

Fairfax Lions Club News

June 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

“70 for 70” Ceremony

Our major service this year, in recognition of our Club's 70th anniversary, reached a high point on Monday, May 10th. In a nice ceremony, KL Mike G made remarks about the cash, well over 700 cans of food (weight: 791 lbs), and “Power Packs” brought to Food for Others. Then IPP Mike R presented our Club check for \$7070 (which included matching grant from Lions of VA Foundation) and checks from individuals totaling \$1000. Attending on May 10th were representatives of Clifton, Burke and Alexandria Asian-American Lions Clubs.

A few days later we received a very nice thank you letter from Food for Others, shown on the next page.



Fairfax Host Lions Club
PO Box 98
Fairfax, VA 22038

May 10, 2021

Dear Fairfax Host Lions Club,

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Food for Others has been there for all Northern Virginians who need help. Since March, we have been feeding over 3,000 households every week – two times more families than usual. Thank you for giving \$8,070 to Food for Others.

Your donation allows us to provide free groceries to families from our Merrifield warehouse, at our mobile food pantries, and at 16 neighborhood sites throughout Northern Virginia. It also helps support 22 partner organizations like youth shelters that rely on FFO to stock their shelves. Through our Power Pack Program (P3), we make sure that 2,000 children at Fairfax County schools do not go hungry on weekends without their school-provided meals.

To ensure that no one has to go hungry in the months ahead, we are expanding our programs to feed more people facing food insecurity in our community.

FFO is purchasing more food to distribute from our warehouse and at our neighborhood sites and we are giving larger quantities of food to our community partners. We have also added eight mobile food pantry locations throughout Northern Virginia which are easy for families to access. This work would not be possible without your support.

Thank you for the support. You are making a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Sincerely,

Annie Turner
Executive Director

*You inspire us all to do better.
Thank you!
- Annie*

Kindness Matters

Also on May 10th, at Food for Others, District Governor Glen Logan presented our Club the "Kindness Matters Service Award." Lions Clubs International instituted KMSA last year, and selected twenty clubs for the award (of over 148,000 Lions clubs worldwide). Fairfax Lions are honored to be so recognized, especially for in 70th anniversary year.

LCI selected Fairfax Lions Club for this award for its lead role in 2020 in a major donation to Food For Others to start-up a Mobile Emergency Food Pantry service. Recognizing the urgent need to help food-insecure members of our community in the first year of the Corona Virus, Fairfax Lions dedicated charity funds combined with a matching grant from Lions of VA Foundation AND donations by five other local area Lions clubs - some with their own matching grants from LOVF. The total amount donated to Food for Others for the Mobile Food Pantry was just shy of \$20,000. The other contributing Clubs: Burke, Clifton, Alexandria Asian-American, Falls Church-Annandale, Springfield Global.

DG Glen provided a KMSA medal for each club member of the participating clubs in that major donation to Food For Others.

Photos follow...

May 10 Donation Ceremony at Food For Others



Lion Bill S delivers
Power Packs to
FFO



791 pounds of canned
food in KL Mike's PT



Lions after unloading 791 pounds of food



Hand made signs good for 1 use only



(L-R) Lions Doug, Bill, Karen, Harry support the Donation Ceremony



KL speaks to assembly including FFO Exec Director, Annie Turner



Treasurer presents checks to Annie Turner



Good turnout for Ceremony

KMSA Award Ceremony



District Governor Glen presents KMSA to Fairfax Lions Club President



Lions Jim,
Mike with
KMSA
medals



Kindness Matters
Service Award to
Fairfax Host Lions
Club



Individual
Lion KMSA
Medal

Last Power Pack Delivery

On May 21, Lion James F collected the final Power Packs (as the school year comes to an end) at the American Legion parking lot. James has made five deliveries of Power Packs to Food for Others, a total of 195 individual Power Packs. The estimated cost for individual Lions to assemble all 195 power packs is \$1560. Thank you Lions - WE SERVE!



(L) Lion Jeff asked Penny to deliver power packs;
(R) Lion James with weekend meals for 1 child

Charity Fund Raising

DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS WE RAISE

Our Vehicle Donation Program - runs via our web page. Anyone can donate any vehicle (car, boat, plane, etc) by calling a phone number - see <https://www.fairfaxlions.org/donate-a-vehicle/>. In May we took in \$411.54 - someone donated a car. Tell your friends & neighbors! All proceeds go directly to charity.

Fairfax City Events, ***potential*** fund raisers for us...

- [Rock the Block](#) - 4th Friday, May-Oct, 630-930pm
- [Independence Day Parade](#) - July 3, 10am-12noon
- Fall Festival, Oct 9, 2021
- Lions Citrus Fruit Sales - Nov, Dec, Mar

Club Meetings

May 4th - Zoom Meeting

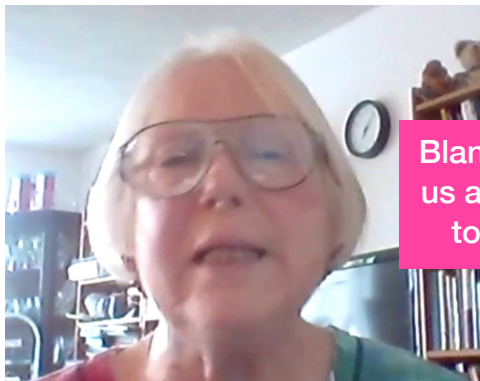
This meeting focused on club business, final plans for the "70 for 70" campaign, and presenting our donations to Food for Others. Lion Jeff R offered to make labels ("From Fairfax Lions Club") to go in children's books being assembled by Lion Anh-Thu for the Reading Action Program. With more delay in

opening the NoVA Eyeglass Recycling Center, Lion Scott reported he continues to take donated eyeglasses to Lake-of-the-Woods Lions Club for recycling at their center. There, eyeglasses are sorted, washed, dried, and volunteers use a lensometer machine to determine prescription. Eyeglasses are labeled, packaged and sent to Lions Distribution Centers for those in need.

May 18th - Zoom Meeting

Our guest speaker was Blanche Anderson. Blanche is a graduate of Mary Baldwin and UNC Chapel Hill. She has been a member of Zonta International since 1991, the Zonta Club of Arlington Area and now the Zonta Club of Fairfax. She is the club representative to the Fairfax City ISCC (Inter-service Club Council).

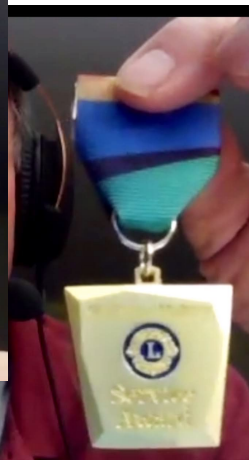
Zonta is a Lakhotia Sioux word meaning honest and trustworthy. [Zonta International](#) exists to make the world a better place for women. Globally, 21% of girls are married before they turn 18. Blanche told us about the problem of child (girls under age 18) marriage and the potential bad consequences for the child bride. Those include: early end to education, lower wages and poverty, and higher risks of divorce/ high-risk pregnancy/and even disease and illness.



Blanche Anderson tells us about Zonta's work to end child brides



KL Mike displays KMSA, and individual medal



Blanche provided links to several web sites to better understand the problem:

- www.unchainedatlast.org
- www.stopchildmarriages.org www.tahirih.org
- https://www.zonta.org/Web/Programs/ISP/Ending_Child_Marriage

An interesting item: Lion Rodney told us of his personal aspiration of delivering 70 jars of peanut butter for the Club's donation to Food for Others. He proceeded to order that quantity from Amazon, only to discover Amazon banned his account. Rodney said Amazon thought Rodney was attempting to stockpile peanut butter for resale, as a profiteer! (Rodney, we hope everything got straightened out okay. And, thank you for serving!)

May 25th Board Meeting

The Board agreed to keep Lion Gene Brown's membership active until the end of June. Gene and Nancy moved to the Northern Neck of VA, and resigned from our club. Keeping Gene's membership active allows him to find a local Lions Club convenient to his new location.

The Board approved an expenditure of \$508.72 to reimburse Lion Anh-Thu for books she purchased for the Reading Action charity program.

June Events (Club events underlined)

Jun 1 - Club Zoom Meeting

Jun 2 - Inter-Service Club Council Lunch Mtg

Jun 5 - RSVP Deadline for Jun 12 Training

Jun 12 - Club Officer training (Page 2 of this [link](#))

Jun 15 - Club Meeting: Officer Installation

Jun 19 - Juneteenth

Jun 20 - Father's Day

Jun 22 - Board Zoom meeting

Jun 25-29 - VIRTUAL Lions Int Convention

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

Upcoming

July 3rd - Fairfax City Independence Day parade

July 4th - Evening Show, Fairfax HS

Fairfax Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC)

May 5th Zoom Meeting (Lions - **see IDEAS**)

Fairfax Civitans at its May Club meeting experimented with zoom bingo; funds raised will go to the Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia (DSANVA). That **may lead to regular zoom bingo** (and similar fundraising events).

Fairfax Rotary celebrated its 90th Birthday on April 21. In honor of the birthday, **Popeye's located**

at Fairfax Circle offered a fundraiser for the club... 20% of ALL sales between 2pm - 5pm donated to Club.

Fairfax City Volunteer of the Year Ceremony (put on by ISCC) is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax.

NOTE: June 2nd **ISCC lunch meeting is planned for 2nd floor balcony outdoor seating at the American Legion.** Cost: \$8.50 per person. Anyone want to attend with Lion Gordon?

Lions Information

Kindness

*From talk by Mary Guckert, Ph.D.,
President, Kindness Cloud Foundation, and
Adjunct Professor George Mason University*

Now more than ever, Kindness is a value we must share. Have you heard of **Kindness Cloud?** It's a movement, not an organization. The motto is: **Do an Act of Kindness Every Day!** (Sort of what we learned in scouts - do a good deed daily.)

Kindness Cloud's goal is to spark a mass movement for Kindness ... to increase the number of people doing Acts of Kindness throughout the world. See: <https://kindnesscloud.org>

We all can help by inspiring and encouraging others to act...sort of like paying it forward. Ideas and guides are at the Kindness Cloud website (link above). Start a ripple of kindness (like tossing a pebble in a pond), and see kindness spread outwards.

What's not to like about that? Fairfax Host Lions Club holds the LCI Kindness Matters Service Award...an acknowledgement of at least one ripple our club started.

To Your Health...



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.”)

Background on Bob, previously reported, worth repeating:

Robert Bruce Stahl

- Born: 18 May 1917 Pennsylvania
- Enlisted US Navy: June 12, 1935 (age 18)
- Entered US Naval Academy: Summer 1938 (age 21)
- Graduated USNA: 19 Dec 1941 (age 24)
- Married: 12 Apr 1942, to Jane King (when his ship, the USS Saratoga, was being repaired after a torpedo attack)
- Retired (Commander, US Navy): 31 Jul 1962

- Secretary, Fairfax Lions Club: 1964-65
- President Fairfax Lions Club: 1966-67
- Newsletter Editor: thru the 1990's
- Reported "Lions Information:" Every meeting thru the 1990's
- Died: 27 Nov 2000
- Interred: 16 Apr 2001 Arlington National Cemetery

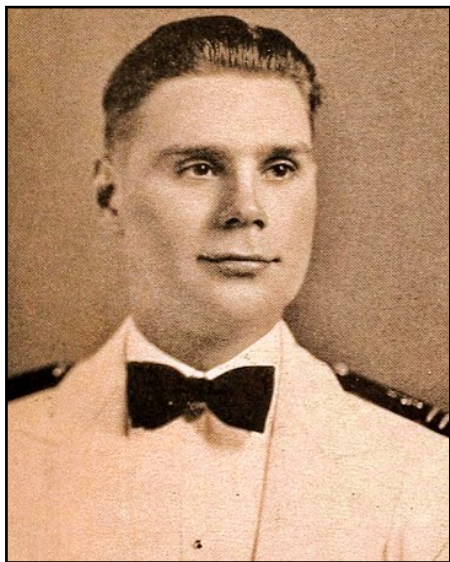


Photo From USNA Class of 1942 Year Book
(Bob graduated Dec 1941)

USS Saratoga, Aircraft Carrier in the Pacific (Bob's WW2 Duty Station)

Shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Saratoga was the centerpiece of the unsuccessful American effort to relieve Wake Island and was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine a few weeks later. After lengthy repairs, the ship supported forces in the Guadalcanal Campaign and her aircraft sank the light carrier Ryūjō during the Battle of the Eastern Solomons in August 1942. She was again torpedoed the following month and returned to the Solomon Islands area after repairs were completed.

In 1943, Saratoga supported Allied forces involved in the New Georgia Campaign and invasion of Bougainville in the northern Solomon Islands and her aircraft twice attacked the Japanese base at Rabaul in November. Early in 1944, her aircraft provided air support during the Gilbert and Marshall Islands Campaign before she was transferred to the Indian Ocean for several months to support the British Eastern Fleet as it attacked targets in Java and Sumatra. After a brief refit in mid-1944, the ship became a training ship for the rest of the year. In early 1945, Saratoga participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima as a dedicated night fighter carrier. Several days into the battle, she was badly damaged by kamikaze hits and was forced to return to the United

States for repairs. While under repair, the ship, now increasingly obsolete, was permanently modified as a training carrier with some of her hangar deck converted into classrooms. Saratoga remained in this role for the rest of the war and was then used to ferry troops back to the United States after the Japanese surrender in August. In mid-1946, the ship was a target for nuclear weapon tests during Operation Crossroads. She survived the first test with little damage, but was sunk by the second test.

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Happy Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the US military. Memorial Day 2021 occurs on Monday, May 31.

Just before Memorial Day weekend, the 3rd US Infantry Regiment (the "Old Guard") honors America's fallen heroes by placing American flags at gravesites for service members buried at Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery.

This tradition, known as "Flags In," has taken place annually since the Old Guard was designated as the Army's official ceremonial unit in 1948. Every available soldier in the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment participates, placing small American flags in front of

more than 228,000 headstones and at the bottom of about 7,000 niche rows in the cemetery's Columbarium Courts and Niche Wall. Each flag is inserted into the ground, exactly one boot length from the headstone's base. Happy Memorial Day.



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"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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