

# Fairfax Lions Club News

## Nov 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



**Canine Companions** for Independence is a non-profit that enhances lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs at no charge to the recipient. Fairfax Lions provide money to support their great work.

Canine Companions organized DogFest 2021 at the Reston Town Center....a family-friendly/dog-friendly festival to raise funds/awareness for Canine Companions. Two Fairfax Lions participated, on October 23, to present donations to Canine Companions.

On the previous page, the photo shows PDG/PCC Harry Parker presenting our Club's virtual check as our 2021 donation to Canine Companions. PDG Karen looks on. (In the LION SUIT is Lion Jim Purton, of Greater Falls Run Lions Club; he is District Chair for Canine Companions.)

On the next page Harry and Karen present a check to Canine Companions, on behalf of the Greater Falls Run Lions Club in Fredericksburg.

Since their founding in 1975, Canine Companions has provided over 5,000 assistance dogs to people with disabilities. They now have six regional training centers to serve people throughout the US, and place about 300 dogs a year.

Great program; great work Harry & Karen!



November will be a busy month for us (see our full calendar later in this Newsletter). We have a Thanksgiving food basket delivery to [Main Street Child Development Center](#) - our partner in providing holiday food (and children's books) to deserving neighbors in Fairfax City. Our club will assemble and deliver 30 Thanksgiving food baskets on Monday, Nov 22. That number (30), is up from 25 baskets - which we previously gave - as needs have grown. Event leader Lion Greg will purchase the

food and bring it to the assembly point. Assembly and delivery will all be at the City of Fairfax Senior Center, which is colocated with Main Street CDC. Watch for more info.

And, our charity fund raising hits race-pace with the first citrus fruit sale of the year (see Fund Raising, next).

It is nice to note - the VA State Lions organization acknowledged our past service...this is from the state webpage: ***“Lions Clubs International called upon Lions around the world to submit projects for the Kindness Matters Award. In 2020 - 2021 the Fairfax Host Lions Club was selected by Lions Clubs International as one of the winning projects. We are very proud to have a Club in our Multiple District represented among such amazing projects.”*** (See: <https://www.e-district.org/sites/md24/projects.php> )

## Charity Fund Raising

DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON  
RAISING CHARITY FUNDS

### Fall Festival Lions Food Booth

Lions Ken Schutz and Cory Green, the major movers organizing this fund raiser, report the financial results for the Fall Festival are not yet

complete...not all costs/revenue (including costs from the City for beer and wine) are available yet. That being said, it was an outstanding day!!! We sold out of food and had strong beer sales, not the most we have had, but strong. The selling price of the beer was higher than in the past which should increase revenue. Lion Ken says: "Thanks to all that helped. Club turnout was very good in the end."



Set -up, Ready for Customers



Lion James & son Logan;  
Cook Harry



Security Chief



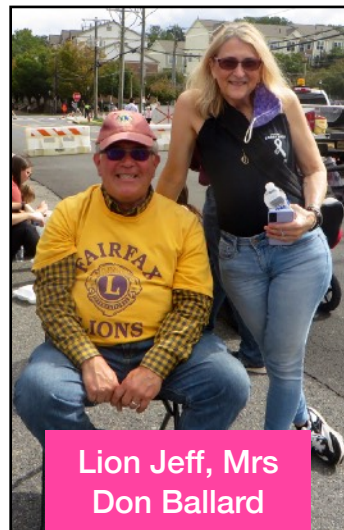


Lions Everywhere!





Shauna Kaplan & friend; the Neelys



Lion Jeff, Mrs  
Don Ballard



Lion Jim; Greeley  
grandson Eli  
Willoughby



Lions Huey (L); (R) Cory, Cindy



GMU Students



Suleiman, Cindy



Bun Stuffers





Brew Crew



KLx2 Steve Pawlow  
(Burke LC)



Brew Crew



**ALL PROCEEDS  
TO CHARITY !!!**

## November Fruit Sale

The Fruit Sale committee, let by Lion Marty, has prepared for our sale of Naval Oranges, Ruby Red Grapefruit, Zol Zest Mandarins, etc, the week of Nov 14-21. We need volunteers throughout. **THIS IS AN ALL HANDS EVENT**, AS MANY SHIFTS AS YOU CAN - **Schedule your participation on Sign Up Genius, at this link: [Sign Up Genius](#)** 3 critical needs: **fruit offload; both shifts Thursday; 1st shift Friday.** The general schedule:

- Sun, Nov 14 (PM): Meet at shed, move equipment and supplies to sales truck, and set up everything for the sale.
- Tue, Nov 16 (PM): SQUARE System training
- Wed, Nov 17 (PM): Offload fruit coming up fresh from Florida and load it in our sales truck.
- Thu, Nov 18: First day of fruit sale (2 shifts).
- Fri, Nov 19: Second day of fruit sale (2 shifts).
- Sat, Nov 20: Third day of fruit sale (2 shifts).
- Sun, Nov 21: Final day of fruit sale – only if needed (1 shift).

**Click here to [SIGNUP Now!](#)**

## **News of Club Meetings**

### **Oct 5th - Dinner Meeting**

NL Editor was not at the meeting - but KL Mike sent this photo of Lion John Beere, who gave a fine presentation on the Summer Grace Foundation.



**Lion John Beere spoke about the  
Summer Grace Foundation**

### **Oct 19th - Dinner Meeting**

Lion Suleiman brought a special guest - Dr Hang Nguyen. Hang has just completed a low vision fellowship at the Lions Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and looks to continue her collaboration with the

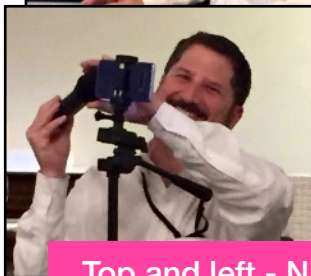
Lions as she embarks on her career as a low vision specialist in the area. She will join Dr Suleiman Alibhai in seeing visually impaired patients at the Low Vision Learning Center in Alexandria.



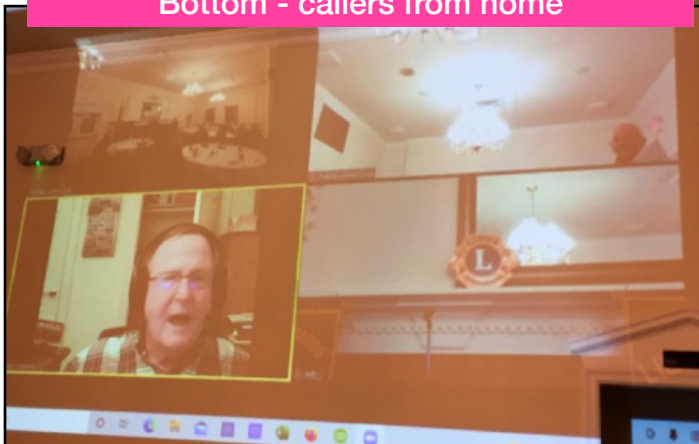
**Dr. Hang Nguyen, guest of Lion Suleiman**

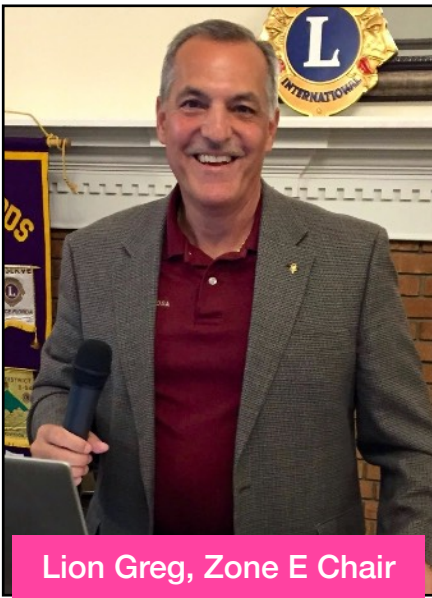
And we were happy to see IPPx2 Mike's son Nicholas. He's growing up fast (9th grade)!





Top and left - Nicholas, Mike set-up tech  
 Right - Suleiman moderates  
 Bottom - callers from home





**Lion Greg, Zone E Chair**

Lion Greg shared the presentation he gave at the recent meeting of Zone E (District 24L), which Greg chairs. It focused on linkages between the goals of LCI, District, and the Zone. For example, one District goal is: “Service to community projects encourages us to be active, retain members, and attract

new Lions.” It supports the LCI goal of:

“Building our capacity to serve.” At Zone level, a corresponding goal is: “Leverage our Zone E clubs to serve the community with membership recruitment, community service projects.” Greg stressed opportunities to share service projects with volunteers from other clubs.

Members at our meeting then offered comments and ideas for our Club’s current processes and programs. There were many great comments like:

relook all club processes with a goal of “making a difference” in our service; time constraints for members; seek to share work with other clubs; focus more on community service; wider input for budget plans; and reach out to younger members. The Leadership intends to review all comments and ideas.

This meeting was “hybrid” - meaning it was also broadcast over Zoom. A recording of the meeting was captured, and is available to view at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/k8uHCYP4BwhGueHMmOs3ENdNT36kjD9hsWuLisRzu3LUYHyyJoJE4KmgN1N4HeNG.BoJXvEEQ3AMZFXn0>

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In the unedited (2 hr, 11 min) recording, there are gaps/drops among speakers; but generally...

- Lion Greg presents at about the 1:06 time mark;
- VP Suleiman introduces Club goals at 1:27
- Lion Karen at 1:30
- Lion Justin at 1:37
- Lion Mike at 1:38
- Lion Ken at 1:49
- Lion Rodney at 1:54

The meeting ended with 50/50 drawings; winners: PDG Karen Parker and Lion Cory Green.

## Oct 26th Board Meeting

The Board met at the American Legion Post, in a semi-private ground floor room. This is a test location for meetings, as a possible alternative to the Fairfax City Center. The test runs until January.

The Board agreed to send letters to a few Club members who are late in payment of dues for at least 180 days. Dues are a basic obligation of all members.

The Club holiday party will be on Tuesday, December 14, and will replace the Dec 21 dinner meeting. The location is TBD.

The Board accepted the Committee's preferred location for Charter Night (on March 12, 2022) - at the Chantilly National Golf & Country Club. The Board agreed to invite all surviving spouses (of deceased Club members) to Charter Night, as guests of the Club.

## November Events

Nov 2 - VOTE!!!

Nov 2 - Club Dinner Meeting

Nov 7 - DST ends, set clocks back 1 hr

Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Nov 11-13 - VA Pin Traders [Swap Meet](#) (in  
Doubletree Hotel, Richmond, VA)

Nov 16 - Club Dinner Meeting

Nov 18-20 - 1st Citrus Fruit Sale - ALL HANDS!!!

Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery

Nov 23 - Board meeting

Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Day

### Upcoming

Dec 9-12 - 2nd Citrus Fruit Sale

Dec 14 - Club Holiday Party

Dec TBD - Holiday Food Basket Delivery

## Losses

We experienced losses in the Lions extended family recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of: Lion Karen DeRosa's mother, Lion Gary Maxwell's partner Pattie (see photo next page), spouse Sandy Mayo's dad (earlier this year), and any others who may be grieving.





## **Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC)**

The City of Fairfax Inter-Service Club Council includes representatives from area service clubs. Here is a monthly report of one ISCC member club:

## **Centreville Moose Lodge #2168**

In early September we were happy to provide 36 stuffed "Tommy Moose" dolls to the Fairfax City Police. These dolls are placed in police cruisers and are there to assist officers in calming young children who they may find in stressed situations. The gift was very much appreciated by the Police Department. We hope to be able to deliver more Tommy Moose dolls in the future.

Through our food donation collection program, we were able to donate approximately 100# of canned goods to the Lamb Center and 40# of food to the VanDyke Park Blessing box sponsored by the Girl Scouts. We also donated enough Oktoberfest food (pork chops, German potato salad, kraut, and sweet red cabbage) to the Robinson House half-way center to feed 20 people.

On Sunday, October 24, we will be holding an open House at the Moose Lodge at 3529 Chain Bridge Road. It will be a free pancake and sausage breakfast from 8:00Am to 11:00 AM. We invite everyone to come and see what the Moose are all about and to see our newly renovated lodge.

## **Nov 11th, Veterans Day**

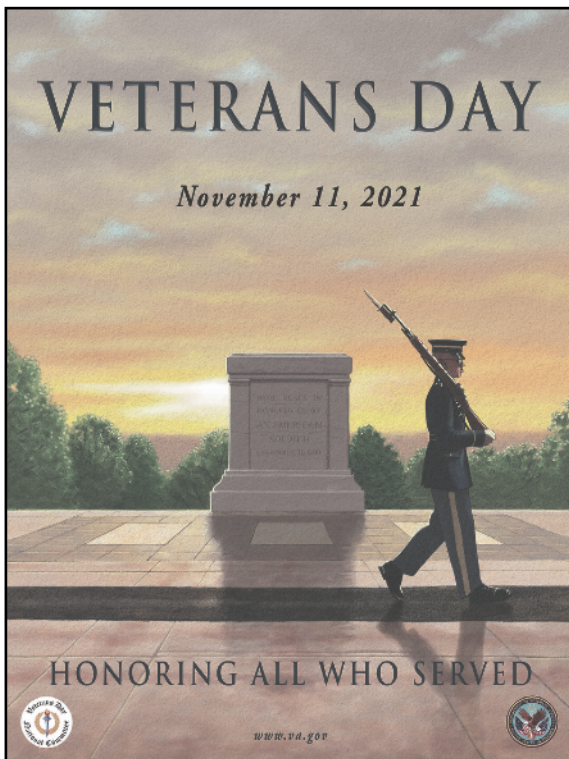
Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the US observed on Nov 11th for honoring those who served in the US Armed Forces. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the

11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the time, Nov 11, 1918, was considered the end of “the war to end all wars.” At the urging of major US veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

One focus of Veterans Day 2021 is the centennial commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Tomb was initially dedicated by the Army on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, with the burial of an unknown service member from World War I. Over the past century, additional unknowns have been buried at the Tomb, and the site has become a people’s memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning.

For the first time in nearly 100 years, as part of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration, the public will be able to walk on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Plaza and lay flowers in front of the Tomb on Nov 9 & 10, 2021. It is free and open to the public to personally pay respects to the Unknown Soldiers.

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on Nov 11th at Arlington National Cemetery, starting precisely at 11am with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, then a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks by dignitaries inside the Memorial Amphitheater.



It is appropriate to greet a veteran, on Nov 11th, with a simple “thank you for serving in the military.” It is also appropriate to remember those who died or were injured while serving. As is said about serving in the military: “All gave some, some gave all.”

## Lions Information...

### A New Way to Share Events & Volunteers

This is a great example of our Lions District 24-L creating something with the potential to help clubs...

*Copied From Dist 24-L **Paw Prints, Oct 2021***

#### **If We Build It, Will They Come?**

*By Lion Sally Clooney Anderson*

In last month's Paw Prints, I wrote about using the Sign Up Genius platform to take advantage of our District's clubs close proximity to work together in service. The goal is to share volunteer opportunities and promote those opportunities to other clubs.

The platform has been built. Will clubs share their events and ask for volunteers? And if those requests are made, will Lions volunteer to serve?

When you go to [Sign Up Genius](#), don't be confused by the advertising in the top banner and in the right and left columns. It sometimes says "Start." If this idea takes off, we will invest in a subscription with no advertising.

**To list an event**, email

[sallycooneyanderson@yahoo.com](mailto:sallycooneyanderson@yahoo.com) the following information:

- Date you want volunteers
- Event Name - Club Name
- Number of volunteers needed



- Location address with Zip Code
- Time volunteers should arrive
- Time volunteers will be complete
- Notes for volunteers (optional)
- Contact Name and email address

**To sign up to volunteer**, scroll down to see the available opportunities. Click the little box next to “Sign Up” for the one in which you want to help. You can check more than one box at a time.



**FYI: About Our District 24-L** <http://www.valions.org>

- District Governor - Lion Joel Kendall  
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- 1st Vice District Governor - Lion Rose Burrus  
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- 2nd Vice District Governor - Lion Donaldal Lovelace  
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District 24-L serves the following areas: Albermarle, Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick, Greene, Highland, King George, Loudoun, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, Westmoreland and the Independent Cities of Alexandria, Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Covington, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Manassas, Manassas Park, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Winchester.

## **KL Visits Origin of the Hudson River**

English explorer Henry Hudson made several voyages west from England seeking a shorter route to Asia from Europe. Hudson embarked in 1609 on behalf of the Dutch East India Company, drawn by reports of a possible channel across the North American continent to the Pacific. After navigating the Atlantic coast, Hudson's ships sailed up a great river (which would later bear his name) but turned back when they determined it was not the channel they sought.

KL Mike reports: "on my bucket list was to straddle the Hudson River; I didn't make it but I came close by standing in it at its upper reaches."



**KL (aka Henry Hudson) Mike stayed dry  
reaching across the width of the Hudson**

In the photo, KL Mike is in the stream where it is just a few feet wide. At its widest downstream, the Hudson River is three miles across.

On the same trip, KL Mike - always thinking about Lions - spotted a special item while in the town of Rhinebeck, NY. Mike says, Rhinebeck is famous for its Bogardus Tavern in the Beckman Arms hotel, reportedly the oldest inn in the US. Also reportedly, an argument in that Tavern between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton led to the death of Hamilton.

Shown next is the item spotted by Mike: a 24/7 eyeglass drop box for eyeglasses.



# Protect Yourself from Cyberattacks

## PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

*Courtesy of USAA*

- Make sure you know who you're communicating with. Fraudsters pose as credible organizations, such as banks and the IRS, "phishing" for your information. Check this link - [Banks Never Ask That!](#) - to learn more.
- Be aware of COVID-related scams. Criminals are taking advantage of the pandemic. Learn more about the [top five scams](#) criminals are using during this difficult time.
- Report suspicious texts and emails. Fraudsters impersonate companies to get consumers to click links and provide personal information. These deceptive emails, phone calls and text messages appear to come from a legitimate source. Report suspicious communications to your service provider.
- Don't let online shopping scams trick you. Before providing your billing information online, make sure you are working with a credible site. Don't download any software or click unknown links. Read this [article](#) for additional tips.

## A Great Handshake!

Your newsletter editor drove to IL recently, passing thru MD, PA, OH, and IN. We noticed with interest two new things:

First, on the Ohio turnpike (interstate I-80), **every** highway rest-stop now has several electric vehicle charging stations. Apparently there are two types of connector plugs for EVs, and both are available on at least one station at each rest stop. As Bob Dylan sings: The times, they are a-changin' ...



Two connectors at EV

The Second new thing: the small town of Youngstown, OH has a new monument - as of July 2021. It is a monument to a handshake...a great handshake!

Below are two photos, one of the new monument itself (taken at night), and one of the original 1946 photo from which the monument was created.



**"A Handshake for the Century"  
Monument in Youngstown, OH**





Original photo of the handshake, April 18, 1946;  
George Shuba congratulates Jackie Robinson  
for his 3-run homer, when no other white player  
would.

Why is it the “Handshake for the Century?” It was the first handshake between Black and white players on a professional baseball diamond.

Robinson had just hit his first professional home run; the two white players who had been on base

and scored on Robinson's homer did not congratulate Robinson at home plate. But Shuba, the on-deck batter, did...a handshake for the century.

Read all about the handshake at:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/mlb/2021/04/15/jackie-robinson-day-handshake-century-george-shuba/7224846002/>

## **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 around the 1st of each month to its availability on the web page.

**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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