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80 Years

The Mane Growl

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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!



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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.

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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.



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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 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

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

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**

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CLUB CELEBRATES 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Nearly 50 Attend Fairmont Lions Club's Celebration

April 5th was the evening set for the Fairmont Lions Club to celebrate its 80th anniversary. In addition to club members, Lions, Lionesses and guests attended from near and far. After a time of socializing, George Janice, president, called the meeting to order. The opening included the singing of "America," the Pledge of Allegiance, and an invocation delivered by District Governor Elect Glen Baker, Jr. Numerous honored guests including District Governor Paul and Phyllis Amrhein, several past district governors and others were introduced.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Past International Director Robert Browning, from the Pineville Lions Club in District 29-N. He served as Director from 1996 to 1998. Browning had spent some of the afternoon in the college library looking at the microfilm of newspapers from April 1923. He related some of the events taking place in Fairmont at the time and how those events shaped the Fairmont Lions Club.

He noted that this was the first club in North Central West Virginia and that the organizers had found a group who must have had a vision at the time. It was only six years after the founding of Lions Clubs International and the Association was in the beginning of finding its mission.



P.I.D. Robert Browning

"The Fairmont Lions Club, right off the bat, was interested in children." Only three weeks after being organized, they held a dinner for the "newsies" - newspaper carriers - where Senator Neely gave an inspirational speech. Browning went on to say, "Your club has done it all."

Following the address, President Janice presented Browning with a certificate and a pack of golf balls. (Browning is an avid golfer.)

District Governor Paul Amrhein congratulated the club on its 80th anniversary. Ralph Vilar, a member of the Bellview club, completed the game and was awarded a prize.

In his closing remarks, President Janice said, "We should celebrate the people who brought us here." Door prizes were awarded before the meeting was closed.

Club Contributes \$\$\$

At the request of Tracy Smith, a cancer survivor, the club voted at the April 3rd meeting to contribute \$100 to the American Cancer Society. The club is considering fielding a Relay for Life team for next year. There are several other survivors in the club.

Checks were presented to the district governor for LCIF (\$100), Leader Dogs (\$100), the WV Sight Foundation (\$650), Core-4 Program (\$200) and the Youth Exchange Program (\$25).



New members left to right: Ed Davis, Ann Davis and Jack Hawkins

Newest Members Inducted

Membership Chairman Clyde Judy inducted Ann and Ed Davis and Jack Hawkins as members of the Fairmont Lions Club on March 20th. The sponsors presented them with New Member Kits and their Lions pins. Hawkins was sponsored by Judy while the Davises were sponsored by George Janice.

Another new member, Greg Church, regretted that he was unable to attend.

Clyde Judy received the President's Bronze Certificate of Sponsorship from D. G. Paul Amrhein for sponsoring Jack Hawkins. The presentation was made at the 80th anniversary celebration.

Pins and Chocolate Lions For All in Attendance

P.D.G. Gerald Warren, who was chairman of the 80th anniversary celebration, made arrangements for commemorative lapel pins for all who attended the festivities on April 5th (see masthead above). In addition, Martha Warren made yummy chocolate Lions which were at each place setting. An eight page commemorative program which included a history of the club and a list of the charter membership and officers was also provided.

Additional pictures available on the Fairmont Lions Club's Web site.



TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

from the LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics is a guideline for the personal values that each member should exemplify.



"[The Fairmont Lions Club] has touched untold numbers of children through your work." -P.I.D. Robert Browning

CALENDAR

- April 17 6:30 p.m. Club Meeting
- May 1 6:30 p.m. Club Meeting
- April 20 80th Anniversary of Club's Charter Presentation
- May 2, 3, & 4 Multiple District 29 Convention - Charleston
- June 14 Multiphasic Screening at FGH
- Sept. 28, 2003 Lions Journey for Sight & Eye Clinic



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Club Members Attend District 29-L Convention

Carolyn and Tracy Smith, Martha and Gerald Warren and Bob Moffett attended the District Convention held at Oglebay Lodge. Officers elected for next year include Glen Baker, Jr., district governor and Steve Beecroft, vice district governor.

It was also announced that the Core-4 program was completed.



Members and guests prepare to enjoy the dinner at the 80th anniversary celebration at Westchester Village.



May is Lions Recycle for Sight Month

Just a Lion or Two

We extend our sympathy to Darrell Kimoto and Gabriella in the recent death of her father.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Fairmont Lioness Club member Virginia B. White, who recently passed away.

We wish those who are ill, including Tom Spiker's wife, Karen, and Gene Martin, speedy recoveries.

We are pleased to report that Dominick Romino is back home.

Birthday Celebration

Duard Selders

April 28

Officers Elected for 2003-2004 Club Year

Members in attendance on April 3rd voted unanimously to elect the slate of officers following the third reading. Elected to terms beginning in July were the following:

- 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**
- Directors.....Bob Brummage**

Tracy Smith

(Ed Garlow and Bob Moffett will continue the second year of their 2-year terms as directors.)

Another Successful Elimination Dinner

The Fairmont Lions Club's share of this year's elimination dinner was \$1985.26, according to Treasurer Jim Coleman. Even though advanced ticket sales were off, other activities at the event helped to increase the proceeds. Ticket sales at the door brought in \$490 and the tip boards brought in another \$769. The ticket raffle resulted in another \$500. Other activities, such as the 50-50 drawing and 200th ticket sale also brought up the total figure.

President George Janice was pleased with the outcome and thanked all who helped in any way with the dinner or ticket sales. Anticipated attendance was 125. Actual attendance was 143.



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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS JUNE 19

District Governor Elect Glen Baker Will Do Honors

The Fairmont Lions Club will install its officers for the coming year on Thursday, June 19th, at 6:30 p.m. District Governor Elect Glen Baker, Jr. will be the installing officer. At the meeting, President George Janice will pass the gavel to the incoming president, Lion Milt Durbin, who will preside throughout the 2003-2004 club year.

A retired United Methodist minister, Baker was Scouting Coordinator for the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and is a member of the McMechen Lions Club.

Installation of Officers is traditionally a Spouses' Night. The event will be held at Westchester Village.



D.G.E. Glen Baker



Evelyn and Gene Martin with Leonard Jarrett Award Plaque.

Lion Gene Martin Honored With Leonard Jarrett Award

On May 5th, about nine club members visited Wishing Well Manor to conduct a special Lions Club meeting to present Gene Martin, a past president (1992-1993) and valued member of the Fairmont Lions Club, with a Leonard Jarrett Award, the highest award available from the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. Martin, selected to receive the award by the club's board of directors, has been an active member of the club, having served on the board of directors and the elimination dinner committee. He has also supplied a storage facility for fund raising brooms and mops for many years and can be found at most club activities.

Used Eyeglasses Add Up

Committee Chairman Wayne Dodd reports that the club has collected 500 pairs of eyeglasses this year to be recycled. May was Lions Recycle for Sight



Fairmont Lions Club Sponsors A New Club

June 14th will be the Charter Night for the new South Marion Region Lions Club, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. This new club encompasses the areas of Four States, Ida May, Worthington and Carolina.

Fairmont club member Tracy Smith was instrumental in organizing the new club and will be its first president. George Janice and Bob Moffett are Guiding Lions. Guest speaker for the evening is Past International Director Fred Cole of the Mt. Olivet Lions Club.

As the sponsoring club, the Fairmont Lions contributed \$100 (see picture Page 2) and will present the club with its gong. Fairmont Lion members and guests are encouraged to attend the Charter Night at the Swisher Hill Union Mission Church on Route 19, near Worthington.

Members Needed June 14th

Club members are reminded to be at Fairmont General Hospital bright and early June 14th to assist with the Multiphasic Screening. In addition to being a service project, this also provides additional income for the club's Activities Fund.

Club Receives "Thank You"

The Union Mission thanked the Fairmont Lions, by way of a note and mention in their newsletter and the *Times West Virginian*, for sponsoring a table at their Faith Promise Dinner held recently. Jim Coleman, club secretary, was the table host. The Union Mission raised over \$57,000 at the fund raising event.



CALENDAR

- June 5 Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- June 8 Club Officer Training WVU Eye Institute 1:30 -4:00
- June 19 Board of Directors 7:00 p.m.
- June 14 Multiphasic Screening at FGH
- June 14 South Marion Region Lions Club Charter Night
- June 19 Installation of Officers 6:30 p.m. (Spouses' Night)
- June 21 District Governor Appreciation Banquet, New Martinsville Social 6:00 p.m. & Dinner 6:30
- July 3 No meeting due to Independence Day holiday weekend.
- Sept. 28, 2003 Lions Journey for Sight & Eye Clinic



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Tracy Smith (left) receives contribution from Treasurer Jim Coleman to help underwrite the expenses of the new South Marion Region Lions Club. (See article on Page 1.)

For the Record

Membership in the Fairmont Lions Club is currently at 36 (as reported on the May Membership Report). Membership Chairman Clyde Judy has been emphasizing the need to invite prospective members to the club meetings. Have you invited your replacement yet?



Subscriptions Available

The district 29-L newsletter, "The District Lighthouse" is available to Lions Club members at a cost of \$6.00 per year. Members may mail their subscription request to: Mary Rose Yoho, Newspaper Editor, RR 1 Box 144A, Proctor, WV 26055. Checks should be made payable to District 29-L.

Just a Lion or Two

Congratulations to Lion Clyde Judy who was recently featured in a WDTV News story about his experiences in the service.

Wayne Dodd reports that Lion Earl Carpenter is residing at Fitzwaters Care Home and that Dominick Romino is doing fair.

P.D.G. Cal Stickley (White Hall Lions Club) is back in the hospital.

Birthdays Celebration

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| Bob Brummage | June 13 |
| George Janice | June 08 |
| Carl Miller | June 04 |
| Ray Rutherford | June 17 |
| H. Gerald Warren | June 05 |



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