

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

Monthly Resolution: "hold friendship as an end, not a means. It exists not on account of service performed by one to another; it demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit it is given. "

Service - Our Mission

"Older Americans Month" Vision Screening

Fairfax Lions performed vision screening at the "Older Americans Month" Open House in Fairfax City's Senior Center on May 2nd 2018.

The screening featured a discussion of the "SPOT" camera system we use, and usefulness of the screen results. We screened 10 individuals, and referred one for a complete eye examination.



KL Marty explains the screening process...



and discusses individual results

The senior center is equipped with two outdoor courts designed for Bocce Ball - but may also be used for horseshoes. A few Fairfax Lions teamed up a few years ago, with a small budget provided from our Club's charity account, and built those courts. It is nice to see the City acknowledges our Club's service on the signboard.



Lion Joe and Terry Breda organized bocce ball games with interested folks at the May 2nd "Older Americans Month" open house. Also participating was Marcia Selva, a strong supporter of Lions service activities.



Joe & Terry Breda and Marcia Selva take a break from Bocce Ball

Canned Food Drive - May 1 & May 15

email from Lion Marilyn Tanner This month's Food Drive collection actually began during the winter holidays, when Lion Jim Kaplan asked his guests to bring shelf-safe food goods to a party. They did, and Jim gave them to the club.

Then, Lion Marilyn told us in an April email: "Although this Lions' year is rapidly drawing to a close, there's still some important work we can do to help those in need



in our community! The school year will end soon, and area food banks face a critical shortage of food as they try to feed families in need, with school-age children.

For the past several years, the Fairfax Lions have collected shelf-safe food items and delivered the donated items to Food for Others (a local food bank). We'll be doing that again this year."

Fairfax Lions responded - and donated many bags of appropriate food items. Jim's earlier collection was combined with the donations brought by many club members. To cap it off, Lion Marilyn purchased more food using available budgeted club charity funds. In all, 546 pounds of nutritious food was assembled and delivered to "Food for Others" food pantry on Thursday, May 17th.



Boxed up, ready to Load





Destination: Food for Others



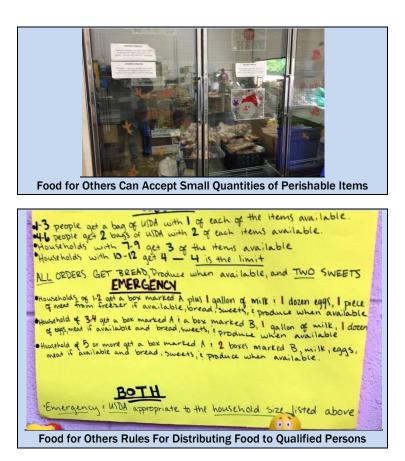
Lion Marilyn Unloads (in the Rain)



Our Palletized Donation - Ready to Weigh



We Added to the Stocks at Food for Others



Red Cross Blood Drive - May 18th

- In Honor of Lion Elden Wright -

For many years Lion Elden orchestrated blood drives at his church. After our drive on May 18th, the total number of good units generated for the citizens of Fairfax now stands at 3279 since Lion Elden started these blood drives.

Following the May 18th drive, we received this note from the Red Cross: "Thank you for your support. Please extend our appreciation to all volunteers and donors for their life-saving contributions. The results: 12 Donors; 2 Power Reds; 14 live saving units of blood."

We fell short of our goal of 30, and missed the presence of Elden's emphasis! But we thank all donors, including several from our Lions Club family who showed up to donate: Rob and Patti Higginbotham, Mike Schutz, Scott Dulaney, Gary Maxwell and Cory Green. Supporting the service activity were Lions Marilyn Tanner and Gordon Tillery.





Lion Mike Schutz - 1st Time "Double Red" Donor



Lion Scott Dulaney, a Regular Donor



Lion Rob Higginbotham Happy Donor

You may be interested to learn about a device used in the collection process: a scale. Blood being drawn flows directly into a collection bag attached to a pedestal scale (photo below) - which continuously weighs the contents. The weight measured by the scale is converted to volume (in milliliters). When the bag reaches 470 milliliters (one good unit, about a pint), the scale shuts off the flow into the bag, and alerts the attendant.



Scale Reads 390 Milliliters of Blood in Collection Bag



Come in to give now and get a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card*

Typical Red Cross Promotion, Once You Sign Up to Donate

We are working with the Red Cross and the church to set a date for the next blood drive in November 2018. Stay tuned!

Eyeglass Recycling Center Report

Fairfax Lions Club Service This Lions Year by PCC Bill Bartlett

				<u>Hearing</u>
<u>Month</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Glasses*</u>	<u>Aids</u>
July	7	14	204	0
August	7	14	203	0
September	7	14	921	4
October	9	18	708	0
November	8	16	588	0
December	8	16	376	2
January	9	18	689	0
February	9	17	1070	1
March	3	6	348	0
April	8	16	535	10
May	6	12	1029	jewelry
June	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	81	161	6671*	17

Glasses* - number of eveglasses our club collects in area donation boxes, plus other eyeglasses individuals give to club members. These eyeglasses are all processed at the recycling center, and - if determined usable - are packaged for distribution to persons in need.

Open House - The Northern VA Eyeglass Recycling Center will hold an open house - Saturday, June 16th, 10 AM - 2 PM. All invited, refreshments provided. (See flyer at end of newsletter)

Clifton Lions Serving The Lamb Center

KL Marty Lockard visited the Clifton Lions dinner meeting on Thursday, April 26. Clifton had invited our KL to attend along with the Executive Director of The Lamb Center, and the Mayor of Fairfax City. As we know, KL Marty is a strong advocate for The Lamb Center, leads our Club's service there, and volunteers a lot of his own time working with Center guests. Clifton Lions are looking to join Fairfax Lions in supporting The Lamb Center. Clifton LC has

already stepped up - they donated \$1,000 to The Lamb Center this year.

FACETSCARES Vision & Hearing Screening

FACETSCARES provides group homes for homeless, needy men. They have invited our Club on Monday, June 11 to screen up to 20 men for vision and hearing. **We need two persons to join KL Marty Lockard (contact Marty if you can help).** Arrive around 9:45AM, screening shouldn't take long. The location is just off Braddock Road about half way between Shirley Gate Road and Fairfax County Parkway.

Therapy Activity at Sprout

by Joe and Terry Breda These photos were taken at Sprout - one of the service activities we support with funds designated from our charity account.



Fund Raising - Underpinning Our Service Mission May 6th Vision Walk

by King Lion Marty Lockard VisionWalk is a national fund raising effort by the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Since its inception in the Spring of 2006, VisionWalk - nationwide - has raised over

\$45 million to fund sight-saving research. The local VisionWalk event this year, on May 6th, was held at Cameron Run Park in Alexandria. KL Marty reports: "We had a nice 5K walk (yes, it is exercise) in good weather along a large creek and around a lake with a lot of birds and turtles. Perfect venue to walk your dog. It is worth the time to come out and walk, talk, and joke with other Lions and non-Lions supporting the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB). I believe there were about 70 Lions walking from D24A. This was a subset of the total walkers. There were numerous volunteers, mostly from the Univ. of Maryland, who cheered us and provided water along the trail. The FFB research seems to be reaching a critical mass, particularly with those going blind because of a particular inherited gene. Our club donated \$1,000 this year from our charity account. Plus, I'm aware of some individual contributions."



District 24-A Lions at VisionWalk Front left: KL Marty Lockard with Hannah Root's Golden Retriever/Great Pyrenees mix, Ellie; and Lion Jeff Root with his Black Lab mix, Sabrina

Lion Davida Luehrs, the No.VA Chapter President for Foundation Fighting Blindness reports this year's walk raised \$17,597 with additional donations still being sent in. Seventy Lions attended the walk.

Davida: "The incredible news is our No.VA Chapter is now only \$234,000 away from raising \$2 million dollars to fund research ending blinding retinal diseases since our chapter's inception. We WILL accomplish this goal by 2020, Stay tuned for future details."

Read more on FFB at:

http://www.fightblindness.org/site/PageNavigator/VisionWalk Homepage



KL Marty and DG Sally Kenavan



Lions Davida and Jim Luehrs

Lions Dinner Out

Seven folks gathered at The Auld Shebeen on Wednesday, May 9th: Marilyn Tanner and Chuck Higdon, Joe and Terry Breda, Rob Higginbotham, and Gordon and Elsie Tillery.



We had a good time and received a check for \$22.40 for our club Charity programs. (Total now, \$432 for charity.)

While this has been a fun social activity, the regulars decided at dinner to break for the summer months. So, **WE WILL NOT MEET ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF** JUNE/JULY/ AUGUST. We will re-start in September.

Lions of VA Foundation Raffle

by 1VP Karen Parker

We were asked to sell 10 books - which we did. We were sent 5 additional books - which we also sold. This was a total of 15 Books. Each booklet contained 30 tickets at \$1.00 each (30x15 = \$450.00 from sales).

Of that, the Club made \$300.00. Lions of Virginia Foundation was sent a check in the amount of \$150.00, and the ticket stubs. The drawing is at the state convention.

Thank you Lion Karen for orchestrating this fund raiser!

Dinner Meetings

<u>May 15th</u>

The theme of the dinner meeting was "Funny Money," and the main challenge was to guess the number of coins (of various types) in a large jar. Guesses ranged from around 200 to 600. The correct number was (as I recall) 545. The closest guess was by Lion Mike Schutz (our club "Bitcoin" guy - is that a COINcidence?), and next closest was Lion Joe Breda. Both took home a prize. Some folks brought in interesting currency (coins and bills) for all to look at.

The Guest Speaker was Michael O'Dell, who spoke in his capacity as President of the City of Fairfax Theater Company - where is he a volunteer. Michael is also President of RockFire Consultants (culinary customer experience firm), and an executive chef. Michael thanked our club for our support, and discussed his vision for the Fairfax Theater: continue to expand the number and quality of both stage productions and talent, and acquire their own theater facility, He seeks board members, and is open to any ideas - especially about partnering with our club. Lion

Karen Habitzreuther suggested there may be a mutual interest associated with the Lions Clubs of VA Bland contest.

Michael O'Dell, President Fairfax Theater Company



The Theater Company's next main stage production is "Footloose." Performance: July 20 - 28. Check the web page for info. <u>http://www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org/</u>

King Lion Marty Lockard announced that after much thought and careful consideration, he is declaring the Lion of the Year to be: Marilyn Tanner!



Lion Marilyn Tanner Accepts Lion-of-the-Year Certificate Congratulations Marilyn!

Lion Marilyn will be recognized at a ceremony on August 1st. The ceremony will honor all volunteers of the year in the local area, and is put on by the InterService Club Council of Fairfax City. (Lion Marilyn's

50-50 winners: Lions Joe Breda, Gordon Tillery

June 5th

This was a special night: special visitors, a special presentation, and special memories of a special Lion. The theme was "<u>Honoring Lion Elden Wright</u>."



Guests included Past District Governor Woody Woodward (President, VA Lions Eye Institute), Richard Falls (VLEI Treasurer), and Bill Wright - Lion Elden Wright's son. Another guest was potential new member Diane Druyor.

It was an honor to recognize Lion Elden for his many contributions over 35 years as a Lion. KL Marty Lockard presented Woody Woodward a check for \$1500 made out to VLEIF in special recognition of Lion Elden's lengthy and dedicated service to VLEIF and to Fairfax Lions Club. The photo below has KL presenting a large simulated copy of the check thru Elden to Woody.



In the next photo, KL Marty Lockard presents special citation from our Club honoring Elden. (The whole citation is attached at the end of this newsletter.)



Woody presented the VLEIF Progressive Humanitarian Award to Elden (next photo), and the subsequent photo shows Elden's son Bill pinning the award pin onto Elden.





VLEIF Progressive Humanitarian Recognition Certificate



For this wonderful occasion, Lion Elden Wright was surrounded by PDG Woody Woodward (President, VA Lions Eye Institute), Dr Richard Falls (VLEI Treasurer), Dr Suleiman Alibhai (VLEI Low Vision Center Director), and KL Marty Lockard (next photo).



Following the award presentations, several Lions spoke from the heart of their personal memories of Lion Elden's leadership, dedication, and success over the past 35 years in serving those in need. As his citation (attached at the end of this newsletter) says: "A genuinely dedicated servant of his fellow man, Elden Wright's actions exemplify the Lions' motto of "We Serve."

Our meeting speaker was Lion Mike Schutz - on the topic of block chain technology and cyber currency (like Bitcoin). Mike had a short slide show - which was invaluable for several folks (like your newsletter editor) not familiar with the topic. Here is a very top-level summary of what Lion Mike discussed:

- What is Blockchain....basically a distributed digital ledger, where transactions (like bitcoin) are recorded chronologically and publically.
- How does bitcoin work: (see photo below for top level info)

How Does Bitcoin Work?

Bitcoin Network	: global network of participating nodes that maintain the distributed ledger
Bitcoin Mining:	how digital currency is created
Bitcoin Wallet:	software that manages currency transactions

- What should you conclude about this technology?
 - Cryptocurrency is just one use for blockchain
 - Blockchain and cryptocurrencies are here to stay
 - They WILL DISRUPT EVERY INDUSTRY

- Care for your digital assets like your most valuable possessions

After Lion Mike's presentation, club members voted on changes to our Club's Constitution & By-laws that the Board had already approved. The changes reflect: 1) Reduction in size of Board; 2) Reflection that we will be part of District 24-L effective 1 July; and 3) Correction of Entrance Fee for new members. 1VP Karen Parker reported on Terry Breda being in the hospital, accompanied by Lion Joe Breda. We wish the Breda's the very best.

50-50 winners: PDG Woody Woodward, and Lion Rodney Neely. BOTH donated their winnings to VLEIF!

Board Meeting

Your Board of Directors met on May 22th. Sorry, your newsletter editor was on travel and has no information to include in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events

June 6 - SERVICE: Eyeglass Recycling June 7 - Lions Lunch Bunch June 11 - SERVICE: FACETSCARES Screening (need 2) June 12 - VOTE: VA Primary Elections June 16 - Open House: Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center June 19 - Dinner Meeting: new officers inducted June 19 - Last day to order club mini-directories June 20 - SERVICE: Eyeglass Recycling June 20 - SERVICE: Call Bingo at Nursing Center June 26 - Board Meeting July 3 - NO REGULAR DINNER MEETING July 4 - FUND RAISER: Independence Day Food Stand

FYI - Check out Lions District 24-A calendar at this web site: 24-A Calendar

Lions Information

Lion Scott and Liz Dulaney were traveling recently. Their journey took them to Umbria region of central Italy. The surrounding area includes the town of Assisi many of us have heard of St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan religious order in Assisi in 1208. Anyway, Scott noted that Lions have a presence in Assisi witness the plaque in the photo above. The plaque is mounted near the gate known as "Porta San Francesco" - one of the entrances to the walled city of Assisi.



Sign on Assisi city gate known as "Porta San Francesco"



More Lions Information

LCI makes available recommended training materials for individual club members. You may find some of the materials informative and useful. Here is what LCI says... Lions Clubs International has designed webpages for each of the club officers. Each webpage provides materials and resources as well as e-Books to assist the officer as they serve in their role. Take a moment to visit the seven club officer webpages and familiarize yourself with them so you are able to inform to your elected officers.

- <u>Club President/First Vice President</u>
- <u>Club Secretary</u>
- <u>Club Treasurer</u>
- <u>Club Membership Chairperson</u>
- <u>Club Service Chairperson</u>
- <u>Club Marketing Communications Chairperson</u>
- <u>Club LCIF Coordinator</u>

And, More Lions Information

Starting July 1, the newly elected leadership team for District 24-L (which consolidates current Districts 24-A and 24-C) takes charge. See attached flyer congratulating those elected.

ISCC News

The ISCC representative of the Fairfax Library informs us: Please join us for the Grand Opening of the library's "Memory Depot" DIY personal digitization center. We will showcase our new self-service equipment for digitizing treasured family memories from VHS, photos, negatives and slides. Location: City of Fairfax Regional Library, When: Saturday, June 9, 1-3PM. (See flyer at end of newsletter.)

What's Up with Lion Spouses

All Spouse-related information welcome! We are always proud to see the continued artistic

achievements of Marisela Rumberg. And we have another opportunity Sat, June 9, 2018, 6-9pm to see Marisela's latest creations at an evening reception at the Workhouse Art Center. Her work reveals "nature's fingerprints" in silk, cotton, wool and paper as fibers are stained with real leaves, flowers and rusted found objects. (Details at the end of this newsletter)



Do you or your spouse have a special avocation you would share in this newsletter? Please send to the editor!

About The Newsletter's Monthly Resolution

Hopefully you noticed, each newsletter includes in the header (on the first page): a suggested resolution for the month. The resolution changes each month. With this issue's resolution, and those preceding it, you have now seen all of the elements of the "Lions Clubs Code of Ethics" published by LCI.

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 Marilyn Tanner, Scott Dulaney, PCC Bill Bartlett, KL Marty Lockard, Joe and Terry Breda, Mike and Marisela Rumberg 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. <u>tilleryg@gmail.com</u>



What Follows (attachments):

- 1. Tribute to Lion Elden Wright
- 2. Citation of Lion Marilyn Tanner as Lion of the Year
- 3. New District 24-L Leadership
- 4. Eyeglass Recycling Center Open House
- Marisela Rumberg's evening reception at the Workhouse Art Center.
- 6. Grand Opening of "Memory Depot", City of Fairfax Regional Library

Tribute to Lion Elden Wright

Elden Wright, after a career as an Army Special Forces officer, joined the Fairfax Lions Club in 1983. A Lion for 35 years, Elden volunteered in many capacities - always setting the example for exemplary community service. Elden's leadership, skillful planning, and constant dedication assured successful service by the Fairfax Lions Club in our community and in support of important service projects to help less fortunate persons around the world.



(Two left photos are with his sponsor, Lion Bill Bartlett and right photo is with the inducting officer, PDG Bill Smith.)

Elden Wright planned and led many local Lions Club service projects. Among them are community blood drives resulting in over 3300 units of life-saving blood for the Red Cross, and eyeglass dispensing for needy persons for which he managed charity funds, qualified individuals needing vision correction, and coordinated the provision of 50 or more pair of eyeglasses each year. Elden also served as President and Chief Executive of the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation, which is co-sponsored by Lions Clubs and the Inova Health System. In that capacity, Elden coordinated free eye care for needy patients with the Inova Cares Lions Eye Clinic. This included medical care and surgery for all types of eye conditions. Elden managed funding for continuing medical education for nurses and para-professionals, equipment purchases for local not-for-profit hospitals, scholarship awards to sight handicapped individuals, clinical research, and rehabilitation of visually impaired individuals through low vision evaluations and use of low vision aids.

Elden led significant charity fund raising activities over the years, enabling the Lions Club to complete its mission of service to needy people in the community. For many years, he led the annual Citrus Fruit Sales. He did long term planning, ordered fruit from Florida, coordinated sales venue and storage, set pricing, and managed advertising and volunteer workers. Elden's personal commitment assured successful sales which raised nearly three-quarters of all Fairfax Lions charity resources. Elden also managed multi-grill cooking operations for two Lions Club food sales each year (July 4, Fall Festival). He transported the grills, provided specialty equipment, assured compliance with food safety standards, and personally cooked for one-half of all grill operations.

Elden served as Fairfax Lions Club President and in 2016 was named "Lion-of-the-Year." A genuinely dedicated servant of his fellow man, Elden Wright's actions exemplify the Lions' motto of "We Serve."

Elden Wright Fairfax Lion for 35 Years



ISCC 2018 Volunteer of the Year Program

Fairfax Host Lions Club Fiscal Year: 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018 Lion of the Year: Marilyn Tanner

Lion Marilyn Tanner has been a dynamic and valued member of the Fairfax Host Lions Club since 2003. She is a repeat Volunteer of the Year. She has exemplified herself through service – with a special place in her heart for local community outreach to the poor and needy. Not only is she a hard worker and volunteer, she is also a leader who plans and executes activities with precision. Some of her volunteer activities are:

- Runs our Lions Eyeglasses for the Poor Program (covering Fairfax, Centreville, and Chantilly).
- Leads the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets for the Poor Program.
- Organizes a food drive for "Food for Others" in May.
- Leads the "Road-kill Saturday" Program to clean-up trash from an assigned stretch of a street in the City.
- Runs the Lions Reading Action Program (a large number of Braille books last year for children suffering from blindness and a large number of children's books this year for needy 5-6 year pre-kindergarten children at the Greenacres Senior Center).
- Active volunteer at various local Lions service and charity fund-raising activities.
- Active involvement with improving and maintaining our cabin at the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp.
- Active participant on several important committees.

On July 1, 2018, District 24-L begins the 2018-2019 Lions Year as a District of 100 Lions Clubs with over 3,000 members.





We Serve. Make your "give back" count!

You're invited ...

Lions Club Open House

Saturday, June 16 2018

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center of Northern Virginia (LERC NoVA) 601 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington, VA 22204 (703) 671-1919

Refreshments Provided

Short programs with

Information about

Lions Clubs

International

Every 20 minutes

<u>Hosted by:</u>

Arlington Host Lions

Arlington Northwest Lions

Arlington South Lions

Baileys Crossroads Host Lions

We're making a world of difference - Lions are changing the world one community at a time, by addressing needs at home and around the globe. We are 1.4 million men and women who believe that kindness matters. And when we work together, we can achieve bigger goals.

This year, to date, we have provided 41,000 glasses to those in need. The Eyeglass Center is open Tuesday - Saturday 8 AM - 4 PM - Come by anytime for a tour.

Questions, Contact: Emily Carnes - call (703) 536-6939 or email:ecarnes@comcast.net

Marisela Rumberg's Evening Reception at the Workhouse Art Center



Artist Marisela Rumberg reveals nature's fingerprints in silk, cotton, wool and paper through Eco-Printing and Rust Dyeing – sophisticated techniques in which fibers are stained with real leaves, flowers and rusted found objects.
 These techniques require painstaking perseverance, inspiration and serendipity to discover which plants combine with which natural elements to produce works of fiber art. Using only natural dyes, each art quilt, silk scarf and framed work is an alchemy of color and texture as unique as a human fingerprint.

June 6 to July 8, 2018. Wed-Sat 11-6pm; Sun 12-5pm

WORKHOUSE ARTS CENTER 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079. Building 6

Opening and Meet the Artist Reception Sat, June 9, 2018. 6-9pm

www.MariselaRumberg.com



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