



Fairfax Lions Club - Since 1951

The Bob Stahl Memorial Newsletter for Oct 2026

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Service

“Readers” EyeGlasses For The Lamb Center

Lion Marty Lockard, after an absence (more on that under [Lion News](#)), is back to assuring The Lamb Center has “Readers” for its clients. Marty gets the readers from the [No VA Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center](#) (LERC NOVA). Marty has inventoried the reading glasses on-hand at The Lamb Center; these quantities are needed, Marty is working to get them from LERC NOVA:

<u>Magnification Power</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1.00	25
2.25	50
2.50	25
2.75	25
3.00	50

Recycling Prescription Pill Bottles

We get email requests for information on donating plastic RX bottles. Here is one, FYI:

Email dated, Sep 2, 2026:

Hello, are you still accepting used prescription bottles? If so can I drop some off?

Thanks!

FHLC Reply dated, Sep 2, 2026:

Yes we do. They need to be clean (hot soapy wash and rinse the inside) and remove all labels.

Please drop them in a plastic bag in one of our eyeglass collection boxes (Fairfax City Regional Library, or American Legion Post 177 are two easy to find locations in FX City). Does that help?

Response, Sep 2, 2026:

It sure does. Thanks for your reply and all you do.



Whoever picks them up from the eyeglass collection boxes can bring them to dinner meetings for Lion Bonnie Short who sends them off.

See: <https://www.fairfaxlions.org/?s=pill>

[Vision Screening at Local Schools](#)

Each year, as we approached Fall, we usually have several schools ask us to schedule vision screening vision & hearing of students. The first three school vision and hearing screenings for 2026-2027 are scheduled close together in October: Oct 8, Oct 13, Oct 14, and, Oct 22. If you want to participate (no experience needed, learn from other Lions), let the Screening Chair - Lions [Marty Lockard](#) - now. (Click to send email.)

- Our Charity Fund Raising - [Fall Festival](#)

The Fall Festival is on Saturday, October 10th. It is a key fund raiser for us, plus we have a good time selling brats/dogs/beer. **HELP NEEDED ON BEER TEAMS!!!** Click to: [Sign-up NOW](#) Invite family, neighbors, students, etc to help!

[Fruit Sales](#)

The Fruit Sale Committee has explored alternatives for our usual Citrus Fruit Sales.

Traditionally, we held sales in Nov, Dec, and Mar - IF quality fruit was available (a problem in recent years). Merrifield Lions Club suggested we consult their vendor ("Florida Indian River Groves" in Vero Beach, FL). We did; it is promising. They offer quality navel oranges, mandarins and grapefruit - but bulk orders (like we do) are only available in December. Their fruit is picked and immediately shipped, and appears to be fresh and good quality; the Committee thinks it is worth pursuing. They also offer mail-order fruit sent directly to customers. The Committee is working with Indian River for our fruit sale December 10-12 (pre-orders start in October). The vendor will set up software for pre-sales. We will sell Naval oranges, mandarins, Ruby Red grapefruit, a party pack of mixed fruit, and five choices of Whitley's peanuts.

Vehicle Donation Program

Another vehicle has been donated (by a Lion family member)! We do not have information yet on how much the donated car will sell for, or the Club's share of that amount.

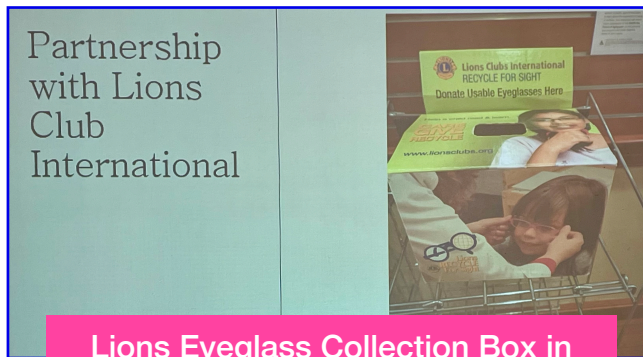
As always, be thinking about referring friends and neighbors to this easy and charitable way to get rid of a used vehicle! See our [web page](#).

Club Meetings

Dinner Meeting - Sep1st

As students returned to school, we were excited to welcome our guest speaker Andrea Castillo, the Adult Services Manager at the [City of Fairfax Regional Library](#). Andrea spoke about resources available at the library...including the Virginia Room, which maintains a collection rich in regional history and genealogy, as well as local and state government information and legal resources.

Of course, the Library has a Lions eyeglass donation box.



Lions Eyeglass Collection Box in Library

Your newsletter editor could not attend the meeting and is happy Lions forwarded information and photos from the meeting.



**Grandpa Jeff and
Chocolate Pretzel**



KL Jim Thanks Andrea

Photo on left is Lion Jeff celebrating the Sep 1 birth of granddaughter - with chocolate pretzels that

looked a bit like cigars. (More, see Lion News)

Dinner Meeting - Sep 15th

District 24L Governor Chuck Schwab spoke about his vision for 24L, what he's hearing around the Commonwealth, and experiences as a Lion. And, new Lion Roberto Valladares was inducted into Lionism! A few photos...



Board of Directors Meeting - Sep 22nd

Your newsletter editor could not attend the meeting, but received notes from others who attended:

- At the 24L Fall Conference on September 19, Fairfax Lions were awarded the 2025-2026 Club District Excellence Award.
- A donation to the Club was received from former Lion Marilyn Tanner.
- VP Maggie Reidy reported 15 Fairfax High School students will help with food and drink sales at the Fall Festival.
- New Lions: Roberto Valladares was oriented on Sep 14, and he was initiated on Sep 15. Orientation needs to be scheduled for Rachel Schreiman.
- NORTHERN VIRGINIA EYE CLINIC: The Club's previous donation (spring 2026) is being matched by Lions of VA Foundation; a request to LCI for additional funds was endorsed by District Governor Chuck Schwab. The total donation would purchase a laser eye machine for the clinic.

Calendar (BUSY MONTH!)

Oct 6 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Oct 7 - ISCC meeting

Oct 8 - Vision/Hearing Screening

Oct 10 - Fall Festival - FHLC Beer & Food Stand

Oct 12 - Columbus Day

Oct 13 & 14 - Vision/Hearing Screening

Oct 13 - "Dining for Dollars," Vienna Fosters Grille

Oct 15 - White Cane Safety Day

Oct 20 - FHLC Dinner meeting

Oct 22 - Vision Hearing Screening

Oct 27 - On-line Fruit Sales page open (Dec sale)

Oct 27 - Board Meeting (all members welcome)

Oct 31 - Halloween

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Nov 1 - DST ends

Nov 3 - Mid-Term National Elections

Dec 12 - Fairfax Lions Holiday Party

White Cane Day?



Many Lions clubs participate in activities to promote awareness & support for visually impaired individuals. Events include educational programs, fundraising, and community outreach to enhance

understanding and support for the visually impaired community.

See: [White Cane activity in District 24L](#)

Fairfax Inter-Service Club Council (ISCC)

The ISCC met Sep 2nd at the Fairfax Moose Lodge (recently renamed from Centreville Moose).

The speaker was John Patton, founder of [Street Charity](https://streetcharity.org) in Atlanta. They offer a “modern solution” to hunger...\$5 gift cards redeemable at any fast food outlet (McDonalds, Burger King, etc). Each \$5 card costs \$6.99. See video: https://streetcharity.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/01-Intro-Video-Final_28MB.mp4.



The ISCC acknowledged Fairfax Lions teaming with Kiwanis and Woman's Clubs to install Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in three city parks.

And, the City's representative from the Parks and Rec Dept announced that Department has changed its name to: *Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department*. This change does not reflect a new mission, but instead the actual work of the Department.

Lions News

Welcome Back Lion Marty Lockard

From Lion Marty: *"I am now back to my volunteer activities that include Fairfax Host Lions Club and The Lamb Center. I was out 2 months recovering from a shoulder replacement and another 10 months of cancer treatment."*

Congratulations Marty - its GREAT you're back!

Grandparents Jeff and Penny Root

We celebrate with Lion Jeff and Penney, their becoming grandparents (a second time) on Sep 1. Jeff announced: *"Caitlyn Burke Wilkinson was born at 5:36 AM! She weighed nine pounds, was 20 1/2 inches long, and had a full head of hair. Everyone is doing great!"*



Congratulations to Lion Jeff, Penny, and family!

90th BD Congratulations to Lion Joe Breda!

Joe celebrated his 1936 birth on Sep 12th. Here's to many more!



Sadly: We Lost Two Lions in September



Bruce Myers: after a very long, severe illness, Lion Bruce passed on Sep 19th. A Celebration of Bruce's life is planned for Nov 7th, 6:30pm, Elks Lodge at 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22031



Karen Parker: Long time Lion, Past District Gov, and Past President of FHLC Karen passed on Sep 19th after an accidental fall and serious head injury. Stay tuned for details.

Addresses for sympathy cards:

Mrs. Bruce Myers
9915 Oleander Ave.
Vienna, VA 22181

PCC Harry Parker
8701 Braeburn Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

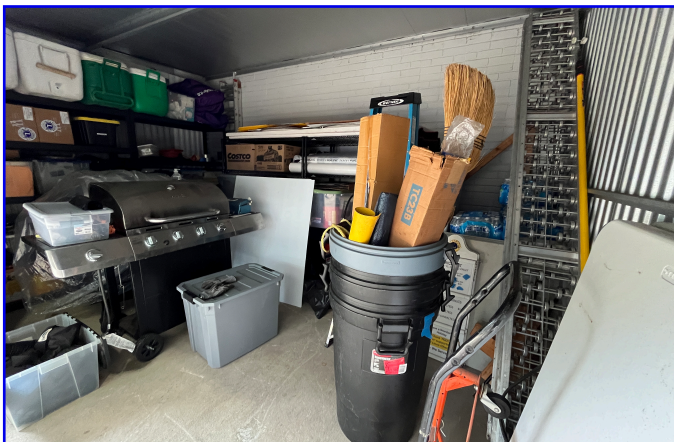
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NEW STORAGE SHED

Recall, the Board of Directors sanctioned a search for a new storage shed - seeking to lower the monthly cost we have been paying to Storage Mart. Lion Joe Rovanseck did the legwork - exploring alternative locations/prices, and negotiating with Storage Mart.

Result: we moved into a different storage unit (only slightly smaller than previous one) while staying within the same storage Storage Mart facility. And, we are saving substantial monthly rent with the new unit. The new “shed” (**unit number 1101**) is under cover with drive-up access - like the old one. Lion Joe cleared the old unit and moved all Club’s stored “stuff” into the new unit. (We do not like to disclose too many financial details in this newsletter; if you are interested in specific monthly savings, you are welcome at monthly Board meetings - or, just ask!)

By the way, when you visit our new shed you will see a BRAND NEW GAS GRILL - with our thanks to an anonymous donor. It will come in handy at the Fall Festival!



NEW STORAGE SHED, Unit 1101



**New Grill
Thanks to
Anonymous
Donor**

From Lions Clubs International

You may recall our LCI President's theme is being "Rooted in Service" - service...which creates lasting change and gives us purpose.



Mark S. Lyon,
2026-27 Lions Clubs
International
President

Mark is from Brookfield, CT. Prior to his retirement in March 2024, he worked in corporate legal administration and financial services with several major corporations and banks for more than 40 years. He joined Brookfield Lions Club in 1996.

Since joining Lions, Lyon has served in numerous leadership roles throughout the association, including international director, multiple district council chairperson and multiple district Global Leadership Team coordinator. He also served as a member of the LCI Forward project team, a Global Action Team area leader, a District Governor-Elect Seminar group leader and board liaison to the 2019 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Executive Committee. In addition, he has contributed as a presenter, faculty member and participant at leadership forums and training events around the world.

"Lions are at their best when we unite in service and leadership to strengthen our communities and support people in need."

From [District 24L Web page](#) Fall Conference, Sep 22

The District web page has photos from the Fall conference. Go to [this page](#), and scroll sown to see the photos.

Among them are photos of D24L 1VDG Greg DeRosa,



and FHLC PP Karen DeRosa...



Other News - Lion Travels

Your newsletter editor was recently in Lyon, France. The city's coat of arms features a silver/white lion. But, the name of the city has no link with the animal Lion, as the city name is from the Latin name **Lugdunum**.

But the linguistic closeness (Lyon & Lion) is thought possibly to have given inspiration to such imagistic graphical content in the coat of arms. A few photos from Lyon...

Coat of arms of Lyon



Dad Jokes



Another great actor lost to drugs and alcohol



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.

"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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