

Fairfax Lions Club News

May 2022

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



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

Service

Several Lions & spouses enjoyed “Sipping for Sprout” in Leesburg on April 10th. The venue was scenic, well attended, good food, and we had fun.



Lions and Spouses at Sipping for Sprout
L to R: Gordon, Penny, Jeff, Terry, Joe, Elsie,
Harry, Karen, PJ, and Gary

For our support of Sprout, Fairfax Lions were recognized on placards displayed at the event.



We heard reports that the fund raiser was a pleasing success for Sprout.

Charity Fund Raising

DELIVERING SERVICE DEPENDS ON RAISING CHARITY FUNDS

You know, our primary charity fund raisers are fruit sales, July 4 & Fall Festival food booths, and our vehicle donation program. We also receive a small amount of charity funds from Amazon Smile. When you (or anyone) select Fairfax Host Lions Club on Amazon Smile, as your charity of choice, a small

percentage of each purchase is held by Amazon (until it has \$100 - enough to trigger a transfer) and the money is paid to our Club charity account, and you get a report.

Your AmazonSmile Impact

Your orders that have supported charity

Remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.com or through AmazonSmile activated in the Amazon Shopping app will support your selected charity.



Your total orders

68 orders

[Learn more](#) ▾

Every little bit counts

When millions of supporters shop at AmazonSmile, charitable donations quickly add up.



You have generated

\$8.54

as of April 14, 2022



Your current charity

Fairfax Host Lions Club Charities Inc
has received

\$139.61

as of March 2022



All US charities have received

\$334,286,080.29

as of March 2022



All worldwide charities have received

\$377,951,346.00

as of March 2022

Sample report from Amazon Smile

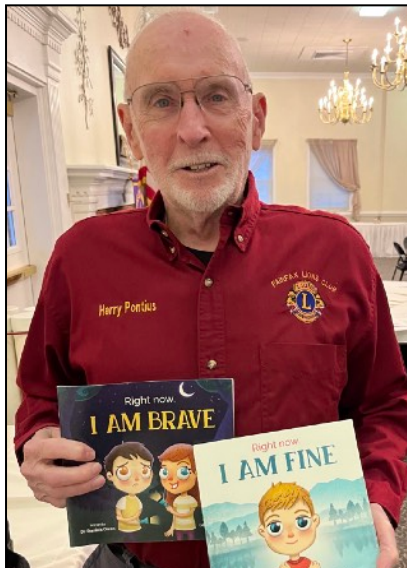
Be sure to select FHLC as your default charity - and then remember to shop on “Amazon Smile” (not the standard Amazon retail site). Bookmark the Amazon Smile page on your browser, as a way to remember to use it. Your cost to purchase is no different, and your Club benefits - why not do that?

News of Club Meetings

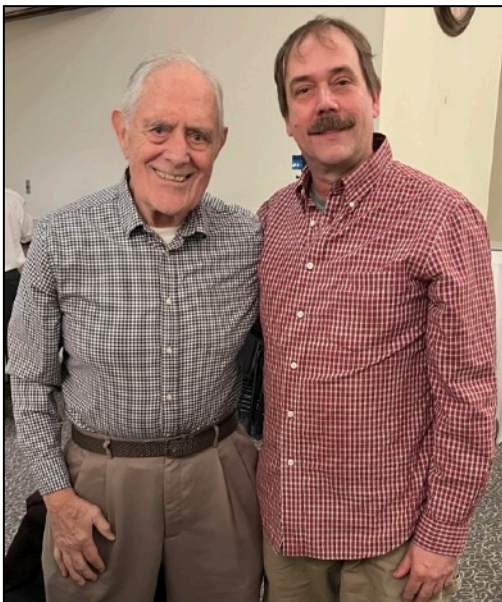
April 5 Dinner Meeting

Lion Harry Pontius brought in donated eyeglasses for recycling (from the collection box at Providence Presbyterian Church), and also donated books to include with our Club’s annual Books for our Club’s Children Reading program.

Lion Joe Breda brought two guests: Henry and Dan (father & son) Sauer. We hope to see them soon at another meeting!



Lion Harry's kid's books



Visitors (L) Henry and (R) Dan Sauer

The meal was good, with an excellent dessert - apple walnut crumb cake.

Our speaker was invited by Lion Rodney - she is a vision impaired friend, Ms Annette Carr, who told us about "AIRA." Artificial Remote Intelligence Assistance is a nifty smart-phone app (paid service) providing a valuable resource for vision impaired persons. In short, the phone's camera enables a

remote assistant (a real person) help the holder of the phone with navigation, locating objects, understanding surroundings, etc.



Annette Carr demonstrates how AIRA helps her navigate a crowded room (Lion Mike R is following with a microphone to hear commentary with remote assistant)

Lion Rodney provided a nice article about AIRA, look for it - later in this newsletter.

PCC Bill Bartlett conducted the induction of new Lion Judith Richter-Murphy. It's great to be a Lion!



Dan Murphy (L), New Lion Judith, and MC/
Sponsor/PCC Bill Bartlett

Finally, the Club voted and elected the nominated slate of officers and members of the Board. They will be formally installed in late-June, to serve for the new Lions year which begins July 1st.

Fairfax Host Lions Club
Elected

2022-2023 Officers and Board of Directors

President (King Lion)	Greg DeRosa
Immediate Past Pres.	Michael Greeley
1st Vice President	Jim Kaplan
2nd Vice President	Karen DeRosa
Secretary	Jeff Root
Treasurer	Michael Rumberg
Corresponding Secretary	Pete Conklin
Tail Twister	Gary Maxwell
Lion Tamer	Phil Mayo
Bulletin Editor	Gordon Tillery
Membership Director	Pete Conklin
Director (Two Years)	Joe Breda
Director (One Year)	Cory Green
PDG Director	PCC Harry Parker
PDG Director	PDG Karen Parker
PDG Director	PCC Bill Bartlett
Director Emeritus	PCC Bill Smith

Elected 2022-2023 officers and directors

50/50 winners: King Lion Mike: \$20; guest speaker
Annette Carr: \$23. FHLC admin account netted \$23.

April 19 Dinner Meeting

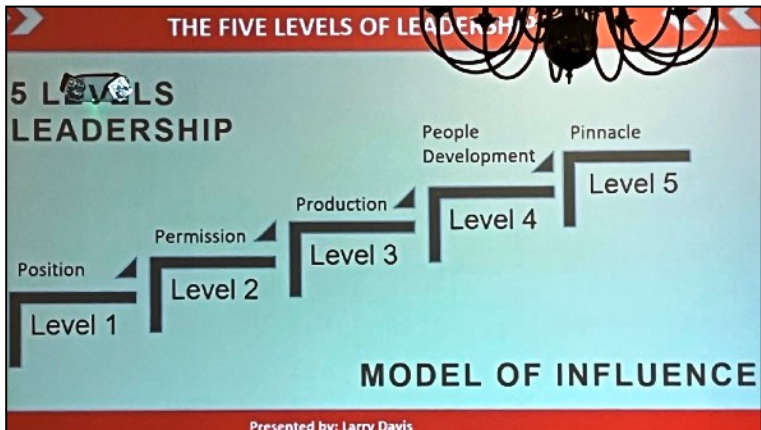
Audrey Nagle, received the award for the winning Peace Poster this year.



(Top Left) Lion Jeff Root presents award; (Top Right) Audrey talks about her art design; (Bottom Left) Audrey received cash award also; (Bottom Right) Audrey and family
May 2022

Lion Jeff presented the award to Audrey, and told us about the 34-year history of Lons Clubs around the world holding peace poster contests. Jeff also told us that our club awarded Ms. Linda Ledbetter, (Art Teacher at Rocky Run) a \$100 gift card to purchase student art supplies to supplement standard supplies for students.

Our speaker was Larry Davis, a leadership consultant with [John C. Maxwell](#). Larry discussed the five levels of leadership (or *influence*) illustrated in this chart.



PCC Bill Bartlett - representing Level 5 in Lions leadership - presented Larry Davis our club token of appreciation for speaking.



PCC Bill presents speaker's gift to Larry Davis

Our newest Club member, Judith Richter-Murphy, led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance at her first meeting as a Lion. PCC Bill Bartlett presented Judith membership items that she did not receive at her induction ceremony on April 5th.



Lion Judith receives current certificate of Membership and membership card

Several Lions made short reports or announcements.

50/50 winners: The 2nd place winner was Pete Conklin (\$16), and 1st place was Joe Breda (\$17). The Club admin account received \$17.

March 22 Board Meeting: postponed - due to lack of quorum; to be rescheduled.

May Events (BOLD if Club Event)

Apr 30 - May 1 - **Revolutionary War Weekend**

May 3 - **Club Dinner Meeting**

May 4 - ISCC meeting

May 5 - Lions Lunch Bunch (email from PCC Bill)

May 7 - **“Roadkill” Trash Cleanup**, Pickett Road

(See info, next page)

May 7 - **Spring Farm Day** at Frying Pan Farm Park

May 8 - Mothers Day

May 15 - **Charter Night (more info, next page)**

May 17 - ~~Club Dinner Meeting~~ (canceled, due to Charter Night)

May 24 - **Club Board Meeting**

May 30 - Memorial Day

Coming Up

June 4 - **Fairfax Lions Tour DC Temple** (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

June 11-12 - On-line Training for officers (page 18)

June 21 - VA Primary Elections (as called by parties).

See: **Election deadlines**

Jun 24-28 - Lions International Convention
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

May 7 - "Roadkill" Trash Cleanup

From Lion Karen's email: Roadkill Trash Cleanup

Date: Saturday, 7 May 2022

Time: 8:30 am

Where: Thaiss Park, 3401 Pickett Rd (ball field parking lot)

Bring: gloves, walking shoes, family, friends

Duration: Approximately one hour

Level: Easy and fun

Provided: Vests, pick-up sticks, trash bags

Weather: Go - event unless told otherwise

RSVP: Lion Karen at derosagk@gmail.com

Pastries, juice, coffee at ball field parking lot at 8:00 am (intersection of Pickett Rd and Old Pickett Rd.

After trash pickup - breakfast at IHOP

May 15 - Charter Night

By VP Suleiman Alibhai

Fairfax Host Lions Club's 72nd Charter Night - Live and In-Person, for all members, family and guests:

- Location: Chantilly National Golf and Country Club
14901 Braddock Rd, Centreville, VA 20120
- Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm, Sunday May 15th
- Cost: No charge for full paying club members and a significant other; additional guest charge - TBA

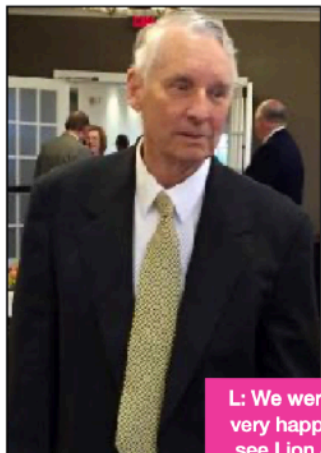
- Attire: Coat & tie, or even a Tuxedo for men; dresses or gowns for women.
- What to Expect: Great time to socialize, delicious catered food, wine/beverage station, musical entertainment, door prizes, possibly even a special program

Most importantly: please respond to the official invitation (coming to you by email) as soon as possible, and ideally no later than May 7, to enable the Club to finalize arrangements.

FROM THE HISTORY FILES
Charter Night, April 7, 2019

Lion Dave MacPherson Receives Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

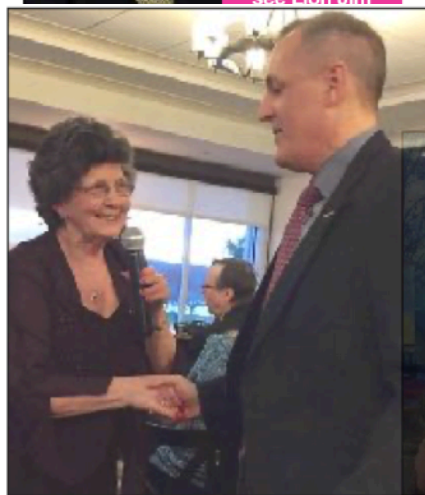




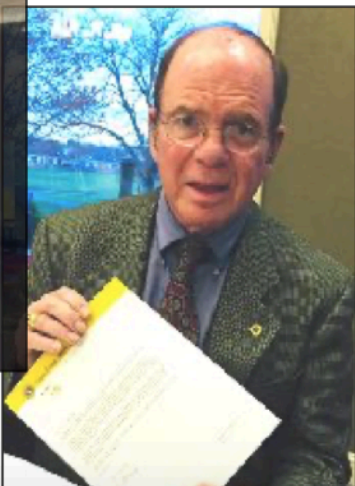
L: We were all very happy to see Lion Jim



R : Lion Joe Breda mingles during the cocktail hour



Lions Greg DeRosa and Pete Conklin receive membership awards from DG Wilma



Fairfax City Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC)

The monthly ISCC meeting, on April 6, was at the Fairfax Moose Lodge. The guest speaker was Allison Page of *Food for Others*. Allison recognized Fairfax Lions Club for our many past donations (especially our donations leveraging matching LoVF funds for greater impact, and our special Power-Pack donations led by Lion James Friedlander). Allison talked about how the food need has grown - especially with inflation - in our own community. About 80,000 individuals are food-insecure in the greater Fairfax area. She showed a sample "Power Pack" (one power pack feeds one child for a whole weekend), and said studies have shown that decent weekend meals (like, power packs) not only nourish the child but also improve kid's test scores in school.

Lions Information...

Club Officer Training

Incoming Lion officers are offered on-line training. See flyer below:

Save the Date

District 24-L Officer Training (it's Virtual & Free)

June 11 - 12, 2022



June 11 (Saturday)

President, Secretary, Treasurer,

Membership & Service

Officer Training Sessions - 60 minutes

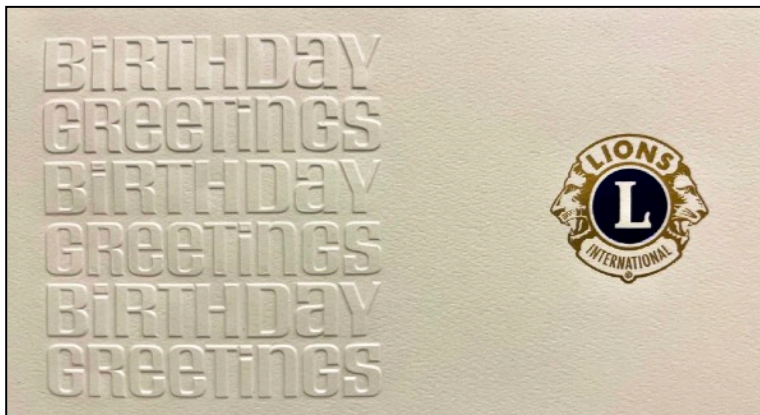
June 12 (Sunday)

Zone Chair

Zone Chair Session - 90 minutes

[Birthday Cards for Lions & Spouses](#)

You should know, our Club Corresponding Secretary assures each Lion and spouse receives greetings from the Club on their BD. Thank you Mr Secretary Pete!



[More on AIRA](#)

**Innovative Company Uses Technology to Provide
a Game Changing Solution for Blind and Visually
Impaired Consumers**

By by Lion Rodney Neely

Aira is a new service that uses a cell phone to connect blind and visually impaired people with

sighted readers to help them to perform every day tasks more efficiently. Aira uses the camera on your smart phone in combination with an app to connect a blind or visually impaired person to a trained agent who will assist the blind person by visually interpreting his/her surroundings. These Aira agents are trained to describe environments to blind people. They are also trained to read information to blind consumers. These Aira agents can also assist with helping blind and visually impaired workers to create and revise documents and PowerPoint presentations. Many blind people use Aira agents to help them to travel in unfamiliar locations such as airports or train stations. Blind people, who need visual information, use Aira for everyday tasks such as reading mail and to perform digital tasks like shopping online or creating presentations. Blind people also use Aira to help them to travel in new environments with confidence. This service is available seven days per week 24 hours a day.

When a blind or visually impaired person wants to use Aira, he/she uses his/her cell phone to contact an Aira agent through the Aira app. Then the user can ask the Aira agent to look through his/her cell phone camera to read a computer screen or

some mail to him/her. The Aira assistant can use the blind person's cell phone camera to help the person to find a bathroom or an airport gate in an unfamiliar location. There is another utility (Teamviewer) that enables Aira assistants to connect to a blind person's computer to help him/her to make corrections and edits to his/her documents.

At the touch of a button on his/her cell phone, a blind person can use Aira to provide access to visual information. Aira has enhanced the lives of many blind people by providing the ability for them to engage with their environment and to work and play more independently.

Aira is not a free service. There are monthly plans for various levels of Aira service.

For more information about Aira, please visit www.aira.io

Hacked QR codes...What Will They Do next?

QR codes are becoming much more common, especially in recent years. You can find them almost anywhere, whether in advertisements, at your favorite restaurant, or at the checkout counter. Quick Response (QR) codes can make it fast and

convenient to access a particular website, make a payment, or view information — just a quick scan using your phone will allow you to open a webpage on your screen. However, it is always important to stay vigilant, because not every QR code is as it seems.



Because QR codes are effortless to generate, cybercriminals are taking advantage of this quick and convenient functionality in an attempt to steal users' information and data. For example, ABC News reported on a series of fake QR codes appearing on parking meters in San Antonio, Texas. Scanning this QR code directed users to a fraudulent site to submit payment to a phony vendor. While providing your payment details to a scammer is already very serious, the FBI warns that fake **QR codes can also contain embedded malware that downloads straight onto your device.**

To avoid scanning a fake QR code, the most crucial thing you can do is inspect the URL that pops up while scanning the code. Most devices will preview the URL that the QR code directs to, similar to the hover over feature on a computer. If the URL doesn't match where you intended to visit, do not go any further! Always be cautious of unmarked QR codes or codes that promise a deal that seems extreme — if it looks too good to be true, it probably is. Finally, it is a best practice to avoid sharing personal details or payment information via a QR code - if possible. Instead, you should navigate to the

company's website by typing it into your browser directly.

Stay vigilant and stay safe online.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day, May 30: for many Americans it, conjures up images of hamburgers, hot dogs, swimming pools, and summertime. But the last Monday in May serves, most importantly, as a time to honor those who died while fighting in the US Armed Forces.

It's a holiday steeped in somber American history and tradition. The day actually began as "Decoration Day," following the Civil War, when mourners placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. This special holiday was changed to Memorial Day by federal law in the 1880's. This day has been called: Remembrance Memorial Day.

Yes, Memorial Day has also come to signify the "unofficial" start of summer, but let's remember the heroes who made it all possible. Things to do:

1. Memorial Day Parade - May 30, 2022 - 2pm - 5pm along Constitution Ave NW
2. Visit memorials...the WW2 Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial.

3. Arlington National Cemetery - honor our fallen heroes on a tour. View the impressive results of “Flags In” by the Old Guard.



Soldiers of the 3rd US Infantry Regiment place over 230,000 US flags at headstones in Arlington National Cemetery. “Flags In” it been carried out by the Old Guard for over 60 years.

4. National Memorial Day Concert, May 29, 2022.

5. In the City of Fairfax, check out the [Ride of the Patriots](#) weekend, centered around the Patriot Harley-Davison store. May 27 at 5:00 pm, a motorcycle ride goes to a Candlelight Vigil at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The most visible event is on Sunday at Patriot H-D, when heroes are honored in a community parade, ceremonies, and the ride to “Rolling To Remember.” (“Rolling Thunder” was replaced a few years ago by “Rolling To Remember.”) Rolling To Remember honors those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect and defend our freedoms and our nation.

One thing to think about on Memorial Day, to honor the fallen...

[Eleanor Roosevelt's Wartime Prayer](#)

Dear Lord,
Lest I continue
My complacent way,
Help me to remember that somewhere,
Somehow out there
A man died for me today.
As long as there be war,
I then must
Ask and answer
Am I worth dying for?"

Vaccination Status of FX County

Source: [Fairfax County COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE COVID-19 VACCINE DOSE*

988,214

Count

92.2% of people 18 years and older

83.5% of all Fairfax Health District residents

** People vaccinated with one dose of a two-dose vaccine or one dose of a single dose vaccine.*

FULLY VACCINATED**

898,160

Count

84.0% of people 18 years and older

75.9% of all Fairfax Health District residents

*** People vaccinated with two doses of a two-dose vaccine or one dose of a single dose vaccine.*

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 and a Melvin Jones Fellow (who served as Club Secretary, President, bulletin editor, and shared 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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