



Inter-Service Club Council of the City of Fairfax

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 1 April, 2020
12:00 PM
Red Lobster

ISCC Minutes

President Larson called the meeting to order at 1203 PM. Eighteen individuals representing 18 organizations were present. Linda Collins of the Harley Owners Group and Dr. Phyllis Pajardo, Superintendent of Fairfax City Schools, were guests. President Larson gave the invocation and all recited the pledge of allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as read.

Vice President Leightley had nothing to report.

Treasurer Lauther reported a balance of \$1,123.98 as of 31 December 2019.

Immediate past President Conklin was not present.

President Larson deferred to Business.

OLD BUSINESS

President Larson attended the Manassas ISCC Volunteer of the Year event. Manassas ISCC also has business partners, in addition to member Service Organizations.

The logo has been updated to make it more positive and avoid possible misrepresentation.

Web Clearly asked if we wanted to include club representative names on the web site.

Members cautioned against it due to personal security issues with web based information.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning for the 2020 Volunteer of the Year event has begun. Event will be on August 5 (first Wednesday of the month).

Dr. Pajardo gave a very informative talk on Fairfax City Schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM

City of Fairfax



Parks and Recreation

Fishing Derby Saturday, April 4

Ashby Pond

Pond will be stocked with hundreds of trout, bring your own fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag and ice. Bait will be supplied. There will be 3 session times to pick from, \$5 per person and pre-registration is required at www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents or in person at City Hall, Sherwood or Green Acres

Women's Storytelling Festival – March 13 and 14

The Auld Shebeen and Old Town Hall, Fairfax

Tickets:

<http://www.bettersaidthandone.com/womens-festival/>

Early Bird Tickets on Sale till Feb 28

The Women's Storytelling Festival, hosted by Better Said Than Done, will take place March 13-14, 2020, in Fairfax, Virginia. Though storytelling festivals have been a popular event in the US for over 40 years, this will be the first ever storytelling festival with a lineup composed exclusively of women.

Music of the Knights – March 14

Fairfax High School

Tickets:

<https://www.fairfaxband.org/event/music-of-the-knights-city-of-fairfax-concert/>

The years 1969-1970 not only saw the first performances of the City of Fairfax Band. During that period there were many other “firsts” in the music world: Paul McCartney released his first “post-Beatles” album; Elton John had his first top 10 hit in the USA; and a young composer named Andrew Lloyd Webber released a concept album called *Jesus Christ, Superstar*, that would launch his Broadway show career. All three have been awarded the designation of “Sir” preceding their names by Queen Elizabeth II. To celebrate this 50 year milestone, the City of Fairfax Band presents Scott Coulter’s tribute, *Music of the Knights*, featuring guest Broadway performers paying tribute to these three giants of the music world. Make your plans now to attend this very special 50th anniversary celebration!

Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* – March 21 and 22

Old Town Hall

Tickets: **March 21, 7:30pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-shakespeare-center-presents-midsummer-nights-dream-tickets-74311968097>

March 22, 1:00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-shakespeare-center-presents-midsummer-nights-dream-tickets-77327335141>

The American Shakespeare Center’s 2019/20 National Tour comes to Fairfax with a performance of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* on March 21st at 7:30pm and March 22nd at 1:00pm at Old Town Hall. Come see a *Midsummer* romp full of “humor and wonder” with “spellbinding storytelling...perfect for children and adults alike.” (*C-Ville Weekly*)

Volunteers Needed for Special Events

The City of Fairfax is looking for volunteers that would be interested in working a variety of special events in the city to include the 4th of July Parade, Fall Festival, Holiday Craft Show and Festival of Lights and Carols. A small time commitment (2 or more hours) is

requested to help with administration duties prior to an event and working the actual event (activity leader, balloon handler, etc.) There are many fun jobs to be had. Please contact Mitzi Taylor at 703-385-1710 or Mitzi.Taylor@fairfaxva.gov for more information.

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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.

As always, things are humming along at the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. In February, our Young Professionals hosted the first networking event of the year at Dolce Vita. Nearly 70 people came together to meet new people and build relationships. We also hosted our monthly "Business After Hours" at

Cinema Arts Theatre. Attendees were able to make connections, enjoy food provided by Coyote Grille. Bonus: our guests were invited to stay for a free movie!

We are very excited to announce that our "Women Mean Business" Committee's activities have officially launched! These activities include a monthly Brown Bag Lunch Series (4th Thursday of the month at noon). In addition, we are sponsoring the Fairfax City's 3rd Annual Women Business Owners Luncheon on March 18th. Register NOW! Tickets are going fast.

Want to learn more about the Chamber and what it means to be a member? We're hosting our bi-monthly Chamber 101 on Tuesday, March 17 from 11:30am - 1:30pm. On Thursday, March 19, celebrate the Vernal Equinox with us at our Business After Hours, hosted by Coyote Grille. Our Veterans Committee will also launch this month with a committee "open house". Check our Events Calendar for more information.

Coming Soon!
Mark your calendars for Restaurant Week - May 11 - 16

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Civitan Club of Fairfax

The very interesting speaker at our February Club meeting talked about the importance and effectiveness of Music Therapy. Theresa Piccolo, the ServiceSource Director of Community Relations and Philanthropy, will talk at our 5 March Club Meeting about several exciting initiatives involving ServiceSource in partnership with local governments and others. Then at our April meeting, we will hear about the Foundation for Children with Intellectual and Development Disabilities (FCIDD)—why it is, what it is, how Fairfax Civitans can help the Foundation, and how the Foundation with its extensive resources can help our and other

Clubs serve the community, and especially those folks with special needs. The April speakers are members of Fairfax Civitan and also serve as officers in the FCIDD.

Our Fairfax Club Board of Directors meets every two or three months, and we met in mid-February to do some extensive planning. Some of our non-holiday related fund raising starts soon, and there also are a number of volunteer and other events that our Club chooses to support (e.g. Langley Bowl, Adopt a Spot, etc.). We also are pleased to participate in the Fairfax City parties and events where they encourage, work with, and support Non-Profit organizations (e.g. Rock the Block.)

In mid-March, the Civitan Chesapeake District and the FCIDD meet, this time at Frederick, Maryland. Our Fairfax Club will be well represented, and a number of our Members are officers of the District and/or the FCIDD.

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Downtown Fairfax Coalition

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FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

Our March 9th meeting will be at the home of **Linda Hamerschlag, 3843 Farr Oak Circle, Fairfax VA 22030. 703-346-4600.**

This will be our 60th Birthday Party and meeting.

You can start arriving at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation. Our program will start at 7 pm to 7:45pm- we will have a special program about Garden Club in the 1960's comparing it to Garden Club Now. We will have a short Business meeting at 7:45 pm and then we will then celebrate with our

Birthday Cake! As usual we will adjourn about 9 pm. We plan to carry out our theme with some 60s food and music. Gail Hamilton will provide the Birthday Cake and Christine Buchanan is providing a special celebration arrangement.

Also a preview of our April 13th Meeting at the Fairfax City Regional Library April 13, All about Ferns, speaker: Dr. Carl Taylor- Dr. Taylor, a native of Missouri, holds a Ph.D. in Botany from Southern Illinois University. He was Chair of the Botany Department at the Milwaukee Public Museum where he assisted with the development of exhibits, and conducted research. He has taught university courses in general biology, plant taxonomy, and local flora. Recently he served as a Program Director at the National Science Foundation. Taylor is now retired and volunteers at the Smithsonian Natural History Museum. He is an avid gardener in his yard and greenhouse. We are opening this meeting up to the public. the Library is planning to advertise for us. We are also going to send out invitations to close by garden clubs. It appears that this room can hold up to 100 people. Plan to bring your friends too!

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

We are eagerly anticipating the “official” opening ride, an annual favorite, the No Blarney Ride on March 21st. We are eagerly looking forward to a busy 2020 riding season and the activities promoting the enjoyment of motorcycling, safe riding and community involvement.

On Saturday, February 22nd the Chapter sponsored our annual Have-A-Heart Blood Drive at INOVA-Woodburn. These gifts are precious and critical to those requiring surgery, accident victims and newborns. Six

blood donations were received. February Chapter 50/50 proceeds went to INOVA Blood Center as well.

The Chapter will be supporting Patriot H-D on April 4th to clean up their Adopted Spot of Fairfax Blvd. from Patriot H-D, West to the Fire Station and also in front of City Hall on Armstrong Street. We are joining many other groups and citizens of Fairfax City to spruce up the community we all take pride in.

Work is well underway on our 22nd annual “Ride of the Patriots” event on Sunday, May 25th.

AMVETS has taken over the sponsorship of the next generation Rolling Thunder and will now be known as “Rolling to Remember “. The purpose, operation and organization appear to be the same as Rolling Thunder.

We believe it is important to honor and remember all those in uniform who have given their lives or are missing in action while protecting our liberty. This event includes a Community Parade and Opening Ceremonies that attracts local leaders, neighbors and veterans. Each year we are overwhelmed by the large numbers of residents who come to share in what has become a terrific Community event. Everyone is invited to honor those who served and serve so unselfishly. Stay tuned for more details.

The Fairfax Harley Owners Group is a diverse and energetic force of over 350 members. The Chapter publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains its own web page, www.fairfaxhog.com

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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/>

The Friends of the Fairfax City Library are gearing up for our sales in March. The dates are: Children's Sale March 21-23; Big Sale March 27-29.

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**Friends of
Fairfax Station**

A Day at the Museum!
Sunday, March 8, 2020 (1 PM – 4 PM)

Take our History Challenge or enjoy self-guided tours with our **Uniguide Audio Tour**. Volunteers will conduct 60-minute walking tours of the museum neighborhood to give visitors a flavor of what life was like on a small railroad community. (Tours begin at 1:15 and 2:30, weather permitting.

NTRAK Model Train Display
Sunday, March 15, 2020 (1 PM – 4 PM)

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LEGO® Model Train Display
Sunday, March 22, 2020 (10 AM - 5 PM)

The Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO® Train Club (**WamaLTC**) will hold a special, two-day display at the museum. Please bring unwanted LEGO® pieces and sets for donation to help support WamaLTC's efforts to bring fun and education to all ages through its activities.

Game Day!
Sunday, March 29, 2020 (1 PM - 4 PM)

Join the fun as there will be train related games for all ages and you can win a prize if you play!

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The March **meeting of HFCI's Board will be held March 11** at the City Hall 7PM. The meeting is open.

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.

Share your story with HFCI, s ORAL HISTORY PROJECT. If you or if you know someone who has lived in the City for most of their life; our oral history program shares information about the past!!

Programs at the Fairfax Museum and Blenheim:

**MUSEUM: Programs are at 2PM every other Sunday
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 10209
Main Street, 703 385 8414**

** March 8: "Valiant Women of the Vote": Kate Campbell Stevenson portrays several women associated with the fight for Women's Suffrage.
LOCATION; CITY HALL: Joint Women's History Month Program.

NOW thru March 15: Kid's Hands on History room and The George Washington Exhibit.

March 21: "A Material World: Photographs highlighting the politics, culture, social issues, world events, fashion icons of 1980's.

BLENHEIM CIVIL WAR INTERPRETIVE CENTER, 2PM on Saturday.

3610 Old Lee Highway

March 28: "Angelina Grimke: One Woman against a Nation".

Speaker: Lynn Garvey-Hodge. Grimke was a 19th century abolitionist, political activist, women's rights advocate. Ms. Garvey will speak of Grimke's accounts of the horrors of slavery.

SAVE THE DATE

March 11, 2PM: The Fairfax Garden Club is donating a tree on the Blenheim property in recognition of the Centennial of the Garden Club of Virginia and the tree is in honor of Barbara Scott (4th generation owner of Blenheim) and who was President of the Fairfax Garden Club in 1973-75. Hildie Carney will be one of the speakers.

April 21: The Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer house and Kitty Pozer Garden will be on tour on the Virginia Historic Garden Week. Blenheim will be the welcoming center and the House will be open for tours. (see www.vagardenweek.org)

April 25: Fairfax History Day at Blenheim—a day of history and fun at Blenheim.

For more information on programs, exhibits, please take one of the flyers that will be available at the meeting. Website: historicfairfax.org

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**Kiwanis Club
of Fairfax**

We will be helping with the Library Book sale. We will also be doing Meals for young minds packing.

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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.

March Activities:

- Mar 5, 13, 20, & 27 – Lenten Soup Suppers
- Mar 9- Bingo at Fairfax Nursing Center
- Mar 15 – Family Breakfast after 7:30 and 9 AM Masses
- Mar 21 – St Patrick's Day Party at Providence Hall

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Fairfax Lions Club



We Serve

Since 1951

Vision Screening

On February 1, 2020, five Fairfax Lions volunteered 22 hours at our annual vision screening event at the Fairfax Chocolate Lovers' Festival. We once again partnered with the Fairfax Kiwanis Club who served a delicious BBQ lunch. The targeted population for screening at this event was families with children. We screened seventy people and 39 of them (more than 50%) were children. Several were teens helping the Kiwanis Club; and the rest with their families...three of the children were pre-school (age 2-5). Several people were screened twice (to check for potentially

misleading results) and a few people could not be screened (due to eye pupil dilation). The latter were referred to a professional eye doctor. A total of 12 (17% of total) were referred for follow-up, only 2 of them were children (high school age). The Lions team enjoyed working with the Kiwanians again - they have a similar Service mission in our area, and recruit from the same population for their club membership. We continue to look for ways to partner more. Everyone had a good time and those screened once again seemed to be amazed that we do this service and make it so easy and informative.



Screening includes taking several measurements of the characteristics of the eyes, and explaining the results. If referred for professional follow-up, we provide a detailed written



Sign outside fire station

Teens line up for screening



Lion Mike, Kiwanis Club President Carolyn, Lion Jeff and Marty

The Low Vision Learning Center of Alexandria

What is low vision? It refers to vision that cannot be improved by using glasses or contact lenses only. The most common cause for low vision is an aging condition of the eyes called age related macular degeneration. However, young adults and even children can be diagnosed as having low vision from congenital eye diseases like nystagmus or retinitis pigmentosa. Others

may develop low vision from complications of diabetes called diabetic retinopathy, or have loss of vision from the effects of glaucoma.

To learn about a potential, new club service project - assisting patients in their homes to tele-conference with a Low Vision Center - Fairfax Lions visited the Center in Alexandria. That center provides vision rehabilitation services to individuals who are visually impaired and offers a variety of tools and techniques. On our visit, we saw several tools...see photos below.



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The club is continuing to add members! We inducted two new members in February and plan to induct a few more in March. The club has wrapped up its Dictionary Distribution to the 3rd graders at St. Leo's and in the elementary schools that feed into Fairfax High School. We also presented a donation

to the local Girl Scout Service-Unit in honor of Gold Award recipients.

Our members will be participating in Read Across America Day at Providence and Daniels Run Elementary Schools later this month. We have started seeking nominations from the schools for our Teacher of the Year Awards. These awards, along with a check for \$1,000 will be presented to two outstanding teachers in the City of Fairfax.

We are looking forward to our 34th Annual Golf Tournament at the Country Club of Fairfax on Monday, May 11. If you are interested in playing or sponsoring, visit - www.fairfaxrotarygolf.org.

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Salvation Army

Women's Auxiliary

The members of the Salvation Army Auxiliary are involved with plans for the 40th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon to be held on April 3, 2020 at the Waterford Fair Oaks with fashions by Lord and Taylor. The affair is the chief fund raiser for the Fairfax Corps social services program. Tickets are \$45.00 and can be obtained by contacting Jo Porter at 703-690-5245 or email at jp.sawa@cox.net. A wonderful afternoon is promised with a delicious lunch, shopping available at Granny's Attic or the Silent Auction, great entertainment, a festive hat contest and more.

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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 provide 204 rides in February 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 N' Life

Are You 50 or Better? Please join us for the next *Lunch N' Life* sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, **March 19th** (12:00-2:00 p.m.) at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd, Fairfax. The program will feature Captain Jim Radigan, U.S. Navy Retired, "My experiences as commanding officer of US Navy Antarctica Squadron". For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at [703-273-5730](tel:703-273-5730) by **March 13th**. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If

transportation is needed, call the SCFB office [\(703\) 323- 4788](tel:703-323-4788).

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING (Spring 2020)

Join the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax every Monday for 6 weeks April 6 – May 18th (9:15 AM – 3:00 PM) No class on 13 April. Start with gentle exercise, followed by speakers on topics such as health, history, community, personal development, finance, and more. Afternoon breakouts are book club, and bridge or, canasta. Bring a brown bag lunch. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax, VA 22032 is providing space and hosting this series of classes. The cost is \$30 for 6 weeks (Mondays). To register, please call the office at [703-426-2824](tel:703-426-2824), or go to our website and print the registration form and class schedule: www.scfbva.org

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**

We are in the final selection process for our grants to female head of household and young volunteer. Awards will be presented in April.

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General Federation of Women's Clubs 

Woman's Club of Fairfax

Not much new to report since our last meeting. We continue to work on plans for our upcoming fashion show, to be held on April 19.

Members are making their usual monthly donations for the Lamb Center.

Several of our members artwork will be entered in the Art Show at the Woman's Club District Meeting to be held in March.

Unfortunately, our March 7 blood drive for National Children's Center has been cancelled.

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