



Fairfax Lions Club News - October 2018

"Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter"



From Rules to Live By (Regina Brett, age 90): "Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will."

Service - Our Mission

WE SERVE THE WORLD AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE, COMPASSION AND KINDNESS.

Eyeglass Recycling

by Lion Bill Bartlett

Accomplishments so far this Lions Year (July-Sept):

<u>Lion Volunteers</u>	<u>Hours Worked (recycling)</u>	<u>Eye Glasses Donated</u>	<u>Hearing Aids Donated</u>
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Eyeglass for the Needy

by Lion Marilyn Tanner

With six new requests in September, total clients served so far this Lions Year (July-Sept):

<u>New Eyeglasses Provided (need validated, eye exam, and new eyeglasses provided)</u>	<u>Process in Work</u>
9	8

Coming Up - Vision Screening

IPP & Vision Screening Chair Marty Lockard has coordinated a vision screening event for our Club, on Tuesday, October 30th for the Main Street Child Development Center at 4401 Sideburn Rd (vision screening in library of what we call Green Acres Senior Center). Clients for this screening will be about 90 young children. We will use the SPOT camera system. It is very easy to use and provides quick and accurate results - it is especially good for young children. If you would like to assist, or just see how the SPOT system works, let Marty know.

Main Street Child Development Center has an excellent video explaining the important service they provide in our community; see <http://www.mainstreetcdc.org/home-page/all-about-main-street-child-development-center/>



Fund Raising - Underpinning Our Service Mission

Vehicle Donation Program Results

by Lion Ken Schutz

Building on the wonderful results of last year (raising \$8,774.06 for our charity programs), current status:

	Vehicles Donated	Proceeds	Vehicles Sold
2018 - July	1	\$334.58	1
2018 - August	0	\$0.00	0
2018 - September	1*		

*We had one vehicle donated in September; it is awaiting sale. The donated vehicle was from a neighbor of Lion Phil Mayo – tell your neighbor thanks, Phil!! And we thank all Lions for advertising this charity fund raiser.

Coming Up - Lions Food Booth @ Fall Festival

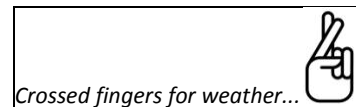
Lions October-Fest Brats/Dogs/Beer & Wine

Festival Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm SAT Oct 13

Lions Food Booth Set-up begins: 7am Oct 13

Where: Food court, University Dr & Sager Av, Fairfax City

This is a fun activity - and a great opportunity to directly interface with lots of folks in our community (let them observe our Lions enthusiasm) - especially with good weather.



The Club needs your help in several functions (transporting equipment, setting up the site, food prep, selling food, beer & wine sales (a separate sales op), tear down, and store back at the shed). Equipment load-up is at the Lions storage shed, 6:00pm Thursday, Oct 11. Even that short work time can be fun.

Questions, or Let Lion Cory Green know if you can help. cell/text 703-740-7778 or fhlc.fall.fest@live.com

Lions Dinner Out

We took the summer off from this fund raiser, and restarted our Lions dinners-out on September 12th. Five folks attended, and enjoyed good food & drinks, and fun company. We departed with a check from Auld Shebeen payable to Fairfax Lions Charities for \$15.



L-R: Terry & Joe Breda, Brian Laccone, Gordon & Elsie Tillery at Auld Shebeen on Sep 12th

Consider joining us on Wednesday, Oct 10: casual dress; order beverages & food from menu; pay your own bill; just have fun with friends!

Charity Fund Raiser – Lions Dinner Out, Oct 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.



Coming Up - Citrus Fruit Sales

Our Club's three fruit sales are the main contributor to our charity fund raising. Because they raise the bulk of our charity funds, they are critical to our service mission. YOUR help is essential, and appreciated. Plus working the fruit sales is always fun. Previous Committee Chair, Lion Elden Wright, always said: this is a "3-signature event" (meaning, on the sign-up sheet for each sale, we need each club member to sign up at least 3 times - for unloading, sales shift, tear-down, etc).

You should have received emails from Marty Lockard; if you have yet to signed-up as a shift leader, or to work a few shifts, for Nov 14-18, please let Marty know. Nov 14 (Wednesday, 6pm) is unloading of the 18-wheeler that delivers the fruit from FL. Sales open at 8am, Thursday, Nov 15.

A promotional coupon is attached at the end of the newsletter; please pass it to your friends and neighbors. (You will probably also receive soon an email with the coupon you can pass on.)

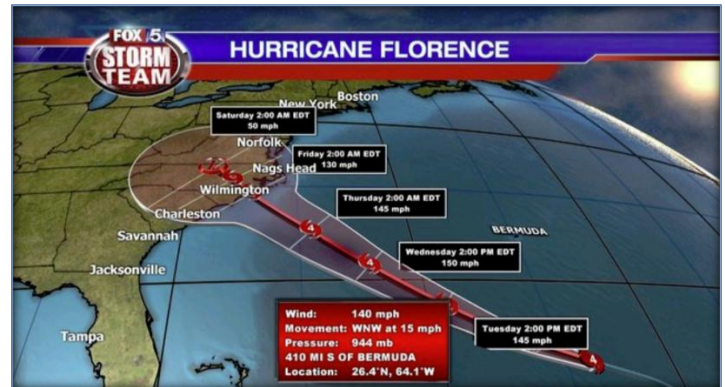
Dinner Meetings

Sep 4th

The dinner meeting that would have occurred on Sept 4th was not held - due to the picnic planned on Sep 15th.

Sep 15th Retreat/Picnic

The annual Club retreat/picnic was to take place on Sep 15th. But, on Tuesday, Sep 11, the Board agreed with KL Karen's concern about the weather forecast. Hence, all should have received the KL's email announcing the picnic would be cancelled due to the weather forecast, and will possibly be rescheduled. Below is a photo of the forecast at the time the event was cancelled - conditions in northern VA were definitely NOT going to include picnic weather!



We know weather forecasts are not perfect - and that was the case. It turned out the hurricane was v-e-r-y s-l-o-w moving, the direction changed, and on picnic Saturday our weather was rainless, and windless. The decision to cancel was approved by the Board four days before picnic...a prudent decision at the time. King Lion Karen has visited the Fairfax City office that schedules Providence Park. Unfortunately, no other dates were available - so KL Karen announced (at Sep 18 dinner meeting): as rescheduling is not possible, the picnic is canceled this year.

Sep 18th (SPOUSES NIGHT)

This dinner meeting was a Spouses-Night; all Lions spouses were invited - at no charge! We had a good turnout, about 26 total including 6 spouses.

King Lion Karen Parker was successful in recruiting County Supervisor Pat Herrity as our guest speaker. After a fine dinner of house salad, pulled-pork BBQ, chicken cordon-bleu, pineapple-rice, corn, and chocolate cake, KL Karen introduced Supervisor Herrity. Pat Herrity serves on the County Board of Supervisors, and Pat's office provides constituent services for residents in the Springfield District which includes West Springfield, Fair Oaks, Clifton, parts of Burke and Fairfax Station.

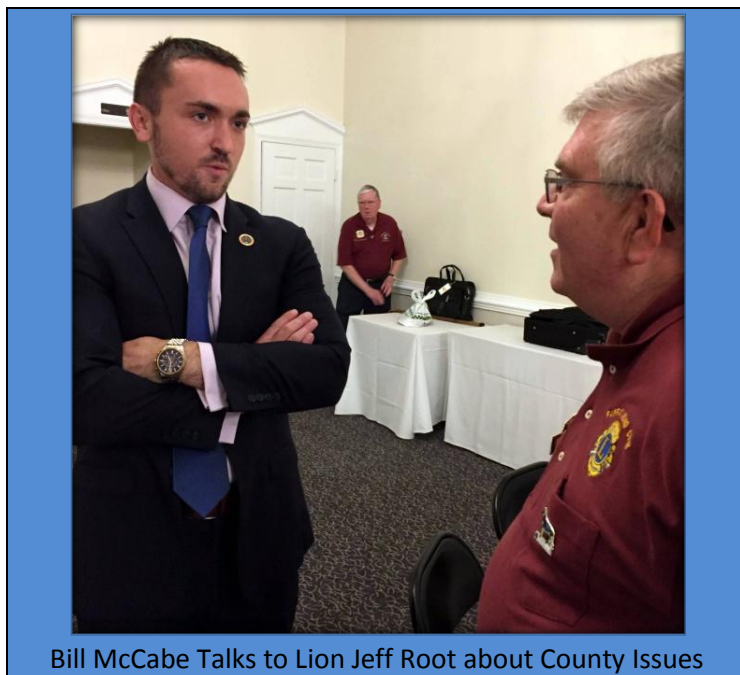
Pat Herrity puts out an interesting monthly newsletter. The most recent issue discusses use of drones in the county, several transportation topics, and community happenings. See:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/herrity-report>



Supervisor Pat Herrity Speaks to Fairfax Lions Club

At our meeting, Pat discussed trends in county population (increasing numbers of seniors and young grads moving away), wages and employment, an unsustainable county pension system, and transportation improvements. Having depth in coaching many different youth sports, Pat was selected by the Board of Supervisors to lead an initiative to improve "sports tourism" in the county. One prospect he is excited about is an indoor, down-hill skiing venue that might be located near the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center (where Lion spouse Marisela Rumberg has her studio). Pat also talked about riding with local police during the arrest of a MS13 gang member. Pat was accompanied to our dinner meeting by Bill McCabe, Legislative Aide from his office.



Bill McCabe Talks to Lion Jeff Root about County Issues

Lion Marilyn Tanner, as club Tail-Twister, told us the week of Sep 15-22, 2018, was "National Farm Animals Awareness Week." Fairfax County defines "Farm Animals" as: horses, chickens, peacocks, rabbits, sheep, goats, cows and pigs. Farm animals may only be kept on lots that are two acres or greater. Hog pens must be located at least 100 yards from the nearest house, store, restaurant, office, church, school, or other public building. Farm animals may not be kept on a residential property for commercial purposes. If you want to pet and feed farm animals, you might want to visit Frying Pan Farm Park (no entrance fee), maintained by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Marilyn prepared a bit of fun for the meeting...each dinner table had a little animal pen containing the names of various farm animals.



Lion Marilyn Tanner Makes Us Farm Animal Aware

Oct 2nd

The good news about this meeting: we were very happy a couple of club members - whose work schedules often preclude them from getting to meetings - were present!

Lions assembling for the meeting...



Miniature Animal Farms on Each Table

Everyone was asked to pick one animal name from the farm on their table, and were given a few minutes to practice making the noise of that animal. Then, Marilyn called upon each table to sound off with their collective barnyard noises. Amidst all the moo-squawking, no one heard the rabbit (which Marilyn demonstrated as represented by the thumpity-thump of little rabbit feet).



Head Table Making Animal Farm Noises

Lion Jeff Root announced bingo was cancelled for September 19th, due to Nursing Home priorities. Lion Cory Green talked about signing up to work at the Oct 13 Fall Festival Food Booth. And, Lion Marty Lockard circulated a sign-up sheet for the Nov 15-17 fruit sale (including unloading fruit on Wednesday, Nov 14).

50/50 raffle prizes were won by: Lions Scott Dulaney, and Gary Maxwell. Scott actually held both tickets for the first TWO numbers drawn - but did not accept the 2nd win, and a new winner (Gary) was drawn.

The speaker talked about Deception in WW II. Below is one chart that outlines four topics discussed...

Sample - WW II Deception Ops

1942 2nd Battle of El Alamein – Operation Bertram
• Fake Water Pipeline to the South; Dummy Equipment

1943 Invasion of Sicily/Italy - Operation Mincemeat
• "Major Martin" & fake plans for Greece/Sardinia

1944 D-Day Invasion at Normandy -
Operation Fortitude

1944-45 "Ghost Army" in Europe -
20+ Deception Operations

Regarding the last deception topic, the "Ghost Army" ...even the existence of that US Army unit (the "23rd Headquarters Special Troops") is still not widely known - because military security restrictions precluded release of any information about it for 50 years after WW II ended. It is a very interesting story, see this internet location:

<http://www.ghostarmylegacyproject.org/>

Take a look at the short video (connection on that web page - link to video is in the photo of the landing craft at Normandy.)

KL Karen Parker spoke briefly about the Lions USA/Canada Leadership Forum, which Karen and Lion Harry Parker attended in Columbus recently. It is an annual Lions event focusing of helping Lions learn more about the service mission and how to engage and lead. Other club members who have attended all say it is a worthy experience. The next Forum will be in Spokane. See: <https://lionsforum.org/>

Lion Harry Pontius announced that his (and Elden Wright's) church is coordinating scheduled visits to see Elden at his retirement home "Ashby Ponds." Elden has expressed an interest in having visitors, and the church is coordinating the schedule so that no more than one a day occur, which is seen as "about right." The scheduler is Nancy Jones, contact her at:

[Schedule Visits to Elden Wright](#)

Contact Nancy Jones

email (preferred): njonesfxva@gmail.com

or 703-582-2982

Ashby Ponds in just off Rte 28, north of Dulles Airport, and is easy to get to if you can time your trip outside of rush-hour. The church asks you to pass this information to friends of Elden.

Of note: the meeting program included this note: "Next Dinner Meeting: NO FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS AT THIS TIME." So, if YOU are interested in having guest speakers at dinner meetings, offer some ideas (contact info) to 1stVP Lion Mike Rumberg and KL Karen Parker. (As done at this meeting, the speaker can be YOURSELF!)

50/50 raffle prizes were won by: Lions Mark Salesses and Scott Dulaney (as usual!).

Board Meeting

Your Board of Directors met on Sep 25th. The Treasurer's report was accepted, and the Board approved payment of \$20 annual membership dues to the InterService Club Council of Fairfax City. Committee leads for Eyeglasses for the Needy, Eyeglass Recycling, and Vehicle Donation each reported current status of the programs. The 1st VP and Committee lead reviewed plans for the upcoming Fruit sale, the Fall Festival, and the Holiday Party. The Board approved purchase of an inexpensive laptop to support speakers who need a laptop to project presentation material. The Board agreed to study purchasing additional laptops that would be used by the Treasurer, Secretary and/or other Club officers.

All Club members are invited to attend any Board meeting, and/or discuss a topic at a Board meeting.

Upcoming Club Events

Oct 3 - **SERVICE**: Eyeglass Recycling

Oct 4 - Lions Lunch Bunch

Oct 10 - Lions Dinner Out (6:30 Auld Shebeen)

Oct 11 - Fall Festival Load-up at Storage Shed

Oct 13 - **FUND RAISER** Fall Festival Food Booth

Oct 16 - Regular Dinner Meeting

Oct 17 - **SERVICE**: Eyeglass Recycling

Oct 17 - **SERVICE**: Call Bingo at Nursing Center

Oct 19 - Bingo (cancelled this month)

Oct 23 - Board Meeting

Oct 30 - **SERVICE** Vision Screening for Main Street Child Development Center

Future Events - Mark Your Calendars:

Nov 4 - DST ends (change clocks)

Nov 6 - General election day; VOTE!!!

Nov 14-18 - **FUND RAISER** Citrus Sale (Note: Unload Wednesday; sell Thurs-Fri-Sat & Sunday)

Nov 19 - **SERVICE** Deliver Holiday Food Baskets

Dec 12-16 - **FUND RAISER** Citrus Sale (note - change from dates published in Club directory)

Dec 18 - Club Holiday Party (Waterford at Fair Oaks)

Dec 20 - **SERVICE** Deliver Holiday Food Baskets

Our Civic Duty on Nov 6th

Some say, "My vote doesn't matter, it's just a drop-in-the-bucket." Remember Gore-Bush of Nov 7, 2000? After counts, recounts, "hanging chad" and a complicated decision by the US Supreme Court, Bush won Florida by 537 votes (.009% of FL voters) deciding the electoral votes and the national election. Every vote counts! Voting is our right, and duty, as citizens; it cannot be abridged on account of race, color, previous condition of servitude, sex, or age (for those above 18).

If you can't vote in-person on Nov 6, you may vote "In-Person Absentee" - dates and places listed below.

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Conference Center Rooms 2 & 3
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

September 21 - October 12

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Columbus Day, October 8th

October 13 - November 3

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SATELLITE LOCATIONS & TIMES

October 13 - November 3

Weekdays: 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Franconia Governmental Center

6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, 22310

Lorton Library

9520 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, 22079

Mason Governmental Center

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 22003

McLean Governmental Center

1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, 22101

Mount Vernon Governmental Center

2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, 22306

North County Governmental Center

1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, 20190

Providence Community Center

3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, 22031

Sully Governmental Center

4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, 20151

West Springfield Governmental Center

6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, 22152

Voting absentee by mail: certain deadlines apply. See information on absentee voting in VA, at:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

Lions Information

District Newsletter: News about a member of our Club is on page 7 of the latest District newsletter. See:

<http://www.valions.org/1018PP.pdf>

LEOs: see attached flyer for local LEO event

LCI: Over the past few months, Japan has an unprecedented amount of natural disasters. Earthquakes,

torrential downpours, flooding, heat waves and landslides have all left their mark on the Pacific island nation this summer. See this link for how Lions have helped: [Lions of Japan are Hard at Work After Multiple Disasters Pummel the Nation](#)

What's Up with Lions & Spouses

A couple of members of our Lions family have experienced sickness in the past few days, including Sarah Bartlett, Lion Joe Breda, and Lion Harry Parker. There may be other folks in our family who are ailing - and your newsletter editor just does not know about them. We all wish for full recovery, quickly, for all!

POWs

When we hear the term prisoner-of-war, or POW, we are likely to think of John S McCain, III (1936-2018). McCain is one of the most notable of our nation's POWs, having been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam from October 26, 1967 until March 14, 1973. During those 5+ years, McCain was subjected to numerous episodes of torture, inhumane treatment and isolation. He persevered, inspired other POWs, and is rightfully recognized as a national hero. Hence, on Sep 21st when I saw this **table-for-one** at Mission BBQ (Greenbriar Shopping Center, Chantilly), I thought of John McCain.



Table for One, Mission BBQ, Sep 21st

The story about the table is in this email sent by Mission BBQ, on Sep 21, 2018:

Sep 21: It's National POW/MIA Remembrance Day, honoring our nation's missing service members and their families. If you happen to visit any MISSION BBQ today, you'll notice a small table set for one. It was inspired by this poem we'd like to share:

This Table set for one is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors. Remember!

The Tablecloth is white, symbolizing purity of their intentions responding to their country's call to arms. Remember!
The single Red Rose reminds us of their loved ones who keep the faith awaiting their return. Remember!
A Red Ribbon is reminiscent of the one worn by thousands determined to demand a proper accounting of our missing. Remember!
The Candle is lit, symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit. Remember!
A Slice of Lemon on the bread plate reminds us of their bitter fate. Remember!
There is Salt upon the bread plate, symbolic of family tears as they wait. Remember!
The Glass is inverted. They cannot toast with us this night. Remember!
The Chair is empty. They are not here. Remember!
All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you. Remember!!
Until the day they come home, Remember!

These brave Heroes are unable to be with us today, join us in their remembrance. Proudly Serving Those Who Serve,
 Your Friends at MISSION BBQ

RIP John McCain.

Miscellaneous - What three Words?

Warning - Spouse of Newsletter Editor claims this article should be subtitled "Nerdsville!"

What do these three words mean to you?

///plot.scores.noise

They are code for a specific 10 foot by 10 foot location on the earth's surface. Specifically, ///plots.scores.noise represents the location of the upper-level entry door into American Legion Post 177...the door we use on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month. Those three words are an example of a new way of addressing the world.

The small company behind this new addressing system is "what3words." The company divided the earth's surface into 57 trillion squares, each with a unique 3-word code name.

The W3W web site (<https://what3words.com/>) says: "what3words is a really simple way to talk about location. We have divided the world into a grid of 3m x 3m squares and assigned each one a unique 3 word address. It means anyone can accurately find any location and share it more quickly, easily and with less ambiguity than any other system. The service can be used via the free mobile app or online map. It can also be built into any other app, platform or website, with just a few lines of code."

One example of the utility of this system: an orienteering club in the Grampian region of Scotland holds its events in the great outdoors - places without a street address. The club advertises meeting points using what3words code. Some automobile manufacturers have incorporated 3-word addresses into their nav systems. Apparently, it is trending.

W3W has an interesting video that makes this argument: 75% of the world's countries do not have a reliable address system. Three-word addresses are easy to remember, precise, and unique; they can help you connect. The video: <https://youtu.be/JTy7C47l8w0>

Who knows, your future home delivered pizza may arrive via an Amazon drone aircraft flying to the 3-word address for your front doorstep - unless you want it delivered to your rear doorstep with a different 3-word address. Perhaps we will see LCIF delivering future emergency supplies to a 3-word address.

Trivia: the W3W address where our fruit sale van will be located, Nov 14-18: **///post.points.candle**

Special thanks to...

We thank Lions Ken Schutz, Marilyn Tanner, Bill Bartlett, Joe Breda 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!

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.

That's all folks!

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

Attachments:

1. Citrus Fruit Sale promotional coupon
2. District 24L LEO Club Kickoff
3. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum Halloween Carnival



LCI President's Theme:

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 LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE,
 COMPASSION AND KINDNESS.**

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/yngvadottir-presidents-theme.pdf>



Fairfax Lions Club Florida Citrus – Virginia Peanuts – Vermont Maple Syrup Sale

Selling:

- Fresh Florida Navel Oranges and Ruby Red Grapefruit
- Vermont Maple Syrup
- Virginia Peanuts

All proceeds go to support local charitable activities of the Fairfax Lions Club

See our website at
www.fairfaxlions.org
for more information



This Year's Sale Dates:

November 15-17, 2018

December 13-15, 2018

March 14-16, 2019

Open 8am-6pm



Present this coupon at our Fairfax Circle sale site for a \$3.00 discount on each full box of fruit



Fairfax Lions Club Vehicle Donation Program

**TIME'S
RUNNING OUT
DONATE
YOUR
VEHICLE**

Schedule your free pick up and receive a tax receipt just in time to qualify for a tax deduction.



Support your community by donating your car, truck, trailer, boat, RV, motorcycle, or any motorized vehicle. Call toll free **844-45-LIONS** to donate your vehicle seven days a week. **100% of proceeds to go charity!**

100% tax-deductible!

Free Towing!

Call toll-free **844-45-LIONS**, or:

Visit www.fairfaxlions.org/donate-a-vehicle

Join Fairfax Lions and Serve Your Community

Members attend dinner meetings the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 6:30 PM at the American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax. Dinners are fun and entertaining including a social, a speaker, and club announcements.

E-mail us at: info@FairfaxLions.org

Visit our Website at:

www.FairfaxLions.org

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DISTRICT 24-L FLYER



DISTRICT 24-L LEO CLUB KICK-OFF!

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp
1520 Lions Lane
Boyce, VA 22620

All Leos and Lions are invited to attend this special event!

Please RSVP by Monday, October 15th to Leo Club Co-Chairs:

Lion Staci Collins (443-925-9157 or kalikatattack@gmail.com)
or

Lion Bill Walden (703-401-9108 or waldenwilliam@gmail.com)

Tentative Agenda:

10:00 a.m.: Meet & Greet (Durant Hall)

10:30 a.m.: Service Project Opportunities on the Camp grounds

12:30 p.m.: Lunch (Durant Hall)

1:30 p.m.: Round Table Discussion

2:30 p.m.: Leo Conference Planning & Brainstorming

Fairfax Lions:

If you are interested, call early to determine when they really want RSVPs (Oct 15 is obviously too late for Oct 13 event)

Halloween Carnival at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

News Release: Halloween Carnival at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will hold a Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 28, 2018, from 1-4 p.m. Lots of train related games and activities will be featured for all ages. Tickets earned can be exchanged for candy prizes. Additional tickets can be purchased \$1 for 5 tickets. Kids in costume receive a coupon for a free admission to a future Museum event. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. Admission: Museum members and children 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, 703-425-9225.

For more information on this release, contact Joyce Hill, jhill5712@aol.com. Thank you.