SADDLE RIVER VALLEY LIONS 2019 CAR RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED

When her old family car recently began overheating, Marilyn Adair told her husband, George, that it was probably time to replace the vehicle. What she did not realize was that a new car, in this case a brand new 2019 Ford Mustang worth $28,710, would be coming their way and very much sooner than she could have ever expected.

On the weekend that her winning ticket in the Saddle River Valley Lions annual car raffle was drawn, the 36 year Upper Saddle River residents were in Saratoga Springs, New York, where Marilyn was attending the sixty year class reunion of Skidmore College. The Adairs only learned of their good fortune the next day when upon their return home they listened to a voice mail from a representative of the Saddle River Valley Lions Club.

“I just couldn’t believe it! I still can’t,” said Marilyn, adding that “God was watching over me!” George Adair chimed in saying that “we never win anything!”

“I’ve been buying these tickets for as long as I can remember and never once imagined ever winning,” Marilyn explained. “It was never about the car,” she said. “I participate in the car raffle because I believe in the charitable work that Lions do.” A longtime supporter of local organizations like the Saddle River Valley Lions Club, Marilyn asserted her belief that “it is important for all of us to help our local communities however we can. We have to help each other.”

And helping others are words that Marilyn has spent a lifetime putting into action. After Skidmore, she began a career as a Visiting Nurse, first in New York City and later with Hackensack Hospital. She then went on to complete her Master of Science degree in Nursing Administration and Gerontologic Nursing at Lehman College of the City
University of New York. Upon her retirement from nursing, Marilyn went on to a second career as a local real estate agent and is currently working with Terrie O’Connor Realtors in Saddle River. Today she remains active in a number of local organizations including the College Club of Ridgewood and the Upper Saddle River Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

The charitable work of the Saddle River Valley Lions is funded through monies raised by the car raffle as well as the Club’s Annual Carnival, two of the Saddle River Valley Lions Club’s major events each year. Classified as a 501C(3) non-profit entity, these activities, along with the popular Herb Bodensiek Golf Classic, have helped the Saddle River Valley Lions Club to raise and distribute more than $2.5 million during its sixty one year history. 100% of its net proceeds go directly to the charities that the Club supports with none of the funds raised ever being used to meet the club’s administrative expenses. Those costs being paid by the Lions’ themselves.

For more information about the Saddle River Valley Lions Club, Annual Carnival, Car Raffle, Golf Outing, club membership, or any of its other programs, charities, and activities, please visit www.SRVLions.org. The club can also be found on Facebook.

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Shown here left to right are S.R.V. Lions Car Raffle committee chairman, Lions Club President David Verducci, and Upper Saddle River resident Julia Sendroff, and Town Councilman Vincent Durante as the car raffle winning ticket is drawn.

(left to right) George and his wife, Lions’ car raffle winner Marilyn Adair, receives the keys to their new 2017 Ford Mustang from Lions Club member Gene Leporiere as raffle committee chairman James Murphy looks on.