



Fairfax Lions Club - Since 1951

The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter for June 2026

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WE SERVE THE WORLD AND OUR
COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE,
COMPASSION AND KINDNESS

— Our Service —

Want to explore new Club service ideas?

[CLICK HERE](#)

- Our Charity Fund Raising - July 4th Food Booth

Mark your calendar, this will be a great event!



Not only is it a useful fund raiser, selling July 4th hot dogs in our community, we also get to see an excellent parade! Virginia's largest Independence Day parade includes a patriotic flyover, a 250th anniversary helium balloon, floats, marching units & community groups winding through downtown. And our Lions hot dog stand is right on the parade route! NEW - two 7th graders offered to play instruments, and also help out at our food booth. [Signup-genius](#)



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION PARADE ROUTE



WATCH FOR THE FLYOVER AT 10AM, SIGNALING THE START OF THE PARADE!

Lions Food Booth



News from Club Meetings

Dinner Meeting - May 5th

For our Cinco de Mayo dinner, we feasted on tacos with all the trimmings. 1VP Jim reminded us, the day prior - May 4th, was Star Wars day ("may the fourth be with you"). Jim then showed the 13-minute video (a sci-fi parody on Star Wars) "Hardware Wars," featuring *Fluke Starbucker*, *Chewchilla the Wookiee Monster*, *Ham Salad*, and *Augie "Ben" Doggie*. [Read about it.](#)

We talked about club member preferences for meeting programs in the coming months - [click to email Jim any ideas](#) you have for a speaker/program.

We read an email from Lion Bonnie Short, on her health condition. We are all very happy she thinks she will be up to rejoining Lions activities in June. We also read an email from two seventh graders who offer to perform musical instruments at Lions activities. (We invite them to perform & help us at the food stand on July 4th.)

Lion Joe Rovansek updated all on the Lions-logo clothing orders. And we discussed the need to purchase a new speaker to replace the broken one.

Lion Ron Zabel has been traveling! Here is a photo of Ron visiting a Lions Club in Olympia, Washington, where his son and daughter in law are members.

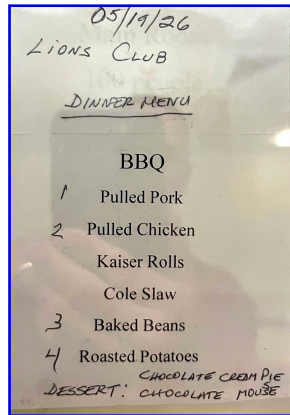


Lion Ron with Lions Stanton and Marci Zabel (son & daughter-in-law). Very thoughtful of Ron to pack his Lions shirt for the trip!

Dinner Meeting - May 19th

After a meal of BBQ pulled pork and chicken, 1st VP Jim Kaplan oriented the Club on how we use “Sign-up Genius” to schedule Lions and guests to work at various Club events.

We should receive soon an email with the opportunity to “sign-up” for the July 4th food sale event. Sign-up for yourself, and forward the email or the link to any other folks who might



want to volunteer to help.

Lion Maggie Reidy gave a report on Lion Bruce Myers' condition... thankfully he is back home now, with proper support equipment.

KL Gary announced the 2nd dinner meeting in June will be a special “Spouses Night.” Not only will we enjoy a special menu, a special award will



be presented, and new officers will step forward to assume their roles. Plan to attend; bring a guest!

Board Meeting - May 26th

The Board met in the private room in the social quarters of American Legion Post 177.

Eyeglass recycling report: the Club has collected 10,642 pair of donated eyeglasses to recycle, and 98 hearing aids (not including numbers for May 2026).

The Board approved dispensing \$100 to Lions of VA Foundation, to pay our cost of the LOVF raffle ticket books. (PDG Harry Parker is taking lottery tickets he has received - from folks who purchased ticket books - to enter in the drawing at the State Convention.) The Board approved dispensing \$1000 to LCI's Melvin Jones Fellowship Foundation, for FHLC's 2026 MJF award.

The Budget Committee presented its consideration of the small amount of funds remaining in the charity account, and the Board approved retaining that balance for use in Lions Year 2026-27.

Potential process changes to the conduct of Board meetings were discussed - intending to

facilitate Board meeting agendas being completed within the hour allocated. The Board decided to strive to distribute advance committee reports and other business matters to Board members ahead of future Board meetings, so all members would be prepared for Board decision making.

The Board accepted the resignation of Lion John Wasley submitted for personal reasons.

The Board reviewed planning for the July 4th food booth charity fund raiser. It was noted that next year, 2027, July 4th overlaps with the LCI Convention in Washington, DC. As a result, the Club may want to limit its July 4th food sales to a smaller operation requiring less personnel, thereby enabling more Lions to attend the LCI convention. It was not advised to cancel the July 4th 2027 food booth, as that may jeopardize future assignment of the booth space we have used for years.

Calendar

Jun 2 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Jun 3 - ISCC Meeting

Jun 6 - Club Officer training (over Zoom) - register at
[District 24-L Club Officer Workshops](#)

Jun 9 - "Dining for Dollars" Vienna Fosters Grille

Jun 13 - Art Exhibit Reception, Lion Spouse Marisela
Rumberg, <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DYsPop9xHJl/?>

Jun 14 - Flag Day



Jun 16 - FHLC Dinner meeting **"Spouses Night"**
& Officer Installation (invite a guest!)

Jun 19 - [Juneteenth](#)

Jun 21 - Father's Day

Jun 23 - JOINT Board Meeting (incoming & outgoing
Board members)

Coming up

July 4 - Lions Food Booth at City Independence Day
Parade... [Click to Signup](#) to help!

July 7 - Lions Dinner Meeting

Public Relations

Many thanks to Lion Tom Comi for this outstanding ad he placed in the "Vienna Voice."

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Ensemble at Capital One Hall in Tysons, Va.
for a high-energy night of rhythm. The show
features a performance by viral sensation
Snubby J. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more
information and to purchase tickets, visit
www.viennajammers.org.

Lions Club Dining for Dollars Fundraiser
Tuesday, May 12 • 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Fairfax Lions Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Help us celebrate by enjoying a delicious meal and supporting our youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. Dine at Fosters Grille in Vienna the second Tuesday of every month, and ask the cashier to put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to the Lions Club. If you have used eyeglasses and hearing aids, please bring them with you to donate. For more information contact Lion Tom at golfertom1943@gmail.com.

Art Demonstration
Thursday, May 14 • 7-8:30 p.m.
You'll be mesmerized as you watch Jill Welch show us how to slow down, play, and create beautiful, everlasting, paper flowers.
<http://www.fairfaxlionsclub.com>. The dem-

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Don't forget to check out (& refer others to) our web page - it is updated often! [FHLC web page](#)

Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC)

At the May ISCC meeting, The Lamb Center reported: The third story of Beacon Landing is framed out and it is on track for opening in December 2026. the construction is very visible when you drive on Rte 29 near Fairfax Circle.



Beacon Landing Under Construction

When it opens it will house 54 of our vulnerable neighbors in a Permanent Supportive Housing community, a block from the Lamb Center. It will also offer on-site supportive services for people



experiencing or at risk of chronic homelessness. Five stories tall, 43,000 square feet, it will be the largest Permanent Supportive Housing community in Northern Virginia.

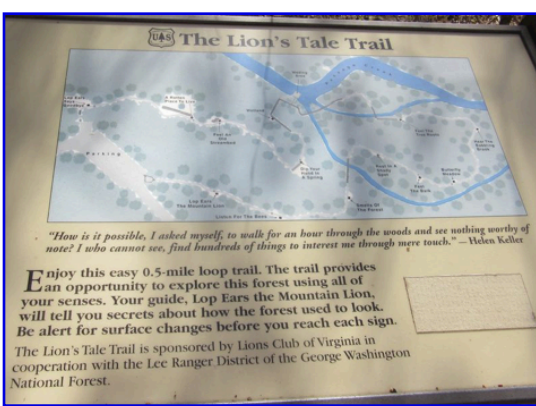
[Lion News](#)
[A Walk in the Woods](#)
By Lion Greg DeRosa

First Vice District Gov Lion Chuck Schwab recently visited the **Lion's Tale Trail**, a great outing for the whole family. It's a National Recreation Trail in the George Washington National Forest, not far from New Market, VA.

The US Forest Service says: "Enjoy this easy half-mile interpretive loop trail. Be entertained by an opportunity to explore this forest using all of your senses. Listen to



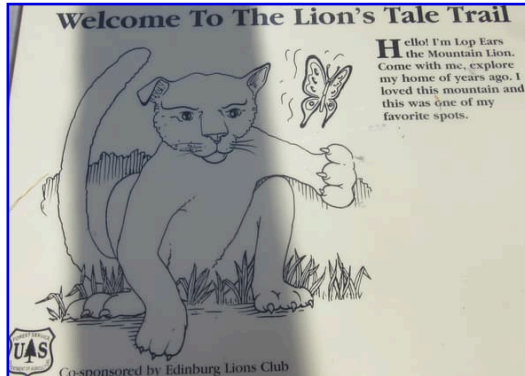
the gentle ripples of Passage Creek, feel the refreshing water running from the flume, and smell the sweet aromas of sassafras and birch."



The trail was built in 1971 through a partnership with the Lions Clubs of Virginia and the Lee Ranger District. Various local Virginia

Lions Clubs funded the original construction, with several individual clubs recognized on interpretive signs along the trail.

Participating Clubs: Multiple Lions Clubs from Virginia joined in the fundraising and construction in the late 1960s, with individual



club names featured on interpretive signs on-site. The project was heavily supported by the Lions

Clubs of Virginia and the Basye-Bryce Mountain Lions Club.

Project Goal: The trail was designed as a sensory trail (originally a "Braille Trail") for visually impaired visitors, aligning with the Lions Club's mission of sight preservation and assistance.

The trail remains a cooperative project aimed at providing accessible forest experiences.

The loop trail is near Luray, VA. Considered an easy route, it takes about 8 min to complete if you move quickly; or spend 30-60 minutes enjoying the scenery. It is popular for hiking & walking, and you can enjoy solitude during quieter times of day. Best times to visit this trail are May-July. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash. From I-81: Take exit 264, continue east on US 211 into New Market. Turn left onto US211 (at 2nd light). Go north to next light, turn east (still US 211). After ~3 miles, turn left onto FDR 274 (Crisman Hollow Road). Lions Tale Trail is approximately 8 miles from US 211.

More information at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r08/gwj/recreation/trails/lions-tale-accessible-trail>

Lion Family News

Lion Jim & Stacie Kaplan traveled to Oklahoma City for daughter Elena's graduation from Central Oklahoma College.

Congratulations to Elena; she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Entertainment Business (Talent Management track).

While in OK, Lion Jim visited Chicasha - where his great grandfather moved in the early 1900's, and where his grandmother was born. While there, Jim discovered Chicasha has a notable roadside attraction: the "Giant Leg Lamp." (You may recall a smaller version was a prop in the movie "A Christmas Story.")

June 2026



Lion Jim, new grad Elena, Stacie



"Abstracts & Color" Exhibit by Marisela Rumberg

Reception - June 13, 6-9pm

Workhouse Arts Center: 9601 Ox Rd, Bldg 6, Lorton, VA



"ABSTRACTS & COLOR"

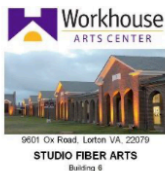
New Exhibit by **MARISELA RUMBERG**

June 1st - June 28th

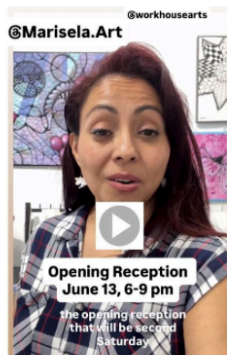
RECEPTION:

Saturday June 13th, 6:00-9:00 pm

at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, VA.



[Click Here](#)



From [District 24L Web page](#)

District 24-L Club Officer Workshops

District 24-L will hold virtual workshop sessions on June 6, via Zoom, for:

11:00am -- Club President

1:00am -- Club Secretary

3:00pm -- Club Treasurer

Sessions for Club Service Chairs and

Membership Chairs will be scheduled at a later date.

All club officers--new and returning--are encouraged to attend.

Register now to attend the workshops - [click here](#)

[REGISTER ON ZEFFY - FREE](#)

LCI Convention 2027

Did you know...in 2027, the International Lions Convention (LionsCon27), will take place in Washington DC, July 2-6, 2027? (*Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, accessible by Metro*)

This might be something to put on our personal calendars...there won't be another chance to attend an LCI convention this close to home!

See info at [Web page](#)

District 24L Instagram Post

Seen on 24L's Instagram page. Follow 24L at:

https://www.instagram.com/virgina_lions_24l/



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Lions in Memorial Day Parade

Lions Clubs from DC, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia joined to march in the Freedom250 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. Editor could not find any photos, but here is Lion Jeff Root at the Memorial Day parade in 2019.

On Monday May 27, Lions had a strong presence in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC. Eighty Lions from Virginia, DC, Maryland, and Delaware walked or rode in the parade. Ten clubs, including Fairfax, had banners in the parade. Miss America and Miss Teen America rode on the Lions' float. Fairfax Lions Club was represented in the parade.



Fairfax Lion Jeff Root in the National Memorial Day Parade

USEFUL INFORMATION for YOU!

Silver Shield Anti-Scam Program

Every one of us should go to the web page link below, and review the information and recommendations to help protect you and your family, and also report Scams.

It is put out by Fairfax County's Department of Family Services for Older Adults.

[Silver Shield Anti-Scam Program](#)

Silver Shield Anti-Scam Program

The Silver Shield Anti-Scam Program is an initiative designed to protect older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers from scams and fraud. Through presentations and resources, the program raises awareness about common scams—such as imposter schemes and financial fraud—and teaches strategies to avoid becoming a victim. The annual "Scam Jam", held in partnership with AARP Virginia, brings together experts in law enforcement, finance, and consumer protection to provide the latest information on how to avoid falling for a scam and other resources to keep older adults safe.



Speed Up Airport TSA Time

You have a cell phone (like everyone else). You probably have a “wallet” on your phone (with credit cards - Apple Pay?), and you probably download tickets (events & air travel) into your phone. Now you can add a “Virginia Mobile ID” to your phone.

With a VA Mobile ID, it can make flying thru IAD or DCA or other uses easier: use your phone instead of pulling out hard-copy Real ID drivers license.

Benefits....

Convenient:

- Always with you, on your phone
- Fast and easy to use
- Set up in minutes
- Once downloaded, no cell signal needed
- Free, no cost to download or maintain

Secure:

- Built-in security keeps your identity safe & prevent fraud
- You choose what information to share
- Your data is not stored or tracked
- Unique encryption means screenshots are rejected
- Phone stays in your hands

If you have a valid Virginia driver's license or state-issued identification card, download your Virginia Mobile ID onto your phone. This image will show on phone.



See: https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/licenses-ids/mobile-id?utm_campaign=&utm_content=btn&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdeli

Words of Wisdom

By Lion mike Greeley

Marcus Aurelius, born April 26, 121, was a Roman emperor from the year 161 until his death in 180. (Note: Marcus Aurelius was the elderly Roman emperor we saw at the start of movie "Gladiator.") He is best known for having written Meditations, his day-to-day political thoughts, some of which are listed below.



- "When you arise in the morning, think what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to live."
- "Adapt yourself to the life you have been given and truly love the people with whom destiny has surrounded you."
- "Our life is what our thoughts make it."
- "Each day provides its own gifts."
- "The opinion of 10,000 men is of no value if none of them know anything about the subject."

- "Natural ability without education has more often raised a man to glory and value than education without natural ability."
- "You should banish any thoughts of how you may appear to others."
- "Live out your life in truth and justice, tolerant of those who are neither true nor just."
- "Observe constantly that all things take place by change; accustom thyself to consider that the nature of the universe loves nothing so much as to change the things which are and make new things like them."
- "Death, like birth, is a secret of nature."

A Fun Report

- THE MOST *SIZZLING* RACE IN SPORTS -

All six Oscar Mayer Wienermobiles thundered around the historic 2.5-mile oval at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 22, 2026.



A warmup for the Indy 500...Or just a crowd pleaser? It had to be fun to see. See 6 competitors in race video at: <https://wienie500.ims.com/>



The New York Dog Won!



As Usual, 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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