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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 3 April 2024
12:00 PM
Moose Lodge

ISCC Minutes 7 February 2024

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 12:00PM. Seventeen individuals representing 18 organizations were present. Pete Conklin gave the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as provided.

Treasurer Clary was absent, but reported a balance of \$1100.59 with no transactions.

Vice President Grimsley and President Hoffman had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning for the Volunteer of the Year event is beginning. Larry Larson provided a check list to the members. Nominations are due by 15 May.

There being no other business, members gave their Club Reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.

City of Fairfax



Parks and Recreation

Chocolate Lover Festival



Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee-

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Independence Day

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



Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

Small Business Focus. Big Business Results.

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Civitan Club of Fairfax

Civitan is a volunteer service organization that is dedicated to helping their community, with a special emphasis on helping those with developmental disabilities. We raise money to help other worthy organizations, and we provide volunteer support as well. With about 50 Members, the Civitan Club of Fairfax is the largest of several Civitan Clubs in the metropolitan area. Fairfax Civitans come from all kinds of backgrounds, interests, and abilities, and members live not only in Fairfax, but also in Woodbridge, Leesberg and Maryland suburbs. Fairfax Civitan gives money each year to more than a dozen worthy organizations (e.g. Alzheimers Association; Cloverleaf Equine Center; Down Syndrom Association; Phillips School; etc.) Civitans and the organizations it supports both benefit from the relationships. The Civitan International Research Center is the most prominent recipient of Fairfax Civitan support, with some \$200 each Member gifted. Besides Fairfax Civitan grants, our Club has access to a different but related organization called the Foundation for Children with Intellectual and Development Disabilities

(FCIDD). The FCIDD, in conjunction with Civitan Clubs, each year provides some sizeable grants to organizations dealing with I/DD. Besides contributing money and time, Fairfax Civitans learn, grow, and enjoy fellowship with good, like-minded Club members. We are interested in lots of things, especially in good citizenship. Our speaker at our March Club meeting will be talking about local birds... We also will share a meal, report some happenings, and discuss some coming projects.

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Downtown Fairfax Coalition

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FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting is Monday March 11 at the City of Fairfax Library at 6:30-8:45 pm. Country Hills Garden Club members have been invited to attend as well .

The program is "All About Ferns"

On May 31-June 1 the Ferns will host a Flower Show at the City of Fairfax Library. More details later.

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

We are eagerly looking forward to a busy 2024 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 3rd & 4th. 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 10th we held our annual Have a Heart Blood Drive at INOVA - Woodburn. These gifts are precious and critical to those requiring surgery, accident victims and newborns.

The Chapter will be supporting Patriot H-D on April 6th 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 beginning for our 24th annual "Ride of the Patriots" event scheduled for Sunday, May 26th. The ride will join "Rolling to Remember" at the Pentagon. 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. The Ride of the Patriots tentative plan includes familiar 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 veterans and first responders who serve so unselfishly. Stay tuned for more details.

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 force of over 250 members. The Chapter publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains its own web page, www.fairfaxhog.com

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Fairfax City Regional Library

We received a large quantity of children's books written in Korean. These do not sell well for us, but they are beautiful books. One of our members reached out to Powell Elementary in Centreville which has a Korean immersion program. We will donate these books to Powell ES.

We sort donated books on Tuesday mornings 10-11 am on Tuesdays (no meeting April 16th). Always open to new members. Join us for fun and fellowship.

The Spring book sales are coming up. We are having planning meetings to coordinate our set-up and sale volunteers. We are always grateful for the help from the Kiwanis Club during our sales. The sale dates are as follows:

- Children's book sale:

Saturday, April 6 – Sunday, April 7;
10am to 4pm

- General book sale:

Thursday, April 11 Pre-view sale starts
at 1pm - \$30 entrance fee

Friday, April 12-Saturday April 13 Open to
general public 10am to 4pm Sunday, April 14
Bag Day 10am to 4pm Fill a shopping bag for
\$8 No children's books for bag day

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Friends of Fairfax Station

: NTRAK Model Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have N gauge model trains on display and running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, March 17, 2024, from 1-4 p.m. The Station 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; seniors and military (active and retired) \$4. <http://www.fairfax-station.org>, <http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR>, 703-425-9225.

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Historic Fairfax City Incorporated

HFCI held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 14 at City Hall.

Matt West, our president, solicited 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. Matt reported on some of the ideas that he received. They include: expanding walking tours program; concentrating on the history of immigrants in our community; growing our membership base; and supporting the expansion of the Visitors' Center/Museum.

Our initial commitment to our GMU Scholarship was completed last month. We

voted to renew our commitment and increase it by 50%.

March is Women's History Month and some interesting new programs, events and exhibits will be featured. There will be a program on March 10th between 2:00 and 3:00 PM at the City of Fairfax regional library. A round table discussion featuring women authors entitled "The power of words: Female Voices Matter." Beginning on March 11th there will be an exhibition at the Fairfax museum and visitor center entitled "Fire and Freedom: food and enslavement in early America." This exhibition will use George Washington's Mount Vernon home as a specific example of how meals reveal how power was and is exchanged between and among different peoples, races, genders, and classes. Finally, on March 23rd 2024 between 2:00 and 3:00 PM at the Civil War Interpretive Center at historic Blenheim, Historic Resources staff member Andrea Loewenwarter will discuss the preservation and discovery process associated with the historic Blenheim house: it's family, associated enslaved people and the federal soldier graffiti on its walls.

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Kiwanis Club of Fairfax



Nothing to report this month.

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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.

March Activities:

- Every Friday in Lent– Lenten Soup Suppers in St Leo's Gym
- March 19- Grey GOST Luncheon
- March 29 – Knights of Columbus Founders Day
- March 31 – Easter Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt after 9 AM, 11AM, and 1 PM Masses.

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Fairfax Lions Club



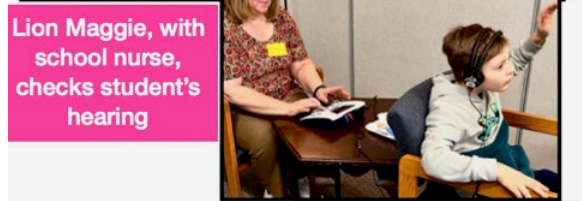
We Serve

Since 1951

On Feb 13, FX Lions conducted vision and hearing screening at St. Luke's Catholic School in McLean. We had a great team of volunteer parents, school nurse, and five Fairfax Lions that conducted 36-vision and 33- hearing screenings. Seven children were referred for professional vision follow-up testing, and seven for hearing follow-up testing.



Lion Maggie, with school nurse, checks student's hearing



Joe checks students vision

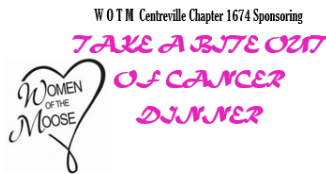


Volunteer parents; school nurse; Lions Mike, Joe, Maggie, Gordon, Diana

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Centreville Moose Lodge #2168



February 10 the Women of the Moose held their annual Breast Cancer Research Fund raiser, A Night in Paris. The fund raiser included a gourmet dinner and wines prepared by Chef Kevin. The event included a silent auction and raised over \$6,000 for breast cancer research.

On Saturday, February 24 the Lodge held their annual Lazy Moose Triathlon. Members of the Centreville and Vienna Moose Lodges joined together for fun competition in pool, shuffleboard and corn hole.



On Friday, March 15 the lodge will offer it's St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage (with a seafood option for Lent). All dinners in the Month of March include a non-meat option.

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

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CENTRAL FAIRFAX OPTIMIST CLUB

As March is underway, so is the Optimist Club. The Essay Contest has happened and the winner's entry has been sent to District for

the \$2,500 scholarship competition. We will hear who the winners later this month.

The District Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) was held at Canterbury Woods Elementary School.

A special Zoom meeting was held for a presentation for the Ghana New School Project. Maxwell Osei Anokye, President of the Oti Region Optimist Club answered our questions. We are trying to raise \$15,000 to build a new middle school. Once completed, the students will no longer have to walk 2 hours to school.

The Oratorical contest will be via Zoom later this month. We have 21 applicants. It is always inspiring to listen to their reports.

The nominations for a new slate of officers takes place this month as does our nomination for Volunteer of the Year.

After a long winter hiatus of the club dinner meetings we will return again to the Elks Lodge on Arlington Blvd. at the end of this month thru June.

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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 February 21, 2024. This is the first meeting of the year as the January meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. The Auxiliary is preparing for the Craft Show/Vendor Market at the Stacy Sherwood Center on March 9, 2024 from 9 AM to 2PM. The event is being managed by the Young at Heart Senior Center Advisory Council and will include about 30 vendors (crafters and bakers). We will be selling our gently used Fashion Accessories donated by Auxiliary members and friends over the years. Five Auxiliary members will be running our booth during the show and during setup and cleanup.

The Auxiliary and Captain Kadian continue to discuss the plans for gathering the supplies necessary to support 50 children for the Summer Camp program. The supplies include basic necessities for camp such as sheets, towels, soap, deodorant, sunscreen, and other personal toiletries. We are anticipating the supplies will be received in April and ready for assembly by the Auxiliary members.

Captain Kadian reported that the Afterschool program is going well with 51 children enrolled and a waiting list for additional children. This is a significant improvement from two years ago when the enrollment was only 7 children. Most of the children in the Afterschool program are also enrolled in the music program where they learn to play a variety of instruments. They will be having a Spring recital in May at the Corps building.

The Auxiliary's next general meeting is scheduled for March 20, 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.

January Support Statistics:

- Medical and Shopping Drives – 208 drives
- Exercise Class (Chair Yoga) 13 Classes – 609 Participants
- Friendly Caller/Visitor to isolated seniors - 61 Calls, 8 visits
- Hand Helper – 0 Tasks

SCFB social activity for March:

Lunch N' Life :Thursday, March 21, 2024 12 noon — 2 PM

Lord of Life Lutheran Church 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032. Guest Speaker: Ms.

Andrea Loewenwarter Historic Resources Specialist will speak on Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center. Cost is \$15, reservations required.. Contact Bea Stephenson, 703-263-5730. Reservation deadline is 15 March 2024.

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 award 3 grants to female head of household at a luncheon meeting on April 6.

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Woman's Club of Fairfax

We are happy to report that we swore in three new members.

Members are holding a clean-up day at School Street Park in Fairfax City later on this month.

At our March meeting, members donated various food items to present to the Artemus House for its food pantry. Artemus House is a 24-hour shelter for the victims of sexual and domestic abuse.

We also collected trash bags for donation to the Lamb Center.

Individual bags of hand lotion were collected for the Samaritan House, a shelter for abused women located in Virginia Beach.

We are starting a new program of mentoring local Fairfax County elementary school students, starting with Daniels Run Elementary.

Members continue to collect tabs from tin cans for charity. We are also still collecting used tennis shoes.

Woman's Club members will be volunteering at coming up Fairfax City band concerts

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SERVICE

Our club's nominee for the District 3 Jane M. Klausman Scholarship is Emma Kruus. Emma won the District 3 scholarship and is now nominated for the Zonta International scholarship. The Jane M. Klausman Scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior university student in business. Emma is a senior at the University of Virginia majoring in business with a concentration in commerce and business ethics. She plans to go to law school next year focusing on corporate law. She is a member of a business ethics organization at the University of Virginia. Emma joined our Zoom meeting on March 2nd.

Joe Furman continues to deliver monthly lots of food and 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

Our speaker at this month's meeting was Michael A. Becketts, Director of the Department of Family Services in Fairfax County. He spoke on climate change, what Fairfax County is doing in long term planning, and what resources will be needed in the event of climate events such as floods, tornadoes hurricanes, drought, and more. He first defined the difference between weather is daily and short-term temperatures, precipitation, etc. Climate is the long-term changes in trends that affect a community through events as noted above. Mr. Becketts said that climate change is easier to remember as warmer, wetter, weirder. ADHSA, a national group of leaders in Human Services, raised climate change issues at a recent meeting. It thinks of climate change and responses to it as environmental justice. Fairfax County created a long-term study and plan, released in October 2022. This is an interagency plan with 6 groups working together. Mr. Becketts and his agency are in group 3 with 20 agencies, groups, and networks. Group 3's objectives are to enhance access and awareness of services, to collaborate with community and outreach groups to provides education and engagement with the community, and to enhance access to incentives for behavioral changes. Fairfax County is trying to understand the systematic factors that are needed or need to change. It is collecting and mapping data, doing equitable analysis, working on equitable participation and engagement, and planning equitable implementation. Fairfax County is ensuring that Fairfax County can in 5-10 years be a resilient community. Mr. Becketts used an excellent PowerPoint presentation which included maps with data in place. If anyone wants a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, I can e-mail it.

ADVOCACY

Elimination of Child Marriage in Virginia – HB994. The bill has passed the Virginia House of Delegates and was expected to pass the Virginia Senate on this past Monday. I have not heard if this occurred. If it did, the bill goes to the Governor for his signature. Our coalition of Zonta Club of Fairfax, VANOW, Unchained at Last, and Tahirih Justice Center is looking at what strategy we take with the Governor. Our next 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.

FUTURE EVENTS

April 1 (Monday) 6:30 pm

In-person meeting at the Fair Lakes Olive Garden

Business Meeting to present the slate of 2024-25 officers and the presentation and approval of the 2024-2025 budget.

May 4 (Saturday) 10 am

Zoom Meeting - Vote on and 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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