

# Fairfax Lions Club News

## Oct 2023

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



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LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE,  
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### Assist A Lady Needing Eye Surgery?

FHLC received a heart-tugging email asking for financial help for a grandma's cataract surgery.

Fortunately, the club determined the email request was fraudulent, and did not go forward to ask the County Health Department to verify eligibility of the person, or send any precious charity funds.

**Scams! You just never know these days!**

### Eyeglass Recycling

You know Fairfax Lions collect used eyeglasses from various area drop boxes....a **lot** of eyeglasses! Committee Chair Bill Bartlett reports that last month KL Greg DeRosa delivered 1,296 pair of eyeglasses plus 6 pair of hearing aides to the Lions Northern VA Eyeglass Recycling Center <http://lercnova.org/>

## Canine Companions

FHLC budgeted \$1000 to go to Canine Companions this year (approved by the Board). The Canine Companions organization raises & trains service dogs for people that need them. See <https://canine.org/about/>



PDG Harry Parker is our Club's interface with Canine Companions. He will assure our \$1000 donation is delivered at the October 14 "DOGFEST" in the Reston Town Center. Read about that event at: <https://p2p.onecause.com/dogfestwashingtondc23>

## SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS

### Sep 12th - Dining for Dollars at Fosters Grille

Lion Tom Comi represented FHLC at Lions Dining for Dollars on Tuesday Sep 12. He was joined by a Lion from Baileys Crossroads. Foster's owner put more receipts in the box from other customers. As in the past, thanks to Tom's work with Foster's Grille, FHLC receives a check for 20% of all spending by any diners who ask to "put the receipt in the Lions box." Tom also collects used eyeglasses or hearing aids brought there. Thank you Lion Tom for your service to FHLC!

KL Greg DeRosa says..."Look at every Tuesday as 'Lions Tuesday,' because FHLC regular dinner meetings are the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Fosters Grille fundraiser is the 2nd Tuesday, and FHLC Board meeting is the 4th Tuesday. ALL Fairfax Lions are welcome to participate in any of these events!

Toward that end, FHLC will conduct the orientation for Lions transferring to FHLC (from Vienna Host Lions Club) at Fosters on Tuesday October 10th. Come out Enjoy the dinner event on Oct 10th.

### Fruit Sales - On-line Ordering Opens!

**On-line ordering begins October 1st**, for pick-up on: Nov 16-18, and Dec 14-16.

## YOUR ACTIONS NOW

1. **Tell your friends/neighbors to order...**you should have an email you can forward, send them the notice (in yellow) below, or see our club web page: <https://www.fairfaxlions.org/2023/fairfax-lions-2023-citrus-fruit-sale-order-now-pick-up-in-november-december/>
2. Order your own fruit, and don't forget to use your discount code LIONSFRUIT. Use the web links in this notice:

Online ordering is now available for products to be picked up at our fulfillment site from  
November 16 to 18, 2023 at:

<https://fairfaxlions-november.square.site/>

*And from December 14 to 16, at:*

<https://fairfaxlions-december.square.site/>

Don't forget to use your discount code  
**LIONSFRUIT**

And, look forward to signing-up to work at (both) the Nov & Dec sales!

### **Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct 14**

This is always a fun event, and a good fund raiser...we run a food stand (Brats, etc), and sell beer as part of the city concession. Event Co-lead

Cory Green is soliciting volunteers to assist in the food booth, from George Mason, Fairfax HS, etc.

### ACTIONS NOW

Sign up for tasks you can do that day, use the signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A9A62BA0FEC16-fairfax2#/>

### Club Meetings

We had no Dinner meetings in September, due to Labor Day and the planned Club picnic.

Then, the weather rained out the planned outdoor picnic at Paradise Springs Winery in Clifton! We thank 1VP Karen DeRosa and others for their work planning the picnic - even though we had to cancel it.

Thus, the Club Board meeting turned out to be the only live Club meeting in September! (The fruit sale committee met over Zoom a few times, and other club business took place by email or phone calls.)

### Sep 26th Board Meeting

FHLC received a donation of \$100 to go for pediatric cancer research, from the local Moose organization. You may recall Moose President Herb Zimmerman spoke to our Club on July 18th. Our Board approved a motion for FHLC to match the

Moose donation for Pediatric Cancer research, and at the September Board meeting announced it is sending a thank-you letter to the Moose.

Our Club received in the mail a bill for maintaining our club website “domain listing.” The Board was about to consider payment, when our knowledgeable Treasurer rescued us - that Bill is actually a fraudulent scam! (See image of bill below.)

The Club is considering transitioning its financial book-keeping from lap-top-based Quick Books to on-line-based Quick Books. Some member billing processes may change, TBD; stay tuned.

Unfortunately, the Board had to approve dropping two Lions from Club rolls - Mike Schutz and Kevin Humphrey. We wish them well.

The Club will deliver Thanksgiving food baskets on Nov 20th.

Note: a few Board members enjoy showing up early at the American Legion for “Taco Tuesday” dinner. And some Board members stay after the Board meeting for a beverage and to socialize. FHLC invites club members to visit Board meetings, and that includes before & after socializing - if desired. (If you want to visit, let KL Greg know - just in case the meeting location or time has changed.)



DOMAIN LISTINGS

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Webster \_\_\_\_\_

**SCAM!**

## WEBSITE LISTING SERVICE

### HOW TO MAKE PAYMENT

#### Online:

To submit a payment online, please visit: [www.domainlistings.directory/pay](http://www.domainlistings.directory/pay)

#### By Mail:

Please make checks payable to "DOMAIN LISTINGS"

Enclose check in the addressed envelope provided

Return by date above to avoid offer expiration

*We appreciate your business!*

### WEBSITE DOMAIN LISTING INCLUDES:

Annual Website Domain Listing on Internet Directory

24/7 x 365 Worldwide Exposure Customer Access

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### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

To Ensure listing by June 15, 2023 *Please Remit Payment before June 3, 2023.*

All Listings are final. We appreciate your business

### CURRENT PAYMENT DETAILS:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Annual Listing (June 15, 2023 - June 14, 2024)	\$288.00	\$288.00

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*Please return this portion with your payment*

*RETURN by June 3, 2023*

Total for Annual Listing ..... \$288.00

*Please Make Checks Payable to "Domain Listings"  
to Pay with Credit Card, Use Authorization form below* ➡

### FAIRFAXLIONS.ORG

#### MAIL PAYMENT TO:

DOMAIN LISTINGS  
PO BOX 19607  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89132-0607

#### Credit Card Authorization

Please Check one ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Card Number

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## October Events

- Oct 1 - On-Line Sales open for Citrus Fruit Sales
- Oct 3 - FHLC Dinner Meeting
- Oct 4 - ISCC meeting
- Oct 9 - Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct 10 - Lions Dining for Dollars, Fosters Grille
- Oct 10 - Orientation for Vienna Lions (at Fosters!!!)
- Oct 14 - Lions Food Booth at Fairfax Fall Festival
- Oct 17 - FHLC Dinner Meeting
- Oct 24 - FHLC Board Meeting

### -- Coming Up, Important Charity Fund Raisers --

- Nov 16-18 - Citrus Fruit Sale (pick up orders)
- Dec 14-16 - Citrus Fruit Sale (pick up orders)

### -- Coming Up, Important Charity Service --

- Nov 20 - Deliver Thanksgiving Food Baskets
- Dec 18 - Deliver Holiday Food Baskets

## Fairfax City Inter-Service Club Council

After taking off for the summer, the ISCC restarted its monthly meetings in September. Officers for ISCC Year 2023-24 were sworn in: President, Kathy Hoffman; Vice President, Suzanne Grimsley; Secretary, Cathy Kelleher; Treasurer, Kate Clary.



Matt Easley of the Fairfax City Economic Development Office - guest speaker - announced a City Neighborhood Connected Grant Program for non-profit organizations to encourage business development in the City. Three grants will be approved, fostering economic development, job development and entrepreneurship. For information, see: <https://fairfaxcityconnected.com/ncgp/>

## Lions Information

### Reflecting

In case you missed the email from Lion Jeff: Lion Pete Conklin received the following notification from Lion Ron Zabel (forwarded with Ron's permission):

*Marilyn appreciated the birthday wishes from the Lions. A bright spot in current circumstances. While we were traveling in Iceland in late June, Marilyn became ill and came home early. The next day in the ER, we received hard news. Marilyn has acute onset of AML Leukemia - her white count had shot up to over 350, nearly 100 times normal. She was hospitalized for 16 days from June 28th, starting her first chemo infusion cycle. She was out for about two weeks and then back in again on August 5th with*

*Covid. Another 17 days in the hospital, and back home now. She starts her third chemo infusion cycle tomorrow. All the hospitalizations have left her very weak, and she can't get around on her own. I am pretty much her full-time caregiver at this point. I'm pretty disconnected from everything and will be for a while. Lion Ron Zabel*

We keep Marilyn, Lion Ron, and their family in our thoughts and prayers.

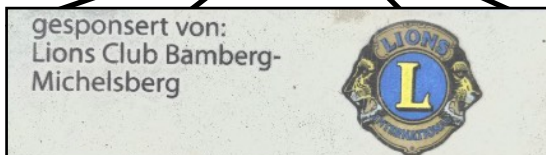
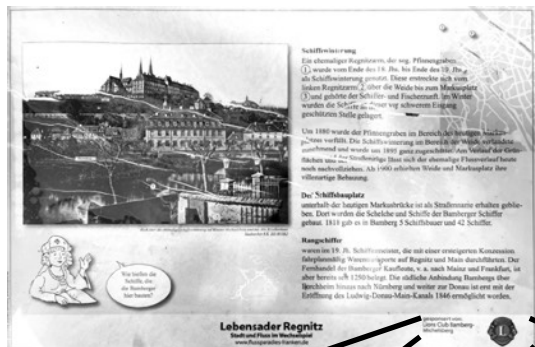
### **"Nonprofits Scramble for Help Amid Dearth of Volunteers"**

That's the headline of an article published in *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*. See <https://www.philanthropy.com/article/nonprofits-scramble-for-help-amid-dearth-of-volunteers>

Just last month, an organization known as Blue Avacado published "*A Practical Process Guide to Getting and Keeping Your Volunteers*." See it at: <https://blueavocado.org/volunteers/getting-and-keeping-volunteers/>. The thrust: "Providing your nonprofit's volunteers with the same recruitment, training, mentoring, and appreciation as your employees can reduce turnover and create a better overall volunteer experience."

# Lions Club Service in Germany

Your bulletin editor was on a riverboat cruise in Germany, and saw a sign by a local Lions Club. Lions Club of Bamberg-Michelsberg, Germany is credited with the sign in the Bamberg city park. Bamberg is a port city on the Main River; the sign mentions the historical interface of river & city. As best I can translate, it describes historical areas where boat construction occurred and where boats would winter if the river froze over.



Sign by Lions of Bamberg-Michelsberg <https://lc-bamberg-michelsberg.de/>

## Miscellaneous Info...

### What's Up With the Name "October?"

*Many Thanks to Lion Joe Breda for suggesting this as a monthly topic in our Newsletter*

The month October's name stems from the Latin octo ("eight") because it was the 8th month of the early Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck despite the fact that it's now the 10th month.

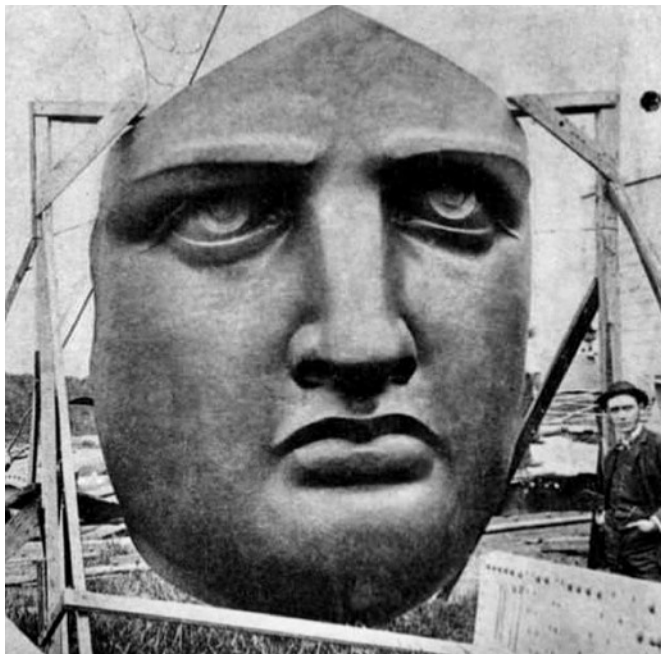
The second Monday in October (October 9th this year) is known for two celebrations: Columbus Day (a national holiday), and Indigenous Peoples' Day — a holiday in many states that celebrates the history and cultures of indigenous peoples native to what is today the US. Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated in cities and states across the country, often alongside or in lieu of Columbus Day.

The other well known day in October is Halloween on the 31st.

The last 2-3 weeks in October (and sometimes part of November) is normally the only time when all "Big 4" US professional sports schedule games; the NBA begins preseason, the NHL is about 1 month

into its regular season, the NFL is about halfway into its season, and MLB is in postseason.

### Who Is This?



This is a photo of a face we all have seen, although probably not up-close. Can you guess whose face it is?

In 1889, packing crates were shipped across the Atlantic ocean - containing a gift to the United States from the people of France. The crates were opened, and their contents assembled into what has become a very well known copper statue built by Gustave Eiffel.



The statue is a figure of Libertas, the Roman Goddess of Liberty. She holds a torch above her head with her right hand, and in her left hand carries

a tabula ansata inscribed JULY IV MDCCLXXVI (July 4, 1776 in Roman numerals), the date of the US Declaration of Independence. A broken chain and shackle lie at her feet as she walks forward, commemorating the national abolition of slavery following the American Civil War. After its dedication, the statue became an icon of freedom and of the United States, recognized around the world as a symbol of the US, and a symbol of welcome to immigrants arriving by sea.

## **Free Covid Test Kits Restart**

You can now request up to 4 free, at-home test kits using this web page: [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).

Source for this information: CNBC article at <https://www.cnbc.com/2023/09/20/us-will-again-offer-free-at-home-covid-tests-starting-monday.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!

**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.

“The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter” is published on the [Fairfax Lions web page](#) (see the right hand column for the entry titled “Pages”). You should check the FHLC web page periodically - have you seen the entry dated July 22 about the package our club received in the mail?

Club members are alerted around the 1st of each month to the newsletter’s availability on the web page.

**That's all folks!**

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

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