

Fairfax Lions Club News

April 2023

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



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LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE,
COMPASSION AND KINDNESS**

-- We Serve --

International Winner - Peace Poster Contest

The LCI 2022-23
Grand Prize Winner is
Emma Andreea Paveliuc,
age 13, of Romania. She
was sponsored by IASI D
Lions Club.



**Andreea Paveliuc &
Winning Peace Poster**



All winning posters from around the world are at:
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/peace-poster-winners>

Many thanks to Lion Jeff for this information!

Bland Music Scholarship Contest

Twenty three young persons performed in a very nice musical talent competition. It was quite well organized, thanks to Lion Jeff Root, and was an enjoyable event at Providence Presbyterian Church in Fairfax. Eighteen instrumentalists and five vocalists ranging in age from ten to 18 participated. Contestants performed compositions by Beethoven, Bellini, Caldera, Chopin, Debussy, Liszt, and others. Professional musicians scored each performance. Goldie Woods (harp) and Alexander Moon (violin) placed first and second in the instrumental contest, while Logan Buckley (tenor) and Katherine Love (soprano) placed first and second in the vocal contest. All four received cash awards. Goldie and Logan will advance to the District 24-L Contest on April 16 in Alexandria. Several attendees remarked how wonderful it is to see these talented young people perform - clearly the result of lots of hard work & commitment by today's youth!

FYI - [VA Lions handbook on Bland Contests](#)

Winning Vocalists:

1. Logan Buckley - age 17, 11th grade (tenor, performing *Vaga Luna* by Vincenzo Bellini)



**L: Lion Jeff congratulates #1 vocalist Logan Buckley
R: #2 vocalist Katherine Love performing**

2. Katherine Love - age 18, 12th grade (soprano, // *Mio Bel Foco* by Francesco Bartolomeo Conti)

Winning Instrumentalists:

1. Goldie Woods - age 16, 10th grade (harp, performing *Impromptu Caprice* by Gabriel Piene)



L: #1 instrumentalist Goldie Woods
R: #2 instrumentalist Alexander Moon

2. Alexander Moon - age 10, 5th grade (violin, performing *Violin Concerto No 1 in G Minor* mov. 3 by Max Bruch (a short video clip of part of Alexander's performance appears later)



**Honorable Mention
instrumentalist
Nicole Papenfuss**

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Nicole Papenfuss -
age 18, 12th grade
(piano, performing *L'sle
Joyeuse* by Claude
Debussy)



Instrumental Judges
David Chentian, Dr. Faith Zuniga
Vocal Judges
James Myers, Jennifer Keller



Performers remaining at end of contest



**Jeff provides
some details to
Master of
Ceremonies Jim
Kaplan**

#2 Instrumentalist
- 10 year old
Alexander Moon
was a pleasure to
watch ([click here](#))

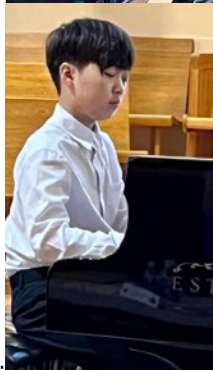


PCC Bill Bartlett gave an overview of Lions Clubs, and services performed by Fairfax Host.



More photos of performers follow...







Vision Screening - Coming Up

Our club has a tradition of screening individuals for possible vision issues. We have our own equipment that is easy to use and accurate. We have screened at events like Kiwanis Club Pancake breakfasts and at local schools. But - over the past 2 years - we have done no screening, because screening is “up close & personal” and it did not work during COVID. Our last screening event was in Feb 2020; read about it at this web page: <https://www.fairfaxlions.org/2020/vision-screening-february-1/>

A past screening: Lion Mike Greeley uses SPOT camera to test vision of pre-schooler.



Spot Vision Screening Camera

Lion Marty Lockard is in the process of scheduling vision screening of pre-schoolers at FX United Methodist Church, to start at 9am on either April 3/4 or 10/11. This is a pleasant and rewarding service activity, and is easy to do. Please plan to participate - even as an observer, or to learn to use the SPOT Camera. The kids (and parents) appreciate this effort, kids learn about vision - and the kids gain an early appreciation for volunteer service!

Marty is also working with the District Governor to identify clubs able and willing to do annual vision and hearing screenings for 42 Catholic schools in D24-L. Marty has the list of schools and is adding identified clubs, screening POCs, alternate screening POCs, and supporting/partner clubs. Fairfax Host has three Catholic schools in our service area - one in Fairfax City and two in Chantilly.

The DG plans to send out requests for clubs to send Marty their information about screening Catholic schools in their service areas. Stay tuned!

Lions Club Charity Fund Raising

SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS

No fund raising activities in March.

Club Meetings

March 7th Dinner Meeting

We welcomed our guest
Corey Weaver, invited by Lion

Judith
Richter-
Murphy.
Corey is an
expert in
MEDICARE
and works
with Lion
Judith in the
health care



insurance industry.

Our guest speaker was VA State Assembly Delegate David Bulova. David represents VA's 37th District which includes the City of Fairfax and parts of Fairfax County. David is a life-long resident of

Fairfax and works for us to build a vibrant and caring community, with common-sense leadership in the General Assembly to continue to build on our quality of life and to invest in our future.

David started his talk with a short quiz on VA civics, and most of us quickly realized we do not know too much about the VA legislature that originated 400 years ago (1619) as the VA General Assembly - the legislative body for the Colony of VA. The House of Burgesses was added in 1642. See:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_of_Burgesses



At this meeting, he told us about the progress made in the recent legislative session, areas of common agreement and where differences exist. David believes in working with, and not against, county and city governments to solve common challenges. He also believes strongly in the value of public service, responsibility, honesty, hard work, and fairness.

Many thanks to 1VP Jim Kaplan for arranging, once again, an outstanding speaker!

KL Greg presented a 10-year membership award to Lion Suleiman Alibhai.



March 21st Dinner Meeting

Bulletin editor was unable to attend.

March 28th Board Meeting

The Board considered a motion to replace Lions signs on the City's signboards at the various entry points to the City. The current signs were placed around 2007, and now show the signs of wear. (Former Lion Bill Trent made those signs in 2007)

Example of one City signboard with a Lions sign that is weathered and needs replacing.



April Events

Apr 1 - April Fool's Day!

Apr 3/4 (or Apr 10/11) - Pre-school Vision Screening

Apr 4 - Dinner Meeting

Apr 5 - ISCC Meeting

Apr 6 - Lions Lunch Bunch: (Qs? [email Lion Bill](#))

Apr 16 - Sprout Fundraiser, see [Sipping for Sprout](#)

Apr 16 - District 24-L Bland Contest

Apr 18 - 2023 Tax Day. See: [IRS tax DL](#)

Apr 18 - **No dinner meeting** - Charter Night instead

Apr 23 - Charter Night; **RSVP NOW** to [Karen Parker](#)

Apr 25 - Board Meeting

Apr 26-30 - 100th VA State Lions [Convention](#)

Fairfax City Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC)

The ISCC met on March 1st. City Mayor Catherine Read spoke; her main points:

- She has completed 1st 60 days of her 2-year term...and wants to make a lasting impact, starting with City budget now in work. A priority is to attract young people - the future city population
- FX City has many great features & benefits, metro access, free Cue Bus service, iconic buildings & restaurants (Have-A-Bite/PJ Skidoos/etc); City is central to entire metro area

- For capital improvement plan, she prefers underground parking (vice surface parking) and wants to consider evolving trends (like young people seem to be moving toward preferring NOT to own a car)
- Wants to see municipal bathrooms in City parks, etc
- She values Service Clubs! (Of course, she was speaking to the Service Club Council)

FX Lions Club advised Mayor Read we will celebrate our 75th anniv in 3 years - and we are looking for ideas for a project to provide lasting benefit to the City. She mentioned the Rotary Clock - as something that has been done...and said she

would think about ideas we might consider.

Mayor Read with Al Leightley (Pres ISCC)



Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

No news to report.

Lions Information...

City of Fairfax lists Fairfax Lions Club among other service clubs in the City. See this page on the City's web site (under Service Clubs): <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/residents/volunteer-opportunities>

Miscellaneous Info...

What's Up with April?

Many Thanks to Lion Joe Breda for the idea for the Newsletter

The month of April gets its name from the Latin word aperio, meaning "to open [bud]," because it's when plants really begin to grow. April has several religious days: start of Ramadan, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, start of Passover, and Easter Sunday; and Earth day and National Arbor Day.

April's full Moon rises on the night of Wednesday, April 5. Traditionally called the "Pink Moon," this full Moon is also the "Paschal full Moon" this year. Venture outside on Wednesday, April 5, to catch a glimpse of April's full Pink Moon. This full Moon

actually reaches peak illumination at 12:37 A.M. Eastern Time on Thursday, April 6, which means that it will be at its peak on the night of April 5 in more westerly time zones.

This year, April's full Moon is the first full Moon of the spring season, which began with the spring equinox on March 20, 2023. This means that April's full Moon is the Paschal Full Moon—an important Moon to those who celebrate Easter, since Easter's date depends on the date of the Paschal Full Moon.

The First Cell Phone

Can you guess when the 1st public call from a handheld portable telephone took place? It was on a NY City street on April 3, 1973, using a prototype developed by a team at Motorola. The caller, the man credited with leading the team that invented the phone, was Martin Cooper. To needle the competition, Cooper used Motorola's Dyna-TAC prototype — which weighed 2.5 pounds and was 11 inches long — to call to his rival at AT&T's

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Martin Cooper Today

Bell Labs.

That call helped kick-start the cellphone revolution. Cooper spent the better part of the next decade working to bring a commercial version of the device to market, helping launch the wireless communications industry that spawned a global revolution in how people communicate, shop and learn. Today, Cooper says he is not crazy about the shape of modern smartphones...blocks of plastic, metal and glass. He thinks phones will further evolve and be distributed on your body - and perhaps serve also as health sensors? The batteries might even be replaced by human energy. Cooper: “You ingest food, you create energy. Why not have this receiver for your ear embedded under your skin, and be powered by your body?”

That original Motorola phone first went on sale on March 6, 1983. [Click on the image to the right for the promotional video.](#)

For more on Cooper, [click here](#).



Will We Ever Stop Changing Our Clocks?

An Opinion, by the Bulletin Editor

Senator Marco Rubio (FL Republican) has **reintroduced** legislation to make Daylight Saving Time permanent, and end the bi-annual clock changes that irritate most of us. Did you enjoy changing all your clocks on March 12th?

Similar legislation passed unanimously in the Senate **last year**, but that bill went no where in the House. Rubio reintroduced that same bill in the Senate on March 2, 2023. Rubio said in a press release on March 2: "This ritual of changing time twice a year is stupid. Locking the clock has overwhelming bipartisan and popular support. This Congress, I hope that we can finally get this done." That has to be a common sentiment shared by most of us.

As we all have seen, over and over again, the national legislature seems to always have a hard time doing anything. Maybe this *time (no pun intended)* those guys and gals we elect to represent us on the Hill can do the sensible thing and end clock changing!



The Future is Coming - A Really Smart Car

Ford has applied for a patent for a car that can repossess itself - if its owner fails to keep up with payments. The system would kick in if the car owner failed to respond to messages that he was falling behind with payments. At that point, a series of measures could be used to make the car unpleasant to drive, (like disabling GPS navigation, music or air conditioning ... and then enabling the car to create an “incessant and unpleasant sound” such as a chime or beep, every time the owner gets inside). Finally, as a last resort, the car could return itself to the showroom. Read more at: <https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/03/business/ford-repossessing-car-patent/index.html>

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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