



Inter-Service Club Council of the City of Fairfax

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 6 May 2026
12:00 PM
Moose Lodge

ISCC Minutes

Minutes 4 March 2026

President Gabor called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. Nineteen organizations were represented. Pete Conklin 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 beginning balance of \$1,720.74. there were no income or expenditures, so the ending balance was \$1,720.74.

Vice President Grimsley had nothing to report.

President Gabor reminded everyone that web Clearly support for our newsletter ends at the end of March.

Deanna Page reported on the new e-mail for the ISCC. The new domain name is ISCCfairfax@gmail.com.

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Larson put out the schedule for the Volunteer of the Year process. The group discussed process changes to relieve the pressure on Larry to do everything. President Gabor suggested that the President do the

introductions of the club Volunteers of the Year instead of Larry. Also, schedule the ISCC group photo at the June 3 Meeting, rather than trying to round up everyone after the VOY celebration. Everyone agreed.

Club gave their reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

City of Fairfax



Egg-Streme Teen Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 2 from 7:30pm – 8:15pm at Historic Blenheim (3610 Blenheim Blvd.)
Ages 10 – 14

Pre-registration required (\$7 per person)!
Please visit our website for more information (www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents)

This special event is designed just for teens ages 10–14 and takes the classic egg hunt up a notch — by happening after dark. Participants will search for brightly colored eggs under the night sky, adding an exciting twist to the traditional hunt. Enjoy games, activities, and take a selfie with the Easter Bunny before the hunt starts at 7:30 p.m.!

Fishing Derby

Saturday, April 11 from 9:15am – Noon at Ashby Pond Conservatory (9817 Ashby Rd.)
3 Sessions Available (9:15am, 10:15am, and

11:15am)

Pre-registration is required (\$7 per person)
Please visit our website for more information
(www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents)

Grab your buckets, rods, bags, and ice! Bait will be provided, and volunteers will assist with fishing education, cleaning, and more. Great for beginners and experts alike!

Other

Don't forget to turn in your Beer Pouring Applications and Fall Festival Applications!

Chocolate Lover Festival



Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee-

The grant check presentation will be held on May 12 at the Council Meeting. All are invited to join!

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

Parade Applications Due April 1!

- Balloon Handlers: Highly recommended for volunteer groups, non-profits, or just some friends and family looking for a fun way to participate in the celebrations!

Floats: Decorate or build your own floats and participate in the float incentive. Please be sure

to read through all float guidelines, prior to submitting an application



Central Fairfax
Chamber of Commerce

Small Business Focus. Big Business Results.

Spring has sprung at the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce! We are in full swing with some great opportunities for businesses to be connected, protected, and strengthened! Coming up in April:

Civic Connections will begin on Wednesday April 8. We have 20 Fairfax City residents and business owners registered for the Spring Cohort.

We are sponsoring a Teen Summer Job and Internship Fair at Fairfax High School on Wednesday, April 15 from 9:45am - 11:15am. Tables are free for those who have job and internship opportunities.

Our Annual Economic Development Summit Breakfast will take place on Friday, April 17 at 8am at the Hilton Garden Inn - Fairfax. We will hear updates from Fairfax City Economic Development, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, and the US Chamber of Commerce.

On April 23, we are hosting an Impact After Hours Networking Event at Patriots Pub & Grill from 5:30pm - 7pm.

On April 29, Spotlight on the Arts is hosting the Northern Virginia Forum on Innovation at the Sherwood Center. Fairfax County EDA CEO,

Victor Hoskins will be featured. The event runs from 10am-2pm.

All events can be found on the Chamber's Events Page - <https://www.cfcc.org/events/#!event-list>.

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ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX ELKS LODGE #2188

On March 28, we installed our new officers for the year, followed by a well-attended Installation Ball featuring entertainment by Hot Fun. Our annual Flower Sale concluded successfully on April 1.

As we begin the new Elks year, we remain committed to our backpack lunch program and continued support of the USO Centers at Reagan National Airport and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. We will also host a Taco Chow Lunch on April 8, an event eagerly anticipated by both our members and the service men and women we serve.

An Easter Brunch will be held once again from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with pricing set at \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. The event is open to the public.

Rob Honfeck will perform in the Lounge on the evening of April 11, followed by a Sunday afternoon Jazz Concert on April 12.

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FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB

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Fairfax VA Harley Owners Group

Our 2026 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 4th 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 will be heading to Rolling to Remember at the Pentagon. A lot of planning and development work is underway on our **26th** annual "Ride of the Patriots" event which will be held on **Sunday, May 24th**. 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. We are especially pleased that the Fairfax City Honor Flight Band will be joining the event as well. 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 22nd and visit the Open House at Patriot Harley as well as other sites of

interest including restaurants in our Fairfax City and surrounding areas.

This is a Fairfax community Memorial Day weekend event and **everyone** is invited to join us.

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 175 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

The Friends of the Fairfax City Regional Library collect and sort books donated to the library for sales offered twice a year in the Fall and Spring. The Fairfax Library benefits from these sales as well as community groups which promote literacy. We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. to sort the weekly donations

In March the friends funded two programs for Youth Services and two for Adults. For children we funded a Pottery Class with a 250th Anniversary of US as the class theme and a Cookie Decorating program which has been offered before and was very popular.

For adults the Friends paid the Honorarium Fee for the Speaker for Virginia Room's program on April 11 called [Preserve Your Family Stories: Create an Oral History](#). "Seeing and hearing loved ones talk about their lives leaves a powerful legacy. Join us to learn about the importance of leaving an oral history, how to start an interview with a loved one, as well as

some tips on technology and available resources. The speaker, Jen Garrott, is an Emmy® award-winning producer with over a decade of media expertise and a background in history. She has conducted countless interviews around the country for documentaries on C-SPAN's American History TV. A member of the Oral History Association and well versed in all the technical aspects of filming, she loves using her unique skill set to help people tell and document their legacy."

The last area that the Friends helped with is the expansion of the English Language Empowerment partnership. This is an English 101 for residents who need basic help with the English Language. The success of that class led to another class in the fall of 2025. In March we were asked to help fund another class to run this summer which we were proud to do.

We are gearing up for the Spring Book Sales which will start with the children's book sale May 1-3 and the big book sale May 8-10.

Friends of the Fairfax City Library welcome new members. Just show up on Tuesday morning at 10:00 and we will be happy to show you the ropes.

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Kiwaniis Club of Fairfax

We will be doing elections

We will pack meals for young minds

We will do spring cleanup

We will help doing set-up and clean-up at a tea social

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Knights of Columbus Father Diamond Council 6292

The Council holds business meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8:00 PM in Providence Hall at St Leo the Great Catholic Church. Website: www.6292.kofc.com (a revamped website is currently under development). All meetings are in-person unless otherwise indicated in advance.

March Activities:

- Mar. 14, members met in the morning and prayed the Rosary to End Abortion. In the evening, the Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration was held at which a capacity crowd enjoyed traditional Irish food, musicians, and dancers.
- Mar. 17, the monthly Gray G.O.S.T. Luncheon was held.
- Mar. 20, St. Leo Church Friday Lenten Soup Suppers were concluded. The Council assisted with the suppers which fostered fellowship among parishioners and raised over \$1,400 in donations for the parish.
- Mar. 26, the Council helped to coordinate a St. Leo Church Men's Retreat which was well attended by over 45 men.

- Mar. 27, the Council ran the first parish Lenten Fish Fry in several years which garnered great interest with 270 RSVPs.

Upcoming April Activities:

- Apr. 10-12, the Council will be giving out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations outside various area establishments for the annual KOVAR campaign to benefit Virginians with intellectual disabilities.
- Apr. 11, members will meet and pray the Rosary to End Abortion.
- Apr. 21, the monthly Gray G.O.S.T. Luncheon will be held.
- Apr. 25-26, after all Masses, Council members will collect KOVAR donations outside of St. Leo Church.
- The Council will be evaluating applications for its two four-year scholarships given to students planning to attend Catholic high schools in the area.

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On Thursday, April 2, 2026, we will gather for a **Memorial Service to remember The Late Honorable Gerry Connolly.**

His Spirit-filled advocacy for our work, guided by the compassionate heart of God, has left a lasting legacy at The Lamb Center. We are forever grateful for his decades of service to our most vulnerable neighbors.

A true humanitarian, Representative Connolly played a key role in securing funding for programs that provided essential services and shelter to those in need, including Fairfax County's Hypothermia Prevention Program. At The Lamb Center, Representative Connolly was instrumental in making possible our move to our current location at 3160 Campbell Dr. and in securing early funding for Beacon Landing.

The service will begin at 1:30 p.m. at The Lamb Center. If you arrive and there is no

parking available at TLC, you may park at Home Depot and walk over to the center.

On 3/25/26 the Gutzler Family held the **Roots of Hope Fundraiser** at Audacious Aleworks (10940 Fairfax Blvd) for a fun and meaningful Happy Hour benefiting [The Lamb Center](#) and the [City Jobs program](#). The Gutzler hosted the event to raise awareness, funds, and supplies for their City Jobs and Operation Stream Shield programs. Audacious Aleworks donated a percentage of all sales to directly support this program and many people came out and bought supplies for The Lamb Center workforce teams.

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Fairfax Lions Club



At the FX Lions March 3rd dinner meeting, Rocky Run middle school student Jimena Villatoro was presented her award for her winning Peace Poster. Jimena was also honored at the Fairfax County Student Peace Awards on March 1st.



[Jimena-V-award](#)
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At the FX Lions March 3rd dinner meeting, Miss Sadie Spence was presented her Scholastic Grant Award from VA Lions Eye Institute Foundation. In the photo, Lion Harry Parker presents Sadie her scholarship grant award (Sadie's Mom & Dad accompany her).



[Sadie-Spence-scholastic-Grant](#)
[JPEG Image · 420 KB](#)

On March 21st, Fairfax Lions toured the INOVA Lions Eye Clinic. The clinic is Northern Virginia's

only free clinic offering advanced eye care and surgery to uninsured adults. For over 50 years, it has been a vital community resource, providing essential medical and surgical eye care to those with incomes at or below 400% of the federal poverty level.



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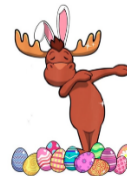
On March 21st, Fairfax Lions Club celebrated its 75th anniversary of SERVING THE WORLD AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE, COMPASSION AND KINDNESS. The event is called "Charter Night."



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Centreville Moose Lodge #2168



Saturday, March 28 the Lodge held an Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt party for all kids from the Lodge and the general public. It was a free event with lots of candy, hidden eggs and the Easter Bunny. There were over 45 kids partying with the easter Bunny.

Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11, the Lodge will host 48+ 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 Belvoir and provide



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 5 years. We host four (4) Honor Flights each year. The next Honor Flight will be Friday, May 1.



On Saturday, May 2, we will hold our third annual Night of Magic at the lodge. It will be open to the public and will include a Taco Bar dinner before the event. The magic show is open to magic enthusiasts from age 10 and up. Admission is \$20 and includes Taco Bar. Dinner starts at 5:45PM and the Magic Show starts at 7:00 PM. Call the Centreville Moose lodge at 703-385-4403 to reserve tickets.

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CENTRAL FAIRFAX OPTIMIST CLUB

The Club held its annual Oratorical Contest with 13 outstanding student speeches. The top two winners will go the Capital Virginia District contest to be held in Fredricksburg on April 25th to compete with other students from the state. The monthly Club dinner will be held on March 31st at the Olive Garden in Fair Lakes Mall where we will honor the winner of our Essay contest. We will also be electing a new board of Directors during this month.

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Our signature fundraising event: Changing Lives Benefit Luncheon will take place April 22 from 11:00-1:00 at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna.

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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.

In January our volunteers provided:

- 231 no cost rides to medical appointments and necessity shopping trips
- 12 Chair Yoga classes with 540 participants
- 101 Calls and 4 visits through our Friendly Caller/Friendly Visitor program
- Handy Helper 2 Requests
- Book Club – 1 meeting – 17 attendees. One book discussed "Framed" by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey
- Tech Tutoring – 10 participants
- Fairfax Fire Department offered two training sessions on AED and CPR

Activity planned for April 2026.

Connect Living Support Group on Monday April 13th 11 AM to noon. Session is being held at Sunrise Fairfax 9207 Arlington Blvd Fairfax. Session is being conducted by Jennifer Denk (LCSW, SDP, DCCS, CDSGF). Ms Denk is a licensed clinical social worker and founder of CareWell Counseling Services. She specializes

in supporting older adults, caregivers, and families navigating neuro degenerative diseases and cognitive decline,

Volunteer Drivers and event volunteers are critically needed. Please pass to your organizations. They can contact me at 703-273-2089 leightley9@gmail.com if interested.

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**Soroptimist
International of Fairfax County**

We will honor our Live Your Dream grant winners at a dinner on April 7.

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Woman's Club of Fairfax

Members of our club recently attended a District Meeting, where we were awarded "Best Overall Projects" recognition for 5 different projects, including: donation of books to courts; our "grannie" outreach program reading to children at the Fairfax Methodist Church daycare classes; and donations to FACT assisting sexual trafficking and abuse victims.

Two of our members were voted to become this year's President and Treasurer for the District Woman's Club.

Planning is in the works for a special celebration for the 70th anniversary of the Woman's Club of Fairfax.

Our club will be taking part in the Fairfax City Fourth of July Parade in some capacity to be determined.

Our Fashion Show Fundraiser is coming up on April 18th.

The usual donations to the Lamb Center and the Little Food Pantry at Van Dyke Park.

Members of our club had another clean-up session at the School Street Park.

We will be inducting another new member at our upcoming April meeting

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SERVICE

We will continue our support of the DVAC pantry. We are looking for additional service opportunities.

ADVOCACY

Two members participated in the events in Virginia for Drive the ERA. Club members and guests at our March meeting also signed the ERA support petitions.

The club has an advocacy plan for 2026 and beyond. We are looking for ways to promote improved conditions for women and girls in our area, in the state and internationally.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are planning for our scholarships in 2026. We have sent forward our candidate for the Young Women in Leadership Award to the District. We are truly impressed with the accomplishments of this young woman, who is high school senior. We hope that our candidate will be forwarded to International.

MEMBERSHIP

Our March meeting was a special membership luncheon. On Sunday March 15 fourteen club members and guests gathered for luncheon at Oh, George restaurant. Seasoned members spoke with newer members about Zonta locally and internationally. The event is a way for

members to get to know each other better. One person attending has committed to join the club.

FUNDRAISING

The club is considering a wine event in the fall of 2026. The one held last fall was very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. We have also submitted our application to work at Rock the Block and Fall Festival.

FUTURE EVENTS

April 4 – Club meeting 10 am via Zoom
Business meeting to consider
budget, officer slate and vote

May 3 - Club meeting 5:30 pm Olive Garden
Fair Lakes
Induction of new members and
officers

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