



Fairfax Lions Club News

"The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter" for July 2025

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LCI President Thanks You

Did you see the June 12 email from the outgoing Lions International President? He addressed Lions personally:

"I want to thank you all for making your mark through your dedicated service. Every time you served your community and invited a new member to join our mission, you helped us continue our legacy as the world's greatest service organization."

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President"



— Fairfax Lions Service —

Eyeglass Recycling

On June 17th, Lion Scott Dulaney delivered to the NoVA Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center ten BOXES FULL of donated eyeglasses. FHLC has numerous eyeglass collection box points around the area. Every month, Lion Scott drives to the locations, picks-up donated eyeglasses, and stores them temporarily in large boxes until delivery. Want to help? Send Scott an email (to scottdulaney@cox.net) if you can stop by a couple of locations each month...it would be a wonderful service for you!

PCC Bill Bartlett reported to the Board, on June 24th, the totals for this Lions year (July 24-June 25): 14,475 pairs of eyeglasses delivered to the eyeglass recycling center, and 41 hearing aids. Great work Fairfax Lions!

Vision Service & GMU Students

We received this email (sent to info@fairfaxlions.org):

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*"I hope this email finds you well. I am a rising senior at George Mason University and planning to apply to Optometry school this summer. I just read about all of the volunteer work the Lions Club participates in related to vision care in our community, and am very interested in*

*helping with this. What would be my next steps to volunteer?*

*Thank you in advance, Ainsley Toews”*

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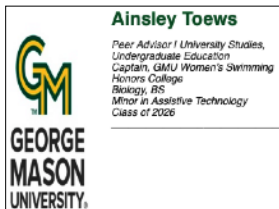
Lion Marty Lockard replied:

“Good afternoon, Ainsley.

Yes, our Lions club does a lot of volunteer work and provides other kinds of support involving sight – one of our core missions. Included are:

- Vision and hearing screenings for children (K-12)*
- Used eyeglass collection (up to 10,000 pair a year for our club alone)*
- Eyeglass recycling center (recycled eyeglasses mostly for medical mission trips)*
- Recycled reading glasses for the homeless at The Lamb Center*
- Eyeglasses for the poor*
- Inova/Lions free eye clinic for the poor (optometrist and ophthalmologist type of care)*
- Scholarships for students with major sight needs*

We would love to have you join us in any capacity you like. Two other GMU students are already doing the same. They are Ben Dilzer, 540-955-7073 or bendilzer@gmail.com, and Jordan Jacobi, jrdnjacobi@gmail.com. You are encouraged to contact them. Ben is a member of our club. Another member of the club is one of the most well respected ‘low vision’ ophthalmologists in the area.



I mostly work with volunteers to handle vision and hearing screenings. We have our own calibrated equipment and processes to screen children at private and religious schools. We can quickly and easily train you at a screening event. Most of those are in the fall; some are in the spring.

Let me know what you think. Also take a look at our website. It is very actively maintained and contains a lot of information about what we do. If you remain in the area during the summer, you can probably work with Ben or I to go visit some of the places listed above.

*Marty Lockard, Fairfax Host Lions Club
Lock7-mar2@cox.net 703-973-1523 (cell)"*

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To which Ainsley responded:

*"Good afternoon, Marty,*

*Thank you so much for sharing all of this information with me, it was really interesting to read about all the events the Lions Club participates in. I am in the area this summer and would love to begin helping into the fall school year as well. I will reach out to Ben and Jordan to coordinate with them. Thank you again for the information and I hope to meet you soon. Best, Ainsley"*

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It is a pleasure to get such inquiries; we hope to meet Ainsley soon! If you would like to help the small team responding to such emails to the Club, let the bulletin editor know!

Beep Baseball at GMU?

Beep baseball is designed for visually impaired, using a ball & bases, that “beep.” There is a National Beep Baseball Association, and GMU is hosting the Beep Baseball All-star tournament on October 4th. A Learn-to-Play clinic is on Oct 3rd.



After seeing Boston-area Lions Clubs support visually impaired players last week, the GMU Asst Director of Competitive Sports asked FHLC if we would partner with GMU to help grow this meaningful community activity. GMU's goal: form one or more competitive Beep Baseball teams in this area. See a video of Beep Baseball: <https://vimeo.com/544703795/1e25d00cf4>

For Fairfax Lions: anyone interested?
Engagement might be: support, help promote, assist with games, or even play (wearing blindfolds!).

If you have ideas, please give them to any club officer!

Dinner Meeting - June 3rd

We welcomed a guest, a recent HS grad and potential optometry student at GMU, Emma. Lion John Walsey met Emma at a Rotary Club meeting, told John she was possibly interested in Lions vision service, so John invited Emma to this meeting; good work John! We hope to see Emma again!



1VP Cory Green led Fairfax Lions in a challenging trivia contest - 20 questions, many of which were difficult! (Sample: name the deepest lake in the world?)



1VP Cory asks trivia questions

Dinner Meeting - June 17th

The second meeting in June is always important - Officers & Board for a new Lions Year are “installed,” and the gavel passes from current to new Club President.

Past President Mike Greeley led us in singing a great sing - “Those were the Days.” Hear the original recording [here](#). More importantly, you can hear Lion Mike lead us at this [instagram link](#).



Song Leader Lion Mike

QL Karen presented Lion Joe Rovanseck the “Lion of the Year” award. Since joining Lions in April 2024, Joe has made substantial contributions to our Club: When Lion Joe sees a need, Lion Joe takes the initiative to take action! He Co-Chaired fruit sales, rebuilt a Club gas grill (precluding purchase of a new grill); reorganized storage shed with new shelving he donated; constructed hand-rail for wooden steps used at fruit sales; volunteered to be assistant treasurer; and more. Congratulations Lion Joe! Joe will be recognized for his Volunteer-of-the-Year award by the City of Fairfax Mayor on August 6. All Lions are invited!



Queen Lion Karen Presents L-o-Y Award to Lion Joe

Queen Lion Karen addressed club members, as she completes her year in office; Karen's message:

"Wow—what a year it's been! As I wrap up my time as President, I just want to say a big, heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. This club runs on service, but it's powered by people—and what an amazing group we have here in Fairfax."

From the July 4th Hot Dog Sale—grilling in the summer sun and greeting our neighbors—to the always-busy Fall Festival, you showed up with energy and heart. And let's not forget those November and December citrus sales. I still think I've got grapefruit juice on my coat from all the sorting and packing, but it was worth every bit of effort!

One of the moments that stood out the most was delivering holiday baskets to families at the Main Street Child Development Center. That's what Lionism is all about—bringing joy where it's needed and showing our community that we care.

We also kept our vision mission going strong with eyeglass collections and recycling. Thanks to everyone who helped gather, clean, and transport those glasses. You've helped people see the world more clearly—literally.

Our dinner meetings were always a bright spot—good food, good laughs, and great ideas. And our Foster's Grill fundraisers were not only fun but a great way to support our work while getting a good burger on the side.

To the outgoing board—thank you for your support and dedication. I couldn't have done it without you.

And now, it's time to pass the torch. I'm excited to welcome our new board members. I know you'll lead with heart, vision, and a whole lot of Lion pride. I'm looking forward to supporting you in every way I can.

To all of you—thank you for letting me serve as your President. It's been an honor, and I'm proud of everything we've accomplished together.

Here's to another great year ahead. We Serve!"

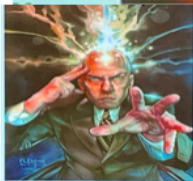
Club members gave Karen a standing ovation!

Past President (soon to be 2VDG) Greg DeRosa installed the Club's new Officers and Board. The theme for installation: "Heroes of Service." Each officer stood to accept the position, as Greg showed slides of a super-hero character associated with the officer being installed. You can recognize characters for Lions Gary & Karen.



Lions Club Officer Installation

"Heroes of Service"



The New Officers/Directors

President (King Lion)

Immediate Past Pres.

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Corresponding Sec.

Tail Twister

Gary Maxwell

Karen DeRosa

Jim Kaplan

Tom Hewlett

Jeff Root

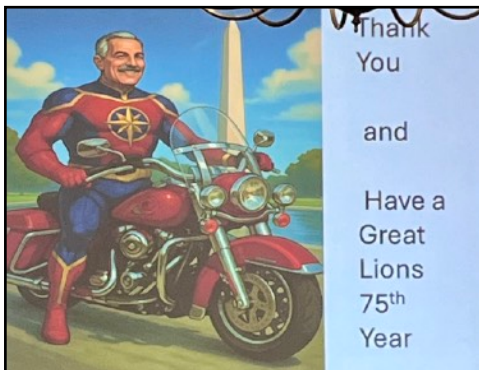
Michael Rumberg

Pete Conklin

Michael Greeley

*Lion Tamer
Bulletin Editor
Membership Director
Director (Two Years)
Director (One Year)
PDG Director
PDG Director
Director Emeritus
Assistant to Secretary*

*Joe Rovansek
Gordon Tillery
Stephen Bilowus
Maggie Reidy
Joe Breda
PCC Harry Parker
PCC Bill Bartlett
PCC Bill Smith
Ron Zabel (Non-Voting)*



Lion Greg's Installation Closing

In this 75th year of FHLC serving our community and the world, please give a shout-out to your club officers, to thank them for volunteering to help keep FX Lions Club viable for another 75!!!



Inducted on June 17th

Board Meeting - June 24th

This was a joint meeting of the out-going and incoming Boards. QL Karen chaired the meeting, and turned it over to new KL Gary at the end.

Future dinner meeting plans were discussed; and two committees were constituted for action: treasury audit, and budget.



Of possible emoji options, PCC Bill signals his support of Club Officers!

PCC Harry put forth a motion that upcoming dinner meetings include both the usual 50-50 lotto, AND a new raffle of VERY GOOD prizes - to raise \$ to offset member costs of 75th Anniversary Charter Night. All agreed. (**Members: pls bring an extra \$10 to dinner meetings for the new raffle.**)

Many other topics were discussed; all members are welcome at any Board meeting to get a more complete picture of matters discussed.

ISCC Meeting - June 4th

The ISCC adjourned for the summer - except for the upcoming, important, event: **Fairfax Volunteer-of-the-Year Ceremony at 730pm, Wednesday, August 6, in the Sherwood Center.** Area Service Clubs and city services (fire, police, etc) each have a person recognized as their volunteer of the year. This is a very nice event, the community learns about FHLC, refreshments served afterwards! FHLC and Lion-of-the-Year Joe will be recognized!

July Calendar

Jul 1 - FHLC Dinner meeting - new KL Gary!

Jul 3 - Load food sale equipment (Lion's Shed)

Jul 4 - FHLC Lions Hot Dog Sale (FX City parade)

Jul 8 - Fundraiser: Foster's Grille

Jul 13 - Lions Int'l Convention (Orlando)

Jul 15 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Jul 19 - District 24L Officer installation (2VDG Greg)

Jul 22 - Board Meeting (all invited)

Upcoming:

Aug 5 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Aug 6 - City Volunteer of Year Ceremony (Lion-of-Year recognized) - 7:30pm, Sherwood Center, 3740

Blenheim Blvd, FX (Arrive early for parking & seats!)

Aug 16 - District Visitation Kick-off (Remington, VA)

Lion News

One Fairfax Lion: Serving Vets for >10 Years

By Lion Jeff Root

On June 12th, Lion Marty Lockard was recognized for over 10 years of service as a mentor in the Fairfax County Veterans Treatment Docket (VTD). VTD offers alternatives to incarceration for veterans in the criminal justice system. VTD aims to return productive, law-abiding veterans to our community, reduce recidivism, and improve public safety by providing individualized comprehensive treatment and supervision responsive to veterans' unique strengths, needs, and culture. Lion Marty was recognized in a ceremony for veterans "graduating" from VTD. Marty is retiring from his work as a



Lion Marty Recognized for >20 years Serving Veterans
in the VTD Program

mentor due to health reasons, and because his veteran “graduated” from VTD.

Let us all congratulate Lion Marty for giving his time to help veterans improve their position in life. For more about the Fairfax County VTD, [web page](#).

Note: Lion Jeff was invited to the Fairfax VTD ceremony on June 12 because he is a volunteer veteran's mentor in the Prince William County Veterans Treatment Docket (VDT).

FAIRFAX COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT DOCKET GRADUATION CEREMONY

OPENING REMARKS

The Honorable Stephen C. Shannon
Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court VTD

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Murphy
Veteran Mentor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Brigadier General Stephen Mundt,
United States Army Ret.

MENTOR SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

Presented by Don Sutherland
Mentor Coordinator
Marty Lockhard

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES & CHALLENGE COINS

The Honorable Susan F. Earman
Presiding Judge of the General District Court VTD Low Risk Track

Jeremy Moore, US Army
(Mentor: Steve Resch, US Army)

Arthur Jones, US Army
(Mentor: Eric Grenlin, US Army)

The Honorable Stephen C. Shannon
Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court VTD High Risk Track

Mark Dorbayan, US Army
(Mentor: Marty Lockard, US Navy)

Michael Staley, US Army
(Mentor: Hank Roeder, US Army)

Jorel Asercion, US Army
(Mentor: Chuck Harris, US Army)

Anthony Golden, US Marine Corps
(Mentor: Bruce Waxman, US Army)

ADJOURNMENT

Please join us for refreshments after the ceremony

**June 12th
Ceremony
Program**

Do You Know the 2VP, Lion Tom Hewlett?

Tom Hewlett was born in Ft Worth, Texas, in the early 1960s. For his first few years, he was raised in the back of his father's Hi-Fi (High Fidelity) audio shop in Dallas, Texas. Tom's family migrated east from Texas to Kansas, Illinois, and Vienna, Virginia. He developed an enthusiasm for camping, hiking, running, skiing, and community service along the way.

After graduating high school, Tom joined the Army and served as a radio teletype operator with the 32nd Signal Battalion V Corp in Hoechst, Germany.

After completing a two-year tour of duty, he received his honorable discharge and went to work for AFRC (Armed Forces Recreation Centers) Sports Shop in Munich, Germany. By day, Tom mounted ski bindings and sold sports equipment; by night, he took night classes at the University of Maryland University College. On weekends, he spent time skiing in the German and Swiss Alps. Tom developed a passion for Earth Science and Geography during his time in Germany.

In the mid-1980s, Tom returned to the United States and earned his degree in Earth Science from the Geography Department at the University of North Texas. His first job out of college was with the North

Central Texas Council of Governments as a GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Analyst supporting regional urban planning projects. After five years, he joined Esri (Environment Systems Research Institute), a leading GIS software company. With over 37 years of professional GIS data collection, implementation, and consulting experience, Tom assists customers in successfully utilizing geographic information to support their organization's missions.

Tom is married to his college sweetheart, Veronica. His daughter Josephine is currently studying English and communications at James Madison University. His brother-in-law, Cory Green, finally convinced Tom to join the Fairfax Host Lions Club in 2024 after volunteering with the club at the Fairfax Fall Festival for 10 years.



Veronica, Josephine, Lion Tom

New District (24-L) Governor

Effective July 1, DG Jim Cech steps aside, and 1st VDG Daniel Visone becomes the new DG. Fairfax Lions know Dan; he visited us most recently on Charter Night. From Dan's bio: He retired after working almost 40 years for the US Army Geospatial Center where his organization provides cutting edge mapping technologies and data to Army to enable the Common Operating Picture in support of Multi-Domain Operations. Lion Dan has been an active Lion for over 44 years, joining Lion Clubs in 1980 at 17 years old, and has served as a club officer almost every year since.



1VDG Dan with Lion Tom at Charter Night

Lions Pin Trading

Many Lions are VERY interested in designing, making, collecting, and trading Lions pins. Here is the web page for the [Lions Pin Traders Club of VA](#)

(LPTC). That pin trading club was started by Fairfax Host Lion Bill Smith, in 1982. At the recent Lions of VA State Convention, Bill was honored for his years of commitment and leadership in pin trading.



PCC Lion Bill Smith (Right) was awarded a Special Resolution honoring him for his work developing PTCV. The Crystal Eagle presented to PCC Bill, was the original Logo developed by PCC Bill for PTCV. (On LEFT is PDG Doug Cross, current President, PTCV.)

FYI, here is a link to the [LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB](#).

Miscellaneous Info...

Register Your Home Security Cameras

It seems every crime report includes a mention of security cameras in the area helping to solve the crime. Fairfax County Police is stepping up its game: They encourage you to register your home cameras (Ring, etc) with County Police's Camera Sharing Program. It is simple, not intrusive, and no cost; see this link:

<https://connectfairfaxcounty.org/>

You only need to complete "Level 1" (register) to "Help Keep Fairfax County Safe"

Booking.com Reservation Abused as Cybercriminals Steal from Travelers

Click for [Article Source](#)

A recruitment marketing specialist (named Robert Woodford), recently [shared on LinkedIn](#) how he fell victim to a sophisticated scam while booking a hotel in Verona using the service Booking.com. It provides a striking example of how attacks on the hospitality industry affect travelers.

After completing a legitimate booking - and trading some communications with the hotel - Woodford received a separate message that he believed came from the official Booking.com

messaging system. The message requested “missing details” and a prepayment.

To be safe, Woodford logged into Booking.com directly rather than clicking any links. There, he found the same message in the same thread as his earlier communications with the hotel. The payment link also looked official, as it contained “bookingcom” in the URL. Woodford didn’t realize until after making the payment that the merchant’s name was incorrect and the payment was fraudulent. Cybercriminals exploited real booking data and trusted platforms.

Lesson & Advice for Travelers

Cybercriminals are no longer just targeting guests. They are infiltrating hospitality systems themselves, turning trusted platforms into vectors for fraud.

Robert lost a few hundred quid and the trust in his bank, the travel platform he used, and a bit of trust in his own judgement. While Robert was vigilant and still became a victim, there are some tips to keep in mind:

- Always access booking platforms by typing URLs directly into your browser; DO NOT click links in emails or messages.
- Verify any payment requests by contacting the hotel or booking platform through official channels. You can also call the hotel directly.

- Be suspicious of urgent payment demands or requests for unusual payment methods.
- Use credit cards for bookings where possible, or other options that provide fraud protection.
- Report suspicious messages to the booking platform immediately.
- Use browser protection against scams, credit card skimmers, and other malicious sites.
- Be aware of the fact that the systems you trust might be compromised. Vigilance and proactive security measures are essential for both travelers and hotels to mitigate these risks.

Think Twice Before Clicking “Unsubscribe”

That link at the bottom of your email might make you a bigger target. There are times when your inbox feels like it's under siege, emails flooding in daily, offering everything. Nearly every email ends with the same invitation: “Click here to unsubscribe.”

Before you do, however, consider: While we've long been told that “unsubscribe” is a simple and safe way to get off email lists we never signed up for or no longer care about, that isn't always the case. In fact, cybersecurity experts now warn that in many instances, clicking that link might do more harm than good. ([Click to read more](#))

Visual Dad's Joke

(With apology's to Lion Phil Mayo)



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.

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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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