



Fairfax Lions Club News - April 2019

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

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

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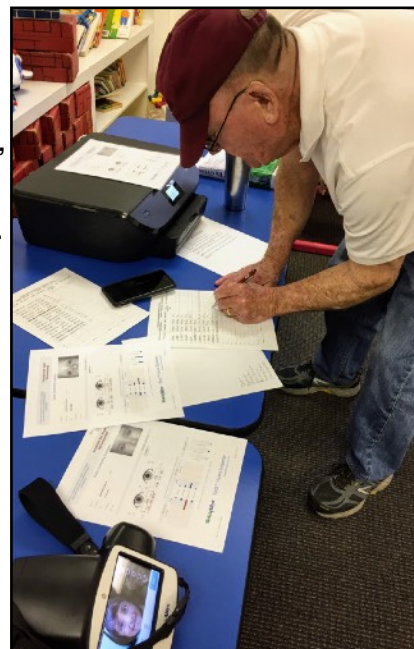
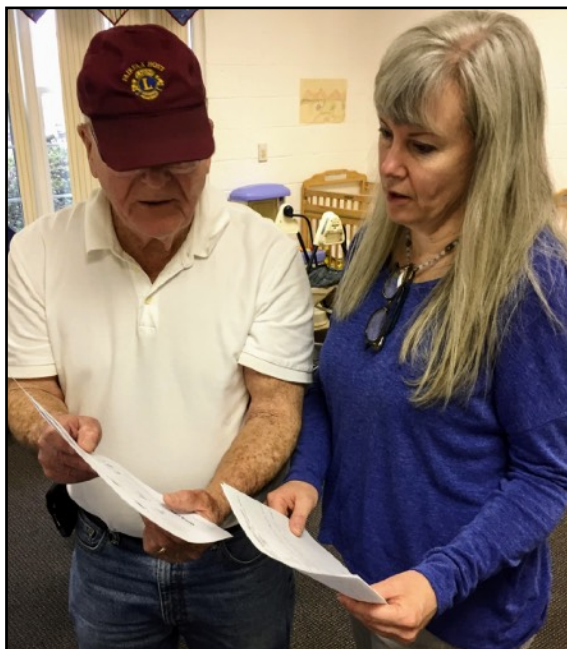
Vision Screening - United Methodist Church Pre-School

On March 18-19, the Lions team of Marty Lockard, Gordon Tillery, and Harry Pontius were invited to the Fairfax United Methodist Church Preschool to screen the student's vision. Over the two days, we screened 56 children between the ages of 3 and 5, and referred 5 children (9%) for professional eye care follow-up. We also screened the vision of 7 adult teachers with 1 referral. We had screened youngsters at this location before, and it is always fun and rewarding service. The children are interested in our screening process. We try to explain to each child, in basic terms, the camera and what it does to check their vision. One teacher told us the youngsters talked to each other afterwards about "the colorful lights on the camera." Good news: most of the youngsters had healthy vision; we were able to identify the few children needing a follow-up examination.



Three steps in our screening process:

1. (Left) Screen each child with the SPOT camera system.
2. (Right) Record the results for each child, including a referral form if appropriate.
3. (Below) Brief the teacher on the results.

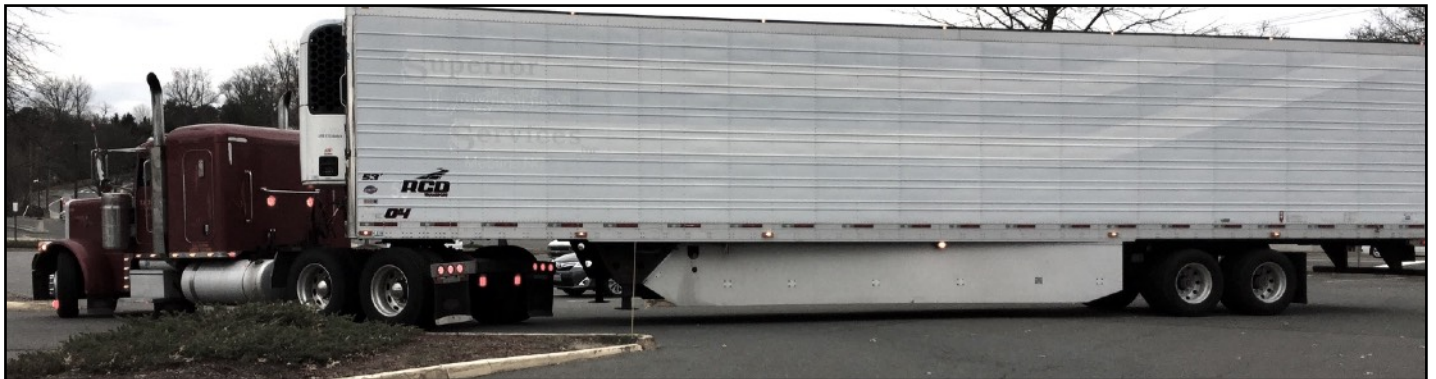


Fund Raising - Essential to Our Service Mission

DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON FUNDS WE RAISE

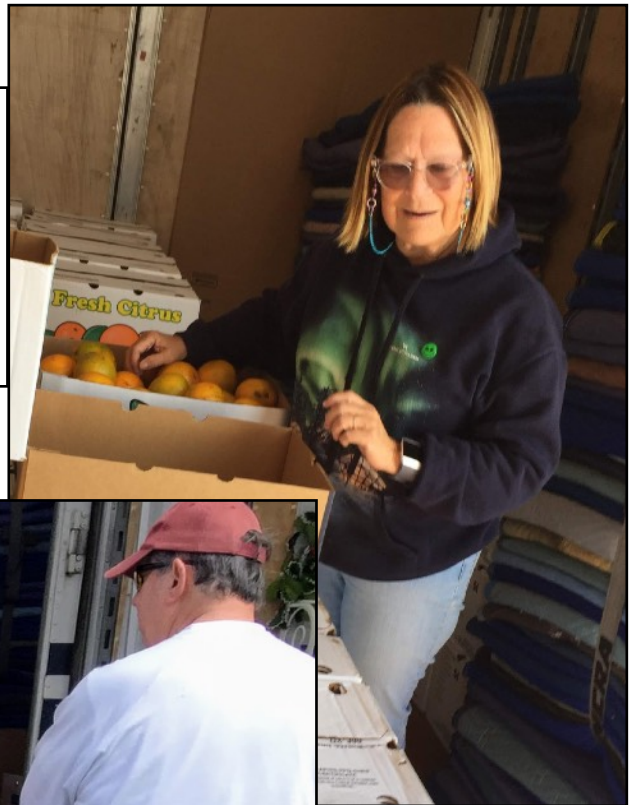
Fruit Sale - March 14th-17th

Fruit sales begin with planning, ordering fruit, emplacing the sign, staging equipment at the sale site, meeting the delivery, and unloading the fruit. Committee Chair Marty Lockard did a masterful job of leading the committee to get all this done. And we enjoyed three days of great weather!





RIGHT - It was great to have former club member Marcia Selva join in to help rolling fruit.







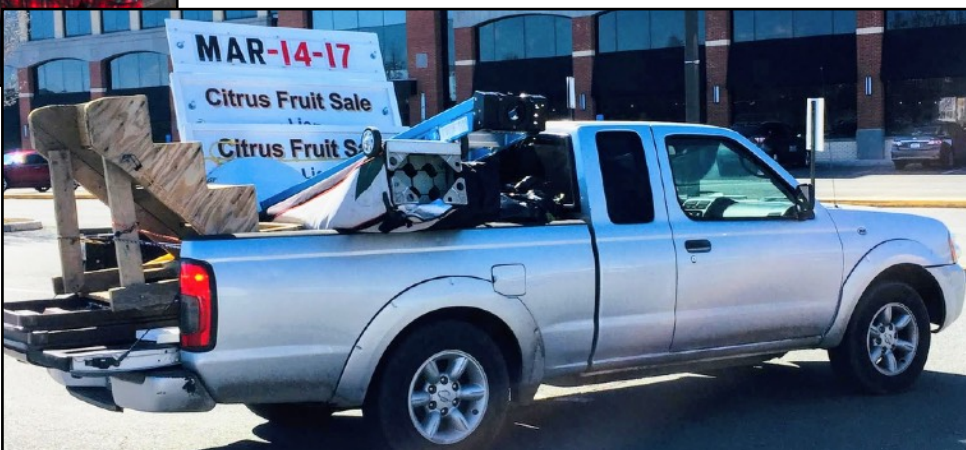


Club Signage on the Craig Van Lines trailer

Three classy Lions and one exceptionally-classy ride! Have you ever seen a prettier blue?
RIDE SAFELY Lion Mike!



All good things come to an end; we sold out of grapefruit early Saturday morning, and closed the doors early Sunday morning. Clearing the trailer and moving equipment back to the Lions storage shed is down to a practiced routine that takes only about an hour.



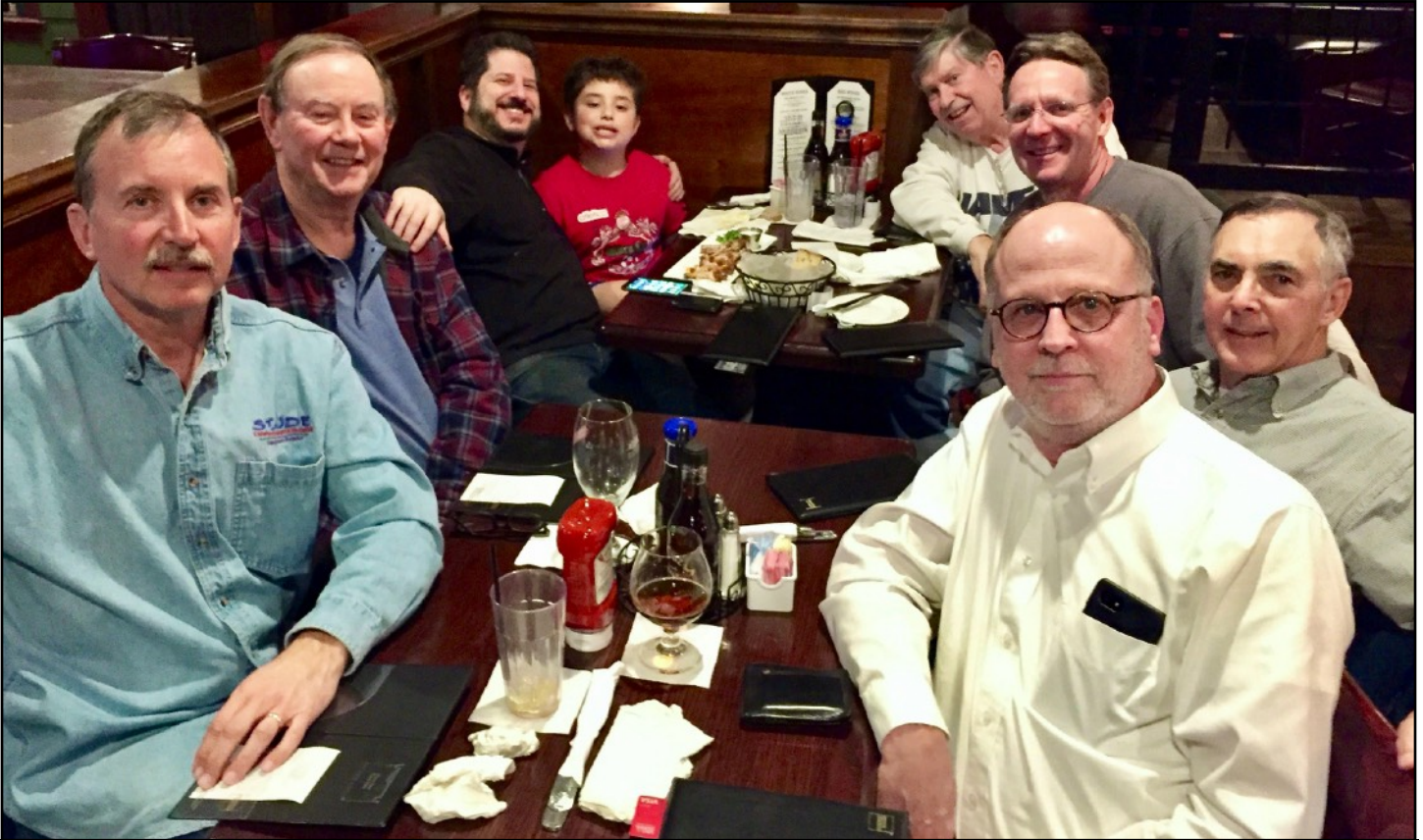
Committee Chair Marty Lockard's summary report: We ordered 417 boxes of grapefruit and oranges. There were only five boxes of oranges remaining unsold at the end of the sale. Those were donated to a very grateful Lamb Center, a place for the homeless, very poor, and handicapped.

A total of 19 Fairfax Host Lions served a total of 176 hours before, during, and after the event to ensure its success. A special thank you goes out to those Lions who worked three or more shifts from Wednesday to Sunday.

A complete report on the fruit sale, with results and lessons learned, was provided to both fruit sale committee members and the Board of Directors. It is available to interested club members.

Lions Dinner Out - March 13th

Nine Lions and one youngster enjoyed drinks and dinner after unloading fruit on Wednesday March 13th. The Auld Shebeen donated \$18 to our charity account as a result.



Next Lions Dinner Out, April 10th - after Blood Drive)

(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

March 5th - District Governor Visit

At least once a year, our District Governor (VA Lions District 24-L) visits our club to share news and inspire members to Lionism.

PCC Bill Bartlett made a welcome sign (as usual), and in the photo (next page) DG Wilma Murphy seems especially pleased with the welcome.

We were happy to see Lion Stephen Bilowus, who stays very busy as a new father and earning a living. Steve brought a guest - his first cousin James Bilowus. James has recently graduated from Virginia Tech University with a degree in agronomy. We asked if he was moving to northern VA for his career, and James told us about the business he started in Blacksburg. He and a few VT friends are consulting to local farmers, advising them on best use of farmland for certain specific crops, and farming techniques. Living in Blacksburg, James is not a viable candidate for membership in our club - yet.

Right - DG Wilma Murphy



Below - Lion Steve Bilowus and cousin James Bilowus



DG Wilma passed around a special Lions incentive pin she created for the District. What's special about it? You have to EARN it.

Conditions for receiving this pin include bringing in at least one new member. It would be wonderful if several Fairfax Lions are wearing this pin by year end! DG Wilma's pin is (shown against a green background) on the right.

DG Wilma then presented the Lions Club Excellence Award to Fairfax Host, for Lions year 2018-2019. The President for that year was Marty Lockard who accepted the award. Marty stated he was accepting the award on behalf of the entire club - the members, who accomplished

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the results that made this award possible.



Above: Lions Club Excellence Award



Left: Marty Accepting Award

DG Wilma had to depart after presenting the club award (she had a long drive back to Culpepper).

Next on the meeting agenda was an informal discussion of three ideas the club is considering:

- (1) Change the format for the 2nd dinner meeting, to stimulate interest among club members in club operations - and also hold the monthly Board meeting immediately after that 2nd meeting;
- (2) Streamline the number of committees - and assign all members to at least one committee, to encourage more interest among members; and
- (3) Reduce the size of the Board of Directors.

At the time of the March 5th dinner meeting, all of these ideas were still evolving in details.

Lion Phil Mayo announced the Remington Lions Club is holding a spaghetti dinner on March 30 as a fund raiser for the youth camp.

King Lion Karen Udell Parker announced that a few LOV Raffle ticket books are still available, and **ALL MUST BE TURNED IN TO HER** (with payment) **by the April 16th dinner meeting**. (Hopefully, after you have paid your taxes!)

The 50/50 drawing prizes were won by Lions Phil Mayo (3th straight win for Phil!!!) and Gordon Tillery).

March 19th

Lion Mike Greeley brought a guest, Bill Szymanski. We had met Bill previously, when Mike brought Bill and his spouse to one of our monthly dinner socials at the Auld Shebeen restaurant. Thank you Mike for bringing Bill to this dinner meeting!



After dinner, King Lion Karen Udell Parker introduced our guest speaker, Sang Yi. Sang - a former member of Fairfax Lions Club - is a senior congressional aide focused on government oversight issues and policy, also serves as a lieutenant commander in the US Navy Reserve, and is a newly elected member of the Fairfax City Council.

Sang spoke about several considerations by the Council; one in particular is the concern that infrastructure may not be capable of supporting potential residential growth. Of great relevance to our club, Sang recounted how Lion Marty Lockard had brought to the Council's attention the "processing fees" our club (and all 501(c)(3) organizations) had to pay to obtain permits for seasonal sales such as our annual fruit sales. The Mayor and the Council took action, and the

zoning ordinance was amended eliminating the need for a permit for our fruit sales. GREAT WORK!

In open forum discussion, Sang commented the Council may be able to identify community needs that Fairfax-area service clubs (members of the ISCC) could consider taking on, as a way to better align with the service needs of our community. (Note: See item on the ISCC later in this newsletter.)

RIGHT - KL Karen presents
traditional speaker gift to Sang Yi

After our dinner meeting, Sang posted on his facebook page:

“Thanks to the [Fairfax Host Lions Club](#) and President Karen Parker for having me speak at their bi-monthly meeting yesterday evening to talk about development and other matters in the City. I enjoyed the discussion with a very civically engaged group, and am very appreciative of the charitable works the Lions Club members do for our community. Since June of last year, they collected more than 6,000 pairs of eyeglasses and several hearing aids to donate to those in need.”

Sang’s reference to donated eyeglasses is based on the report given at the meeting by Lion Scott Dulaney: so far this Lions year, our club has collected 6840 pairs of donated eyeglasses and delivered them to the eyeglass recycling center for processing.

KL Karen reminded members of these two items:

(1) IF YOU HAVE LIONS OF VA RAFFLE TICKETS, YOU MUST TURN THEM IN TO KAREN BY THE APRIL 16 DINNER MEETING, ALONG WITH A CHECK OF \$30 PAYABLE TO FAIRFAX LIONS CLUB. (And, our club nets \$20 of the \$30.)

(2) Club bylaws require an ***election meeting*** in April. Because Charter Night is on April 7th, the only regular meeting in April is on April 16th. Those Bylaws stipulate:

“An election meeting shall be held at the first meeting in April of each year. Notice of the election meeting shall be published by regular post or electronic means or by personal delivery to each member of the club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior the date of the meeting. Such notice shall include the names of all nominees approved at the preceding nomination meeting, and, subject to Section 4 above, a statement that these nominees will be voted upon at this election meeting. No nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.”





Lion Jeff Root brought to the meeting a very nice thank you note from Lion Harry Parker. You may recall the Club Board of Directors approved a donation from Club administrative funds (NOT charity funds) to support Harry's campaign for election at the upcoming state convention to become an International Director from VA.

The 50/50 drawing prizes were won by Lion Gene Brown, and guest Bill Szymanski.

RIGHT - Lion Mike Greeley celebrates the 50-50 win by his guest Bill Szymanski



Board Meeting - March 26th

Unfortunately, your newsletter editor was preoccupied by having family in town from Chicago during spring break week, and was unable to attend the Board meeting. Please stay tuned.

Other News - Fairfax City InterService Club Council (ISCC)

Below: March meeting of ISCC service club representatives at Red Lobster in Fairfax City



Fairfax Lions Club is a member - along with 22 other local service organizations - of the City's ISCC. You may be interested to know, FHLC started the ISCC. In December 1977, Fairfax Lion (and Past Lions International Director) Charles Mowery was the founding President of ISCC.)

ISCC meets monthly, shares news of each club, strives to discuss topics of mutual interest to all, and conducts the city's Volunteer-of-the-Year celebration each year. At the March meeting, ISCC approved donating \$100 to Fairfax HS All Night Grad Party. (The funds come from dues paid by the 23 ISCC member clubs.) Designation of a "Volunteer-of-the-Year" by each service club is submitted to ISCC in May, in preparation for the August 7, 2019 Ceremony. Note: Last year, FHLC's Lion-of-the-Year was Marilyn Tanner; she was recognized in the city's ceremony.

Mutual benefit discussion topics to be addressed in future ISCC meetings:

- Membership - what methods/processes are useful to your club?
- Liability Insurance - does your club carry blanket liability insurance, do you require members/participants to sign waivers, and do you purchase liability insurance for specific events/activities?
- Public Relations - what methods and sources do you find useful to advertise your club and its activities?

Unsolicited

Word for the day: Empathy...the experience of understanding another person's thoughts, feelings, and condition from his or her point of view, rather than from one's own.

It is easy to overlook or forget about friends/club members/families who are sick, ailing, troubled, depressed, going through a crisis, and so on. Those things happen to each of us. And each of us has empathy for the other. BUT - sometimes we don't know what is happening, or we get caught up in our own lives and we overlook, forget, or just fail to recognize the situation. (Your newsletter editor freely admits he is probably the WORST when it comes to that.) So let us all pause, and think for a moment about friends/club members/families...and wish them well.

At the recent citrus fruit sale, Lion Marilyn Tanner made a significant impact when she suggested (at the unload)..."Let's take a picture of all of us smiling and waving to Lion Jim Davis." So we did. That photo is shown earlier in this newsletter. After sending it electronically to Jim, Jim responded: "Thanks. I'd really rather be there than here. But you cannot always do what you want." So, a big thank you to Lion Marilyn for suggesting such a wonderfully thoughtful, albeit small, act to think about Jim.

And to all our friends/club members/families, we care (even if we may not always say so)!

Upcoming Events

Mar 30 - 5pm Spaghetti Dinner, Remington Lions Club fundraiser for Lions Youth Camp;
11326 JAMES MADISON Highway, Bealeton, VA 22712

Mar 31 - 1:30pm Region III Bland Contest, Fairfax City Old Town Hall

Mar 31 - "Sipping for Sprout," supporting Sprout Therapeutic Riding & Education Center
STONE TOWER WINERY, Leesburg

Apr 2 - NO Regular Dinner Meeting (due to Charter night)

Apr 3 - Eyeglass Recycling

Apr 3 - Fairfax City ISCC Mtg

Apr 4 - Lions Lunch bunch

Apr 7 - Charter Night

Apr 10 - Blood Drive - Providence Presb Church (**Taking appts now, see flyer at end**)

Apr 10 - Lions Dinner Out (After Blood Drive), Auld Shebeen

Apr 16 - Regular Dinner Mtg

Apr 17 - Eyeglass Recycling

Apr 17 - Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center

Apr 20 - Roadkill Saturday

Apr 20 - NoVA Lions Youth Camp Earth Day
Apr 23 - Board Meeting
May 1 - Vision Screening, Fairfax City Senior Center
May 15-19 - VA Lions State Convention

Special thanks to...

We thank several Lions Marty Lockard 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!

Personal News?

Going on a vacation, someone receiving special recognition, a child achieving a milestone, celebrating a special event, experienced a fun moment? Please consider sharing news of those type things with the Club - through this newsletter.

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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Attachments Follow:

1. Blood Drive Flyer
2. FYI - Social Security Scam Alert



Give a Lions Share of Life.



Join the pride. Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive **Fairfax Host Lions Club** **Providence Presbyterian** **Church**

9019 Little River Turnpike
Fairfax, VA 22031

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
2:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: "FAIRFAXLIONSVA" to schedule an appointment.

Eligibility Questions?...call 1-866-236-3276

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Individuals who are 17 years of age or older with parental permission in some states; meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds and more depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of proof of ID when you come to donate. www.redcross.org | 20172018 © 2019 The American National Red Cross | 050124P/277

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Social security imposter scam generates 35,000 complaints

By Michelle Harris

February 15th, 2019

From all reports, the scam business is thriving. For example, in 2017, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) received 3,200 complaints about social security imposter scams. In 2018, the number of similar complaints grew to over 35,000 and accounted for an over \$10 million-plus loss for American consumers.

The scam goes something like this. An unsuspecting consumer receives a telephone call. The caller ID says the call is from the Social Security Administration (SSA). It might even reveal the agency’s actual phone number. That bit of information is often the difference between someone answering the call or declining it. However, that caller ID display is not entirely reliable. Unscrupulous scammers can generate any number they desire on that display. And they know people are more likely to answer a call from an official government number.

The caller might tell you that your social security number has been suspended because of suspicious activity. He may say your number has been linked to a crime involving drugs or illegally transferring money out of the country. In the most recent version of this scam, the caller will pinpoint the location of that crime to Texas.

In another version of the scam, the caller says your social security number was used to apply for credit cards, thus jeopardizing your bank account. To protect your money, he instructs you to withdraw all your money to keep it safe.

Not surprisingly, the scam ends with the purported social security employee giving you very specific instructions about purchasing gift cards and then sharing the codes on those cards with him —so he can monitor activity on the cards. While it may seem farfetched, keep in mind this type of scam robbed American consumers of more than \$10 million last year.

How to protect yourself

Here are some things you can do to protect yourself from these sinister scams:

- 1.** Don’t trust your caller ID display. Keep your guard up until you’re certain you’re speaking to someone credible.
- 2.** Don’t be surprised that the caller knows a lot about you, including your social security number. In today’s digital world, getting these numbers and other similar information is ridiculously easy for those who know where to look.
- 3.** The SSA will never call you to say your account is about to be suspended or that your bank account is about to be seized.
- 4.** The SSA will never call to demand that you wire money or send them gift card codes. Anyone who does this is a scammer.
- 5.** If someone calls you for any reason, don’t give them all or part of your social security number over the phone.

If you receive a call like this, hang up and then call the real SSA at 1-800-772-1213 to tell them about your experience. You should also contact the Federal Trade Commission to file a complaint ([ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint)).

