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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 5 February, 2020
12:00 PM
Red Lobster

ISCC Minutes 4 December 2019

President Larson called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. Fourteen individuals representing 16 organizations were present. President Larson gave the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Nancy Treaner from the Assistance League of Northern Virginia was a guest.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the 6 November meeting were approved as read.

Vice President Leightley had nothing to report.

Treasurer Lauther reported a balance of \$923.93 as of 31 October. All member organizations have paid their dues. Thanks to all member organizations.

Immediate Past President Conklin had nothing to report.

President Larson deferred to Business.

OLD BUSINESS

New roster is out. Updates should be provided to Kathy Hoffman.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the first Wednesday of January falling on New Year’s Day, the January meeting will be 8 January.

The group agreed that a speaker who could address possible fundraisers would be useful for member organizations. President Larson will seek possible sources for speakers.

Ms. Treaner gave a brief presentation on what the Assistance League does for children in the eleven Title 1 Schools in the County, 2 of which are in the City. Organizations wanting more information about the Assistance League should contact Leslie McKeever at 571-216-3898.

Reports from member organizations were presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM with Best Holiday Wishes to All.

City of Fairfax



Parks and Recreation

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Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee (CLFC). **Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee (CLFC)**

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Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC). **Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC)**

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Central Fairfax
Chamber of Commerce

Small Business Focus. Big Business Results.

WOW! 2019 brought in 96 new members to the Chamber! We capped off our year with our always popular Holiday Networking Mixer at the Auld Shebeen. It was our biggest event in many years, with 90 registered!

We are mourning the loss of long-time board member, Curt Hoffman, who lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer on December 30. Curt worked for the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and was the featured speaker at the Chamber's Annual Economic Summit. Curt was diagnosed in late 2017 and we have not hosted the summit since his diagnosis. We just couldn't imagine doing it without him. He was a true "walking

encyclopedia" of facts about commercial real estate throughout the County. Combine that with his razor-sharp sense of humor and you had a program that was top-notch. We will have to move on without him in 2020, but it won't be easy.

We have two new committees that will be ramping up programs and activity - Women Mean Business (WMB) and Veterans. The WMB Committee will host a monthly Brown Bag Lunch Series the 4th Thursday of the month at noon at the Mason Enterprise Center. They have other things planned for 2020 as well. Stay tuned for those plans and the activity from the Veterans Committee. In addition, we hope to launch a Government Affairs Committee and a Youth Committee in 2020 as well.

We plan to add 120 new members to the Chamber in 2020. If you are interested in learning more about the value of Chamber membership, come to our FREE Chamber 101 Luncheon on Tuesday, January 21 from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

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Civitan Club of Fairfax

December was a month of holiday parties, including parties at small group homes that were visited by a Civitan Santa Claus and Ms. Claus. We also served at the 22 December Fairfax City Holiday Market, where we had fun and made a little money. The City representatives were very friendly and helpful, and the hot chocolate and s'mores were just right on a cold Sunday afternoon.

Our first Fairfax Civitan program/dinner Club meeting is scheduled for 2 January, as usual at the ServiceSource facility in Oakton. The speaker that evening is Brandon Cosby from OAR. OAR works with and helps exoffenders and their families. Also, that

meeting, we will distribute a number of \$500 new member grants.

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Downtown Fairfax Coalition

Happy New Year to ALL!
Lots will be happening this year in the City of Fairfax.
Will inform you as things progress.

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FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday Jan 6 Old Town Hall was Undecorated.
Saturday January 11- Party Glitter: Annual 12th Night Party for all club members at the home of Maggie Pfeifle at 6;30 pm.

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

A group of Harley riders rode out for the first official ride of 2020, our Wind Chill Ride on a very mild New Year's Day. At the same time a group of chapter members put on a New Year's Day Brunch for wounded and recovering service men and women at the USO at Walter Reed Bethesda Army/Navy Hospital. A great start to 2020.

The Chapter enthusiastically joined with many other groups and individuals in the Salvation Army's Christmas Program. Well over 100 Christmas Stockings were filled

along with many more bags of gifts delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution along with cash donations to far less fortunate families in the county.

The Chapter also spent three days helping out at the Salvation Army. Twenty-five members manned the Elf Shop on Dec. 14th to assemble 80 bikes and help with other tasks. On Dec. 17 & 18, twelve Chapter Elves helped move boxes and bikes from the assembly area to the family vehicles coming to receive them. The weather was very cold and raining which was hard on the mothers who had to wait in line. On the plus side there were many happy faces of appreciation.

Our Chapter's charitable activity generates financial support that is distributed to charities in five categories including; kids, community outreach, veterans, police-fire-rescue and critters. In addition, the Chapter has contributed a considerable amount of non-financial effort to several causes such as the Show & Tells, Adopt-a-Spots, Blood Drives, Officer Down and Healing Heroes.

The Chapter has elected and appointed its slate of Officers for 2020. Ray Riddle remains as Director. Linda Collins is our new Community Relations Officer. Planning of 2020 activities will be completed during January. In addition to organized rides and safety training, community support activities will be similar to 2019 and a solid component of our 2020 Program. Our annual Have a Heart Blood Drive at INOVA Fairfax is coming up on February 15th.

The Fairfax Harley Owners Group is a diverse and energetic force of 400 members. The Chapter publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains its own web page at www.fairfaxhog.com

Happy New Year to All.

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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/>

Events sponsored by the Fairfax City Library are now listed on the library web site. Just log on to FCPL, pick branches and then pick the library and then Events. It is amazing how many offerings there are. To highlight a few for adults in January, there are adult book clubs, the Acoustic Coffee House a digital camera workshop, several English conversation groups, and walk-in tech help clinics. Some high school students tutor younger children in math and English. There is a STEM class for Girls Who Code. There are book clubs for kids and lots of reading to toddlers and preschoolers. If a child needs practice reading, they can read to a therapy dog. There are craft classes and family movies. The Olli Players will offer an Ollis' Follies performance. Check out your local library!

The Friends of the Fairfax City Library are just spending money and sorting books every Tuesday. It seems some folks cleaned out their book shelves. We had 3 ½ carts full of Children's books this week (usual number is 2) and many Adult fiction and non-fiction. That bodes well for our book sales March 21-22 and 27-29. Mark your calendars.

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**Friends of
Fairfax Station**

**A Day at the Museum
Sunday, January 12, 2020 (1 PM to 4 PM)**

Let our knowledgeable docents provide personal tours or download our Uniguide Audio Tour and explore the rich local history of Fairfax Station. Tours of the Museum will be held every 30 minutes.

**Washington, Virginia and Maryland
Garden Railway Society**



**Show
Sunday, January 19, 2020 (1 PM to 4 PM)

Please plan on visiting to kickoff our first train show of 2020 featuring the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Garden Railway Society holding its annual G Gauge Model Train Show.

Game Day



**Activities!
Sunday January 26, 2020 (1 PM to 4 PM)**

Join the fun as there will be train related

games for all ages and you can win a prize if you play!

Super Bowl Fun Day at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

Come learn about train travel and sports at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, February 2, 2020 from 1-4 p.m. Snacks and a craft will be provided and cost is included in the admission fee.

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The January **meeting of HFCI's Board will be held January 8, at CITY HALL** at 7PM. The meeting is open.

Officers for year 2020 will be voted upon:
President: John A.C. Keith, Vice President: Matthew West, Secretary: Linda Baringhaus and Treasurer: Albert Leightley.

HFCI has 1 opening on the Board. For information call Hildie Carney at 703 591 5305.

If you are a member of a club or organization and would like to know about what HFCI represents, ask for a 20 minute presentation. Call Al Leightley at 703 273 2089.

As a member of HFCI, not only are you supporting history, you receive a discount on products in our gift shop and you also receive a quarterly newsletter which features a local historical story each issue. Please pick up a brochure and send in your application. Are you interested in being a volunteer or docent for historic sites? Call 703 385 8415 and find out more about it.

Would you like to be remembered forever as a citizen of Fairfax? Buy a brick with your name on it for \$100. The bricks are placed in front of the Fairfax Museum.

Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer house will be open during Chocolate Lovers Festival February 1, 2. Come visit the oldest home in Fairfax!

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Kiwanis Club of Fairfax

We packed meals for 2 schools and will be planning for the Chocolate Lovers festival.

Mariann Gabor: mgabor2010@hotmail.com



**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 Christmas Tree sales went very well. Sold over 450 trees. Christmas and New Year's Eve KOVAR collections netted \$2,802 in donations for the Council's principle charity.

January Activities:

- Jan 11 – State Meeting in Dale City VA
- Jan 13 - Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center

- Jan 19 – Family Breakfast after 7:30 and 9 AM Masses
- Jan 24 – Match for Life in DC
- Jan 25 – Third Degree Installation at St Leo the Great

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Fairfax Lions Club



We Serve

Since 1951

Lions Deliver 25 Holiday Foods Baskets

On Dec 19th, Fairfax Lions presented holiday food baskets to deserving families in our community. The families were selected by Main Street Child Development Center in Fairfax City, and Lions Club members met the families at the Main Street Child Development Center facility. (Learn more about MSCDC at <http://www.mainstreetcdc.org>.) It is both an honor and a pleasure to help families in our community, especially in the holiday season. The Lions motto is: WE SERVE!



Fairfax Lions (center) deliver food baskets to Main Street Child Development Center, and present them to families (top left & right). Staff member Christie (lower right) made labels for cash gift-cards included in food baskets.

Lions Screen Vision of 2-4 Years Olds

On Dec 17, Lions conducted a vision screening at Olam Tikvah Preschool. The school is part of the Olam Tikvah Synagogue. It's always fun screening 2-4 year old children. A total of 25 students were screened and 3 (12%) were referred to an eyeglass professional. Ironically, all three had astigmatism. When a referral is necessary, a complete SPOT report is printed for the school to use when informing parents. The Lions used the Club's SPOT portable screening equipment to conduct these vision screenings. The SPOT system is easy to use and accommodating when screening vision of young children, and produces accurate reports of an individual's vision.

Lions Recognize Peace Poster Contest Winner

For 32 years, Lions Clubs have encouraged young people to think about “peace,” and illustrate their thoughts in a poster. The theme for this year is Journey of Peace, and over 600,000 posters were submitted worldwide for the Peace Poster Contest. Fairfax Lions sponsored this year’s contest at Rocky Run Middle School, and recognized the winning poster by 8th grade student Paparda. Her winning peace poster is shown below.



Winning Poster by 8th Grade Student Paparda, Rocky Run Middle School

Paparda received a cash award for her Peace Poster, and Rocky Run’s Art Teacher, Linda Ledbetter, was awarded a gift card to purchase art supplies for her students.

Fairfax Lions congratulate Paparda for her outstanding art work, and Linda for her strong support of the Lions annual Peace Poster Contest.



Top left: 8th grade student Paparda receives cash award
 Top Right: Paparda and family
 Bottom: Art Teacher Linda Ledbetter received gift card award

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The Club is mourning the loss of longtime Rotarian, Curt Hoffman. Curt lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer at the end of December. His quick wit and marvelous (and often risqué) sense of humor will be sorely missed.

We had a very successful Christmas party for 33 children and their families in December. A huge thank you to Chick-Fil-A and the American Legion for supplying the food. The children were treated to games, crafts, songs, delicious food, and a visit from the Chick-Fil-A Santa Cow. Of course, Santa delivered gifts and stockings to the children and each family received a gift card from Walmart as well. This is a highlight of the year for our club members.

Many Rotarians braved the cold weather over two different Saturdays in December from 10am - 6pm at the Walmart and Safeway to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. This long-held service project is a popular one for our members and allows Rotarians to get to know each other, as we often ring in pairs.

We continued to distribute dictionaries to 3rd graders throughout the elementary schools that feed into Fairfax High School. We also provide them to the children at St. Leo's. This project will carry into January. We also provided copies of the U.S. Constitution with an education guide to all eight graders at Lanier Middle School. This was a new project for the club and the first one to take place in Virginia. Many Rotary Clubs in Florida have been doing this for many years.

As we look to the New Year and the new decade, we will continue to focus our efforts on adding members to the club. In 2019, we added 17 new members! We do have a membership mixer on January 23 at 5pm at PJ Skidoos. Hors d'oeuvres are provided. Cash bar. All are welcome to attend.

Jennifer Rose: Jennifer@cfcc.org



Salvation Army

Women's Auxiliary

The Auxiliary spent days in December sorting stockings for the Corps holiday assistance program. Over 650 families were served with 1500 plus children under the age of 12 receiving stockings plus clothing and toys.

The Corps is now distributing funds from the Washington Area Fuel Fund and Dominion's Energy Share program. These monies are from donations when residential utility bills are paid. Consider adding a few dollars when you pay your bill, so that others will have warmth this winter.

The Corps pantry is in need of rice, boxed potatoes, mac and cheese plus canned meats. The items can be dropped off at the Salvation Army at 8512 Ox Rd. Fairfax, VA.

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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 179 rides in December 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 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

Monday, Wednesday and Friday Morning Exercise Classes

The gentle Exercise Classes meet on Mondays and Fridays at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax, VA 22032. Classes meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The Wednesday morning class meets at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Rd., Burke, VA. The Wednesday class meets from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. The registration fee varies depending on the number of classes per session. The fee for a six week session is \$15.00 (\$2.50/class). Registrations are accepted during the first week of classes. Please check the SCFB calendar for specific exercise class dates or call the SCFB office, 703-323-4788 for additional information.

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, January 8th and February 17th.** 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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**Soroptimist
International of Fairfax County**

Our focus the next 2 months will be on selecting our grant recipients (female head of household and young female volunteer). An always a rewarding, though difficult, process.

We will also plan for our early summer fund raiser – working a beer tent at Celebrate Fairfax.

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Woman's Club of Fairfax

Our club did not meet in January. Our next meeting will be in February.

However, our club participated in the Hypothermia Sheltering program, sponsored by FACETS. Members donated food and their service (preparing, serving and clean-up) for the January 5th hypothermia dinner at the Fairfax Methodist Church.

In December, our club had a booth at the Fairfax City Holiday Market, where we sold hot chocolate and other treats.

Members delivered Christmas dinner and presents to a needy family.

We are looking forward to a busy year in 2020.

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The Fairfax club held our holiday party on December 7 where we assembled Christmas stockings for children ages two - teenage. Zonta is planning for the 2020 International Convention that will be held in Chicago July 3-7. It is estimated there will be 3,500 attendees from around the world and the meeting will complete celebrations for our 100 year anniversary. Fairfax next business meeting will be Tuesday February 4th at Red Lobster.

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