who could correctly guess who brought the pet photo.

We discussed "What Makes the Wheels Go Round" in our club...the members who volunteer for club duties. Every member is expected to come to meetings, and participate in both service and fund raising activities. But that is not sufficient for our Club to sustain operations. And, it's not right to expect the same persons to persist, year-after-year, doing the work. Each March we compile a slate of officers and directors for the coming year, and vote on it in April. We foresee critical vacancies for the three VPs, AND we should rotate different persons into jobs.

Please, take this to heart: without members stepping up to volunteer for jobs, the wheels grind to a halt. Please contact KL Marty if you can take on a duty.



Lions Karen and Gary

1VP Lion Karen Parker reported she has 2 lottery ticket books left (LOVF fund raiser); you get 30 drawing

tickets, the cost is \$30. Please email Karen if you can take one of these last two books. acgakup@cox.net

50-50 winners: King Lions Marty Lockard, and Gordon Tillery.

Board Meeting

Your Board of Directors met on January 23rd.



Fairfax Lions Board Hard at Work!

A few notes from the meeting:

- The Treasurer reported our Charity account is in excellent shape, due to success in recent fund raisers. The budget committee will review planned Charity outlays and propose disbursements.
- Total costs for the Holiday party came in \$900 under budget - great news, thanks to 1st VP Karen Parker.
- A problem noted at the Holiday Party - the carving station ran short, will be addressed with the caterer.
- With the recent induction of two new members, club membership now is 48. Room for more!
- Plans for Charter Night (4:30pm-8:30pm, Sunday, April 8 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS) are shaping up nicely. 1VP Karen asks for suggestions on preferences for DJ or other entertainment (email Karen: acgakup@cox.net)
- The Board voted to retain its current model for providing eyeglasses to the needy - for many reasons, as opposed to the model suggested by the County Health department.
- For the period January-December 2017, our vehicle donation program took in \$6,431.78. Thank you Lion Ken Schutz for making that happen!
- 2nd VP Mike Rumberg is working to get our club added as a charity in the Combined Federal Campaign. If you have any ideas for new or different fund raisers, talk to Mike!

Upcoming Events

Feb 7 – Eyeglass Recycling
Feb 7 - Unload Fruit (6pm)
Feb 8-10 - Last Fruit Sale (this Lions Year)
Feb 11 - Return fruit sale gear to shed (2pm)
Feb 14 - Dinner Out (Auld Shebeen)...VALENTINES DAY
Feb 20 - Regular Dinner Meeting
Feb 21 - Eyeglass Recycling
Feb 21 - Call Bingo at Nursing Center

Feb 25 - Blood Drive - Manassas Everest Club

Feb 27 - Board Meeting

Mar 1 - Lions Lunch Bunch

Mar 3 - Past President Don Ballard Memorial Service

Mar 6 - Regular Dinner Meeting

Mar 10 - Region III Bland Music Contest

Lions Information



With great joy, we congratulate Lion Stephen and Mary Katharine Bilowus on the arrival of their first child. Makayla Jane Bilowus was born at Fairfax Hospital on January 18th at 10:50am, weighing in at 7 lbs 8 oz and measuring 20 inches. Stephen and Mary Katharine shared several photos.

Makayla Jane Bilowus
Dressed in Most
Appropriate Pink Attire

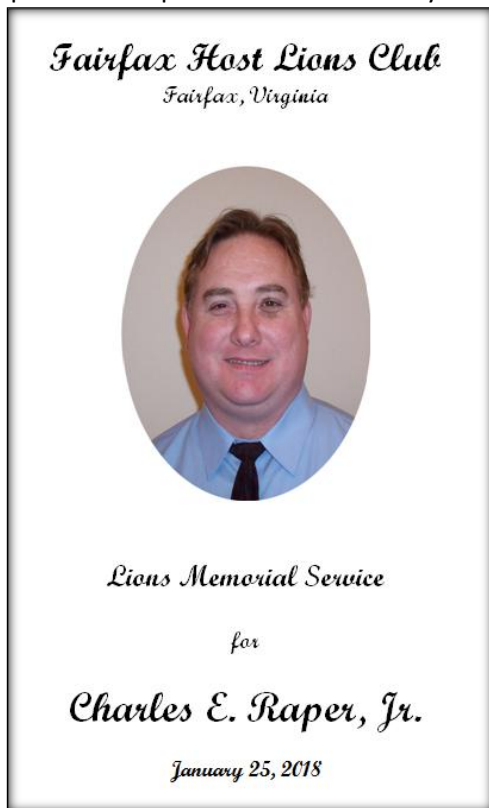


The Bilowus Family



Makayla with Dad Stephen and Mom Mary Katherine

With great sadness, we learned that former Fairfax Lions Club President Charlie Raper (KL, 2011-12) died of a heart attack on Thursday, January 18. He was age 53. Eight Fairfax Lions participated in a Lions Memorial Service on January 25th for Charlie, and another six Fairfax Lions attended - making for an impressive showing by our club out of respect for this past Lion and his family.



Under the masterful orchestration of PDG Bill Bartlett, our club has offered such a Lions service to other families of club members, and the ceremonies are always a very moving occasion. Such was the case for Charlie. By this small gesture we paid respect to the individual, and also showed the family that we care. The program for the service your Club conducted for Charlie is shown on the last page of this newsletter.

Each Lion in the ceremony wore a white carnation, courtesy of our long time sponsor, Flower Den. Please consider them, if you ever need anything floral.



Order Flowers Online, or call, for delivery.
See: <http://www.flowerdenva.com/>

With equal sadness, we share our sympathies with families and friends as we note the passing of:

- Henry Mayo, of Arlington, died January 26. Henry was the brother of Lion Phil.
- Lion Roy Davis, a Lion since 1975, died January 27. For the past six years, he was CEO of The Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Arlington, VA.

Lion Scott Dulaney's family visited the "Points of Light Monument" in downtown Washington DC recently. It is a one-mile walkway with medallions in the sidewalk honoring actions and commitments to service that have transformed our nation and the world. Scott made a discovery on the sidewalk in front of Old Ebbitt's Grill on 15th Street.



Lion Scott and Melvin Jones Medallion

The Points of Light web page, which you can find at <http://pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition/extra-mile> has this to say about Melvin:

Melvin Jones



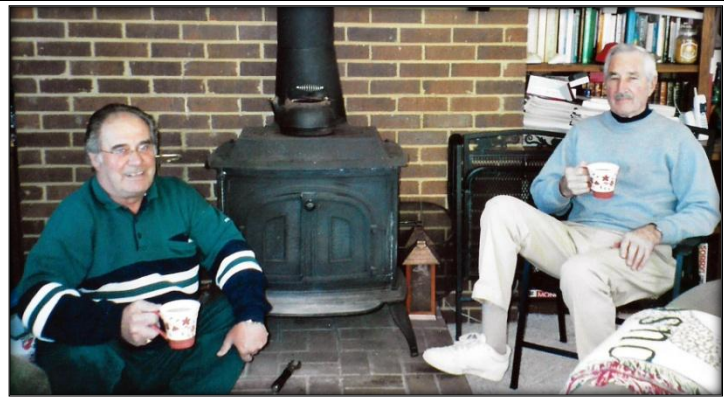
Believing in the power of cooperative altruism, Melvin Jones helped shape Lions Club International into the largest network of services clubs in the world. The organization is committed to assisting the visually impaired and supporting sight conservation worldwide. Using the motto, "We Serve," Lions Clubs seek to improve the lives of the needy and offer young people the chance to catch the spirit of service.



International Association of Lions Clubs, proud sponsor of The Extra Mile medallion honoring Melvin Jones


Speaking of the Dulaney family, Lion Joe Breda shared a photo from (we guess) the 1990's. Joe made a habit of having Saturday coffee at the old Fairfax Hardware Store,

owned by Lion Hubert Dulaney (Scott's dad). On this occasion, Hubert had coffee at Joe's home.



Lions Joe Breda and Hubert Dulaney, circa 1990's

Hubert was a Fairfax Lion for over 50 years, a "life member," and one of the nicest people you could ever know. In memory of a wonderful man...



The Guest Book is expired.

[Restore the Guest Book](#)

DULANEY HUBERT LEE DULANEY of Clifton, VA, on June 11, 2010. Beloved husband of Audrey Dulaney. Loving father of Gary L. Dulaney, Stephen A. Dulaney and Scott R. Dulaney (Liz). Dear brother of Carl, Ervin and Ronald Dulaney. Cherished grandfather of Kimberly, Andrew, Lauren, Wyatt (Dace), Mark and Kelly (Eugene). Great grandfather of Dalija, Ethan and Benjamin. Mr. Dulaney was the former owner of Fairfax Hardware for many years, and was a US Army veteran. The family will receive friends at the EVERLY FUNERAL HOME on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 from 5 to 8 p.m. where a Lion's Service will be said at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services will be on Thursday at 11 a.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Fairfax Host Lion's Club Charities, PO box 98, Fairfax, VA 22038 www.everlyfuneralhomes.com

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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...

Lions Joe Breda, Scott Dulaney, 1st VP Karen Parker, Marilyn Tanner, Bill Bartlett, Marty Lockard, Fairfax Kiwanis Club President John Crawford, 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!

That's all folks!

Send me any items to include in the next newsletter.

tilleryg@gmail.com

Last Word - "The Spirit of Lionism"

You hear those words a lot, but what do we mean when we say "The Spirit of Lionism?"

Clearly, they stem from Melvin Jones encouraging people to put their talents to work improving their communities. His personal code - "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" - spawned the Spirit of Lionism. Today, the Spirit of Lionism probably means different things to different people. One might say, it is unwavering enthusiasm for our motto "We Serve," helping where help is needed – in our community and around the world; helping those in need, and helping young people prepare for life. It may include having a generous and friendly spirit - with respect, compassion and empathy for every fellow being. It may include being fair and just to all, and having faith, courage, and integrity while encouraging peace and international understanding. It no doubt infers the power of banding together to extend our mission of service, because the needs are great and the power of service together is broad and far reaching. The Spirit of Lionism may be all these things, together. We Serve!



Fairfax Host Lions Club
Celebrating the Life of
Charles E. Raper, Jr.
Past President, Fairfax Host Lions Club

Welcome

Past District Governor Bill Bartlett

Reading of the 23rd Psalm

Lion Marilyn Tanner

The Lord's Prayer

Past President Lion Gary Maxwell

Remembrance

Past President Lion Jeff Root

Scripture Readings

Past President Lion Ken Schutz

John 14, Verses 1-4, and Revelation 21, Verses 3-6

Placement of White Carnation

Lion Doug Brissan

Placement of Purple Carnation

Lion President Marty Lockard

Placement of Gold Carnation

Past President Lion Mike Rumberg

Closing Prayer

Past President Lion Gordon Tillery

Closing

Past District Governor Bill Bartlett