"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."



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#### SEE WORDS FROM OUR INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENT, PAGE 14

We ALWAYS Start with Service - Our Primary Mission WE SERVE THE WORLD AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES... WITH PRIDE, COMPASSION AND KINDNESS

#### Lions Make an Impact with Donation to Food For Others!

With one of the largest donations to Food For Others this year, Fairfax-area Lions Clubs kick-started the new mobile food pantry delivering emergency food to those not able to get to food distribution centers.

This item appeared on the front page of the recent Food For Others (FFO) newlsletter...

FOOD OTHERS



#### LIONS clubs donate \$19,525 to FFO's Mobile Food Pantry

Several area Lions clubs have joined together to raise money for Food for Others' mobile food distribution program. Fairfax Lions, Falls Church-Annandale Lions, Burke Lions, Springfield Global Lions, Clifton Lions, and Alexandria Asian-American Lions all made contributions and the Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) matched their donations. Their contribution will help us bring a mobile food pantry to families without transportation.

FFO is one of the largest providers of free emergency groceries in the region, distributing food each week to more than 4,000 local families in need. At our club dinner meeting on May 5th, responding to KL Mike's challenge, YOU - our Club members - decided make a special

donation to this local food bank. Then, PDG Harry Parker inspired us to apply for a Lions of Virginia Foundation matching grant, and to encourage other area Lions Club to participate. KL Mike solicited interest of other clubs; Lion Marty applied for the LoVF grant. Word spread quickly, clubs AND INDIVIDUALS responded with enthusiasm. Clubs contributing: Fairfax Lions, Falls Church-Annandale Lions, Burke Lions, Springfield Global Lions, Clifton Lions, and Alexandria Asian-American Lions. In addition, several individuals - even outside Lions Clubs - made important donations also. In less than a month, we were able to schedule a check presentation ceremony, on Friday June 12th.

June 12th was a great day, the weather was perfect and representatives of local Lions Clubs that participated in the Lions donation showed up.



with representations of contributing Lions Clubs

(L) New District Governor Glen Logan, (C) FFO Exec Dir Annie Turner, (R) PCC Harry Parker



KL Mike was well prepared for the event. His words for the check presentation:

"Fairfax Lions Club has been supporting Food For Others for many years in modest ways with food donations from our Citrus Fruit Sales, Fall Festival food booths, and more significantly, in thousands of pounds of food collected in food drives by several of our members.

This crazy COVID situation has not only dramatically and suddenly increased the need of our neighbors, but this unprecedented situation is made doubly difficult because the traditional methods of distributing food have to radically change.

So when we learned that Food For Others began the Mobile Emergency Food Pantry project to adapt to and overcome these new challenges we were ready to act.

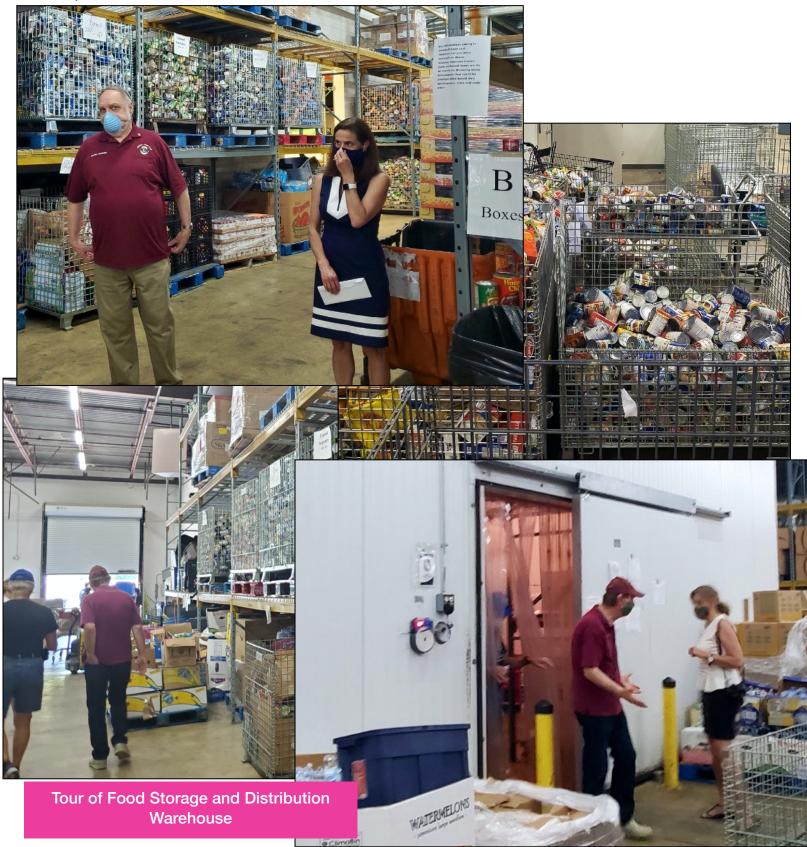
On behalf of the Alexandria Asian-American, Burke Host, Clifton, Falls Church-Annandale and Springfield Global Lions Clubs, the Lions of Virginia Foundation, and 17 individual Lions and community leaders, I am pleased to be able to provide this contribution of \$19,525 to Food for Others for the Mobile Emergency Food Pantry project.

Thank you to all the members of the Lions Clubs who worked to raise the money that is supporting this effort. Special thank you goes to Lions Gordon Tillery, Marty Lockard, and Past Council Chair Harry Parker for really being the driving forces behind this contribution. And thank you, to Food For Others, for the wonderful work you are doing to help our Community."



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After the check presentation, FFO offered a tour of the food distribution warehouse. A few photos from the tour....



After Action Report: Our club agreed to this service activity on the evening of May 5. From May 5th - June 12th, your club raised \$19,525 and made this substantial donation to help meet emergency food needs of individuals and families in our area, many of whom are food-insecure and in some cases do not know where their next meal is coming from. The Lions donation will go a long way towards providing basic food to those most in need in our community!

<u>Fairfax Lions</u>: YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE, EFFORT IN MAKING THINGS HAPPEN, and CAN-DO ATTITUDE ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL AND WORTHY SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY. IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION!

FYI - Food For Others September fund raiser...

# **Register for our Virtual 5K & Fun Run!**

Be part of Food for Others Tysons virtual 5K & Fun Run September 25-27th! Run (or walk) your 3.1 miles at your favorite spot with your family members, friends, or pets. Post your race photos on social media using the hashtag **#Foodforothers5K**. Prizes will be awarded for photos of the best race costume, most creative route, best pet photo, & more! **All participants who register before September 10 will receive a t-shirt mailed to their home.** 

Your \$30 registration fee will provide rice and beans to 25 families. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. <u>Register here.</u>

#### Charity Fund Raising - Essential to Our Service Mission DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS WE RAISE

We had to cancel our July 4th Food Booth fund raiser; hopefully we will have our Fall Festival Food Booth fund raiser. Lion Marty is already planning the Citrus Fruit Sale fund raisers to commence the week before Thanksgiving. Keep your fingers crossed!

And, don't forget - when you buy from Amazon, buy from Amazon Smile (with Fairfax Host Lions Club Charities Inc selected as the charity 0.5% of your purchases go to).

# **Dinner Meetings**

# June 2nd Zoom Meeting

We continue to meet using Zoom video conferences, and seem to be getting used to it. 1VP Mike Greeley booked an excellent guest speaker for this meeting, Ms. Bonnie OLooney. Bonnie told us about the NoVA Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC, <u>https://nvrc.org</u>). NVRC programs bring information and resources to people with hearing loss, introducing them to a range of possible solutions to improve the quality of their lives. Bonnie helped us understand the physics of hearing, environments where we may be trying to improve our hearing, and various technology solutions to improving hearing. It was an info

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#### NVRC Rep Bonnie Speaks to Lions

packed 20 minutes, and extremely well presented over our Zoom hookup - we could all hear great!

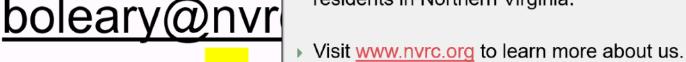
NoVA Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons

 Mission: Empowering deaf and hard of hearing individuals and their families through education, advocacy and community involvement.



 Services: Information and referral, outreach, education, weekly e-mail news, hearing screenings, mentoring and advocacy for deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and DeafBlind residents in Northern Virginia.

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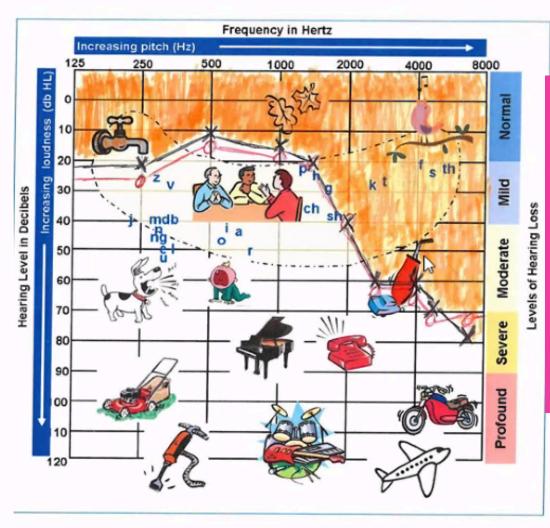


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> Bonnie O'Leary, Outreach Manager, Certified Peer Mentor boleary@nvrc.org



Hearing Loss We learned that common hearing loss is represented by the brownish shaded area.

So, many people have no trouble hearing lawnmowers, motorcycles, vacuums, and dogs barking.

But people with most common hearing loss may not clearly hear some birds, leaves rustling, water dripping, or quiet conversations and especially the sound of "soft consonants" like f, s, and the "th" sound.

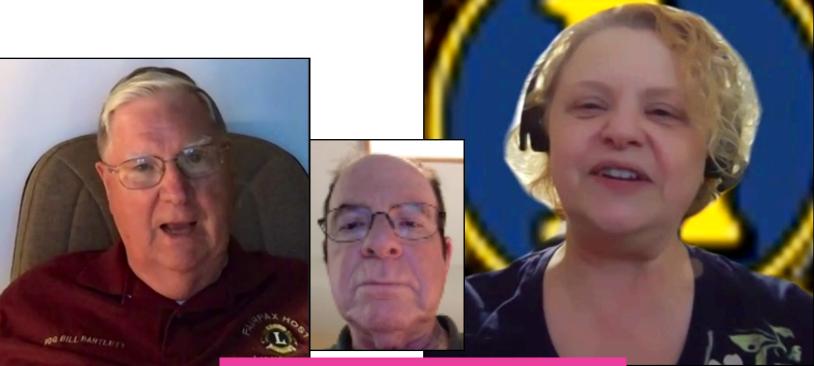
A couple of tips Bonnie offered.

- If you have a "good ear," position yourself to best advantage.
- Confirm! Let the speaker know what your heard, especially with respect to details.
- Smart-Phone technology assists:
  - Google Live Transcribe: Live Transcribe is an app that provides free, real-time, speechto-text transcriptions to make everyday conversations more accessible among people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing. Live Transcribe shows speech and sound as text on your screen, so you can participate in conversations more easily. Bonnie reports it is quick and about 90% accurate in her experience.
  - Otter's free app uses artificial intelligence to create voice transcripts. It absorbs recorded conversations and churns out transcripts.
  - InnoCaption+ App provides real-time captioning of smartphone calls.

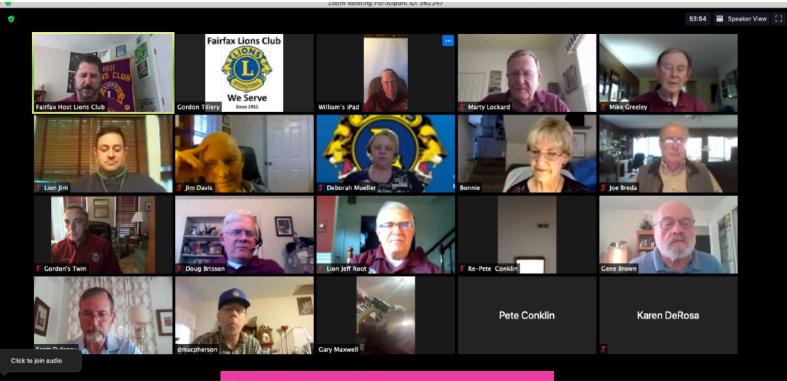
After the guest speaker, a distinct pleasure for our Club and the highlight of the June 2nd meeting, was the induction of new Lion Bev Mueller. With sponsor Lion Pete witnessing, PCC Bill conducted the induction ceremony.

Let's all welcome Lion Deb - who has already signed up on the fruit sale committee, and plans to be an understudy treasurer! Deb works in the health care industry, and suggested

that her family is a great resource package - her husband and two sons, who we may see helping out on projects. Welcome Deb!!!



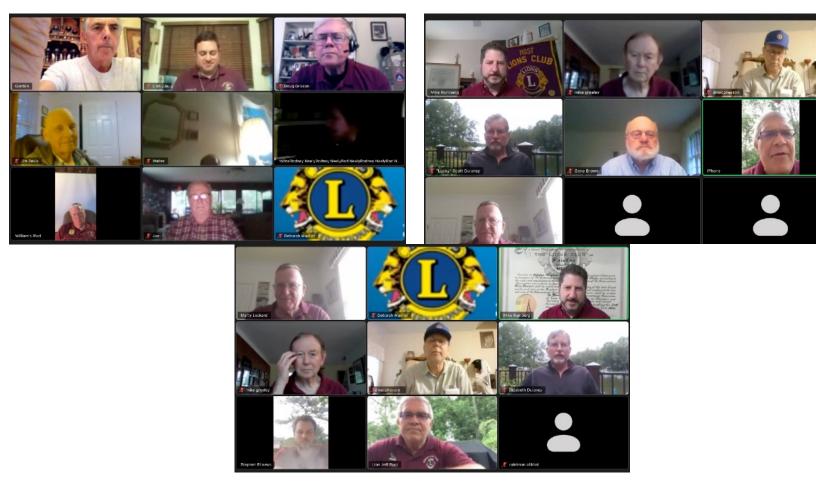
PCC Bill is the MC, Sponsor Pete provides support, and Deb Mueller officially becomes a Lion, Thanks to video teleconferencing!



Gallery View of the June 2nd Zoom Meeting

#### June 16th Zoom Meeting

Your newsletter editor was on an iPad, where Gallery Views only show "9 squares"...



The primary purpose of this meeting was to install the incoming officers (listed below) who will lead our club for the coming Lions fiscal year: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.



PCC Bill is an old hand at serving as the Master of Ceremony for Club formalities: new member inductions, officer installations, special award presentations, etc. As usual, PCC Bill did an outstanding job citing the duties associated with officer positions, and asking the elected person if they were willing to accept the duties and responsibilities. Newly Installed Club Officers

President (King Lion)	Mike Greeley
Immediate Past Pres.	Michael Rumberg
1st Vice President	Suleiman Alibhai
2nd Vice President	Jim Kaplan
Secretary	Jeff Root
Treasurer	Michael Rumberg
Corresponding Secretary	Pete Conklin
Tail Twister	Doug Brisson
Lion Tamer	Phil Mayo
Bulletin Editor	Gordon Tillery
Membership Co-Directors	Ken Schutz & Gordon Tillery
Director (Two Years)	Joe Breda
Director (One Year)	PCC Harry Parker
PDG Director	PCC Bill Bartlett
Director Emeritus	PCC Bill Smith

Tail Twister Doug



Tail Twister Doug led us in a friendly contest to answer 10 fairly hard Qs, testing our knowledge on general history and military senior ranks over history. Example, (1) what two significant things are recognized on June 14th? (2) how many 5-star generals served in the Army and who were they? Answers:

(1) Birthday of the US Army, and US Flag day(2) Marshall, Bradley, Ike, MacArthur, Arnold

Lion Doug has done such a great job, he was inducted to serve for another year as Tail Twister!

A surprise hit of the June 16th meeting was the announcement of two special recognitions. PCC Bill usually presents - on the occasion of our Club's formal Charter Night celebration - a Melvin Jones Fellow recognition. This year's Charter Night was cancelled, and this meeting became the occasion.

Membership on the club's Melvin Jones Committee is reserved for Lions who have been singularly honored as Melvin Jones Fellows. The committee selects the Fairfax Lion who best exemplifies the truly outstanding characteristics that we have come to associate with this recognition. We stress this is a recognition and not an award. The reasons we select an individual should be based on service, performance and attendance over an extended period of time, and NOT just on the individual's length of membership or accomplishments this past Lions year or the fact that he/she is a Past President of the club.

This year, Progressive (meaning they have been recognized in the past as Melvin Jones Fellows) Melvin Jones Fellowships went to: Mike Rumberg, and Marty Lockard. Next time you see them, please offer a hearty congratulations!

A most welcome question: Lion Rodney inquired about inviting a potential new member to a future club zoom meeting. Great news Rodney! All Club members are encouraged to invite friends or acquaintances to visit a club meeting, learn what we do, and consider joining our club - To Serve!



Lion Mike not only led this meeting, but also was installed as the Immediate Past Club President - to commence when he passes the gavel to the new King Lion at the conclusion of the joint Board meeting on June 23rd.

#### **Board Meeting - June 23rd**

The Board met by zoom; business included these items:

- The Northern VA Lions Sight and Hearing Van needs funds to stay operating. Many clubs do not use the van, as they like ours have their own vision screening equipment. Our usual annual donation is \$500; the budget committee with review.
- Similarly, the Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp, Inc needs funds; another Budget Committee action.
- Membership: we have 44 members, including 3 new Lions inducted last month.

- Vehicle donation program: 1 car was donated last week (by a CLUB MEMBER!), and should sell in another week with proceeds going to the charity account.
- Eyeglasses for the Needy: we provided 23 pairs of new eyeglasses in the past Lions year.
- Eyeglass Recycling: the new recycling center is still not open for volunteer work. Our committee has made arrangements to transport in the next week several months worth of donated eyeglasses to the center; we estimate our total count for the year will be around 10,000 pairs of donated eyeglasses to enter the recycling process.
- Fruit Sale Planning: the committee is exploring various ways to operate in November (week before Thanksgiving).
- "Fairfax County NonProfit Sustainability Grant:" The Board agreed to accept a grant that our club qualified for. Grant funds (\$25,000) may be used ONLY for limited purposes (storage shed rent, utilities and expenses directly related to COVID - Personal Protective Equipment - gloves, masks, shields, sanitizer supplies, equipment such as plexiglass dividers, and costs of technology acquisition - Zoom). The funds cannot be used for service activities. Each proposed expenditure must be approved; the Club Treasurer will handle all compliance matters. This development will help offset our financial shortfalls associated with cancelling the March Fruit Sale, the 4th of July food sale, etc.
- King Lion Mike R transferred the gavel, and the Club's presidency, to incoming King Lion Mike G. All commended Mike R on a great year as Club President!



#### Our Club received this nice thank you note:

The James Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Foundation Gainesville, VA 20155

June 23, 2020

Fairfax Host Lions Club

I want to thank the Fairfax Host Lions Club for the generous donation of \$400 to the Bland Music Foundation. This allows us to continue to award scholarships each year. I am gratified that you agree that these young, dedicated, talented musicians are deserving of our support.

As you already know, the contestants always display musicianship and professionalism of the highest order. Many of our state participants go on to attend the top music schools and conservatories in the country. Upon graduation, they enrich the cultural life of our country through teaching and performing.

Conornavirus-19 has interrupted our competition schedule this year but we have been able to hold many of the local and zone level competitions. As soon as it is safe to resume, we will move forward and hopefully be able to hold the state competition in a central location by the beginning of August..

Again, many thanks for your continued support. We could not operate without clubs such as yours!

Yours in Lionistic Service,

Shirley Wilson, Bland State Foundation Chairperson

# **Upcoming Events:**

July 1 - Canada Day (Canada became self-governing July 1, 1867)

July 4 - US Independence Day (13 colonies approved Declaration of Indep July 4, 1776) July 7 - Regular Dinner Meeting (Zoom)

July 14 - French Bastille Day (uprising against the monarchy, stormed Bastille July 14, 1789) July 20 - Moon Day (man's 1st step on the moon, Commander Neil Armstrong July 20, 1969)

July 21 - Regular Dinner Meeting (Zoom)

June 28 - Board meeting (Zoom)

July 30 - International Day of Friendship (United Nations declaration, July 30, 2011)

#### Ahead

Aug 2 - Sipping for Sprout <u>https://sproutcenter.org/events/sipping-for-sprout/</u> Sep 10 - Cut off to register for Food for Others VIRTUAL 5K run <u>Register Here</u>

#### And Now A Word from Incoming Club President, Mike Greeley

First of all, I want to thank my predecessor, Lion Mike R., for leading Fairfax Host Lions Club through a successful, rewarding year. I am very grateful that he will continue his leadership as Immediate Past President and Treasurer.

As we begin our new year, I am struck by the fact that our club has such a long history of community service and by the fact that we have so many outstanding faithful members. I am very fortunate to have such wealth of leadership, experience, and enthusiasm to draw on.

I am honored and excited to be your new President during our 70th anniversary. I want this to be a banner year with many new contributing members, exciting service

projects and innovative fund raisers. I want us to encourage each other to participate in Club activities and enjoy our fellowship. As King Lion, I am mulling over several possibilities I'm excited about that I will discuss with leadership in the coming weeks.



Yours in Lionism, KL Mike

#### More Lions in Fairfax?

The news article below appeared in the "Fairfax Connection," June 25-July 1 issue.

#### **Fairfax High Lions Instead of Rebels**

Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection

In the wave of the Black Lives Matter Movement – plus the anti-Confederate sentiment sweeping the country – Fairfax High's mascot and teams will no longer be the Rebels. Instead, they'll be called the Lions.

Principal Erin Lenart made the announcement last Thursday afternoon, June 18. And accordingly, that night, the Fairfax City School Board held a special meeting and changed the name of the street leading to the school from Rebel Run to Lion Run. These changes are effective immediately.

School Board Chairman Carolyn Pitches explained them – as well as what's next on the horizon – in a statement to parents and the community. Regarding the team name change, she said, "While this is solely a principal decision, the City of Fairfax School Board Fairfax Lions Club Newsletter, July 2020 fully supports Dr. Lenart and shares her pride in officially becoming the Fairfax High School Lions."

As for the street, Pitches said it's owned by the School Board, so that's why it has jurisdiction to change its name. This street was named Rebel Run in 1972 to reflect the school's team name. And now, she said, Lion Run will do the same.



The new, Lions Run street sign has already replaced Rebel Run



The lion, already painted on the wall of Fairfax High's fieldhouse – shown during a past graduation ceremony there – is now the school's new mascot.

In addition, the Board voted to open public comment on possibly changing the name of Lanier Middle School. It was named by Fairfax County Public Schools in 1959 after poet

Sidney Lanier, who served in the Confederate Army from 1861-1865. The City of Fairfax acquired the land and building from Fairfax County when it incorporated into a city in 1961. The facility was then called Sidney Lanier Intermediate School, and the core name continued, as well, when it later became a middle school.

"As all naming rights of the City's school buildings and facilities are the responsibility of the City of Fairfax School Board, I have asked our Superintendent, Dr. Phyllis Pajardo, to develop a plan that includes multiple opportunities for community engagement," said Pitches. "The plan will be presented to our board at our regular School Board Meeting on Monday, July 6."

The Board expects to begin public engagement later this summer, concluding in the fall, with a possible vote in September or October on whether to change the school's name. Following the July meeting, it will inform the community of all the ways the public may provide input and ask questions. Meanwhile, residents are welcome to contact the Board by emailing SchoolBoard@FairfaxVa.gov or calling 703-293-7131.

- So, does this present an opportunity for our Club?
- Fairfax Lions Club form a partnership with Fairfax High School?
- Recruit HS "Lions" to work with FHLC projects?
- Encourage Fairfax HS "Lions," to become Fairfax Lons Club Lions, when they graduate?
- Consider a HS partner "LEO Club"...Fairfax Lions sponsor Fairfax HS Lions LEO Club?
- Anyone interested?

#### What is a Leo Club?

Leo Clubs are a youth organization of Lions Clubs International. The word "LEO" stands for Leadership, Experience, Opportunity. LEO clubs encourage youths to develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities. They are dependent on a Lions club to sponsor and initiate a Leo club. Leo Club members are addressed as "Leos." They conduct various projects in the fields of health care, elders, children, disabled people, literacy and education, and self-development. LEOs can raise funds by conducting fund-raising projects. They can conduct projects with another Leo club, sponsoring Lions club, or with an outside organization. Leo clubs are sponsored by Lions clubs and comprise an official program of Lions Clubs International.

#### City of Fairfax Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC) - June 3rd

This was a Zoom meeting, and it was the last ISCC meeting until September. Guest Bill Crowder gave a short presentation on "Marion Homes." These are single family homes for individuals who are intellectually disabled. The Marion Homes organization raises funds to purchase the homes, and assures they are staffed for proper operation. Six single-family homes currently located in Northern VA allow 30 adult men and women with intellectual disabilities to live in safe, secure, caring, and well-managed home environments as members of a community. See the web page: <u>Marion Homes</u>

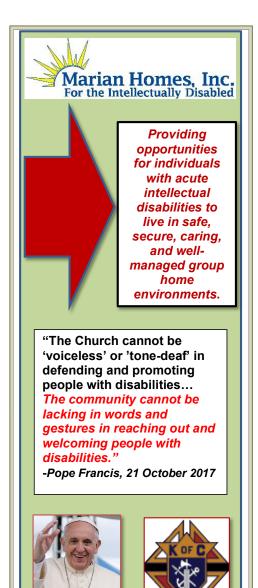




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# **Lions Information**

A video message from Lions Clubs International uses reports on service from hundreds of thousands of individual Lions Clubs - including Fairfax Lions - to show the power of Lions around the world. Click for the LCI video: Lions Serve 250 million people... in one year

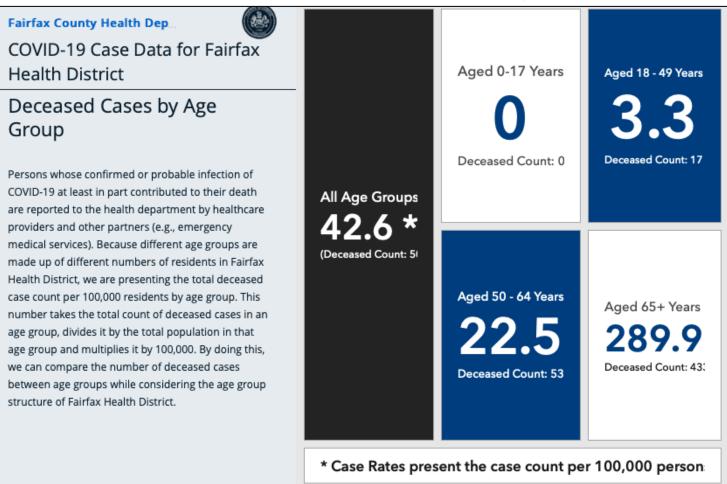
#### For Your Information - Racism in America

Recent killings of black men by police has given rise to peaceful protest demonstrations, some violence by opposition groups (radical entities), and a general new awareness of 400 years of racial history and the unequal treatment of African Americans across the US. Many individuals have spoken out, and many people are listening. Change is being considered across the executive and legislative branches of the federal government, and many state and local governments. Education, awareness, and communication are keys to progress.

One example is that of a senior officer in the US Air Force, speaking out. This video was made by the first black 4-star general confirmed to serve as Chief of a military service, US Air Force General C. Q. Brown, Jr.

Click this link - it is worth your time: What General Brown Thinks About

Lions Information - For The Health & Well Being of Club Members Fairfax County has a "dashboard" with metrics and data associated with the Corona virus in the county. Find it at: <u>COVID19 CASE DATA in Fairfax County</u> A sample..



#### 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 Secretary, President, bulletin editor, and sharing at each meeting a bit of "Lions Information.")

#### Special thanks to ...

Several Lions always step up to help make this newsletter happen...thank you for providing ideas and/or input (whole articles, reports, photos). Such help is essential to presenting the news of this Club!

"The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter" is published on the Fairfax Lions web page. Club members are alerted to its availability on the web page 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 the newsletter editor; we need your help to publicize information about our Club, and about you. Editor's Note: starting with this issue, we will try to no longer publish persons last names for privacy considerations.

#### That's all folks!

Send any suggestions, or items to include in the next newsletter.

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



