

Fairfax Lions Club News

May 2021

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



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

Service

Fairfax Lions “70 for 70” Ceremony

Our major charity campaign reaches a high point on Monday, May 10th - a ceremony to present more than 700 cans of food, and a check for \$7070, to Food for Others (FFO). Our District Governor will attend. We ask many Lions to show up - wear Lions hat/shirt, arrive by 10:15AM; 2938 Prosperity Ave, Fairfax, VA. Meet in the rear at loading dock. The ceremony recognizes our club's 70th Anniversary, and our 3-part “70 for 70” service projects.

Part 1 - Cash Donations for Food for Others. We will present at least \$7070 to FFO, and are still collecting contributions...if you want to, **put your**

check in the mail by MAY 5 - payable to Fairfax Lions Club (memo: 7070/FFO), mail to Fairfax Lions Club, PO Box 98, Fairfax VA 22038-0098.

DEADLINE TO MAIL: Cinco de Mayo, May 5th!!!

Part 2a - "Power Packs" for Kids We are still collecting Power Packs - at American Legion parking lot, May 7 & 21 (8-9am). Lion James takes the PPs to FFO, for kids weekend meals.

Lion James reports: *"We collected & delivered 122 power packs from three collections so far. Two collections remain in May before school-year end. The cost to assemble each Power Pack (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 snacks) is around \$8. So far, we have given a value of approximately \$976 to FFO in 122 Power Packs!"* More importantly, 122 school kids have good meals on weekends.

Part 2b - Food for Neighbors - We asked each Lion to contribute 17 or more cans of food, for Food for Others. Many folks showed up Saturday April 17 at the American Legion parking lot to bring canned food. We now have over 700 cans ready (in Lion Jim K's home, and KL Mike's car) to deliver May 10th.

Power Packs

(L) Lion Bill S delivers
Power Packs

(Below) Lions James and
Bill load-up James' pick-
up



Canned Food for Neighbors



Lion James



Lion Mike S



Lions Karen and Greg



KL Mike's PT Cruiser with over 600 cans!
(L-R: Greg, Mike, Karen, >600 cans, Mike, James)

Part 3 - Hours of Service All members are encouraged to donate time, knowledge and/or expertise to help others in the community....for ANY service. Example, Lion Joe cleaned his home street (photos next page).

Overarching goal of 70 for 70 Campaign - 100% participation by Fairfax Lions. Pick one or more service projects. Make it happen!

NEXT - A timely offer from Food for Others:

“Contribute at least \$25 and Food for Others will send a personalized Mother's Day card to a mom in your life.” Go to this link to qualify: [food-for-others Mother's Day Card](#)



Lion Joe cleans up
Little Ox Road

Charity Fund Raising

DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS WE RAISE

Results of Lions of VA Foundation Raffle

You know, each year Lions Clubs across VA sell raffle tickets for cash prizes. It is a fund raiser for the Lions of VA Foundation (a good cause), and also for clubs who receive a share of the sales proceeds. Results of the drawing held on April 25:

2021 LOVF RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place - \$10,000.00

Sabino Romano, sold by Lion Ken Romano
Alexandria Lincolnia Lions Club

2nd Place \$500.00

Kirk Propst, sold by Lion S. Dowell
Greene County Lions Club

3rd Place \$500.00

Jennifer Rea, sold by Lion S. Dowell
Greene County Lions Club

A Fairfax Lion (PCC Bill S) once won the grand cash prize - several years ago. Maybe we will have another winner in 2022...can't win if you don't have a ticket!

Club Meetings

April 5th - Zoom Meeting

Your newsletter editor was not able to attend this meeting. We hope you were there, and do not need a report in this newsletter to know what happened!

It was the annual "Elections Meeting," where previously nominated Club Officers and Board for the upcoming Lions year (beginning July 1) are elected by the members.

April 19th - Zoom Meeting

This meeting was a "Tribute to Lion Jim Davis." Our club was very pleased that Mrs. Sarah Davis was able to connect over Zoom, and participate with us in the tribute.

1VP Suleiman led the meeting, as KL Mike was out of town. Suleiman opened the Tribute by reading this letter from our President:

Dear Fellow Lions,

It is a testament to the character of Fairfax Lions that tonight we gather together and dedicate our program to beloved Lion Jim Davis. It is sad he will no longer be with us but we can take this moment to reflect on his nature and to praise his good works.

Personally, I had the good fortune to know Jim for more than 20 years, first as a member of the same church and later as a member of the same Lions club. Jim was not a chameleon; he was the same man in church as he was in Fairfax Lions. He was a dedicated servant to others and he was an outstanding Lion.

I think Jim understood himself very well. He had a strong intellect and an unwavering adherence to high principles. For him, there was no hesitancy in choosing between right and wrong. His value system was of the highest order and fit perfectly with the Lions code of conduct. Whenever Jim took on a job for our Club, whether it was as Treasurer, working routinely at the Eyeglass Recycling Center, or helping lead multiple fruit sales, you knew he would give it 100 percent. He was a dedicated, reliable, hardworking person and excellent example for all of us. Let us all remember Lion Jim Davis fondly and respectfully.

KL Mike Greeley

PCC Bill B composed this very nice remembrance of Jim....



Although we did not know it at the time, the day in January 2007 that James W. Davis, Jr. joined Fairfax Host Lions Club was a wonderful day for the club. He was sponsored by his fellow church member, Lion Elden Wright. He served seven full years as Treasurer of FHLC and a couple of years ago stepped in to temporarily fill the position again during a brief crisis. He has continued to help the Treasurer, when needed. He made considerable contributions to the fruit sales for a long period of time. In recent years, he put the membership directory into an Access database to make it easier to produce. As a result of his dedicated service as a Lion, he was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship and was a previous Lion of the Year.

Jim Davis was born in Richmond, Virginia on October 12, 1940. He grew up in an Army family.

He lived in Virginia, South Carolina, Germany and Texas. He graduated from Fairfax High School in 1959. After graduating in 1964 from UVA with a degree in Chemical Engineering, he entered the Navy. He received his Nuclear Engineer training while in the Navy. He had tours of duty in Charleston, S.C., New London, CT, Newport News, VA, Idaho Falls, ID, Honolulu, HI, Norfolk, VA and Washington, D.C. During his tour at the Pentagon, he served on the Joint Staff as Director of the Nuclear Arms Control Division, as the START I and START II treaties were negotiated. After years of patrolling off the coast of the Soviet Union, he was astonished to actually be walking the streets of Moscow.

He commanded the USS Memphis, a Nuclear Sub and Submarine Squadron 8. After serving thirty years in the Navy, he retired as a Captain. He then went to work for the Nuclear Energy Institute, retiring from there in 2006. At NEI his efforts were instrumental in assuring a smooth, safe transition for Nuclear Power plants during the Y2K challenge.

In addition to being a member of FHLC, he enjoyed membership and participation in Providence Presbyterian Church and the Northern VA NTRAK model railroad club. They recently created a Jim Davis award for technical excellence to honor him.

He and his wife, Sarah, had two daughters, Kimberly (Jeff) and Cindy (Mark) (both daughters have a PhD degree), and seven grandchildren, Emily, Nathaniel, Rebecca, John, Natalie, Anna and Aubrey, currently ranging in age from twenty-one to ten.

Jim was a no nonsense, make it happen kind of person who, when he took on a job, did it with absolute excellence. Those who did not know him well might describe him as being intimidating. Those who knew him well would describe him as a wonderful human being with a heart of gold. He would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you really needed it. Jim Davis will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

During the meeting, we broadcast a “slide show,” recalling many facets of Jim’s life, and photos. Lions offered comments during and after this tribute. Much of the slide show was taken from an interview (by former Lion Sandy - spouse of Lion Phil) with Jim Davis. The interview appeared in the March 2013 newsletter, and we are most grateful for Sandy’s contribution as it helps us today to better remember Jim Davis.

That 2013 interview:

The following article is copied from

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . JIM DAVIS

by (former) Lion Sandy

FOLLOW THE MONEY . . . and it will eventually lead you to JIM DAVIS, our very competent club Treasurer. Although Jim spent 30 years in the US Navy, he grew up as an Army brat. Born in Richmond, he graduated in 1959 from Fairfax High School. Off he went to the University of Virginia on a NROTC scholarship where he majored in chemical engineering, graduating in 1964. While at UVA he met his future wife, Sarah Ellis on a blind date set up by one of his fraternity brothers. On September 24, 1966 they were married. Sarah herself is from Richmond and attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg from 1961 to 1965.

After graduating from college, it took him an additional two years of Navy schooling before he saw his first ship. First he was in a nuclear power school, followed by 6 months at a nuclear prototype facility, followed by yet another 6 months in submarine school where he learned to dive and surface in a submarine. Jim has had an illustrious career with the Navy. He has been around the world twice – once in a submarine going through the Panama Canal and the second time as a participant in arms control

negotiation, which took him to London, Paris, Kiev, Moscow, Beijing, and Hawaii. His first assignment was as a division officer on a missile submarine, the USS John C. Calhoun. His next sea assignment was a 3 year tour as the Chief Engineer on the USS Haddo (that's a fish, not a person). His next assignment took him to Newport News where he was the navigator on a new ship USS Mendel Rivers named after the former senator from SC. He served as the Executive Officer of the USS Batfish (a batfish is similar to a stingray) and for three years he had command of the USS Memphis.

This would be a good place to explain how ships are named. Cruisers are named for cities, destroyers for war time heroes and battleships for states. Submarines were originally named for fish. But fish don't vote and some submarines now are as tall as a four story building and have the same displacement as a cruiser so naming is a little confusing. Sarah has even been on board a submarine (under the water) when she and several other wives traveled from Puerto Rico to Roosevelt Roads to St Croix. She thought it was really neat, the water was so clear and there were flying fish trying to get out of the way.

During the four year assignment in Hawaii Jim performed three different jobs. The first was in

Submarine Squadron One advising and consulting new commanding officers. Having been promoted to Captain he was next assigned as Senior Member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board where he managed the annual, rigorous, examination of all nuclear submarines, cruisers, and aircraft carriers which they must undergo to maintain their nuclear certification.

Back in Norfolk, the next step up the ladder is major command, in Jim's case as Commander of Submarine Squadron Eight. Overseeing operation and new construction of submarines, two tenders and shore facilities was an interesting and rewarding assignment. But nothing is as challenging as actual operations of a ship at sea. The commanding officer of a ship is absolutely responsible for everything and everyone on the ship. As Jim says, "Going to sea is a risky business." His career spanned the time of the Cold War and one can imagine scenes from The Hunt for Red October. In- deed, US submarines followed Soviet

submarines. However, Jim is quick to explain that the clever individual "Jonesy" does not exist. Submarine personnel work as a team.

In 1990, Jim and Sarah moved to Northern Virginia where, as a member of the Joint Staff, he was head of the Nuclear Arms Control Division and

initially assisted in the completion of the Start I treaty. Serving under George Bush (41) and Bill Clinton, Jim worked on the Start II treaty, which Bush wanted completed before he left office. The final assignment for Jim before he retired was as a member of the Navy Presentation Team. In this capacity, he talked to every Congressman who was on the Armed Services committee, and made speeches around the country to all private organizations, including the Lions Club, in an effort to keep the Navy issues in the public eye.

In June 1994, Jim retired from the Navy, and joined the Nuclear Energy Institute, located in D.C. As the Director of Operations, he helped the industry speak with one voice on issues before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. After spending 12 years in private industry, he retired in 2006. One year later he joined the FHLC.

He and Sarah have two daughters. Cynthia, who lives in New Zealand with her husband, Mark, received her PhD in Computer Science from the University of Maryland. They have 4 children (2 girls and 2 boys) aged 4 to 13. Kimberly received her PHD in chemistry from Cal Tech. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Harrisonburg and have three children, all girls.

When he retired Jim wanted something for outreach (the Lions Club) and something for personal satisfaction (his model trains). Jim's model train hobby actually started when his family was stationed Germany in '47-51. His trains are the tiny ones, the scale being 1 to 160. "Lionel is not to scale," he says, "it is a toy." The third Sunday of every month from 1:00 to 4:00 will find Jim at the Fairfax Station train museum running (dare I say playing with) his trains.

The slide show follows...

James Willard Davis, Jr

(October 12, 1940 - April 12, 2021)

- Born in Richmond
- Grew up as an Army brat
- Graduated 1959, Fairfax High School
- University of Virginia - NROTC scholarship
 - Majored in chemical engineering
 - Graduated 1964
- Married to Sarah Ellis - September 24, 1966
- Prof life: US Navy; Nuclear Energy Institute
- Fairfax Lion, 2007-2021



30 Year Navy Career



- Nuclear power school
- Submarine school
- Sea Duty - 5 submarines
- Senior Member, Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board
- Commander, Submarine Squadron Eight
- Joint Staff, Head of Nuclear Arms Control Division
- Navy Presentation Team (Informed Congress)

Sea Duty - 5 Submarines

- Division officer, USS John C. Calhoun
- Chief Engineer, USS Haddo
- Navigator, USS Mendel Rivers



- Executive Officer, USS Batfish



- Captain, USS Memphis



USS Memphis, Cmdr. James W. Davis, Jr., in command, completed a global circumnavigation (9 September 1980 - 7 March 1981). She set out from Norfolk, crossed the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, visited Naples, Italy, and carried out additional operations before tasking directed her to make for the Indian Ocean on 20 October. The attack submarine did not pass through the Suez Canal but sailed through the Strait of Gibraltar, crossed the equator west of Africa, rounded the Cape of Good Hope, and accomplished upkeep alongside submarine tender Emory S. Land (AS-39) at Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory. She completed her maintenance on 7 December, and then participated in antisubmarine operations under the operational control of Commander Task Force 74 into the New Year. Memphis underwent repairs alongside repair ship Jason (AR-8) (29 January - 1 February 1981). She then visited the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet Base West at Garden Island, Perth, Australia (6-11 February). The boat crossed the equator a second time, passed through the Panama Canal (2-7 March), and returned to Norfolk following a voyage of more than 50,000 miles.

- 12 years - Director of Operations
- Helped industry speak with one voice on issues before Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Family (As of 2013...)

Two daughters...

- Cynthia - Lives in New Zealand with husband, Mark
 - PhD in Computer Science from the University of Maryland.
 - Four children (2 girls and 2 boys)
- Kimberly - She and husband, Jeff, live in Harrisonburg
 - PHD in chemistry from Cal Tech
 - Three children, all girls

Picnic
2011



Eye Glass
Recycling
(Date Unk)



Picnic 2014



At Home - interview 2014



Lion of
the Year
2013-14



On June 17, Lion Jim Davis received the well-deserved Lion of the Year Award for 2013-2014. Jim joined the FHLC in January 2007 and serves as our Treasurer "Extraordinaire". You will also see Jim preparing hot dogs at every Fourth of July event and hoisting boxes of oranges during our three annual fruit sales. He also participates in the Eye Glass Recycling project two Wednesday mornings of each month.

Holiday
Party
2014



Fruit
Sale
2016



2017



2018



Holiday
Party
2019



April 2, 2021



April 12, 2021

Lion Jim Davis passed away early this morning. He will be cremated and buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. A memorial service will be held at Providence Presbyterian Church when the COVID-19 situation allows it. Further details will be provided when they are available.



Afterwards, we received this message from Mrs Davis: *"I am so grateful for the very meaningful tribute which Jim's fellow Lions offered in your meeting last night! He valued the opportunity for friendship and service which he experienced with all of you so very much, and I know he would have felt great honor and appreciation for the many kind words and experiences which were shared. It was done with compassion and excellence! Thank you for allowing me to share that special time.*

The generous support and expressions of condolence from your club are a great comfort, and will remain a treasured memory.

With many grateful prayers, Sarah"

April 27th Board Meeting

The Club received several thank you letters for donations. We learned some news: our Club will receive a "Kindness Matters" award from Lions Clubs International; stay tuned.

The Board decided:

- Go ahead with two planned donations to:
Foundation Fighting Blindness, Lions Youth Camp
- Make labels for Reading Action Program books
- Plan a ceremony at Food For Others (see page 1)
- Ask (only those Lions who do not typically attend meetings) what we might do better

May Events (Club events underlined)

May 4 - Club Zoom Meeting

May 5 - Inter-Service Club Council Zoom Mtg
(on Cinco de Mayo)

May 7 - POWER PACK food - AL parking lot

May 9 - Mother's Day

May 10 - Club presentation at Food for Others

May 18 - Club Zoom Meeting

May 21 - **LAST** POWER PACK food - AL parking lot

May 25 - Board Zoom meeting

Upcoming

Jun 12-13 - Officer training (over Zoom, details TBA)

Jun 25-29 - VIRTUAL Lions Int Convention

See: <https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org>

Fairfax Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC) April 3rd Zoom Meeting

Your newsletter editor was not able to attend this meeting.

Lions Information

Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp

There is an excellent update on the Youth Camp and issues it faces, in the District newsletter (*Paw Prints*) for April. Mentioned in the article is Fairfax Lion Phil. See the newsletter at this link, and scroll to page 13 for the article:

<https://district24l.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/april-2021-1.pdf>

NOVA Lions Mobile Sight & Hearing Screening Unit

In that same newsletter (link above), on page 15, is an update on the NOVA Mobile Sight & Hearing Screening Unit. Our Fairfax club has not used that mobile van in a few years. We own our own sight and hearing screening equipment which is very easy (and portable) to set up and get accurate results.

Health & Well Being of Club Members

Inova is now vaccinating everyone age 16 and older. If you or someone you know is in need of a first or second dose Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19

vaccination, you are now able to schedule your appointment directly with Inova using Inova MyChart.

Vaccine appointments are offered at the following location:

Inova Stonebridge COVID-19 Vaccination Center
5001 Eisenhower Ave.

Alexandria, VA 22304

Monday – Saturday

9:00 AM – 3:15 PM

Click to Schedule:

[SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT](#)




COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Inova is vaccinating anyone 16 years and older for COVID-19. Appointments available.

Schedule now!

How To

Kill Ideas



- DON'T BE RIDICULOUS
- WE TRIED THAT BEFORE
- IT COSTS TOO MUCH
- IT CAN'T BE DONE
- THAT'S TOO RADICAL
- WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME
- WE'RE TOO SMALL TO DO THAT
- IT ISN'T IN THE BUDGET
- LET'S FORM A COMMITTEE
- THAT'S TOO HARD
- WE'VE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE

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!

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.”)

“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! Send words & photos for the newsletter, anytime. They must be received by the 25th of the month to be included in the next issue. We need your help to publicize information about our Club, and about you.

That's all folks!

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

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