

## SHEPHERD'S HERALD -- Summer Edition - Aug 2025

### Meet our new Board Members

#### Mhairi Anderson

Mhairi began volunteering at the Shepherd's Center as a driver in 2024, joining the board in 2025. Mhairi's volunteerism in the greater Arlington/Alexandria community started in 2017 when she assumed the role of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in the judicial system because of abuse or neglect. Her work on behalf of children was recognized in 2024 by the Governor of Virginia when she was named to the Serve Virginia Honor Roll.



Originally from Great Britain, Mhairi married an American diplomat and spent more than a decade abroad helping to represent the United States while raising three daughters. A graduate of Strathclyde University in Scotland, Mhairi has a background in marketing and has advocated for the American dairy industry in overseas commercial markets. At the Shepherd's Center, she enjoys most the opportunity to meet and support all the many wonderful clients she encounters during her rides.

#### Lloyd Mustin

Lloyd is a seasoned leader, creative problem solver, business executive and entrepreneur. He has a BS in Business from the University of Richmond and a MS in Finance from The Johns Hopkins University.



Lloyd began his career in the US Navy, where he qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer. Upon leaving active duty, he founded XLA, Inc. (XLA), an international advisory and services company in 1989. In 2011, Lloyd partnered with The Halifax Group to acquire a majority interest in XLA as the company grew to 750 employees serving in over 40 countries. Lloyd remained as XLA's CEO until 2016 and currently serves as the Chairman of its Board of Directors.

Lloyd retired from the US Navy at the rank of Captain (O-6). He and his wife Tracy enjoying volunteering in the community, adventurous traveling and spending time with family and their 6 grandchildren.

### **Fran McHatton Driver Profile**

Fran has been driving for Shepherd's Center since last fall. His wife, Lisa Dickerson, is a Ride Coordinator for Shepherd's Center. Fran grew up in Natick, MA, a suburb of Boston. He attended college at Florida Tech in Melbourne, FL.



After working for some very small airlines, Fran worked for USAirways in the late 80's and 90's when it was headquartered in Crystal City. He worked on optimizing their routes and schedules in days when computers merely assisted the manual calculations of those tasks. Today, sophisticated computer programs optimize the filling of seats and the setting of fares by processing a massive amount of data with complex algorithms, to make sure the airlines squeeze the most revenue out of their flights.

During this period, Fran and his wife Lisa lived, and both worked, in Crystal City, until Lisa took a job in Herndon. In 2003, they moved to Falls Church, to split their commutes to their workplaces, into a house where they still reside today. Fran later worked as a planner and data analyst for the Federal Marshal Service, retiring in June of 2024.

Both now retired, Fran and Lisa keep busy doing volunteer work. In addition to SCMAFC, they both volunteer at Food for Others in Merrifield, and Meadowlark Botanical Garden in Vienna. Fran likes to travel, visit museums, and garden.

- Ed Groark



### **Alvin Jones Rider Profile**

Alvin Jones was born in Rockingham, North Carolina. Coming to the DC area to pursue his career, Alvin worked as a graphic designer for Blue Cross/Blue Shield for 38 years, both before and after computers automated graphics design.

Alvin is married with children, and lives in the same house his wife grew up in. Though healthy and active in 2018, he suffered a stroke that took away the peripheral vision on his left side, leaving him unable to drive or continue to function in this employment capacity.

He is so grateful to Shepherd's Center for providing rides to his

various medical appointments and loves getting to know the many interesting drivers he has met. In addition to his family, he enjoys the company of his devoted 18 year old cocker spaniel.

-Ed Groark



**Lee Ebert receives ‘100 Hours of Service’ Award**

On July 1, Lee Ebert, a SCMAFC volunteer driver, was recognized for his **100 Hours of Service** at the annual **Arlington Cares/Volunteer Arlington Awards Program**. Event speakers included Lisa Fikes, **President and CEO of Leadership Center of Arlington**, and awards were announced by Ted Oberg of **NBC Washington**.

In the photo, Lee is flanked on his right by Carol Edelstein, SCMAFC Board Member, and on his left by volunteer Connie Van Zandt.

Our Shepherd’s Center chapter had a table at the **Civic Engagement Fair** which was also part of the event. Several visitors expressed interest in possibly becoming SCMAFC volunteers!

- Carol Edelstein

**New Drivers**  
**April - June 2025**

- Liane Paulson
- Christine Byrne
- Rob Osberg
- Eric Brockwell
- Rose Chu
- Terry Fanale
- Linda Aono
- Ginger Melby
- Dani Smith
- Robyn Smith
- Alexander Starr
- Lauren Grunley
- Hillary Harner
- David Dann
- Ann Vari

**SCMAFC Ride Coordinators**

- Mary Highsmith
- Jan Gordon
- Jan Auerbach
- Irv Auerbach
- Mark Turco
- Lisa Dickerson
- Kathy Peroff

**Ride Statistics April through June 2025**

	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025
Count of Unique Riders	93	88
Count of Unique Drivers	86	80
Rides Given by Volunteers	968	970
Miles Driven by	9,063	8,860

Volunteer Drivers		
Total Hours Logged by Drivers	931	922
Extra Stops Requested by Riders	110	87

## Need Help with your Smartphone?

**Riders:** Do you know how to set up voice mail on your phone? Do you know how to delete messages when your voice mailbox is full? If not, our volunteers are happy to help. Just leave a message the way you do for a ride request, and a volunteer will contact you.

**Volunteers:** Look for these requests in Ride Scheduler. They will be listed as Handy Helper.  
Jan Auerbach

## We're Looking for a Graphic Designer

Are you a **graphic designer** or do you know someone who has those skills?

Our Shepherd's Center would like to create some new, updated visual concepts for our tabletop displays, banners, and other signage to promote our center and recruit more volunteers.

Please help if you can – we'd like to have new materials as soon as possible. Thank you!

Contact Carol Edelstein at 703-627-5013 or at [carol.edelstein@verizon.net](mailto:carol.edelstein@verizon.net).

### SCMAFC Board of Directors

#### Executive Committee

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**VACANT** *Volunteer Outreach Chair*

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**Michael Lerner** *Member At-Large*

**Mhairi Anderson** *Member At-Large*

**Xuchen Liu** *Member At-Large*

**Lloyd Mustin** *Member At-Large*

**Ed Groark**  
*Newsletter Editor*

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