

## Fairfax Lions Club News - April 2018 "Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter"

"I resolve to always try to do the right and ethical thing."



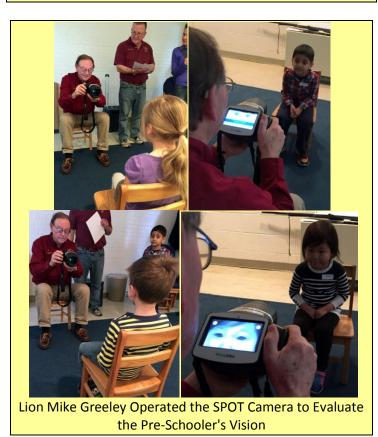
#### **Service - Our Mission**

#### **Vision Screening**

King Lion Marty Lockard organized vision screening for children on March 12-13, at the Fairfax United Methodist Church Pre-School. The Pre-school had arranged parental permission ahead of time, so the actual screening proceeded very quickly. Lion volunteers included: Marty, Linda Brining, Ken Schutz, Mike Greeley, and Gordon Tillery.



The pre-school children were a joy to be around - they are cheerful, curious, interested, and attentive. And, they actually do what we asked of them!

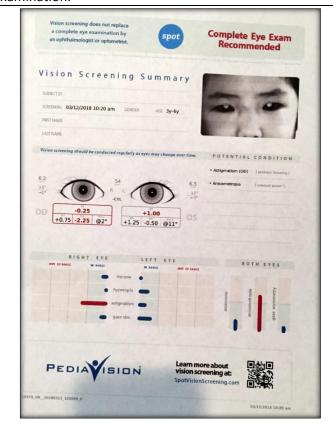


Individual screenings were fast, because the children's eyes adjust quickly to light conditions and the SPOT camera system can quickly take measurements.



If Measurements were "Within Range," we showed the child this report from the SPOT system

If was fun interacting with the children. And it was rewarding to identify those children whose screening results included a recommendation for a complete eye examination.



Sample Recommendation Provided to Pre-School Staff for Discussion with Parents

Numbers: March 12, we screened 3 adults (school staff) and 28 students - age 4. Three of the students were referred to an eye doctor for an eye exam. March 13, we screened 4 adults (more school staff) and 37 students age 3-6. Three of the students were referred to an eye doctor for an eye exam. Total for 2 days: screened 7 adults (no referrals) and 65 students age 3-6. Six of the 65 students screened (9%) were referred. Five Fairfax Host Lions collectively worked approximately 15.5 hours to support this screening event.

#### **2018 Region III Bland Music Contest**



On March 10th, Lion Jeff Root orchestrated a wonderful event to select the best vocalists and instrumentalists in Lions Region III, District 24-A. The venue was St. George's United Methodist Church.

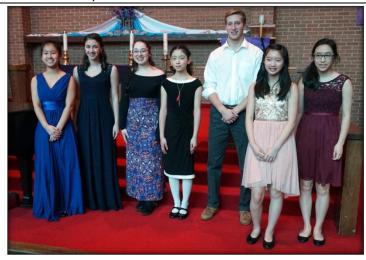
A little history: The goal of the Lions of Virginia Bland Music Scholarship Foundation (the Bland Foundation) is to promote cultural and educational opportunities for musically talented young people in VA (primarily of high school age). Since 1948, Lions have held progressive music competitions beginning in February at local Lions club level, and culminating in a state competition in which 12 finalists from the six Lions Districts in VA compete during the State Convention in May. The Bland Foundation oversees these competitions, and provides music scholarships totaling \$18,000 to the top twelve finalists - for college tuition, music lessons, summer music programs or other music education endeavors.

The Bland Foundation is a living memorial to James A. Bland (1854–1911), an African-American composer of over 700 songs and one of the greatest writers of American Folk Song. Bland's composition, *Carry Me Back To Old Virginia* (*Virginny*), was the VA state song from 1940-1997. Bland wrote the song in 1878 when many newly-freed slaves were struggling to find work.

Fairfax Lion volunteers included: Jeff Root, Dave MacPherson, Mike Rumberg, Marilyn Tanner, Ken Schutz, and Pete Conklin. Other clubs in the Region also assisted.



Lion Jeff Root led the event, and Lion Dave MacPherson was the Master of Ceremony Region III hosted eight talented young persons in the March 10 competition.



(L to R): Yanglan Xu (Oakton HS), Yasmin Gerardi (Potomac Falls HS), Rebecca Lipshultz, (Potomac Falls HS), Angela Zhang (Cooper MS), Noah Zimmerman ((James Madison HS), Raelyn Hoang (Mercer MS), and Kayleigh Hoang (John Champe HS). Not shown: Claire Wang (Cooper MS).



Lion Susan Stiles (Vienna Host) was the receptionist, and Lion Dave MacPherson was Master of the Ceremony.



Vocal Contestant Noah Zimmerman (Center) Arrives With His Mom and Piano Accompaniment



Violin Contestant Yanglan Xu (R) Arrives with Dad



Piano Contestant Claire Wang (L) Arrives with Mom

Performances Included Wonderful Voices and Instrumental Performances











Two Contestants Await Judges Decisions, and Enjoy Refreshments (thanks to Lion Marilyn Tanner)



Bland competition chair for Fairfax Lions, Jeff Root, organized this regional event, coordinated the judges and contestants participation, produced event materials, and presented certificates and cash awards to the top two vocalists and instrumentalists.

**The Four Regional Winners** 



Instrumental: 1st Place - Angela Zhang







The four regional winners advance to the District 24-A competition on April 8th in Alexandria, and - if successful there - will go on to state competition on May 18th in Richmond.

Especially noteworthy: MC Dave MacPherson's Necktie



FYI - The 12 Bland finalists in VA state competition for 2017, and their scholarships, are shown at this page: http://www.blandfoundation.org/2017BlandWinners.html

## Red Cross Blood Drive Scheduled - May 18th - In Honor of Lion Elden Wright -

For many, many years Lion Elden Wright scheduled Red Cross blood drives at his church (Providence Presbyterian, 2720 Prosperity Ave, Fairfax VA 22031). Fairfax Host Lions Club was credited with sponsoring the events which over the years collected more than 3000 "good units" of lifegiving blood for our community.

The tradition continues. On Friday, May 18th, the Red Cross is coming once again to Providence Presbyterian to collect blood. Please pass the word to your friends, and schedule an appointment for yourself to donate. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

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

Eight folks convened at The Auld Shebeen on Wednesday, March 14th: Karen Habitzreuther, Marilyn Tanner and Chuck Higdon, Joe and Terry Breda, Pete Conklin, and Gordon and Elsie Tillery. The restaurant gave us a check for \$27.37, a rebate of a portion of our spending, for our club Charity programs. Since starting this monthly social/fund raiser in April 2017, we have generated \$397 for charity.

WE ALWAYS MEET ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, ALWAYS AT AULD SHEBEEN, 6:30-8:30pm. Next Dinner-Out: Wednesday, April 11th (6:30-8:30pm).

Next Charity Fund Raiser – Lions Dinner April 11th

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**

FINAL REMINDER - turn-in LOVF Raffle tickets (and pay \$30 for the book) to 1VP Karen Parker PRIOR to May 1. The drawing is at the state convention in May.

For each paid book, \$10 goes to Lions of VA Foundation, and our Club keeps \$20.

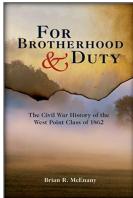
(Questions? email Karen: <a href="mailto:acgakup@cox.net">acgakup@cox.net</a>)

#### **Dinner Meetings**

#### Visitation - March 13th

by Lion Michael Rumberg

Visitation? It is intended to promote fellowship, to meet with fellow Lions to exchange ideas at Club level, and foster support and friendship between Clubs. Lion Rodney Neely orchestrated our club visit to the Vienna Host Lions Club on March 13th. The meeting included a presentation by Brian McEnany on his book about the West Point class of 1862, "For Brotherhood and Duty."



Attending from Fairfax Host: Pete Conklin, Bill Bartlett, Mike Greeley, Marilyn Tanner, Phil Mayo, Marty Lockard, Rodney Neeley, Jim Davis, Doug Brisson and Mike Rumberg.



Visiting Vienna Host: Rodney Neeley, Phil Mayo, Jim Davis, Bill Bartlett, Mike Greeley, Doug Brisson



Brian McEnany in Period Garb

#### March 20th

Due to icy roads and snowy weather conditions, King Lion Marty Lockard had to cancel this regularly scheduled dinner meeting. The American Legion did not charge us for the missed dinner. The planned program - Lion Mike Schutz speaking on Crypto Currencies & Blockchain Technology - is being rescheduled for a later date.

#### April 3rd

The theme was "Spouses are Special." All spouses were invited to attend this dinner meeting, several did, and 1VP Karen Parker presented each a pretty tulip as they were introduced.

In addition to spouses, we were especially pleased that Lion Stephen and Mary Katharine Bilowus brought along the newest member of our Lions Club family: Makayla Jane Bilowus - who was born January 18, 2018.



Lion Marilyn Tanner Escorts Makayla Jane Bilowus to Each Table at the Dinner Meeting

After a dinner of Salisbury Steak and Cordon Bleu, King Lion Marty Lockard introduced our guest speaker - Delegate David Bulova, who represents Virginia's 37th District in the House of Delegates. The 37th district includes the City of Fairfax, runs north to I-66, east to Pickett Road, south to the Norfolk Southern Railroad, and west along I-66 to include parts of Centreville. See http://www.davidbulova.com/37th-district

Voters in the 37th district should be proud: Delegate Bulova gave a wonderful talk. It included a bit of Virginia



government history (original representative government will celebrate its 400th anniversary next year), a quiz on the current government (he awarded prizes for first correct answers), actions in the most recent

legislative session, and tips on effective advocacy at the state level.

Delegate David Boluva Speaks to Fairfax Lions

#### Major Budget Items

- Virginia has a biennial budget process
- FY19-20 total revenue = \$106 billion
- 40% general fund (individual income, sales, corporate income)
- · 60% non-general fund
- Big issues for 2018 session:
- K-12 education re-benchmarking (~\$500 million)
- · Metro funding (\$154 million)
- Medicaid expansion impasse tougher because accepting ACA dollars frees up ~\$400 in state funding:
  - 2% salary increase for state employees and state share of teachers
  - Higher education financial assistance
  - Economic development initiatives

#### Delegate Bulova Discussed State Budget

David Bulova closed saying, "your legislators want to hear from you," and emphasized the best ways to do that are a face-to-face meeting or a personal letter/email.

At the dinner meeting, your club voted on nominations for the Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The slate of nominees (shown below, and sent by King Lion Marty to all club members on March 27th) was unanimously approved:

# Board of Directors Nominees 2018-2019

President	Lion PDG Karen Parker
Immediate Past Presiden	t Lion Marty Lockard
First Vice President	Lion Mike Rumberg
Second Vice President	Vacant
Third Vice President *	Vacant
Secretary	Lion Jeff Root
Corresponding Secretary	Lion Mike Greeley
Treasurer	Lion Rob Higginbotham
Tail Twister	Lion Marilyn Tanner
Lion Tamer	Lion Cory Green
Bulletin Editor	Lion Gordon Tillery
Membership Director	Lion Ken Schutz
Director (One Year)	Lion Joe Breda
Director (One Year) *	Lion Phil Mayo
Director (Two Years)	Lion Karen Habitzreuther
Director (Two Years) *	Lion Scott Dulaney
Senior Director	Lion PDG/PCC Bill Bartlett
Director Emeritus	Lion PDG/PCC Bill Smith

\* The current Board is considering reducing the size of the Board next year and the elimination of these positions.

Getting back to the "Spouses are Special" theme, two Lions spoke briefly about the circumstances of how they met their spouses.





Lions Karen Habitzreuther & Mark Salesses Spoke About How They Met Their Spouses

50-50 winners: Lion Mike Greely, and guest Louis Rumberg (who also won 50-50 at the dinner meeting on March 6th - way to go Louis!).



Repeat Winner! Louis Rumberg

#### **Board Meeting**

Your Board of Directors met on March 27th. Your newsletter was absent, so you must wait for the meeting minutes to be distributed to read about what happened.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Apr 4 – SERVICE: Eyeglass Recycling

Apr 5 - Lions Lunch Bunch

Apr 7 - Meet ID Candidate Harry & Clydesdales

Apr 8 - SERVICE: District 24-A Bland Contest

Apr 8 - Charter Night (yes, that is a Sunday)

Apr 11 - Dinner Out (Auld Shebeen)

Apr 15 - "Sipping for Sprout"

Apr 17 - NO Regular dinner meeting

Apr 18 - SERVICE: Eyeglass Recycling

Apr 18 - SERVICE: Call Bingo at Nursing Center

Apr 21 - SERVICE: Roadkill Saturday

Apr 21 - SERVICE: Youth Camp Annual Work Day

Apr 24 - Board Meeting

May 1 - Regular dinner meeting

May 2 - SERVICE: Eyeglass Recycling

May 3 - Lions Lunch Bunch

May 17-20 - VA Lions State Convention

May 18 - SERVICE: Red Cross Blood Drive, in honor of Lion Eldon Wright - Providence Presbyterian Church (see flyer at end to schedule your appointment)

#### **Lions Information**

You know our club participates in the monthly meeting of InterService Club Council of the City of Fairfax. About 20 service and civic groups participate to share ideas, coordinate schedules, etc. At the March ISCC meeting, one representative informed the group:

"My wife and I want to thank the Lions Club for a special award they gave our son."

Hearing this, your newsletter editor met with Ed and Elaine Senft to find out what the Lions had done to earn their praise. It turns out, the Arlington Lions Club had made a presentation to John Senft - who is disabled and spends his life in a wheel chair.



John Senft

The award was in conjunction with the community where John lives. John was designated Community Resident of the Month and received a certificate for excellence from *Arlington Lions Club*.



In the photograph below, John is receiving the award on Feb 20 at a meeting of the Arlington Host Lions Club, in the Washington Golf and Country Club. John was proud to be recognized, and John's parents Ed and Elaine were delighted the Lions had done this. Isn't this just one example of why we like to say: "It's Great to be a Lion!"



John Senft Receives Resident of the Month Excellence Award From Arlington Lions Club

The following is from the April District 24-A Newsletter:

By Second Vice District Governor Glen Logan
Cyber Security: I've become aware of more and more
reports of cyber-criminals attempting to compromise
personal information, including "Cloning" Facebook
accounts and sending "phishing" emails. Lions in our
District are not immune from these attacks so please read
the information from LCI on "Phishing Protection for
Lions". Just this week, one of our Lions received a message
from a cloned Facebook account claiming to be one of her
relatives stating she had won \$20,000 in the lottery. This
message was quickly followed up by another fake Facebook
account asking for personal information including date of
birth and bank account numbers. A check of the Facebook

profile quickly confirmed the account was fake—the profile picture was that of Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont! A frequent tactic is for the scammer to clone an account of one of your Facebook friends and send a fresh friend request, thereby granting them access to your friend list if you accept the bogus request. I reported the fake account to Facebook and it looks like it has been taken down. If in doubt about a Facebook friend request or email, do not respond or click any links. BE CAREFUL!

#### **PCC Harry Parker**

is seeking Virginia's endorsement for

#### INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



At the State Convention in May, delegates will have the opportunity to vote to endorse PCC Harry Parker as a candidate for International Director. There will be competition. It is important that you study each candidate very carefully and then vote for the Lion you think will best represent the Lions of Virginia on the LCI Board.

I plan to earn your vote by standing on my past accomplishments as a Virginia Lion.

### Your support for PCC Harry Parker will be deeply appreciated!

Contributions for **Harry Parker for ID** may be mailed to: Lion Michael Yuenger, Campaign Treasurer, 12597 Fascia Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192-5284

#### **Lions in Japan**

Lion Scott and Liz Dulaney recently returned from a vacation trip to the Philippines and Japan. Scott took this photo in Odawara, Japan. He is not sure what the sign says, and because Odawara is associated with the origins of the Samurai warriors he was not asking any questions!



Odawara Lions?

#### **Lion Fish in Hawaii**

The Hawaiian turkeyfish - also known as the Hawaiian lionfish - is a member of the Scorpionfish family. About 25 species of Scorpionfish inhabit Hawaiian waters. The Hawaiian lionfish can grow up to 8 inches long. It is a nocturnal hunter, preying on crustaceans and small fish. A skilled ambush predator, it corners prey with its large fins and has a lightning fast gulp reflex. During the day, this fish stays in caves under ledges - often upside down

The little fellow in the photo below was seen in the Waikiki aguarium this month.



#### **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. And please do not hesitate to let me know where I may have misspelled names, etc.

#### Special thanks to...

Lions Scott Dulaney, Marilyn Tanner, Marty Lockard Jeff Root and others for providing ideas and/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.



# Give a Lions Share of Life.



Join the pride. Give blood.



# Blood Drive Fairfax Host Lions Club Providence Presbyterian Church

Gym 9019 Little River Turnpike Fairfax, VA 22031

Friday, May 18, 2018 2:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: "Fairfax Host Lions" to schedule an appointment.

Appointments available: 2:30pm - 7:30pm

To schedule an appointment, go to:

https://www.redcrossblood.org

and enter: Fairfax Host Lions

(either create a Red Cross account, or enter your account info)

# MEET THE CANDIDATE & GREET THE CLYDESDALES



SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018 2PM TO 6PM

GARR DELL FARM 5995 OAK PARK RD OAK PARK, VA 22730

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND CAMERAS

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

SUGGESTED DONATION 815 PER PERSON/825 PER COUPLE

> HARRY PARKER FOR ID 8701 BRAEBURN DRIVE ANNANDALE VA 22003 RSVP 703-425-5574 GLASSLION1@COX.NET



Please join Sprout for the 6th Annual "Sipping for Sprout"

Wine Tasting and Family Fun Day Fundraiser!

Stone Tower Winery

19925 Hogback Mountain Road Leesburg, VA 20175

Sunday, April 15, 2018

12 - 4:00 pm (Rain or shine)

Click here to purchase tickets! <a href="http://www.stonetowerwinery.com/events-calendar/sipping-for-sprout-2018">http://www.stonetowerwinery.com/events-calendar/sipping-for-sprout-2018</a>

#### **Advance Ticket Purchase Encouraged**

Tickets \$40 Wine Tasting \$30 Non-Drinking Kids 12 & Under FREE

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#### **NEW THIS YEAR - BEER TASTING!**

We will be teaming up with Solace Brewing Company and featuring beer tastings! Enjoy tasting two
of their beers while also being able to purchase a glass of beer to enjoy!
Enjoy picturesque surroundings, delight in award-winning wines,
enjoy live music and savor delicious food provided

#### by Whole Foods Market!



Bid on items in our robust silent action featuring unique experiences, sports memorabilia, jewelry, golf outings, wine and beer tastings, artwork and theater tickets and more!

#### There's something for everyone!





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