



Fairfax Lions Club News - July 2019

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

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

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

Lions Support Remote Area Medical Clinic

For 34 years, Remote Area Medical (RAM) has provided free medical, dental and vision care to hundreds of thousands of people in mobile medical clinics in communities in the US and abroad. Every RAM clinic is free and open to the public, with no qualifying questions or ID required. In VA, RAM has operated clinics for 20 years.

On Wednesday, June 25th, Lion Jeff Root motored down I-81 to southwest VA, to volunteer at the RAM Clinic at the Wise County Fairgrounds. Once each year, doctors and dentists donate their time there, to treat people without medical insurance. Dental, vision and medical services are provided on a first-come/first-served basis to every patient attending. The Lions of Virginia help starting on Thursday with set-up, and Friday-Sunday with administrative duties to support this outstanding service to neighbors in need. PCC Harry Parker and PDG Karen Udell Parker have served at the RAM clinic in Wise many times.

The schedule is an indication of need in Wise County: Parking at the Fairgrounds opens at midnight Thursday, prior to the first clinic day (Friday); ticket distribution begins at 3am and clinic doors open at 6am Friday-Sunday. The Wise County event is in its 20th year and is expected to reach a milestone by Sunday: its 100,000th patient.

See a BBC documentary "Toothless and Uninsured in Virginia" at https://youtu.be/Y_97prhOt5A and a "60 Minutes" video at <https://www.ramusa.org/video-archives/>

Patient gets dental care at Friday's Remote Area Medical clinic at the Wise County Fairgrounds
(photo credit - Kingsport Times News, Kingsport, TN)



Donation to SCID, Angels for Life

The Board approved a donation of \$125 to SCID, Angels for Life...charity recommended by Barb Ballard, mom of Ray Ballard. SCID is Severe Combined Immune Deficiency, better known as "Bubble Boy Disease." We raise charity funds to support such worthy causes.

Record Year for Eyeglass Recycling!

To the right is the end-of-year report from your Club's Eyeglass Recycling committee. It works at least twice every month at the recycling center, and collects donated eyeglasses from various points in the area.

Please note: 10,229 pair of used eyeglasses were collected and delivered to the Recycling Center - the most ever in one year! The Recycling Center has over the past 21 years delivered over 3.5 million pair of eyeglasses to persons in need around the world - WE SERVE!

Month	Volunteers	Hours	Glasses	Hearing Aids	
July	2	4	2131	0	one visit only-holiday
August	9	18	86	0	
September	4	8	1555	2	
October	5	11	190	8	
November	8	16	521	0	
December	8	16	264	0	
January	4	8	1001	0	one visit only-holiday
February	4	8	917	0	one visit only-weather
March	7	13.25	1196	0	
April	8	16	303	6	
May	6	12	1383	0	
June	5	10	682	2	
TOTALS	70	140.25	10,229	18	

Peace Poster Contest State Winner

Lions Clubs across the state hold Peace Poster contests, with club winners advancing to District & State level, and finally to the International level. The Lions of VA web page shows the winning poster (on the right) at VA state level, which has been submitted to LCI for the international competition.



Winner: Morgan Hardy
Sponsored by Hopewell Prince George Lions Club
District 24 I

Charity Fund Raising - Essential to Our Service Mission

DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS WE RAISE

We had no charity fund raising events in the month of June. (Not counting any proceeds from your purchases on Amazon Smile.) Now, get ready for July 4th hot-dog sales!

Message From Our President for Lions Year 2018-2019

Fairfax Host Lions Club

As I step down as your Club President, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve you this Lion year.

As I stated when I took this position, my motto is TOGETHER WE WILL SUCCEED. I truly believe in this motto and believe that we have together succeeded in achieving many things this year. My successes are your successes.

It truly has been a difficult year with regard to our losses in our membership. I did bring in a new member, my husband PCC Harry Parker. This year I will serve as your Membership Chair. I am hopeful that each of us will be able to recommend a friend, neighbor or family member to our Club. Only together can we make this happen.

Sometimes there are individuals right in front of us whom we should be considering for membership. We should also consider individuals with whom we volunteer outside of Lionism. There are many volunteers who may be good candidates for our club. Invite them to a dinner meeting for us to meet them. Remember, in order for someone to become a Lion, they need to receive an invitation

I wish to thank the outgoing Board of Directors with whom I have enjoyed the opportunity to work.

I did not know when I became President that I would continue with my duties as finding guest speakers. I would like to thank all of our Lions who provided their knowledge and expertise as presenters at our meetings. I would also like to thank Lion Jim Kaplan who assisted in providing so many knowledge presenters. I was able to have a speaker at every meeting this Lion year.

I wish our new King Lion the very best as he begins his year as your President.

Again, thank you for making my year a success with regard to my commitment to SERVE you and those in need within our community who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Yours in Lions Service,
Lion Karen Udell Parker, PDG



Message From the New President

Fellow Lions,

Thank you for the honor and privilege of leading our club, your club, once again.

A special thank you, to PDG Karen, for being King Lion and for leading us this past year so soon after joining the club - it takes a special person to step up and lead an organization so quickly after joining. Thank you to all the members of the Board, all the members that served to lead an activity, and to each and every one of you for serving the community this past year.

This past year we celebrated (and are still celebrating) the centennial of Lions. As I thought about that anniversary, it reminded me that 75 years ago Helen Keller challenged Lions to be "Knights of the Blind." So I am challenging you to be "Knights of your Club." Be a knight for growth, for participation, for getting better and stronger.

Let's use this year to rebuild, re-energize and re-dedicate ourselves to making this Club grow and be stronger than ever in preparation for our 70th anniversary in 2020.

We have a lot of challenges ahead of us. We are going to try some new things, make some changes. They might help, they might not - we won't know until we try. What I do know is there is no "silver bullet" that will solve the challenges we face. Fortunately, there are, in fact, many silver bullets. Each and every one of us is a silver bullet.

Why did you become a Lion? Because someone asked you. Someone noticed you had a desire to serve and they asked you. The better question is, why are you still a Lion and a member of this club? Because you know how good Lions are and how good this club is. There are lots of people out there that have a desire to serve but aren't sure of how. You know some of them - they are your friends, neighbors, family and coworkers. You also know the best advertising is word of mouth.

So let's "Each One, Ask One." We have more than 40 members in our club. If each of us asks one then we will be able to get at least ten new members just this year. Don't be shy to ask - be proud of what Lions do, what you and your club does. Let them know and ask them to join us for dinner.

We should each of us also work to be better members. I know I could have been a better Lion in this past year. So I pledge to you that I will work hard to be more involved, more effective.

It's been a great year of service and we are all looking forward to preparing for another 70 years of serving the community.

Yours in Lionism,
Michael



Dinner Meetings

June 4th

Before our meal, Lion Ken Schutz asked that we all remember the hot-dog food stand we operate downtown in Fairfax City on July 4th. It is always a fun event, with excellent positioning for Lions to see the parade. Sales can be brisk just before and just after the parade. Ken passed around a signup list. If you cannot sign up at meetings, be sure to email Ken if you can show-up and support this charity fund raiser.



We were indeed fortunate to have Jim Kaplan speak at this meeting, on the role and history of the National Security Council. Jim recently completed a one-year assignment at the NSC, “detailed” from the Department of Defense. We learned a large part of the NSC staff - perhaps 85% - is made up of persons detailed from other government agencies.

The National Security Act of July 26, 1947, was one response to FDR’s tendency toward “stovepipe” government operations. The Act created the National Security Council under the chairmanship of the President, with the Secretaries of State and Defense as its key members, to coordinate foreign policy and defense policy, and to reconcile diplomatic and military commitments and requirements. The actual functioning of the NSC depends a lot on the interpersonal chemistry and relationships between the President and his principal advisers and department heads.

The NSC staff, headed by the Executive Secretary, is organized with regional staff (Africa, Asia, Europe, etc) and functional staff (public affairs, legislative affairs, etc), to support the President and moderate and coordinate national security matters across the government. Business may be conducted by meetings of Principals, or Deputies, and so on. Jim described the White House Situation Room - which the NSC often uses - as “the room where it happens” (reminding us of the song by Aron Burr in the play Hamilton...*I want to be in the room where it happens, the room where it happens...*). Hear the song at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm-zSB01SJI>



The White House Situation Room
...the room where it happens!

Jim spoke highly of the calibre of people who work at the NSC - all completely dedicated and routinely working or on-call around the clock. An advantage of working in the NSC is having full privileges of a White House staffer with access to parking, facilities, etc. Jim proudly wore his cufflinks from the Truman Bowling Alley.



King Lion Karen Udell Parker presented Jim with a special speaker's thank-you gift.

Lion Jeff Root read a very nice note from Toni Medwedeff thanking our Club for the flowers we sent. (Copy of the Toni's words at the right.)

Dear Fairfax Lions:

The spray of flowers you sent to Chan's memorial service was beautiful and the family appreciated your thoughtfulness. We took out one perfect red rose and placed it next to the urn before the niche was closed.

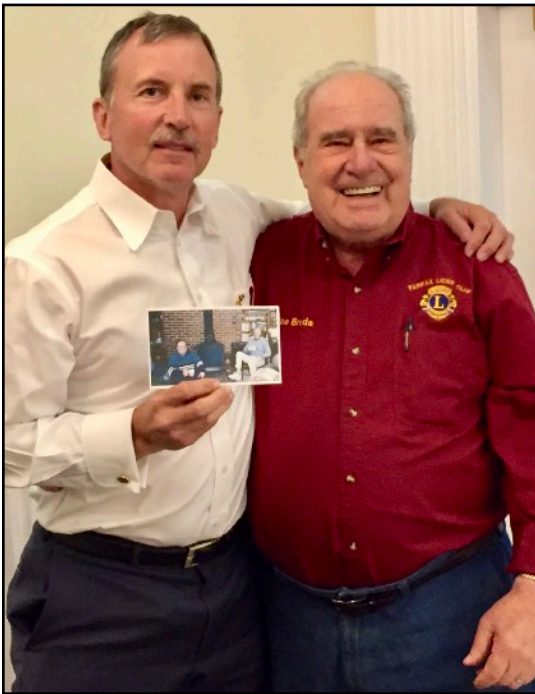
Chan enjoyed being with all of you and often said, "It's great to be a Lion!"

We know you will continue all the good work you do to support the city of Fairfax and beyond. We wish you much success in the future.

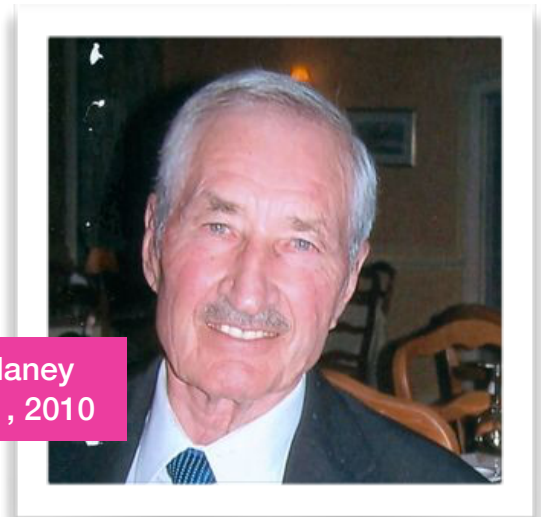
The Medwedeff Family

Lion Jeff also handed out perfect attendance pins:

<u>Years</u>	<u>Lion</u>
5	Mike Greeley
10	Pete Conklin
30	Ken Schutz



Lion Joe Breda brought a treasured photo from times past. The photo shows Lion Hubert Dulaney (Scott's dad) and Joe sharing thoughts around a wood burning stove. Joe presented the photo to Scott.



Lion Hubert Lee Dulaney
Apr 28, 1922 – Jun 11, 2010

50/50 Winners: Lions Pete Conklin and Jim Davis.

June 18th - Installation Meeting & Spouses Night

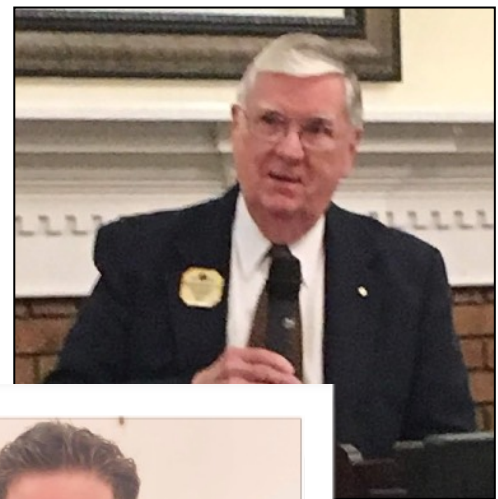
In accord with the long standing club tradition, PCC Bill Bartlett conducted an impressive, ceremony to install the slate of club officers elected for Lions Year 2019-2020.

Elected for Lions Year 2019-2020

President (King Lion)	Mike Rumberg
Immediate Past President	Karen Udell Parker
1st Vice President	Mike Greeley
Secretary	Jeff Root
Treasurer	Rob Higginbotham*
Corresponding Secretary	Mike Greeley
Tail Twister	Doug Brisson
Lion Tamer	Marty Lockard
Bulletin Editor	Gordon Tillery
Membership Director	Karen Udell Parker
Director (Two Years)	PCC Harry Parker
Director (One Year)	Joe Breda
PDG Director	PCC Bill Bartlett
Director Emeritus	PCC Bill Smith

*Note: Had to decline this position; replacement TBD

Photos from the installation ceremony follow...



Someone (J Kaplan?) put Club Charter & words on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/FairfaxLions/>
“Installed our newest officers tonight. Proud of our heritage of good work. If you live in the City of Fairfax Government you might recognize the names John C Woods, Stacy Sherwood, and George Massey. They are not just people recognized for their service and leadership through local buildings named in their honor. They also left a local legacy by helping to co-found our local Lions Club.
Want to learn more about our history and our current service to Fairfax? Join us for dinner and find out.”

Excellent post (Jim?)!

Again, by tradition, the outgoing President announced her choice of Lion-of-the-year.

FAIRFAX HOST LIONS CLUB LION OF THE YEAR, 2018-2019

As the President of Fairfax Host Lions Club, it was a great honor for me to have been given the opportunity to select our Lion of the Year. Given the opportunity to select more than one, I would have recommended everyone in our Club for this honor. However, I was asked to name only one person.

Suggestions were made and I thought a great deal as to the criteria which I needed to outline for myself to make my decision. I finally realized that I needed to look for the person who was most helpful to me this Lion year.

I went back to my first day with all of you and it was your first Dinner Meeting of the

Lion Year 2017. When I arrived that evening, I stood at the entryway for a while and finally someone came up to me and greeted me with a very friendly smile. He asked me sit with him and he talked about Fairfax Host Lions Club.

A year passed and he suggested that I run for First Vice President. I kept saying, “NO,” until finally I said, “YES.” The same thing happened when this Club was looking for a President. He wouldn't let me say “NO.”

When there is a club fundraiser, he is always there. Signing up for a time slot just like at our Fruit Sales. He always arrives early and stays far beyond his scheduled time to leave. He is always there for Fairfax Host Lions Club. He started his Lions Club career with Fairfax Host Lions Club and continues to be an asset with over 40 years of service.

Thus, I am sure that you will agree that Lion Joe Breda is an excellent choice for our Lion of the year.

Thank you Lion Joe for your years of service.

PDG Karen Udell Parker

President, Fairfax Host Lions Club



Board Meeting - June 25th

In the annual Joint Meeting (of out-going and in-coming Boards) the Boards reviewed two thank you letters received from:

- Northern VA Lions Youth Camp, for our donation of \$3000
- Northern VA Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, for our donation of \$500

Mike Greeley, leader for our Discount Car Wash Ticket sales effort, reported that Embassy Car Wash has raised retail prices for car washes, but our discount tickets remain valid (sort of like “forever stamps”). Example: a Full Service Wash discount ticket is \$12 from a Lion, but Embassy retail price is now \$16. Get some at the July 4th Hot Dog sale!


GIVE YOUR CAR A BATH!
DEEPLY DISCOUNTED EMBASSY AUTOWASH TICKETS
FULL SERVICE WASH

1 TO 4 TICKETS @	\$12.00 (\$14.00 ¹⁶ Value)
5-TICKET PACK@	\$55.00 (\$70.00 ⁸⁰ Value)
10-TICKET PACK@	\$105.00 (\$140.00 ¹⁶⁰ Value)

The Northern VA Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center is still looking for a 2000-3000 sq. ft. facility to clean, process and store recycled eyeglasses for distribution around the world. If you have any ideas please contact PCC Bill Bartlett.

The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Lion Marilyn Tanner. Lion Cory Green offered to discuss with the Lions who have notified the club of an intent to resign - the reasons for their loss of interest in membership in the club. Cory plans to brief the Board on findings in August, so the Board can consider changes to club operations, culture, etc.

The Board tabled until July a vote on whether Fairfax Lions Club shall apply to be host club for the State Convention in April 2021. This allows time for members to comment on the notion.

Upcoming:

- July 2 - Meeting CANCELED (**No Regular Dinner Meeting** due to holiday week)
- July 3 - Eyeglass Recycling
- July 4 - Food Sales Booth at City of Fairfax City Independence Day Parade
- July 5 - Lions Lunch bunch (1st Friday, instead of Thursday, due to July 4 holiday)

July 5-9 - 102nd Lions International Convention, Milan, Italy

(Fairfax Host Lions Club is proud to be represented by Lions Karen and Harry Parker at the International Convention)

July 16 - Dinner Meeting..NEW King Lion presides!

July 17 - Eyeglass Recycling

July 17 - Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center

July 23 - Board Meeting

Coming Up

Aug 7 - Volunteer-of-the-Year ceremony, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

Taste of Wegmans Lions Lunch Bunch

By Terry Breda & PCC Bill Bartlett

On Thursday, June 6, several folks gathered for the once-a-month lunch get-together at Wegman's grocery store in Fairfax (intersection of Rte 29 and Monument Drive). The June 6 Lunch Bunch included Pete Sizemore who came all the way from Richmond!!



For several years PCC Bill Bartlett has invited Lions and guests to join him on the 1st Thursday of each month for this get together. It used to be held at the (now out of business) Old Country Buffet in the Fair City Mall, and has moved to Wegmans near Fairfax Corner and the Government Center. Wegmans has a wonderful selection of fresh and easy ready-to-eat choices such as sandwiches, salads, Mexican station, self-serve hot food line, Asian bowls, pasta bowls, and so on - available any time of day.



The Lions Lunch Bunch started in 1997 because one of our members, Bill Sheets, had been diagnosed with ALS and could not get down the steps at "Mamas" - where Fairfax Lions held dinner meetings at that time. He attended every lunch bunch from then until he died a couple of years later. PCC Bill was planning to stop having the get together after he died, but the attendees DEMANDED that we continue it. So we have.

City of Fairfax Inter-Service Club Council

The ISCC met in June (ISCC does not meet in July and August) and each participating Club gave a brief report of accomplishments and plans. The main focus was on plans for the August 7th Volunteer-of-the-Year ceremony. Each year, the ISCC hosts this signature event to acknowledge member organizations' extraordinary volunteers. It is a wonderful occasion - mark your calendar and plan to attend, to see Lion-of-the-Year Joe Breda be recognized: 7pm, Wednesday, August 7 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA.

Lions Information

How Many Lady Lions?

This next item was clipped from the District 24-L June Newsletter:



Congratulations

Lions of District 24-L!

You have achieved an increase in the lady Lions percentage up to 34.89% and know you can continue and get over 35% -- YOU can do it!!!

PID Cindy Gregg has informed us that our District has the largest percentage of lady Lions in the entire state of Virginia, and the second highest percent in 4 other Multiple Districts, including West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Keep up the good work---overall we are +6!

IPDG Sally Kenavan

GMT Specialist for Women and Families

With the recent resignation of Marilyn Tanner, our FHLC membership now includes five Lady Lions: Karen DeRosa, Karen Habitzreuther, Karen Parker, Anh-Thu Phan, and PJ Story.

FYI - You can check our Club's current listing of members at "MY LCI." LCI has a new universal login system. Your Lion Account username and password allows you access to all Lions applications: MyLCI, MyLion, Shop and Insights.

Special thanks to...

You stepped up to help make the July newsletter happen...thank you Terry Breda, Lions Bill Bartlett, Jeff Root, Jim Kaplan, Mike Greeley.... 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 "The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter"

Bob Stahl was a WW2 veteran (US Navy - Pacific Theater) - part of the Greatest Generation - and a Fairfax Lion for nearly 40 years (serving as President and bulletin editor, among other duties).

"The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter" is published in PDF format, and is distributed by email to club members around 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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