



Fairfax Lions Club News - February 2019

The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter
- Fairfax Lions, Serving Since 1951 -

A Note from the Editor:

- Testing a different newsletter format...Do you like it?
- Also, working to distribute to you by the 1st of the month (why wait?).

And a reminder: this newsletter reports club news to you. Recurring monthly activities are NOT reported every month - that would be repetitious. We like photos: they add interest and help tell a more complete story. The editor strives to recognize members who participate - as a small way of saying thank you. **NOT ALL will be recognized, and not all will have a photo, even when they participate in an activity.** That is not intended to slight anyone, it just happens. Activity chairs/club members can all assure better recognition by sending photos (and words) during each month: send to tilleryg@gmail.com.

We Always Open With Service - It's Our Primary Mission

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

Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center



Jan 16 Bingo team
(L-R):
Former club member
Marcia Selva, Lion Jeff
Root, and Lion Anh-Thu
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“No one is in charge of your happiness but you.”

From: Rules to Live By (Regina Brett, age 90)

On January 16th, Fairfax Lions called bingo for eight residents of the Fairfax Nursing Center. This is a regular monthly service activity. As usual, Jeff planned the event, arrived early to arrange the bingo equipment and set up the room. Then Jeff took the mic, and called the bingo games.



The Bingo Team at Work

Marcia and Anh-Thu - along with professional staff members of the nursing center - helped residents mark their bingo cards. They verified winners and distributed prizes. In one hour, the residents played 15 games of straight bingo and one cover-all game. The residents were happy to play and appreciated the Fairfax Lions hosting the games.

Holiday Food Donation

By Marilyn Tanner

Lion Jim Kaplan and his wife, Stacie, recently hosted a holiday party and asked their guests to bring a donation of shelf-safe food to the party. Jim gave all the donated food to the Fairfax Lions Club. Each item was checked for valid “use by” date, grouped by category (fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, pasta, rice) and delivered to Food for Others food bank on January 18. In all, the donation represented 156 pounds of food that will go to feed families and individuals in our community. Way to go Jim and Stacie!!



Jim & Stacie Kaplan's Holiday Food Donation

New Eyeglasses for Our Community Neighbors

Our Club is responding to five new requests for eyeglasses received this January. You may recall, we preform this service for our own community residents who both need vision correction and have been vetted for financial need. The five new requests brings the total this Lions year to 28 pair of new eyeglasses that we are supporting. TWO BIG THANK YOUs: to Lion Marilyn Tanner for managing this charity program, and to ALL Club members for participating in our fund raising efforts that make this program possible.

Fund Raising - Essential to Our Service Mission

DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON FUNDS WE RAISE

Lions Dinner Out - Jan 9th

Ten folks enjoyed food and beverages on Wednesday, Jan 9th at the Auld Shebeen restaurant. The restaurant donated to our charities account \$22.45; the amount is based upon our spending. It's not that much, but if we do this two times it will almost pay for new eyeglasses for a needy person in our community. The purpose of these dinners is to have fun but it is nice to contribute a little to our charity account too. No formality at all; just meet & eat.



Mike and Kate Greeley brought guests - Bill and Sandy Szymanski (they are seated in middle of table)

As a side benefit, Greeley guest Bill Szymanski expressed potential interest in becoming a Lion; Bill and Sandy both asked lots of questions about our club. This event seems to be a wonderful way to introduce potential members to Lionism - while having fun.

Fairfax Lions Club



We Serve
Since 1951

Next Lions Dinner Out, Feb 13 (Immediately after unloading fruit)

(Usually - the 2nd Wednesday of each month)

The Auld Shebeen Restaurant
3971 Chainbridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030

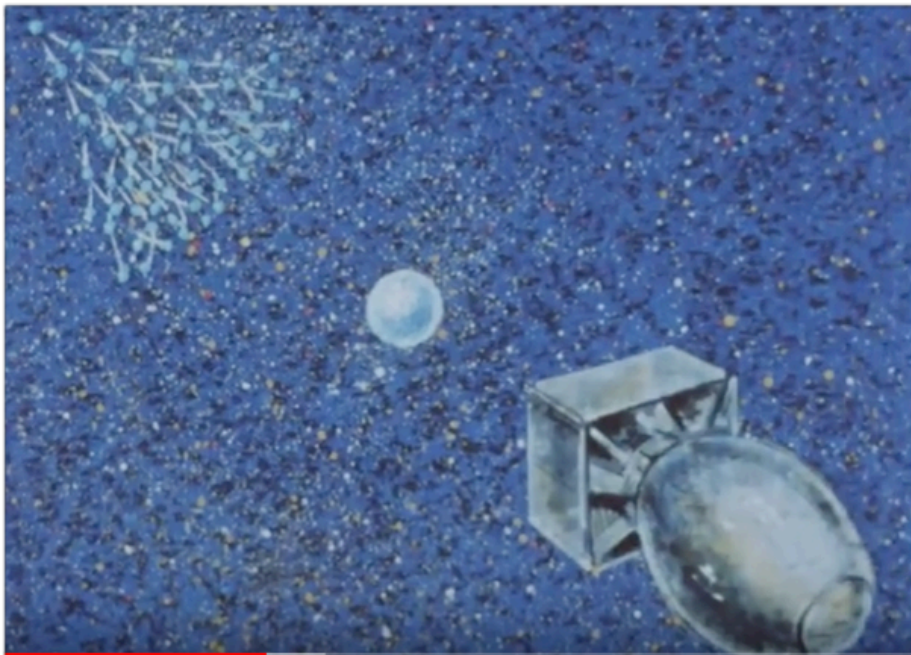
Ask to "Sit with the Lions Group"
Order from regular menu
Separate checks; Pay your own bill.

Dinner Meetings

Jan 15

Our first club dinner meeting of 2019 was a very good one. "Hats off" to Lion Marilyn Tanner who had asked us to recognize National Hat Day (Jan 15), by wearing our most outrageous, frilly, spiffy, colorful, etc. hat. Prizes were awarded: Most Outrageous: KL Karen Udell Parker; Most Colorful, and also, Most Creative: Mike Greeley. Photos of hats folks wore to the meeting are down below.

Our guest speaker was Mr. George Tressel, the writer, director, and producer of the film "The Day Tomorrow Began." We watched the film - about the world's first nuclear reactor (or atomic pile). It was designated "Chicago Pile-1." The proof-of-concept chain reaction occurred on Dec 2, 1942 underneath the University of Chicago's old football stadium, with a team of scientists led by Dr Enrico Fermi. Making the film occupied a complete year in George's life; it was done as part of the 20 year anniversary of the 1942 events portrayed in the film.



Proof of concept to solve...
Problem: make a chain reaction,
to make plutonium, to make a
bomb - to end the war

When George was a 14 year-old student at the University Of Chicago, walking to squash courts underneath the old football stadium, he was blocked from entry by an armed guard. So he knew about the atomic research activity 20 years before he produced the film. George told us many interesting aspects of the film. For example, there is a video clip in the film of the atomic

bomb exploding over Hiroshima. That clip was taken by then Director of Los Alamos Lab - Harold Agnew - who was riding in the B-29 bomber that followed the Enola Gay on the bombing run. You can watch the entire 30 minute film at this web site: <https://nuclearreactions.uchicago.edu/videos/>.

A bit more about George...he graduated from Uni of Chicago with a degree in Physics at age 17. He became a pioneer of television, inventing the equipment to create the "news ticker" at the bottom of the screen – the very first non-live TV commercials. He received numerous awards from world film festivals, including at Chicago, Atlanta, Edinburgh and Brussels. Working for the National Science Foundation, he was directly responsible for making television and film accessible to hearing impaired viewers: he instituted the policy requiring closed-captioning for any project receiving funding from NSF - which was then copied by other government agencies.

George is also Mike Rumberg's step-father, married to my Mike's mom for 25 years until she passed 2 years ago.



KL Karen presents Club Gift to George Tressel

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Some hats seen at the dinner meeting:



Prizes (candy bars) for BEST HATS were awarded to:

- Most Outrageous - King Lion Karen, for her Kentucky Derby ensemble
- Most Colorful - Lion Mike Greeley, for a blooming flower bouquet on top
- Most Creative - also Lion Mike Greeley, for modifying the hat to hold the bouquet

The 50/50 drawing was won by Lions Cory Green and Jim Davis.

Off-Site Business Meeting: Jan 5

Our King Lion called a special off-site club meeting which Joe and Terry Breda graciously hosted in their country home near Marshall, VA. There was lots of fresh air and open country (well, Lions bring their own share of HOT air!)



Joe and Terry Breda's
Casa Montagna
(in another season, obviously)

We enjoyed a lunch of fried chicken, burgers and dogs (KL Karen brought fried chicken and sides, Harry Parker and Joe Breda cooked meat provided by the Breda's).

Attendance: President Karen Parker, Mike Rumberg, Harry Pontius, Phil Mayo, Doug Brisson, Joe Breda, Jeff Root, PDG Bill Bartlett, Mike Greeley, Marty Lockard, Marilyn Tanner, Gordon Tillery, Ken Schutz, and Harry Parker.

KL Karen kicked off the meeting intended to identify ways to improve club operations, and to discuss possibilities for future club officers. All-in-all, it was an interesting Saturday where many concerns and interests were discussed. As just one example, PCC Bill Bartlett expressed an interest in considering a “adjunct Cyber Club.” In general, cyber clubs strive to conduct their business/ meetings online (email, facetime, etc) - and such a model could appeal to younger persons and to folks whose commitments preclude them from participating in traditional meetings. Your Board may consider adjustments or changes to club operations as a result of the topics discussed at this off site. Stay tuned!



Interesting Wine Box Top,
on the Wall at
Breda Casa Montagna

Board Meeting - Jan 27

As a partial report on the Board meeting, the following business was considered. (Note: all club members are invited to attend any Board meeting.)

Thank-You for Donation to Vision Walk: The Club received a thank you note from Lion Davida Luehrs, President of the NoVA Chapter of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, for our \$1000 donation to support the May 5, 2019, Vision Walk.

Dinner Meeting "Greeter:" In addition to welcoming all attendees at regular dinner meetings, the "Greeter" is asked to also complete a simple check list of persons attending that meeting. The checklist will be available from the 1VP at the meeting. This is important because it becomes the basis for the number of meals the Club pays the American Legion for.

Membership: As of December, the Club had 49 members. Board decisions at the Jan 27 meeting resulted in a Club membership of 44 going forward. The drop of 5 members was due to a variety of circumstances.

Vehicle Donations: One car was donated in January 2019; it is awaiting sale. Total charity funds received so far this Lions year, from two earlier donations (not including the January donation): \$469.16. This is an effortless way for our club to raise charity funds. Please refer any folks you know to our web site for information on donating a vehicle.

Eyeglass Recycling: So far this Lions year, Fairfax Lions have collected 5748 pair of eyeglasses and 10 hearing aids from collection boxes in our community, and Fairfax Lions have worked 81 hours in the NoVA Lions eyeglass recycling center. Also reported: The former South Riding Lions Club had an eyeglass donation box at My-Eye-Doctor in Centreville, VA, and asked our Club to take-over pickups at that location.

Embassy Autowash Discount Coupons: We sold these discount tickets at recent fruit sales and gave some as door prizes at the holiday party. Result: we generated \$25 for our Charity account. The Club has 69 discount car wash tickets remaining. **ALL CLUB MEMBERS: need a car wash, or want to give a small gift? See Lion Mike Greeley to buy a discount ticket good at any Embassy Auto Wash.**

Upcoming Events (Non-Club events **this color font**)

Feb 2 - Vision Screening (Chocolate Lover's Festival - colocated w Kiwanis Club BBQ lunch)

Feb 5 - Regular Dinner Meeting

Feb 6 - Eyeglass Recycling

Feb 7 - Lions Lunch Bunch

Feb 8-9 - Dist 24-L Winter Conference

Feb 13 - Dinner Out, 6:30pm Auld Shebeen

Feb 19 - Regular Dinner Meeting

Feb 20 - Eyeglass Recycling

Feb 20 - Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center

Feb 26 - Board Meeting

Mar 5 - Regular Dinner Meeting (DG is our invited speaker)

.....Further Ahead.....

Mar 9 - Region III Bland Contest

Mar 13 - Unload Fruit

Mar 13 - Dinner Out, 7pm Auld Shebeen

Mar 14-17 - Fruit Sale

Apr 7 - Charter Night

Apr 10 - Blood Drive - Providence Presb Church

Apr 20 - Roadkill Saturday

May 15-19 - VA Lions State Convention

Lions Information

★ Lion Chan Medwedeff: We have not seen Lion Chan in a while. Checking newsletter archives for a photo, here are Chan and Toni at the Jan 3, 2017, dinner meeting.




Lion Chan and Toni Medwedeff

Sadly, we report that Chan entered hospice care on Dec 27, 2018, in his residence at Ashby Ponds retirement community. He suffers from dementia and Parkinson's disease, and no longer recognizes family members. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Medwedeff family - as they are with ALL ailing members of our Lion family.

★ In case you missed it, in the District 24-L January newsletter, 2nd VDG Glen Logan presented some very useful information...copied here:

"...cyberthreats continue to be a concern for everyone, and Lions in particular. Recently, Lions from two different Lions Clubs were targeted by scammers pretending to be someone they are not, requesting purchase of gift cards for the blind and visually impaired. The emails were supposedly from two different Gmail accounts, but my limited forensics investigation indicates they originated from Yahoo. Fortunately, there were no links to inadvertently click and install malware on the victim's computer. Bottom Line: always be wary of emails requesting you take certain actions, even if it appears to be from a fellow Lion or friend. There are usually clues that indicate the email is bogus—misspellings, poor grammar, requests for personal information such as cell numbers, and the email address has a long list of numbers or an unknown domain (e.g., not .com, .net, .edu, etc.).

And a related item:



Grandkid Scams

Here's how they work:

You get a call: "Grandma, I need money for bail." Or money for a medical bill. Or some other kind of trouble. The caller says it's urgent — and tells you to keep it a secret.

But is the caller who you think it is? Scammers are good at pretending to be someone they're not. They can be convincing: sometimes using information from social networking sites, or hacking into your loved one's email account, to make it seem more real. And they'll pressure you to send money before you have time to think.

Here's what you can do:

- 1. Stop. Check it out.** Look up your grandkid's phone number yourself, or call another family member.
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** You may not have gotten one of these calls, but chances are you know someone who will get one — if they haven't already.

★ Lion Phil Mayo pointed us to a newsletter item from the “Home Educators of Virginia.” Their advertisement in a feature called “Around the State” follows:



"Lions of Virginia Bland Music Scholarship Contest - Various Locations (final competition in Chesapeake) - Multiple Dates (final competition date is May 19)"

Their announcement included a web-link that takes you to this VA Lions information:

The Lions of Virginia Bland Music Scholarship Competition consists of a series of progressive contests. Initial level contests take place in February throughout the state of Virginia. Winners advance to compete in two to three additional levels. Six vocal and six instrumental finalists will compete on May 19 in Chesapeake for a total of \$18,000 in scholarships.

The contest is open to Virginia students in middle and high school. Contestants should prepare a memorized piece of music, not to exceed eight minutes in length.

To enter the competition, contact district chairperson Shirley Wilson at shirlw@comcast.net, who will put you in touch with an initial level chairman in your area. Your local chairman will have more information about your local initial competitions.

For more information; past contest winners; and competition handbook, application, and rules, visit the [website](#).

Special thanks to...

We thank several Lions (Phil Mayo, Mike Greeley, Marilyn Tanner, Bill Bartlett, Ken Schutz, 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 distributed by email to club members near the 1st of 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 any suggestions, or items to include in the next newsletter.

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