

# Fairfax Lions Club News

## July 2024

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— We Serve —

### Books for Children

On May 31st, FX Lions presented 42 books (for children ages 3-5) to the Main Street Child Development Center library.



(L-R) Diane, Lion Mike, Carol, Lion Greg, Susan

FX Lions Club and [Main Street Child Development Center](#) are partners in several great programs to serve the many deserving families with young children in our community.

We thank Past President Mike for leading this important service project!

### [Eyeglass Recycling](#)

On June 15th, the NoVA Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center provided our club with 9 boxes (about 450 pair) of reading glasses that we provided to [The Lamb Center](#) for their “Guests.” For a special need, reading glasses can be a cherished gift. The Guests needing them are given choices of style and color; volunteers help select correct strength.

Last year, the Eyeglass Recycling Center distributed 35,000 pairs of re-purposed prescription and reading glasses for use on medical mission trips to very poor countries. 35,000 is the historical annual average, and our club provides a good number of those from our collection boxes.

### [Update on NEW Eyeglass Recycling Center](#)

As described above, the NoVA Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center processes donated eyeglasses for use by medical teams around the world. District 24L

has been searching for a suitable replacement space for the [Eyeglass Recycling Center](#) now located at 919 South Monroe Street, Arlington, VA.

A recent email from Lion Pam Martinov, who leads Lions Eyeglass Recycling in NoVA: *"We do have progress on a new center. It will be a different set up, but workable. We will have a small room and largish closet as dedicated space at the Mason District Government Center on Columbia Pike. Those rooms open up into a very large room that we can reserve for use for sorting or "reading" glasses. It will be similar to how we operated from 2021-2023 before the house was renovated and we did most of our work at the Woodrow Wilson Library. We also plan to have a trailer in the parking lot for boxed glasses and supplies. We will need to be flexible. The price is right - \$0 - and we will have pretty good visibility in the community. I think we will move over the summer. Stay tuned!"*

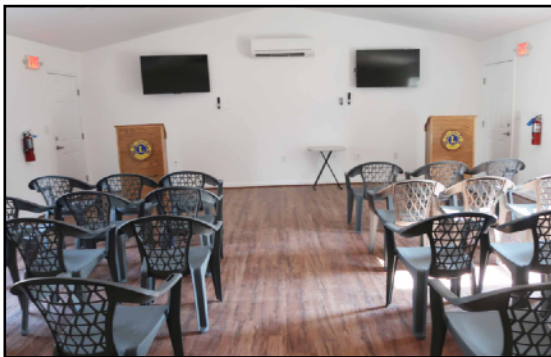
The address for that new center: 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The dedicated space will be small, but adjacent space is suitable for volunteers to perform various functions necessary to process used eyeglasses. Lion Marty Lockard suggests: we may have an opportunity for club members to periodically go there and process donated eyeglasses - like we've done in the past.

## New Facility at NoVA Lions Youth Camp

On June 8th, the Northern VA Lions Youth Camp dedicated the new, recently completed “Arcola Learning Center.” This addition to Youth Camp facilities is designed to provide a classroom style learning environment for youth - as well as adult - campers.



Arcola Learning Center Exterior



Interior

Lion Jeff Root attended the dedication, and provided a copy of the event program...

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA LIONS  
YOUTH CAMP, INC  
ARCOLA LEARNING CENTER  
DEDICATION PROGRAM**

- |                             |                                                    |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| • Welcome                   | President Ken Marr                                 |
| • Pledge of Allegiance      | Lion                                               |
| • Prayer                    | Lion                                               |
| • Introduction of Speakers  | President Lion Ken Marr                            |
| • Who was Lion Monte Gibson | Lion Phil Schrack                                  |
| • Thanks Arcola Lions Club  | Lion Jay Moughon, ID                               |
| • Unveiling of Name         | Lion Charles Martin President<br>Arcola Lions Club |
| • Benediction               | Lion Jay Moughon, ID                               |

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Arcola Lions Club, Arcola, VA  
ASC Excavating Inc, Parrotville, VA  
Clarke County Government, Berryville, VA  
Dunn Land Surveys, Inc, Berryville, VA  
Embrey Electric Service, LLC, Berryville, VA  
Ken Marr, Montclair, VA  
Main Street Antiquarian, PC, Berryville, VA  
R & R Excavating and Hauling, LLC, Berryville, VA  
Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Front Royal, VA  
Shirley Construction, Winchester, VA  
Stone Concrete, Inc, Stephenson, VA  
Vertizon, Winchester, VA



- The Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp, Inc., is a non-profit, public service organization supported by the Lions Clubs of District 24-L.
- Its purpose is to provide camping facilities to any youth group accompanied by adult leaders and supervisors.
- The Camp Site is located on a mountain west of the Town of Boyce and the Appalachian Trail and just east of the Shenandoah River in Clarke County, Virginia.

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA LIONS YOUTH CAMP  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Lion Ken Marr, Montclair  
Vice President: Lion Aron Hinsen, Baileys Crossroads  
Vice President: Lion Wilma Murphy, Culpeper '92  
Secretary: Lion Sharon Diefendorf, Montclair  
Treasurer: Lion Mark Amendt, Herndon  
Director: Lion Phil Maye, Fairfax Host  
Director: Lion Bill Poole, Clifton  
Director: Lion Sally Kenawan, Aquia Evening  
Director: Lion Scott Brown, Charlottesville Host  
Director: Lion Vicki Davies, Stephens City  
Director: Lion Sharon Schrack, Woodbridge  
Director: Lion Greg Hart, Clarke County  
Director: Lion John Knepper, Broadway  
Scheduler: Lion Phil Schrack, Woodbridge



Northern Virginia Lions Youth Camp, Inc.

P O Box 221031

Chantilly, VA 20153-1031

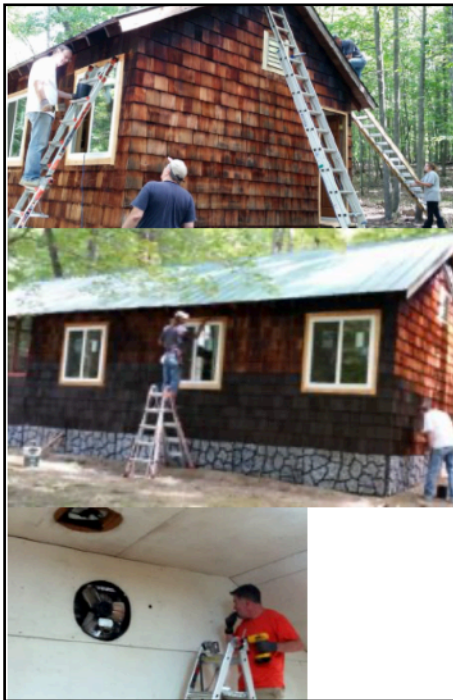
Website: <http://nvlyc.org/>

Email: [nvlyc@gmail.com](mailto:nvlyc@gmail.com)

Jeff also took this photo of the cabin our club sponsors at the Youth Camp; looks to be in good shape!



You may recall, FHLC did a major renovation of that cabin over 2016-2017 (led by FX Lion Ted Kuriata). The project was designated a “Centennial Community Legacy Project” for which our club received a special award. Read about the award and see photos of the renovation work on our web page at [this link](#).



For info about the NoVA Lions Youth Camp, see their [web page](#), or talk to FX Lion Phil Mayo - who is a Camp Director.

[International Lions News](#)  
[Lions Restore Coral Reefs](#)  
[\(click on video - next page\)](#)



## Lions Underwater Coral Reef Restoration

Cebu, Philippines

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) exists to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding. See [this link](#).

### — Charity Fund Raising —

**SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS**

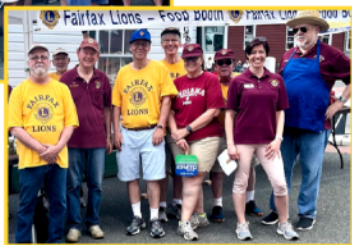
### Opportunity to Help Your Club - the Vehicle Donation Program

We drafted this item to solicit a member to lead the vehicle donation program. It is not much work



and almost runs on auto-pilot. Then, at the June 25th Board meeting, Lion Jim Kaplan offered to assume this function. Fairfax Lions thank Jim for stepping up! You can see program details are on our web page: <https://www.fairfaxlions.org/donate-a-vehicle/> ...we look forward to Lion Jim sustaining the program which consistently adds funds to our charity account.

## July 4th Hot Dog Stand



This is always a fun event, we raise money for our charity programs, and it's not a lot of work. Can you spare an hour (6pm, July 3) to load the truck, and the morning

of July 4th in downtown FX city? Help set-up, cook & sell hot dogs, enjoy the parade and Lions camaraderie, and then clean up & return the equipment to the Lions shed! See photos of last year's July 4th Hot Dog sales at [this link](#).



## Club Meetings


### Dinner Meeting - May 21st

Missing from the June newsletter was news of the May 21st meeting. Our guest speaker was Evelyn C. Grieve, President and Co-founder of **Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter**. Friends raises funds for needs beyond the Shelter's budget (example, certain veterinary services).

Evelyn introduced one animal, Ginger Rogers, who had benefitted from Friends funding.



(L-R) Lions Gary Maxwell, Joe Breda; Evelyn Grieve holding Ginger; PCC Harry Parker



2VP Cory Green  
presided over the  
meeting, and thanked  
Evelyn for speaking

Past Council Chair  
Harry Parker led the  
induction ceremony for  
newest members, Ben  
Dilzer (sponsor Lion Marty Lockard) and Tom  
Hewlett (sponsor 2VP Cory Green).



PCC Harry Parker, Lion Ben Dilzer with  
Sponsor Marty Lockard, Lion Tom Hewlett

## Dinner Meeting - June 4th

The guest speaker was Eileen Kragie, leader of the NOVA Chapter of “Dark Sky Friends.”

**Dark Sky Friends** was created to promote: the education of responsible outdoor lighting at night, to raise awareness of the impact of artificial outdoor lighting on our lives, and to advocate for strict local, state, regional, national and global protection from light trespass and light pollution, including regional master lighting plans. Our speaker is also a poet....

### *Stop mommies, Stop daddies*

by Eileen Kragie

I want to see the stars too,  
And chase the lightning bugs  
like you.

Don't kill the night,  
With all of our lights.  
Save it for me.

Don't steal it with your new  
bought glee.

May we turn out our lights?  
Maybe for just one night?  
So that I can raise my eyes,  
To the stars above,  
And feel the magic and  
mystery,

The velvety black night brings,

For now,

And for all of eternity.

Now may we turn down our  
lights,

And turn some off too,

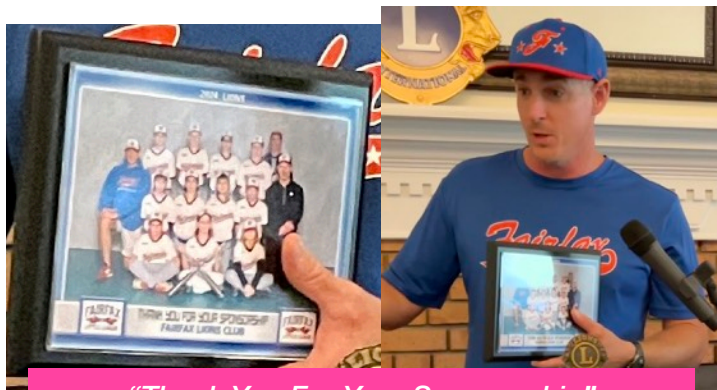
So that I can grow,  
Under this star filled sky

Free from the glow,  
For the rest of my life?

And my children's  
and their children's too?

## Dinner Meeting - June 18th

Fairfax Little League Coach Matt Kelly, for the “Lions” team, presented a plaque thanking FHLC for this year’s donation to the team, part of our youth outreach charity programs.



***“Thank You For Your Sponsorship”  
From Fairfax Lions Little League Club***

This was the final dinner meeting chaired by outgoing President Greg DeRosa, and featured the installation of Club Officers and Board for Lions Year 2024-25, which begins July 1st.

Greg presented each member of the outgoing Board a very nice “Lion” wine bottle pourer.



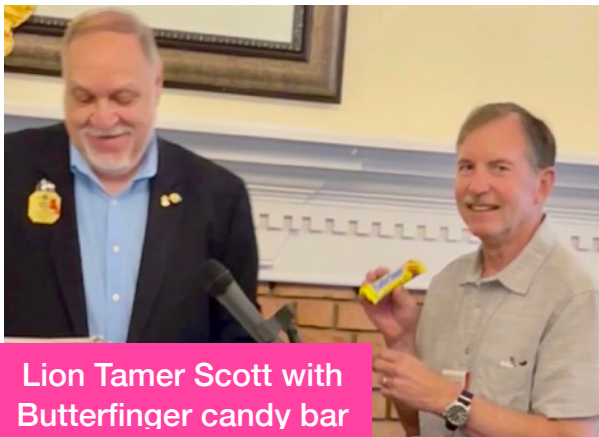
The bottle pourer complements last year's gift from Greg: a Lions Club bottle stopper.



Outgoing King Lion Greg also announced his selection for "Lion of the Year," Gordon Tillery, who received a very nice plaque.



We were especially privileged to have Past Council Chair Harry Parker, assisted by his lovely wife - PDG Karen Parker - conduct the installation ceremony. As PCC Harry called each title, the person stepped forward, and Harry read the duties of the job - with a twist...he added a word or two about the job that was also the name of a candy bar - and then presented the individual that candy bar! For example, Lion Tamer (who assures Club equipment is present at each meeting) Scott Dulaney may on occasion miss something - possibly because of "butterfingers..."



Lion Tamer Scott with  
Butterfinger candy bar

Note: subsequent to this meeting, Lion Scott determined he can be best utilized in our eyeglass

recycling program; Lion G Sanchez was considered for Lion Tamer by the Board (see Bd news, later).



New Queen Lion Karen DeRosa received, appropriately, “Power Bar”



The Bulletin Editor may have “Crunch” deadlines; VPs are like “Three Musketeers,” and various other candy bars were handed out.





Immediate Past President Greg received a Kit-Kat bar, then officially passed his Lions

gavel to new President and Queen Lion Karen DeRosa, who spoke graciously of her gratitude for being elected to the position and looking forward to working with all members for another great year.



Welcome President Karen!

## Board Meeting - May 28th & June 26th

May 28 (not reported in the June newsletter): We received thank-you letters for donations made to Food-for-Others, George Mason University (Veterans Scholarship), and Leader Dogs for the Blind. PCC Bill Bartlett reported that Fairfax Lions collected 3,754 pairs of eyeglasses in May. King Lion Greg DeRosa reported the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center has a lead on getting a new space at a Fairfax County facility in Falls Church. Applications for City of Fairfax vendor food sales have been approved for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and also Fairfax Fall Festival food sales. For the July 4th food booth, George Mason University students will receive a free Lions dinner for volunteering three hours that day.

June 25th: This was a transition meeting - the out-going Board welcomed the in-coming Board.

The incoming Board:

President	Karen DeRosa
Immediate Past President	Greg DeRosa
1st Vice President	Cory Green
2nd Vice President	Gary Maxwell
Secretary	Jeff Root
Treasurer	Mike Rumberg

Corresponding Secretary	Pete Conklin
Tail Twister	Michael Greeley
Lion Tamer	G Sanchez*
Bulletin Editor	Gordon Tillery
Membership Director	Stephen Bilowus
Director (Two Years)	Joe Breda
Director (One Year)	Jim Kaplan
Past District Governor (PDG)	PCC Bill Bartlett
PDG Director	PCC Harry Parker
PDG, Director Emeritus	PCC Bill Smith
Asst to Secretary (non voting)	Ron Zabel

\*The Board approved Lion G Sanchez as Lion Tamer; as mentioned earlier in the newsletter, Scott Dulaney's prefers to concentrate his capabilities in eyeglass recycling. (Wonder if Scott passed the Butterfinger candy bar on to G?)

Lion Rodney Neely, who moved to Winchester over a year ago, submitted his letter of resignation. Rodney was a great Lion, and we miss him!

King Lion Greg DeRosa thanked all Lions for their support over the past two years, and Lion Pete Conklin presented Lion Bill Trent's gavel to incoming

President Karen DeRosa who spoke about her plans for the coming year.

75TH Anniversary (in 2026) Committee: Several Lions have volunteered for this committee. A chairperson is needed to set criteria for reviewing project proposals....any members interested?

The Club's annual picnic/retreat is set for Sunday, September 15, at Paradise Springs Winery in Clifton.

Bland Contest: 2nd VP Gary Maxwell volunteered to chair the Bland Music Contest Committee.

Lions Gordon Tillery and Joe Rovanseck have volunteered to co-chair the Fruit Sale Committee. The committee will meet in July to set the dates of the two sales and review the action-item list.

### July Dates

July 2 - No FHLC Dinner meeting (due to July 4th)

July 4 - Hot Dog Sale, FX City Independence Day

July 9 - Lions "Dining for Dollars," at Fosters Grille

July 16 - FHLC Dinner meeting

July 23 - Board Meeting (all welcome)

## Fairfax City Inter-Service Club Council

ISCC has adjourned until September, with the exception of ....The signature event of the ISCC - the Volunteer Recognition and Celebration, which acknowledges member organizations' extraordinary volunteers. This annual event will be held on Wednesday, August 7th at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center on Blenheim Blvd in Fairfax.

### Club Marketing

We thank Lion Tom Comi, who has been persistent AND successful in publicizing the monthly "Dining for Dollars" event. The item below appeared in June's "Vienna Voice" (The ad is on page 11, at this link: [Vienna Voice](#)):

*"Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause by dining at Foster's Grille in Vienna on Tuesday July 9th - and the second Tuesday of every month - between 11am and 9 pm. Simply ask the cashier to put your receipt in the Lion's box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. If you have used eyeglasses and hearing aids please*

bring them with you. For more information contact Lion Tom at [golfertom1943@gmail.com](mailto:golfertom1943@gmail.com)"

Tom also arranged for a similar ad in the FX County **Golden Gazette** Community Calendar, in July; see Cmty Calendar [here](#).

**Great marketing Lion Tom!** 

Fosters holds eyeglasses dropped off by folks. On June 11, we picked up 2 bags of eyeglasses AND a bag of several hearing aids.



Eyeglasses

## Guess Who?

Can anyone guess who this Lion is?

Hints:

- Born in Pittsburgh, 1934; Died 2014
- Past President FX Lions Club
- Yearbook Photo - South Hills HS, 1952



## Answer to Previous Month's "Guess Who"

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### Hints:

- Born in TX, 1934; Died 1996
- Bowen HS, IL, 1952
- Past President of FX Lions Club
- Led orientation for bulletin editor, 1991



### ANSWER:



Congrats to PCC Bill Bartlett for the only correct guess - Lion Jesse M. Gallegos! Lion Jesse was King Lion of FHLC, 1987-88. Bill said of Jesse: "A good man and a good Lion!"

Jesse's dad (a TX oil field worker) died in 1935, a year after Jesse was born. Jesse was raised by his grandmother. Life was not easy, but Jesse succeeded...served his country in the Army, and became a great Lion!



## Membership

FHLC inducted two new Lions in May: Tom Hewlett and Ben Dilzer.



**"It's Great to be a Lion"**  
**Welcome Tom & Ben...we look forward to  
serving along side you!**

Invite someone to help-out at the Club's July 4th Hot Dog stand in downtown Fairfax; they might become a member!

## Miscellaneous Info...

### Eisenhower Talks About D-Day

You no doubt saw news about the 80th anniversary of D-Day, where veterans who were there on D-Day were honored.

If you were around on the 20th anniversary of D-Day (June 6, 1964) you may have seen Walter Cronkite interview President Dwight D Eisenhower. On June 6, 1944, General Eisenhower was the Commander of the Supreme HQ Allied Expeditionary Force and led the largest naval, air and land operation in history. It was risky but it succeeded, and D-Day was the beginning of the end of WW II. The 1.5 hour interview at [this link](#) (YouTube) is very much worth your time.



## Time for a Dad's Joke...



## 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!** (News items, photos

from recent trip, etc.) 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 right hand column under the section titled “Pages”). You should check the FHLC web page periodically.

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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