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Wesley Talbott Raises Journey for Sight \$\$



Eleven year old Wesley Talbott recently presented \$100 to the Fairmont Lions Club, funds that he collected

for the club's Lions Journey for Sight. The son of MCPARC Director Dan Talbott, Wes was struck in the eye earlier this year with a paint ball and was without sight in that eye for a period of time. That prompted his desire to raise funds for this year's event.

In his own words, "I was unable to attend the Journey for Sight event because I had a soccer game. Last year I attended and helped patrol the trail. This summer I suffered an eye injury and realize how important sight is. This year I wanted to raise money and contacted several sponsors and got pledges. I worked to collect the pledges and now I have \$100 for the donation. I'm in the six grade and I'm 11 years old. I want to do it next year."

SEASON'S
GREETINGS

Here is a Lions Int'l Public Relations Tip

What opportunities has your Lions' membership offered you?

Community service, friendship, leadership roles, business contacts - identify at least one positive experience to share with others. Word-of-mouth is an excellent public relations tool. Share your positive experiences with people you meet: neighbors, friends and business contacts. You may even offer to speak to a group.

Telling others about membership opportunities is an excellent way to peak their interest in the association and/or support of club programs. If every Lion shared a positive message with someone that was unfamiliar with Lions just once a month that would amount to, annually, more than 16.8 million impressions worldwide!



Club is Represented at Zone Meeting

Zone Chair Norma McIntire conducted the meeting for Region III Zone 2 at the Quiet Dell Community Building on November 28th. Club president Bob Moffett attended.

Union Mission

Christmas Party Set

Clyde Judy reports that the Fairmont Lions Club's annual Christmas party for the children at the Union Mission will be held on Friday, December 15th, 6:00 p.m., at the Union Mission. Members are invited to bring their guests; however, this will not be a dinner meeting. As was the case last year, the evening's activity will be the event for the children. A special visitor, dressed in a red suit, is expected.

This project of the Fairmont Lions Club has been an annual event since 1939.

WV Lions Leadership School

February 9-11, Flatwoods

Registration Fee: \$95.00 per person
if postmarked on or before 12/10/00

\$120 after 12/10/00

CALENDAR

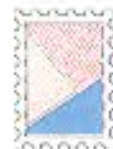
**Dec. 7 6:30 Business Meet
Muriale's**

**Dec. 14 7:00 Board of
Directors**

**Dec. 15 6:00 Union Mission
Christmas Party**



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**Bill Kime 1517 Farrell Street
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Photo by Aletta Moffett

D.G. Ed Van Lynn is pictured with P.D.G. Gerald Warren and club president Bob Moffett.

Just a Lion Or Two

Bill Woodrum has been hospitalized at Fairmont General following a heart attack. We wish him a full recovery.



Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|---------|
| Darrell Kimoto | Dec. 26 |
| John David Manley | Dec. 14 |
| Edsel Michael | Dec. 10 |
| Edgar Sole | Dec. 25 |

Club Presents District Governor with Checks to WV Lions Sight Foundation & Leader Dogs

Bob Moffett, President of the Fairmont Lions Club, presented District Governor Ed Van Lynn with a check for \$600 to the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation and a check for \$100 to the Leader Dog program during his visit to the Fairmont Club on November 2nd. The presentations followed remarks by the District Governor. Club member Gene Martin was presented the 1999-2000 Legacy of Lions Membership Growth pin by the District Governor for sponsoring Charles Fawcett as a new member.

D. G. Van Lynn's wife Jessie was unable to attend but was given the flower arrangement on the head table provided by Bill Kime. The club also gave the District Governor an ornament of the restored High Level Bridge and a framed plaque describing the bridge.



Gene Martin receives Membership Growth pin from D. G. Ed Van Lynn.



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92 Children Attend Fairmont Lions Club's Annual Christmas Party at Union Mission

For over 60 years, the Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored its Christmas party for the children at the Union Mission. Santa presented them all with gifts and an opportunity to sit on his lap and enjoy that part of Christmas that most children take for granted.

Ninety-two less fortunate children had a brighter Christmas by attending this year. Clyde Judy, who spear-headed the event for the Lions, was quoted in the *Times West Virginian*, "It's been a pleasure to provide this service for the Union Mission kids. It brings joy to our hearts to see the kids light up when they see Santa Claus."

The club's budget for this activity was raised to \$650 this year. Those funds went toward the gifts that the children received. In addition, club treasurer Jim Coleman personally provided the Union Mission with the funds to acquire a new suit for the jolly elf.

The Marion County School Service Personnel Association and the East Fairmont Junior High School Council also sponsored a toy drive which added to the gifts that the children received.



Additional support was provided by WesBanco, First Baptist Church, Community Education Outreach, and, of course, the staff and of the Union Mission.

Messenger, the newsletter of West Virginia Rescue Ministries, which includes the Union Mission of Fairmont, included a mention that the "children look forward with great anticipation to the Annual Lions Children's Christmas Party. The party includes a time of singing, a story about the true meaning of Christmas, and a time of gift giving." Executive Director of the Union Mission is Rev. Robert Thompson.

Additional pictures available on the World Wide Web at <http://msnhomepages.talkcity.com/NonProfitBlvd/fairmontlions/>

State Convention Set For May 11 - 13

Beautiful Oglebay Park in Wheeling will be the setting for the West Virginia Lions (MD-29) State Convention May 11 - 13, 2001. All activities will take place in Wilson Lodge. The registration fee for the weekend, which includes five meals, is only \$65.00 through April 10th.

J. Frank Moore, First Vice President of Lions Clubs International, will be present and will install all club Presidents Elect who are in attendance.

Two Lions are seeking endorsement for the office of International Director. They are PDG Larry Johnson (Parkersburg, 29-L) and PDG Bill Daniels (Huntington, 29-0). The Fairmont Lions Club is part of District 29-L.

CALENDAR

Jan. 4 6:30 Business Meet

Muriale's

Jan. 11 7:00 Board of

Directors

Jan. 18 6:30 Meeting TBA

Muriale's

Feb. 9-11 Leadership School



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This billboard promoting West Virginia Lions Clubs is located near Lost Creek along I-79.

Reminder: Dues are Due



Treasurer Jim Coleman reminds club members that dues for January to June, 2001 are now due. Dues are \$30.00 for six months or \$60.00 for one year.

Elimination Dinner Planning

George Janice and the committee have begun planning this year's elimination dinner. Further information should be available soon.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Everett Klingensmith Jan. 12
- Keith Long Jan. 01

J. Burl "Mac" McQuain Dies January 2 Following Extended Illness

J. Burl McQuain, who died January 2nd, served the Fairmont Lions Club in numerous capacities during his 40 years of perfect attendance and 62 years as a member, having joined in 1939. "Mac" McQuain was president of the club in 1973-74. He had also held other offices, but may be remembered better as a lively and good-natured Tail Twister. McQuain was retired from Monongahela Power Company with over 40 years of service there.



He had been a Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Fairmont Lodge No. 9 of A.F. & A.M., and Morgantown Scottish Rite. He helped organize the Fairmont Auxiliary Police and served on the boards of numerous agencies. In 1987, McQuain was made an honorary lifetime member of the West Virginia University Medical Alumni Association. He established the J. Burl "Mac" McQuain Medical Student Loan Fund and was the recipient of a diploma from the University of Hard Knocks.

McQuain is survived by his wife, Hazel Ruby McQuain, whom he married in 1981. His first wife, Virginia, died in 1975.

"Mac" did much and achieved much that is characteristic of a Lion in his 92 years, but many of us in the Fairmont Lions Club will remember him best as a friend.

Just a Lion or Two

Wayne Dodd reports that Duard Selders will be having some medical tests next week and that Earl Carpenter is doing a little better. We wish them both well.

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Poky Dot Becomes New Meeting Location For Fairmont Lions Club

Following the close of the January 4th meeting, club president Bob Moffett was advised by Muriale's Restaurant, our hosts since the 1980s, that the club needed to find a different meeting location.

Moffett contacted Steve Atkinson, owner of the recently opened Poky Dot, and made arrangements for the club to begin meeting in their dining room. Club "old-timers" will recall that the Poky Dot had been the regular meeting place for the club many years ago.

The Poky Dot needs an accurate count of the number attending each meeting and Tail Twister Wayne Dodd will continue contacting members for reservations.

Members who have not attended meetings recently should make it a point to come and check us out now.

The price of the meal has not changed and the charge of \$10.00 includes beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity. The Poky Dot is also making available storage space for club items such as our flag, lecturn, and bell. Atkinson is happy to have the Lions at the Poky Dot and is endeavoring to make it a pleasant experience for us.



Lions met January 18th in the newly decorated dining room at The Poky Dot.

Elimination Dinner To Be Discussed

The Soroptimists will join the Lions at the February 8th board of directors meeting to finalize plans for the elimination dinner. The date is set for March 16th.

CALENDAR

Feb. 1 6:30 Business Meet
The Poky Dot

Feb. 8 7:00 Board of
Directors

Feb. 15 6:30 Meeting
TBA

The Poky Dot
Feb. 9-11 Leadership
School

Bill Woodrum Followed "We Serve" Motto

William "Bill" Woodrum, a long-time member of the Fairmont Lions Club, died December 1, 2000. He served the Fairmont Lions Club as president during the club year 1970-1971. He also served his club and community in many other capacities.



Woodrum was retired from Westinghouse Electric where he worked in several management positions. He also had served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie.

Woodrum chaired the club's eyeglass committee for many years and was responsible for developing the application form and process that the club now uses. Indeed, many individuals in Fairmont are now enjoying better sight because of his tireless efforts. Woodrum also worked hard on the club's eyeglass recycling efforts and for many years would pick up the used eyeglasses collected at Middletown Mall and elsewhere. He also chaired the fruit cake sale for several years and ordered the fruit cakes and got this year's sale underway before his untimely death.

Bill's service to his club sets the example for the rest of us.

Editor's note: This article was inadvertently omitted from the January Issue. We regret the omission.



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David Cain displays artifacts he has found in the area.

David Cain Speaks to Club

David Cain, historian and writer, shared his experiences of studying the native Americans of the area with Lions at the January 18th meeting. P.D.G. Tracy Smith was present, as were Paul Amrhein, candidate for Vice District Governor, and his wife, Phyllis, both members of the Mt. Olivet Lions Club.

Elimination Dinner

March 16th
Knights of Columbus Hall
Mary Lou Retton Drive
\$30 per couple

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Clyde Judy
Tom Koon

Feb. 27
Feb. 06



Highlights of January Business and Board of Directors Meetings

At the January 4th club meeting, members approved a Diabetes education program. The club has since ordered 500 Lions SightFirst brochures about diabetic eye disease to distribute throughout Fairmont. Cost of the brochures is \$25. According to the brochure, "Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of eye problems that people with diabetes may face as a complication of this disease. All can cause severe vision loss or even blindness." The most common of these is diabetic retinopathy, a leading cause of blindness in American adults.

March 16th is the date set for the elimination dinner, to be held again this year at the Knights of Columbus on Mary Lou Retton Drive. The Fairmont Lions Club is again teaming with Soroptimists International of Fairmont. Tickets may still be available. For more information, contact George Janice, Chr.

Brooms and mops are available. Household brooms are \$8 and the warehouse brooms are \$10. Brooms and mops may be picked up at S & M Glass on Merchant Street.

At the suggestion of Edsel Michael, the board of directors agreed to look into the possibility of sponsoring a blood screening at Fairmont General Hospital. Thanks to Mary Jo Michael, the club will be included as a sponsor and will be scheduled. Several Lions will be needed to work a few hours on a Saturday morning.

Just a Lion or Two

Mary Carpenter, Earl's wife, is recovering from surgery. Mary Jo Michael was hospitalized a couple of times recently, but is doing well. Libby Romino, D.J.'s wife, has also been in the hospital. According to Wayne Dodd, D. J. was hoping she would soon be back home.

District 29-L Spring Convention

March 23 & 24, 2001
Ramada Inn, Morgantown
West Virginia Lions (MD-29) State Convention
May 11-13, 2001
Oglebay Resorts, Wheeling, WV

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Tickets & Stubs Due for Elimination Dinner

All Lions are asked to turn in ticket stubs and any unsold tickets at the club meeting Thursday, March 1st. This will allow for a final effort to get all tickets sold. The success of the event hinges on the sale of all tickets.

The elimination dinner, co-hosted by the Fairmont Lions Club and Soroptimist International of Fairmont, will be held Friday, March 16, at the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$30 per couple. Mingling and cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner, consisting of chicken, pasta, vegetables and dessert, served at 7:00.

Projects of the Fairmont Lions Club will benefit from the proceeds, as will programs of Soroptimist International, including Hope Inc., the Soup Opera, and Energy Express, a summer reading and feeding program for children.

George Janice is the Lions Club's dinner coordinator.

Membership Training Scheduled March 4

Region Chairman, Tracy Smith, has scheduled a membership training class March 4 at 2:00 at the Barrackville Lions Building.

Membership Drive to be Topic of March 1st Meeting

Club president Bob Moffett will present a membership development program to the club at the March 1st meeting. All Lions clubs need new hands, new ideas, and new projects. The Fairmont Lions Club is no exception.

The plan to be proposed has been perfected over a number of years and each time it is used by a club, the result is an average of ten new Lion members. The proposed plan will be a serious undertaking, but if followed, can be well worth the effort. According to the plan developers, "One of the reasons this approach seems to work is that a whole group joins together. This gives the club a 'class' of new members, not just one or two at a time."

The program was presented as a part of one of the seminars at the WV Lions Leadership School the weekend of February 9th. That seminar was led by Past International Director Ken Lautzenheiser of Michigan.

If the program is adopted, it will require a concerted effort on the part of club members to make it work. All members are encouraged to be present.

Nominating Committee Appointed

Club president Bob Moffett announced the appointment of a nominating committee to report to the club with a slate of officers to be presented for election for the 2001-2002 club year. The first reading of the report of the committee should occur at the 1st or 2nd meeting of March with the election to be held April 19th. The nominating committee consists of Tom Spiker, Ed Garlow, and Wayne Dodd.

CALENDAR

- March 1 6:30 Business Meet
The Poky Dot
- March 4 2:00 Region Membership Training
- March 8 7:00 Board of Directors
Warren & Assoc.
- March 15 6:30 Meeting
Poky Dot
- March 16 6:00 Elimination Dinner
Knights of Columbus
- March 23 & 24 District 29-L
Convention
Ramada Inn
Morgantown
- May 11-13 State Convention
Oglebay Resorts
Wheeling

Where you stand tomorrow depends on the move you make today.

