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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 3 March, 2021
12:00 PM
Zoom

ISCC Minutes

President Leightley called the Zoom meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Thirteen members representing 15 organizations attended. President Leightley gave the invocation and Immediate Past President Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the December meeting and the Treasurers report were approved as provided, with the correction of a spelling error in the minutes.

Remaining officers deferred to Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Fairfax Social Justice Initiative Status – 88 people applied for 12 stakeholder slots. Most contentious issue: street names.
February speaker – Vice President Grimsley announced that Patti Brown from the Lamb Center will be our February speaker.

NEW Business

Recommendations for speakers for April and June meeting were requested.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 PM.

Winter P&R Magazine

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/parks-rec-connected-magazine>

Chocolate Lovers Festival Cancelled this year

Upcoming Events (Dates TBA):

Egg-Plore Fairfax – QR code scavenger Hunt around the City
Easter Bunny – Easter Bunny to hand out goodie bags
Spring Wave Parade – Cars and Floats will cruise through the city around the Easter holiday.

Commission on the Arts Launches Language Arts 123 Writing Competition

Eligible Fairfax City citizens are invited by the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts to reflect in writing on their COVID-19 pandemic experiences in a writing competition. For more info go to [Language Arts 123 Competition 2021 | City of Fairfax, VA](#)

Connecting Fairfax City For All: Connecting Fairfax City's Past and Present to Build a More Equitable and Inclusive Future: The first Community Listening and Learning session of the citywide initiative Connecting Fairfax City For All will be held on Feb 4 at 7pm. Retired military historian Kim Holien, will be presenting Fairfax Court House: Crossroads of Conflict.

Fall Classes for Adults and Seniors are in session

Registration for Winter Classes are open at our new location, Stacy C Sherwood Community Center. Our limited class offerings included: *Cardio Circuit, Seniorcize, Pilates/Yoga, Zumba Gold, various levels of Clogging, and Tai Chi.*

Senior Classes
Adult Classes

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Central Fairfax
Chamber of Commerce

Small Business Focus. Big Business Results.

The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is so happy that 2020 is in the REAR-VIEW MIRROR! We have continued to work to support our member business and the business community at-large. In fact, in 2020 we ADDED five new benefits of membership!

As we look forward to 2021, we have great plans! We will launch our new Community Impact Council (CIC) - the CIC will work to support businesses and nonprofits through collaborative partnerships, and the promotion of corporate social responsibility and volunteerism to build success and contribute to local community building initiatives. It's purpose will be to bring together business and community leaders in order to provide extra support and resources to our nonprofit members as well as to educate and encourage our business community on the advantages of working with and partnering with our nonprofit members. By coming together collectively and collaboratively, the business and nonprofits can definitively transform the communities in which we live. With enough businesses and nonprofits working together, there is no limit to the impact that we can achieve. We can offer solutions to community problems, strengthen relationships, and make our community a better place to live, work, and play. We envision this council to offer quarterly events on topics of interest to nonprofit management as well as to businesses who would like to make impactful contributions to our community. Their first event will take place in April (during National Volunteer Week) and will be a presentation to our Young Professionals Group on Board Service, what it means to serve on a board, and (most importantly) what it takes to be a GOOD board member. More information is coming!

In the immediate future, we are offering a webinar on Thursday, February 18 at 2pm on the Phased Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccines in Fairfax County. We will hear from Christopher Revere, Deputy Director for Innovation and Planning, Fairfax County Health Department. Fairfax County is currently providing the Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines through a partnership with the Virginia Department of Health. Learn about which groups are eligible to receive the vaccine and when it will be your turn. Learn how the vaccination schedule will impact your employees, your family, and your business. To register, visit our Chamber Events page
- <https://www.cfcc.org/events/#event-list>.

Lastly, we are helping the City of Fairfax get the word out about their new

initiative. *Connecting Fairfax City for All*, the city's racial and social equity initiative, has begun. The 15-member stakeholder group has been appointed, and community listening and learning sessions begin in February. An important component of this initiative is gathering perspectives from city residents and business owners. The city launched an online tool to gather comments, personal stories, ideas, and questions – all of which can be submitted anonymously. This is your opportunity to weigh in on how the city's nomenclature – street and place names and historical monuments and markers – are perceived by residents, customers, and visitors. All ideas, opinions, and suggestions are welcome. Visit the project page on Engage Fairfax to read feedback gathered so far. The city encourages you to share your thoughts and participate in the process. <https://engage.fairfaxva.gov/connecting-fairfax-city-s-past-and-present-to-build-a-more-equitable-and-inclusive-future>

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Civitan Club of Fairfax

Steve Mutty was the speaker at our 7 January 2021 Fairfax Civitans zoom meeting. Steve was the founder of the state organization of Best Buddies. Now he is CEO of Volunteer Fairfax. An average of 15,000 volunteers come through Volunteer Fairfax per year and over 50,000 hours of service are provided. In 2020, Steve put together a taskforce on Disability Inclusion in Volunteering (DIV). Our current Fairfax Civitan president—Sagan Brummett—serves as the Chair of the DIV Program Committee. Among other objectives, DIV is developing a toolkit to help agencies support and expand their ability to host volunteers who have a disability.

A zoom Civitan Board meeting on 26 January focused on planning, particularly on ways that our Civitan members can serve their communities during this Pandemic. For example, we are exploring possibilities of playing zoom Bingo, and we will practice doing so in support of the Down Syndrome Association of Northern Virginia. One of the other service options considered would have members provide friendship and support to the very low-income seniors living in Fellowship Square "Fellowship Houses."

The speaker at our 4 February Club meeting is from the Alzheimer's Association. Then, in March, a staff person from Fellowship Square will talk with us about new service possibilities.

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FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting Feb 8 at 7pm on zoom.

George Washington's River Farm currently owned by the American Horticultural Society is up for sale. To help NOVA park authority buy and preserve it from development consider making a donation to the link below:

https://www.saveriverfarm.com/?fbclid=IwAR2_C1O3XNs4L3VxmPtQtIB7cqONRlnLAzH30rbZbRbp8kJQX_FvD08c9w

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

We have been busy getting organized, virtually planning activities for the year and putting on a number of training events.

Our plans for 2021 are ambitious in terms of meeting our mission of having fun riding, riding safely and giving some back to our community along the way. On February 13th, Chapter members will be giving the "Gift of Life" at INOVA Blood Center. As the year progresses, the Chapter will be active with our traditional charitable activities on behalf of the LAMB Center and the Salvation Army. There will be a few others along the way including Adopt-a-Spots in the City of Fairfax.

We are hopeful that our Chapter will proudly be hosting the 22nd Annual Ride of the Patriots on Sunday, May 30th. AmVets has a placeholder for the event, but as yet definitive plans have not been announced. The format would be the same as previous years including a parade, opening ceremonies and a motorcycle procession to join "Rolling To Remember" at the Pentagon to recognize all those in uniform who have given life and limb in defense of our liberty and way of life. Back in 2019 well over 5,700 bikes came to Fairfax to join our ride. Whatever we do and whoever attends, we look forward to a safe and memorable event in 2021. RoP has become a community Memorial Day weekend event with many residents and guests coming out to honor our military heroes. We will also be participating in the City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade and will be conducting several Motorcycle "Show & Tell" Programs at County libraries and other venues throughout the summer, if they are held..

We look forward to working with the City and ISCC civic organizations in 2021 to make our community a better place for all of us.

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 at www.fairfaxhog.com

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Fairfax City Regional Library

**10360 North Street
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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 Library are sitting tight. We have no information on when the library will be open again. We have no plans at this time for any but on-going book sales in 2021.

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**Friends of
Fairfax Station**

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The February zoom meeting of HFCI's Board will be held February 10, virtually. If you would like to join us, let me know.

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!

HFCI applied and was granted funds to further the "advanced imaging project" in the

attic of Blenheim. Wallpaper in a bedroom will be taken off with the hopes there will be more names of civil war soldiers names to decipher. This work is ongoing and to date, we have uncovered two new names.

HFCI allotted funds along with the City to replace the windows in the Blenheim house.

ISCC members who have supported the fundraiser "Taste of the Vine" in the past should have received a letter from HFCI asking for a donation. The 2021 event is tentatively scheduled for October 8 under advisement of covid.

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**

BLENHEIM CIVIL WAR INTERPRETIVE CENTER, 2PM on Saturday.

**** The Museum and Blenheim are temporary closed to the public due to Covid. Please check out our website below to view our programs.**

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**Kiwanis Club
of Fairfax**

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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.

January Activities:

Because of the pandemic and security issues in DC the "March for Life" was significantly down scoped with only 50 participants allowed. It was held virtually online.

February Activities:

- 6 Feb – Chicken Pot Pie sales to support the Knights Charity, KOVAR.
- 20 Feb – Council annual men's retreat at St Leo's Gym with social distancing.

The Council will also be selling car raffle tickets in March and April in conjunction with All-Saints Church. Proceeds will be used to support St Leo's School and the Council Charitable activities.

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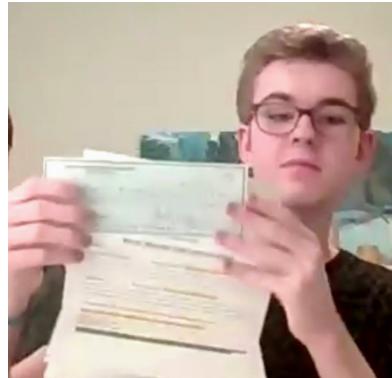
Fairfax Lions Club



We Serve

Since 1951

Fairfax Lions Present Scholarship Grant
On Feb 2nd, Fairfax Lions presented a scholarship grant to Mr. Aleksander R, to enhance his potential to achieve an independent, self supporting life. The Grants are for sight handicapped individuals and may be used for assistive devices, educational/training expenses, and other expenses.



Alexander R Receives Scholarship Grant

The scholarship grant program is made possible by the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation and recognizes sight handicapped individuals with financial aid to help in their training or education. For more information, or to apply for a grant, see: <http://vleif.org/scholarships/> or contact Fairfax Lions Club at info@fairfaxlions.org

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)A doctor from The Retina Group of Washington discussed AMD with Fairfax Lions and guests on February 2nd. AMD is a leading cause of loss of vision in persons over age 60. AMD results in the loss of central vision, while peripheral vision may be fully retained.

At home monitoring

- Amsler grid

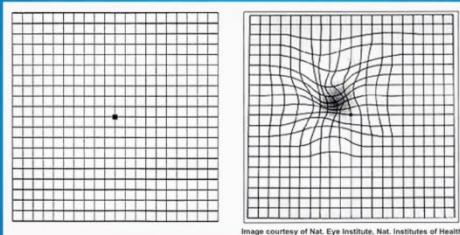


Image courtesy of Nat. Eye Institute, Nat. Institutes of Health

Self Test for Related Vision Problems, Using the Ampler Grid;

Risk Reduction

- Smoking cessation
 - 3x increased risk of developing late AMD in smokers
- Healthy diet, green leafy vegetables
- Control blood pressure and cholesterol
- Routine Screening
 - Especially if family history

Risk Reduction Includes Usual Healthy Living Activities and Visit a Doctor

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The Optimist Club of Central Fairfax was glad to welcome in 2021. Our club members are looking forward to this new year, with a feeling of hope and a positive vision for what is possible in the months ahead. We feel that the time is coming closer when we will be able to meet with our fellow Optimists and the kids we love to serve-- in-person once again.

We had a wonderful speaker at our January 19 club meeting: Principal Joe Thompson of Mountain View High School. Principal Thompson talked about his love for his job and for his students. Mountain View is an alternative high school in Centreville. Most of their students are on their own or are carrying the adult responsibilities of running a household. Our club has had a special relationship with Mountain View for over 7 years, and Principal Thompson thanked the club for our assistance and recognition of the school's students for their achievements and for overcoming challenges in their lives.

Our club is currently very busy with our scholarship programs. We will hear the winning essay from our Essay Contest winner at our February 16 club meeting. Information, for the 2021 \$1,000 Limburg scholarship awarded to a deserving graduating senior, has been sent to five local high schools, with applications due by April 7.

Thursday, February 4 is Optimist Day, celebrated by Optimist clubs throughout the world. Our club was honored with a proclamation, read by Mayor David L. Meyer at the January City Council meeting, declaring February 4, 2021 as Optimist Day in the City of Fairfax. We are very proud to be recognized by the city for our service to the youth of our community.

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Salvation Army

Women's Auxiliary

The Salvation Army continues to need monetary donations for rental and utility assistance programs. Please contact Major Jean Wilson at 703-385-8700 ext 21 for more information. The Corps continues with a Learning Center for youngsters whose families work. Each child has protected desk space and equipment for online Fairfax County classes. Staff are available to assist from 7AM to 3PM daily.

The Auxiliary has tentative plans for a fundraising Bazaar to benefit the Fairfax Salvation Army on March 27 from 10 to 1 at the Fairfax Corps, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. A flyer with particulars will follow.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS



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. Programs include Accompanied Medical Transportation and Companion Shopping (for older people who are no longer able to drive), Friendly Callers/ Visitors (for people who are mostly homebound), Caregivers Support Group (for those who have loved ones with dementia), low-cost exercise and yoga classes (to promote strength, balance and flexibility), and Lunch N' Life, Adventures in Learning, and Wednesday at the Movies which all provide mental stimulation and socialization opportunities. For SCFB significant future and below activities see our web site www.scfbva.org.

DUE TO THE COVID RESTRICTIONS THE ONLY PROGRAMS CURRENTLY OPERATING ARE MEDICAL AND SHOPPING TRANSPORTATION IN BOTH FAIRFAX BURKE AND SOUTH COUNTY, CHAIR YOGA AND BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM, FRIENDLY CALLER AND CARE GIVER PROGRAMS. AIL, LUNCH N LIFE, FRIENDLY VISITOR, HANDY HELPER AND MOVIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

But Shepherd Center is still active,

1. Transportation Program – 125 Medical and Shopping Drives by SCFB drivers during month of January.
2. Chair Yoga – SCFB Exercise Program conducted via Zoom, 3

- times a week during the last month and average 73 participants per session.
3. Care Giver Support – 17 Clients contacted during the month.
 4. Friendly Caller – continues with over 177 contacts by 23 Volunteers for the month.
 5. Book Club had 20 participants and was conducted virtually.

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**Soroptimist
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SIFC awarded grants to Bethany House and Second Story.

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The Zonta Club of Fairfax meets by Zoom on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 10 am. Member Michelle Gates, a two-time Amelia

Earhart Fellow in the 1990s, will give a presentation on Amelia Earhart. Zonta International District 3 has an Amelia Earhart celebration on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 3 pm. The Zonta International President Sharon Langenbeck is speaking on Amelia Earhart - her accomplishments, her participation in Zonta, and her legacy. President Langenbeck is the first International President who is also an Amelia Earhart Fellow. She was awarded the fellowship twice for her PHD studies in mechanical and aerospace engineering. Zonta Club of Fairfax is pleased to announce the formation of a Z club at Oakton High School. The interested student is working to find other high school students who are interested in Zonta's mission to provide service and advocacy for women and girls locally and globally. The Zonta Club of Fairfax will be the mentoring club. We are delighted to have this opportunity. As members receive vaccines for coronavirus, we hope to hold our in-person meetings and be active with hands-on in various service projects and fundraisers in the community.

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