



# The Mane Growl



The Fairmont Lions Club January 2004 Volume 17 Number 6

## TICKETS TO GO ON SALE FOR ELIMINATION DINNER

### Dr. James Phares to Speak to Club January 15th

Guest speaker for the January 15th meeting will be Dr. James Phares, Superintendent, Marion County Schools, according to Clyde Judy, program chairman of the Fairmont Lions Club. Phares was selected superintendent last year. He previously held the same position in Pocahontas County, WV.

Phares is expected to discuss the progress toward new facilities within the school system. The Fairmont Lions Club meets at Westchester Village with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

### Major Events on Schedule

The District 29-L Conference will be held at the Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells, WV on Friday, March 19th and Saturday, March 20th. International Director Delmar "Del" Brown will be the speaker at the Saturday banquet. Cost of the Conference is \$30, which includes the Saturday evening reception and banquet. (After February 15, the cost goes up to \$40.)

The 82nd Convention of Multiple District 29 (the "State Convention") will be held at Mountaineer Race Track and Gaming Resort at Chester, WV, April 23, 24, and 25th, 2004. The registration fee, which includes five meals, is \$75 until March 23rd, when it goes up to \$85. Room rate for Lions is \$79 and reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

Registration information is available from the president, secretary, or zone chairman.



Happy New Year  
Time to Pay Dues Again

IF WE HAD NO WINTER, THE SPRING WOULD NOT BE SO PLEASANT. - ANNE BRADSTREET



John Conaway, Union Mission Board of Directors president, presents certificate to Keith Long at Christmas party for the children. (See article on Page 2.)

### Leader Dogs for the Blind Opens New Residence and Training Facility

The doors to the new Polk Residence and Training Facility at Leader Dogs for the Blind opened in August 2003. Bill Hansen, president of Leader Dogs for the Blind, said that they have been careful to take note of the tools needed to enrich the students' experiences and improve the lives of the blind community at large. The new facility provides students with private rooms so that training and bonding between the blind persons and their guide dogs is more effectively accomplished.

The facility also includes a lecture room and library, an auditorium for special events, an exercise room, and computer and entertainment center. The school's original residence facility will be renovated to house administrative offices.

--from The District Lighthouse

### Tickets to be Distributed at January 8th Club Meeting

George Janice has indicated that the tickets for the elimination dinner, to be held this spring, will be available at the first meeting of 2004, January 8th. The meeting will be a business meeting, but we will need to begin selling the elimination dinner tickets soon in order to have a successful event this year.

### LCIF Helps Develop Hearing Aid

Lions Clubs International Foundation is helping to develop the world's finest low-cost hearing aid. The long-range plan is for Lions worldwide to take a leading role in improving the lives of millions of hearing impaired people.

LCIF has approved \$600,000 for the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP) to design, manufacture and distribute a high-quality, low-cost hearing aid. AHAP is moving forward steadily. A digitally programmable hearing aid already has been developed, a manufacturing and distribution site were established in southern India, successful clinical trials were conducted in the United States and a fulfillment center is planned for New Jersey.

Lions will be the exclusive distributor of the hearing aid to all Lions' groups and all U.S. non-profit groups.

--LCIF News

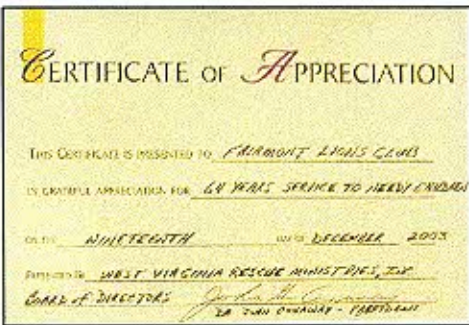
### CALENDAR

- Jan. 8 6:30 p.m. First Meeting of 2004
- Jan. 15 6:30 p.m. Regular Club Meeting
- Jan. 30 Feb. 1 WV Lions Leadership School in Charleston
- Mar. 19 - 20 District 29-L Conference
- Apr. 23 - 25 State Convention





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 Gerald Warren



*This certificate of appreciation was presented to the Fairmont Lions Club at the annual Christmas Party for the children at the Union Mission.*



**January is Glaucoma Awareness Month**

**Just a Lion or Two**

We extend sincere sympathy to Ed Garlow following the death of his son, Charles, in Ohio.

We wish Mary Jo Michael and George Janice speedy recoveries following recent surgeries.

Tom Koon's wife, Mary, is now at the John Manchin Sr. Health Care Center on Guffey Street.

**Union Mission of Fairmont Makes Presentation to Lions Club**

Since 1940, the Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored the annual Christmas party for needy children throughout Marion County, providing gifts, fruit and candy. This year, the Union Mission began the party by presenting a certificate of appreciation to First Vice President Keith Long. Club members enjoyed a traditional Christmas feast provided by the staff at the mission and heard a few words from Pastor Bob Thompson, who read a poem written by one of the residents, before joining the children and their families for the distribution of the gifts.

Earlier in the week, the toys for the children had been stolen, but thanks to the generosity of the people of the community, all the gifts were replaced and even more were made available. In an article about the theft of the toys that appeared in the *Times West Virginian*, pastor Bob Thompson of the mission praised the Fairmont Lions Club for providing the party for 64 straight years at the mission, "That says a lot about that organization and the heart they have for kids." Several parents of the children present made a point to come over and personally thank the Lion members for providing the party. Fran Perry, daughter of Joe Perry, founder of the Union Mission, told some of the Lions present how she looked forward to the Lions Christmas party each year when she was growing up.



*Lions watch as gifts are distributed.*

A poinsettia, donated by club member Bill Kime, was auctioned and purchased by Pat Patton for \$25 and the money was turned over to Bob Thompson for the mission. Attending the Christmas party were Keith and Lisa Long, Jack and Lucille Hawkins, Mary Jo and Edsel Michael, Wayne Dodd, Pat and Kim Patton, Bob and Aletta Moffett, and Clyde and Eleanor Judy. Rev. Bob Thompson, Director of the Union Mission, and John Conaway, president of the board of directors of the Union Mission, joined the Lions for the dinner.

*Birthday Celebration*

Clyde Judy  
 Tom Koon

Feb. 27  
 Feb. 06

**On the Web**

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## HOSPICE TO BE TOPIC OF FEBRUARY 19TH MEETING



### Dr. James Phares Presents a Positive Picture of Schools

At the January 15th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, Dr. James Phares, Superintendent of Marion County Schools, spoke about the school system. He indicated that his three goals for the school system were to have the students become successful in life, to have them master the basics -- what is needed to be successful in life -- and for them to be creative, well-rounded children.

Phares stated that Marion County ranked first in Kid's Count. West Virginia was about average. Marion County has low rates of drug abuse and teenage pregnancy and "the community cares about kids." West Virginia is ranked number one in Education Week due to the per capita spent, accountability, and the low number of acts of violence. He said he has met many talented, highly professional people here and that, "I believe good things are going to come."

Phares was introduced by Clyde Judy, program committee chairman.

### Kim Boyce is Scheduled to Address Lions

Program Chairman Clyde Judy has announced that Kim Boyce will present a program to the Fairmont Lions Club at its regular meeting on February 19th, 6:30 p.m., at Westchester Village. Her topic will be Hospice, the organization that assists families with caring for terminally ill loved ones.

### Moffett Attends WV Lions Leadership School

Club member Bob Moffett attended the West Virginia Lions Leadership School in Charleston the last weekend of January. A wide range of seminars and four keynote speakers addressed numerous leadership topics including club "fun" fundraising, public speaking, new member orientation, motivation, and many others. Among the keynote speakers were Past International President Jim Ervin of Georgia and George Salpietro, who serves as executive director of the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation in Bloomfield, Connecticut, and is himself assisted by a guide dog.

Next year's school is already being planned and details will be available soon. Moffett served on the committee for this year's school and will continue on the committee for the 2005 school. He highly recommends the school to all Lions who desire to increase leadership abilities in Lionism and in their daily lives as well.

### PDG H. Gerald Warren Lived Lions Motto "We Serve"

It was with a great sense of loss that the members of the Fairmont Lions Club learned of the death of club secretary and past district governor of district 29-L, H. Gerald Warren. He died at Wishing Well Health Center at the age of 68 after being hospitalized earlier in the week. He was born June 8, 1935 in Beaver, Ohio.



Warren had been employed by Monongahela Power Company, later as an interim Fairmont city manager, and was recently retired as broker from Gerald Warren and Associates Real Estate. Having joined the Lions in 1960, he served in many capacities on local and state levels and was a Melvin Jones Fellow as well as a recipient of the Leonard Jarrett Award, having been associated with the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation. Warren first served the Fairmont Lions Club as president in 1972-73, again in 1993-94, and a third term in 2001-02. If the Lions were holding an activity, Gerald Warren could be counted on to lend a hand, most often with Martha by his side.

He had also been active earlier in Jaycees and Toastmasters. He was a member of First United Presbyterian Church.

Warren is survived by his wife Martha, also a club member, a son Ronald and a daughter Elizabeth. He was preceded in death by a son, Stephen. He will be missed by his friends in the Fairmont Lions Club and Lions throughout West Virginia.

### CALENDAR

- Feb. 5 6:30 Business Meeting and Board of Directors
- Feb. 19 6:30 Regular Meeting  
Program topic: Hospice
- Mar. 19 - 20 District 29-L Conference
- Apr. 23 - 25 State Convention







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#### Note of Appreciation

The Fairmont Lions Club received a note of thanks from Scott Place thanking the Lions for all they do for them. The Fairmont Lions Club has provided eye exams and glasses for a number of their residents over the years.

#### Elimination Dinner Set for March 20th

A grand prize of \$1000 will be presented at this year's elimination dinner, to be held Saturday, March 20th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Mary Lou Retton Drive in Fairmont. The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00. Donations for the event are \$35 per couple.

George Janice is chairman of the elimination dinner again this year and money from ticket sales should be turned in to him. Janice also has additional tickets available. Again this year, the Fairmont Lions Club and the Fairmont Soroptomists are sponsoring this event together to support the activities of each organization.



#### Eyeglass Applications

According to Wayne Dodd, Chairman of the Eyeglass Committee, there are four applications pending for exams and glasses.

#### Just a Lion or Two

Pat Patton has informed us that he will be attending classes on Thursday evenings this semester and will be missing some of our meetings. We wish him well with his course work.

We regret that Bill Linger, Dave Fawcett, and Darrell Kimoto have resigned their memberships in the Fairmont Lions Club.

The Fairmont Lions Club has collected over 200 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling.



They're not hip or modern,



fancy or fashionable.



They no longer fit your prescription,



or your style.

But for one person living in a developing country, these used eyeglasses will put the world in focus. Maybe for the very first time.

Don't throw away someone's chance for a clearer tomorrow. Donate your used eyeglasses.



The Fairmont Lions Club has collection boxes at Monongahela Valley Bank and Middletown Mall.

Lions Clubs International  
For All The World To See

#### Birthday Celebration

Francis Viands

March 7

#### On the Web

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## March 18th Program Announced

Program Chairman Clyde Judy has announced that Yuncheng Wang, Sales Representative for Bankers Life and Casualty, will present the program at the regular meeting on Thursday, March 18th. Wang grew up in China and was educated in the United States.

## Slate of Officers Prepared

The slate of club officers for club year 2004-2005 was read for the first time at the March 4th meeting and will be read again on March 18th and April 1st. The election will be conducted at the business meeting April 1st. Currently, the offices of First Vice President and Membership Director are open.

The nominating committee presents the following slate for the club's consideration, although nominations may be made from the floor.



President.....Keith Long  
 1st Vice Pres...  
 2nd Vice Pres.Jack Hawkins  
 Secretary....George Janice  
 Treasurer.....Jim Coleman  
 Lion Tamer.....Pat Patton  
 Tail Twister...Wayne Dodd  
 Director 1 yr.Bob Brummage  
   Ed Davis  
   2 yr...Clyde Judy  
   Edsel Michael  
 Membership Dir...  
 Immediate Past Pres...  
   Milt Durbin

Officers elected in April will take office in July. The Nominations Committee for 2003-2004 consisted of H. Gerald Warren (who did much of the preliminary work of the committee), Clyde Judy and Bob Moffett.

## ELIMINATION DINNER SATURDAY MARCH 20



### Kim Boyce Discusses Hospice Care

Kim Boyce of Hospice Care presented the program at the March 4th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Hospice Care, with offices on Merchant Street, is one of several hospices in Marion County. They served 150 patients last year, according to Boyce. A part of the largest hospice in West Virginia, Hospice Care started in Grafton.

Funded primarily by Medicare reimbursement and donations, they use volunteers as well as paid staff to provide their services. Boyce indicated that they are working on a state initiative to provide improved paliative care for children. One of the goals is to reduce the pain of the patient.

Boyce indicated that she thinks of her work with Hospice Care as a ministry and concluded her talk with the gift of a song, "Amazing Gracc." Clyde Judy, who introduced her, made the special request that she sing for the club.

### Club Welcomes New Member Jeff Miller

Jeff Miller is the newest member of the Fairmont Lions Club, having joined the club in February. Employed by Seneca Communications in Morgantown, but a resident of Fairmont, Miller was sponsored by Bob Moffett.



### Elimination Dinner Tickets Remain

George Janice, chairman of the elimination dinner committee, reported at the March 4th meeting that 40 tickets still need to be sold for this year's event. Money had been turned in for 51 tickets. Janice asked Lions to be on hand to assist with the dinner.

### Annual Convention To Be April 23 - 25

The 82nd Convention of Multiple District 29 will be held at the Mountaineer Race Track and Gaming Resort in Chester, WV, April 23 - 25th, 2004. Registration cost is \$75 until March 23rd. Thereafter, it will be \$85. The registration fee includes five meals during the weekend gathering of Lions from around West Virginia.

Room reservations, \$79 per night, should be made directly with the hotel. Registration forms are included in the *West Virginia Lion, 82nd Convention Issue*, mailed to Lions members.

### Two Attend Zone Meeting

Secretary George Janice and Zone Chairman Bob Moffett were at the March 6th Zone meeting held at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store off the Kingmont Exit of I-79.

Janice reported on the club's membership gains and upcoming activities.

### CALENDAR

March 18	6:30 Regular Meeting Yuncheng Wang
March 20	Elimination Dinner
March 19-21	District 29-I. Conference
April 1	6:30 Business Meeting Election of Officers
April 23-25	WV State Convention Mountaineer Race Track & Gaming Resort, Chester





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**MARCH IS  
 EYE DONOR  
 AWARENESS MONTH**

**Eyeglass Applications**

According to Wayne Dodd, Chairman of the Eyeglass Committee, there are (as of March 4th) six applications pending for exams and glasses. Dodd also reported that the committee helped an individual go through the process to get glasses in order to retake the drivers license exam.

**Just a Lion or Two**

Several Lions have undergone treatment or surgery recently. We wish speedy recoveries to Mary Jo Michael, Ed Davis and Clyde Judy. We also wish a full recovery to Eleanor Judy, wife of Lion Clyde. Club president Milt Durbin has also experienced some health problems lately.

We regret that Francis Viands has resigned his membership in the Fairmont Lions Club.

The Fairmont Lions Club received a sympathy card from District Governor Glen Baker, Jr. expressing sympathy in the death of Gerald Warren.

**Fairmont Lions Club to be Represented in "Parade of Checks"**

Club member Bob Moffett will attend the District 29-L Conference in Mineral Wells the weekend of March 19-21. There will be a "Parade of Checks" at the conference where all the clubs in the district present their club contributions to the various projects supported by District 29-L. Moffett will present the Fairmont Lions Club's donations in the amounts listed.

WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.....	\$ 650.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation.....	100.00
Leader Dog School.....	100.00
Youth Exchange Program.....	25.00
Blind & Deaf Recreation Program.....	25.00
<b>TOTAL...</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>

Moffett will also deliver over 200 pairs of used eyeglasses collected throughout the Fairmont community. The glasses will be combined with those from other clubs in the district and transported to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

**Highlights from the Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jim Coleman presented his report March 4th bringing the club up to date on the standings of both the Administrative and Activities accounts. Figures reflect the accounts at the end of February.

Administrative Fund current balance.....	\$ 307.06
Expenses budgeted for 2003 - 2004.....	2,720.00
Expenses to date.....	2,184.67
Activities Fund current balance.....	\$ 6,307.85
Eyeglasses budget for year.....	3,000.00
Eyeglasses spent to date.....	1,620.00
Total budgeted expenses.....	8,339.04
Total expenses to date.....	2,455.00

*Birthday Celebration*

Ed Garlow

March 15

**On the Web**

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**April is Leo Club Awareness Month**

There are more than 5,400 Leo clubs in 137 countries. Sponsorship of a Leo club helps to foster the "We Serve" legacy.

**Club to Participate in Relay for Life**

Last year, the Fairmont Lions Club made a contribution to the Relay for Life fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. At the last club meeting, it was decided that we would field a team for this year's event. The Relay for Life is held at Fairmont State and will take place about the first weekend in June. George Janice will get a participation packet for the club.

**Just a Lion or Two**

Our sympathy is extended to John David Manley in the recent death of his father.

Duard Selders recently has encountered some health setbacks. He is now 84 years old, and we wish him well.

**Highlights of the District 29-L Convention**

Bob Moffett delivered 250 pairs of used eyeglasses to the District 29-L Conference. These, combined with those from other clubs in the district, resulted in a truckload of nearly 7,000 pairs of eyeglasses to be delivered to the Lions Recycling Center.

Donations made at the "Parade of Checks" from clubs in the district were made in these amounts: (The Fairmont Lions Clubs checks totaled \$900.)

LCIF	\$ 3,822.00
Blind & Deaf	1,000.00
Lions Quest	250.00
Leos	200.00
Youth Exchange	525.00
Camp Kno Koma	2,125.00
WV Sight Found	15,620.90
Leader Dogs	3,760.00
Pilot Dogs	300.00
	<u>\$27,602.90</u>



Donations received by "passing the hat" at one of the meals will help fund the student work program at the Romney School for the Deaf & Blind. \$157.25 was collected from the Lions and guests in attendance.

This year's district conference was held at Mineral Wells and was attended by 135.

--Some information in this article came from *The District Lighthouse*

**Assistance for People with Vision Loss**

As an individual Lion, you can help blind people in your home community by putting them in touch with The Hadley School for the Blind. Per the recent Board Meeting, Lions has entered into a partnership with Hadley. At no cost to you, your club or the person with vision loss, the person can learn the skills to become more independent using Hadley's "anytime, anyplace" distance learning, teacher guided study materials. Put someone in touch with Hadley. For information, contact The Hadley School for the Blind by phone 800-323-4238.

--Lions On-Line Newsletter

*Birthday Celebration*

Duard Selders

April 28

**On the Web**

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# The Mane Growl



The Fairmont Lions Club May 2004 Volume 17 Number 10

## JUNE 17 - INSTALL OFFICERS & INDUCT NEW MEMBERS

### Fairmont Lions Club Receives Thank You Notes

Leader Dogs for the Blind and the West Virginia Lions Youth Exchange Committee sent notes of thanks to the Fairmont Lions Club for the donations the club presented at the District 29-L "Parade of Checks" in April.



### DG Glen Baker To Do Honors

District Governor Glen Baker, Jr. will be on hand at the June 17th meeting to install the new officers of the Fairmont Lions Club and to induct a number of new members. The meeting will be a spouse's night activity.

### FSU Faculty Member to Present Program

Dr. Tulasi Joshi will be our guest speaker at the May 20th meeting. He is expected to discuss the Nepal Scholarship Program at Fairmont State, which he coordinates. This program assists Nepal students to study at Fairmont State.



Dr. Tulasi Joshi joined the Fairmont State College faculty in 1972 and holds degrees from Tribhuvan University in Nepal (B.A.), the University of Hawaii (M.A.), and the University of Pittsburgh (Ph.D.). Before coming to FSC, he taught at the University of Pittsburgh, Shippensburg State College, and Arizona State University. Dr. Joshi also served as a visiting instructor at the University of Saskatchewan, Memorial University of Newfoundland, and Tribhuvan University. At Fairmont State, he is coordinator of the Geography program, in which he teaches a variety of Geography classes.



Photo by Aletta Moffett

### Moffett Receives Leonard Jarrett Award

District Governor Glen Baker presented Bob Moffett with the Leonard Jarrett Award at the District 29-L breakfast during the MD-29 State Convention on April 25th. Moffett is currently serving on the district 29-L cabinet as zone chairman for Region III, Zone II.

West Virginia Lion Leonard Jarrett is recognized as the founder of the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and the Leonard Jarrett Award was established in honor of Jarrett's efforts to establish the foundation. The award is the highest honor given by the Sight Foundation. A donation of \$1,000 to the Foundation may be used by a club or individual to honor a worthy person for their contribution to the sight and hearing needs of others.

Because the Sight Foundation is so close to the hearts of all West Virginia Lions, the Leonard Jarrett Award is considered the highest honor that West Virginia Lions, as well as the Foundation, can bestow. Recipients of the award from the Fairmont club include: Merritt Chambers (91-92), James Coleman (2000-01), Charles Herron (92-93), James E. Martin (02-03), H. Gerald Warren (?), William Woodrum (92-93).

The purpose of the Foundation, established in 1959, is to

meet the sight and hearing needs of the citizens of West Virginia, if other aid is not available. Services include cataract removal, corneal transplants, detached retinas, crossed eyes, and ear surgery, as well as vision and hearing devices. The Sight Foundation has financed many corrective sight and hearing procedures for the needy, including any number of cases that have been referred over the years by the Fairmont Lions Club.

### Club to Participate in Relay for Life

George Janice has arranged for the Fairmont Lions Club to participate in this June's Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. Those who have signed up to participate are George Janice, Wayne Dodd, Jack Hawkins, Bob Moffett, Clyde Judy and Martha Warren.

The Relay for Life is scheduled for June 11th and will be held on the football field at Fairmont State. Details will be available as the time for the event approaches.

### Aletta Moffett Becomes a Lion

Aletta Moffett, wife of club member Bob Moffett, joined the Fairmont Lions Club at the May 6th meeting. She had planned on joining in about a year, but following her trip to the State Convention, she decided to go ahead and join now.

### CALENDAR

May 20	6:30 Meeting Tulasi Joshi
June 11	Relay for Life
June 17	Installation of Officers Induction of New Members
June 18-20	Pilot Dog Convention





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May is  
 Lions  
 Recycle  
 for Sight  
 Month

**Fairmont Lioness Club Members to Become Lions**

Members of the Fairmont Lioness Club have decided to take advantage of the new member fee waiver (see article below) and join the Fairmont Lions Club. Five have already filled out the waiver form expressing their intent to join. Lions D. G. Glen Baker, Jr.; Eva Dague, Lioness Chairperson; Tracy Smith, Extension Chairperson, and Bob Moffett, Fairmont Lions member and Zone Chairperson, all attended the Lioness Club meeting and provided information about Lions membership. Lionesses signed-up to join, as we go to press, include: Kathryn VanGilder, Nancy Sickles, Leola Robinson, Evelyn Martin and Katherine Miller. An induction of new members ceremony is scheduled for the June 17th meeting (*see story on Page 1*).

**South Marion Region Celebrates 1st Anniversary**

The South Marion Region Lions Club celebrated its first anniversary on May 13th at the Swisher Hill Union Mission Church. PDG Paul Amrhein will be the speaker. The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored the South Marion Region Lions Club and Bob Moffett is the Guiding Lion. Aleetta and Bob Moffett represented the Fairmont club.

**Just a Lion or Two**

Our sympathy is extended to John David Manley in the recent death of his father.

Duard Selders recently has encountered some health setbacks. He is now 84 years old, and we wish him well.

Milt Durbin and George Janice have recently been ill.

**All Membership Fee Waivers End June 30, 2004**

Lions Clubs International has had several membership fee waivers in effect this year. These include waivers for a woman joining a Lions club, a spouse of a Lion joining a Lions Club, and for a Lioness Club member to join a Lions Club. The new member fee, which is waived by Lions International in all of these instances, amounts to \$25, which means that these new members will only need to pay their dues. However, the fee waivers end as of June 30, 2004 and will not be renewed.

Do you know a woman who would make a good Lion? Now is the time to extend the invitation and bring her into the club. Also, any member's spouse (male or female) may join and avoid the fee. Any member of a Lioness Club may also join without paying the \$25 new member fee.

**The National Federation of the Blind**, a leading organization for the blind, has established the third week in May as "White Cane Week." During this week, a special concentration of efforts to educate the public concerning the hopes and aspirations of the blind is emphasized.

*Birthdays Celebration*

Bob Brummage	June 13
George Janice	June 8
Carl Miller	June 4
Ray Rutherford	June 17
Martha Warren	June 5
Aletta Moffett	June 21

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## CELEBRATE NEW OFFICERS & NEW MEMBERS JUNE 17



Club member Ed Davis leads the "Survivor's Lap" at the Relay for Life.

### Downpour Fails to Dampen Spirits At Relay for Life

Lion Ed Davis led off the Survivor's Lap at the Relay for Life on Friday, June 11th. His wife, Lion Ann, was also among those walking the first lap at Fairmont State. The Fairmont Lions Club was offering bottled water and watermelon for sale. Because of the weather, no bottled water was sold and only 3 watermelon sales were made, other than those purchased by Lions on hand. Diabetic Eye Disease brochures and Lions informational brochures were also made available.

In addition to Lions Ann and Ed Davis, Pat Patton served as team captain. Others participating were Wayne and Bobbi Dodd, along with son Jason; Jack Hawkins; and Aletta and Bob Moffett. Patton's wife, Kim, also came by later in the evening. All this was in support of the American Cancer Society.

Due to the very inclement weather and the fact that all involved were thoroughly drenched, the Lions packed up and headed for drier environs after the excellent fireworks display. Those present agreed that two coolers of watermelon should be donated to the Union Mission and they were delivered by Pat Patton.

### Club Welcomes Guests

Several guests were in attendance at the June 3rd meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. With Jim Coleman was his son Bill. Martha Warren's daughter, Elizabeth, was on hand as was Leola Robinson, a member of the Fairmont Lioness Club. The club also welcomed back member Tom Koon, as he had been absent for some time. Attendance at the meeting was 19 and the primary matter of business was the preparation for the upcoming Relay for Life (see article at left). The Relay for Life T-Shirts were distributed to those who had signed up to participate.

### District Newsletter Available

Any Lion may receive the District 29-L newsletter this year by e-mail or on-line. To receive it as e-mail, simply provide Bob Moffett with your e-mail address.

### DG Glen Baker to Install Officers and Induct New Lion Members this Thursday

Thursday, June 17th, will be a night to celebrate as the Fairmont Lions Club expects to officially induct several new members and will install the incoming officers for the 2004-2005 Lion Year. District Governor Glen Baker, Jr. will perform the ceremonies.



The incoming president of the Fairmont Lions Club is Keith Long. He and his wife, Lisa, have a son, Thomas. Keith is employed at Ruskin Manufacturing in Pleasant Valley. This will be a "Spouse's Night" event.



Braving the weather in the Lions Booth at the Relay for Life are (left) Jack Hawkins, Bobbi Dodd, Aletta Moffett, Jason Dodd, Wayne Dodd and Pat Patton.

IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT. - WALT DISNEY





**Pride of Lions!**



Your Lions membership pin tells the world you're proud to be a Lion.

By wearing it every day you welcome questions from people who are interested in the organization and your club's activities. It may even get your club a membership prospect.

Remember to represent your Lions club every day by wearing your pin. It's the easiest promotion around!

**Fairmont Lions Club Assists with FGH Blood Screening**

The Fairmont Lions Club joined forces with the Bellview and Barrackville Lions on Saturday, June 12th, to assist in the Multiphasic Screening at Fairmont General Hospital. There were 283 persons who availed themselves of this service.

Fairmont Lions Club members participating included Mary Jo Michael, Wayne Dodd, Jack Hawkins, Milt Durbin and Aletta and Bob Moffett.

**Just a Lion or Two**

Club member Bob Moffett will be Region III Chairman for the 2004-2005 Lions year and attended cabinet training on Sunday, June 19th, in Wheeling. He will also serve as a judge for the Pilot Dog Convention this Saturday.

**Lions Receive Awards**

At the May 20th meeting, President Milt Durbin presented the District Governor's Visitation Awards to Martha & Gerald Warren and Bob Moffett.

**President Milt Durbin Presides Over Busy Year**

Club president Milt Durbin has seen an active year since he took the gavel last summer. Along with the ongoing project of providing eyewear for our needy neighbors, here are some of the highlights of the year just ending:

- Received six (plus) new members into the Club
- Official District Governor Visit in August
- Conducted Lions Journey for Sight fund raiser in September
- Held free eye screening clinic in September
- Sold nuts during October & November
- PDG Paul Amrhein presented LCIF program in November
- Club's missing Lion bank and gong were recovered in November
- Put on the Annual Christmas Party for the Children at the Union Mission in December (great success with outpouring of support from the community in replacing stolen gifts)
- Club participated in Fairmont's Christmas Parade in December
- Club member participated in WV Lions Leadership School in January
- Elimination Dinner fund raiser held in March
- Supported WVLions Sight Conservation Foundation \$ 650
- Supported Lions Clubs International Foundation 100
- Supported Leader Dog School 100
- Supported Youth Exchange Program 25
- Supported Blind & Deaf Recreation Program 25
- Delivered 200 pairs of used eyeglasses to be recycled
- Participated in Relay for Life in June
- Participated in Opening Eyes - Special Olympics in June
- Providing judge for National Pilot Dog Convention in June
- Assisted with Multiphasic Screening at Fairmont General in June
- Members attended district and multiple district conventions
- Members attended 1st Anniversary of South Marion Region Lions Club which was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club
- Conducted on-going educational campaign regarding Diabetic Eye Disease
- Members visited other clubs throughout the year
- Received members of Fairmont Lioness Club into Fairmont Lions Club

On a much sadder note, the club lost too many members to death in the last year: Claude Springer, James E. "Gene" Martin, H. Gerald Warren, and Earl Carpenter. The support and dedication that each of them made to the Fairmont Lions Club will long be remembered by those of us who had the good fortune to know them and call them friend.

**Overdue Remembrance**

Due to an oversight by this editor, the newsletter article remembering the life of long-time club member Earl Carpenter was omitted from a previous issue. Carpenter died April 16th at age 86. Owner and president of Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, Carpenter had also been a teacher at East Park and James Fork schools and principal and teacher at Meadowdale and Catawba schools.



Many of us in the Fairmont Lions fondly remember Earl and Mary's gracious hospitality as they invited us all to their home for an annual summer steak fry. Earl was faithful in attendance and faithful in his service as a member of the Fairmont Lions Club for many years. We certainly miss his presence in our midst.



*Lions and guests listen as Dr. Tulasi Joshi, native of Nepal and Fairmont State faculty, lamented some of the current difficulties in Nepal, a country of 25 million people. Fairmont State currently has 22 students from Nepal and Joshi discussed the scholarship program that is available for them. He spoke at the May 20th meeting. Attendance was 16.*





**CALENDAR**

- June 17 6:30 Installation of Officers  
Induction of New Members
- June 18-20 Pilot Dog Convention  
(Rivesville Lions Club)
- July 1 6:30 Business Meeting
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 15 6:30 Program (TBA)
- Sept. 26 Journey for Sight

**Lions Recognized**

Club member Tom Koon was featured in a front page story May 31st in the Times West Virginian. The article detailed his love for writing and history.



Clyde Judy was interviewed for the newspaper's column, "What's the Story?" regarding the Veteran's Plaza and his service in World War II. He was also pictured being congratulated as a charter member of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) Chapter 537.

*Birthday Celebration*

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| Bob Brummage   | June 13 |
| Greg Church    | July 18 |
| George Janice  | June 8  |
| Lee Meadows    | July 15 |
| Carl Miller    | June 4  |
| Aletta Moffett | June 21 |
| Ray Rutherford | June 17 |
| Martha Warren  | June 5  |

**Club Represented at Special Olympics Summer Games**

Club members Aletta and Bob Moffett assisted with Lions Clubs International and the Special Olympics on Saturday, June 5th, in the WVU Coliseum. The Opening Eyes Program is an initiative funded by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The idea behind the partnership lies in the belief that two organizations dedicated to serving those in need can combine their efforts to help a community whose needs are often overlooked. Special Olympics is an international program of year-round athletic competition for children and adults with mental retardation. Lions have been at the forefront of vision protection and blindness prevention worldwide for decades. These two organizations have twinned their unique strengths to provide vision care to the mentally retarded -- a natural fit.



The program provides eye screening and eyewear to Special Olympics athletes, free of charge. Opening Eyes was staffed by area Lions Club members and other volunteers from the eye care professions.



Lions Clubs International and LCIF are encouraging Lions to volunteer their services at national and state Special Olympics events where Opening Eyes screenings are held. This kind of hands-on involvement not only contributes to the success and global expansion of the screenings, but also allows local Lions to be directly connected to a worthwhile and worldwide cause.

**More Eyeglasses Approved**

At the June 6th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, Eyeglass Committee Chairman Wayne Dodd reported on current applications for glasses. Five cases were approved and one was pending.

**On the Web**

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

