

The Mane Growl

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ELIMINATION DINNER MARCH 26th, 2005

SCOTT SUMMERS TO PRESENT PROGRAM

Scott Summers, a member of the Rivesville Lions Club and Zone Chairperson of Region III, Zone II, will present the program at the February 17th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. The meeting will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Westchester Village.



Zone Chairperson Scott Summers with his Pilot Dog, Winston.

Aw Nuts! Update on Nut Sales

As of the February 3rd meeting, \$765 have been turned in from the sale of nuts. Cost of the nuts was \$1140.72, meaning this fund raiser is still in the red. The company has, however, been paid for the nuts. Don't forget: Easter is coming. Let's all get out and sell some nuts.



LION DOMINICK ROMINO REMEMBERED

Dominick J. Romino, a long-time member of the Fairmont Lions Club, died February 9, 2005. Although the 93 year old member had been unable to attend meetings regularly for some time, he had served many years as a valued member and leader of the club. Romino presided as president of the Fairmont Lions Club from July 1978 through June 1979.

Romino, a local attorney, was very active politically and served on the Marion County Democratic Executive Committee over 40 years and chaired the committee 13 of those. He was also very active at St. Peter's Catholic Church and with other religious activities. He was Commander, Post 17 of the American Legion, having served during World War II in the Army Air Corps. Romino chaired the local Salvation Army Advisory Board, was a member of the Mountaineer Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, active in the Meals on Wheels program and was co-founder of Green Hills Country Club.

Romino is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Libby," who was also an active Lion's spouse. Lion Dominick's record of service, both as a Lions member and through his other roles in the community, exemplifies the Lions Clubs' Motto, "We Serve." Those of us who worked alongside him will long remember his service to the club and to the community. Thank you, Lion Dominick, and God Bless.



Welcome to Newest Member

The Fairmont Lions Club welcomes its newest member, John Marsicano, who has transferred from the Plains Lions Club in District 14-N, Pennsylvania. Lion John works in Clarksburg and resides in Fairmont with his wife and daughter.

Dues Reminder

For those who pay dues beginning in January, they are now due. Dues are currently \$30.00 for six months. District dues for this six-month period have been paid.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 17 6:30 Scott Summers
- Feb. 20 2:00 Retention Clinic Barrackville Community Bldg.
- Mar. 3 6:30 Business Meeting
- Mar. 11 & 12 District 29-L Conference Holiday Inn, Parkersburg
- Mar. 26 Elimination Dinner Westchester Village

If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself. -- D. L. Moody





Photo Courtesy Ken Moffett

Alletta Moffett served as scorekeeper for the game "Lions' Jeopardy" at the Lions Learning Retreat in Knoxville in January.



Photo Courtesy Ken Moffett

Bob Moffett was a seminar presenter at the Lions Learning Retreat in Knoxville, Jan. 21, 22, 23.

To request the District 29-L newsletter by e-mail or to be notified when *The Mane Growl* is available on the World Wide Web, just e-mail rmoffett@fairmontstate.edu

Pin Requests

Bob Moffett has received a request from a Lions pin trader asking about a Fairmont Lions Club pin with this description:

Shape: Oval, about 2 3/8 inches
 "They Served" across the top
 Image of a rose and Lions emblem
 At the bottom: "29-L Fairmont Lions Club"

This Lion saw a copy of it in the West Virginia Pin Traders newsletter. If you know about this pin, or how he may obtain one, let Moffett know and he will pass along the information.

We are also looking for a blue Fairmont Lions Club pin in the shape of the state of West Virginia. Any member with knowledge of this pin may also contact Bob Moffett or PDG Paul Amrhein.

Please note that the Fairmont Lions Club's Web site address is:
www.fscwv.edu/users/rmoffett/fairmontlions/

LCIF Approves US\$5 Million for Tsunami Recovery

The unparalleled tsunami disaster in South Asia has led to an unprecedented LCIF initiative supporting rebuilding of communities. LCIF has approved an initial US\$5 million commitment to assist in the recovery. The funds will enable Lions in South Asia to rebuild homes, schools and child welfare centers for orphans and to provide for psychological treatment and physical rehabilitation for children and emotional counseling for adults. The US\$5 million is a matching donation from LCIF. Half will come from LCIF reserves and the other half from donations to LCIF from Lions for tsunami relief.

--Lions On-Line Newsletter

March is Eye Donor Awareness Month

There are approximately 60 Lions Eye Banks worldwide that provide quality eye tissue for corneal transplants, research and other medical purposes. At the conclusion of 2003-04, Lions Eye Banks reported that they provided more than 25,000 corneas for sight-saving transplants and 12,000 eyes for research and education.

Lions may contact their local eye bank to determine ways they can promote eye donation. A listing of Lions Eye Banks is available online. Lions may also contact the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) for materials and information on Eye Donor Awareness Month.

--Lions On-Line Newsletter

Plan for Lions Worldwide Induction Day

The eighth annual Lions Worldwide Induction Day will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2005. Take this opportunity to encourage other service-minded individuals to join your club and share in your goals to meet your community needs. This event sets aside a special, memorable day to honor all dedicated Lions and to welcome newly inducted members into our association.

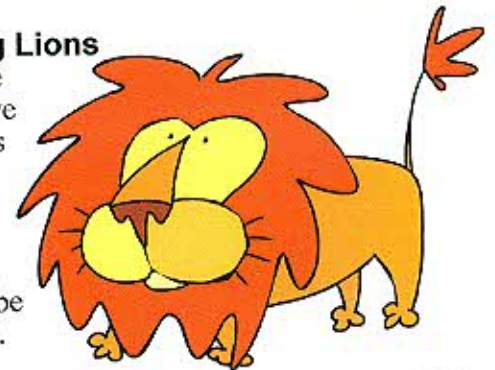
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We Are Looking for Missing Lions

There are members of the Fairmont Lions Club that we have not seen for some time. We miss you and we need your hands to help us make Fairmont a better community. Why not make it a point to come out to our next meeting and see what fun it can be to serve our community together.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month (with some exceptions for holidays) at 6:30 p.m. We are served good food at Westchester Village. A ten dollar bill covers the meal, beverage, dessert and gratuity. It's a good deal on a good meal. Bring your spouse along, if you'd like. We're a welcoming group.

If you can not make it to a meeting soon, would you please give Jeff Miller (363-6706) or Wayne Dodd (366-4164) a call and pick up some elimination dinner tickets to sell. We need to sell about 200 tickets to realize success. It costs the club to buy the eyeglasses and provide our other services. We need your help in raising the funds and in the fun of assisting the less fortunate. The rewards are found in our hearts. Won't you join us again? See you soon!



Do You Know Somebody Who Ought to Be a Lion?

Membership in a Lions Club is by invitation. Why not invite someone today? See Bob Moffett, membership chairperson, for application forms.



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Ken Shanes, Executive Director of the Mountaineer Area Council Boy Scouts of America, addressed the Fairmont Lions Club on January 20th.

Scout Program Presented

Ken Shanes, Executive Director of the area Boy Scout program, was introduced at the January 20th club meeting by Clyde Judy. Shanes commended the Fairmont Lions Club for their service projects. During his presentation, Shanes highlighted the Boy Scout program and referred to the Scouts as an organization that has not made changes in its program of character building and mental and physical fitness.

Stating that the "organization will only be as strong as volunteers that lead it," he cited the work of some of the volunteers in the community who "ate and breathed scouting twenty-four hours a day." Shanes also stated unequivocally that Boy Scouts is a God-fearing organization.

Due to inclement weather, there was a low turn-out for the meeting. Members in attendance were Jeff Miller, Keith Long, John Marsicano, Clyde Judy, Aletta and Bob Moffett.

ON THE WEB

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

Eyeglass Committe Reports

Wayne Dodd, Chairperson of the Eyeglass Committee, reported at the February 3rd meeting that 716 pairs of eyeglasses are boxed up and ready to be sent to the Lions Recycling Center. The club provided eight pairs of eyeglasses, at a cost of \$310, in January and five new applications are pending.

Elimination Dinner Committee Reports

Jeff Miller and Wayne Dodd met with members of the Soroptomists to plan this year's elimination dinner. The dinner is set for Saturday, March 26th, at Westchester Village. The first set of tickets was printed incorrectly and was returned to the printer. 200 new tickets have been printed. Cost for the dinner is \$35 per couple.

Retention Meeting Set

Region III Chairperson Bob Moffett has set Sunday afternoon, February 20th, for a Retention meeting to be held at the Barrackville Community Building at 2:00 p.m. District Retention Chairperson Bill Syphers will present the program aimed at helping clubs keep their existing members from slipping out the "back door." Club presidents, vice presidents and membership chairpersons should attend and all interested Lions are encouraged to come as well. Light refreshments will be available.

Members Attend Tennessee and WV Leadership Events

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Tennessee Lions Learning Retreat in Knoxville January 21-23 and the WV Lions Leadership School held at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke the weekend of January 28 - 30. Bob Moffett was a seminar presenter in Tennessee and served on the committee for the West Virginia Lions Leadership School. Next year's school will be held January 27-29 at the Radisson Inn in Morgantown.



Happy Birthday!

Ed Garlow
 Clyde Judy
 Francis Viands

Mar. 15
 Feb. 27
 Mar. 7





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FAIRMONT LIONS HOST ZONE MEETING



CLUB MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT PILOT DOG PROGRAM

Scott Summers, a member of the Rivesville Lions Club and Zone Chairperson of Region III, Zone II, and Ray Byers of the Pilot Dog School spoke to the Fairmont Lions Club at the February 7th meeting. Byers discussed the different types of dogs used and how the training program works. The training includes elevators, escalators, revolving doors and construction areas in downtown Columbus, Ohio. Summers related how, on a trip to Lions International, he encountered escalators and revolving doors, uncommon in the Fairmont area. Winston (his dog) remembered just how to handle these situations.

First time dog users stay at Pilot Dogs for four weeks. They are taught how to groom, bathe, feed and play with the dogs, as well as how to work with the dogs. It costs \$7,500 to train one dog and one person. There is no cost to the dog recipient. Summers stated that between 1995 and 2004, 49 Pilot Dogs have been placed in West Virginia and there have been two placed this year already. Scott Summers has had Pilot Dogs for 24 years and Winston is his fourth. The average working life of a Pilot Dog is eight to ten years. There are currently three Pilot Dogs in Marion County.

ELIMINATION DINNER POSTPONED FOR NOW

At a meeting with the Soroptomists, the committee planning the elimination dinner has put the project on hold. Due to the delay in getting tickets out because of a printing error, it was decided that there was not enough time to sell the required number for a successful event. No new date has been set at this time.

CALENDAR

- March 17 6:30 Business Meeting
- April 7 6:30 Fairmont Lions Host Zone Meeting
- April 21 6:30 Meeting - TBA
- April 22, 23, 24 Multiple District 29 West Virginia Lions Convention



LION CARL MILLER REMEMBERED

Members of the Fairmont Lions Club were saddened to learn of the death of club member Carl Miller who died February 23rd. Miller worked as a chemical engineer for Alcan and Philips Lighting (Westinghouse). A lifelong member of Christ Episcopal Church, he had sung in the boys' and the adult choirs and served on the vestry.

He had volunteered at the Fairmont Food Pantry and reflected the Lions Club motto, "We Serve." Miller was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine, of 47 years. She passed away on February 4, 2005. Carl, a member of the Fairmont Lions Club for 59 years, received his 50 year Monarch Award in June, 1995.

FAIRMONT CLUB TO HOST APRIL ZONE MEETING

Eva Dague, District 29-L Leo/Lioness Chairperson, will present a program on youth activities at the April 7th zone meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Westchester Village. This zone meeting will be hosted by the Fairmont Lions Club. Presidents, secretaries and members of the other clubs in the zone will be in attendance. Scott Summers is Zone Chairperson.



If it is to be, it's up to me. -- From the keynote address of International Director Lowell Bonds at the District 29-L Conference March 12, 2005

