



# THE MANE GROWL



Fairmont Lions Club December-January 2007-8 Volume 22 Number 6

## Club Officers

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## Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
 6:30 pm  
 USA Steak Buffet

Jan. 3 Business Meeting

Jan. 13 Birthday of Founder  
 Melvin Jones

Jan. 17 Fairmont DG Visit

Jan. 25 - 27 WV Lions  
 Leadership School  
 Waterfront Place  
 Morgantown

Feb. 14 Zone Social at  
 Valley Worlds of Fun

Mar. 8 Elimination Dinner  
 with Rivesville Lions

May 10 85th Anniversary  
 Celebration

## Visitations

Marci Carroll visited the  
 Barrackville Lions Club  
 November 1st and presented  
 the program that evening.  
 Bob Moffett attended a  
 meeting of the WV Lions  
 Leadership School  
 Committee Dec. 8th.  
 The club was pleased to  
 have former member Bud  
 and Connie Hefflin join us at  
 the Zone 6 Christmas Party.

## District Governor Richard McMillan Official Visit Jan 17th



The Fairmont Lions Club will host 29-L District Governor Richard McMillan at the U.S.A. Steak Buffet on Thursday, January 17th, 6:30 p.m., for his official club visit.

District Governor Richard has been a Lion for 30 years and has served as president, vice-president, secretary, tail twister and on the board of directors of the Doddridge County Lions Club. At the district level he has served as zone chairperson and vice-district governor. He received a BS Degree in Agriculture and an MS Degree in Agriculture Education from West Virginia University. He has been employed by Star Furniture, taught as an Ag Ed teacher for Calhoun & Doddridge County Boards of Education and served in numerous capacities in community service to the Doddridge County Fair Board and other Doddridge County community programs. District Governor Richard is married to Lion Patricia and they have two sons and one granddaughter.



## PDG Tracy Smith Inducts Marci Carroll

The Fairmont Lions Club's newest member, Marci Carroll, was officially inducted into the club by Past District Governor Tracy Smith at the December 6th meeting. PDG Smith discussed some of the history of Lions and the importance of becoming involved in the club's activities and Lions offerings beyond the local club. Carroll has presented programs to the Barrackville and Fairmont Lions Clubs and assisted with the distribution of toys at the Fairmont Lions Club's annual Christmas party for the children at the Union Mission held on December 14th.



Sponsor Jacob Brumage presents Marci Carroll with her Lions pin.



Left to right: Lois and Bob Brummage, Keith Long, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, Evelyn Martin, Leola Robinson and Steve Criss at the party for the children at the Union Mission December 14th. Lions and guests were treated to a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixings prior to moving upstairs for the children to receive their gifts. Pastor Bob Thompson lauded the club's faithfulness in providing this for the children without missing a year since 1940. Others present include Pastor and Mrs. Thompson, Jake and Margaret Brumage, Aletta and Bob Moffett, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger and Wayne and Bobbi Dodd.

"It is not doing the thing we like to do, but liking the thing we have to do, that makes life blessed." - Goethe







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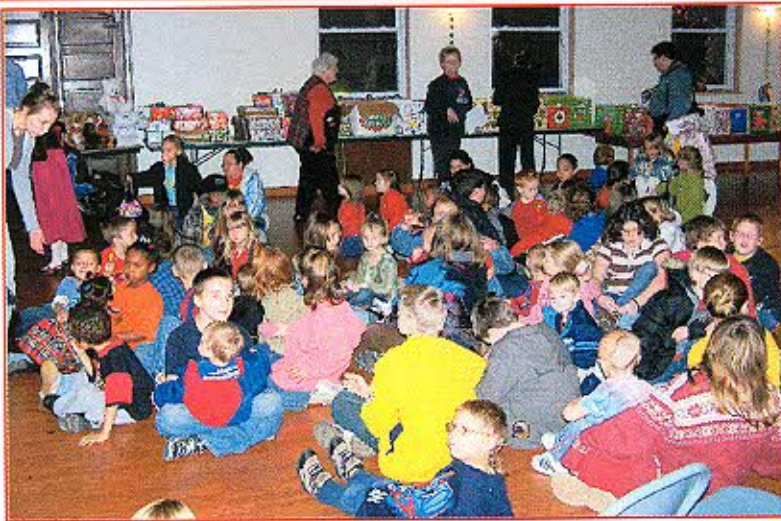
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## CELEBRATING 85 YEARS!

Begun in 1923 and provided without missing a Christmas since 1940, the Fairmont Lions Club once again provided toys and gifts for approximately 100 children at the Union Mission on December 14th. According to Mission Pastor Bob Thompson, "When the kids left here, they left with their arms full." Lions club members assisted in the distribution of the toys and the Fairmont Lioness Club assisted with the wrapping of the gifts.



**West Virginia Lions Leadership School**  
January 25-27, 2008  
Waterfront Place  
Morgantown, WV

### Just a Lion or Two

This writer happened upon Clyde and Eleanor Judy while shopping during the holidays and found them both in good spirits. Clyde said he missed being able to attend the Union Mission Christmas party, which he chaired for so many years.

### Meetings

The Fairmont Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at U.S.A. Steak Buffet on Fairmont Avenue. We hope to see you there!

**Please note:** West Virginia Lions Leadership School early registration deadline has been extended to Jan. 15th and room registration has been extended to Jan. 10th. The School will be held Jan. 25 - 27th at Waterfront Place in Morgantown.



*Seen here at the Zone 6 Christmas Party are (left to right) Jacob & Margaret Brumage, Jim Coleman & Elizabeth Swiger.*

### Lions on the Web

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## Calendar

- Fairmont Lions meet  
6:30 pm  
USA Steak Buffet
- Feb 21 Meeting - Peace  
Poster winner from  
Monongah Middle
- Mar 6 Business Meeting
- Mar 8 Elimination Dinner  
with Rivesville Lions
- Mar 14 -15 Dist. 29-L  
Conference  
Ramada Inn  
Morgantown
- April 25-27 WV Lions MD-29  
State Convention  
Pullman Square  
Hotel, Huntington
- May 10 85th Anniversary  
Celebration  
Backwoods Grill

"In the end, we will remember  
not the words of our enemies,  
but the silence of our  
friends."

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

February is Black History Month

**Celebrating 65 Years!**



Tom Robinson, Charles Herron  
and Clifford Stalnaker at  
Middletown Mall for White  
Cane Days about 1995.

## Peace Poster Winner from Monongah Middle to be Club Guest

The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored Peace Poster contests at West Fairmont Middle School and Monongah Middle School in the fall. The winner at Monongah Middle was Casie Freeland and she and her parents will be the guests at this Thursday's club meeting, February 21, 6:30 pm at U.S.A. Steak Buffet. Freeland's poster entry was submitted to the district governor for further judging.

## District Governor Richard McMillan & Lion Pat Visited Club



First row left to right: Martha Warren, Patricia McMillan, John Marsicano, Marci Carroll. Second row: Jacob Brumage, Keith Long, Tracy Smith, Wayne Dodd, Bob Brummage and D. G. Richard McMillan.



Fairmont Lions Club members (left to right) Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett, John Marsicano and Jacob Brumage attended the 11th annual WV Lions Leadership School in Morgantown the weekend of January 25 - 27, 2008. Bob Moffett served on the School's committee again this year.

## Dues Due - Please Do

There are only two things in life that are certain: taxes and Lions Club dues. The Fairmont Lions Club has paid current dues for all members to Lions Clubs International and to the district. Some members have not yet paid. If you are among those, please bring your dues up to date to avoid creating a hardship on your club. All club expenses are paid by members.

District Governor and his wife Pat made their official visit to the Fairmont Lions Club on January 17th, where he was introduced by President John Marsicano.

McMillan spoke about Lions Clubs International's President Mahendra Amarasuriya's theme of "Challenge to Change" emphasizing that there is no change from the basics of "We Serve." Amarasuriya has asked clubs to increase membership by reaching out to women and people under 40, extend the Leo movement to extend the joy of serving to the next generation, develop quality leaders, improve public relations, enhance LCIF, serve humanitarian needs in our own communities, and re-brand Lionism and make it an organization relevant to the 21st century.

McMillan also discussed his own goals of one net new member per club, three new clubs, club support of Campaign SightFirstII, that clubs sponsor at least one youth activity, and that clubs put more fun in their meetings.

The district governor commended the Fairmont Lions for the annual Christmas Party for children at the Union Mission, support of Youth Exchange, HOBY, Girl Scouts and the Peace Poster Contest, noting that the club's entry from WFMS was the West Virginia winner and has been sent on for International judging. He also thanked the club for providing eyeglasses, participation in Relay for Life, blood donations, support of CSFII, Pilot Dogs and Leader Dogs and our club's Lions Awareness Day and Journey for Sight.

The McMillans reside in West Union and belong to the Doddridge Co. Lions Club.





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**We Serve**



Pres. John Marsicano presents the club's gift to District Governor Richard McMillan on January 17th.



This pin, designed by Martha Warren, has been selected for the club's 85th Anniversary.

### Just a Lion or Two

Edsel Michael is home following a stay at Fairmont General Hospital. Wayne Dodd's wife, Bobbi, is having some tests done. We wish Lion Edsel and Bobbi the best.

Zone 5 Chairperson Ronnie Moore died in January. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Rose. He was a member of the Clay-Battelle Lions Club.

### Meetings

The Fairmont Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at U.S.A. Steak Buffet on Fairmont Avenue.

## Club Continues to Provide Eye Exams & Glasses

At the February 7th business meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club approved applications from seven individuals for eye exams and prescription eye wear. The club also continues the collection of used eye wear with containers located at Middletown Mall and in the entrance to MVB Bank. The used eyeglasses that have been collected will be delivered to the district conference in March and from there will go to the Lions Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA.



District Governor Richard McMillan attempts to pick up a spare at the Zone 6 Social held on February 14th.

## Zone Social Held in Fairmont

Several Lions from the Fairmont club attended the Zone 6 Social dinner and bowling at Valley Worlds of Fun on Thursday, February 14th. President John Marsicano brought Maria and Sarah along and Keith and Lisa Long came to celebrate Valentine's Day. D.G. Richard McMillan also attended with his wife, Pat. Bob Moffett also tried to bowl. Marci Carroll stopped in for a little while. Fines of 25 cents were charged for each gutter ball and the tally for the night was over \$45, which will go to the Romney School for the Deaf and Blind student work program. There were at least six clubs represented.

## Elimination Dinner March 8th

### Officers Attend Zone 6 Meeting

President John Marsicano, Vice President Jacob Brumage, Secretary Bob Moffett and Treasurer Aletta Moffett represented the Fairmont Lions Club at the February 16th Zone 6 meeting held at the Barrackville community building. It was a breakfast meeting.

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**We Serve** - Thanks to John Marsicano, the club sponsored Sarah in the Swim for Life for Relay for Life. Jacob Brumage provided his services and truck to assist with moving Marion Co. Child Advocacy Center, a project suggested by Marci Carroll.





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Fairmont Lions Club March 2008 Volume 22 Number 8

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 Backwoods Grill

Sept 20 Lions Journey for  
 Sight -Pricketts Fort

"Nothing great was ever  
 achieved without  
 enthusiasm."  
 --Ralph Waldo Emerson.

## CELEBRATING 85 Years!

"At the Board of Directors meeting on August 3, Lion Merritt Chambers reported that the [Fairmont] Hotel was asking \$5.00 per meal from each Lion. ...In the windup the board suggested that we try to negotiate a price of \$4.50. The Hotel accepted this amount."

from *The Mane Growl*  
 August 24, 1979

## WFMS Peace Poster Winner Recognized at District Conference



D.G. Richard McMillan presents the plaque to Alyssa Linger, Peace Poster Contest winner.



Alyssa Linger was presented a plaque at the District 29-L Conference held in Morgantown March 15th by District Governor Richard McMillan for being selected as the winner at the district level. Alyssa is a student at West Fairmont Middle School and is the daughter of Terri and Bill Linger of Fairmont. Linger's Peace Poster went on to win at the West Virginia level before being sent on to Lions Clubs International where it competed against entrees from around the world.

Alyssa and her parents will be guests of the Fairmont Lions Club at the April 17th meeting and she will also be recognized at the Multiple District (State) Convention in Huntington on Saturday, April 26th.

In attendance at the luncheon presentation were Keith and Lisa Long, President John Marsicano, and Aletta and Bob Moffett, who joined Alyssa and her family at a special table.

## Election of Officers Set for April 3rd Meeting

The Fairmont Lions Club will conduct an election of officers at the April 3rd meeting for the club year that begins in July. Also to be considered is a change in the meeting night from the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. There are a number of club members unable to meet on the 1st Thursday of the month for one reason or another and this change would be considered in an effort to meet the needs of a significant number of regularly attending members. All members are eligible to vote. A preliminary slate of officers was presented at the March 6th meeting by Bob Brummage: Nominations from the floor be made at the March 20th meeting when the slate will be read.

President.....Jacob Brumage	1st VP.....
2nd VP.....	Secretary.....Robert Moffett
Treasurer.....Aletta Moffett	Assist. Treas...James Coleman
Tail Twister.....Robert Brummage	Lion Tamer.....Wayne Dodd
Directors.....Evelyn Martin, Nancy Sickles, Martha Warren	
Membership..... Keith Long	Past Pres.....John Marsicano (not elected)

## Elimination Dinner Success

A winter storm caused problems for some folks heading for the Fairmont and Rivesville Lions Clubs' elimination dinner on Saturday, March 8th, but it was a success anyway, according to Keith Long, who chaired the event. A truck blocked Rt. 19 into Rivesville, preventing some from attending and the food did not arrive until about 8:00 pm, but those who were able to attend were in good humor, patient, and enjoyed themselves. It was heard that "[the Lions] elimination dinner is the best one around."

## 85th Anniversary May 10th

International Director Larry Johnson will be the speaker for the Fairmont Lions Club's 85th Anniversary Celebration at the Backwoods Grill in Marion Square on Saturday, May 10, 2008. Johnson is a member of the Parkersburg Lions Club. A social will be held at 6:00 and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Cost for this event is \$20 per person and club members are encouraged to bring their spouses or guests.



ID Larry Johnson





## Moffett Named Melvin Jones Fellow

*Pres. John Marsicano (right) presents the Melvin Jones Fellow plaque to Bob Moffett.*

Robert Moffett has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of his commitment to serving the world community. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is a recognition of commitment to humanitarian service.

Moffett has been a member of the Fairmont Lions Club for 34 years. He recently received a plaque and lapel pin, acknowledging his dedication to the foundation's humanitarian goals. The plaque was presented by President John Marsicano. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, Moffett becomes a part of the growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

The Fairmont Lions Club committed to raising \$1,000 to Campaign SightFirst II, raised through special fund raising activities, enabling the club to select an individual to be named. Total funds raised by the Fairmont Lions Club, including contributions not going through the club's treasury, amount to \$1250.00. Moffett stated that it was a "wonderful honor" to receive from his club, but what really excited him was the fact that "the Fairmont Lions Club has enabled over 200 people to maintain their sight." Moffett has been a Group Leader in CSFII which ends this summer. The campaign has already exceeded its goal of raising \$150 million to continue the effort to conquer blindness and is now working toward meeting the challenge goal of raising an additional \$50 million to extend Lions "Vision for All" through rehabilitation, research and outreach to vulnerable populations in developed countries.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.3 million members. As the charitable arm of the association, LCIF makes grants for vital community and global projects that meet a wide range of humanitarian needs. The LCIF SightFirst program unites approximately 45,000 Lions clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas in a worldwide endeavor to significantly reduce preventable blindness.

**Eyeglasses:** At the request of Wayne Dodd for the Eyeglass Committee, the club approved 15 applications at the March 6th meeting. **Special Olympics:** The club approved sponsoring an athlete to the Summer Games at a cost of \$25 to cover registration, meals and lodging. No cost is born by the athlete or family.

### Just a Lion or Two

It is reported that Bill Kime has been under the weather. Milt Durbin has also had increasing health and vision difficulties. We wish these Lions our best.

### Meetings

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**Presented by Fairmont Lions at 29-L Dist. Conf. Parade of Checks:**

WV Sight Foundation:	\$ 700
LCIF	150
Blind/Deaf Recreation	50
Leader Dog	150
Pilot Dog	150
Youth Exchange	50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>

*Clubs throughout the district presented checks to Lions causes amounting to \$29,883.*

### Lions on the Web

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**Used Eyeglasses:** Fairmont Lions recycled 584 pairs. District collection total was 8,753 pairs.







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Contest Winner
- April 25-27 WV Lions MD-29  
State Convention  
Pullman Square  
Hotel, Huntington
- May 1 Business Meeting
- May 10 85th Anniversary  
Celebration  
Backwoods Grill
- Sept 20 Lions Journey for  
Sight - Pricketts Fort

### Visitations

Zone Chr. Scott and Dist. Public Relations Chr. Bonnie Summers paid a visit to the Fairmont Lions on March 20. Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger have visited the Freeport, FL Lions on March 13, March 27, and April 10. They also visited the Sandestin, FL Lions on March 3 and April 7.

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."  
--E. E. Cummings

### Celebrating 85 Years!

In 1980, Lewis Herring became club president at a picnic at Wave -Tek pool, followed by a private pool party for Lions and their families.

## WV Peace Poster Winner to be Guest at April 17th Meeting

IPDG Eva Dague to present program



Alyssa Linger (center), with her parents Bill and Terri Linger, was honored at the Dist. 29-L Conference in March.

Alyssa Linger, West Fairmont Middle School's winner and subsequently the West Virginia winner in the Lions Peace Poster Contest will be recognized at this Thursday's Fairmont Lions Club meeting. Her poster went on to be judged at Lions Clubs International in Chicago. The Fairmont Lions sponsored the contest at WFMS and at Monongah Middle School.

Immediate Past District Governor Eva Dague will also present a brief program at the meeting. It is hoped that many of our members will attend to honor Alyssa for her achievement. Her poster can be seen on the club's web site.

## Fairmont Lions Celebrate 85th Anniversary May 10th



ID Larry Johnson

International Director Larry Johnson will be the speaker for the Fairmont Lions Club's 85th Anniversary Celebration at the Backwoods Grill in Marion Square on Saturday, May 10, 2008. Johnson is a member of the Parkersburg Lions Club and was a 100% District Governor in 1994-95. He has been a delegate to 12 International conventions, attended seven USA/Canada Leadership Forums and was a member of Lions International Nominating Committee in 1996. Johnson is a recipient of the International President's Award, Lions International Leadership Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He is married to Lion Rachael and is Regional President, WesBanco Bank.

A social will be held at 6:00 and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Cost for this event is \$20 per person and club members are encouraged to bring their spouses or guests. Reservations will be needed in order to let Backwoods Grill know how many meals to prepare.

## Meeting Night Changed and Officers Elected

The Fairmont Lions Club voted at the April 3rd meeting to change the regular meeting night to the 2nd and 4th Thursday, rather than the 1st and 3rd. The change will take effect with the June meetings which will be held June 12th and 26th. The club's regular business meeting for May will take place May 1st.

Also at the April 3rd meeting, new club officers were elected to lead the club for the next club year. These new officers will serve the 2008 - 2009 term beginning July 1st. New officers are:

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| President.....Jacob Brumage                               | 1st VP.....                   |
| 2nd VP.....Jeffrey Miller                                 | Secretary.....Robert Moffett  |
| Treasurer.....Aletta Moffett                              | Assist. Treas...James Coleman |
| Tail Twister.....Robert Brummage                          | Lion Tamer.....Wayne Dodd     |
| Directors.....Evelyn Martin, Nancy Sickles, Martha Warren |                               |
| Membership..... Keith Long                                | Past Pres.....John Marsicano  |





### "Growing Up Fun" Thanks

*The children using the new playground at Watson School express their appreciation to those who participated in its construction, including members of the Fairmont Lions who worked alongside other community residents to construct the "Growing Up Fun" playground project last summer. (Photo courtesy of Watson School.)*



### Applications Approved for Eye Exams and Glasses

At the April 3rd business meeting, Wayne Dodd, chairperson of the eyeglasses committee, requested the club's approval for 10 applications for eye examinations and prescription eyewear. The club approved the applications.

### May Is Lions Recycle For Sight Month

Join with Lions around the world during the month of May to raise awareness about the importance of donating used – yet usable – eyeglasses to provide corrected vision for millions of children and adults in undeveloped nations.

### Elimination Dinner Results Tabulated

Thanks to all the Lions who pitched in to make this year's elimination dinner a success, the Fairmont Lions Club has \$1,829.32 available for its upcoming service projects, according to Aletta Moffett, club treasurer. This is not as much as was raised last year. The snow storm, a truck blocking access to Rivesville, and higher costs to the clubs resulted in a somewhat lower net income this year. Nevertheless, the club has more resources as a direct result of this fund raiser. Again this year, the fund raiser was a joint project of the Rivesville and Fairmont Lions Clubs. Keith Long chaired the event.

### Just a Lion or Two

Mary Jo Michael reports that she is doing better but that Edsel has not been doing well. We wish them both the best.

### Meetings

The Fairmont Lions Club will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at U.S.A. Steak Buffet on Fairmont Avenue beginning in June.



*(At left) John Marsicano presents Certificate of Appreciation to Debbie Croston of Hospice Care for presenting the program at the March 20th meeting.*

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### Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
6:30 pm  
USA Steak Buffet

June 12 6:30 Bus. Meeting

June 26 6:30 Installation of Officers

Sept 20 Lions Journey for Sight - Pricketts Fort

### Visitations

Jim and Elizabeth Coleman visited the Barrackville Lions Club on April 19th.

President John Marsicano and Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the WV State Convention in Huntington the weekend of April 25, 26 & 27.

Your future is created by what you do today, not tomorrow.  
--Robert Kiyosaki

May is Recycle for Sight Month.



## CELEBRATING 85 YEARS!



*Clockwise from upper left: Members and guests enjoy dinner at Backwoods Grill, Jake Brumage accepts International President's Certificate of Appreciation from ID Larry Johnson, Rachel Johnson looks on as ID Larry shows off lantern from Pricketts Fort, and DG Richard and Pat McMillan, the Johnsons and the Marsicanos at the head table.*

38 Lions, visiting Lions and guests were on hand to celebrate the Fairmont Lions Club's 85th Anniversary, May 10, at Backwoods Grill. Lions International Director Larry Johnson and his wife Rachel were special guests for the evening and ID Johnson spoke about the service that the Fairmont Lions Club has provided throughout its 85 year history. He stated that the club's past accomplishments provide credibility and encouraged current members to seek new members and to try some new projects. According to Johnson, "Every Lion's story is your story." Anywhere that Lions are preventing river blindness, we are preventing river blindness, and we are there in Wisconsin when the Lions are providing for the transportation of a cornea to save somebody's sight.

Following his remarks, ID Johnson presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation "in recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International" to Fairmont Lions Jacob Brumage and Bob Moffett. He also presented his Friendship Banner to the club.

John Marsicano presented ID Larry and Rachel a lantern which had been crafted by the blacksmith at Pricketts Fort. Martha Warren had made candles for use in the lantern.

DG Richard McMillan presented Visitation certificates to Jim Coleman (15 visits) and Elizabeth Swiger (13 visits). A floral centerpiece of purple and gold carnations, along with similar carnations decorated the tables. Flowers were provided by Bill Kime.

In addition to the Johnsons and McMillans, others attending the meeting included PDG Paul and Phyllis Amrhein (Mt. Olivet), PDG Pat Julius & Shirley Hlad (Morgantown), PDG Gary and Bernice Pitcock (Weirton), PDG Tracy Smith (Barrackville), Zone Chr. Scott and PR Chr. Bonnie Summers (Rivesville), Jeff Baxter (Cheat Lake), Mike and Jackie Webb (Rivesville), Loxie Wood (Westover), Ron Grubb (Westover), Marvin Drvar (Morgantown), Clara Guthrie (Barrackville). Fairmont Lions members attending were Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger, Martha Warren, Mary Jo and Edsel Michael, Evelyn Martin and her guest Kathryn Miller, Keith and Lisa Long, Jacob and Margaret Brumage, Wayne and Bobbi Dodd, John and Maria Marsicano and Sarah, and Aletta and Bob Moffett.





*DG Richard McMillan presents a trophy at the State Convention in Huntington to WV Peace Poster Contest winner Alyssa Linger. The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored the contest at Alyssa's school, West Fairmont Middle School.*

## Club Receives 2nd Place in Dist. Gov. Contest

At the WV Lions State Convention's Saturday luncheon, 29-L District Governor Richard McMillan presented an award to Alyssa Linger of West Fairmont Middle School, the state's winner in the Peace Poster Contest. She and her family were guests of the Lions of West Virginia for the luncheon.

At the Sunday morning district breakfast, John Marsicano accepted the plaque for 2nd place in the District Governor's Contest for clubs in our size category. The district governor also presented Bob Moffett a Progressive Leonard Jarrett certificate and pin. \$1000 was presented to the WV Lions Sight Foundation in Moffett's name because of his work on the cabinet this year. (Moffett was 1st named a Leonard Jarrett Fellow in 2004 for his efforts on the cabinet that year.) In addition, Visitation certificates were presented to Aletta (5 visits) and Bob Moffett (15 visits).

## Fairmont Lionesses Present Check

Nancy Sickles reported at the April 17th meeting that the Fairmont Lioness Club was dissolving. Their treasurer, Leola Robinson, a member of the Fairmont Lions Club, presented Fairmont Lions Club president John Marsicano a check for \$1,013.70 to be used for the club's activities. (See photo at right.) Sickles also indicated that the members of the Lioness Club would like to continue with the annual yard sale, so a date was set to hold this year's sale on June 14th at S&M Glass.



*Thank you notes have been received from W. Hire and S. Bailey for eyeglasses, Leader Dogs, Pilot Dogs, LCIF, and Marion Co. Special Olympics.*

## Applications Approved for Exams and Glasses

At the May 6th business meeting, Wayne Dodd reported that there were 13 applications meeting the club's requirements for consideration for eyeglasses. After looking at the club's finances, it was decided to approve 6 of those at this time.

### Lions on the Web

Lions International: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
West Virginia Lions (MD-29) [www.wvlions.org/](http://www.wvlions.org/)  
District 29-L: [www.lions29l.org/](http://www.lions29l.org/)  
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### Just a Lion or Two

Bob Brummage's wife Lois suffered a very serious fall recently. We wish her a speedy recovery.

It was good to see Edsel Michael back at the 85th Anniversary meeting following some absences due to health.

### Change in Meetings

The Fairmont Lions Club will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at U.S.A. Steak Buffet on Fairmont Avenue beginning in June.





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### Club Officers

John Marsicano..President  
 Pat Patton.....1st V.P.  
 Jacob Brumage..2nd V.P.  
 Bob Moffett.....Secretary  
 Aletta Moffett.....Treasurer  
 James Coleman,Assist. Tr.  
 Bob Brummage..Tail Twister  
 Wayne Dodd.....Lion Tamer  
 Evelyn Martin.....Director  
 Nancy Sickles.....Director  
 Jeff Miller.....Director  
 Leola Robinson...Director  
 Keith Long.....Membership  
 George Janice... Past Pres.

### Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
 6:30 pm  
 USA Steak Buffet

June 12 Install Officers

June 14 Yard Sale  
 S & M Glass

June 28 Broom & Mop Sale  
 Wal-Mart

July 10 Meeting TBA

July 24 Meeting TBA

Sept 20 Lions Journey for  
 Sight - Pricketts Fort

### Visitations

Elizabeth Swiger & Jim Coleman visited Barrackville April 19th. Jacob Brumage and Bob Moffett attended Club Officer Training on May 17th. Bob Moffett attended a WV Lions Leadership School Committee meeting in Mt. Hope on May 31. John Marsciano and Aletta & Bob Moffett attended the Appreciation Banquet to honor DG Richard McMillan in New Martinsville, Saturday, June 7th.

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 Involvement  
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 Service**

--PID Samuel A Milliken



## Installation of Officers Set for This Thursday, June 12th

Immediate Past District Governor Eva Dague will install the 2008-2009 club officers at this Thursday's (June 12th) 6:30 pm meeting at USA Steak Buffet. Originally scheduled for the second meeting in June, the Installation was moved forward on the calendar to accomodate the installing officer's schedule.

This is the club's first meeting on its new schedule, meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Officers to be installed are listed here:

President.....Jacob Brumage	1st VP.....(waiting for you to say "Yes")
2nd VP.....Jeffrey Miller	Secretary.....Robert Moffett
Treasurer.....Aletta Moffett	Assist. Treas...James Coleman
Tail Twister.....Robert Brummage	Lion Tamer.....Wayne Dodd
Directors.....Evelyn Martin, Nancy Sickles, Martha Warren	
Membership..... Keith Long	Immediate Past Pres..John Marsicano

## Saturday, June 14 Set for Annual Yard Sale

The Fairmont Lions Club, supported by the women of the former Fairmont Lioness Club, will be conducting its annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 14th, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm at S & M Glass, Merchant Street. According to Nancy Sickles, we should all be cleaning out our attics and garages. Lions will be needed to price items Friday evening and help with the sale Saturday. Details should be available at this Thursday's club meeting.

## Lions Hope to "Clean Up" with Broom & Mop Sale June 28th

President-elect Jabob Brumage has arranged for the club to sell brooms and mops at the Wal-Mart in White Hall, Route 250 S. from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 28th. Lions will be needed to sell brooms at one or both store entrances. It is vital that all able Lions make an effort to assist with this major fund raising effort.

## Fairmont Lions Assist with Multiphasic Blood Testing at FGH

Several members were out on Saturday, June 7th, to help out at Fairmont General Hospital, as the club has done in the past, with the hospital's Multiphasic Blood Testing Program. In addition to providing a valuable service to the citizens of Fairmont and surrounding areas, proceeds also benefit the club.

## Club Donates to Relay for Life

Aletta Moffett suggested, at the May 15th meeting, that the club make a donation to this year's Relay for Life, since we ran short on time to field a "team" this year. As funds were already budgeted, her motion was adopted by the club. The Marion County Relay for Life benefits the American Cancer Society. Several club members have walked in the "Survivor's Lap" during previous Relays.



From *The Mane Growl*, July 1970, edited by Charles Herron: "Dues for the first half of the year are due. The amount is \$11.50 per half or \$23.00 for the year. The new treasurer is Ralph Michael." The proposed budget for 1979-1980 included \$1,000 for eyeglasses, \$400 for the WV Sight Fund and other items totlaing \$2,400. We met each Friday at the Fairmont Motor Hotel. (2008 dues are \$36 per half or \$72 per year.)



*John Marsicano (right) accepts the 2nd Place Award in the District Governor's Contest at the WV State Convention in April from DG Richard McMillan.*





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## Thank You Card Received for Eyewear

A recipient of an eye exam and glasses provided by the Fairmont Lions Club wrote this thank you note: "Lions Club members, I want to thank all of you and your whole organization for my new glasses. It feels so wonderful to be able to see again. Thank you so much."

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### Just a Lion or Two

Congratulations to Pat & Kim Patton who are expecting their first child in September. Unfortunately, we are losing Lion Pat as a member since they now live out of the area. We hope they will join us at our meeting sometime when they are back in the area.

Wayne Dodd was injured in an accident in late May and is sore, but we understand he is doing better.

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## LCIF, Lions Around the World Mobilize \$2 Million for China Earthquake Relief

*As the only international volunteer service club organization in China, Lions clubs are responding to immediate and long-term needs*

Oak Brook, Illinois, —Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions clubs members around the world are mobilizing more than \$2 million in direct funding and relief supplies to aid Lions-led relief efforts in China.

Lions and LCIF are already responding to the powerful, massive earthquake that struck Sichuan Province in central China on Monday, May 12. Within 48 hours LCIF committed a major catastrophe grant of \$500,000 to address immediate needs and provide medicines, clothing, blankets and temporary housing. Lions in District 381 Guangdong in mainland China have raised more than \$450,000 and relief materials including food and medicine, Lions in District 380 Shenzhen in mainland China have raised \$250,000 & relief material of \$200,000 and Lions in District 303 Hong Kong and Macau have raised \$350,000.

A team of 40 Lions from Districts 381 and 380 traveled to Sichuan province to assist with hands-on relief efforts and the immediate and emerging needs of victims. The Lions are still in the area, disbursing relief materials including tents, medicine and food. Working with the Chinese Red Cross, Lions purchased 10 relief vehicles and ambulances.

"As the only international volunteer service club organization in China, Lions Clubs International Foundation is working hand-in-hand with Lions in the area to assess and address immediate needs. Through our grassroots network of Lions in the affected communities, we are able to get relief supplies to those in the most need very quickly," said Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson Jimmy Ross.