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The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter for Aug 2026

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

Service

July 10 Email from LCI President Mark S. Lyon

“Service is the foundation of our organization. It’s at the very root of what we do and who we are as Lions. Meaningful service fuels growth, increases our impact and strengthens our communities and our world. It’s why people join us — and why they stay.

That’s why my presidential theme this year is “Rooted in Service.” I encourage all of us to reconnect with our Lion roots and focus on what matters most. Get creative with your service. Have fun. Look for new ways to meet the needs of your communities. And remember, no act of service is too small — every effort makes a difference.”

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Borrowing from a US President’s words: *Ask not what your club can do for you, ask how YOU can help your Club deliver Service!*

EyeGlass Recycling

One of our Club's long-time continuing services is collection and delivery of donated eyeglasses, to be processed at the <http://lercnova.org>. We have collection boxes spread across the western Fairfax area. Lion Scott Dulaney does most of the picking-up, and delivering to LERCNOVA. Your newsletter editor lives in the Chantilly area, and is happy to pick-up donated eyeglasses there.



July 23 Collection at Chantilly My Eye DR

Want to help? It's easy and important service. Just ask.

- Our Charity Fund Raising - Bummer - No July 4th Parade

At 1pm, July 3rd, the City announced...

Canceled

60th Independence Day: Parade CANCELED, Show & Fireworks Still On

Due to extreme heat, the Independence Day Parade and the Fairfax Museum's open house/lawn party are canceled. Attendee and staff safety is our priority. The Evening Show remains on: gates open 7:30 p.m., show starts 8 p.m., fireworks approx. 9:30 p.m. Shuttle service begins 7 p.m. from GMU's Rappahannock River Parking Deck and Woodson High School.

Lion Joe Rovansek had already bought food items (dogs, drinks, snacks, beverages) for our food stand; Lion Greg had filled propane tanks for the grills, but was able to cancel U-haul. The City's late notice put us into cancel/take-back/donate/resell mode. As KL Jim informed us by email, we made a food donation to the [Shelter House - Katherine Hanley Family Shelter](#). The shelter serves as a lifeline for families providing emergency shelter, stability, and support to families experiencing homelessness.



Hanley Family Shelter

We also missed something special: three intermediate school youth were set to play keyboard, cello, clarinet - by our July 4th food stand, both before & after the parade. They had planned this program:

Jioh Han & Joshua Chong	
Moon River.....	Henry Mancini
Edelweiss.....	Richard Rodgers
Connor Ouyang & Joshua Chong	
You are my Sunshine.....	Jimmie Davis & Charles Mitchell
Take me Home, Country Roads.....	John Denver
Ensemble Finale	
Yankee Doodle.....	Traditional

Maybe next year?

Vehicle Donation Program

Help advertise our vehicle donation program...our agent, *Charitable Adult Rides & Services (CARS)*, picks up donated vehicles (cars/trucks/airplanes/etc), auctions them, and sends a receipt (which looks like it comes from Fairfax Lions) to the donor. Sales proceeds go to our Charity account. It's an easy way to generate charity revenue - help us advertise! See our web page: [Vehicle Donations](#)

Club Meetings

Dinner Meeting - July 7th

Parked outside Am Legion Post 177 was their float for the Independence Day Parade (which was cancelled).





We enjoyed London Broil...a satisfying dinner served by the Legion!

Lion Mike Greeley introduced

his guest (2nd time visitor) Jack Dutke. It's great to see Jack again!

Our guest speaker was Ellie Schmidt. Ellie was a member of the City

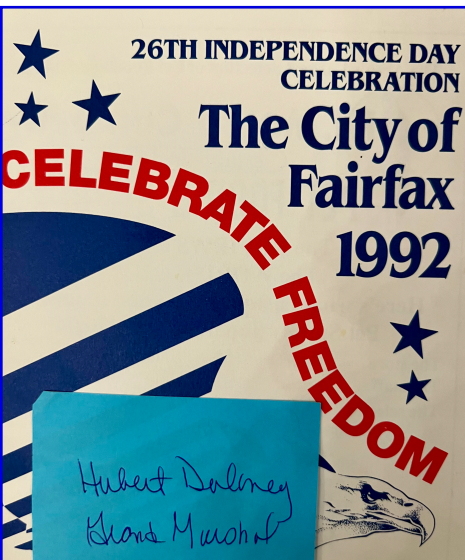


Council, 2010-18, and is a member of the Fairfax Kiwanis Club. Ellie has been involved in the City's independence day parade since 1976 (she was still in High School) and has been

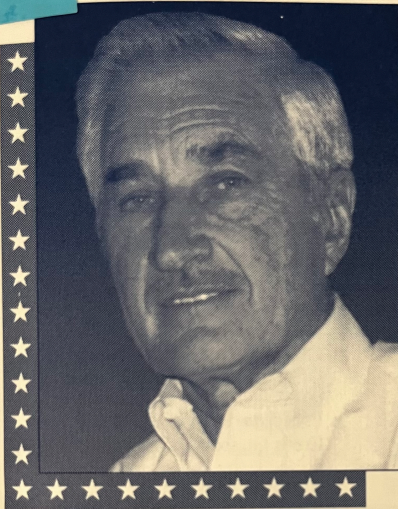
the parade announcer for TV for 30 years. A

highlight for Ellie was performing in the parade with the Fairfax HS Alumni Kazoo Band!

Ellie told us about a memorable time as a participant in the parade, when she was helping “man” the large balloon entry for the FX Kiwanis Club. They successfully navigated the route, avoiding stop lights, etc, until the final turn before the reviewing stand - when a tree branch poked the balloon and the Kiwanians carried a deflated balloon to the finish line!



Ellie brought several programs of past parades. She marked the 1992 program as special interest for FX Lions...because the parade Grand Marshall was Lion Hubert Dulaney! (See photo next page) Of course, Lion Scott Dulaney is Hubert's son.



Grand Marshal, Hubert Lee Dulaney

Hubert Lee Dulaney, a resident of Fairfax, Virginia, has been the owner of Fairfax Hardware since January 19, 1953. Mr. Dulaney and his hardware store have the reputation for being reliable and valuable community resources.

Fairfax Hardware's success can be attributed to Mr. Dulaney going out of his way to stock items for homes built in the Fairfax area. A familiar quote heard often is, "If you can't find it anywhere else, you can always find it at Fairfax Hardware."

Every morning at eight o'clock a number of longtime residents congregate at Fairfax Hardware to drink coffee and discuss the events of the day. Saturday morning sessions are especially popular—those who miss the weekday gatherings can catch up at Saturday's week-in-review caucus.

For nearly 49 years, Mr. Dulaney has supported both Little League and Babe Ruth League youth baseball by sponsoring a team in each league. Every year Mr. Dulaney places an advertisement in all Fairfax civic association newsletters to generate money. He has always willingly given his time and money to assist with fundraising activities for worthy causes.

King Lion Jim
thanks Ellie for her
great talk!



Dinner Meeting - July 21

We had a guest: Lions Charlene reached out to FHLC, asking to visit. She is leaving her Club (Mason Neck) and is exploring other Clubs to transfer her membership.



Guest: Lion Charlene Heeter

After an excellent meal of Italian sausage in tomato sauce with peppers and onion, plus grilled chicken, we played a trivia game. The questions were about sports (like, World Cup), anniversaries of major events (like, 1969 moon landing), and Lions stuff (like, what is the name of the new LCI President). The top three scores each won a prize.



Trivia contest prize-winning Lions Scott Dulaney, Gary Maxwell, Tom Simpson

Lion Scott provided a photo, from a family visit to San Diego. He saw a building apparently owned by the San Diego Lions Club. Wouldn't it nice to have our own club house?



Lion Scott's photo of San Diego Lions Club House

Board of Directors Meeting - July 28

Your Board meets monthly to manage the Club's business. All members are welcome to attend the meetings (in the lower level of American Legion Post 177, currently starting at 7:30pm). This meeting was chaired by Vice President Maggie Reidy, in KL Jim's absence. A few of the actions taken:

- Approved previous Board meeting's minutes
- Discussed plan for IPP Gary to introduce the Lion of the Year at Aug 5th Vol-of-the-Year Ceremony

- Discussed who will represent FHLC at the District's Visitation Kick-off Lunch (see calendar)
- In view of the LCI President's call for Service (see page 1), discussed FHLC's balance of service activities and social activities. The Board seeks ideas from members for service events, and will encourage members to be more involved in service. One specific idea is to ask more members to pick-up donated eyeglasses for our recycling service. The Club will also organize a visit to the Eyeglass Recycling Center, to see what they do, and how we can help.
- VP Maggie will collect donated plastic pill bottles to help Lion Bonnie in that recycling mission.
- We will invite a presentation on the County's "Sustain Fairfax" program.
- FHLC will gratefully accept a donation of former Fairfax Lion Jim Dellinger's Lions shirts.
- We will invite a demo from the TJ HS students building cars that drive themselves.
- We approved an Honorary Membership Certificate for Lion Bruce Myers.

- Budget - the Board is considering making member annual dues (\$200) a one-time payment each year, or auto-billing 12 monthly payments (\$20). More TBD.
- The Club received sales proceeds of two donated cars, for the Charity Budget.
- Storage Unit - the Board thinks a more cost effective solution may be found to replace our current storage unit. More TBD.
- Tentative dates discussed for Holiday Party (Sunday Brunch, mid-December), and Charter Night (March 20, 2027).
- Agreed to make the position of "Assistant Secretary" a Board member.
- Next Board meeting will tentatively start at 7pm.

Calendar

July 31 - Training: Listen-up Hearing Screening(2-6pm)

Learn to use the new screening device for young children.

Interested? Email Lion Marty ASAP mlockard8@outlook.com

Aug 4 - Vote: Virginia Primary Election

(For all offices on Nov 3rd general election ballot)

Aug 4 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Aug 5 - Fairfax **Volunteer-of-the-Year** Ceremony

Lion of the Year recognized, 7:30pm, Sherwood Center

Aug 11 - "Dining for Dollars," Vienna Fosters Grille

Aug 18 - FHLC Dinner Social (at Foster's Grille)

Aug 22 - Lions Visitation Kick-Off & Awards Lunch

[Click here; mail registration to arrive by August 15](#)

Aug 25 - Board Meeting (all members welcome)

Aug 30 - [American Muscle Car & Bike Show](#) (Post 177)

Coming up

Sep 1 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Oct 10 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! Fall Festival

Beer & Food Stand fund raiser

[Fairfax Inter-Service Club Council \(ISCC\)](#)

Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony

The signature event hosted by ISCC is the annual Volunteer of the Year Ceremony. Selected members of participating ISCC organizations (including FHLC Lion-of-the-Year) receive the Volunteer of the Year Award, and acknowledgment for their service and dedication to their community. **All are invited to come to see our dedicated community members be honored.**

Recognition & Reception

August 5, 2026 7:30PM (arrive by 7:15!)

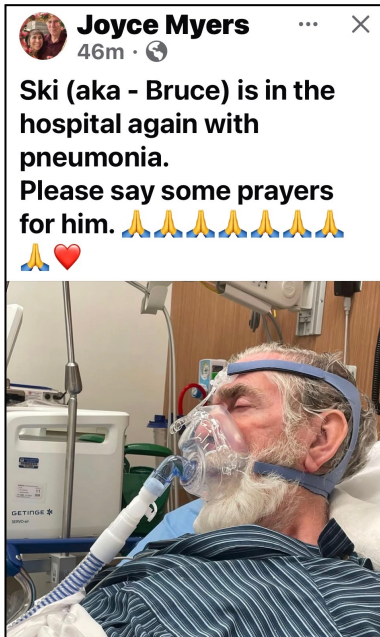
Stacey C. Sherwood Center

3740 Blenheim Blvd, Fairfax

Lion News

Fairfax Lions Sad News

1VP Lion Maggie forwarded this update from Lion Joyce...posted on Facebook:



From *District 24L Web page*

Call to Service

"A Week of Service" is a call to action for Lions and Leos around the world to serve three dedicated focus areas during three special weeks:

- Vision – October 8-18, 2026
- Youth– February 13-21, 2027
- Environment – May 29-June 6, 2027

24L's Instagram page: (https://www.instagram.com/virgina_lions_24l/)

Has a photo of the instrument used in the Listen-Up state-wide hearing screening program.



Other News

Lion Travels

The newsletter editor had an opportunity to fly into Oklahoma City airport (Will Rogers Airport) recently...and noted very large and distinctive symbols on the airport grounds - references to Native Americans, who all were here first.

IRON FEATHERS

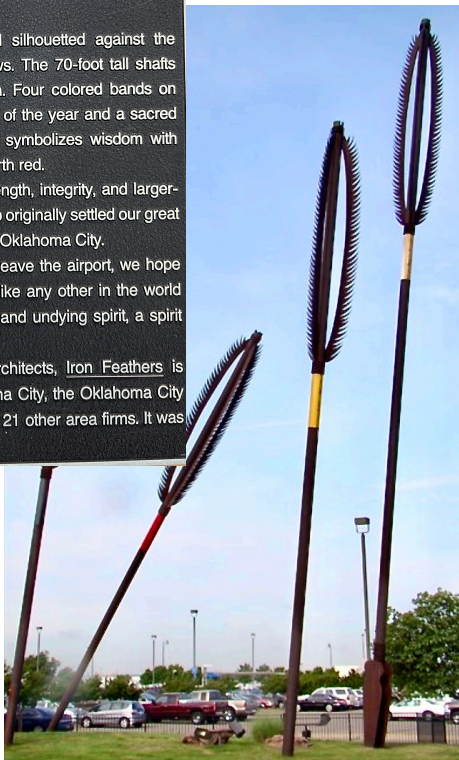
This gateway symbol to Oklahoma City located at Will Rogers World Airport is a gesture of greeting to visitors and residents. It reminds us of our Native American heritage. The name Oklahoma, chosen in 1866, in fact derives from Choctaw Indian words meaning "red people".

Set in a meadow of wildflowers and silhouetted against the Oklahoma sky are four monumental arrows. The 70-foot tall shafts of steel are historically accurate in design. Four colored bands on the shafts represent both the four seasons of the year and a sacred number to many tribes. The rusting steel symbolizes wisdom with age as the color turns a dark Oklahoma earth red.

Thus Iron Feathers symbolizes the strength, integrity, and larger-than-life efforts of the Native Americans who originally settled our great State as it welcomes friends and visitors to Oklahoma City.

When you pass Iron Feathers as you leave the airport, we hope you will realize a true sense of history unlike any other in the world - a legacy of individual strength, courage and undying spirit, a spirit which lives today in our City.

Designed by Elliott + Associates, Architects, Iron Feathers is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Airport Trust, Oklahoma City Beautiful and 21 other area firms. It was dedicated on April 13, 1990.



Send photos of your travels!!!

FX County's "Drone as First Responder"

On behalf of the County, Supervisor Jeff McKay accepted an award, at the 2026 meeting of *National Association of Counties*, for the County's [Drone as First Responder \(DFR\) program](#)

Very cool!



Golden Gazette - Electronic Copy Only

The Golden Gazette is a great publication; in the future it will be available only in electronic form.

The **Golden Gazette** is a free monthly community newsletter that covers a variety of topics and community news concerning older adults and caregivers in Fairfax County.

- **Subscribe** – Don't miss out! Subscribe to get the [electronic](#) version emailed to you. (Unsubscribing? [Electronic](#)).
- **Suggest** – Have a topic idea? Share it in an [email](#).
- **Submit** - To have your event included in the Community Calendar, submit it in an [email](#). All events are due on the first day of the month prior to the issue month.

Another New Scam

Many thanks to Lion Greg DeRosa for this article

“She thought she donated \$50. A tap-to-pay scam took \$1,000 instead” July 27, Susan Tompor, USA TODAY

We're out and about hitting summer fun spots, knocking items off back-to-school lists, and, generally, trying to squeeze in a little sun during what's left of summer. And the scammers? Well, they've got a cool scheme to steal our cash right off our smartphone or smartwatch.

An elaborate scam experienced by a young woman in metro Detroit isn't one that you're hearing about every day. But experts warn that it's simple enough to have a shot at growing in popularity — so watch out.

And the crooks are making big money.

In late June, a 29-year-old woman agreed to donate \$50 after she was approached at a Walmart by two guys who appeared to be high school students.

Giving anyone \$50 is a pretty generous gesture in my book. But maybe she felt some connection when the young men told her that they were raising money to travel to tour some colleges.

According to the police report, the men approached her shortly after 6:30 p.m. Saturday,

June 27, and asked whether she would be willing to make a donation.

Per their suggestion, the woman used a tap-to-pay contactless payment system on her iPhone. But she later told police that she simply assumed she was giving \$50. She did not check the exact dollar amount on the payment system.



Later that evening, according to the report she filed with police, the woman discovered after reviewing her account that the transaction ended up being for \$1,000 — not \$50.

Walmart did not respond to questions from the Detroit Free Press, part of the USA TODAY Network, about whether the retailer has seen an uptick of similar requests for donations or scams targeting shoppers.

It's an ongoing scam that all of us need to avoid

Tap-to-pay scammers bet on you being nice — and being in a rush

You might be living in the moment, even appearing a little distracted. And someone might come up to you with a story — maybe they're raising money for a sick relative, maybe they need to cover the cost of a funeral, maybe they're collecting money for a charity, you name it.

Then, they'll ask for a relatively small donation and they'll ask you to use tap-to-pay feature on your card or mobile wallet to steal money through your



credit or debit card. Scammers count on us tapping without checking how much is being charged or the business name receiving the payment, experts warn. And they're going to rush you

through the process — or know you're in a rush to get your shopping done or get your dinner on the table.

Pro tip here

Walk on by, as superstar Dionne Warwick would tell you. Hold tight to your phone or tap-to-pay cards when you start to hear a stranger sharing their sob story on the street.

It's a real in-person scam that's costing consumers real money.

One consumer [lost \\$537](#) on one of these tap-to-pay scams when buying candy in a supposed door-to-door fundraiser for special needs students, according to a Better Business Bureau alert. Another victim lost \$1,100.

According to a BBB alert, some victims lose money without even handing over their credit cards. Criminals are able to use wireless devices to steal money without touching your card, the BBB warned. It's called "ghost tapping."

In some schemes, the crooks attempt to get close to you in public spaces, [possibly "accidentally" bumping into you](#) as a way to be near enough to your phone or tap-enabled card to start an unauthorized payment. Yet, this type of scam appears very limited in scope.

The term "ghost tapping" refers to contactless fraud where someone doesn't have your credit card or debit card in hand but instead tries to engineer a tap-to-pay transaction without your authorization.

The scammers use a device to collect data off your card, according to consumer watchdogs.

Get a 'refusal script'

Amy Nofziger, senior director of victim support for the AARP Fraud Watch Network, explained that scammers are catching people off guard. The con artists know how to distract you and then quickly charge more money than you've agreed to pay by exploiting tap-to-pay technology.

Often, Nofziger said, consumers will call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline to complain about a sudden unauthorized charge on their accounts. They're not sure how it got there. It could be the result of "ghost tapping," identity theft or a lost or stolen card. It's hard to tell the kind of scam that took place.

As we're hearing more reports of fundraising-related scams, though, it's essential to become more guarded when someone approaches you in a seemingly innocent way on the street or going door-to-door in your neighborhood.

"Just like we prepare ourselves with personal safety when we're out in public, people need to prepare themselves for financial safety when we're out in public," Nofziger told the Detroit Free Press.

Be aware that if you're out in a parking lot, she said, that someone might come up to you and give

you a sad story about something and ask for a donation.

"Have a refusal script," Nofziger advises.

Be prepared to say something like, "I do not give money to unknown organizations or people I don't know."

Or maybe, I'd suggest, just keep walking. Seriously. Keep moving, do not engage and do not pull out your mobile wallet, credit card or debit card

A red flag of a tap-to-pay scam is that the person on the street or going door to door often refuses to take cash, Nofziger said. If you give cash, you might lose \$5 or \$10 to a crook. But if you offer money via a mobile wallet, the risk is much higher.

Nofziger said we might start to see some more in-person fraud, frankly, because we can't hang up on the scammers.

Many people are well trained now, she said, not to answer calls from unknown numbers. Or if they do pick up, they're more likely at some point to hang up on someone calling out of the blue and claiming you owe money for your taxes or utilities.

But we're more uncertain when someone is standing in front of us.

"It's harder to say no," Nofziger said. "That's why we have to practice our refusal script and our no."

She urges people to **call the AARP Fraud Watch Network helpline at 877-908-3360 if they suspect a scam** or that they've lost money to a scam. Fraud specialists can help guide you on what steps to take next.

If you think you've been scammed, you need to report the charges to your bank or card company as soon as you realize you've lost money. You want to stop more fraud from taking place and see if you're able to possibly get a refund.

Ways to protect your money from tap-to-pay scams

The Michigan Attorney General and other consumer watchdogs offer these tips as well:

- Read before you tap. Check the screen for the merchant's name, the total amount being charged, and what's being listed as a dollar amount for a tip. Make sure no one is charging you an inflated amount on a purchase.
- Don't rush. If someone pressures you to tap quickly, slow down or walk away. Don't get caught up in any conversations where you lose your focus on the transaction.
- Keep a close eye on any unfamiliar charges, including odd small charges that can be a

sign of early fraudulent activity. Alert your bank quickly.

- Set up alerts from your bank or card company to know when a charge goes through.
- Use a radio frequency identification (RFID)-blocking wallet or sleeve to stop your card from being read through your pocket or purse.
- Turn off tap-to-pay — near field communication or NFC — on your phone when you're not using it.
- Check your phone. If you use Apple Pay or a similar app, make sure your phone must be unlocked to make a payment and review every notification.

Question for Fairfax Lions...we use tap-to-pay technology, and the Zeffy app, for legitimate transactions. Will growing awareness of Tap-to-pay scammers impact our business?

Homeward Bound?

Matt Damon trying to get home is the best genre of film that humans have ever created.



Dad Joke (for a College Professor?)



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

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