



Inter-Service Club Council of the City of Fairfax

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 6 November 2024
12:00 PM
Moose Lodge

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM

ISCC Minutes 4 September 2024

Vice President Grimsley called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Sixteen members were present. Larry Larson gave the invocation and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathy Hoffman was absent.

OFFICER REPORTS

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as provided.

Treasurer Clary reported a balance of \$166.59. \$200 was received for the VOY , \$25 in early dues. Plus miscellaneous \$452.59 (left over from lunch fee)

Vice President Grimsley had nothing to report.

President Hoffman was absent.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

There were 20 Volunteers of the Year, plus 2 First Responders. Approximately 130 people attended. Leftover food was donated to the Lamb Center

NEW BUSINESS

The Slate of officers for the 2024-2025 Year was approved as presented:

President: Kathy Hoffman

Vice President: Suzanne Grimsley

Treasurer: Kate Clary

Secretary: Cathy Kelleher

City of Fairfax



Parks and Recreation

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 12

10am – 5pm

Downtown Fairfax

After Fest

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Old Town Square – 10415 North St., Fairfax
400+ craft and food vendors, 4 stages of Entertainment, 3 beer gardens, children's activities and rides, and more!

Rock the Block

Friday, October 25

6:30pm – 9:30pm

Old Town Square – 10415 North St., Fairfax

Featured Band: The Rockets

Chocolate Lover Festival



Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee-

- Established the grant selection committee
- Each participating non-profit has begun planning for their individual events at the festival.

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

- Welcome 2 new members
- Had our first meeting in late September
- In 2026, the theme will be the 250th Commemoration, the theme for 2025 has not been decided yet.
- Board elections were completed at our September meeting.



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Civitan Club of Fairfax

Many of the monthly Club meetings of Fairfax Civitan include presentations by representatives from interesting and worthy organizations that serve individuals with intellectual and disabilities—a special emphasis of Civitans. But we are also interested in an array of other topics. For example, at our October meeting we will hear about invasive plants in Fairfax County.

At that meeting, we also will listen to a video about the Civitan International Research Center, and we will be inspired by a video about Junior Civitan.

Meanwhile, we are raising money to give away and will begin again to sell White House Christmas Ornaments, work monthly at the huge Arlington garage sale, and line up volunteers to work in one of the beer gardens at the Fairfax City Fall Festival.

Our officers for the year starting October 2024 are busy getting “trained” for their Club leadership roles—a mandatory requirement in Civitan.

In the last couple of years, Civitan “above” the local clubs has been reorganized some—and in our new arrangements Clubs are encouraged and supported by a “regional” structure. Our Region 4 held an all day meeting on 28 September.

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ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX ELKS LODGE #2188

With September, the Lodge renews its focus on children’s charities by reestablishing its contacts

with local schools. We contact schools in the area to plan for the execution of our six most significant charitable programs serving school children: 1) backpack lunches, 2) dictionaries for third graders, 3) scholarships for high school seniors, 4) safety glasses for high school shop programs, 5) Americanism Essay awards for fifth through eighth graders, and 6) continued sponsoring of our local Boy Scout troop. Of course, our commitment to support the military and Veterans continues, with two trips conducted in September to restock the snack freezers at the USO lounges at Reagan airport and Fort Myers in Arlington. In addition, we provide meeting space for selected community groups at nominal charges: Fairfax retired educators, VA alumni, the Embroider Guild of America, Ducks Unlimited, several dancing clubs, and others.

Although we are fortunate to receive Elk's grant funds for some of these activities, we also conduct fund raisers for the bulk of our charitable activities. On Saturday, September 21st, for example, we held a very successful and fun fashion show for our members, which allowed us to raise over \$2,000 in one day to support our charities for children. Our primary source of funding is from large private entities requiring significant space for major events. Our social activities for September included four Friday night dances, bingo and trivia on Thursday half-priced burger nights, a couple Wednesday dinner nights, and sandwiches and drinks after our Tuesday night meetings. With the advent of the football season, we will expand our services on both Fridays and Saturdays.



FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting is October 21 at the Fairfax city Library. At 7:00pm
Members will be sharing their gardening experience this year .

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

...time of the year for riding and every weekend presents terrific opportunities for members and guests to ride together to interesting places and "giving some back to the community along the way".

Community support activities the last week of August included a 11th Anniversary Healing Heroes Ride to generate funds and support for veterans and their families recovering from PTSD and related injuries. 500 participants and friends generated \$47,000 for the Boulder Crest Foundation.

On 9/11, Chapter members remembered and honored those who suffered with the treacherous attacks on our nation and first responders who came to the aid of the victims especially at the Pentagon. Our 22nd annual 9/11 Memorial Ride to the Pentagon Memorial as usual was inspiring, humbling, unforgettable, profound....and **we will never forget**. The Pentagon Memorial is a hallowed place and offers a quiet space for reflection and remembrance to honor and remember those who were lost that day. It is open 24/7. Please go. A contribution to the Pentagon Memorial Foundation will be made.

On October 6th we will spruce up our section of Fairfax Boulevard and in front of City Hall as part of the Adopt-a Spot Program in the City.

Other upcoming events include the Vienna Halloween Parade on October 23rd and Thanksgiving at the Lamb Center supporting less fortunate in our community and the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree Program for needy families in our community. The needs are greater than ever. We will all find a way to help.

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 webpage at www.fairfaxhog.com

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Fairfax City
Regional Library



Historic Fairfax City Incorporated

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Friends of Fairfax Station

Table-top N Gauge Model Trains (T-TRAK) will be on display and running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, October 13, 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, \$6 for special events. Military (active and retired) and Seniors, \$4. <http://www.fairfax-station.org>, <http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR>, 703-425-9225.

: Halloween Carnival at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

Come and Trick or Treat with the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum on Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 1-4 p.m. The Station is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station, VA. We're looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes!

Each child will receive a goodie bag (while supplies last) and 6 tickets for games. Weather permitting, there may be outside events; if not, all games will be inside. Each game requires 1 ticket to play. Prizes for each game will consist of candy. There will be entry forms for the items on our prize table. You need not be present to win. You will be called or emailed if you have won any of our wonderful gift baskets. Additional game tickets can be purchased at \$1 for 5 tickets.

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HFCI resumed its meeting schedule on September 11 at City Hall. HFCI's Taste of the Vine event will be held on this coming Friday, October 4, 2024 at the Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center beginning at 6:30 pm. Wine tastings will be provided by Effingham Manor and Winery. Food provided by Dana Catering. Silent Auction as usual. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Tickets available on line at historicfairfax.org. The Board welcomed Sandarshi Gunawardena as a new member. Linneal Taylor is a prospective member, but was unable to attend the meeting.

The recipient of this year's HFCI George Mason History Department is Greg Ohler. Greg has an impressive story who has worked his way up to being on the Dean's List and will be off to the Peace Corps next year.

The Christmas Ornaments are in and will be on sale for \$23 at the Fall Festival on October 12 and the Craft Show on November 16 and 17. They are always on sale at the Museum and Visitor Center.

There is an exhibit at the Museum called "Who Can Vote" that examines voting rights with an emphasis on the role of the US Constitution and the interplay between the states and federal government in determining who is allowed to vote. On October 26 there will be an interactive event at Historic Blenheim with the Fairfax Art League. Participants of all ages can have their faces painted, paint pumpkins, and tour the Historic Blenheim House to see the plein air watercolors created by the last descendant of the house, Barbara Scott, who would invite her friends to the site for plein air parties. Free

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Kiwaniis Club of Fairfax

We will be doing meals for young minds and participating at fall festival.

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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.

October Activities:

- 12 Oct – Fall Festival Concession Stand
- 15 Oct – Grey Gpst Luncheon
- 18 Oct – Run for Education – St Leo's School Fund Raiser

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Fairfax Lions Club



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Centreville Moose Lodge #2168



On September 14 we held our Annual All-U-Can-eat Shrimp Feast as a fundraiser for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. There were over 60 people in attendance. The event was very successful.

On September 20 we proudly to hosted 50 veterans and their guides, from the Appalachian Highlands Honor Flight, for dinner and lunch the following day. This was national POW-MIA Day. We performed a special POW/MIA empty table ceremony. The weather was beautiful and, our veterans were able to visit the Vietnam and Korean memorials on Friday night, the Navy memorial, FDR memorial and Army Museum on Saturday and the VMI museum on Sunday.



On October 11 and 12 we will host our 4th Honor Flight, this year, from the Appalachian Highlands. We provide dinner and lunches for 50 to 60 veterans and their guides.

We will participate in the Fairfax Fall Festival (Oct 12). We will have our Tommy Moose Pegboard game with great prizes, and Halloween candy treats,



On October 26 we will hold a Pumpkin carving contest and a Halloween themed Bacontober Fest for our members.



On October 28 we will be hosting Lifeline Screening at the Lodge

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CENTRAL FAIRFAX OPTIMIST CLUB

In September the Optimist Club donated character bandaids, toys and games to the Fairfax Ronald McDonald House on the grounds of Fairfax Hospital. Their amazing complex has 24 rooms for families and at the time we visited, 22 of those rooms were full. The needs for families are always great. They are always looking for volunteers from any group to help in a variety of ways. We also collected pop tabs and donated to their box.



Our newly elected Board of Officers were installed at the September meeting at the Olive Garden by our District Governor. Our new President is Anne Grabowski and Vice President Maxwell Anokye are looking forward to a fulfilling year of Optimism!

Our Volunteer of the Year Awardee was not able to make the ceremony in August due to COVID. So, at this meeting, Larry Larson presented Maxwell Anokye with his certificate and offered his congratulations for his dedication to our club.



Optimist of Central Fairfax meetings are held at the Fairfax Olive Garden on the fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm. Anyone is invited to attend.

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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, and Out and About which all provide mental stimulation and socialization opportunities.

Welcome In June, Shepherd's Center Fairfax Burke welcomed our new Executive Director Beth Kilgore- Robinson. She comes with significant experience in social work and supporting seniors.

Aug Support Statistics:

- Medical and Shopping Drives – 181 Drives
- Exercise Class (Chair Yoga) 11 classes 473 Participants
- Friendly Caller/Visitor to isolated seniors - 98 Calls, 11 visits
- Hand Helper – 3 Clients

SCFB social activities

Lunch N'Life was held Thursday September 19th at noon at Jubilee Christian Center, Program was "The View from the Pilot House with Potomac Riverboat Captain John Gennaro."

Future Event:

Out and About Winery Event Monday October 7th at Paradise Springs Winery from 2 to 4 PM. The winery is at 13219 Yates Ford Rd, Clifton. The event will include tour of the grounds including 4 wine tastings' gourmet snacks with 2 additional tastings in the barn. Limit is 25 Persons. Cost is \$45 per person. Reservations and payments by September 15th, For reservations call SCFB Office 703-373-4788. For payment on line with credit card: <https://scfbva.networkforgood.com/events/74978-winery-tour-and-tasting>.

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 co-hosting the Regional meeting and participating in the Fall Festival in October.

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SERVICE

We are looking at our service projects for 2024-2025 which began June 2024. The Club held a Retreat on September 8th to discuss and adopt new service projects. We will continue our support of the DVAC pantry. The club will again provide Thanksgiving baskets to Cornerstone. It was suggested

that the club work with the Salvation Army on a hands-on stocking stuffing project. Decision to follow. Susan will continue as Service chair. Blanche Anderson will assist.

In selecting service goals, the Service committee and the club will consider the International Goals from the International Convention in Brisbane this summer.

MEMBERSHIP

We hope to add new members from attendees at our October 26th Wine Tasting.

ADVOCACY

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.

Lourdes Venes is the new chair of the Advocacy efforts and the UN representative from the club. We will be looking for new advocacy actions and activities. Zonta Says Now (climate change and

its effect on women) is beginning with informative and participative teleconferences. Bobbee Cardillo has been selected to be the liaison to all 5 advocacy committees including Zonta Says No (violence against women) and Zonta Says Now (climate change and its effect on women) Denise Sylvester will take Bobbee's role on the Zonta USA Caucus.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Lynne Strobal thanked the members of the committee for their hard work in selecting our newest recipient, Kayla Repuyan. She is a graduate student at GMU studying international security in transnational challenges. She will be asked to be a speaker at our October Zoom meeting.

Lynne also announced that our club received \$10,000 from Barbara Lipka's estate to be put into our scholarship fund. Barbara was a very active member of the club and served as District 3 Governor.

BUSINESS

The club held its annual retreat on September 8, 2024. Service, club roles, fundraising, scholarships, advocacy, and the calendar were discussed. Club members reviewed the contents of four boxes of records and kept only key records.

Paul Beechler, our club's 2024 ISCC Volunteer of the Year, was congratulated by the club and members

Our Wine Tasting on October 26 is both a fundraiser and a membership event.

FUNDRAISING

October 26 (Saturday) 2-5 pm

Membership/Fundraiser Wine event. Location: Paradise Springs - We will be in The Loft, which is the top floor of the building adjacent to the main winery entrance.

Cost: \$45

The event will go as follows:

2-2:15pm - Check in for first tasting and receive ticket (but all are welcome to check in now.....even the later tasting folks.

2:15-3:15pm - tasting #1

3:30-4:30pm - tasting #2

4:30-5pm - final bidding on items and announcement of winners

Everyone to whom we sell a seat is welcome to be at the winery during the entire 3-hour time frame. There will be a table for 20 set up for the

actual tasting, but there will also be other seating for those doing the other tasting. Those not involved in the tasting at 2:15 can still enjoy the food and bid on the items in the silent auction (Commanders tickets and so much more...), and just enjoy the ambience of the winery. Then, when their tasting is over, they can swap places with the others, and they can enjoy the snacks and bid.

Please put the date on your calendar and share it with your club members. We would love to have you join us. I can sell you tickets. Don't miss this delightful event.

Tickets are still available at both times. Get yours now!

Holiday wreaths are now available. Supplied by Jen's Wreaths, a woman-owned company, the lovely wreaths are made of natural greens and decorated with a vibrant red bow. They are \$48. If you want to order one or more, let me know and make a check out to Zonta Club of Fairfax.

FUTURE EVENTS

October 5 – Zoom business meeting at 10am; scholarship winner Kayla Repuyan and Denise Sylvester will speak.

October 26 – 2 – 5 pm Membership/Fundraiser Wine event. Location: Paradise Springs Winery

November 4 – In-person business meeting at Fair Lakes Olive Garden at 6:30pm

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