

1923 - 2003



Celebrating
80 Years

The Mane Growl

The Fairmont Lions Club February 2003 Volume 16 Number 7



BEGINNING OUR 80TH YEAR OF SERVICE



Children receive gifts at the Lions Club's annual Christmas party at the Fairmont Union Mission.

84 Children Receive Gifts Thanks to Fairmont Lions Club

According to the Union Mission, 84 children attended the annual Christmas party there sponsored for over 60 years by the Lions. George Janice, club president, was quoted by the *Times West Virginian* saying, "It's a tradition that we look forward to every year. It really warms our hearts to see our efforts help young kids who can't afford Christmas."

The club contributes \$600 annually to this event and this year gifts were also contributed by Haught Chapel and Wal-Mart.

Club members and guests enjoyed a traditional dinner with all the trimmings prepared by the Mission staff before going upstairs to join the children in the festivities. Thanks to club member Bill Kime, a poinsettia was auctioned for \$25. The proceeds from the auction were donated to the mission and Jim Coleman, the winning bidder, presented the plant to Mrs. Thompson, wife of the mission's director, Bob Thompson.

Lions Do Serve

During 2001-02, Lions clubs donated an estimated 70 million hours of volunteer service to their communities. On average, clubs donated 1,579 service hours. Lions clubs donated an estimated \$50 million to humanitarian projects.

from Lions On-Line Newsletter

Tickets On Sale Now for Elimination Dinner

Again this year, the Fairmont Lions Club and the Fairmont Soroptimists are cooperating in an elimination dinner to be held at the Knights of Columbus, March 14th. The tickets are now available and club president George Janice is encouraging members to get their tickets sold early.

80th Anniversary Celebration April 5th

The Fairmont Lions Club will celebrate its 80th Anniversary on Saturday, April 5, 2003. Special guest speaker for the event will be Past International Director Robert Browning. Please note that this is a change in date from that which was earlier planned and mark your calendar now to be present with us for this momentous occasion.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.

from the LIONS CODE OF ETHICS



CALENDAR

- Jan. 31, Feb. 1 & 2, 2003 WV Lions Leadership School
- Feb. 06 6:30 Meeting Topic: TBA Westchester Village
- Feb. 13 Board of Directors
- Feb. 20 6:30 Meeting Topic: TBA Westchester Village
- March 14, 2003 Elimination Dinner
- March 28 & 29, 2003 29-L District Convention
- April 20, 2003 80th Anniversary
- April 05, 2003 Fairmont Lions Club 80th Anniv. Celebration
- Sept. 28, 2003 Lions Journey for Sight & Eye Clinic

The Good Old Days -when we had recessions we could afford!



The Mane Growl
 Official Publication of the Fairmont Lions Club
 P.O. Box 1164, Fairmont, WV 26554
 Editor: Bob Moffett
 email: rmoffett@mail.fscwv.edu
 Club President: George Janice
 Reporters: Wayne Dodd, Jim Coleman



Eyeglass Applications Approved

Wayne Dodd, chairman of the eyeglass committee, reported that six more applications for eye exams and glasses have been approved.

District 29-L Convention
 March 28, 29, 2003
 Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Resorts
 Registration fee \$30 before March 17
 Saturday session only \$5
 (includes Cabinet Meeting, seminars, election of District officers and other afternoon activities)

Just a Lion or Two

We extend sincere sympathy to Wayne Dodd on the death of his father, Charles Dodd. Tom Koon's wife, Mary has been hospitalized. We wish them well.

Notice: Wayne Dodd resigned as club secretary due to personal reasons. Bob Moffett will fill out the unfinished term.

Birthday Celebration

Clyde Judy	Feb 27
Everett Klingensmith	Jan 12
Tom Koon	Feb 06
Keith Long	Jan 01

Fairmont Lions Club Represented at WVLLS

Six members of the Fairmont Lions Club attended this year's West Virginia Lions Leadership School held at the Days Inn at Flatwoods the weekend of January 31, February 1 and 2.



Featured speakers and presenters for the event included Al Brandel, Past International Director (1993-95); Bill Hansen, President of Leader Dogs for the Blind; Brad Allamong, Director of Development of the West Virginia University Eye Institute; PDG Howard Cook (Kentucky); PDG Terry Goodman (New Hampshire); International Director Scott Neely (WV); P.I.D. Robert Browning (WV); P.I.D. Fred Cole (WV); and others. The club members were able to select from about twenty seminars.

Attending from the club were Martha and Gerald Warren, Carolyn and Tracy Smith, George Janice and Bob Moffett. Next year's school will be held in Charleston at the end of January.

January Meetings Take a Different Turn

The restaurant surprised members of the Fairmont Lions Club when they arrived for the January 2nd meeting. There were no cars in the lot and no lights on inside. It seems that Westchester Village was closed for a New Year's holiday, but had not notified the club. Several members went to other restaurants to get a bite to eat while at least one member returned home and made a sandwich.

January's board of director's meeting took place on January 9th, hosted by Gene Martin at S & M Glass, and at that time the club decided to visit en masse the 45th Anniversary of the Barrackville Lions Club. Attending from the Fairmont club were President George Janice, Treasurer Jim Coleman, Martha and P.D.G. Gerald Warren, P.D.G. Tracy Smith, and Bob (and Aletta) Moffett. This meeting was also the Barrackville club's District Governor's Visit.



Lions International: www.lionsclubs.org
 District 29-L: www.wvlions29-l.org/wvlions29/
 Fairmont Lions: www.fscwv.edu/users/rmoffett/fairmontlions/



Celebrating
80 Years

The Mane Growl



The Fairmont Lions Club March 2003 Volume 16 Number 8

ELIMINATION DINNER MARCH 14

Plans for Elimination Dinner Finalized

President George Janice has requested that members show up at the Knights of Columbus about 5:00 on March 14 to prepare for the elimination dinner. The reception begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00. Because of the severe winter weather, ticket sales are lagging. "We need your help," Janice said, encouraging all Lions to see that this year's event is once again a success.

The elimination dinner has been the club's best fund raiser in recent years and funds are needed now that the club has enlarged its service area to include both the east and west sides of the river.



VDG Candidates Visit Fairmont Lions Club

An election will be held at the District 29-L Convention on March 29th for Vice District Governor. Two candidates are running for the office and both candidates paid visits to the Fairmont Club recently.

Eva Dague is a member of the Washington Lands Lions Club and is currently the Leo and Lioness Chairman for the district. She is married to PDG Dan Dague.

Steve Beecroft is President of the Warwood Lions Club and Zone Chairman. His wife, Jamesie, visited with him in March.



TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

from the LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

Club Sponsors Student to Boys State

Richard Bentel, of the American Legion, spoke to the Fairmont Lions Club on March 6th and requested that the club support the American Legion's Boys State program. Boys State began in Illinois in 1935 and is now held in every state as well as the District of Columbia.

High school guidance counselors will provide a list of students to the American Legion which selects the participants. West Virginia's Boys State is held each year at Jackson's Mill in Lewis County. The boys elect a governor and set up their government. Nearly 400 boys will attend. Of these, two will be selected to attend Boys Nation. During their week at Jackson's Mill, the boys will be visited by Governor Wise and other state officials.

Jim Coleman, treasurer, presented Bentel with the club's check to sponsor a boy this year. Once selected, the club will be informed as to the boy chosen and will invite him to our meeting.

Club Votes to Sponsor Table for Union Mission

At its March 6th meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club voted to sponsor a table at a cost of \$200 for the Fairmont Union Mission's annual fund raising dinner. Treasurer Jim Coleman agreed to be "table host." The club has had a long association with the Union Mission, sponsoring the annual Christmas Party for the children.

Slate of Officers Presented

The Nominations Committee presented the following slate of officers at the March 6th meeting:

President.....Milt Durbin
1st Vice Pres.....Keith Long
2nd Vice Pres.....Jack Hawkins
Secretary.....Gerald Warren
Treasurer.....James Coleman
Tail Twister.....George Janice
Lion Tamer.....Wayne Dodd
Membership Chm..George Janice

These candidates were nominated from the floor:

Directors.....Bob Brummage
Tracy Smith

(Ed Garlow and Bob Moffett will continue the second year of their 2-year terms as directors.) Club officer elections will be conducted at the March 20th meeting.

CALENDAR

- March 13 Board of Directors
- March 14 Elimination Dinner
- March 20 Induction of New Members and Election of Officers
- March 28 & 29 29-L District Convention
- April 05 80th Anniversary Celebration
- April 12 Sponsor Table at Dinner for Fairmont's Union Mission
- April 20 80th Anniversary
- Sept. 28, 2003 Lions Journey for Sight & Eye Clinic

There are no unimportant acts of kindness.



The Mane Growl

Official Publication of the Fairmont Lions Club
P.O. Box 1164, Fairmont, WV 26554
Editor: Bob Moffett
email: rmoffett@mail.fscwv.edu
Club President: George Janice
Reporters: Wayne Dodd, Jim Coleman



Eyeglass Applications Approved

Wayne Dodd, chairman of the eyeglass committee, reported that six more applications for eye exams and glasses have been approved and that there are three more applications pending.

District 29-L Convention

March 28 & 29, 2003

Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Resorts

Registration fee \$30 before March 17

Saturday session only \$5

(includes Cabinet Meeting, seminars, election of District officers and other afternoon activities)

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB 80TH

- *Marking 80 years of*
- *Lionism in*
- *North Central West Virginia*

Speaker: Robert Browning PID

Saturday, April 5, 2003
Reception 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Price: \$17.50 per person

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

Just a Lion or Two

We extend our wishes for speedy recoveries to Lions Gene Martin, Tom Koon and Dominick Romino. We were glad to see Clyde Judy at our meeting on March 6th.

Birthday Celebration

Ed Garlow

Mar. 15

Francis Viands

Mar. 07

80th Anniversary Meeting Set for April 5th

PDG Gerald Warren promises a "good time" for all at the 80th Anniversary celebration April 5th. Cost is \$17.50 per person for a dinner of baked steak.

Robert Browning, past international director from Pineville, WV, will be the guest speaker. The dinner will be held at Westchester Village. Please make reservations and send check to Gerald Warren by April 1, 2003.

 **INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS RE-SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20TH**

On the Web

Lions International: www.lionsclubs.org

District 29-L: www.wvlions29-l.org/wvlions29/

Fairmont Lions: www.fscwv.edu/users/rmoffett/fairmontlions/

