



Inter-Service Club Council of the City of Fairfax

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 6 September
12:00 PM
Moose Lodge

ISCC Minutes

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

16 members representing 18 organizations were present.

John Keith gave the invocation, and all members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as provided.

Treasurer Clary reported a balance of \$1,100.59 as of February 1. Fairfax High School's Application for Senior Night has been received. President Hoffman announced that webmaster Lydia will speak about the ISCC website at our April meeting.

Vice President Grimsley discussed that a representative from the office of the Fairfax Superintendent of Schools will speak at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Larson said that he stopped by Sherwood Center, the venue for Volunteer of the Year, and Katy is on board. Police and Fire Departments will get invitations. Nominations from ISCC will be due next month.

Club representatives gave their Club Reports and the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

City of Fairfax



Parks and Recreation

Mayors Fitness Challenge: There's still time to get involved! We are currently losing to Vienna and Fall Church, but with everyone's help we are sure to win!

Fairfax HisTree Day
Saturday, April 27
10am – 4pm

This family friendly event features historical reenactures and dive into how they lived during the Civil War era, in addition to Earth Day related vendors and activities. Learn how to make your own quilt pattern, take a wagon ride, make sustainable crafts, or learn about native plants all in the same day! The event is free and open to the public, and a shuttle bus to and from Fairfax High School will be available to the public.

Chocolate Lover Festival



Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee-

The committee will officially be giving the checks to the three non-profits that were chosen for this

year at the April 30th Council Meeting at 7pm in City Hall. All are welcome to attend! The grant recipients for this year are FACETS, The Women's Center, and the Northern Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons.

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

The logo for this year has officially been decided and is now on the city's website! The t-shirt sales, which will feature the logo are listed below:

Saturday, June 8th and June 22nd
9am – Noon
City Hall, Front Steps
10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax

Saturday, June 30th
Hometown Celebration
5pm – 7pm
City Hall/Veterans Amphitheatre
10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax

Fourth of July
9am – 11am
City Hall, along Armstrong St./next to the Reviewing Stand
10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax

The committee has received over 60 parade applications to be reviewed and organized and has selected the various helium balloons that will be featured at the parade as well. The Evening Show band this year will be Ocho de Bastos- they're sure to have you movin' and groovin'!



Central Fairfax
Chamber of Commerce

Small Business Focus. Big Business Results.

Jennifer Rose: Jennifer@cfcc.org



Civitan Club of Fairfax

Officials from ServiceSource will speak at the 4 April Club meeting of Fairfax Civitan, bringing us up to date on that organizations "latest" programs and activities. In particular, they will talk about the Ellmore farmhouse. As reported by COO Ken Crum, " the farmhouse is officially open for programming and serving individuals. As official ribbon cutting is planned for the spring when the weather breaks. It's a beautiful, fully accessible house..." with an elevator thanks to Fairfax Civitan and to the Foundation for Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

April activities include the first 2024 operation at the huge Arlington Garage Sale/flea market. From April through November, the sale takes place on the first Saturday of each month.

Late in April an organization named "Langley Residential Support Services" will hold a Spring Bowling Benefit. Fairfax Civitans helps to financial support that benefit, and we pull together a Club bowling team.

Tentatively planned for our May Club Meeting is a presentation about an organization called CRI—Choice, Respect, independence. CRI works for and with people with disabilities. We have some CRI folks from small group homes who belong to our service club.

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Downtown Fairfax Coalition

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FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting is Monday April 8 at 6.30 pm at the home of Kathy Hoffman
Program will go over flower arranging and choosing volunteer of the year for ISCC .

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

Our 2024 activities are ready to roll and we have some terrific new rides planned for the rest of the riding season. We will be out on April 6th doing Adopt-a-Spot 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 of the Patriots is back and this year the ride will be to Rolling to Remember at the Pentagon. A lot of planning and development work is underway on our 24th annual "Ride of the Patriots" event which will be held on Sunday, May 26th. This event will be similar to previous

years and will feature a community oriented event involving; staging of bikes along Fairfax Boulevard, an opening ceremony to recognize, honor and remember those in uniform who serve and have served our nation to protect our liberty and at 9:00 the bikers will leave for the Pentagon.

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....**

Bikers from many parts of our nation will be arriving starting on May 24th and visit the Open House at Patriot Harley as well as other sites of interest including restaurants in our fair City. This is a Fairfax community Memorial Day weekend event and everyone is invited to come.

If there is an interest by any of the City of Fairfax InterService Club 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 250 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

We are on the brink of a whirlwind week of book sales. The Friends start setting up for the Children's Book Sale this Friday. That sale is Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm each day. There is no bag sale for Children's books.

The next day we rearrange the tables for the Big Book Sale (Adult fiction and nonfiction and any children's books left from the previous sale.) We have close to 250 boxes for this sale. It will be arranged by Thursday the 11th for the pre-sale

starting at 1pm. Admission is charged for this pre-sale. The regular sale starts on Friday the 12th and runs through Sunday the 14th from 10am to 4pm each day. Sunday is bag day where one can fill a grocery bag for \$8. We have received a last minute donation of 26 boxes of mostly military and history books.

We hope to raise \$15,000 on these sales. The money supports programs for children, adults, and citizenship at the Fairfax City Library as well as support for the staff in the form of tee-shirts, coffee, staff and volunteer luncheons. We also support the community with donations to the Fairfax Library Foundation for furniture for the Fairfax City Library as well as support to Fall for the Book, the 4th of July Parade, Chocolate Lovers Festival and a scholarship with the Kiwanis Club.

You can join us on Tuesdays at 10am starting April 23 for our weekly book sorts. We welcome new members.

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Friends of

Fairfax Station

T-TRAK Model Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

The Northern Virginia T-TRAK members will hold a tabletop N gauge model train display at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, April 14, 2024, 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; senior 65+ and military (active and retired), \$4. For more information on the museum events, <http://www.fairfax-station.org>, <http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR>, 703-425-9225.

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Historic Fairfax City Incorporated

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**Kiwanis Club
of Fairfax**



The only item to report for this month is that we will helping with the Library book sales

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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. All meetings currently are in person.

April Activities:

6/7 April - Car Raffle Ticket Sales
11 thru 14 April – KOVAR Collections
16 April – Grey GOST Luncheon
26 thru 28 April State Convention in

Herndon

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Fairfax Lions Club



We Serve

Since 1951

James Bland Youth Music contest

Fairfax Lions conducted its annual youth music competition on March 10. Three local performers were awarded cash prizes and advanced to the Regional Lions Music competition on April 7th, and a chance to perform at the state competition where scholarships totaling \$12000 are awarded. See videos of top performers on the [Lions web page](#).

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Centreville Moose Lodge #2168

Saturday, March 30, the Women of the Moose will hold an Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt party from 2PM-4PM for all kids.

Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, the Lodge will host 55+ retired military coming to Washington DC on an Honor Flight from the Appalachian Highlands. We will serve them dinner at the lodge on Friday night which will include an Honor Guard and POW-MIA Table Ceremony. On Saturday, we will meet them at the Army Museum on



Fort Belvoir and provide them boxed lunches.

All Moose members and the general public are welcome to join us at the lodge on Friday evening at 6:30PM to properly welcome and honor our veterans as they arrive in DC.

The Lodge has been hosting the Appalachian Highlands Honor Flight for the past 3 years. We host two Honor Flights each year. The next Honor Flight will be Friday, May 17.

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CENTRAL FAIRFAX OPTIMIST CLUB

It was a joy to be at our March dinner meeting where we honored our Essay Contest winners. They were very inspiring. Veronica Owen was our 1st Place winner, Aahil Valliani (from TJ) 2nd place winner and Ella Ridgeway (Lake Braddock) our 3rd Place winner



The Central Fairfax Optimist Club has taken on a project to raise funds to build an elementary school in Ghana. A member of our Club, Maxwell Anokye, who is from Ghana, shared with us his plan to build a school in his village in Ghana and we have accepted the challenge to raise funds to build it. The estimated cost is \$15,000 and any monies over and above that amount that is raised will be used to provide desks, books, computers, etc. The children at the present time walk 2 hours to reach their school and the new school will be built closer to the village so save their walking distance. Maxwell has had an irrigation system built which supplies the village with its much needed water and now he has planned on building this new school.

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The Optimist Club has selected a slate of officers for our next Club year. And our volunteer of the year is Maxwell Anokye for all of his efforts In our club as well as the Optimist Club of Ghana.

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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 AM at the Fairfax Salvation Army Corps headquarters located at 4915 Ox Road in Fairfax, VA.

The Auxiliary met on March 20, 2024 with Captain Jowens attending as our sponsor in place of Captain Kadian. The discussion of recent and upcoming events included:

- Results of the sale at the Craft Show and Vendor Market on March 9

The Auxiliary was pleased with the proceeds of a few hundred dollars by selling gently used fashion accessories donated by members and friends. In addition, members made contact with a few patrons who expressed an interest in the Auxiliary.

- Fundraising ideas through Spring 2025

The members discussed additional opportunities for selling the fashion accessories at more events occurring around the Northern Virginia area. In addition, two other fundraisers, originally discussed in the fall of 2023, were once again given consideration. Finally, a new proposal for a small event with 60-80 people was discussed, and the members present met the idea favorably. More planning for this event will take place in the coming months.

- Discussion of a Volunteer of the Year

The members in attendance discussed the Volunteer of the Year, and a selection will take place over the next couple of months.

- Establishment of a Nominating Committee for new officers

The Nominating Committee will identify the candidates for each open Officer position and will report their findings at the April meeting. New officers will be sworn in at the May meeting.

- Assembly of camp supplies for children attending summer camp

The Auxiliary President confirmed with Captain Jowens that the camp supplies are targeted for delivery by mid-April. The Auxiliary is planning to begin assembling the supplies into 50 individual bags immediately after the next meeting on April 17.

- Announcement of Salvation Army Week dates

Captain Jowens reported that Salvation Army Week is taking place during May 13 to May 19. One of the events planned is a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on May 18 with Guest Speaker Hope Dmuchowski, a strong supporter of the Salvation Army who serves on the National Advisory Board. Other events during the week are still in the planning stages.

- Registration, assembly, and distribution of backpacks to take place between July and August

As in prior years, the Auxiliary plans to assist with assembly.

The Auxiliary's next general meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2024.

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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.

February Support Statistics:

- Medical and Shopping Drives – 200 drives
- Exercise Class (Chair Yoga) 12 Classes – 574 Participants
- Friendly Caller/Visitor to isolated seniors - 64 Calls, 14 visits
- Hand Helper – 0 Tasks

SCFB social activity

Lunch N' Life :was held Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Guest Speaker: was Ms. Andrea Loewenwarter Historic Resources Specialist will speak on Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center. Next Lunch N' Life will be held in May.16th at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church. The guest speaker will be Jeff McKay, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Volunteer Drivers and event volunteers 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 will be giving 3 grants on April 6, two Live Your Dream awards and a special award in honor of our immediate pasted President, who passed away suddenly in September

Several members will attend the Region Spring Conference in Ocean City at the end of the month.

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General Federation of Women's Clubs 
Woman's Club of Fairfax

Nothing really new to report. We continue to collect donations for Lamb Center and Artemus House. Members are also saving tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. We are also donating used tennis shoes for charity.

Announcements have been made about applying for the Woman's Club college scholarship.

Several members are attending the April 6th Northern Virginia District Meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. One of our members is the 1st Vice President of the Northern District.

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SERVICE

Joe Furman and Paul Beechler continues to deliver monthly lots of food and supplies, or gift cards requested for the DVAC pantry.

Our club received on applicant for the YWPA (Young Woman in Public Affairs) scholarship. She is a senior at McLean HS and has quite an impressive background and was highly recommended.

The club is exploring holding a reunion or those women who have received one of our scholarships. Since so many have left the area, a ZOOM reunion might be the best way to accomplish this idea.

We are looking at our service projects for 2024-2025 which begins June 2024.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed a new member, Denise Sylvester. Denise comes to us from her club in Michigan. Denise will be our delegate at the Zonta International Convention in Brisbane, Australia this summer.

ADVOCACY

Elimination of Child Marriage in Virginia – HB994. The bill passed the Virginia House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate. The bill was sent to the Governor for his signature. Our coalition of Zonta Club of Fairfax, VANOW, Unchained at Last, and Tahirih Justice Center worked together on this bill. Our current major advocacy project is Sign for ERA. This is a national petition to the Congress asking it to pass a resolution to make the ERA an amendment to the Constitution. The ERA has received the needed number of state legislative bodies to pass it. Virginia was the last to approve to bring the number needed. 2

In Fairfax County, the Fairfax4CEDAW group got the county to adopt a resolution a year or so ago to evaluate county policies and procedures for gender bias using a CEDAW lens. They ordered a gender analysis by the University of Virginia. It was presented on March 22, 2024. This document will be studied by Fairfax County and recommendations will be forthcoming.

BUSINESS

The club elected new officers.

President: Linda Sudi

Vice-President: Lynne Strobel

Secretary: Joe Furman

Treasurer: Kim Perdos

Directors: Judy Johnston, Blanche Anderson, Ina Fernandez, and Paul Beechler

The club reviewed and passed the 2024-2025 budget. We are looking for fundraising events or activities. The club has applied to work at Rock the Block this summer. Wine Tasting in October is both a fundraiser and a membership event.

FUTURE EVENTS

May 4 (Saturday) 10 am

Zoom Meeting - Induction of 2024-2025 officers

October 26 (Saturday) 2-5 pm

Membership/Fundraiser Wine event. Location:
Paradise Springs Cost:\$45

Please put the date on your calendar and share
it with your club members. We would love to
have you join us. More information later.

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