

Fairfax Lions Club News

Sept 2024

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International Lions News - New President

This June, at the 106th LCI Convention (in Melbourne) Lion Fabrício Oliveira was elected International President of Lions Clubs International. Said Fabrício, a Brazilian businessman from Catolé do Rocha, Paraíba: "My hope is to inspire many more service-minded volunteers to join our wonderful organization." [**Click for press release.**](#)



You can download ([**click this link**](#)) presentations at that LCI Convention - topics such as "Make Your Service Activities Member Magnets," and "LCIF Grants."

NoVA LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER

—NEW LOCATION OPEN—

Great news...on July 13, our local Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERCNOVA) completed its move to the Mason District Government Center. Glasses may be dropped off 24/7 in the bin in the lobby. Volunteers are welcome Tuesdays and Saturdays, 2pm-5pm. To get involved in the recycling processes inside the Center (FHLC used to regularly), send an email to: lercnova@gmail.com

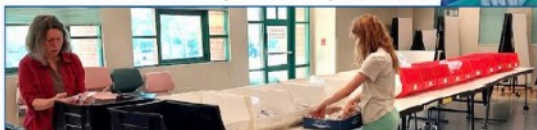
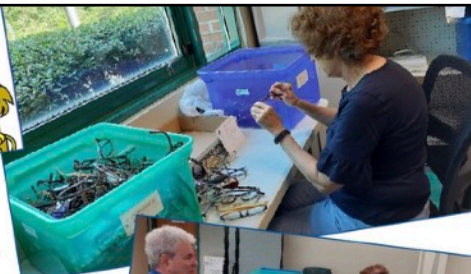
The on-line edition of "Annandale Today" published the report at <http://lercnova.org/annandale-today/>

Address: Mason District Govt Ctr, Office of Supervisor Jimenez, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003



Our new address is: Mason District Government Center, Office of Supervisor Andres Jimenez, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003.

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Sponsoring Red Cross Blood Drive

By Lion Bill Szymanski

Be Someone's Hero

Give Blood



Blood Drive

**Fairfax Host Lions Club
Providence Presbyterian Church**

Hall
9019 Little River Turnpike
Fairfax, VA 22031

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



American
Red Cross

The Red Cross national blood product supply has fallen by more than 25% since July 1. The Red Cross is working with hospitals around the clock to meet blood needs – but can't do it alone.

Donors like YOU provide this lifesaving care.

As of August 26th, only seven appointments had been made to donate blood on Sep 17....signup NOW...give the life-giving gift of blood.

Schedule your appointment to donate blood, at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=FAIRFAXLIONSVA>

Also, click to see the ad on the [Fairfax County Times Community e-calendar](#).

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have sponsored this very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. Click to see all [2023-24 winning posters](#)

The 2024-25 theme is “Peace Without Limits.” For peace to be more than a possibility, help make it a priority. This year, LCI is asking youth to create a poster that speaks to our world’s infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

FX Lion Jeff Root will contact art teachers at Frost, Katherine Johnson, Lake Braddock, Robinson, Rocky Run, and Stone Middle Schools to request their help for the Peace Poster contest. Let Lion Jeff know if you can visit (after-school hours), any of those schools to speak to the art teacher. And let Jeff know if there's another middle school you'd like to consider for the Peace Poster Contest. Jeff will provide you Peace Poster packets. We will give \$100 gift certificates to teachers who sponsor contests. Email Lion Jeff: jnroot@aol.com

— Charity Fund Raising —

SERVICE DEPENDS ON CHARITY FUNDS

Fosters Grille Fund Raiser

Lion Tom Comi's ad in local papers:

"Enjoy a delicious meal and support a worthy cause by dining at Foster's Grille in Vienna on Tuesday September 10th - and the second Tuesday of every month - between 11 am 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 support Fairfax/Vienna area 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"

Fruit Sales

2 things FHLC members can do NOW to help...

1. **Ask friends, co-workers to sign-up** for email notices of fruit sales. (Folks that sign-up will receive email announcements of all Fruit Sales, how to order, and discount codes.)

To Sign-up, go to our webpage at: **<https://www.fairfaxlions.org/citrus-sale-notification/>**
Below are two promotional ads you can use to ask folks to sign-up for email notices...

Fairfax Lions Club Citrus Fruit Sales open for on-line ordering in October 2024. **SIGN-UP NOW** for email notices of sales and discount coupons.



Sign up at: **<https://www.fairfaxlions.org/citrus-sale-notification/>**

Order starting in October, for pick-up November 21-23, or Dec 19-21, 2024.

Thank you - all proceeds to Lions charity programs!

(Print page, or copy for an email)

Fairfax Lions Club 2024 Citrus Fruit Sale

Order on-line, pick-up in Nov or Dec



Fresh from Florida

Mandarins

Ruby Red Grapefruit



And

Whitley's VA Peanuts
Vermont Maple Syrup



Scan to sign-up



Sign-up now for
email notices and
discounts for all
citrus sales!

All proceeds
to charity!

About Fairfax Lions...See <http://www.fairfaxlions.org>

(Print page, cut out, pass along or put on a bulletin board)

Contd - **2 things FHLC members can do NOW...**

(2) **Save plastic bags.** Huh - what's that all about? We are reacting to "citrus greening" - the disease is not going away, and the grower has informed us NO Navel Oranges are available this year. So, we will sell half-cases of Mandarin oranges (as we usually do), and also full-cases, and BAGS of 20 mandarins. We will ask club volunteers working

in the fruit sale van, to break down full cases of mandarins into bags of 20 mandarins - we expect those will sell quickly, both pre-orders and walk-up orders! We used to do that several years ago, and now return to the practice to help compensate for not having navel oranges to sell.

So, WE NEED PLASTIC BAGS - a lot of them (we hope to sell several hundred “bags of 20”).

Your help? When you come home from the grocery, home depot, or have a carry-out meal, etc, **SAVE THE PLASTIC BAG**. We ask you to hold on to the bags until the fruit sale, then bring them to the sales van on Wednesday night (the unload night), or hand them off to a fruit sale team member if you cannot make it Wednesday night. Thank you!

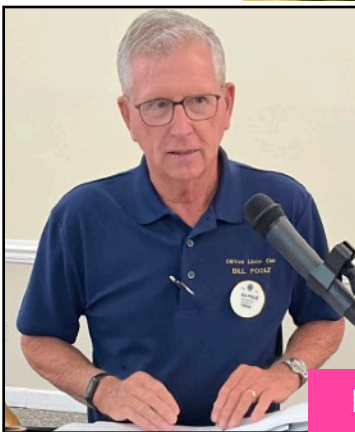


**HISTORY: Fruit Sale, March 2015
(pre-Global Warming?)**

Club Meetings

Dinner Meeting - Aug 6th

Dessert was an unusual pre-packaged “strawberry shortcake”- like an ice-cream sandwich.



After the meal, Clifton Lion Bill Poole introduced guest speaker...DG Jim Cech. Fairfax Lions were pleased District 24L Governor Jim Cech came to FHLC for his first club visitation as DG!

Lion Bill Poole



President Karen presents a gift from our Club to DG Jim



After dinner, DG met with FHLB Board

The DG told us the LCI “Portal” is much improved: https://lionsinternational.my.site.com/s/login/?language=en_US&ec=302&startURL=/s/



DG Jim promoted the **District's Fall Conference (Oct 18-20 at the Dulles Holiday Inn)** where there will be four speakers, and club “tables” to browse. The tables will showcase what individual clubs are involved in. It's worth looking at the event plan - **click**

[for conference info](#)...see what it's all about.

DG Jim suggested visiting other clubs' service or fund raising events, for ideas. One example: DG Jim has been a member of Montclair LC since 1999; they stopped doing multi-day fruit sales, and started one-day Texas Hold'em Tournaments that generate over \$15K for charity. Montclair LC's next Texas

Hold'em Tournament is on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Watch for news on the Montclair LC [webpage](#). A video from an earlier Tournament: [click to watch video](#). DG Jim's interest in Texas Hold'em poker serves as the theme for the DG's pin, emphasizing "I'm All In for Service."

District Pin: Part 1

The District 24-L 2024-2025 Pin Set

DG Jim Cech's pin is comprised of seven parts, each one representing a different aspect of our District.

Those who attended the Cabinet Installation were treated to a gift of the first piece.

As you attend District events, additional pins will be available.

It will be great to see many of us wearing our pins as we collect the full set.

Photo from the District 24L Newsletter, "Paw Prints"
[Click to read](#)

Dinner Meeting - Aug 20th

The speaker (your newsletter editor) talked about Army shoulder patches. A few of the slides shown:

**Others
Quickly
Followed**

81st ID



The first US Army unit shoulder patch (81st Infantry Division) was approved during WWI by General Pershing, who charged all units to have their own patch. Unit patches are a symbol of honor, pride, and identity. They distinguish soldiers from one another and show their unit affiliation. Each patch is unique to a particular unit and has its own story - often reflected in symbology on the patch.

Some Recognizable Division Patches



Many unit patches have been featured in motion pictures. Examples:

- 1st Cavalry Division - We were Soldiers Once, and Young
- 1st Infantry Division - The Big Red One
- 2nd Armored Division - Fury
- 10th Mountain Division - The Last Ridge
- 23rd Inf Div - The Things They Carried
- 29th Inf Div - Saving Private Ryan
- 82nd Airborne Division - The Longest Day
- 101st Airborne Division - Saving Private Ryan, Band of Brothers

A Few Interesting Patches



Interesting histories were discussed for each of these patches



Bulletin Editor talking patches

Every club member is knowledgeable of some topic of interest they could discuss with the club; consider asking 1st VP Cory Green about being a speaker. Email Cory at:

god.Save.the.Queen@outlook.com

Lion Gary Maxwell asked Queen Lion Karen where her President's gavel was. It turns out **someone** misappropriated that gavel in the first meeting of the year...and, Lion Ben Dilzer was asked to bring it to each meeting - hidden in his sport coat. So, the gavel has now been returned and past antics forgiven. (See photos next page.)

The fruit sale committee reported: the Florida vendor contacted us, to report that navel oranges will no longer be available due to continued issues with poor quality navel oranges resulting from the "greening" disease that is now persistent across the state. Our vendor has gotten rid of their navel orange groves. The committee has decided not to risk selling questionable quality fruit we might be able to find from a new FL vendor. Result: our 2024 fruit sales will drop navel oranges and sell Mandarins and Ruby Red Grapefruit which are consistently good quality, along with VA peanuts and VT maple syrup. And, we will sell peanuts-in-shell (new item).



Lion Gary points out QL Karen is missing her gavel

Lion Ben had been asked to hide it in his coat



QL and Gavel are reunited!

Board Meeting - August 27th

The Board approved:

- Club's admin & charity budgets
- New date for Club picnic: September 22
- 1VP Cory Green's proposal to add an "activity" dinner meeting format - on occasion. (For example, a trivia night, instead of the usual invited speaker.)
- Presenting \$1000 from the Charity account to Canine Companions at "Dog Fest" in Reston on October 5th
- Dates: Dec 22 - Holiday party; Apr 13 - Charter Night

Reports:

- In July & August, FHLC delivered over 5000 pair of donated eyeglasses, and 16 hearing aides to LERCNOVA.
- Plans are on track for Fall Festival, Oct 12th.

Lion Stephen Bilowus showed off his new hat that he purchased on-line from LCI.



QL Karen tries on
Steve's new hat

If you like the hat, you can order one (\$24.95), or other merchandise), from LCI using the QR code in the photo below. Hat is currently in stock.



Link to the Lions store (same as above QR code):
<https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/collections/heritage-collection>

September Dates

- Sep 2 - Labor Day holiday
- Sep 3 - FHLC Dinner meeting
- Sep 4 - Inter-Service Club Council Meeting
- Sep 10 - Lions "Dining for Dollars," at Fosters Grille
- Sep 11 - Patriot Day(National Day of Service & Remembrance)
- Sep 17 - FX Lions Blood Drive (see page 3)
- Sep 17 - NO Lions Dinner meeting (due to picnic)
- Sep 21 - Oktoberfest opens (Germany)
- Sep 22 - (new date) Club picnic [Paradise Springs Winery](#)
- Sep 24 - FHLC Board Meeting (all welcome)

Coming Up

- Oct - Fruit Sale On-line Orders Open
- Oct 1 - FHLC Dinner meeting
- Oct 12 - Fall Festival - Lions fund raiser
- Oct 15 - FHLC Dinner meeting
- Oct 18-20 - [District 24L Fall Conference](#) (click for info)
- Nov 21-23 - Club Fruit Sale - Fulfillment site open
- Dec 19-21 - Club Fruit Sale - Fulfillment site open

Fairfax City Inter-Service Club Council

The ISCC held its annual Volunteer-of-the-Year Ceremony on August 7, recognizing 22 individuals from service organizations & police/fire departments.

2023-24 First Responders of the Year

City of Fairfax Fire, First Responder Bryan Sullivan
City of Fairfax Police, First Responder Cpt. Natalie M. Hinesley

2023-24 Volunteers of the Year

Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce..... Anthony Amos
Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee Laura Raymond
Civitan Club of Fairfax Linda Powell
Fairfax Ferns Garden Club Margaret Pfeifle
Fairfax Harley Owners Group Jim Egbert
Fairfax Host Lions Club Gordon Tillery, Jr.
Fairfax Station Railroad Museum Deborah Mueller
Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Albert L. Leightley II
Independence Day Celebration Committee Penny Rood
InterService Club Council Cathy Kelleher
Kiwanis Club of Fairfax Brad Mayfield
Knights of Columbus-Father Diamond Council Timothy T. Tilson
Moose Lodge #2168 Bridget Merz
Optimist Club of Central Fairfax..... Maxwell Osei Anokye
Rotary Club of Fairfax Jennifer Pearl Hurst
Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Carolina Hurtado
Shelter House Inc. Boeing Volunteers
Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke..... Joan Black
Woman's Club of Fairfax Janet Jaworski
Zonta Club of Fairfax Paul Beechler

Vols-of-the-year

IPP Greg DeRosa attended, and announced
Fairfax Lion-of-the-Year, 2023-24, Gordon Tillery.



L-R: Fairfax Mayor Catherine Reed, Lions Gordon Tillery & Greg DeRosa, ISCC Ceremony Chair Larry Larson

District 24L Visitation Kick-off

Several FX lions attended the District's Visitation Kick-off on August 24. District 24L is emphasizing visits to learn how other clubs do what they do.



Photos from Visitation Kick-off, Aug 24



IPP Greg accepts from PDG Donalda Lovelace, on behalf of FHLC, a trophy recognizing FHLC's working with Vienna HLC transfers



Lions Gary Maxwell and Phil Mayo each won 50/50 raffle prizes



Club Marketing

Print this page, clip this ad - pass it to friends and neighbors, or tack on a bulletin board in school, church, workplace, gym, local businesses, etc! The QR code takes you to our club web page.



Find out more about Fairfax Lions Club
and our Community Service

About Fairfax Lions Club



Fairfax Lions are men & women of all ages, from all walks of life. We bridge religious, political, economic & social boundaries. We want to make a difference by contributing our time & talents to help others!

HELP WANTED: MARKETING !!!

Fairfax City has a nice on-line magazine ("City Scene"). Click for [recent edition](#). We need a club member to focus on getting Club info into that newsletter. Would you give it a try? Contact [bulletin editor](#).

Surplus Equipment

We still have that 2-wheel trailer in the Club's storage shed. We intended to give it to our vehicle donation program, so they could either sell it or junk it. But we learned the trailer's title is required - which, sadly, no one knows anything about. The trailer has a permanent tag on it, which we should turn in to DMV when we dispose of the trailer. The trailer still remains in the shed.

Guess Who?

Hints:

- Born 1930
- Past President FX Lions Club
- Past District Governor
- Current Club member



Answer to Previous Month's "Guess Who"



August 2024 Newsletter Hints:

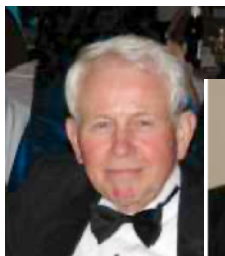
- Born July 28, 1935 in Crow Wing, Minnesota
- Past President FX Lions Club
- Yearbook photo, Oregon State University, 1960

ANSWER:

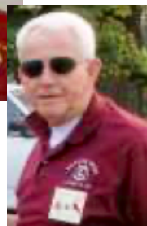
Congrats to...well, NO ONE - because no one guessed.

The person pictured - born in Crow Wing, MN - is Lion Thomas O. Edick. Tom graduated from Oregon State University in 1961, where he was an officer in the American Society of Civil Engineers. Working for the Department of Transportation, Tom lived in Fairfax and joined FHLC in March 1983. He was an active Lion, participating in nearly all Lions activities, and served as King Lion 1988-89. Tom remains a member in good standing, and lives with spouse Cheryl in Ocean Ilse Beach, NC. He emails us occasionally and enjoys getting our newsletter. Tom: We miss your enthusiasm, good spirits, and smiling face!

A few photos of Lion Tom Edick over the years...



Charter Night
2010



Membership

10 Tips to Grow Your Club (from LCI)

When it comes to growing membership in Lions clubs, who better to offer advice than Lions themselves? See what members from around the world have to say...

"Make sure your club is open to accepting new members and the new ideas they bring."

-Lion Robin Woolmer, British Columbia, Canada

"Be enthusiastic when you talk about being a Lion. When you're excited, your enthusiasm will transfer to the person you're talking to."

-Lion Vicky Dulin, Texas, USA

"Invite friends, co-workers and peers to participate in activities and experience the joy of serving your community firsthand. Side effects include bonding, team building, learning and having fun."

-Lion Christin Jentzsch, Berlin, Germany

"We do our routine service projects and get the news of those projects published in local newspapers and on social media."

-Munish Mehta, Jalandhar, India

"You can never invite enough people or ask them enough times to be a Lion. I've met people who were asked five times before they accepted. They joined when they were ready."

-Lion Dan O'Reilly, Illinois, USA

"A compelling story is our most powerful tool for attracting new members. Incorporate personal stories highlighting the impact of your club's work to connect with potential members and inspire a sense of belonging and purpose."
-Lion Dipendra Aryal, Nawalparasi District, Nepal

"Service, service, service. Your club can grow by engaging prospective members through service."
-Lion Augusto Valera Jr., California, USA

"Celebrating your success is important. Promote the service you provide and the number of people you help. Tell your stories to make your community aware of everything your club does to improve the lives of others."
-Lion Len Day, Ontario, Canada

"We print lots of trifold brochures (downloaded from the Lions International website and tailored to our club) that include an application on the back. We bring these to every event and hand them out to all interested parties!"
-Lion Carol Jeane Miller Mitchell, Texas, USA

"There are so many people around us who want to join us but may think it's not their thing. It's up to us to inform them that this is our thing. We all have a duty to make a difference in our communities."
-Lion Dans Naturinda, Uganda

And, from LION Magazine - Summer, 2024

This ad (next page) included a tear-off card for inviting someone to a meeting...(photos next)



AS A LION, ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE IS AN INVITATION.

Being a Lion is fun. It's rewarding. It's life-changing. And it's an experience meant to be shared. When you invite someone to join your club, you're offering something special. You're giving them a chance to see what it's like to do good — and just how good it feels to be a Lion.

READY TO SHARE THE JOY?

Tear out this invitation and use it to invite someone to join you for your next club event or service project.



Looking to invite more than one person?
Scan this code to download the invitation template.



You're invited to learn more about our club.

Club Name: _____

Event: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

RSVP: _____



Looking to invite more than one person?
Scan this code to download the invitation template.



Scan this QR, to
find the LCI
provided
template to invite
guests

Miscellaneous Info...

Cyber Safety While Traveling

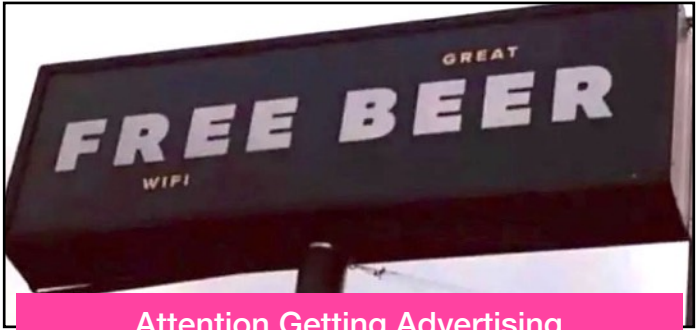
Using public Wi-Fi and even **chargers(!)** can be convenient but also puts your devices and data at risk. **Hackers can compromise public USB ports** and set up fake Wi-Fi hotspots to gain access to your information. Learn how to protect your online activity while traveling. Click to [Read More](#)

Cancer - Preventable?

A recent study estimated that 40 percent of new cancer diagnoses in U.S. adults were due to modifiable factors such as diet and lifestyle. See [Washington Post story](#)

Time for a Visual Dad's Joke (or 2)...

(Next page)



Attention Getting Advertising



I wonder how fast this ostrich was going when it hit the fence?

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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