

Fairfax Lions Club News

Dec 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

It is a pleasure to help others with basic food needs. On November 22, we presented 30 (up from 25 last year) Thanksgiving food baskets to [Main Street Child Development Center](#) - our partner in providing holiday food to deserving neighbors in Fairfax City. Lions Greg and Karen DeRosa did the planning, coordination with Main Street, purchased the food and brought it to Fairfax Senior Center - colocated with Main Street CDC. There, we assembled and delivered the 30 Thanksgiving food baskets.

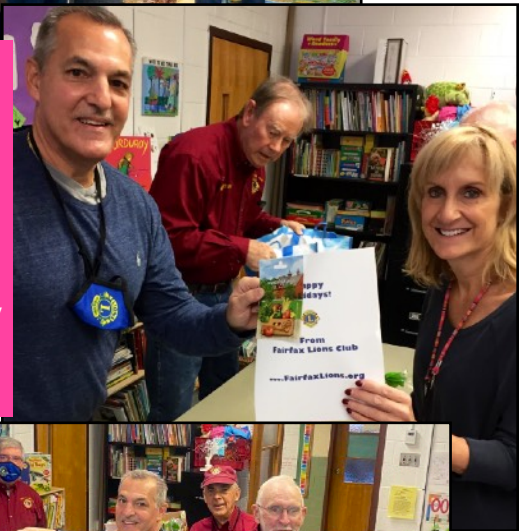
Each food basket included a gift certificate (cash, for a family to buy a meat of choice), fresh potatoes, carrots, apples, flour, sugar, cake mix, canned corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, and more - including fruit donated from our fruit sale. Photos follow...





Top - DeRosa
delivery van

Rt - Greg & Karen
show gift card



Below - Assembly
stations





Left — 30 food bags
(Each “food basket”
consists of 2 bags
for a total of 60
bags)

Below - After filling
the 60 bags, 8 Lions
sit for photo at
Main Street



Many thanks to Lions Karen & Greg, KL Mike, Pete, Jeff, Harry, Mike R, and Gordon. A wonderful service!

Charity Fund Raising

DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON RAISING CHARITY FUNDS

November Citrus Fruit Sale

The work began several weeks prior...planning, ordering, coordinating, and many hours for coding digital inventory & sales processes for the mobile SQUARE sales system. Manual labor began when we unloaded 30,000 pounds of fresh fruit from the delivery truck; then Lions and volunteers performed traffic flow, customer sales, order fulfillment and loading duties at the sales site. A GREAT TEAM of Lions Marty, Ken, Justin, Mike S, Mike R, and KL Mike G led the effort. Willing workers - some working several shifts - included Lions Ron Zabel, Cindy Roman, Bill Szymanski, Scott Dulaney, KL Mike G, Phil Mayo, Greg DeRosa, Cory Green, Steve Bilowus, Jim Kaplan, James Friedlander, Jeff Root, Jim Rich, Harry Parker, and Harry Pontius. We had outside volunteers: Mark Lender, Eugene Eigner,

John Boaz and Larry Larson. It takes a bunch to make the fruit sale work!

The fruit was refreshingly good! A majority of the fruit was sold by on-line preorders and then picked up Thursday-Saturday. On-site sales were brisk too. We sold out Saturday morning and cleared the sales site at 5pm Saturday.

Our three fruit sales provide the majority of our annual charity and local outreach funds. November usually produces more charity funds than either the December or March fruit sales. This November sale was especially productive: we ordered and sold more fruit than usual, and sold all peanuts and most of the maple syrup. Precise proceeds \$ number is not yet available, but it will be a pleasing number, and will definitely help us meet our charity goals for this year.

As Lion Ken said by email, we need to consider our fruit sales "All-Hands Events." We need every able-body to sign up to work. Watch for details on the **December 16-18 fruit sale**. Block that week on your calendar, and sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FAFA62DA46-dec2021>

Photos follow....



Top L:
Delivery
truck

Top R:
Moving
30,000 lbs of
fruit

Bottom:
Stacking
fruit in the
sales van

Counters: R - Lion Ron.
Below - Lions Pete, Cindy



L-R: Unload Crew - Ron, Ken, Mike R, Scott, KL
Mike, Cindy, Pete, Phil, Bill S, Gordon. Well Done!



Sales Van, Thursday Lull



Lion Justin
enters sale for
Lion Cindy

Larry Larson, volunteer from Harley Owners Group

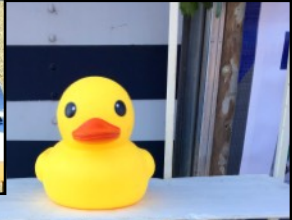
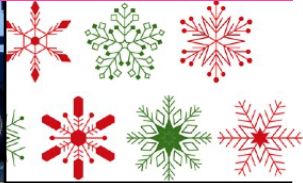


Lion Harry - Tell the
customers when to
come back!

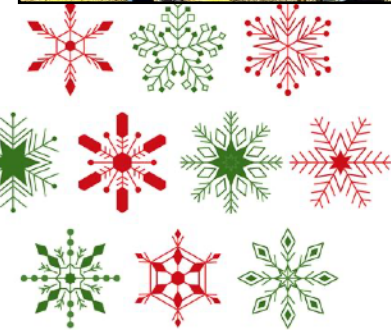
Lion Jeff loads Lion
Bill B's car



Highly proficient Point-of-sale Lions Jason, Mike R

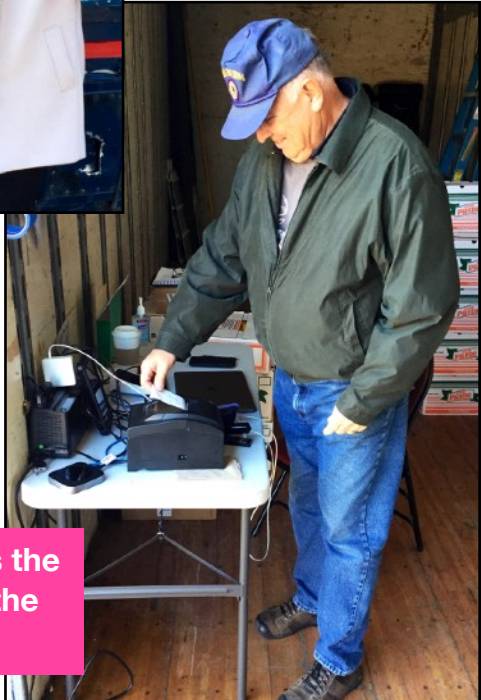


Are we selling the rubber-ducky too?





Vivien: repeat customer who buys a lot, and tells her friends about us!



Lion Ken assures the customer gets the right order

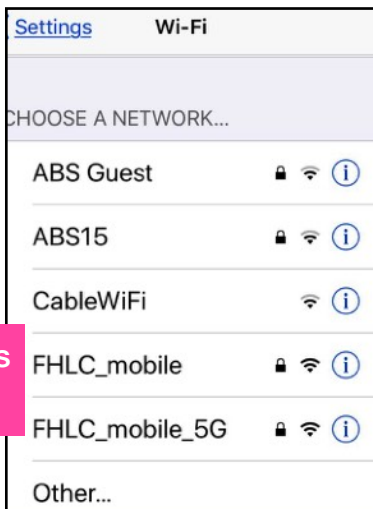
Fulfillment
Center, with
wireless wifi
hot-spot,
printer, and
inventory
tracking



Small, but essential



Can you spot the Lions
wifi network?



Sorry you missed us. We are

SOLD OUT

Next sale is:
Dec. 16-18, 2021

That's what we like to see!

Sales trailer clear

PLUS

All equipment
secure in storage
shed

EQUALS

Mission
Complete...
Great Work
Lions!



News of Club Meetings

Nov 2nd - Dinner Meeting

A former college women's basketball champion spoke to us about emergency preparedness. Our guest was Ms. Camila Tapias, of Spin Global. Camila holds a BA in Organizational Sciences, and a Master's of Public Administration. She also played on GW's Division 1 Women's Basketball Team for four years and was team captain winning several championships. Read about her basketball career at George Washington University: <https://gwsports.com/sports/womens-basketball/roster/camila-tapias/3019>

She characterized our local “threats” (which may cause us to need to know emergency responses) in the following chart.

Hazards in the City of Fairfax

High	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-Low
Flood, Wind, Tornado, Winter Weather, Extreme Temperatures	Drought	Earthquake, Wildfire	Landslide, Karst, Geologic

We were challenged to:

- ✓ Understand Your Vulnerabilities
- ✓ Build a Family Plan
- ✓ Purchase Necessities
- ✓ Practice Your Response
- ✓ Help Others

*"When it comes to preparedness, practice makes perfect,"
former FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate*

An evac kit:

Evacuation Kit

- Smaller lightweight kit
- Food & water
- Emergency Plan - including where to evacuate
- Cash and coins in-case ATMs are not accessible
- Important Document Folder / External Drive (electronic copies of documents)
- Cell phones/chargers
- Extra set of house/car keys
- Whistle (To attract the attention of emergency personnel if needed)
- Change of clothes/blanket



Contact Camila at: ctapias@spinglobal.org





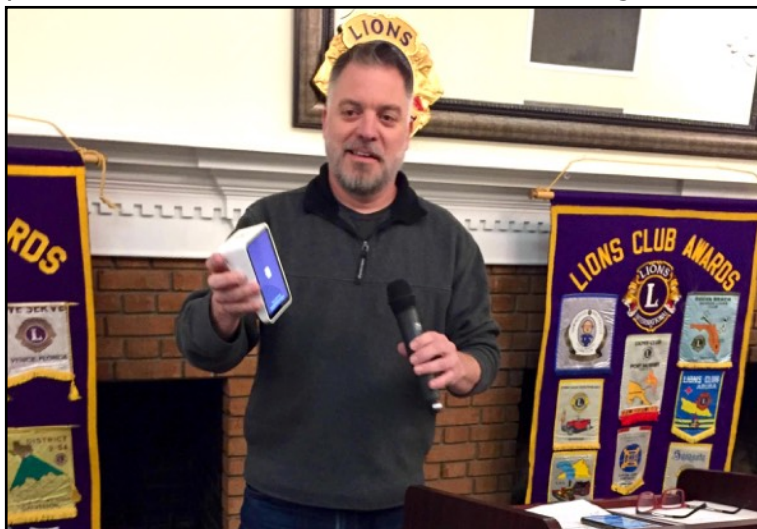
Left - KL Mike
thanks Camila for
her presentation

Below - Camila with
several Lions



Nov 16th - Dinner Meeting

This meeting was primarily training on the smart technology systems (by SQUARE) we now use to conduct our fruit sales. The sales function is performed on a SQUARE point-of-sale device. Once the sale is complete, a printer in storage van produces a ticket to identify the customer and his purchase. Lion Mike Schutz led the training.



Lion Mike teaches us “Squares” how to use the SQUARE point-of-sale equipment


Happy Holidays

Lion Justin - co-designer & coder of our Square system - was ailing, but participated over zoom. We all got a very good orientation on the equipment and its operation.

Nov 23 Board Meeting (Club members welcome)

Lion Ken reported by email proceeds from Octobers Fall Festival - after all expenses were tallied, nearly \$6000. An outstanding charity fund raising event ... Great work Fairfax Lions!

The Board approved:

- Reimbursement for Thanksgiving food basket purchases. (Thank you - Lions Greg and Karen DeRosa.)
- Reimbursement for recent flower purchases. (We thank Lion Karen Parker for ordering the flowers.)
- Budget for Dec 14 Holiday party.

The Board reviewed comments from relatively new Lions, aimed at increasing interest and participation in our Club's Service mission.

The Board reviewed a design by Lion Justin for a new Lions T-shirt. The Board was overwhelmed with the highly professional design which not only looks great, but also sends wonderful messages (Design next page).



Fairfax Lions Club

WE ARE IN GOOD
COMPANY
WE SERVE
WHERE WE LIVE
WE GIVE
100%
WE ARE PROUD TO BE
LIONS
WE ARE TAKING ON
GLOBAL CHALLENGES
TOGETHER
WE DO IT
OURSELVES
WE ARE
GLOBAL
WE HAVE SERVED HUMANITY FOR
MORE THAN A
CENTURY

T-shirt Design (back-side over front)
Well done, Justin!



December Events (*Club events*)

Dec 7 - **Date that lives in Infamy**

Dec 7 - **Club Dinner Meeting**

Dec 10 - Human Rights Day

Dec 14 - **Club Holiday Party, 6:30-9:30** - see invitation next page (**RSVPs required!!!**)

Dec 15 - Bill of Rights Day (Dec 15, 1791, VA became last state needed to ratify first ten amendments of Constitution)

Dec 15 - **Unload Fruit**, 6pm - help wanted!

Dec 16-18 - **2nd Citrus Fruit Sale** - ALL HANDS!!!

[Click this link to sign up to work.](#)

Dec 21 - Winter Solstice, 2021: 1st Day of Winter; day with fewest hours of sunlight in the year, making it the "shortest day" of the 2021.

Dec 22 - **Holiday Food Basket Delivery**, 10am, City of Fairfax Senior Center

Dec 25 - Christmas Day

Dec 31 - New Years Eve

Upcoming

Jan 4 - **Club Dinner Meeting**



Fairfax Host Lions Club
**HOLIDAY
PARTY**

DEC

14

2021

6:30PM - 9:30PM

AMERICAN LEGION

3939 OAK ST

FAIRFAX VA 22031

*Fun, Socializing, good food,
prizes and gifts*





*Open to all Fairfax Host Lions, their
Family, Friends and Guests*

*No charge for full dues paying club members and
your immediate family household members!
Outside guests \$25*

Holiday attire (recommend coat & tie for men)

*Bring a homemade dessert for our annual
favorite dessert competition!*

*Also bring a fun gift from the Dollar Store
(no more than \$5) to participate in the
White Elephant game*

Losses

Sadly, we experienced two losses in our Lions family.



Lion Jim McKeever

February 4, 1946 –
October 30, 2021

James Clifford McKeever, Jr. of Fairfax, Virginia, died at 75 years on October 30, 2021. A loving husband, caring father, active in the community, businessman and keeper of the faith.

He grew up in New Jersey, where he began his love for music and his church, as well as football. After attending University of Pennsylvania and playing football, he joined the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era and was honorably discharged. In 1974

he founded MAPS, which evolved into McKeever Services Corporation (MSC). As President and CEO, MSC provides consulting and permit processing serving the Washington D.C. metropolitan area and continues to be an industry leader.

His love for music was influential throughout his life. His high school choir had the opportunity of touring in Europe. In college he performed as a folk singer and was a long-time member of the Sanctuary Choir at Providence Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia.

In addition, Jim served as the Chairman of the Arts for Fairfax County, Commissioner of the Arts for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Chairman of the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap, and Chairman of the Board for the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. He was also a member for Fairfax Lions Club. At Providence Presbyterian Church, he spearheaded the project to design, fund and install a new Lively Fulcher Pipe Organ for the Sanctuary Choir. He was ordained as an Elder and taught Sunday School for many years.

Above all family was of utmost importance to Jim. He enjoyed family vacations in Avalon, New Jersey, and holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas. He loved sailing on the Chesapeake Bay

and the views from his retreat on Kent Island, Maryland.

The family Patriarch, he is survived by his wife of 26 years, Lesley. He is the devoted father of three daughters – Kathryne and her partner Rick, Rebecca and her husband, Nelson, and Stephanie. He is the loving grandfather to Isabella and Simon. He is the beloved brother of John McKeever and his wife Betsy, and Beth McKeever Lewis and her husband Jeff. He is also survived by his many loving nieces and nephews, relatives, in-laws, and friends.

The funeral service will be private. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra for the McKeever Legacy Fund - <https://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/mckeeverlegacyfund>. Or the Sanctuary Choir at Providence Presbyterian Church (<https://www.providencechurch.org/give/>) – checks can be mailed to 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax VA 22031.

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Lion Joe and Terry Breda lost their son, Danny.



Daniel "Danny"
Joseph Breda

September 10,
1970 -
November 7,
2021

Daniel Joseph Breda, “Dan” and affectionately known as “Danny” by his family, (51) of Fairfax Station, VA, left this earth in the arms of his loving family on the morning of November 7, 2021.

Born in Alexandria, VA on September 10, 1970 in Alexandria, VA, he was raised in Fairfax Station, VA. Dan was loving and kind always putting others first. He was devoted to his family and his many friends. He had a great sense of humor, always able to find the “funny” in things. He enjoyed life to the fullest.

Dan was an entrepreneur starting several businesses. After graduating high school, he started

and operated Fairfax Coach Lines with his father for several years. He then ventured out into real estate becoming a realtor. Always wanting to work on his own terms, he started a home improvement company Breda Enterprises, LLC. Dan enjoyed working in the home improvement industry, and was constantly honing his trade and expanding into different facets of the industry. Dan expanded his company to include plow trucks and found true enjoyment plowing the streets during winter snowstorms.

He started his love of motorcycles at a young age and continued to ride through out his life. In addition to riding on dirt tracks, he often would go on group motorcycle rides through northern VA. He had a passion for cars and collected many through the years. His most recent purchase was his favorite 1970 Silver Chevrolet Camaro. He was also an animal lover holding his pets very dear to him. He would bring in strays and always volunteer to pet sit for family and friends.

Dan is survived by his loving parents Joseph & Terry Breda. His sister Deanna Breda and her husband Steve Karlson, and his loving nephews Erik and Brandon. His sister Debra Breda and her husband Scot Mullin. His aunts, uncles and cousins on his mother's side. He is preceded in death by his

grandparents Olivo and Regina Breda. And his many dear friends.

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Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC)

As you may have noticed, two members of the Fairfax Harley Owners Group (HOGs) volunteered to help us operate the November fruit sale. This was possible by coordinating through the ISCC, of which HOGs is a member. We sincerely appreciate the assistance provided by Larry Larson and John Boaz - who together worked several shifts, primarily loading customers cars. Larry (photo on top of page 9) explained: HOGs members love to help Service Clubs working to serve the community!

Lions Information...



Food for Others

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**“Message of Gratitude” (Email),
Thanksgiving Day - from Food For Others**

Dear Fairfax Lions Club,

They say that gratitude can lead to contentment. Working at FFO, I can attest to this. Every day, we witness incredible acts of generosity, and on the opposite end of the spectrum, the often-heartbreaking situations of the families and individuals we serve. Our client, Pamela, had to leave her job at Amazon because she couldn't keep up the ten-hour overnight shifts at her age. FFO is here for her while she looks for a job. Pamela says, "Between when people are having hard times and getting their finances together, Food for Others is a lot of help. I believe this will be temporary for me."

We know that without the support of thousands of volunteers and donors like you, we could not provide food to people like Pamela. This November you helped us serve 250,000 meals. So today as you settle into the pleasant aroma of Thanksgiving staples cooking in the oven, and the sound of laughter from friends and family reuniting, know that we are grateful for you.

Wishing you the joy of gratitude this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Annie Turner, Executive Director



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ANNUAL REPORT



FOOD for OTHERS

From Food for Others annual report

PIONEER - \$5,000 - \$9,999

ORGANIZATIONS

Agent Knows Homes - Jeff Wu
Anthem Inc.
Arlington District of the UMC
BAE Systems

Blue Node Solutions Inc.
Capital One Center
Church of the Good Shepherd UMC
CNA, Arlington office

DMV Zion Church
Drueding Foundation
edHelper Giving
Lions of Virginia Foundation Inc.
Nurture Studio LLC

*FHLC teamed with other Lions for our donation

FOOD DONORS - ORGANIZATIONS

1,000 - 9,999 Lbs

Food for Fines Fairfax
County Library
Agudas Achim Congregation
Aldi Fairfax
Aldi Falls Church
Aldi Merrifield
Amazon
Annandale Farmer's Market
Arlington Fairfax Elks Lodge
Nolij Consulting LLC
BJ's Falls Church
BJ's Fair Oaks
Burke Farmer's Market
Burke Lions Club

Dev Technology Group
Durga Temple of Virginia
ExxonMobil Spouses Club
Fairfax Host Lions Club
Falls Church Episcopal
Falls Church High School
Food Rescue US
Freddie Mac
George Mason University
Giant 9th Road
Giant Cardinal Forest
Giant Kingstowne
Giant S. Glebe

Have you thought about a New Year Resolution?

“This Holiday Season, Use Your Money to Change Someone’s Life”

By Nicholas Kristof

Washington Post, November 28, 2021

What could be more of a miracle than restoring sight to the blind?

That might sound biblical or supernatural. But for this year’s holidays, you can give your cousin a scarf — or in that cousin’s name you can restore someone’s eyesight.

For years, as a columnist for the New York Times, I wrote an annual giving guide, which in 2019 and 2020 included Holiday Impact awards. I recently resigned from that job to run for governor in Oregon, but I wanted to continue the tradition.

My 2021 grand prize winner is a nonprofit called Seva Foundation that restores sight around the world — a dazzling present. And I think you’ll agree that all the following suggestions are far more meaningful than any box of chocolates.

You can donate at KristofImpact.org, and here’s what these gifts accomplish:

Restore sight. I chose [Seva Foundation](https://SevaFoundation.org) because I’ve seen so much anguish caused by blindness, ever since as a law student I met a blind man in Fez, Morocco, who was led around by his granddaughter

to beg. Some 43 million people worldwide are blind, and hundreds of millions more have moderate to severe visual impairment that can be inexpensively prevented or fixed.

When people go blind in a poor country, they can no longer perform chores, care for children or earn an income. They often must pull a young child or grandchild out of school to escort them. So sight-restoring surgery gives two people their lives back.

The most common cause of blindness is cataracts — which through Seva can be removed in a 15-minute surgery that costs about \$50 per eye.

I've seen these inspiring surgeries in rural Nepal. Patients' bandages are removed the next day; they blink in the light and take a moment to focus, then beam at seeing the world for the first time in years.

While Seva mostly works abroad, it's also active on Native American reservations. As grand prize winner, it will receive \$100,000 (funds have been donated by readers), and I expect many times that will be donated through my website.

Fight sexual violence. My longtime friend and hero Denis Mukwege founded Panzi Hospital in a conflict-ridden part of Democratic Republic of Congo sometimes called the rape capital of the world.

Mukwege was nauseated when he saw women and girls suffering devastating internal injuries,

including fistulas, after sexual assaults by militias. While providing outstanding care to survivors, he also began to denounce the systematized rape by military units — and survived an assassination attempt that killed his friend and security guard. Later, a young Congolese doctor who was his protege was also slain.

Mukwege won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018 for his courage in standing up for women's rights. I chose Panzi Hospital (it will receive \$25,000, plus reader contributions) partly to help rape survivors in Congo, and partly to demonstrate that the world stands with Mukwege — perhaps making it a bit harder to kill him.

Help young people find opportunity. You know the old saw about how it's better to give a fishing rod than a fish? That's what Per Scholas does, making it one of the most exciting organizations in the field of economic empowerment in the United States.

Per Scholas (which will receive \$25,000, plus reader contributions) runs free, intensive training programs to prepare struggling young people for high-paying jobs in information technology, cybersecurity and software engineering. More than 80 percent of graduates find full-time employment within a year, and their earnings rise on average from

\$10,000 a year before training to \$42,000 a year in their first jobs afterward.

Be a mentor. Big Brothers Big Sisters matches adults (“Bigs”) with children and young adults (“Littles”) to provide mentoring so they can dream higher and attain their goals.

The majority of Littles come from underserved communities, and mentors make a huge difference: 9 out of 10 Littles see their Bigs as very important adults in their lives. Large numbers of kids are on waiting lists, hoping to be matched with mentors.

Tutor children in reading. Learning to read is magical: A child who reads is far more likely to enjoy school, graduate from high school and avoid trouble. Through Reading Partners, adult volunteers coach children from kindergarten to fifth grade.

Many of my readers have become coaches, and some initially thought their service a sacrifice. Over time they found it deeply rewarding to connect to a cause larger than themselves.

So often in the rich world, we buy each other trinkets. Here, I invite you to live the values of the season and lift yourselves and others with transformational gifts.



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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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.





HAPPY HOLIDAYS
That's all folks!

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

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We Serve

Since 1951