



The Mane Growl

e-Waste Recycling Event

Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7, 2025



Fairmont Lions Club

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Club Officers
President.....Bob Brummage
Vice Pres.....Guy Ward
Secretary.....Bob Moffett
Treasurer.....Virginia Gallion
Directors.....Fred Cannon
.....Elizabeth Swiger
.....Rex Zickefoose
Membership Chr.Fred Cannon
LCIF Coord.....Aletta Moffett
Leo Coord.....Leanne Cannon
Tail Twister.....Rex Zickefoose

Calendar
(subject to change)

Meeting Location
Apple Annie's
2nd Thursday of the month
6:00 pm to order from menu

June 6 & 7 e-Waste Recycling
Lot behind Exxon
Friday 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Sat. 9:00 am-1:00 pm

June 12 Program Meeting
Shannon Hogue,
Marion Co. Family
Resource & Support
Network
Apple Annie's
6:00 pm

June 14 Adopt-A-Trail
West Fork River Trail
2:00 pm

July 13-17 Lions International
Convention
Orlando, FL

Sept. 18-20 USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum
Atlantic City, NJ

"We know not where seed
may sprout... It is our duty to
sow and to nurture, leaving it
to others to harvest the fruits
of our efforts."

-- Michael Benedum

Lions & Leos Continue to Collect e-Waste

Fairmont Lions and Mid-Town Leos will be collecting e-Waste on two days — Friday and Saturday, June 6 & 7, 2025. A weekday collection was requested by the city of Fairmont for their employees. Friday's event will take place from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Saturday's event will be 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. These events will be held in the lot behind the Exxon at 227 Jackson Street in Fairmont (across from the City-County building). In addition to working and non-working appliances, computers, laptops, cell phones, printers, toner and ink cartridges, all metal items including lawn tractors, mowers, soda cans and other mostly metal items will be accepted. However, no TVs, computer monitors or household and rechargeable tool batteries will be accepted. Please plan to pitch in on Friday and Saturday.



At the e-Waste collection held at the O.C. Cluss Lumber parking lot on April 26 (photo at left), 50 people were served by three Leos, two parents and Lions Fred Cannon and Virginia Gallion. Over 1.5 tons were recycled including a lawn tractor, three lawn mowers and a few air conditioners.

Club Considering Plastic Recycling

Guy Ward presented information to the club about NexTrex plastic recycling. The club could cooperate with the Fairmont Rotary Club, which has been collecting several thousand pounds a year. If more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics and packaging is re-cycled in 12 months, a Trex® furniture bench is awarded to the organization. It requires weighing, recording the amount and pictures. According to Guy Ward, Food Lion at 308 Marion Square is the local drop-off location that our club would use. More NexTrex information is provided on Page 2.

Administration Budget Approved for 2025-2026

At the May club meeting, the proposed Administration Budget was approved for the coming Lions year. This year is the final year of a multi-year dues increase from Lions International. District 29L dues remain the same. The club also receives a portion of dues.

The Activities Budget will be on the agenda for the June club meeting and planning for activities expenditures will be discussed at that meeting, Thursday, June 12. Typically, our club has used funds raised in the current year to fund the activities of the coming year.

Fairmont Lions Club	Budget	2025-2026
Administration	Budget	Actual
	2025-2026	2024-2025
Income		
Carry Over	800	
Dues	4 Fam x 59	236
	14 Mem x 84	1176
Tail Twister	70	
Total	2282	
Expenses		
Newsletter/Printing		
Administration Expense	150	25
Web Site/IT	125	125
Program/Guests	100	
International Dues		
Mem 14x 50	700	
Fam 4 x 25	100	
District Dues		
18 x 12	216	
Inter Club		
Leadership	250	
DC Gift 50 + dg Year 10	60	60
Meals Pro Members	100	
Miscellaneous	481	66
Total	2282	

Club Discontinues Merchant One Processing

At the May club meeting, there was discussion regarding the high fees charged by Merchant One, the club's credit card processor. As of that meeting, a total of \$101 had been received by the club through use of credit cards. The club must process \$400 per year. Therefore, the club is seeing high penalties. There is also a \$100 annual fee. The club decided to discontinue Merchant One processing. The club expressed appreciation to Treasurer Virginia Gallion for all of her work into getting the processing set up and managing it while we were using it. Since it was costing the club more than we were benefitting, it was felt those costs could better be used towards our service projects which help people.



How does the challenge work?

- Register on **NexTrex.com** to obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a 12-month collection time period
- Collect a minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Report recycling totals at **my.trex.com**
- Weigh, record and attached pictures
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling

Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.

What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

What can I win?



Trex Bench

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

Register on the website **NexTrex.com**



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Club Receives Thank Yous

Camp Kno-Koma sent a thank you for the club's donation and letters were received from Lions Clubs International Foundation for the Lions club's donation and the Midtown Leo club's donation. The WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation sent a card of thanks to the club. These were all in response to donations made at the District 29-L Conference "Parade of Checks."

After letting MCPARC know where bags of trash were left for pick-up following the rail trail clean-up in April, Tina Mascaro, MCPARC Sports Management Director sent email: "Thank you so much... and please convey our sincere thanks to your team."



Lions KidSight USA Program Recognized as 'Champion for Vision'



Lions KidSight USA, a program of Lions International, was recognized with the Champion for Vision award at the annual American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Lions KidSight program began in 2014 with the understanding that most kids are visual learners, but many do not have their vision screened until they begin school. With some vision conditions, the chances of successful treatment drop off dramatically after age six, so oftentimes the threshold for successful treatment has passed. The aim of Lions KidSight is to reach young kids before it's too late, arranging free screenings at schools and daycare centers. In addition to the concentration on younger children, Lions also

screen kids through high school to reach those who may need glasses. Using a high-tech screening device, the Lions check the children for visual disturbances. Children who are found to have a vision issue are then referred to an eye doctor for further evaluation.

"Lions International has championed the vision cause since our organization's inception more than 100 years ago, and LCIF is proud to support the impact Lions worldwide are making in children's vision through the Lions KidSight program," said LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill. "This award is a true testament to the work Lions are doing to help children see the world more clearly."

The Champion for Vision award is a joint award presented by the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS (CEF of AAPOS) and AAPOS, and it celebrates organizations and/or individuals that have made extraordinary efforts to champion children's vision. Organizations or individuals that have made an extraordinary impact on children's vision and children's blindness prevention efforts are considered for this award.

Executive Vice President of the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS, Christie Morse, MD noted that "the Lions KidSight USA have provided extraordinary support for vision screenings performed throughout the United States and have identified thousands of children in need of follow-up eye examinations."

Our Story

1917 The Beginning -- Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world-changing question -- what if people made a commitment to improving their communities? More than a century later, Lions International is the largest service club organization in the world, with more than 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs.

1920 Going International -- Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s, international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

1925 Saving Sight -- Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind."

1945 Uniting Nations -- We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter.

1957 Organizing Youth Programs -- We started the Leo program to provide the young people of the world with an opportunity to serve and lead with Lions.

1968 Establishing Our Foundation -- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) assists Lions with global and large-scale humanitarian projects. Through our global Foundation, Lions have received more than \$1 billion in grants to help meet the needs of their local and global communities.

1990 Launching SightFirst -- Through the support of LCIF, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale with the SightFirst program.

2017 Celebrating Our Centennial -- Lions celebrate a century of service by serving more than 250 million people around the world through a special Centennial Service Challenge.

2018 Rallying Around Global Causes -- Lions unite to support the global causes of vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and diabetes. LCIF launches Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service to raise \$300 million to increase the service impact of Lions around the world.

2022 Campaign 100 -- LCIF successfully completes the largest fundraising campaign in the organization's history, raising more than \$325 million and exceeding its \$300 million goal.



District Governor
Dave Roberts



Lions On The Web

Lions Clubs International
lionsclubs.org

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)
wvlions.org

District 29-L Lions
lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation
wvsight.org

Fairmont Lions Club
fairmontlions.org

Just a Lion or Two

Elizabeth Swiger was hospitalized and is recovering. Carol Zickefoose has not been able to get out much lately.

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Vision Screening, Literacy Fair and Other Service Activities

Pres. Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett screened 41 children (four Refers) at Learning Land Daycare & Preschool and two people received eye exams and eyeglasses in April.

13 volunteers including Bob Brummage, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett, Fred Cannon and Leos, parents and others cleaned the West Fork River Rail Trail around Monongah and to the Everson Trailhead (*Photo at right*). The next trail clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025, 2:00 pm.



On May 2, 68 people received free vision screening at the Marion County Board of Education Family Literacy Fair (10 Refers). The club gave 200 books and 200 book-marks to children at the Fair. Also in April and May, four individuals received free eye exams and eyeglasses from the club.

Bob Moffett delivered 84 pairs of used eyeglasses to the WV Lions State Convention to be transported on to the Eyeglasses Recycling Center.

Program Set for June 12th Meeting

Pres. Bob Brummage announced that Shannon Hogue, CEO of the Marion County Family Resource and Support Network will speak to the club at the June 12th meeting at Apple Annie's, 6:00 pm. Their goal is "to do our part in making the world a better place for all children & families in Marion County, West Virginia."

Dues Reminder

Club dues for members are due by July 1, 2025. Regular member dues are \$84 for the year or \$42 for six months. Dues for family members are \$59 for the year or \$29.50 for six months. The club pays \$50 for each regular member to Lions International and \$12 to the district. The club pays \$25 for each family member to Lions International and \$12 to the district. The club is billed for Lions International and District 29L dues which are to be paid in July.

Have an idea for a new service project?

By the Numbers

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Service Activities	45
People Served	2,652
Volunteer Hours	833
Funds Donated	\$1,225

Do you have a fundraising idea to share?

Terri Lynn Closes

Our club is no longer able to sell their nuts through the on-line store which the club had just set up late in 2024. Traditional sales will be limited to current inventory.