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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 3 May 12:00 PM Moose Lodge

ISCC Minutes 1 March 2023

President Leightley called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Twenty individuals representing 21 organizations were present. Fairfax City Mayor Catherine Read was a guest. Larry Larson gave the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as provided.

Treasurer Clary reported a balance of \$1,166.45 as of 1 February. Sent \$100.00 to Fairfax High School for their all-night graduation party. Ending balance of \$1,066.45.

Vice President Grimsley had nothing to report.

President Leightley reported most organizations have updated their blurbs on the ISCC web Site.

Mayor Catherine Read spoke about her first 60 days in office, and her priorities for the rest of her term. Mayor Read is committed to telling a deeper and richer story of the City. She feels the City needs a vision of the future that includes more collaboration among City departments and closer ties with

George Mason university. In terms of development, the City is leaning to more underground parking, prioritizing public bathrooms and improved sidewalks, and looking for a venue for a performing arts facility. She is also looking for ways to make young people more aware of the benefits of service clubs.



OLD BUSINESS

As President Leightley reported, most organizations have updated their blurbs on the ISCC web site.

Volunteer of the Year Planning: Larry Larson reported that nominations are due by June 30, but getting them in early would be appreciated, as there is quite a bit of work that has to go in to preparing the program for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Adding an ad for ISCC to the City web site: Parks and Recreation will do so when space is available.

Sign Renewal – Larry Larson reported the many of the ISCC organization signs need to be refreshed or replaced. There are 5 signboards at various entries to the City. Larry asked for feedback from member organizations by April

Organizations gave their reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 PM.

City of Fairfax



Parks and Recreation

Mayors' Fitness Challenge
March 18 – May 13
Ongoing registration- sign up! This friendly
competition between the City of Fairfax, Fall
Church, and Vienna is to see who is the most
"fit". Help Fairfax City win the cup this year by
logging your exercising minutes.

HisTree Day
April 22
10am – 4pm (Earth Day Ac□vi□es from 11am –
2pm)
Historic Blenheim (3610 Blenheim Blvd.)
It's History and Earth Day combined! Join us for activities, games, and food as you take a walk back through time and celebrate our earth. Free admission!

Whiskey Basics Saturday, April 15th at 4pm Historic Blenheim (3610 Blenheim Blvd.) Enjoy the beautiful, historic grounds of Blenheim with 6 people of your choice, as MurLarkey Distillery walks you through a whiskey tasting with their inventive flavors. Registration is required!

Fairfax Uncorked- Jazz and Wine Festival Mark your calendars!
May 6 from 3:30pm – 8pm
Historic Blenheim (3610 Blenheim Blvd.)
Enjoy the fine fruits of local, Virginia wineries while you listen to the various stylings of Mason Jazz faculty and students.

Chocolate Lover Festival



Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee-

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



Small Business Focus. Big Business Results.

The Central Fairfax Chamber has had a full calendar of events and some great things coming up! We've already added 36 members during the first quarter of the year! Let's see if we can keep this pace up for the year! On the events front we've been especially busy!

Last month, in honor of International Women's Month, we hosted our first Women-Owned Business EXPO and Luncheon, featuring Hildie Carney. Hildie gave an emotionally-charged presentation on her role is a landmark sexual harassment and discrimination case back in the 1980s. We are all so blessed to have Hildie as a part of this community!

In April, we are hosting several education opportunities, including a webinar on the Employee Retention Tax Credit; a workshop on SBA Lending; and another workshop on sales. In addition, we will hold our usual Business After Hours Networking Event. This month, on 4/13 at Chubby Squirrel.

Looking ahead, in June, we are resurrecting our Economic Summit Breakfast on Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30am. We will also host our first annual Field Day at the St. James on June 17. This event is just like the middle school field day of our youth, but for adults! We will be accepting teams. Perhaps your organization will enter a team?!?

Be sure to visit our website

- https://www.cfcc.org/events/#!event-list to see all of our events and others. If you would like to receive the Chamber's emails, you can sign up for our mailing list on our homepage - https://www.cfcc.org/. Simply scroll down to the bottom of the page and look in the lower right hand corner.

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Civitan Club of Fairfax

Saturday 25 March was the Civitan Day of Service. Fairfax Civitans and the other Clubs in our region of Civitans all were asked to—on the same day-- do service projects that benefited our communities. Besides helping, we also hoped to do a better job showing the people in our communities what Civitan is and why they should consider being friends and members.

That Saturday afternoon members of our Club met at the ServiceSource facility in Oakton. Projects supported included the preparation of friendly and personal cards and place mats to be shared with the recipients of Meals on Wheels. Another project was making Beds for Cats in county shelters.

The speaker at our 2 March Club meeting was Wendy Baird from the Cloverleaf Equine Center, formerly known as the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Center. Fairfax Civitan has been a long-time friend and financial supporter of the Center. A highlight of our 6 April Club meeting will be a presentation about the new partnership between Civitan and ARC.

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Downtown Fairfax Coalition

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FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

The April meeting of the Fairfax Ferns Garden Club will be held at 6:30 on April 10 at the Fairfax Library. The program will be on "Native Plants for your home garden".

If you are interested in attending or want to learn more about the Club, please call the Membership Chair at 703 915 6102.

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

Our 2023 activities are ready to roll and we have some terrific new rides planned for the rest of the riding season. We were out on April 1st collecting trash along Fairfax Boulevard and in front of City Hall. This is a great community effort that builds pride in our community and generates a lot of good will. Our Ride supporting Jill's House will take place later in April.

Our Ride of the Patriots is back and this year the ride will be to Rolling t Remember at the Pentagon. A lot of work is underway on our 23rd annual "Ride of the Patriots" event on Sunday, May 28th. Our program for this event will be similar to previous years and will feature a community oriented event including; staging of bikes along Fairfax Boulevard, a short parade, an opening ceremony to honor those in uniform who serve and have served our nation to protect our liberty. We are very pleased to note that this year the Ride of the Patriots will join Rolling To Remember at the Pentagon. This is a Fairfax community Memorial Day weekend event and everyone is invited to come. This event attracts riders from across the USA to remember and honor friends and relatives in uniform who have served our nation unselfishly. Lest We Never Forget....

If there is an interest by any of the City of Fairfax InterService Council member groups in participating, please let me know. Your questions or suggestions will be most welcome.

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 at www.fairfaxhog.com

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Historic Fairfax City Incorporated

At the March HFCI Meeting, President Matt West reported on his successful meeting with Mayor Reed during which they discussed HFCI's role in preserving historic structures and landmarks in the City.

Linda Baringhaus reported that we have 59 members signed up so far this year and that we need to actively solicit more new members.

Al Leightley explained the presentation he gives to community groups on a regular basis to give them some background on the history of the City and surrounding areas.

Mark Towery reported that a marker for the Layton Hall house is in the works.

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Kiwanis Club of Fairfax



We will be doing Meals for young minds and participating in the Funky FleaMarket.



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: <u>WWW.6292.kofc.com</u>.
All meetings currently are in person.

April Activities:

- 9 April Easter Egg Hunt after 9 and 11 AM Masses
- 16 April Family Breakfast after the 7:30 and 9 AM Masses
 - 20 23 April KOVAR Collections

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Fairfax Lions Club



Our guest speaker, at our March 7th meeting, was VA State Assembly Delegate David Bulova. David represents VA's 37th District which includes the City of Fairfax and parts of

Fairfax County. David is a life-long resident of Fairfax and works for us to build a vibrant and caring community, with common-sense leadership in the General Assembly to continue to build on our quality of life and to invest in our future.

David started his talk with a short VA civics quiz, and most of quickly realized we do not know too much about the VA legislature that originated 400 years ago (1619) as the VA General Assembly – the legislative body for the Colony of VA. The House of Burgesses was added in 1642. See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House of Burgesses

At this meeting, he told us about the progress made in the recent legislative session, areas of common agreement and where differences exist. David believes in working with, and not against, county and city governments to solve common challenges. He also believes strongly in the value of public service, responsibility, honesty, hard work, and fairness.



Music Contest for Local Youth Fairfax Lions hosted the Lions Clubs' "James Bland" Youth Music Contest for the Fairfax County area on March 12th; 23 young persons participated. Those impressive contestants ranged from 5th grade (age 10) to 12th grade (ages 17-18). Instrumentalists performed on

harp, violin, piano, clarinet, and saxophone; vocalists included tenors and sopranos. The music included compositions

by: Beethoven, Bellini,

Caldera, Chopin, Debussy, Liszt and others. Professional judges scored performances to determine top 2 vocal and instrumental contestants, and also to offer suggestions for each performer. Those top four contestants - two vocal and two instrumental - received cash awards and will advance to the next level of VA state Lions music competition.

Winning Vocalists:

Logan Buckley - age 17, 11th grade (tenor, performing *Vaga Luna* by Vincenzo Bellini) Katherine Love - age 18, 12th grade (soprano, *Il Mio Bel Foco* by Francesco Bartolomeo Conti) Winning Instrumentalists:

Goldie Woods - age 16, 10th grade (harp, performing *Impromtu Caprice* by Gabriel Piene)

Alexander Moon - age 10, 5th grade (violin, performing *Violin Concerto No 1 in G Minor mov.* 3 by Max Bruch





L: Lion Jeff congratulates #1 vocalist Logan Buckley
R: #2 vocalist Katherine Love performing



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CENTRAL FAIRFAX OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimists gathered in person for the first time this year. It was a joyous occasion to see everyone's smiling face. We meet at the Elks Club where a dinner is provided. Our Essay Contest winners and their families attended the meeting and read their essays and were presented with certificates.

Our first-place winner is Charles Nguyen from Lake Braddock, Second Place winner is Vivianne Kim from Fairfax HS, and Third Place winner is Sophia Harris from W.E. Woodson HS. The Central Fairfax held its annual Oratorical Contest and there were 7 participants. The topic this year was "Discovering the Optimism within Me". Each contestants gave a very interesting speech on the subject. The two winners will go on to the Zone contest which will be held on April 22nd and the two winners of that contest goes on to the District level. The final level of competition will be held in St. Louis at the University of St. Louis for the World Competition which will be held some time in July.

Our Club had a tough decision for Volunteer of the Year award as there were so many nominations. We voted and our long time member, Michele Hanson, is our Volunteer of the Year. We'll be submitting her name to ISCC very soon.

We instituted a new Fund Raiser, collecting sneakers! Large Bags were passed to members to fill. The shoes are sent to Latin American countries. The shoes that are past being worn are stripped for parts. And the condition of the shoe is how the value is determined.

This year's Optimist International Convention will be held in Crystal City, June 29 - July 3 and preparations are underway.

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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 March 15. Members discussed participating in a community festival this Fall in order to promote the Women's Auxiliary and seek out new members. We have updated our brochure and plan to distribute it at local public buildings, such as the senior center.

Captain Kadian reported that the Corps has had some difficulty in filling open job posts and is reaching out to volunteers in the community to help oversee the afterschool program. She is holding a Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser to raise money for an orphanage in Mexico. The officers have been busy planning events for National Salvation Army Week, which will take place in mid-May.

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ServiceSource is launching a new pilot program, CARE Mobile in April. CARE (Community Access to Resources and Engagement) Mobile is a 100 percent mobile program which provides roving onsite outdoor health and wellness programming, engaging community activities, and entertainment for adults with disabilities and older adults (50+) for free. Local community resources and consultation to are also available to connect individuals to organizations for support.

CARE Mobile will be in areas such as: Mount Vernon, Springfield, Bailey's Crossroads, Annandale, Falls Church, Herndon, and Chantilly. Anyone in the community can request CARE Mobile in their neighborhood. There are volunteering opportunities for people ages 14 and older.

https://forms.office.com/r/MG7xbQspFS (CARE Mobile Request Form) or for more information on CARE Mobile, visit ServiceSource's CARE Mobile

webpage. https://www.servicesource.org/care-mobile/

This is perfect, thank you!

ServiceSource is honored to celebrate the Wellness Center's first anniversary in May. The Wellness Center for Older Adults (WCOA) is a first of its kind center supporting preventative health by offering free and easy access to programs and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities in Fairfax County. This includes Recreation Activities, Technology Access, Assistive Technology, Support Groups and Health Screenings for Fairfax County community members, together with a day program for people with disabilities. There are a number of partners committed to offering programs, presentations, and services at the WCOA to assist in meeting the needs of the populations we serve.

The anniversary celebration takes place on May 19. The WCOA is having an open house from 10:00-2:00. Breakfast food will be available at 10:00 and tours offered throughout the day. Individuals can also visit the WCOA's webpage https://www.servicesource.org/virginia-wcoa/. Older adults and adults with disabilities can face barriers to accessing health screenings, assistive technology and recreation opportunities. The Wellness Center is proud to support the engagement of meaningful activities and strives to promote accessibility and full inclusion for all participants.

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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 coming up:

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 (April3), Fire Safety/File of Medical Information (April 10), Harpist (April 17), and The Climate is Changing, How its Going to Affect My Health? (April 24). There is no cost for this restart.

Lunch N'Life Thursday May 16, 2023 12 PM at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030. The Barbershop Quartet – "Just For Grins" will be featured. The cost for lunch and entertainment is \$15 per person. For

reservations contact Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by May 12th.

Shepherd Center February activities,

- Transportation Program –had 229 Medical and Shopping Drives by SCFB drivers during the month.
- 2. Chair Yoga SCFB Exercise Program conducted via Zoom, 3 times a week during the last month and average 45 participants per session.
- 3. Friendly Caller- Visits made 81 Calls and 17 visit contacts for month.
- 4. Book Club had 8 participants.

Volunteer Drivers and ride schedulers are critically needed. Please pass to your organizations. They can contact me at 703-273-2089 or Leightley8@verizon.net if interested.

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Soroptimist International of Fairfax County

We are partnering with the Woodbridge Soroptimist Club to put on a fashion and talent show on Sunday, April 16. We are delighted to welcome three new members.

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Woman's Club of Fairfax

We elected a new president, Pam Jensen.

Members are participating in the joint Fairfax City Parks and Recreation and Historic Fairfax event, His-Tree Day, to be held on April 22 at Historic Blenheim. This is a new event which celebrates the past and the future by combining appreciation of our history with awareness of our environment. The Woman's Club will volunteer at the Monarch Butterfly Conservation Station.

Our Scholarship Committee has geared up and notified Fairfax City schools that it is time to apply for our scholarship to a Virginia college. This year we have authorized \$8,000 to be awarded for scholarships.

Fairfax City Woman's Club members are accepting the Fitness Challenge set forth by the General Federation of Women's Clubs to all clubs. Our first event was a Walk-A-Thon at Bull Run Regional Park. Members will log their hours spent in various exercise events throughout the year.

Members donated 58,000 plastic bottle caps to the Fairfax Methodist Church for its project of creating a bench from recycled plastic.

The Woman's Club is continuing to volunteer at the Fairfax City Band concerts to help hand out programs and tickets and act as ushers.

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. **Membership** – Zonta Club of Fairfax County is looking for new members. In this effort and to support current members, the club is planning a special event, a wine tasting and social. The event is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Total Wine in McLean. Total Wine supplies the wine and the sharing of knowledge. The club will provide the food. The cost is \$10 per person. More on this at the May ISCC meeting. We are very excited that a potential new member found on on-line and applied for membership using our new on-

line form! She joined us at our April 1 meeting on Zoom.

Service – The club received its first application for the Jane Klausman Scholarship. Named for a Zontian, the scholarship is given to a student in her final two years or graduate studies in business. We were delighted to send the application to District 3 for consideration. Her application and informational conversation were excellent.

In order to have funds for various service projects and our scholarships, we continue our on-line fundraising. Our newest one is a spring only one, March 1 April 24. You may purchase bulbs from Three Rivers Wreath and Plant Company. They will be shipped directly to you. I've attached a link below that you can use to view the site and share with family and friends. Please help us spread the word on this fundraiser.

When going to the website, you can also enter our GROUP number at the bottom of the page for orders to apply to our fundraiser.

Website: https://threeriversfundraising.com/ GROUP CODE - B91E85

OR:

Link: https://threeriversfundraising.com/fundrais er/zcfc-s23

Our fundraisers with Boon Supply and Abby's Candles continue. 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. **Advocacy** – Zonta North American Inter-District Meeting is themed **TEAM ZONTA** Racing to Build a Better World for Women and Girls. It is to be held June 30 - July 2, 2023, in Indianapolis, Indiana. This event is an opportunity for fellowship, education, and inspiration. The three-day event features a keynote by groundbreaking Indy 500 race car driver, coach, mentor, speaker and author, Lyn St. James, whose determination helped her break into the male-dominated world of racing. The NAIDM is also a chance for you to learn more about Zonta and our work to combat the effects of climate change on women and girls, and hear about Indianpolis' efforts to become a "front runner" on climate change, recognized by the World Health Organization. You will also

be able to choose from **several educational tracks**, giving you plenty of information and inspiration to bring back to your club.

Club News -

At our April 1 meeting, our speaker was Twana Johnson, Program Manager of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program at Department of Family Services- Children, Youth and Families Division (CYF) Fairfax County Department of Family Services. She was very clear that one size does not fit all. She and the program staff listen and plan with others to find the best solutions to needs and situations. Twana gave an excellent presentation, including the brief descriptions of the five programs and what is included in them. Twana also shared the many roles that volunteers can and do play in the various services. I would recommend Twana as a speaker for any ISCC club.

The information about the Zonta Club has been updated on the ISCC website.

Our club is nominating Joe Furman as our Volunteer of the Year. Joe is a member of the Board and active at meetings and events. He has been our representative to the ISCC when I am away. Most importantly, Joe led our website team. His leadership and knowledge made sure that our club website is informative and useful. Our most recent membership applicant found us online and applied electronically.

Our next Business meeting will be Monday, May 1, 6:30 pm at the Fair Lakes Olive Garden. We will conduct annual business such as electing officers and approving our budget. Our scholarship winner will be invited also.