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# The Mane Growl



The Fairmont Lions Club January, 2001 Volume 15, Number 7

## About 100 Children Benefit from Lions Christmas Party



Club members listen as Pastor Bob Thompson of the Union Mission addresses the group at the annual Lions Christmas Party.

## Club Enjoys Meal at Union Mission

The Fairmont Lions Club resumed the tradition of enjoying a dinner prepared and served by the staff of Fairmont's Union Mission prior to the annual Lions Club Christmas Party for the children. About a dozen Lions and spouses were on hand for the December 15th event. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings and pumpkin pie for dessert were served.

Following dinner, members and guests joined in singing some favorite Christmas carols and heard the Union Mission's pastor, Rev. Bob Thompson, speak about the significance of the events of Christmas.

Bill Kime, of the Fairmont Lions Club and Kime Floral, donated a poinsettia plant which was auctioned. Jim Coleman was the successful bidder and presented the flower to Bob Thompson to be given to his wife.



## Mission Celebrates "Birthday Party for Jesus"

This year's party for the children at the Union Mission broke with tradition in that Santa did not deliver the gifts to the children. Instead, the children were celebrating a "birthday party for Jesus" and were told that the Fairmont Lions Club, sponsor of the event, and other individuals and organizations had provided the gifts for them this year.

Gifts this year were provided by Haight Chapel, East Fairmont Junior High Builders Club and WesBanco, along with the Fairmont Lions Club, and included a stuffed toy and a bag and shoe box full of gifts. Also, JOURNeY (Ecumenical Youth Ministries) arranged for all the children present to receive a new pair of Stride Rite shoes and socks.

Pastor Bob Thompson expressed gratitude on behalf of the Union Mission for the club's continuing sponsorship of the event and how, from its beginnings many years ago, others in the community have seen the good done by the Lions and have stepped up to assist with the project.

## Poor Attendance at Board of Directors Meetings

Club members are reminded that all club officers are members of the board of directors and requested to attend board meetings. Only the president, secretary, treasurer, and past president attended the December meeting. In January, only the president, treasurer, and past president were in attendance.

Two members, Darrell Kimoto and Ray Rutherford, who failed to respond to repeated dues reminders were dropped from club membership.

## Club to Host Zone Meeting January 17

**President H. Gerald Warren has announced that our club will host the zone meeting this Thursday, January 17, 6:30 p.m., at the Poky Dot.**

### CALENDAR

- Jan. 3 Regular Meeting  
6:30 pm Poky Dot
- Jan. 17 Fairmont Lions Club  
Hosts Zone Meeting  
6:30 pm Poky Dot
- Feb. 8 - 10 WV Lions Leadership  
School, Pipestem Resort
- Mar. 16 Fairmont Lions &  
Soroptomists  
Elimination Dinner

**Those who can't laugh at themselves leave the job to others.**



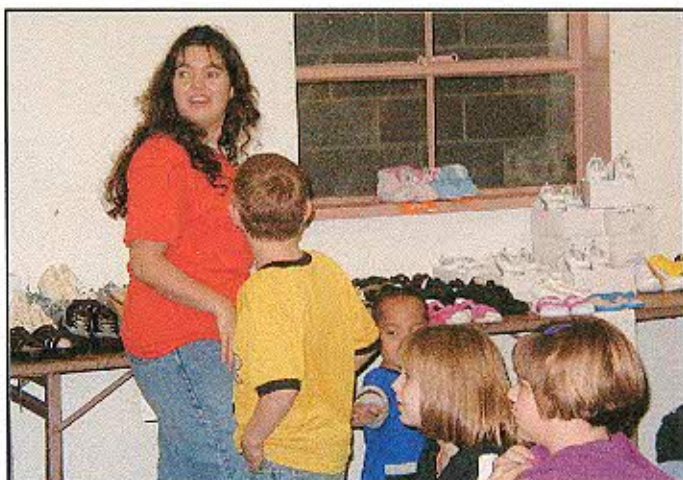
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### Scenes from Lions Christmas Party

A small child receives a stuffed Teddy bear.



Children line up to receive brand new Stride Rite shoes.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

LCIF is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, established to accept donations and help meet crucial humanitarian needs worldwide. According to Dr. Jean Behar, LCIF Chairman, West Virginia has received LCIF funds in the form of Core 4 Grants for the Lions Quest Program and the WVU Eye Institute Low Vision Project. Disaster funds were also received recently for the floods in 29-N, and a Habitat for Humanity grant is in process for Wood County.

### *Birthday Celebration*

Everett Klingensmith Jan. 12  
Keith Long Jan. 01

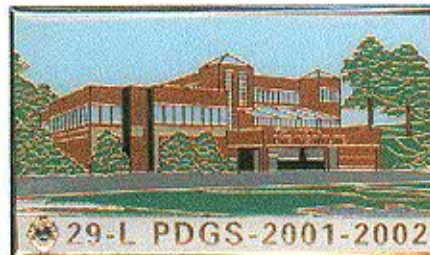
## We Serve

West Virginia Lions Sixth Annual Leadership School  
February 8 - 10, 2002  
Pipestem Resort  
Fee: \$120 per person

Pins are still available at \$5.00 each from P.D.G. and club president H. Gerald Warren to support the Core 4 Grant for the WVU Eye Institute.

**Reminder: A couple joining the Lions Club together is waived one \$25 initiation fee.**

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## Elimination Dinner is March 16th

### Elimination Dinner Ticket Sales Are Underway

George Janice, Lions Club Chairman for the Elimination Dinner reports that ticket sales are underway for the March 16th event, which will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Mary Lou Retton Drive. As of the February 7th club meeting, there were still 88 tickets for the Lions to sell.

As in past years, this event is co-sponsored with the Soroptimists International of Fairmont and they are also selling tickets. Cost of the dinner is \$35 per couple. Janice also asked club members who obtained gifts in the past to again make an effort to obtain gifts for this year's dinner. A table with Lions information is also planned.



Photo by Ken McFlett

*Gerald Warren, George Janice and Bob Moffett attended the West Virginia Lions Leadership School at Pipestem Resort.*

### WV Lions Leadership School Attended by Three From Fairmont Lions Club

February 8 - 10 was the weekend for this year's West Virginia Lions Leadership School held at Pipestem Resort near Athens, WV. Attending from the Fairmont Club were P.D.G. Gerald Warren, president; George Janice, 1st Vice President; and Bob Moffett, immediate past president.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Terry Goodman, P.D.G. 44N; Trudy Seita, delegate to the 1997 President's Summit for America's Future and author of Leadership Skills for the "New Age" of Nonprofits; Rick Myers, International Director 1998-2000; and Floyd Newbury, Jr., International Director 1995-1997. A smorgasbord of training sessions and workshops was held throughout the day on Saturday and also on Sunday morning. Presenters included P.I.D. Bob Browning (WV), P.D.G. Howard Cook (TN), Eva Dague (WV), and many others.

It was announced that 2003's Leadership School will return to Flatwoods.

*"What do Lions do?" someone asked. "We do what churches preach!"*

*--Lion Bill Hadden*

*Representative for Leader Dogs*

### CALENDAR

- Mar. 7 6:30 Begin planning New Member Dinner
- Mar. 8 & 9 District 29-L Convention Mineral Wells
- Mar. 16 Fairmont Lions & Soroptimists Elimination Dinner
- Mar. 21 6:30 Election of Officers
- Apr. 18 (Tentative) New Member Dinner
- Apr. 26, 27, 28 Multiple Dist. 29 Ramada Inn, Morgantown



TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

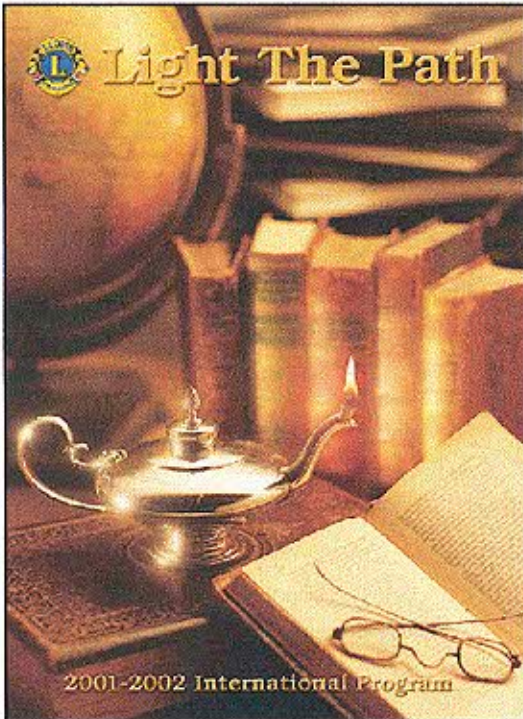
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**If we spent as much time doing it as we did saying it couldn't be done, it would be.**



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## Notes From the February Board Meeting

The board of directors met on Thursday, February 14 with President Gerald Warren, Ed Garlow, Wayne Dodd, Gene Martin, Tom Koon, Jim Coleman, Clyde Judy, Edsel Michael, George Janice, and Bob Moffett present. George Janice led the discussion of plans for the March 16th elimination dinner and noted that our club is facing some competition from other dinners around the same time.

Clyde Judy presented the membership committee's plans for a membership or recruiting dinner and the date was tentatively set for April 18th. It was also decided by the board that for a trial period of one year, the club will pay half the cost of a guest's dinner in order to stimulate the effort to get new members. An award will be presented to the club member who brings in the most new members between March 1, 2002 and March 1, 2003.

Wayne Dodd indicated that there were two applications for glasses for children. In the event glasses could not be obtained through the CHIP program, he was authorized to get the needed eye wear for these children.

*District 29-L*

*Convention*

*March 8 & 9, 2002*

*Mineral Wells*

*79th Convention*

*Multiple District 29*

*Ramada Inn, Morgantown*

*April 26, 27, 28, 2002*

*Early registration: \$60.00*

*(until March 31)*



### Just A Lion or Two

Wayne Dodd, secretary, reports that Clyde Judy's grandson, Tyson, was injured in an automobile accident. We hope he is doing well.

Dodd also reported that Duard Selders has been having some tests done.

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### *Birthday Celebration*

Clyde Judy.....Feb. 27  
Tom Koon.....Feb. 06

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### Need for Eyeglasses Surpasses Budget

Since July, 2001, the Fairmont Lions Club has approved applications for nearly 20 individuals to receive free eyeglasses. Since July, the club has spent in excess of \$1000 and the outstanding bills due will use up this year's budgeted amount for one of the club's major projects. With that in mind, action taken by the club members at the March 7th meeting will provide for the transfer of an additional \$500 from the contingency line item to the eyeglasses line item in the budget. This will allow some pending cases to be handled in a timely manner. Wayne Dodd chairs the eyeglass committee.

### Just A Lion or Two

Jim Coleman reported that he has completed his treatments. Wayne Dodd reported that Earl Carpenter is walking with a cane and Ed Garlow was not feeling well. He also indicated that Everett Klingensmith and D. J. Romino are unable to attend due to health.

Tom Spiker's mother-in-law was to have surgery.

The Fairmont Lions Club wishes all of you and your families well.

### *Birthday Celebration*

Ed Garlow.....Mar. 15  
Francis Viands.....Mar. 07

### Lions Responded Immediately to the Tragedy Of September 11:

- Lions delivered 13,000 respirator masks.
- Lions provided food to volunteers.
- Lions unloaded supplies at Shea Stadium.
- Lions helped conduct blood drives.
- Lions with special skills volunteered to be available if the need arose.

#### Lions helped in myriad ways in the days following the tragedy:

- Lions collected surgical masks, socks, rain slickers, T-shirts and eye goggles to aid rescue workers.
- Lions on the scene of Ground Zero administered eyewash to workers, assisted National Guard medics in setting up mobile medical stations, assembled wheelbarrows and replenished supplies. One Lion-chiropractor worked on firefighters.

#### Lions are planning long-term assistance through an Extended Family Program begun by Multiple District 20.

- Lions will mow lawns, build handicapped ramps, provide rides, babysit, purchase toys at Christmas and otherwise help families with their needs.
- Lions will welcome families to stay at their camps to allow them time away from normal routines. Others will allow families to stay at their country homes.

Multiple District 20 is working with local authorities and charitable organizations to decide how best to apply funds donated by Lions. Lions plan to do what they do best: couple their financial assistance with personal, hands-on service.

—[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

*79th Convention  
Multiple District 29  
Ramada Inn, Morgantown  
April 26, 27, 28, 2002  
Early registration: \$60.00  
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**Club president** H. Gerald Warren attended the District 29-L Conference at Mineral Wells on Saturday, March 9.

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### Club Supports Projects

The Fairmont Lions Club presented checks to the following:

- Leader Dogs for the Blind.....\$ 100
- WV Youth Exchange..... 25
- CORE-4 Grant..... 200

These amounts were part of the club's annual budget which had been previously approved. A thank you note was received from Leader Dogs.

79th Convention  
 Multiple District 29  
 Ramada Inn, Morgantown  
 April 26, 27, 28, 2002

### Eyeglass Applications Pending

Wayne Dodd reported at the March 21st club meeting that there were eight pending applications for eyeglasses being considered by the committee. Dodd, who is also club secretary, chairs the committee which also includes Duard Selders and Tom Spiker.

### *Birthday Celebration*

Duard Selders April 28

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### DID YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR SIGHT FOUNDATION?

The West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc. was established in 1959. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees. Eight Trustees are elected, two from each district, to serve four-year terms, by the Delegates attending the West Virginia Lions State Convention. Each of the four elected District Governors serve on the board during their term of office. These elected administrators of the Foundation receive no financial compensation. Less than 3% of donations received are used for Administrative purposes.

### PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION

The Purpose of the Foundation is to meet the sight and hearing needs of the citizens of West Virginia, if other aid is not available. Some services provided are Cataract Removal, Corneal Transplants, Detached Retinas, Crossed Eyes, Ear Surgery, Vision and Hearing Devices. Eye and ear screening and substitutes for sight and hearing loss are also fostered. Each case is investigated by The Sight and Hearing Committee of the individual Lions Club. If the application is approved it is sent to a District Service Coordinator for review. After approval, the applicant is contacted and arrangements made for the surgery. The Foundation pays the bills.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Foundation has sight and hearing education programs available for Lions Clubs, Lioness Clubs, LEO Clubs, Civic Organizations, Church Groups, Schools, Business Groups, etc. To schedule a program, contact a Trustee, service coordinator, or District Governor. The Foundation encourages each Lions Club in West Virginia to have a sight and hearing program each year.

The above information came from the WV Sight Conservation Foundation Web Site, <http://www.hgo.net/~mtolions/sightconserv.html>





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The Fairmont Lions Club

May, 2002

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## Guests Attend Membership Dinner



### Club to Meet at Westchester Village

The Fairmont Lions Club will meet at Westchester Village for its regular May 2nd club meeting. The board of directors agreed to give Westchester Village a try. The club will be able to use a private dining area and will be provided a dinner for the usual cost of ten dollars.

If the accommodations and service are satisfactory, the club may decide to meet at Westchester Village on a regular basis. If you have not been to a meeting for some time, come out and let the club know what you think of a new meeting location.

### Officers Elected

At the April 4th meeting, the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee, was officially elected to server during the year 2002-2003. George Janice will serve as president. The slate was printed in the April *Mane Growl*.

### Benefits of Lions Membership Explained

Clyde Judy, membership chairman, organized a successful membership recruiting dinner held April 18th at the Poky Dot. Jack Hawkins and Tom Morris attended as guests of Clyde Judy and Greg Church attended as Bob Moffett's guest. Past District Governor Tracy Smith, a member of the Worthington Lions Club also attended as a guest of Gerald Warren.

In addition to viewing a brief recruiting video from Lions Clubs International, different aspects of Lions Club membership were explained to the guests by Gerald Warren, president, George Janice, 1st vice president and president-elect, Jim Coleman, treasurer, and Judy.

Each prospective member was presented a brochure along with a membership application form. Lions information was on display.

### Special Club Events Scheduled

Mark your calendar now. President Gerald Warren announced that the Installation of Officers will be held on Thursday, May 20. Paul Amrhein, District Governor for 2002-2003 will conduct the installation ceremony. Also scheduled is the District Governor's Visit, August 15. At the district governor's request, this meeting has been set for 7:00 p.m.

### Warren Attends Elk District Charter Night

President Gerald Warren attended the Elk District Lions Club's Charter Night where the new club had 38 members present.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

*from the Lions Clubs International OBJECTS*

### CALENDAR

May	2	6:30 Club meeting Westchester Village
May	9	Board of Directors
May	16	Club meeting
June	20	Installation of Officers
Aug.	15	District Governor's Visit
Sept.	22	Lions Journey for Sight



Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese. --G. K. Chesterton



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*Used eyeglasses collected by the Fairmont Lions Club are loaded to be recycled.*

### May is Recycle for Sight Month

The Fairmont Lions Club delivered approximately 1000 pairs of used eyeglasses to be loaded onto the trailer parked outside the Ramada Inn during the State Convention. Along with other glasses collected by Lions Clubs around the state, they will now be taken to the Lions Recycling Center in Richmond, where they will be prepared for distribution to those around the world who would not otherwise have access to corrected vision. The glasses were collected from the community and included those deposited in the collection boxes at Middletown Mall and Monongahela Valley Bank. Since May is Recycle for Sight Month, it is a good opportunity to remind friends and neighbors that the Lions need their used eyewear.



Although cases are not accepted, frames with or without lenses are needed and lenses out of the frames can also be used.

### Just A Lion or Two

We extend sincere sympathy to D. J. Romino and Libby upon the recent death of their son.

Congratulations to P.D.G. (29-I) Evan Hugus, a frequent visitor to the Fairmont Lions Club, for receiving the first Evan Hugus Award from the WVU Eye Institute.



*Students from the Romney School perform for the Lions Convention.*

### *Birthday Celebration*

Claude Springer      May 27

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### Members Attend State Lions Convention

Club members Martha and Gerald Warren and Bob Moffett attended the Multiple District 29 (West Virginia) Lions Convention held April 26, 27, and 28 at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown. A highlight of the convention took place following lunch on Saturday when the students from the Romney School for the Deaf and Blind entertained the large crowd of Lions. The blind presented several selections in song, while the deaf provided the sign language interpretation. The finale took a patriotic theme complete with Uncle Sam top hats and red, white and blue bunting. *(Additional photos on the Web.)*





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## Milt Durbin Describes Trip to Russia

As is often the case with Lions, Fairmont Lions Club member Milt Durbin's understanding of the concept of service is not limited to his involvement in the Lions

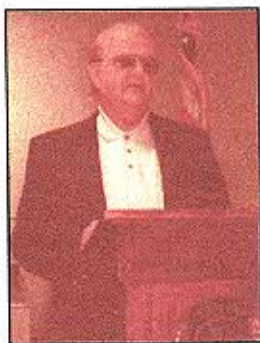


Photo by Wayne Dodd

organization. This was demonstrated by his recent trip to Russia as part of a work team through the Church of the Nazarene. Durbin presented the program at the May 16th club meeting and described his trip.

## Westchester Village Selected for Meetings

Following dinner there for the meeting of May 2, the Fairmont Lions Club made the decision to change its meeting location to Westchester Village on Locust Avenue (Route 19 South). The club meets there in a spacious private dining room and the meals are the same price that we have been paying at the Poky Dot and before that at Muriale's.

Also at that meeting, President Gerald Warren reported on the state convention held in April at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown.



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The Fairmont Lions Club June, 2002 Volume 15, Number 12

## Club Welcomes Two New Members

### Hawkins and Church Become Newest Lions

Jack Hawkins of Outlook Road and Greg Church of Gil-Bob Street have become the two newest members of the Fairmont Lions Club. Both Hawkins and Church attended the membership dinner held in April.

Jack Hawkins was sponsored by Clyde Judy and Greg Church was sponsored by Bob Moffett.

### Club Sponsors Multiphasic Screening

Although the Fairmont Lions Club has been "on the list" to sponsor and help with multiphasic screening since last year, the opportunity appeared suddenly when a previously scheduled sponsor backed out. The Lions and Lionesses responded in force, however, assisting with the screening of over 200 individuals at Fairmont General Hospital on Saturday, May 18th. The club will receive a portion of the proceeds from the event, but also performed a community service in the process.

The screening involves a number of blood tests including cholesterol, kidney and liver function, blood count, glucose level and others.

Lions and Lionesses participating included President-elect George Janice, Secretary Wayne Dodd, Edsel and Mary Jo Michael, Milt Durbin, Gene and Evelyn Martin, Bill Linger, and Keith Long.

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

*from the Lions Clubs International OBJECTS*

### Installation of Officers Set for June 20

George Janice will be installed as president of the Fairmont Lions Club Thursday, June 20th, at Westchester Village. Janice and the other incoming officers will be installed by District Governor Elect Paul Amrhein. The annual event is a "spouse's night" and all members are encouraged to be present to support the officers for the new year.

### Member Ted Sole Dies In Arizona

Edgar "Ted" Sole, a member of the Fairmont Lions Club, died May 11, 2002. Ted was 96 years old at the time of his death. He was a graduate of Fairmont State Normal School (now Fairmont State College) and West Virginia University where he earned a master's degree in administration.

Ted served from 1942 - 1945 in World War II and then finished his teaching career as a retired principal at Worthington Elementary School. He was also acting postmaster general in Fairmont for two years.

Before he moved to Arizona, he had held elected office in the Fairmont Lions Club and he maintained his club membership until his death.

Ted is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Mesa, Arizona, and her children and their families.

## CALENDAR

- June 20 6:30 pm Install Officers  
Westchester Village
- Aug. 15 District Governor's Visit
- Sept. 22 Lions Journey for Sight