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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 6 March 2024
12:00 PM
Moose Lodge

ISCC Minutes 3 January 2024

President Hoffman Called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. Twelve members were present. Suzanne Grimsley gave the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as provided.

Treasurer Clary reported a balance of \$1100.59. there were no expenditures or income during the month.

President Hoffman and Vice President Grimsley had nothing to report.

Members gave their club reports, followed by an informative discussion of Development in the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.

City of Fairfax



Mayors' Fitness Challenge:

8-week competition between Fairfax City, Vienna and Falls Church to see who has the most "fit" community! Registration is now open on our website, and this year, you have the option of buying a MFC beanie too (\$5). We have lost the past 3 years, so this has GOT to be our comeback! All you have to do is log your exercising minutes and the jurisdiction with the highest average will win. GO FAIRFAX!

Chocolate Lover Festival



Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee-

HUGE Thank you to the participating non-profits at the Chocolate Lovers Festival (Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee, Kiwanis, Fairfax HOGs, IDCC, Bar Association, CFCC, OTFBA, Library and Friends of the Library)! We had a great weekend- lots of smiling kids with chocolate covered grins! Looking forward, we will present the CLF grant recipients with their checks at a future council meeting.

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

They had a very successful Taste of Chocolate event at the Chocolate Lovers Festival this past weekend! Lines were out the door all weekend and Old Town Hall was busy from opening to close both days. The sales from this weekend will be given to the CLF grant recipients and will also help raise funds for the Independence Day Celebrations.

advantage of the possibilities revealed in this past Covid Pandemic world. For example, our 1 February Club meeting was a hybrid arrangement—some members (prompted by distance and darkness) participated via zoom; more members attended “in person,” meeting in a large room in the ServiceSource facility in Oakton, Virginia.

Our February program/speakers were from the Fairfax County Police Department, and they talked about safety, being prudent and careful, and what to do if faced with a threat. There was a good discussion.

The business portion of the meeting included discussion of various projects being planned; for example: a bingo party; Club members helping paint fences at the Cloverleaf Equine Center; and a spring visit to the Ellmer Farm House . 'More about these in future reports

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group



Civitan Club of Fairfax

Fairfax Civitan continues in its recent activities and in its future planning to explore ways to take

We have been planning activities for the year and putting on a number of training events.

Our plans for 2024 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 10th, Chapter members will be giving the "Gift of Life" at INOVA Bloodmobile at Patriot Harley-Davidson. 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 Jill's House, Healing Heroes and Adopt-a-Spots in the City of Fairfax.

Our Chapter will proudly be hosting the 24th Annual Ride of the Patriots on Sunday, May 26th. Ride of the Patriots has become a community Memorial Day weekend event with many residents and guests coming out to honor our military heroes. Planning is underway within our Chapter and at Patriot Harley for the 2024 event which will ride down I-66 to join Rolling to Remember at the Pentagon.. AmVets is hosting Rolling to Remember which has replaced Rolling Thunder. Ride of the Patriots will include our usual Opening Ceremonies and a Parade to recognize and honor those in uniform who have given life and limb in defense of our liberty and way of life. Many out-of-town riders will be welcome to join us.

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 such as Chocolate Lovers Festival in February.

We look forward to working with the City and ISCC civic organizations in 2024 to make our community a better place for all of us.

The Fairfax Harley Owners Group is a diverse and energetic group of over 250 members. The Chapter publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains its own web page at www.fairfaxhog.com

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**Friends of
Fairfax Station**

The Northern Virginia T-TRAK members will hold a N gauge Model Train Display at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, February 11th, 2024, from 1-4 pm

The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N-Gauge Train Display at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, February 18th, 2024, from 1-4 pm.

The museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. Admission: museum members, free; adults 13 and over, \$5; children 5-12, \$3; under 4, free. Seniors 65+ and military (active & retired), \$4. For more information on the museum and show events phone 703.425.9225.

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Historic Fairfax City Incorporated

HFCI held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 10 at City Hall.

This is HFCI Membership Season. Letters have gone out to present members and you can renew membership on the HFCI website as well.

Matt West, our president, began to discuss ideas for things to stress in the coming year to support the organization's mission which in a nutshell is to support and promote interest in local history, to support the Office of Historic Properties and to support acquisition and preservation of historic assets.

We approved a draft budget for the year. The first act of our new Treasurer, John Keith, who is attempting to fill the gigantic shoes left by Al Leightley, who has served as Treasurer heroically for many years.

Mitch Sutterfield has taken charge of Walking Tours with enthusiasm and is looking for new stories to entertain and educate participants in the tours.

The Historic Sites were closed during January, except for the Visitor Center to allow our staff to have some good planning time. The Office will be requesting two additional permanent part time employees in the new budget cycle.

February is Black History Month and some interesting new programs, events and exhibits will be featured. There will be an exhibition at the Museum about Frederick Douglass for the entire month. It will cover his escape from slavery, his work as an abolitionist and his tireless fight for equality. On February 11, the actor Nathan Richardson presented "Meet Frederick Douglass" at Historic Blenheim. On February 21 there will be something called the "Divine Nine Panel" – nine speakers who will discuss Black Fraternities and Sororities in the 21st Century. Old Town Hall at 7 pm. On February 24, there will be a Book Talk and Signing at Historic Blenheim with local authors Etta Wilson, Rita Colbert, Linneall Naylor, Rondia Prescott and Jene Lindner. The book is about the Black communities of Fairfax Court House including Jermantown, School Street and others.

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Kiwanis Club of Fairfax



We participated in the Chocolate Lover's festival 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 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.

February Activities:

- Feb 3- 10 - Chicken Pot Pie Sales for KOVAR
- Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday
- Feb 18 – Start of Weekly Lenten Soup Suppers in St Leo's Gym
- Feb 20 - Grey GOST Luncheon
- Feb 24 – Men's Retreat at Providence Hall

March for Life was conducted on 19 January. The council sent 20 Knights to support collections to defray the cost of the March.

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Fairfax Lions Club



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Lions Peace Poster Contest

For the past three decades, students have competed in the Lions "Peace Poster" art contest. The theme was "Dare to Dream," and the Northern VA winning poster is titled: "Peace comes by understanding, not by war.." It was selected as the winner by art students at GMU - and will advance to compete in state-wide competition.



Community Service - Screened Vision of Pre-schoolers

On Jan 31, 2024, FX Lions used the [SPOT vision screening system](#) to screen the eyesight of 41 children (ages 2-5) at Emmanuel Lutheran Pre-School. The screening resulted in notifying parents of four children we referred those children for a follow-up eye exam by a professional optometrist.



Caption: Screening vision of pre-school staff member

Marketing, Community Connections

On January 31, FX Lions had a table at the "Community Engagement Fair" organized by the Community Impact Council of the CFCC. It was a pleasure meeting other area non-profits.



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Centreville Moose Lodge #2168



January 27 we held our first Magic Show at the Lodge. The performances will be provided by the Society of American Musicians. The event was open to the public. We raised over \$500

for Moose Charities.

On Saturday, February 10 the Women of the Moose will be holding their 2nd Annual Valentines Dinner for Breast Cancer Research (A Night in Paris) to raise funds for cancer research.



On Sunday, February 11, the lodge will be hoisting a Super Bowl watching party starting at 6:00PM. Free nachos and chili will be available for all members and qualified guests.

On Sunday, February 25, the lodge has its monthly breakfast. Open to the public.

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Salvation Army

Women's Auxiliary

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

The Auxiliary did not have a general meeting in January due to the bad weather. At the next meeting, members will continue discussing ideas for springtime fundraising. In addition, the Auxiliary will coordinate with Captain Kadian on the plan for gathering the supplies necessary to support 50 children for the Summer Camp program.

The Auxiliary will be participating in a Craft Show/Vendor Market at the Stacy Sherwood Center on March 9, 2024 from 9 AM to 2PM. The event is sponsored by the Green Acres Senior Center. We will be selling our gently used Fashion Accessories donated by Auxiliary members and friends over the past few years.

The Auxiliary's next general meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024.

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Soroptimist International of Fairfax County

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.

December Support Statistics:

- Medical and Shopping Drives – 255 drives
- Exercise Class (Chair Yoga) 7 Classes – 316 Participants
- Friendly Caller/Visitor to isolated seniors - 56 Calls, 3 visits
- Hand Helper – 5 Tasks

SCFB social activity for Jan:

Lunch N'Life was cancelled due to weather. The next Lunch'N Life will be in March.

Volunteer Drivers and event volunteers are critically needed. Please pass to your organizations. They can contact me at 703-

We are finalizing our grants for women head of household. We hope to provide two \$1,000 grants, and one special \$500 grant in memory of our Immediate Past President, who passed away suddenly in September.

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Woman's Club of Fairfax

We did not have a January meeting, so reporting is from December, with a couple current items at the end.

We swore in three new members.

The club donated diapers to Fairfax County for its shelters.

In December, some members participated in a Wellness Walk, which is a national program promoted by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Our profit from our Bake Sale at the Fairfax Holiday Market was the most we ever made, at \$2,470.

Members volunteered at a Rock the Block evening and collected \$1,556 in tips.

Several of our members volunteered at the Fairfax City Symphony Band's December Christmas concert.

We continued our Flower Power holiday sales through an on-line site that sells various flower bulbs and donates a percentage of each sale to clubs.

Members have collected 17 pounds of pull-tabs (from cans of sodas, food, etc.) for the "Pull for the Home" program that raises money for the Ronald McDonald houses program.

The last week-end of January, several members gathered to make Valentine's Day cards to be delivered to the residents of Braddock Glen.

This past weekend (February 4th) members donated food and assistance in serving the food at the Fairfax Methodist Church Hypothermia Shelter program.

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SERVICE

Members contributed sufficient funds to provide 40 baskets at Thanksgiving to Cornerstone. Our club was able to donate \$400 in gift cards to DVAC for the Holidays. Joe Furman also delivered lots of supplies requested for the DVAC pantry.

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.

LEARNING

At our January meeting our guest speaker was Anne Thomson Reed from LaBecca. Anne spoke of her organization, LaBecca, which

operates in South America, primarily in Honduras, Belize, Bolivia, El Salvador, and Panama. It was founded in 2005 by 3 women in Alexandria. Today, the daughters of the 3 original members are all involved in the organization with one currently serving as their president.

Funding sources are a "Christmas list" of donors, plus other community members who firmly believe in the mission. They have connected with churches in the regions in which they serve in SA, which have then connected them to the donor base of those churches. Others have included LaBecca into their wills and life planning.

Anne shared stories of scholars that have been served. Their model is that, once a woman is in the program, they remain in the program. LaBecca follows them and encourages them, even when many have to step away from their studies for other life needs. The majority of the scholars return and stay in their communities to have a direct impact on those communities. For more information, the website in www.LaBecca.org.

ADVOCACY

Call for emergency action for ending child marriage in Virginia. Bobbee Cardillo has sent an e-mail urging Zontians to contact Speaker Scott about HB994, the bill to eliminate Child Marriage in Virginia. The request is to ensure that the bill gets a hearing in the full Courts of Justice Committee. If you or members or your organization would also encourage this, I will forward Bobbee's email to you.

FUTURE EVENTS

March 2 10 am

Club Zoom Meeting - speaker on climate change and its effect on women

May 11

Membership/Fundraiser Wine event. Location: Screw Top

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

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