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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 5 April 2023
12:00 PM
Moose Lodge

ISCC Minutes 1 February 2023

President Leightley called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Sixteen individuals representing 17 Organizations were present. Alex Iszard from George Mason University was a guest. Doug church gave the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as provided.

Treasurer Clary reported no activity and a balance of \$1,156.45.

Vice President Grimsley had no comment. President Leightley reported ISCC received a thank you note from the Lamb Center for our donation.

Alex Iszard spoke about development going on at George Mason University.

OLD BUSINESS

Pictures from the 2022 Volunteer of the Year event are available on the web site. Planning for the 2023 event (August 3) is getting underway.

NEW BUSINESS

Organizations are asked to update their information on the ISCC web site by the end of February.

All voted in favor of continuing to provide \$100 to support the Fairfax High School all night graduation party.

Organizations gave their reports/

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 PM.

City of Fairfax



Parks and Recreation

The City of Fairfax is up against the Town of Vienna and the City of Falls Church to see who is the most "fit"! Log your exercising minutes to help us win the cup this year- more details coming soon!

Reminder: The Beer Pouring Applications for both Fall Festival and Rock the Block have officially opened and are due back by April 3rd.



Additionally, the Communications and Marketing Department has agreed to put in an ad on our behalf in the CityScene/City Clips whenever there is space available. This does not

guarantee that the ad will be in every issue. I've created a mock-up for the ad—please vote on the approval of this ad or provide feedback/edits. Thank you!

Chocolate Lover Festival



Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee-

A HUGE "THANK YOU!" to everyone who participated or came out to support the festival! It was extremely cold that weekend, but your support and dedication mean the world and is so appreciated! The event was an overall success after being away for 2 years, and the committee is looking forward to next year's event.

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

The committee is right on track with reserving balloons, floats and more for this year's parade! We've received about 20 applications thus far, and hope to see that number steadily increase as we get closer to the event. If you and your group would like to participate, there are multiple ways to get involved. In addition to marching in the parade, the IDCC is looking for Balloon Handlers. There are 5 large, helium balloons that will be marched through the parade, and if you'd like for your group to navigate the balloon through the parade, please fill out and return the Parade Application. The application can be found on the city's website or you can email

specialevents@fairfaxva.gov for more information. Deadline is April 1st.



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Civitan Club of Fairfax

Another Month—another project: Fairfax Civitan Club Has Coat Drive

In January, the Fairfax Civitan Club began collecting new or gently used coats and winter wraps. The original intent was to distribute them to folks in our area who needed them. The weather did not cooperate with the timing of the coat drive, often turning out to be more spring-like than cold. When Fairfax Civitan heard of the needs created by the terrible Earthquake in Turkey and Syria, we decided to redirect most of the items collected to Turkey. That country is in the middle of its cold season, and a huge number of people have lost everything. The Turkish Embassy was collecting donations, and the Turkish Airlines flew the contributions to Turkey for distribution. Contributors were asked to sort winter wraps, pack them in clear bags, mark the contents on the bag, and bring them to the Embassy. We delivered a large van load of warm wraps to the Embassy. The folks working

at the Embassy collection point helped unload and were extremely grateful for the donations. Most of the items Fairfax Civitan collected went to Turkey. Items received after the delivery to the Embassy will be given to local agencies for distribution to the needy.

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FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting is Monday March 12 at the Fairfax Library at 7:00 pm The program is on the importance of bees

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

We are eagerly looking forward to a busy 2023 riding season and the activities promoting the enjoyment of motorcycling, safe riding and community involvement.

Several Harley riders from our chapter provided "Harley Eye Candy" on the front portico of the Fairfax Library at the Chocolate Lovers Festival on February 4th & 5th. Kids, moms and dads were invited to sit on the bikes for a photo op and to learn a bit about Harleys and riding.

On Saturday, February 11th we supported Patriot H-D's INOVA BloodMobile. These gifts are precious and critical to those requiring surgery, accident victims and newborns. The

turnout of members, employees, customers and walk-ins was excellent and the weather cooperated this year.

The Chapter will be supporting Patriot H-D on April 1st 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 on hold for our 23rd annual "Ride of the Patriots" event scheduled for Sunday, May 28th. The ride this year will join "Rolling to Remember" at RFK. These two events will build on last year with larger turnouts. 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 tentative plan includes the same elements, 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 serve so unselfishly. Stay tuned for more details.

We look forward to working with the City and ISCC civic organizations in 2023 to make our community a better place for all of us.

The Fairfax Harley Owners Group is a diverse and energetic force of over 300 members. The Chapter publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains its own web page, www.fairfaxhog.com

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Fairfax City Regional Library

The library programs associated with the Chocolate Lovers Festival that we paid for in October occurred on February 5th and 6th. They were declared a great success by the Branch Manager. Laura Raymond, who said that all 4 performances were at total capacity.

In the last month we paid for an adult program on Korean paper craft that will take place in June. We also bought over \$500 worth of books for an ELL class to be offered during the spring.

Our on-going book sales are averaging around \$800 a month and we are gearing up for our Big Book Sale running May 4th through May 7th.

The Friends continue to meet at 1:00 on Tuesday afternoons and we welcome new members.

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Friends of

Fairfax Station

: NTRAK Model Trains Running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

N Gauge (NTRAK) model trains will be running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 1-4 p.m. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. Admission: Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-12, \$3; ages 13 and older, \$5, \$6 for special events. Seniors and military, active and retired, \$4. www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, 703-425-9225.

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Historic Fairfax City Incorporated

At the January HFCI Meeting, President Matt West reported that he will be meeting with the newly elected City Council to discuss HFCI's role in advocating for preserving worthwhile aspects of our local history as the City grows, changes and rebuilds. The possible project to replace the 1930 Bank Building (Bank of America/ National Bank of Fairfax) on the corner of Main Street and Chain Bridge Road is an example of something in which HFCI has an interest.

On February 25, Dr. Clarence Lusane will present a discussion of his book, "Twenty Dollars and Change: Harriet Tubman and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice" at 2 pm at Historic Blenheim.

The current Museum Exhibit "A Material World: Photographs of the 1980's" will be shown through May 7, 2023"

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Kiwanis Club of Fairfax



Some club members will be attending the Mid Winter Conference and will be doing Meals for Young Minds.

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Knights of Columbus Father Diamond Council 6292

The Council holds business meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8 PM in Providence Hall at St Leo the Great Catholic Church. Web site: WWW.6292.kofc.com. All meetings currently are hybrid (in person and virtual)

March Activities:

- 18 March – St Patrick's Day Party
- 19 March – Family Breakfast after the 7:30 and 9 AM Masses

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Fairfax Lions Club



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Dinner Meeting, February 7, 2023:

Gerard Culipher, Deputy Clerk of Fairfax County's courts, spoke to Fairfax Lions on "Tips on Fraud Prevention."



Gerarda Culipher Shares Tips on Fraud Prevention

At the same meeting, we congratulated Meryem Gurbuz of Rocky Run Middle School for winning the Fairfax Lions Club Peace Poster Contest and two cash awards. Meryem's poster will be featured on the cover of this year's program for Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County. Meryem told the Fairfax Lions of her joy in creating a poster about helping others.



Meryem Gurbuz Accepts Certificate and Cash Awards for her Winning Peace Poster

Upcoming: Vocalists & instrumentalists will compete in the Lions Clubs' "James Bland" Youth Music Contest on Sunday, March 12, 1:30pm, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA.

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CENTRAL FAIRFAX OPTIMIST CLUB

Our Club meeting was via Zoom for the month of February. We plan on meeting in person for the March meeting at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd, March 22, at 7 pm.

The Optimist Club held the CCDHH (Communications Contest for Deaf and Hard of Hearing) contest at Frost Intermediate School on February 9th. There were nine students who participated, five of which spoke and four signed on the topic "Discovering the Optimism within Me." The two delightful young winners, Selma Diriye and Casey McCabe will go on to the District Contest which will be held on March 4th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Woodbridge.

We have chosen our Educator of the Year, Erika Pflugrath, who is the lead teacher to the hearing impaired program at Frost Intermediate School. Erika is totally dedicated to these special need students both professionally and emotionally. It requires a great deal of emotional involvement to prepare these students for what comes next in their lives both socially and educationally. Erika exhibits all of this and more. She is so deserving of this recognition.

We are preparing for the Oratorical Contest which will take place virtually on March 25th. Our 2021 winner, Nayana Celine Xavier went on to win the Optimist International World Oratorical Contest. She is a most impressive young lady and went on to UVA where her first year of education was fully funded! She is forever grateful to the Optimist Club for giving her the opportunity to participate in the Oratorical Contest!

Our club has five nominations for the Volunteer of the Year and we will be voting on them at our next board meeting.

It makes it hard to choose as they are all deserving!

The Optimist International Convention is being held right here in Crystal City July 1 - 5. We are exploring ways that our club will be able to help with that.

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Salvation Army

Women's Auxiliary

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary meets on the third Wednesday of each month (September through May, excluding December) at 10:30 a.m. at the Fairfax Salvation Army Corps headquarters located at 4915 Ox Road in Fairfax, VA.

The Women's Auxiliary met on February 15, which was the first meeting since November 2022. Members discussed the low attendance for in-person meetings and are re-considering virtual options, which must be approved by the Captains. Members also discussed the dire need to recruit new members and are considering some of the public events sponsored by Parks and Recreation, along with advertising in some of the local newsletters. Captain Kadian reported that the Red Kettle Campaign raised a TOTAL of \$89,000, of which \$18,000 was raised specifically by volunteers. This is a clarification of the amount previously reported to ISCC last month. Participants in the Red Kettle Campaign include the Captains, paid

bell-ringers, and volunteers (such as individuals and organizations).

She also reported that they have received approval to expand the Afterschool Program by converting it to a Boys and Girls Club of America. They are working on completing required paperwork and preparing a budget. Their goal is to register at least 50 children. The new program will require more staff, and they are seeking approval to hire a program ministries assistant. In addition, two part-time positions have already been approved and they are seeking applicants.

The Women's Auxiliary's next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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Shepherd Center Fairfax Burke (SCFB)

Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke (SCFB)

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 them. 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), 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.

SCFB indoor social activities are restarting:

Lunch N'Life will be held on Thursday March 16th at noon at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on Twinbrook Rd. The Speaker will be Jim Radigan, US Navy Retired. He will be presenting "My experiences as commanding officer – U. S. Navy Antarctica Squadron." It's a welcome back luncheon at no cost. Advance reservations required and will be limited to 100 attendees. For reservations contact Bea Stephenson at 703-273-2089 before March 9th,

Adventures in Learning restarts in April and will be held at Lord of Life Church on the four Mondays at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 12:30 PM. The programs include Local POW Camps of WW II (April 3), Fire Safety/File of Medical Information (April 10), Harpist (April 17), and The Climate is Changing, How It's Going to Affect My Health? (April 24). There is no cost for this restart.

Shepherd Center January activities,

1. Transportation Program –had 232 Medical and Shopping Drives by SCFB drivers during the month.

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Soroptimist International of Fairfax County

Working with the Woodbridge Soroptimist Club on a fashion show April 16.

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Woman's Club of Fairfax

Nothing to really report. Our February meeting was an in-house "auction" of gag gifts and a potluck dinner to raise money for scholarships.

A slate of new officers was presented and will be voted on at our upcoming meeting.

Members donated and served food at the February Hypothermia night held at the Fairfax Methodist Church

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Service – Zonta Club of Fairfax continues support of the DVAC through monthly gift cards for stocking the grocery pantry. For the past three months, we provided \$125-worth of

diapers to DVAC. At our February 4th ZOOM meeting, our speaker was Toni Zollicoffer, Director of Fairfax County's Domestic and Sexual Violence Service (DSVS) Toni thanked Zonta for its continued support and for pivoting so quickly in providing support differently due to the pandemic.

The club is currently assessing other avenues for service.

Advocacy –

Blanche Anderson reported on her participation in the VLAP (Virginia Law Audit Project) event on 1/24 in Richmond. Lisa Sales, President of Virginia NOW, kicked off this multiple year project at the Virginia House Pocahontas Office Building. Other speakers included the Speaker of the House and representatives from several supporters of the project.

Bobbee Cardillo attended a press conference at the Capitol in DC on 1/31 where Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley introduced the resolution to draft updated language for the resolution to remove the time limit from the ERA.

March 8 is Zonta Rose Day: Zonta Rose Day is a perfect time to reflect on past achievements and honor the current efforts of individuals working toward gender equity.

Zonta International

Zonta International is an NGO of the United Nations. It is a participant in the Forum of the **67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)**:

- https://whova.com/portal/registration/ngocs1_202303/. The Forum will host both in person and virtual events, **March 6-17**
- Read Zonta International's statement to the CSW: <https://www.zonta.org/images/docs/NewsEvents/Statements/Zonta-International-CSW67-Statement.pdf>.
- Jill Follows spoke to us about a **CSW67 parallel event** that will showcase three short plays about women's influence in drafting the UDHR (1948), CEDAW

(1979), and present-day city/county resolutions in support of CEDAW. The plays are all written by members of the Human Rights Special Interest Group (www.hrsig.org)

Zonta International USA Caucus continues to encourage involvement in supporting legislation that supports women and their rights. It also provides speakers and information to increase knowledge on the condition of women in the US and the world. On March 24, it held a Think Tank session on how violence against women intersects climate change. The speaker is Elizabeth Whitham, a retired educator who taught college students specializing in economics, management, marketing and business courses. She currently works on www.econogal.com, which offers a variety of topics from book reviews to travel as well as home and garden posts. Elizabeth joined Zonta International in 1993. A member of the Zonta Club of Prowers County, she currently serves as the District 12, Area 4 director.

Zonta International continues to stand with our members in Ukraine. Communicating with our Zonta members in Ukraine, we are inspired by their strength and resilience.

Club News –

At our February meeting, Ina Fernandez was installed as our new Vice-President and Jill Follows was inducted as a new club member. Our speaker, Toni Zollicoffer, Director of Fairfax County's Domestic and Sexual Violence Service (DSVS) gave an excellent presentation, including the new strategic plan and the process used to develop it. As the program's revised Mission and Vision are only 2 years old, these remain consistent as they are excellent and now include transformation as a key component. The Strategic Plan has six priorities. The strategic plan puts a more targeted focus on sexual assault as domestic violence has taken center stage while the program focused on building and educating community. DSVS has many services involving counseling, safe shelter, supportive service, working on a protocol on gun access, community training, educating middle and high school students, services for those who harm others, staffing a 24-hour hotline, and counseling for young children where domestic violence and abuse occur. I would recommend

Toni as a speaker for any ISCC club. She also has an excellent power point.

The website is live. It's at www.zontafairfaxcounty.org. Check it out.

We continue our on-line fundraising with Boon Supply and Abby's Candles. This is an easy way to shop for gifts year-round.

Boon Supply - lots of items for purchase. Just click on "find a fundraiser" and enter Zonta Club of Fairfax in the search window. Then click on "Shop this fundraiser".

Abby's Candles - when placing an order or sharing with family and friends for them to order, enter our vendor code (63531) at check out. The club also hopes to participate in the beer pull fundraising at the Block the Block and Fall Festival events.

Our next Business meeting will be Monday, March 6, 6:30 pm at the Fair Lakes Olive Garden. The speaker for our April 1 business meeting will be Twana Johnson, Assistant Program Manager, Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Services at Department of Family Services - Children, Youth and Families Division (CYF). We will meet via ZOOM at 10 AM.

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