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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Backwoods Grill

Jan. 22 Megan Cremeans
 Girls' State

Jan. 30-Feb. 1 WV Lions
 Leadership School
 Pipestem Resort

Feb. 12 Business Meeting

Mar. 20 - 21 Dist. 29-L Conf.
 Mineral Wells, WV

March 28 Elimination Dinner

April 24-26 State Convention
 Charleston, WV

Visitations

Fairmont State Basketball
 Coach Tim Murphy spoke to the
 meeting of Kiwanis, Rotary and
 Lions Clubs at the Fairmont
 Holiday Inn on December 3rd.
 Attending were Pres. Jake
 Brumage, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim
 Coleman and Bob Moffett.

Jake Brumage visited the
 Rivesville Lions Club on
 December 8th and John
 Marsicano visited Rivesville on
 January 12th.

Scott and Bonnie Summers,
 along with Winston (Rivesville),
 PDG Tracy Smith and Robin
 Sawatsky (Barrackville) and
 PDG Pat Julius and Shirley Hlad
 (Morgantown) attended the Zone
 Christmas Party Dec. 13th.

Procrastination is like a
 credit card; it's a lot of fun
 until you get the bill.

-Christopher Parker



Fairmont Lions Bring Smiles to Underprivileged Children



The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored the Christmas Party for the Children at the Union Mission on Friday, Dec. 19th. Club members Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion and Keith Long distributed hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. Aletta and Bob Moffett handed out "goody bags" filled with fruit, snacks and candy. John Marsicano and Dave Cain saw that each child received a stuffed animal. Jake and Margaret Brumage passed out sacks with wrapped gifts for each child. The Brumages had gone down to the Union Mission earlier and wrapped the packages. A local church provided snacks and a drink to all the children and parents present. Parents expressed their appreciation to the Lions. The children offered a "thank you" or just a wide-eyed and happy smile of appreciation.

The party for the children followed a traditional holiday dinner served by the Union Mission staff. Union Mission Executive Director Rev. G. Frank Jarman, who spoke briefly, was introduced to the club. As in the past, Bill Kime of Kime Floral and a club member donated a beautiful poinsettia which was auctioned to Mary Jo Michael for \$45. The auction proceeds were given to the Union Mission. Fifteen members and three guests attended the meeting.

Girls' State Student to Speak to Club

Megan Cremeans will speak at the Fairmont Lions Club meeting of Thursday, January 22nd. She was sponsored by the club to attend Girls' State during the summer of 2008. She is currently a high school senior. The meeting is at 6:30 pm.

Fairmont Lions Hosted Zone 6 Christmas Party Dec. 13th



Thirteen members of the Fairmont Lions Club, along with seven Lions from clubs in Zone 6, gathered at Valley Worlds of Fun on Saturday, December 13th for worlds of fun at the zone Christmas party, which the Fairmont Club sponsored. Zone Chairperson John Marsicano provided table favors made by his mother-in-law. Following dinner, Robin Sawatsky, a Barrackville Lion, led those present in a rhyming and mixed up gift exchange.



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Leola Robinson and Aletta Moffett look over Lions Quest Curriculum being used with students in Marion Co. The Fairmont Lions Club initiated a pilot program to bring Lions Quest into the county school system in 1989 -- 20 years ago.

Family Resource Network Providing Lions Quest in Schools

Lions Quest Curriculum training was offered Jan. 18th and 19th by the Marion Co. Family Resource Network. Participants will receive a free copy of the curriculum for which they were trained. The training is sponsored by an LCIF Core 4 grant to expand the existing Lions Quest program in Marion Co. Lions Quest is currently in use through "Lunch and Learn" at Rivesville and Mannington schools and Boys and Girls Clubs. Debbie Mann and Lauren Prinzo visited the club on January 8th to explain the program. Fairmont Lions, along with Barrackville and Rivesville clubs, have agreed to provide refreshments for morning and afternoon breaks.

Fairmont Lions Award Prizes in Peace Poster Contest

The Fairmont Lions Club, sponsor of the Peace Poster Contest at West Fairmont Middle School, presented Wal-Mart gift cards to the first and second place school winners in the amounts of \$25 and \$15, respectively. The gift cards were presented at the school. Two Peace Poster Kits are ordered for next fall's contest.

Fairmont Lions Approve Eyeglass Applications

Seven applications for eyeglasses were approved at the December 11th business meeting of the club. Keith Long and Kelby Church have agreed to begin working with Wayne Dodd on the committee. Keith Long will now be taking the initial requests for applications. Used eyeglass drop-off locations, MVB Bank and Middletown Mall, are now listed on Lions Club's International's web site as well as the club's own web site.

Jonathan Turner Excels

Congratulations to Jonathan Turner, a senior at Fairmont Senior High School, who scored a perfect 36 on the ACT college admission and placement exam. The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored Jonathan to Mountaineer Boys' State in the summer of 2008 and he spoke to the club about his experiences there in August.



Sarah Marsicano Swims

Sarah Marsicano, daughter of Fairmont Lion John Marsicano, has been doing very well in swimming competition for East Fairmont Senior High School. She won the 100 meter backstroke during the East Fairmont Invitational. Sarah has regularly helped with the Lions Journey for Sight and other club projects. Congratulations Sarah!

Just a Lion or Two

Clyde Judy has asked to end his membership in the Fairmont Lions Club because he is no longer able to participate as he feels he should. Clyde's service to the club and the greater Fairmont community will long be remembered.

Edsel Michael is now at St. Barbara's Nursing Home in Monongah. We wish the best for Lions Edsel and Mary Jo.

Jim Coleman reported that former club member Ed Garlow is at Wishing Well.

We were happy to see Marci Carroll at the Zone Christmas Party.

Meetings

The Fairmont Lions Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 pm at Backwoods Grill.

Dues Are Due

Dues for those who pay in January are now due, reminds Treasurer Aletta Moffett. She reports that second-half club dues to LCI and 29-L have been paid.

NEW MEMBER: We welcome Tim Manchin, a lawyer and member of the WV House of Delegates, into membership in the Fairmont Lions Club. Jacob Brumage is his sponsor.

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June 6 Yard Sale

Visitations

Jacob Brumage, Keith Long,
John Marsicano and Wayne
Dodd paid a visit to the
Rivesville Lions on January
26th.

Jake Brumage visited
Barrackville Lions on February
5th.

Jim Coleman visited the
Sandestin, Florida, Lions on
January 5 and he and Elizabeth
Swiger visited the Freeport,
Florida, Lions on January 8th
and the Sandestin Club on
January 19th.

Aletta & Bob Moffett attended
the WV Lions Leadership School
at Pipestem Jan. 30-Feb 1st.

If you have the courage to
begin, you have the courage
to succeed.

--David Viscott



Official Notices of Nominating Meeting & Election of Officers

Mark
your
Calendar

The Fairmont Lions Club will hold its Nominating Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2009 to put into nomination a slate of officers for the 2009-2010 club year. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this meeting. The meeting will be held at Backwoods Grill at 6:30 pm as part of the club's monthly business meeting.

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Gena Wagaman to Present Program February 19th

John Marsicano announced that Gena Wagaman will be the program speaker at the Fairmont Lions Club meeting on February 19th. She will be speaking about Woodlawn Cemetery, where she is Superintendent. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm at Backwoods Grill.

Eyeglass Applications Approved

At the January 22nd club meeting, applications from 10 individuals for eye exams and glasses were approved. Approval for these was delayed from the January 8th meeting. Another 10 applications were approved at the February 12th business meeting. Keith Long is now taking the application requests, providing some relief to Wayne Dodd, who has served the club on the eyeglass committee for many years.

Broom Sale Dates Set for Spring

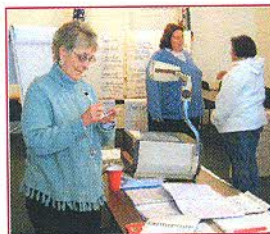
Jake Brumage has scheduled the spring broom sale dates as follows:

April 18th	9:00-5:00	Shop N Save	Country Club Road	Shop N Save	Fairmont Ave.
May 2nd	9:00-5:00	Wal-Mart	(Both entrances)		

We will sell brooms in two 4-hour shifts at all locations. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to pitch in and help the club raise funds for our community projects.

Bob Brummage obtained pricing for CFL (energy conserving) light bulbs and the club agreed to order 50 of these -- 25 each of the 60watt equivalent and the 100watt equivalent to see how well they will sell.

The club also approved the purchase of a pair of Tyvek banners imprinted with "Fairmont Lions Club" for use at fund raisers, activities, and parades.



Barbara Cline, Lions Lions Quest MD Chairperson, is seen in the picture at left as she conducts Lions Quest Training in Fairmont on January 18th and 19th. Participants are shown in the picture at right. The Fairmont Lions Club, along with Rivesville and Barrackville clubs, provided refreshments for morning and afternoon breaks both days. (Photos courtesy PDG Gary VanHorn, LCIF MD Chair.)

VDG Bernice Pitcock, Bonnie and Scott Summers, and Aletta Moffett, among others, are seen in this picture from the WV Lions Leadership School at Pipestem the last weekend of January.



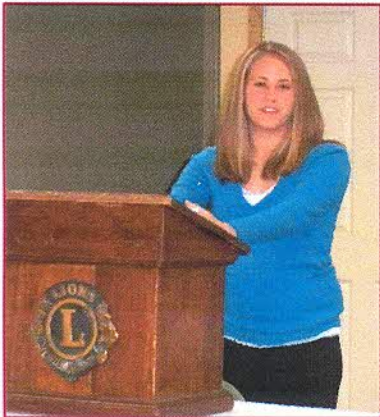
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Megan Cremeans spoke to the Lions at the January 22nd meeting.

Megan Cremeans Presented Program about Girls State

The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored Megan Cremeans, a student at Fairmont Senior High School, to Rhododendron Girls State last summer. On January 22nd, she spoke about her experiences. She had been accepted but would have been unable to attend, except for the sponsorship of the club. She indicated that she gained many new friends and that she ran for and was elected to the office of Auditor.

LCIF Responds to Australian Wildfires

LCIF is working with local Lions to respond to the devastating bush wildfires that spread across southern Australia. LCIF is working with Lions in Victoria, southern Australia, to assess the situation and determine a course of action as well as emergency needs. LCIF has awarded a \$100,000 catastrophe grant and \$30,000 in emergency grants. The death toll exceeds 200 including some Lions members.

--LCI Web Site and news reports

Date Set for Annual Yard Sale

Nancy Sickles announced that the date for the club's annual yard sale is June 6th. President Jake Brumage noted that it would be nice to have more of the large items, rather than so many of the knickknacks and he requested that Lions begin setting aside items for the sale now and as we do our spring cleaning.

Club Welcomes Burley "Butch" Tennant as a New Member

The Fairmont Lions Club welcomes Burley "Butch" Tennant as a new member. Tennant, County Commissioner and former Fairmont City Council member, operates Christopher's Banquet Center & Catering.

Tom Koon Honored

Club member Tom Koon was honored by a \$1000 contribution to the permanent endowment fund established by the Marion Co. Historical Society to preserve the heritage of Fairmont and Marion County. The donation, made by Janice and Royal Watts, was responsible for the Society meeting the \$10,000 minimum requirement. Congratulations Lion Tom!



Miller Accepts Position

Second Vice President Jeff Miller was offered and accepted the position of Media Systems Engineer in the IT Solutions Center at Fairmont State University. He will be involved with instructional technology as it is used in the classroom, as well as presentation and conference rooms and labs. Congratulations Lion Jeff!

29-L Conference
Mineral Wells
Comfort Inn Suites
March 20 & 21, 2009

Fri 6:30 Dinner Pasta Bar
8:30 Entertainment -
Music & Dancing
Sat 9:00 Business Session
12:00 Lunch
2:00 Lions & Health
5:45 Reception for
Int'l Dir. Art Marson
6:30 Dinner
Parade of Checks
8:30 Live Entertainment

Contact Secretary Bob Moffett
for Registration Form

Just a Lion or Two

We extend our sympathy to Wayne and Bobbi Dodd in the death of her mother.

Margaret Brumage is recovering from injuries from a fall at our last meeting.

Meetings

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March 26 Habitat for Humanity
 Janie Johnston and
 Peace Poster Contest
 Winner Lucas Zepeda

March 28 Elimination Dinner
 Social 6:00
 Dinner 7:00
 Rivesville Comm. Bldg.

April 9 Business Meeting
 Election of Officers

April 18 Broom Sale
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June 6 Yard Sale
 Multiphasic Screening
 at FGH (1 person from
 6 am - 8 am and 1 from
 8 am - 10 am.)

Visitations

Elizabeth Swiger and Jim
 Coleman continue visiting clubs
 in Florida with a visit to the
 Sandestin Lions on Feb. 2nd
 and Freeport Lions on Feb. 12th
 & 26th.

Scott & Bonnie Summers (and
 Winston), Rivesville, visited the
 Fairmont Club Feb. 26th. Tracy
 Smith visited on March 12th.

I realized that if I had to
 choose, I would rather have
 birds than airplanes.

-- Charles Lindbergh

Election of Officers Set for April 9th Meeting



The Fairmont Lions Club will hold its Election of Officers Meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2009 for the purpose of electing club officers for the 2009-2010 club year. No nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April 9th meeting. The meeting will be held at Backwoods Grill at 6:30 pm as part of the club's monthly business meeting.

The slate of nominees was presented at the March 12th meeting. Nancy Sickles chaired the Nominations Committee which presented the following slate:

President	Aletta Moffett
1st Vice President	Jeff Miller
2nd Vice President	Dennis Basnett
Secretary	Bob Moffett
Treasurer	Bob Brummage
Lion Tamer	Wayne Dodd
Tail Twister	Kelby Church
Director (carry-over)	Evelyn Martin
	Nancy Sickles
Director (for 2 years)	Margaret Brumage
	Virginia Gallion
Membership	Keith Long

Jacob Brumage will be the Immediate Past President, which is a non-elected officer of the club.

Help Needed for Elimination Dinner



Keith Long is asking all club members to help with the elimination dinner. Please arrive at the Rivesville Community Bldg. at 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 28 for final set up and to get things underway.

Habitat for Humanity Program Topic for March 26th Meeting

John Marsicano has announced that Janie Johnston will present the program at the March 26th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, 6:30 pm at Backwoods Grill. Her topic will be Habitat for Humanity. Lucas Zepeda, our Peace Poster Contest winner, and his mother, Lucinda Vasofski, will also be our guests.

Broom Sale on Tap for Shop N Save and Wal-Mart

Jake Brumage will soon be asking for Lion members to put in a few hours selling brooms in order to financially support the activities of the Fairmont Lions Club in serving our community. The dates are:

April 18th 9:00-5:00 Shop N Save Country Club Road Shop N Save Fairmont Ave.
 May 2nd 9:00-5:00 Wal-Mart (Both entrances)

We will sell brooms in two 4-hour shifts at all locations. We will also be selling some of the energy-efficient CFL light bulbs on a trial basis to see how they will sell. Two banners, two by six feet, imprinted with "Fairmont Lions Club" have been ordered from the Op Shop. The club will be able to use these at the sales and other club activities.

Eyeglasses Approved

On behalf of the Eyeglasses Committee, Wayne Dodd asked for and received, at the March 12th meeting, approval to provide eye exams and glasses to ten applicants.



Photo by Ray Byers

(At left) Club President Jake Brumage, Treasurer Aletta Moffett and Secretary Bob Moffett attended the Dist. 29-L Conference at Mineral Wells and are pictured in the lobby of the Comfort Suites.





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Gena Wagaman receives Certificate of Appreciation from President Jacob Brumage.

Report from the District 29-L Conference

Jake Brumage, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the District 29-L Conference at Mineral Wells held March 20th and 21st. At the Saturday evening banquet, club donations to Lions charities were announced. Fairmont Lions Club Treasurer Aletta Moffett presented checks for the following:

WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation	\$ 700
Lions Clubs International Foundation	150
Blind Skiers (Recreation for Romney students)	50
Leader Dogs for the Blind	150
Pilot Dogs, Inc.	150
Lions Youth Exchange Program	50
Total	<u>\$1250</u>

The total from district clubs exceeded \$30,000 in this year's "Parade of Checks."

Jake Brumage picked up the used eyeglasses from Wayne Dodd and took them to the conference to be sent for recycling. The Fairmont Lions Club collected 258 pairs throughout the last year.

At Saturday's banquet, International Director Art Marson of Michigan made several presentations. Among them, he presented one of LCI President Al Brandel's pins to Bob Moffett, editor of the District 29-L Newsletter, as one of the "everyday heroes" among Lions, for what he called an outstanding newsletter.

Entertainment included dancing to "Hip Pocket" on Friday evening, musical selections by 11-year old Emily Emerich at the Saturday luncheon. Saturday night, a local Patsy Cline impersonator performed.

Wagaman Discusses History of Woodlawn Cemetery

Gena Wagaman, Superintendent of Woodlawn Cemetery, presented a very interesting program about the cemetery at the February 26th Fairmont Lions Club meeting. According to Wagaman, the cemetery, located along Maple Avenue, consists of 42 acres and is home to 15,000 graves dating from 1875. Boaz Fleming and his first wife Elizabeth, among the first permanent settlers in Fairmont, are buried there. Francis Harrison Pierpont, governor of the state of Restored Virginia, and his wife Julia, who is responsible for what is now referred to as Memorial Day, are buried there, also. In addition, the cemetery contains the graves of Pricketts, Morgans and others important in the early history of the area.

The Civil War Trail is providing markers for Woodlawn, the Pierpont house, the Boaz house, and Palatine Park. The cemetery is a National Historic District and eligible for federal grants. When asked what the Lions might do to assist, she indicated that the cemetery needs to be "read", that is, taking photos of the grave markers and writing down what is on them and that the cemetery is in need of new

Just a Lion or Two

Bob Brummage is recovering from recent surgery. We hope he is back with us soon.

We are pleased that Steve Criss has been able to get back to our last couple of meetings.

Margaret Brumage continues to recuperate from her fall. We hope she will be back to a meeting soon.

Tom Koon is at Tygart Center at Fairmont Campus on Country Club Road (formerly Wishing Well) and Edsel Michael is at St. Barbara's Nursing Home in Monongah. They would enjoy visits.

Lion Carl Grub, husband of our District Governor Sue Grub, passed away on February 26th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lion Sue and the family in their loss.

Phone Reminders

Thanks go to Leola Robinson, who has agreed to begin calling members to remind them of Lions Club meetings. It is hoped that this will improve attendance at our meetings.

The secretary will continue providing an e-mail reminder to those who have provided e-mail addresses.

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- April 23 Program - David Garcia 529 Accounts
- April 24-26 State Convention Charleston, WV
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- May 2 Club Officer Training Holiday Inn 10:00 - 2:00
- June 6 Yard Sale
- June 6 Multiphasic Screening at FGH (1 person from 6 am - 8 am and 1 from 8 am - 10 am.)

Visitations

Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger visited Sandestin, FL Lions on March 2 & 16 and the Freeport, FL Lions on March 12 & 26. Jake Brumage visited Barrackville Lions on April 2. Scott and Bonnie Summers, with honorary Lion Pilot Dog Winston, visited the Fairmont Lions Club on April 9.

Always render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be.
--Og Mandino



Members Sweep Up Sales in Brooms and Mops



(At right) Lions are seen with a couple of customers at the Fairmont Avenue Shop N Save. From left: two customers; Dennis Basnett's grandson, Christopher Shreves, a sophomore at FSHS; Dennis Basnett; Jacob Brumage and Bob Brummage. Bob Brummage obtained energy saving CFL lamps, in two sizes, to sell on a trial basis. Keith Long and Wayne Dodd sold at this location during the afternoon.

(At left) Virginia Gallion, Pres. Jacob Brumage and Nancy Sickles peddled brooms and mops at the Country Club Road Shop N Save on Saturday, April 18th. They were relieved for the afternoon shift by Aletta and Bob Moffett. In addition to selling merchandise, club brochures were given to several who expressed an interest in the Lions.



Club to Meet at USA Steak Buffet April 23rd

The Fairmont Lions Club will meet Thursday, April 23rd at USA Steak Buffet on Fairmont Avenue. The April 9th meeting was held at Grand China Buffet near Middletown Mall. Members at that meeting expressed a desire to try the USA Steak Buffet as well. The guest speaker for the evening will be David Garcia, speaking about 529 accounts.

Club Welcomes Two New Members

Lauren Prinzo, Executive Director of the Marion County Family Resource Network, and Debbie Mann, Youth Services Director for the Marion County Family Resource Network, joined the club at the April 9th meeting. They had presented information on Lions Quest to the club in January. Their sponsor is Bob Moffett. This increases club membership to 34. Lauren Prinzo is married to Elliott and Debbie Mann is married to Sam.

Club Elects Officers for the Coming Year

New club officers were elected on a vote of acclamation at the April 9th meeting. These new officers will serve from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| President | Aletta Moffett |
| 1st Vice President | Jeff Miller |
| 2nd Vice President | Dennis Basnett |
| Secretary | Bob Moffett |
| Treasurer | Bob Brummage |
| Lion Tamer | Wayne Dodd |
| Tail Twister | Kelby Church |
| Director (carry-over) | Evelyn Martin |
| | Nancy Sickles |
| Director (for 2 years) | Margaret Brumage |
| | Virginia Gallion |
| Membership | Keith Long |
| Jacob Brumage | Immediate Past President |
- These officers constitute the club's board of directors.



Lions Sign to Go Up

John Marsicano made arrangements with the city to attach the Lions Emblem sign to the Welcome to Fairmont sign off the Downtown exit (Rt. 310) of I-79. This is the only sign available for organizations at this time. Bob Moffett placed the new decal on the metal sign and delivered it to the City Garage to be installed. It should be visible in the near future.



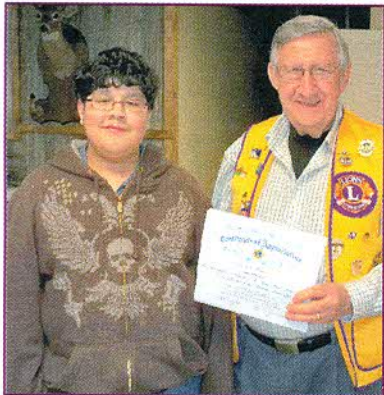
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Lucas Zepeda (left) receives a certificate from Pres. Jacob Brumage. Zepeda attended the March 12th meeting with his parents to tell the club about his winning Peace Poster. The theme for the contest last fall, when Zepeda won at West Fairmont Middle School, was "Peace Begins with Me." Zepeda's entry was selected from about 100 entries at the school to be sent on to the district governor. He was also presented a First Place Peace Poster Certificate. Zepeda would like to be a veterinarian.

Fairmont Lions Sponsor Two Athletes to Special Olympics

Two athletes for the Marion County Special Olympics were sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club at a cost to the club of \$25 per athlete. The club has done this for several years.

Elimination Dinner Success Thanks to Many

Keith Long thanks the many Lions, family and friends who helped to pull off another successful elimination dinner. Ticket sellers included Jake Brumage, Bob Brummage, Wayne Dodd, John Marsicano, David Bonasso, Scott and Bonnie Summers, Jeff Miller, Tracy Smith, Evelyn Martin, Martha Warren, Butch Tennant, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, Dennis Basnett and Lisa and Keith Long. 101 tickets were sold. Thirty-two door prizes were obtained and organized by Jake Brumage, Bob Brummage, John Marsicano, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Martha Warren and Keith Long.

Working at the dinner and clean up afterwards were John Marsicano, Margaret and Jake Brumage, Wayne Dodd, Jason Dodd, Martha Warren, Jeff Miller, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, George Janice and his girlfriend Pam, Dennis Basnett and Lisa and Keith Long. Wayne Dodd, John Marsicano and Keith Long had attended numerous planning meetings with the Rivesville Lions. In addition, Marci Carroll prepared Lions Cards, club treasurer Aletta Moffett handled the finances (paying bills, etc.) and Bob Moffett prepared a table top display and prepared brochures.



Photo Courtesy: Lisa Long

Rivesville Lions Club President Ron Sigley is seen with John Marsicano at the elimination dinner in March. Once again, the dinner was a successful fund raiser for both the Rivesville and Fairmont Lions Clubs.

Just a Lion or Two

Congratulations to Virginia Gallion. She has taken a position with the National Federation of Independent Businesses as Membership Representative.

On the Internet

The Fairmont Lions Club is on the Internet. The site features our upcoming schedule as well as an archive of back issues of the club's newsletter, club history, a photo gallery, and more. Find it at www.fairmontlions.org

Odds & Ends

New club banners were used for the first time for the broom sale on April 18th. The banners were purchased from and made by the Op Shop, which creates opportunities for people with disabilities.

A trip to Pilot Dogs is being planned by Scott and Bonnie Summers for May 8th. They are also raising funds to purchase and place a dog (\$10,000) by 2010 and are selling cinnamon rolls from The Pie Shoppe, \$8.00 per doz. iced, \$8.50 per doz. for cream cheese. Checks should be made out to "Friends of Pilot Dogs." Orders with payment are due by May 20th and rolls may be picked up on June 3rd.

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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Say-Boy Steak House

- May 28 Dr. Carpenter
Fairmont Eye Care
- June 4 6:30 pm Bd. of Dir.
26 Fairway Lane
Current & Next Year
Officers to Attend
- June 5 Show up at 4:00 pm to
Mark & Price
S&M Glass
- June 6 Yard Sale
S & M Glass
Show up at 7:00 am
- June 6 Multiphasic Screening
at FGH (1 person from
6 am - 8 am and 1 from
8 am - 10 am.)
- June 11 Business Meeting
- June 13 DG Appreciation &
Pride of the Pride
New Martinsville
- June 25 Installation of Officers
Induction of New
Members
PDG Eva Dague

If you want to test your memory, try to remember what you were worrying about one year ago today.

—E. Joseph Cossman



Members Presented District Awards

Several certificates were presented to club members at the May 14th meeting. The District Governor's Certificate of Sponsorship in recognition of sponsoring three new members was presented to Nancy Sickles. Jacob Brumage received the District Governor's Certificate of Sponsorship for sponsoring six new members. The District Governor's Visitation Certificates were presented to: Jim Coleman (21 visits), Elizabeth Swiger (18 visits), and Bob Moffett (17 visits). These presentations were announced at the District Breakfast during the MD 29 (State) Convention.



Fairmont Lions Take 1st & 2nd Place Awards

The Fairmont Lions Club received awards for 2nd Place in the District Governor's Contest and 1st Place in the Membership Contest for clubs our size. Plaques were presented by DG Sue Grub at the WV State Convention in Charleston on April 26th. Aletta Moffett received the plaques for the Fairmont Lions Club. The Fairmont Lions Club membership increased by 10 from June 2008 through April 2009.

Club to Meet at Say-Boy Steak House May 28th

The Fairmont Lions Club has had to locate a new meeting place since USA Steak Buffet has closed. The closing was made known at our last meeting. The May 28th meeting will be held at Say-Boy Steak House Restaurant on Country Club Road.

The cost of the meal, including beverage and tax will be \$10.50. This price does not include a dessert, if ordered, or gratuity. Dinner choices are: Baked Ham, 8 oz. New York Strip Steak, Broasted Chicken, 21 Shrimp or Spaghetti and Meatballs. Except for the spaghetti, dinners include two sides and a salad. Spaghetti comes with a salad. Sides include mashed potatoes and gravy, spaghetti, baked potato, green beans, peas, and corn.

Once we arrive and are seated, orders will be taken. Meals will be served about 30 minutes later. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

Dr. Carpenter, of Fairmont Eye Care, Inc., will present the program at this Thursday's meeting.

Lion from Florida Transferring In

We welcome Connie Canfield to the Fairmont Lions Club. A Lion since 1994, Connie was a member of the Melbourne Beach Indialantic Lions Club in Florida. That club has folded. Since Canfield lives in Kingmont in the summer, returning to Florida in winter, she is transferring into the Fairmont club. She served five years as club president and has also served as tail twister and secretary,

Special Club Election June 11th

Because Kelby Church anticipates that he will be unable to properly fulfill the duties of Tail Twister in the coming year, the club will hold a special election for that office at the business meeting June 11th.

Another successful broom sale was held at Wal-Mart on May 2nd. Pictured left to right are President Jake Brumage, Jim Coleman and John Marsicano. Also participating were Keith Long, Elizabeth Swiger, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, and Aletta and Bob Moffett. Profit from the May 2nd sale amounted to \$428.66, which included donations of \$85.41, according to Treasurer Aletta Moffett. This is in addition to the April sale which saw a profit of \$511.35, with over \$100 in donations.





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David Garcia (left) was presented a certificate by club president Jake Brumage following his program at the April 23rd meeting.

Fairmont Lions Club to Adopt-A-Trail

John Marsicano is making arrangements with MCPARC for the Fairmont Lions Club to clean up the West Fork Rail Trail between Fairmont and Monongah on Sunday afternoon, June 28th. MCPARC will provide necessary materials for the clean-up.

Eye Applications Approved

The Eyeglasses Committee asked club approval for ten applications for eye exams and glasses at both the April 23rd and May 14th meetings. Both requests were approved.



Twenty-three members and guests were present at the April 23rd meeting to hear David Garcia from Hartford Life discuss the SMART 529 College Savings Plan, the West Virginia savings program with tax benefits for education. Thanks to the reminder phone calls from Leola Robinson, meeting attendance has been up lately.

Visitations

Leola Robinson introduced her daughter Twila and son-in-law Bill at the April 23rd meeting. Scott and Bonnie Summers were also in attendance. Guests at the May 14th meeting were PDG Tracy Smith and Clara Guthrie from the Barrackville Club.

Aletta Moffett and Jake Brumage attended club officer training on May 2nd. Bob Moffett is the District 29-L Leadership Chairperson and has set up and conducted training sessions in Fairmont on May 2, Wheeling on May 16, and New Martinsville on May 19th. The last session will be held in Parkersburg on Saturday, May 30th.

On the Internet

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Lions Appear in Three Rivers Festival Parade

Members Keith Long, John Marsicano, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett walked the parade route in front of the truck sporting "Fairmont Lions Club" banners on the side rails, driven by President Jake Brumage, in the Three Rivers Festival Parade on Thursday evening, May 21st. Two additional lions went along. Aletta Moffett carried a Lion that danced to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and Bob Moffett, wearing a lion mask and tail and described by Long as a "genetic experiment gone wrong," had his roaring lion to entertain the young and young at heart along the route.

It was not uncommon to hear applause or "Yeah, Lions" and similar cheers as they marched the parade route. The club last participated in a parade in 2003.

President Jacob Brumage Receives Praise

Clara Guthrie, visiting from the Barrackville Club at the last meeting, said that she came to pat Jake Brumage on the back for helping with the Barrackville Lions Club's Spaghetti Dinner, even working after some members left to go to the State Convention.

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 6:30 pm
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June 25 6:30 Install Officers
 Induct New Members

June 27 10:00 Cabinet Training
 Wheeling

June 28 Adopt-A-Trail
 Monongah Trail Head

July 2 6:30 Bd of Directors
 Home of Aletta Moffett

July 6-10 LCI Convention

July 9 6:30 Program TBA

July 16 6:30 New Member
 Orientation

July 23 6:30 Business Meeting

Visitations

At the June 11th club meeting, Connie Canfield brought her mother, Dorothy Canfield, as a guest. PDG Tracy Smith and Clara Guthrie visited from the Barrackville Lions Club. Bob Moffett attended the Mt. Olivet Lions Club's 35th Anniversary meeting May 30th and Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the District Governor, Cabinet Appreciation and Pride of the Pride Dinner in New Martinsville on June 13th.

Our opinion of people depends less upon what we see in them, than upon what they make us see in ourselves.

--Sarah Grand

Installation of Officers & Induction of New Members June 25th



PDG Eva Dague

Past District Governor Eva Dague will conduct the ceremonies for Installation of Officers and Induction of New Members at the Fairmont Lions Club's meeting on Thursday, June 25th, at Say-Boy Steak House on Country Club Road. Dague served as district governor during 2006 - 2007. Thursday's meeting is a spouses night and wives or husbands are encouraged to attend.

Aletta Moffett will be installed as president of the club for the coming year. Also being installed will be Jeff Miller, 1st Vice President; Dennis Basnett, 2nd Vice President; Bob Moffett, Secretary; Bob Brummage, Treasurer; John Marsicano, Tail Twister; Directors Evelyn Martin, Nancy Sickles (1 year), Margaret Brumage and Virginia Gallion (2 year); Keith Long, Membership Chairperson and Jacob Brumage as Immediate Past President. John Marsicano was elected Tail Twister at a special election held at the June 11th meeting. A Board of Directors meeting for Officer Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd at Aletta Moffett's house.

Club to "Adopt-A-Trail" June 28th

The Fairmont Lions Club will be cleaning up the Ralph S. LaRue/West Fork River Trail on Sunday afternoon, June 28th. John Marsicano has made arrangements with MCPARC and all necessary items for the clean-up will be provided by MCPARC. This service activity will require the participation of as many Lion members as possible. Please mark your calendar and plan to pick up along the trail with us on June 28th. Meet at the Monongah Trail Head. Time will be announced at the Installation of Officers meeting.

New Member Orientation Set for July 16th

Bob Moffett will be conducting a New Member Orientation session on Thursday evening, July 16th, 6:30 pm, to provide information about the activities and operation of the Fairmont Lions Club, District 29-L, of which the club is a part, and Lions Clubs International. All members who have joined the club in the past year are especially encouraged to attend. However, Moffett pointed out that any member is welcome and may find it to be a helpful review. The club has grown by about a dozen members in the past year. Location will be announced.

Combined Board of Directors Meeting Plans for Coming Year



Members of the out-going and in-coming boards of directors met at the home of Pres.-Elect Aletta Moffett to plan for the upcoming club year. Also attending were Margaret and Jake Brumage, Bob Brummage, Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger, Virginia Gallion, Keith Long, John Marsicano, Leola Robinson, Nancy Sickles and Bob Moffett. Possible fund raisers and service projects were discussed along with other matters.

Yard Sale is Successful Fund Raiser

Total proceeds from the club's June 6th Yard Sale at S&M Glass on Merchant St. amounted to \$502. Nancy Sickles chaired the fund raiser. Working at the sale were: Martha Warren, Scott & Bonnie Summers, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Evelyn Martin, Beulah Miller, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Sarah and John Marsicano, Jason and Wayne Dodd, Jake Brumage, Mary Deavers, Aletta and Bob Moffett. Thanks also to Regina Daniel of S&M Glass for her time and assistance at the sale.





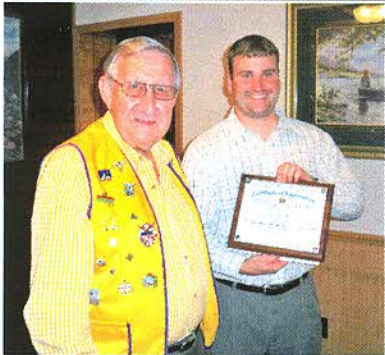
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Fairmont Eye Care Inc. was presented a plaque from the Fairmont Lions Club. Pres. Jacob Brumage presents the plaque to Dr. Martin Carpenter.

Dr. Martin Carpenter Addresses Club about Eye Health

Dr. Martin Carpenter, Optometrist at Fairmont Eye Care, Inc., presented a program to the Fairmont Lions Club and discussed several eye diseases that can lead to loss of sight. Among these are Diabetic Retinopathy, Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma. He emphasized the need for people to receive regular eye examinations. Also discussed was the importance of an eye-assessment for infants during the first year of life. He pointed out that the InfantSEE™ program provides a no cost one-time comprehensive eye assessment by an optometrist to infants in the first year of life, regardless of income.

Following Dr. Carpenter's remarks, Jacob Brumage, president of the Fairmont Lions Club, presented Dr. Carpenter with a plaque recognizing the work done by optometrists Carpenter and Philip Wilmoth and the staff at Fairmont Eye Care, Inc. The plaque states, "May it be known that Fairmont Eye Care, Inc. has provided ongoing generous assistance to the citizens of Fairmont in cooperation with the Fairmont Lions Club for all the world to see."

Eye Applications Approved

Keith Long reported for the Eyeglasses Committee and requested club approval for six applications for eye exams and glasses. Those applications were approved. The club has approved 103 applications for exams and glasses since July.

185 People Receive Multiphasic Blood Screening at FGH

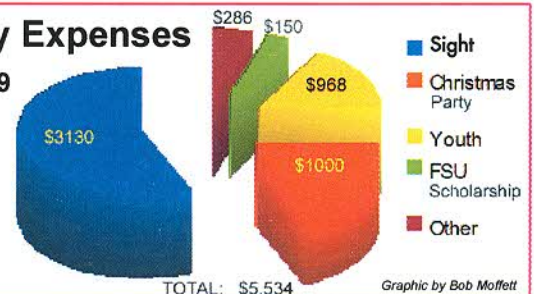
Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, and Martha Warren assisted with the Multiphasic Blood Screening at Fairmont General Hospital on June 6th. According to Swiger, 185 people went through the screening. Other organizations scheduled to assist on that Saturday included GFWC Woman's Club of Mannington, Barrackville Lions Club, and the Fairmont Branch of University Women. These would all expect to share a portion of the proceeds.

Members Serve District

District Governor-Elect Bernice Pitcock has asked Pres. Jacob Brumage to serve on her Cabinet this coming year as Zone Chairperson. She has also asked Bob Moffett to continue as the District 29-L Newsletter Editor.

Activity Expenses

2008-2009



Just a Lion or Two

We are pleased to report that Leola Robinson is recovering well and back in attendance following an injury.

Margaret Brumage continues to recover from her injuries and recent illness. It is good to have her back at our meetings.

Edsel Michael is now at the Arbors of Fairmont on Watson Hill, according to Mary Jo Michael.

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