



Inter-Service Club Council of the City of Fairfax

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 8 January, 2020
12:00 PM
Red Lobster

ISCC Minutes 6 November 2019

President Larson called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. 17 individuals representing 19 organizations were present. President Larson gave the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Teresa Piccolo was introduced as the new Service Source representative.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as read.

Vice President Leightley had nothing to report.

Treasurer Lauther reported a balance of \$773.93 as of 30 September. Dues have been received from all but 2 organizations.

Immediate Past President Conklin had nothing to report.

President Larson deferred to business.

NEW BUSINESS

Immediate Past President Conklin installed Larry Larson as President for 2019-2020. President Larson then installed Al Leightley as Vice President, Connie Lauther as Treasurer and Cathy Kelleher as Secretary.

There was a lengthy discussion about appropriate speakers for the ISCC. Some groups looking for donations have been

asking to speak, but the consensus was that that the ISCC, as a group of representatives of various charitable organizations, was not an appropriate venue for pleas for support from our individual organizations. The consensus was that we needed to hear more about community needs that our individual organizations might choose to fill. Also experts in various problems facing our community and schools in the face of dramatic demographic changes. We also need to hear more from George Mason University about all the changes that are going on, and consider their population as a source of volunteers and members. We need to hear more about sources of recruiting and retention.

President Larson adjourned the meeting at 1:05 P.M.

City of Fairfax



Parks and Recreation

2019 HOLIDAY MARKET

First 3 weekends of December: 6th - 8th, 13th - 15th & 20th - 22nd

Fridays: 5 - 8 PM

Saturdays: 12 - 6 PM

Sundays: 12 - 4 PM

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS

Saturday, December 7th

12 - 6 PM

Old Town Hall/Square

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 14th
Three time slots – 11 AM, 12 PM & 1 PM
Old Town Hall

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Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC).
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Small Business Focus. Big Business Results.

The busy holiday season is upon us! Once again, the Chamber is partnering with the City of Fairfax's Office of Economic Development to encourage supporting small businesses within the City of Fairfax. During Small Business Saturday, we kicked off with the Elf Hunt. There are 30 elves hidden in businesses throughout the City of Fairfax. Shoppers need only to find ten in order to win prizes and a chance for a grand prize of

\$250. In addition we are participating with many other businesses in the holiday window decorating contest.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Holiday Networking Mixer to be held on Wednesday, December 11th from 530 until 730 at the Auld Shebeen.

Look for Jennifer at the Holiday Markets on Friday, December 13th and December 20th where she will be helping the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee and the IDCC sell hot chocolate to shoppers.

Want to learn more about all the Chamber does? Come to our Chamber 101 Lunch and Learn on Tuesday, December 17th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Civitan Club of Fairfax

Our annual Club holiday party was held at the Oakton ServiceSource building in the afternoon of Sunday 1 December. The Club provided the ham, and the many Club members and friends provided potluck foods plus fellowship and good cheer. After dinner, we engaged in Yankee Swap gift exchanges. Also, unwrapped toys were brought by members, and these will become Toys for Tots.

On 8 December, a number of the CRI small group homes will have a Christmas party at the Burke Lake Home.

Several times each year, our Club arranges for a Variety Show to be presented, primarily (though not exclusively) for folks with disabilities. This is both a service contribution and a fund raiser. The next Variety Show will be at ServiceSource in Chantilly on 12 December.

Fairfax Civitan's "turn" at the Fairfax City Holiday Market is mid-day on Sunday 22 December. In this partnership with the City, the City will provide the food; our Club members will sell and serve hot chocolate

and s'mores; and the visitors to the Holiday Market will enjoy the treats.

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Downtown Fairfax Coalition

Happy Holidays to all!

Jim Wyckoff, Jr.: jewyckoffjr@aol.com



FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

This fall hundreds of bulbs and pansies were planted in the Kitty Pozer Garden.

Fairfax Ferns decorated Old Town Hall on Nov 25.

Members soup and salad Christmas event will be Monday Dec 9.

Ferns will be participating in the Holiday Market on Saturday Dec 14 selling wreaths and other Christmas decorations. Please stop by and shop.

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

Our Chapter continued the tradition of sharing a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings to 185 of our fellow citizens, who happen to be homeless, at The Lamb Center on November 27th. Twenty Chapter volunteers stepped up to help prepare a tremendous and healthy feast to share. They

also helped with the serving and the warmth of good food and fellowship was abundant. It was a cloudy day outside, but inside it was especially sunny. We are thankful indeed for this association.

We will busy on December 7th participating in Adopt-a-Spot with Patriot H-D to keep our community looking spic and span.

Christmas Stockings are being filled to support the Salvation Army's Christmas Program. We are not sure who has the most fun, those that fill them or the families who empty them during the holidays. The Christmas stockings are now starting to return filled with gifts that will bring joy to parents and children who will likely not receive much else. Cash donations will also help fill the gift lists. Certainly the holiday spirit is in the air and we are grateful for this opportunity to share.

On December 14th a team of Chapter elves will be busy at Santa's Workshop at the Salvation Army assembling bikes and other toys and put together gift boxes for less fortunate families. On December 17 and 18, we will be on hand to help deliver the Christmas packages to the families qualified by the Salvation Army. More great times.

We appreciate the blessings of being involved in our community during the past year. We look forward to new riding activities in 2020. Safety training and community support activities will be similar to 2019 and solid components of our 2020 Program.

Our Chapter membership includes 450 members who are a diverse and energetic group. The Chapter publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains its own web page at www.fairfaxhog.com.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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**Fairfax City
Regional Library**

**10360 North Street
Fairfax, VA 22030**
703-293-6227 | TTY: 711
Sun.: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Mon. - Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The City of Fairfax Regional Library offers a wide range of events for all ages, including children's programs, ESL Conversation groups and tutoring, technology help, book discussions, genealogy and local history programs, and much more.
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events/>

.Katie Clary: kvclary@mindspring.com



**Friends of
Fairfax Station**

Saturday, December 7
30th Annual Holiday Train Show (10:00 am -5:00 pm) Come see model trains of every size, shape and description at our annual Holiday Train Show!
Special admission rates apply.

Sunday, December 8
30th Annual Holiday Train Show (12:00 pm - 4:00 pm) Get into the holiday spirit and visit us for our biggest model train show of the year.
Special admission rates apply.

Sunday, December 15
Holiday Tea (1:00 pm -4:00 pm)
Relax and enjoy local history with our annual Holiday Tea

Sunday, December 22
Closed for the holidays

Sunday, December 29
Closed for the holidays

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**Kiwanis Club
of Fairfax**

We are doing stocking stuffers for the Salvation Army

We will be doing Christmas food shopping for 2 families

We will be picking up food for young minds from Sandy Springs bank

We will be doing the apple cider at the festival of lights

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**Knights of Columbus
Father Diamond Council 6292**

The Council holds business meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month at 8 PM in Providence Hall at St Leo the Great Catholic Church. Web site: WWW.6292.kofc.com.

December Activities:

Dec 1 – Christmas Tree Sales start until 21 December at St Leo the Great School

Dec 7 – Annual Council Christmas Party

Dec 9 – Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center

Dec 14 – Provide Christmas Baskets for the Needy

Dec 14 - Feed the Homeless in DC

Dec 15 – Breakfast with Santa after 7:30 and 9 AM Masses

Dec 24 – KOVAR Collections at the ABC Stores

Dec 31 – KOVAR Collections at the ABC Stores

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Fairfax Lions Club



We Serve

Since 1951

Thanksgiving Food Baskets for Deserving Local Families

For decades Fairfax Lions have provided holiday food baskets to deserving families in our community. This year we delivered holiday food baskets to local families selected by the Main Street Child Development Center. (More on MSCDC at <http://www.mainstreetcdc.org>). On Tuesday, November 25, Fairfax Lions met at the MSCDC facility and presented Thanksgiving food baskets to 25 local families. We are proud to serve people in our community!



Outstanding Citrus Fruit Sale, Nov 21-23

November was a wonderful charity fund raising month. Fairfax Lions Club conducted its first of three fruit sales on Nov 21-23. Our newest offering, Sol Zest Mandarins sold out by noon on the first day (Thursday), and we sold all the fruit by noon of the third day, Saturday. We also sold surprisingly large quantities of Whitley's VA peanuts (one customer bought 12 CASES, 144 large cans, of peanuts) and Vermont Maple Syrup. As is our practice, some fruit was donated to The Lamb Center, a drop-in center for the

homeless, poor, those suffering from substance abuse, and those with mental and physical disabilities. More fruit was donated for our food baskets given to poor families with children at Thanksgiving. A total of 190 hours of volunteer time by our members made the sale a huge success.

Next Fruit Sale Dec 12-14!!!! Come early for best selection.

Assisting Tele-Rehab Appointments for Visually Impaired

At our Nov 19 Dinner Meeting, Lion Suleiman Alibhai introduced a new service project for our Club. Starting in January, volunteer Lions will be trained (in Dr Alibhai's Low Vision Clinic) to use video teleconference equipment - basically an iPad mini. Once trained, Lions will setup the equipment in homes of ten low-vision patients to enable them to meet their doctor by videoconference. Previous trials have concluded Lions have been a valuable assist for patients in establishing the teleconference link, especially for patients challenged by lack of technology familiarity. Meeting their doctor on video teleconference eliminates the need to go to the doctor's facility (many of the patients are not able to drive). A team of two Lions will visit each of the ten patient's homes; the time required for each setup and videoconference is estimated to be an hour or less. This is an outstanding opportunity for our club to expand its current vision service, with minimal effort - and yielding significant benefit to patients. Initial training will be in early January.

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Fairfax Rotary is very active and engaged in December. We had distributed US Constitution booklets to all 8th graders at Lanier Middle School and had lovely presentation that was attended by Mayor Meyer and Fairfax City School Superintendent Dr. Phyllis Pajardo. In addition, we will begin distributing dictionaries to all 3rd graders in the elementary schools that feed into Fairfax High School. Often times, this is the first book owned by some of these students. And, they actually use their dictionaries for many years to come!

Look for Rotarians on Saturday, December 7th and Saturday, December 14th at the Safeway and the Walmart as they ring the bell for The Salvation Army.

On December 16, we will host our annual Outreach Christmas Party that will serve families provided by the Salvation Army. 30-40 children and their families will be treated to Chick-Fil-A, games, activities, gifts, stockings, and a visit from Santa! A group of Girl Scouts will also provide a large selection of gently used books for our guests to take.

This event is the highlight of our Rotary year.

The Club was treated to an update recently on our international projects - a water project in Zambia and Honduras and a literacy project in Guatemala.

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Salvation Army

Women's Auxiliary

The Salvation Army Auxiliary of Fairfax is assisting the Corps with holiday

preparations. They built boxes for Angel tree families gifts and clothing and will begin sorting through stockings in the coming days. Stockings are due at the Corps by Monday, December 9. Distribution of holiday assistance packages begins December 17. The Kettle Program can still use volunteers. With 30 sites for kettles until 12/24, you can help with a morning, afternoon or a day. Call Major Don Wilson at 703-385-8700 for more info.

All those involved with the Salvation Army in Fairfax extend a hearty thanks to the Waterford in Fair Oaks. With the Corps supplying only the turkey and acting as greeters, the Waterford provided and served a full sit-down dinner for over 250 needy in the community.

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Teresa Piccolo



UPCOMING EVENTS AND COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS

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Shepherd Center Fairfax Burke (SCFB)

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SCFB is dedicated to helping older adults continue to live independently, and to providing enrichment and social networking opportunities that keep life exciting and rewarding. For SCFB significant future and below activities see our web site www.scfbva.org.

Shepherd Center provided 185 rides in November to seniors who no longer drive for medical appointments and shopping.

For SCFB significant future activities and for more information on the below activities see our web site www.scfbva.org:

Lunch in Life - The next Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) Lunch and Life event will be held at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Rd., Burke, VA 22032 on Thursday, January 16, 2019 from 12 noon to 2 PM. The luncheon entertainment will be by the the Barbershop Quartet, "Just Four Grins". Come enjoy a delicious catered lunch and lively entertainment.

Cost: Lunch and Entertainment - \$10.00 per person. Please contact Bea Stephenson for reservations at 703-273-5730. Deadline for reservations is November 15, 2019. Please contact SCFB a week prior to event date if you require transportation to the luncheon, and we will try to find a ride for you. SCFB's office phone number is 703-323-4788

Fall/Winter 2019 EXERCISE CLASSES –

Sponsored by SCFB. SCFB offers exercise classes for older adults designed to build strength and improve balance and flexibility. All levels of ability are welcome. Call the SCFB office, [703-426-2824](tel:703-426-2824), for class information.

Monday Exercise Classes_

November 18 – December 16, 2019 (5 weeks, \$12.50)

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax

Wednesday Exercise Classes
September 4 – December 4, 2019 (14 weeks, \$35)
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
The Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence
6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke

Friday Exercise Classes
November 22 – December 20, 2019 (4 weeks, \$10)
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. (No class on Nov 29)
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

SCFB sponsors a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of **each month** (Noon-1:30 p.m.) for caregivers to learn and share with others experiencing similar challenges. Before attending, it is required to contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at [703-451-8626](tel:703-451-8626) or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY AT THE MOVIES –

Sponsored by SCFB. Second Wednesday of each month; **Upcoming, October 9, November 13, and December 11.** Cinema Arts Theatre, 9650 Main Street, Fairfax. Discounted tickets for seniors; \$5.50. The group meets after the movie for a short discussion of the film. Transportation may be provided if you call the transportation office ([703-323-4788](tel:703-323-4788)) a week prior to the movie date. Contact Anne Allen, at [703-978-5973](tel:703-978-5973), for movie selection and other details.

HANDY HELPERS – Sponsored by SCFB

A free service to help seniors in the Fairfax/Burke area. SCFB volunteers will provide *minor* home repairs, small housekeeping jobs, and limited yard work. Actions include replacing light bulbs, filters, batteries hanging pictures and curtains inside. Outside, trimming, planting and raking the yard. Plumbing and electrical work cannot be offered. Materials and supplies should be provided by the client and requests should be submitted well in advance of needed service. If you would like to receive

such assistance, contact Barry Wickersham at [703-359-2918](tel:703-359-2918), or at aowbrw@verizon.net to make arrangements.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

SCFB serves those 50+ seniors who no longer drive through their transportation support programs. If you no longer drive and need transportation to a medical appointment (Mon – Fri) or an accompanied shopping drive (offered Tues p.m. and Fri a.m.), contact the SCFB transportation phone number [703-323-4788](tel:703-323-4788), at least five days in advance, to make arrangements for your driver.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for SCFB TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS.

Volunteer Drivers are needed for trips to medical appointments (Monday - Friday) and companion shopping (Tuesday, Friday) within the Fairfax-Burke area and to medical appointments (Monday - Friday) in the South County area. **Office volunteers** are also needed to schedule rides. **Bilingual volunteers** (English and Spanish) are especially needed as drivers and office volunteers. If you can volunteer your time, please email **Jean Browne** at recruiter@scfb.org or call Jean at [703-715-7592](tel:703-715-7592).

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Sorooptimist International of Fairfax County

We will participate in the Holiday Market on 15 December. Our Christmas celebration is December 14. Ornament sales are finishing.

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General Federation of Women's Clubs 

Woman's Club of Fairfax

Our club participated in the Fairfax Holiday Craft Fair and made a nice profit from the sale of our baked goods. We practically sold out on the first day. Proceeds go to our scholarship fund.

On December 8, our club will have a booth at the Fairfax Holiday Market. We will be selling s'mores and hot cocoa, along with homemade cookies. We will also have a craft table set up for children, as we did last year, which was very popular.

Club members filled Christmas stockings for needy children for the Salvation Army's stocking program.

We sponsored a Thanksgiving family for a family and will also bring them Christmas dinner and presents for the children.

Members are donating gently used coats to the Fairfax Methodist Church for its giveaway program to those who need them.

We sold our Christmas ornaments (this year's depicts the old National Bank of Fairfax) at both Rock the Block, which we hosted in October, and at the Holiday Craft Fair. We also anticipate selling some at the Holiday Market.

I hope everyone has a lovely holiday season with family and friends.

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