

# Fairfax Lions Club News

## Aug 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

We have no service to report this month.

### Charity Fund Raising

**DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON  
RAISING CHARITY FUNDS**

### July 3 Hot Dog Sale:

As PCC Bill always says, we don't like to think of our Club as a fund raising activity, but fund raising is essential to enable us to deliver the various charity programs and services we perform each year.

For our annual Independence Day food stand at the City of Fairfax parade, on July 3rd, we had a good turnout of Lions to make the activity easy and

fun for all. And, we got to see a pretty good parade in pretty nice July 3rd weather.

We greatly appreciate Lion Kevin borrowing a pick-up from a friend to enable us to move tables and heavy stuff from our storage shed to the event site. Similarly, Lion Mike S borrowed a pickup to move the “grill trailer” to the event site. The financial net result of the event was a bit less than last year - that money that goes into our charity account, but we did well considering a smaller crowd than usual that turned out for the parade. We had many customers buying hotdogs, did not sell too many drinks because the weather was mild, but we had very strong donations (in the donation collection jars) which totaled \$125. That means, even if the crowd did not buy a lot of drinks and hot dogs, they demonstrated they appreciate our service - nice to know.

Event Chair Lion Ken - who planned the event, purchased food, recruited Lions to work, and supervised operations on site - reports our processes worked well and we did the best we could. Ken says: “Thanks for everyone’s efforts. We had a great turnout.” Anyone wanting to know more about funds raised is invited to the Board meeting!



After site set-up, Lion Mike S shares donuts with the early crew L-R: Mike's son Charlie, Pete, Mike S, Walter (back to camera), Mike R.



Lions Kevin, Walter, KL Mike - ready to sell dogs!



Cook Mike S passes dogs to “bun stuffers” Lions Karen and Doug (rear)



Great to have pre-parade customers



PCC Harry cooks up a mess of hot dog, done to perfection.

Ken has cooked/wrapped dogs... warm and ready to sell to the post-parade crowd



Vintage bi-wing  
flying circus  
planes signal  
start of the  
parade



July 3rd parade: military  
music, balloons and  
patriotism!





Parade over - sell those dogs!





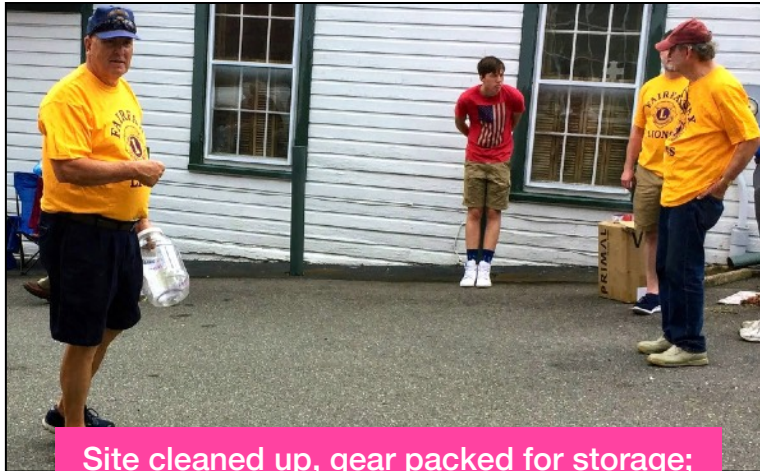
Lion Doug with  
volunteer youth  
Wallace, Lion Harry  
in background ;  
Below,  
Independence Day  
hat for Mike R



Lion Steve and family  
support the fund raiser







Site cleaned up, gear packed for storage;  
good half-day of fund raising!



Mike S demonstrates expert trailer backing  
skill - storing the trailer in the shed

## Club Meetings

### July 6th Dinner Meeting

Our guest speaker was very fitting for this date - close to Independence Day. "Corporal Peterson" is a Revolutionary War reenactor with the 1st Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line. The unit's web page: <https://1varegiment.com>



Corporal Peterson arrived early to set up a table displaying a Revolutionary War soldier's equipment

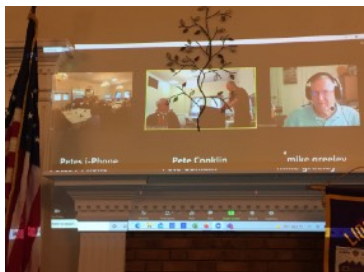
Corporal Peterson showed us the uniform and equipment of Revolutionary War soldiers. In addition to the uniform he wore, with musket, bayonet and ammunition pouch, we saw his sleeping gear and supply bag with eating utensils.

The uniform coat is wool, similar in design to European military uniforms of the time, and definitely not comfortable in July!





The musket is a fully operational replica



IPPx2 Mike broadcasted the meeting via Zoom, and Lion Marty participated.

Lion Ken reported on the July 3rd Hot Dog sale, and also coached us on membership.

This was an excellent meeting to bring guests, and we had two. Mr and Mrs Veejay and Ruma Kumar have expressed an interest in joining our club. We hope to see them again soon!



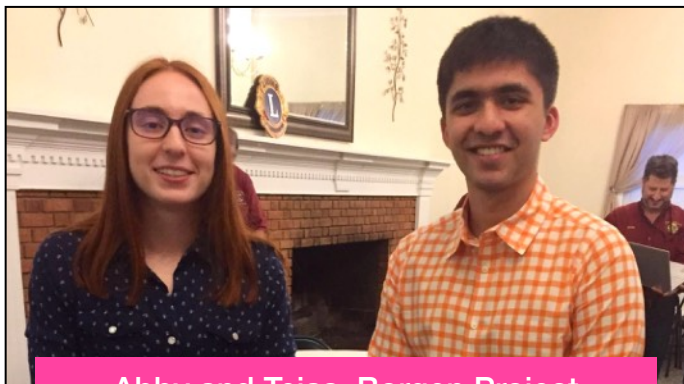
Corporal Peterson draws the winning 50-50 tickets



## July 20th - Dinner Meeting

The guest speakers were Abby and Tejas, representing the “Borgen Project.” The Borgen Project believes leaders of the most powerful nation on earth should be doing more to address global poverty. It serves as an innovative, national-level campaign to make poverty a focus of US foreign policy. The Borgen Project web page: <https://borgenproject.org/about-us/>

Abby and Tejas told us about world poverty: that 689 million persons around the world (10% of the world's population) live in extreme poverty - that is, exist on less than \$1.90 per person each day. And, 2/3's of those are children. The Borgen Project tries to make a difference by focusing political attention on the situation.



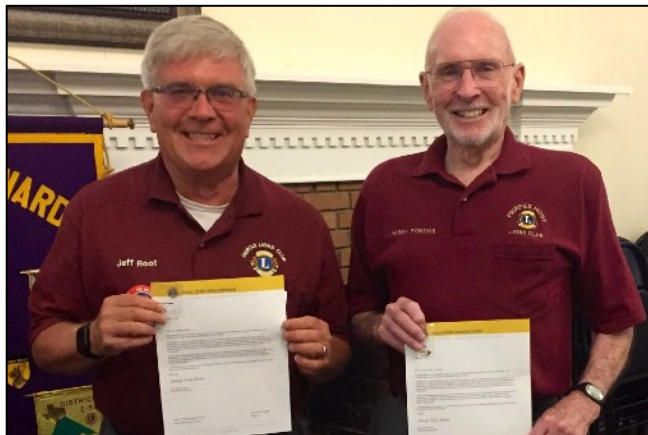
Abby and Tejas, Borgen Project

Our club President presented awards for length-of-service as Lions. Lions Jeff, and Harry Pontius, each received a 15-year membership certificate (and a chevron that can be worn with the Lions pin). PCC Bill received a 40-year certificate, and Lion Joe a 45-year membership certificate.

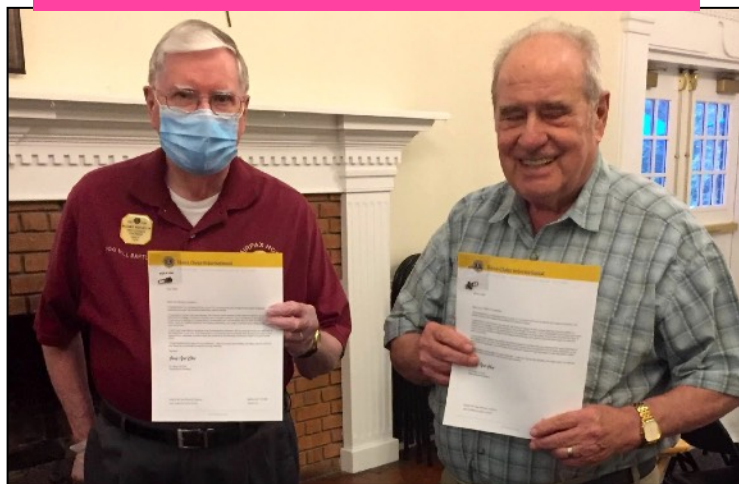


**KL Mike Presents Awards**

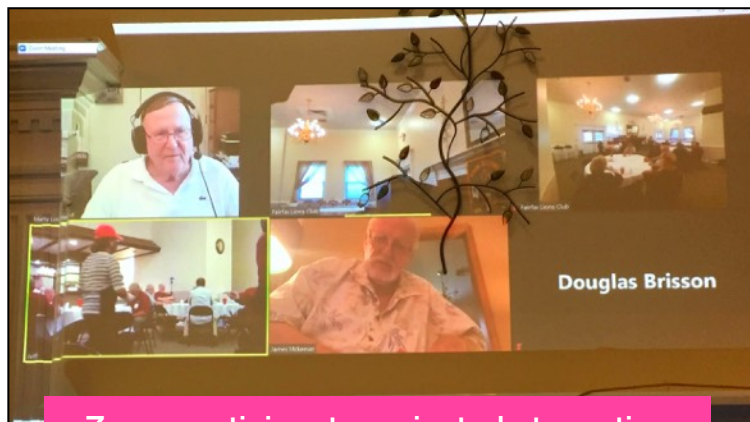
Congratulations to these Lions (photos below) for their sustained membership in our club and service to our community! (There were other membership awards - to be presented when the member is available.)



Above: Jeff, Harry - 15 year members  
Below: Bill, Joe - 40 & 45 years



This meeting was also broadcast over zoom, with Marty, Jim and Doug participating virtually.



Zoom participants projected at meeting



Lions Greg and Bill talk with speakers Abby and Tejas

KL Mike brought a guest to the July 20 meeting, a potential new member - Dale Zehner. Dale is a retired US Navy Captain, and retired Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Railway Express. It is wonderful to have great neighbors consider joining us in service!



Dale Zehner when he was CEO VRE

50/50 was won by Lions Phil, and KL Mike!



## **July 27th Board Meeting**

There was a Board meeting, but your newsletter editor was not able to capture notes from it in time for this edition.

## **Aug Events (Club events underlined)**

Aug 3 - Club Dinner Meeting

Aug 4 - Volunteer of the Year Ceremony

Aug 17 - Club Dinner Meeting

Aug 24 - Board meeting

## **Upcoming**

Sep 12 - Club Picnic

## **Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC) to host Recognition of Volunteers-of-the-Year**

The ISCC conducts a yearly Volunteer-of-the-Year ceremony where designated persons from each member club receive a special certificate from the City Mayor. Lion James Friedlander, our Club's Lion-of-the-Year, will be introduced by KL Mike and honored on August 4 at the Stacy Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. It starts promptly at 7:30pm; folks are encouraged to arrive between 7-7:15pm. All welcome! Refreshments after.

## Lions Information

### Ten Years Ago

The following article, written by Sandy Mayo, appeared in our Club's June 2011 newsletter. Gene and Nancy left this area this past year, relocating to their home in the Northern Neck area. We remember them fondly, miss them, and wish them the best of life!

#### LION GENE BROWN - Inducted May 3, 2011

"Gene Brown has lived in Vienna, VA since 1981 when he moved with his family from Buffalo, NY to take a job at Northern Virginia Community College teaching mathematics. After 30 years, Gene retired from NOVA.

His teaching career culminated in being a Dean of Science and Applied Technologies at the Alexandria campus and the Campus Center Director at the Arlington Center in Ballston, Arlington, Va. Gene's teaching career included HS teaching in WV and NJ and then he moved to community college teaching. His Doctorate is from George Mason University.

Gene and his wife, Nancy, have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Every Christmas he makes sure the Christmas stockings include large luscious oranges. When his local HS band members graduated, Gene

actively searched for a new orange provider and he met some of the members of the Reston Lions Club at their Reston sales location. From that first meeting he later was invited to speak on investment and finance planning at one of their meetings. Again, the Lions club was on the horizon as a group of interesting and active people. Earlier this year, Gene and Lion Rodney Neely met in the Metro parking lot as Gene was picking up Nancy, and they renewed their 25 year acquaintance that started in a NOVA classroom. Rodney was kind enough to invite Gene to consider membership and introduced him at the March meeting.

Gene retired from NOVA in 2008 and formed his own LLC in financial planning solutions in 2010 after spending two years working at a local company, learning the business and getting credentialed. Gene is also a member of NARFE and the US Sail and Power Squadron of Northern Virginia and an associate member of the Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron, as is his wife Nancy who works for the AF in the Pentagon.”



Lion Gene,  
Member FHLC  
May 2011  
To May 2021



## Cyber Security Preparedness

We all know it is a problem. The City of Fairfax has a training video...you can find it at this webpage, along with other training videos the city promotes. Find it in the section titled: "Featured Preparedness Videos" <https://planetready.com/fairfaxcity>

## iPhone is a hearing aide?

AARP says: "If you're having trouble hearing and want to see how hearing aids might help you, try **EarMachine**, a free app funded by the National Institutes of Health, which turns your iPhone into a hearing device by amplifying frequencies you don't hear well and sending to your ears via your wired earphones."

More AARP tips on hearing at: <https://www.aarp.org/health/healthy-living/info-2021/loud-noise.html>

## Seen in the District Newsletter

Bailey's Crossroads Lions Club has an interesting raffle (see next page)...anyone want to take a chance?



## **WASHINGTON NATIONALS BASEBALL TICKETS**

**TWO DELTA SKY 360 SEATS  
INCLUDING MVP PARKING PASS**

Second Row behind Home Plate by Visitor's On-Deck Circle

**ALL-INCLUSIVE FOOD AND BEVERAGE**  
Draft Beer, House Wine, Soda  
At the CLUB RESTAURANT BUFFET (Inside)  
**AND AT YOUR SEAT**

**\$840 VALUE**

**SATURDAY. OCTOBER 2 at 4:15 p.m.**

**BOSTON RED SOX**

Sponsored by Bailey's Crossroads Host Lions Charities

### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

1 Ticket - \$5 \*\*\* 3 Tickets - \$10

**DRAWING HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

Contact Lion Shirley Wilson  
[shirlw@comcast.net](mailto:shirlw@comcast.net) or 703-216-9732

Make checks payable to Bailey's Crossroads Host Lions Club  
Mail to Lion Shirley Wilson  
6213 Settlers Trail Place, Gainesville, VA 20155

## **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.”)

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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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