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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Holiday Inn - Fairmont

- Jan. 28 6:30 pm Meeting
3/50 Project
Virginia Gallion
- Jan. 29 - 31 WV Lions
Leadership School
Flatwoods, WV
- Feb. 4 6:30 pm Bd. of Directors
Home of A. Moffett
- Feb. 11 6:30 pm Bus. Meeting
- Feb. 25 6:30 pm Meeting
Anette Keesee, Special
Olympics

Visitations

The Club welcomed visitors from the Barrackville Lions on January 14th. Attending were PDG Tracy Smith, Linda Hoy, Clara Guthrie and Chuck Morgan. Also attending that meeting were Scott & Bonnie Summers along with Pilot Dog Winston from the Rivesville club.

Zone Chr. Jake Brumage, President Aletta Moffett and District 29-L Newsletter Editor Bob Moffett attended the district cabinet meeting in Wierton on Sunday, January 17th.

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."
 -- Edith Lovejoy Pierce



Club Loses Faithful Member

A long-time Fairmont Lions Club member, Edsel G. Michael, passed away January 10th. Lion Edsel graduated from Fairview High School, attended West Virginia University and graduated from Fairmont State College. He was retired from Allegheny Power Company with 35 years of service. Edsel had also recently received his chevron for 35 years of membership in Lions. Until recently, when his health began to fail, he could be counted on to take part in Lions activities and participated actively in the club's endeavors and was faithful in attendance at meetings. We extend our sympathy and prayers to Lion Mary Jo and the rest of the family in their loss. Lion Edsel Michael will be missed by his club and fellow Lions.



Edsel G. Michael

Virginia Gallion to Present Program

Club member Virginia Gallion will present the program at the next meeting, January 28th. Her topic will be the 3/50 Project, a program aimed at supporting independent businesses. The club will meet at the Fairmont Holiday Inn at 6:30. Cost of dinner is \$12.00 including tax and gratuity.

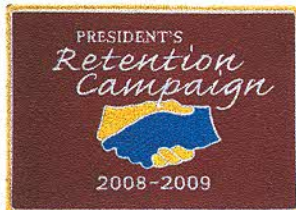
New Member Inducted & Key Awards Presented

Zone Chr. Jacob Brumage conducted the Induction of New Members ceremony at the January 14th meeting. The only new member in attendance was Burley "Butch" Tennant, who received his lapel pin from President Aletta Moffett. Several members who were unable to be present will be inducted when they are in attendance. Tennant was sponsored by Jake Brumage.

Also at the meeting, Aletta Moffett presented Jake Brumage first with a 2-Member Key Award and then with a 5-Member Key Award for having sponsored new members. A Lion gets his or her first Key Award by sponsoring at least 2 new members. Each of those members must maintain membership in the club for over a year before the award is presented. Congratulations to Brumage who sponsored those members.



Pres. Aletta Moffett affixes Butch Tennant's Lions pin.



The Fairmont Lions Club also received a Member Retention banner patch for its success during the previous club year. Martha Warren has applied that and other recently received banner patches to the club's banner.

Weather continued to tamper with the club's plans in January as another snow caused the cancelation of the January 7th board of directors meeting. As a result, board business was delayed to the regular club meeting on the 14th. Among other business, the club approved 10 eye exams and glasses for needy individuals recommended by the Eyeglasses Committee. The club also will provide a West Virginia basket for the silent auction to be held at the District 29-L Conference in March. Nancy Sickles is providing the basket and making an afghan. Club members are asked to provide a West Virginia item (paper weight, note paper, local products, etc.) The basket will be sold at the Conference with proceeds helping to defray some of the costs of the Conference in an effort to get all Lions to consider attending.



Aletta Moffett presents Jake Brumage with his Key Awards.

It's a New Year & Dues Are Due

Club treasurer, Bob Brummage, reminds all members that dues are now due for all who pay six months at a time or those who pay for a year beginning in January. Except in the case of family memberships where the second family member's dues are less, six months dues are \$36.00. It is important that the Club receive dues from members promptly as the club must pay its dues to Lions International and to District 29-L in January.



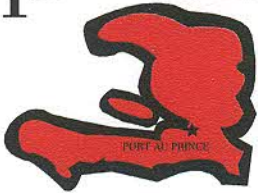
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Haiti is located southeast of Cuba and borders the Dominican Republic.

Lions Around the World Respond to Haiti Earthquake

Lions around the world are responding to the crisis in Haiti. Lions in neighboring Caribbean countries are sending cargo containers of targeted supplies through connections with transportation companies. Lions in Sweden are sending large tents through the Swedish government to provide housing for those who are now homeless, as well as relief workers, as they did for the China earthquake. Lions from Ontario, Canada were in the area when the earthquake hit, helping to establish a clean water system for an orphanage, and established a make-shift medical clinic, treating 600 people. Lions are contributing generously, some examples include: \$86,000 pledged from Lions in Norway; \$20,000 from Lions in China; \$14,000 from District 105-I.

Sadly, two of our Haitian Lions -- our family -- have perished and other Lions may have lost family members. LCI President Eberhard Wirfs said, "Naturally, the response by Lions to LCIF's Lions Hope for Haiti donation appeal has been tremendous. Within days, we have already mobilized more than \$350,000. By the time you receive this, I am sure it will be even much, much more. But we'll need millions more if we are to help the country rebuild, to provide homes for the homeless, to rebuild schools for the children, to rehabilitate those left disabled, and to help heal so many shattered and broken hearts. So please donate what you can."

To donate, make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, noting "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo field and send to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, Attn: Donor Services.

On-line donations may be made at www.lcif.org/donate. Select Disaster and include "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the comments section.

Donations can be made in confidence to LCIF, as 100 percent of every donation will go directly to Haiti relief, as administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments. Non-Lions may also donate to Haiti relief through LCIF using the above procedures.

-- from Lions Clubs International

Just a Lion or Two

Beulah "Boots" Miller's sister, Madeline Cunningham, passed away on January 3rd. We extend our sympathy to Beulah and the family.

We were happy to see members Jack Decker and David Cain at our January 14th meeting.

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 all at www.fairmontlions.org

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Lions Reminded to Empty Eyeglass Recycle Boxes

Members who set out collection boxes for recycling eyeglasses are reminded to empty the boxes and see that glasses collected are taken to Wayne Dodd to be boxed for delivery at the District 29-L Conference in Wheeling March 19 - 20. Thank you.

Tips for Inviting a Prospect to Become a Lion

Identify a friend, family member, business associate, neighbor or a member of the community. Meet with a prospective member individually to inform them about the club. Invite them to take part in the next meeting or club project. Then be sure to follow-up. Answer any questions they might have. Give them a copy of our club's brochure and then sign them up! New members are vital to our Lions Club.

Lions on the Web

Lions International: www.lionsclubs.org
West Virginia Lions (MD-29) www.wvions.org/
District 29-L: www.lions29l.org/
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- Mar. 19-20 Dist. 29-L Conference
Wheeling
- Mar. 24 1:00 - 3:00
Mobile Eye Screening
Disability Action Center
Health Fair
- Mar. 25 6:30 pm Program TBA

Visitations

Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman visited the Sandestin, Florida Lions Club on January 4th and the Freeport, Florida Lions on January 14th.

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the WV Lions Leadership School in Flatwoods the last weekend of January.

Robin Sawitski visited from the Barrackville Lions Club on January 28th.

"Goodness is the only investment that never fails."
 -- Thoreau



Club Schedules Mobile Eye Screening Unit Annette Keezee to Speak

Arrangements have been made for the Fairmont Lions Club to bring in the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) for the Health Fair at the Disability Action Center on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Adults will be screened at this time. Members will be needed to take care of screening registration and the eye screening. The MESU has also been scheduled for the Fairmont Lions Club's use on Thursday, April 22, 2010, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, to screen children at the Special Olympics Games. Other clubs in the area are being asked to help with the Games as well. Club members will be needed to support the screening there, also.

With these events in mind, Annette Keezee, from the Marion County Special Olympics, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club this Thursday, February 25, 6:30 pm, at the Fairmont Holiday Inn.

The WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc., obtained the first Mobile Eye Screening Unit in the early 1990s. A second unit was purchased in 2002 and both have traveled the state of West Virginia where Lions have provided screenings for many. The Fairmont Lions Club has utilized MESU Units #1 and #2 in past years. We will be using Unit #1 at the events in March and April. This is just one way that the Club is able to take advantage of the services of the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation, which receives annual financial support from the Fairmont Lions Club.



Virginia Gallion receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Pres. Aletta Moffett

Virginia Gallion Promotes 3/50 Project

Club member Virginia Gallion spoke to the club at the January 28th meeting. An employee of The National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB, Gallion discussed the 3/50 Project. The goal of the 3/50 Project is to get consumers to pick three independent businesses that they would miss if they disappeared and then visit them and pick one and spend \$50 there each month. This increases county and local revenue. She stated that "for every \$100 spent at an independent through taxes, wages, etc." In contrast, only \$43 stays in the local community when \$100 is spent in a "big box" store. On-line shopping returns nothing to the local community. A lively discussion followed her presentation.

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Spring Scheduled to Return Again This Year

Most in the area will not argue that this winter has been brutal. Some of our members were without power for several days during the recent snow storms and ensuing power outages. The February 11th meeting of the club had to be cancelled due to the weather. Marion County school students have lost out on many school days this year. However, the calendar does indicate that Spring will return in just about a month and we'll likely see crocuses, daffodils and robins before too long. Soon it will be time for eye screenings, spring fund raisers and more. It is time to shake off the snow and gear up for more club activities.

Moffetts Attend WV Lions Leadership School

Aletta and Bob Moffett have returned from the WV Lions Leadership School in Flatwoods. This year's school lived up to its promise of providing high-quality seminars, dynamic speakers, and other opportunities to develop leadership skills for use in Lions work, in the community and in the workplace. Bob Moffett stayed busy throughout the school serving as Facilities Committee Chr. and providing technical support for laptops and projectors used by speakers and seminar presenters. Those attending were able to attend six seminars from a selection of 30 offered, throughout the course of the weekend. In addition, there were opportunities to share ideas with and from other Lions around the state and from outside West Virginia. Lions should plan now to attend in 2011 when the School will once again be held at Flatwoods.



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Haiti Lions provide earthquake relief with supplies provided by LCIF.

Did You Know?

Lions District 381 in Guangdong, China, previously received LCIF disaster assistance following the earthquake in China. They have donated US\$61,000 to Haiti earthquake relief through LCIF.

The Lions Club of Apia, Samoa, in District 202K, had received LCIF assistance following the tsunami. They are sending US\$200 to help in Haiti.

— from Lions Clubs International



Just a Lion or Two

Congratulations to Martha Warren, a certified master gardener, who has been nominated for State Master Gardener of the Year award.

We hope that all of our members who were without electrical service or who have been "under the weather" are now warm and healthy.

Special Thanks

Martha Warren sewed the club's newest patches to the club's banner. Thanks!

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Zone Meeting Set for February 28

Zone Chairperson Jacob Brumage has set Sunday, February 28, 2010, for his next Zone 6 Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Brookhaven Club House at 2:00 pm. A meal of Sloppy joes, potato salad and other offerings will be provided at a cost of \$6.00 per person. To get there, take I-79 to I-68 E and then get off at the Sabraton Exit. Turn left onto Route 7 and then take a left at the first turn to Brookhaven. The Brookhaven Community Center is one mile on the right.

District 29-L Conference Set for March 19-20

The McClure Hotel in Wheeling will be the site for the District 29-L Conference March 19 and 20, 2010. Rooms should be reserved by March 1st. Rooms are \$72.00 + taxes. Call the McClure Hotel at 304 232-0300 and mention that you are with the Lions. Registration deadline for the conference is also March 1 and costs \$45.00 which includes Saturday's lunch and dinner. Registration forms are available from Bob Moffett, club secretary. All members are encouraged to attend this event.

WV Lions State Convention at Snowshoe Resort

State Lions will gather in May at Snowshoe Mountain Resort for the WV Lions State Convention. The convention takes place May 22 and 23. Registration fee is \$70.00 if paid by April 1st and \$80.00 if paid after April 1st. The fee includes Saturday lunch and dinner and the Sunday lunch, as well as Saturday evening's entertainment. The Sunday morning District Breakfast is \$14.00. Sunday only registration is \$10 which does not include the breakfast. Contact Secretary Bob Moffett for registration forms and lodging information. All members are encouraged to plan to attend.

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Special Olympics
Health Fair - MESU
Disability Action Ctr.
- Mar. 25 6:30 LCIF
PDG Paul Amrhein
& 2nd Reading of the
Slate of Officers
- April 1 6:30 Board of Dir.
Home of A. Moffett
- April 8 6:30 Business Meet
Election of Officers
- April 22 10:00 - 2:00 Special
Olympics Games at
North Marion H.S.
MESU
- April 22 6:30 pm Program

Visitations

Robin Sawitski and PDG Tracy
 Smith from the Barrackville
 Lions Club were guests at the
 March 11th meeting.

Margaret and Jacob Brumage,
 along with Aletta and Bob
 Moffett attended the District 29-L
 Conference in Wheeling, March
 19 & 20. Jim Coleman and
 Elizabeth Swiger continue
 regular visits to the Freeport and
 Sandestin Lions Clubs in Florida.

"Wherever there is a human
 being, there is a chance for
 kindness."

--Seneca



Mobile Eye Screening Unit Coming to Fairmont

The Fairmont Lions Club will bring the WV Sight Foundation's Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) #1 to the Disability Action Center in Fairmont on Wednesday, March 24th, for adult screening from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. The last hour is being offered to employees of Fairmont's Maintenance Department.

Several Lions are needed to conduct the eye screening and to help with the registration of those who come to be screened. Lions able to assist should come to the Disability Action Center, across from the Fairmont Bowling Center and the Mid-City Parking Lot. Any member who has not had an opportunity to see the MESU should take advantage of this opportunity to come by and have a look, even if he or she is unable to work the event.

The club will also be screening Special Olympics athletes at their Games on Thursday, April 22nd, at North Marion High School. Lions are needed to assist there, as well. The Mannington Lions Club has agreed to work with the Fairmont Lions for this event.

LCIF to be Program Topic for March 25th Meeting



Lions Clubs
 International
 Foundation

PDG Paul Amrhein will be our guest speaker for the March 25th club meeting and will speak about LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation), which supports the humanitarian work of Lions clubs. The meeting will be held at the Fairmont Holiday Inn at 6:30 pm. All Lions are encouraged to attend and find out more about the Foundation which we support.

Sickles & Brumage Receive Pins

Nancy Sickles and Jacob Brumage were presented their Membership Excellence pins for the 2008 - 2009 club year. Nancy Sickles sponsored three new members and Jacob Brumage sponsored seven new members. Club president Aletta Moffett made the presentations at the March 11th meeting. (See picture at right.)



Slate of Officers Presented

Nancy Sickles presented the report of the Nominations Committee at the March 11th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. The proposed slate of officers was read for the first time. Election of officers for the year 2010 - 2011 will be held April 8, 2010 at the regular meeting of the club.

President.....Jacob Brumage
 1st Vice President.....Dennis Basnett
 2nd Vice President.....John Marsicano
 Secretary.....Virginia Gallion
 Treasurer.....Bob Brummage
 Lion Tamer.....Wayne Dodd
 Tail Twister.....Keith Long
 Directors.....Margaret Brumage (2nd year), Nancy Sickles (2nd year)
 Jack Decker (1st year), David Cain (1st year)

Membership.....

Aletta Moffett will hold the position of Immediate Past President which is not elected. She and the elected officers will make up the club's Board of Directors. In addition to Nancy Sickles, Chr., the Nominations Committee consists of Margaret Brumage, Virginia Gallion, John Marsicano and Jacob Brumage.

Club Collects and Recycles Used Eyeglasses

The Fairmont Lions Club turned in 475 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling at the District 29-L Conference. Over 7,400 pairs were collected throughout the district.

Dates Announced for Spring Broom Sales

Jake Brumage has announced the dates for the club's spring broom sales. Please note these dates on your calendar and plan to work the sale if you are able:

Saturday, April 10, 2010 Shop N Save (all three Fairmont locations)
 May 8, 2010 Wal-Mart

The White Hall Lions Club is planning to sell brooms at one of the Wal-Mart entrances on May 8 and the Fairmont Lions Club will sell at the other entrance. We will work in two shifts at all locations. Brumage also reports that a supply of brooms has been ordered.



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District 29-L
www.lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation
www.wvsight.org

WV Lions State Convention

Snowshoe Mountain Lodge Resort
Snowshoe, WV
May 22 & 23, 2010
Registration and Hotel
Deadlines extended to
April 30, 2010

Just a Lion or Two

Margaret Brumage had been "under the weather" but is feeling better. While in Wheeling for the District 29-L Conference, Jake Brumage began feeling ill. We wish them both a quick return to full health.

We have missed Steve Criss recently. He was not feeling quite up to attending.

We are happy to see that David Cain has been able to come back out to join us lately, following some health issues.

It has been reported that Katherine Miller has been sick. We hope that she is improving.

Kelly Musgrove is no longer a member of the club.

Club Highlights from the District 29-L Conference

Two Fairmont Lions were recognized at the District 29-L Conference in Wheeling. DG Bernice Pitcock presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Zone Chr. Jacob Brumage at the Saturday evening banquet. Unfortunately, he was not feeling well and did not attend. His wife, Margaret, accepted the certificate on his behalf. Also at the banquet, Debra Wasserman, International



ID Debra Wasserman (left) presents the Certificate of Appreciation to Bob Moffett. DG Bernice Pitcock is at right.

Director from Faribault, Minnesota, presented Bob Moffett with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and IP Wirf's personal pin for his work on the District 29-L Newsletter.

The Fairmont Lions Club presented a total of \$1,400 to various Lions projects including the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation, LCIF, programs for the blind and deaf students at Romney, the Lions Youth Exchange program, as well as Pilot Dogs and Leader Dogs.

The West Virginia basket, prepared by Nancy Sickles and filled by club members with West Virginia items, proved to be very popular and sold for \$80 at the silent auction.

Attending from the Fairmont Lions Club were Margaret and Jake Brumage and Aletta and Bob Moffett. The conference was held in Wheeling March 19th and 20th.



Zone Chr. Jake Brumage received a Certificate of Appreciation.



WV Basket for silent auction

Fairmont Lions Provide Services

Chr. Keith Long and the other members of the Eyeglass Committee have been keeping busy. At the February 28th meeting, another ten applications for eye exams and glasses were presented and approved by the club membership. In addition, Long reported at the March 11th meeting that he was able to assist a couple of individuals, by contacting some dentists, in obtaining dentures.

Deanna Dowler, a student from Parkersburg at the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, is traveling with other student doctors to provide exams and dispense glasses in underdeveloped countries. Because the students are required to pay much of their own travel expenses, she had requested a donation from the Lions Club. On the recommendation of the board of directors, the membership approved funding in the amount of \$50.

At the February 25th meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club approved a donation of \$50 to LCIF for Haiti earthquake relief efforts. Lions have established three tent cities in the Port-au-Prince neighborhoods of Delmas, Blanchard and Carrefour-Feuille. "It is a sea of blue tents with the Lions logo prominently displayed," said LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel. "I am proud to be a Lion." Lions can remain up-to-date on the efforts of Lions in Haiti and around the world on the new Lions Clubs International Blog: <http://lionsclubs.org.wordpress.com/>

Special Olympics was Program Topic

Annette Keezee, Marion Co. Special Olympics Coordinator, talked about Special Olympics and their Games for those with intellectual difficulties. This is the fourth year for the Spring Games at North Marion High School. She addressed the club on March 11th.





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 Keith Foster, FSU &
 Rachel Martin
 Peace Poster Winner

Apr 25 Zone 6 Meeting
 2:00 pm, Brookhaven

May 8 9:00 - 5:00 Broom Sale
 Walmart

May 13 6:30 pm Bus. Meeting

May 22 & 23 State Convention
 Snowshoe Resort

May 27 10:00 - 2:00 Special
 Olympics Games at
 North Marion H.S.
 MESU

May 27 6:30 pm Meeting
 Special meeting

Visitations

Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman visited Sandestin, FL on April 5 and the Freeport, FL club on March 25th.

Jacob and Margaret Brumage visited Barrackville April 1st and also visited Western Monongalia County Area Lions where Zone Chr. Jake inducted three new members and installed officers.

"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."

--Beverly Sills



Eye Screening Clinic Held for Special Olympics



Bob Moffett demonstrates the MESU equipment to Nancy Sickles.

Fairmont Lions Nancy Sickles and Aletta and Bob Moffett worked 10.5 volunteer hours to provide eye screening for adults at the Marion Co. Special Olympics Health Fair on March 24th. Nineteen individuals were screened and nine were referred for further examination.

The club will also be bringing the Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) to the Special Olympics, which had to be rescheduled for Thursday, May 22nd, due to schools being closed for so many snow days during the winter. Club members will again be needed for this event, which will be held at North Marion High school, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The Mannington Lions Club will be joining with us to assist that day. The MESU is available to the club through the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation.

April 22nd Meeting to Feature Keith Foster and Rachel Martin

Keith Foster, Director of Major Gifts, Institutional Advancement, at Fairmont State, will be the speaker for this Thursday's meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. In addition, Rachel Martin, who was the winner of the Lions Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the club at West Fairmont Middle School, will be recognized for her accomplishment. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm at the Fairmont Holiday Inn.

Broom Sales Past and Future

Jake Brumage was very pleased with the broom sale held Saturday, April 10 at the three Fairmont Shop N Save stores. He reported that sales were brisk and that the large warehouse brooms sold out. Another broom sale will be held Saturday, May 8, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at Walmart. White Hall Lions plan to sell brooms at one Walmart door that day.

Lions and others participating in the April 10th sale included Jason Dodd (son of Wayne Dodd); Margaret Brumage and her sister, Geneva Shinaberry; Nancy Sickles; Keith Long; Jake Brumage; John Marsicano; Wayne Dodd; Aletta Moffett; Butch Tennant; Bob Brummage; Dennis Basnett; and Dave Cain.

PDG Paul Amrhein Talks About LCIF



PDG Paul Amrhein receives the club's Certificate of Appreciation from Pres. Aletta Moffett.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) District Coordinator PDG Paul Amrhein spoke to the club on March 25th. He explained how funds from LCIF have been provided back to District 29-L for disaster relief (primarily flooding), Habitat for Humanity and to the Eye Institute in Morgantown where funds from the WV Sight Foundation were matched by LCIF and then leveraged to obtain a \$1.5 million research grant. District 29-L contributed \$49,524 during the recent LCIF's Campaign SightFirstII Campaign. The Fairmont Lions Club provides annual financial support to LCIF.

Amrhein also discussed the WV Lions Sight Foundation and encouraged club members to consider keeping the Foundation in mind during estate planning to "be your legacy to the fellow citizens of West Virginia." The Fairmont Lions Club also provides financial support to the Foundation.

Club Officers Elected for 2010 - 2011

Officers for the coming club year were elected at the April 8th meeting. 2nd VDG Patty Nutter will conduct the Installation of Officers ceremony at the June 24th meeting.

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 Directors.....Margaret Brumage (2nd year), Nancy Sickles (2nd year)
 Jack Decker (1st year), David Cain (1st year)
 Membership.....Bob Moffett
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Snowshoe Mountain Lodge Resort
Snowshoe, WV
May 22 & 23, 2010
Registration and Hotel
Deadlines extended to
April 30, 2010
Sunday only registration \$10.00
Sunday District Breakfast \$14.00
Contact Sec. Bob Moffett for more
information.

Just a Lion or Two

Debbie Mann was pictured in the *Times West Virginian* as she worked a booth at the Gear Up event at North Marion High School. She is the Youth Services Coordinator for the Marion Co. Family Resource Network.
Congratulations Debbie.

Yard Sale June 12, 2010

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Lions Clean Up Rail Trail

Fairmont Lions Club Members Dave Cain, John Marsicano, Aletta and Bob Moffett spent a couple of hours on the trail Sunday afternoon, April 18th, picking up trash. The club "adopted" the Ralph S. LaRue/West Fork River Trail last year and maintains the trail from the trail head at Norway to the trail head at Monongah. It was a cool, cloudy day, but a pleasant day to spend on the trail.

Club Thanked for Sponsoring Bonasso

Andrew Bonasso, currently a senior at Fairmont Senior High School, was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club to attend Mountaineer Boys State. He was a guest at the April 8th club meeting and thanked the Lions Club for making it possible for him to attend. While there, Bonasso was elected as one of five Supreme Court Justices for Boys State. He was interviewed for a chance to attend Boys Nation. Bonasso noted that the Boys State program placed an emphasis on patriotism and pride of country.



Pres. Aletta Moffett presents certificate to Andrew Bonasso.

Club Receives Thank You Notes & Cards

Deanna Dowley, an optometry student who received support for a trip to provide eye care outside the United States, sent a card to the club in which she said, "Thank you so much for the \$50 donation. Your support will help towards providing eye care to thousands of people in Central and South America this May!... I will be heading to Lima, Peru for my trip this year. It should be a fun adventure as our group has never been there before. I hope to gain the opportunity to speak with your group in the future... Your graciousness will help many. Thank you once again!"

A couple of cards from clients receiving eye exams and glasses were also received. "I really want to thank everyone who helped me get my glasses. I have to wear bifocals all the time but I can see a lot better, you and everyone there I can't thank enough! Thank you so much. You have helped me so much. I really do appreciate everything. Thanks again... God bless you and all of your kindness in helping me get my new glasses."

Additional notes of thanks were received from the WV Lions Sight Foundation, Marion County Special Olympics and Pilot Dogs, Inc. for financial support and from members of the Mt. Olivet Lions in behalf of DG Bernice Pitcock, Lions of District 29-L for the basket provided for the silent auction at the District Conference.

Need Continues to be Met for Eye Exams and Glasses

Through the end of March, the Fairmont Lions Club has provided over \$2,600 in eye exams and glasses for the less fortunate. At the April 8th meeting, ten applicants were approved by the club to get exams and glasses, if needed. Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson Keith Long presented the applicants for club approval.

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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
6:30 pm
Holiday Inn - Fairmont

May 27 10:00 - 2:00 Special
Olympics Games at
North Marion H.S.
MESU

May 27 6:30 pm Meeting
Special meeting

June 3 6:30 pm Board of Dir.
Home of A. Moffett

June 5 6:00 am - 10:00 am
Multiphasic Screening
FGH

June 10 6:30 pm Bus. Meeting

June 11 Drop-Off for Yard Sale

June 12 7:00 am Preparation
8:00 am Yard Sale

June 19 9:00 am Adopt-A-Trail
Meet at Monongah or
Mary Lou Retton Park

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett visited the Barrackville club on May 20th.
 Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the WV State Convention held at Showshoe Resort May 22 & 23.

"An education system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches [youth] to get a living and doesn't teach them how to live."

—Unknown



Special Meeting with "Something for Everyone"

Thursday, May 27th

"I would like to encourage all members of the Fairmont Lions Club to attend our next meeting this Thursday. It will be the last meeting where I will preside as president. President-elect Jake Brumage will preside at the June meetings. This meeting will contain something special for everyone.

"If you have never attended a meeting, please attend this one. If you know of prospective members, please invite them to this meeting. Please make an effort to get all members out to this meeting. It will be the highlight of this past Lions year. You will also hear a report of the WV Lions State Convention which was held this past weekend. Do not miss it!" -- Lion President Aletta

Special Olympics Screening Thursday, May 27th

Several club members will be participating in the screening of the Special Olympics athletes at their Spring Games this Thursday, May 27th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The club has scheduled the WV Sight Foundation's Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) for this event. Mannington Lions are also scheduled to participate in this activity alongside the Fairmont Lions. Lions not already signed-up to work may come out for any part of the day or may call 304 363-7060 for transportation to the event. The MESU will be arriving on-site about 9:00 am.

Please Bring Soup Opera Items to Club Meetings

Margaret Brumage asks all club members to bring hygiene products such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, and other personal hygiene items, to club meetings where she will collect them for the Fairmont Soup Opera. These items are always in need and will be much appreciated by those who stop in for a meal and often a shower. Sobrania, Inc., founded in 1983, serves lunch daily to Fairmont's least fortunate, including many families with young children. The club took action to support this ongoing project at the May 13th meeting.

Bob Moffett Elected as 2nd Vice District Governor for Lions 29-L



(L-R) 2nd VDG-Elect Bob Moffett, DG-Elect Jeff Baxter, and 1st VDG-Elect Patty Nutter

Fairmont Lion Bob Moffett is District 29-L's Second Vice District Governor-Elect, following the election held at the District Breakfast at the State Convention at Snowshoe May 23rd. He will assume those duties in July.

In his acceptance remarks to the West Virginia Lions assembled at the Sunday luncheon, Moffett made reference to and thanked the hard-working and fun-loving Lions of the Fairmont Lions Club who modeled for him the meaning of "We Serve" since 1973.

Yard Sale Set for S&M Glass June 12

Nancy Sickles would like to remind us all to be saving items for the club's yard sale, which will be held Saturday, June 12th, at S&M Glass. We will drop off items on Friday evening, June 11th. Members are asked to come out at 7:00 am to get things ready to sell by 8:00 on the 12th.

News from the Eyeglasses Committee

At the April 22nd meeting, the club approved ten applications for exams and glasses. At the May 13th meeting, the Club approved another nine applications. Connie Canfield brought back a quantity of used eyeglasses that had been collected by her eye doctor in Florida. Keith Long chairs the eyeglasses committee. A client who received new glasses from the club sent a note of thanks.

Club is Thanked

President Aletta Moffett read "thank-you's" from HOBY, WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Lions Deaf & Blind Recreation, Youth Camps & Exchange, and Leader Dogs for the Blind. These were all supported by the club at the District 29-L Conference.



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Dorothy Canfield has experienced health issues lately. We wish her the very best.

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Peace Poster Winner is Guest of Club

Rachel Martin, who was the First Place Winner of the Peace Poster Contest held last fall at West Fairmont Middle School, was the guest of the Fairmont Lions Club at its meeting on April 22nd. She stated that, "Knowledge is the most precious power of all." She explained the elements of her winning poster and was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Aletta Moffett, club president.

The club sponsored the Peace Poster Contest at both West Fairmont Middle School and at East Fairmont Junior High. The theme for last year's contest was "The Power of Peace." The theme for the 2010 - 2011 Peace Poster Contest is "Vision of Peace." The contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace.

Adopt-A-Trail Clean-Up Set for June 19th

Saturday, June 19th, members of the Fairmont Lions Club will be picking up trash and trimming overgrowth along the Ralph S. LaRue/West Fork River Trail. Members may gather at the Monongah trail head or at Mary Lou Retton Park. The clean-up begins at 9:00 am. Note that this is a Saturday morning clean-up rather than a Sunday afternoon, as was done in the past.

Club Makes Annual Donation to Scholarships

Keith Foster, Director of Major Gifts for Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College Institutional Advancement, was the guest speaker on April 22nd. He talked about the Annual Fund series of campaigns and the fact that they are participating in the Neighborhood Investment Program which provides funding for students of lesser means. Fifty percent of donations in this program return to the donor in the way of tax credits.

Foster noted that the Fairmont Lions Club has donated to specific scholarships, general scholarships and unrestricted gifts. He thanked the club for their support. Jim Coleman then presented the club's annual donation to the Foundation of \$150 to Foster.



Jim Coleman presents the club's check to Keith Foster, FSU Foundation.

Spring Season of Successful Sales

Jake Brumage reported that this year's broom and mop sales at Shop N Save and Walmart resulted in net proceeds of \$1,142.77. Gross proceeds from the May 8th Walmart Sale amounted to \$1,523.27. The club has about \$470 in paid inventory.

Participating in the May 8th sale were Connie Canfield, Virginia Gallion, Bob Brummage, Keith Long, Elizabeth Swiger, Aletta Moffett, Jim Coleman, Nancy Sickles and Bob Moffett. In addition, John Marsicano and Jake Brumage worked both shifts from 9:00 - 5:00. Although the sales were successful, Virginia Gallion and Nancy Sickles' canopy was damaged by the strong winds.

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Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Holiday Inn - Fairmont

June 22 6:30 Board of Directors
 Holiday Inn

June 24 6:30 Installation of
 Officers
 2nd VDG Patty Nutter

June 28 - July 2 LCI Convention
 Sydney, Australia

July 8 6:30 Business Meeting

July 22 6:30 Report on LCI
 Convention

Aug. 12 Club Picnic hosted by
 Elizabeth Swiger and
 Jim Coleman

Sept. 6 Dan Dague Memorial
 Car & Bike Show for
 Sight

Visitations

Jake & Margaret Brumage
 visited the Rivesville Lions on
 May 24th. Aletta & Bob Moffett
 visited Harrisville Lions June 1st.
 Jake & Margaret Brumage
 visited Cheat Lake Lions June 2.
 Jake Brumage & Bob Moffett
 visited Morgantown on June 15.
 Jake Brumage & Bob Moffett
 attended the Cabinet Appreciation
 in New Martinsville on
 June 12. Bob Moffett attended
 Cabinet Training in Morgantown
 on June 19.

"Hard work spotlights the
 character of people: Some turn
 up their sleeves, some turn up
 their noses, and some don't turn
 up at all."

—Sam Ewing



Installation of Officers Thursday, June 24



Jake Brumage
President, 2010-2011

Jake Brumage will be installed as the 87th president of the Fairmont Lions Club at the club meeting this Thursday, June 24th. First Vice District Governor-Elect Patty Nutter will be the installing officer. She is a member of the Harrisville Lions Club.

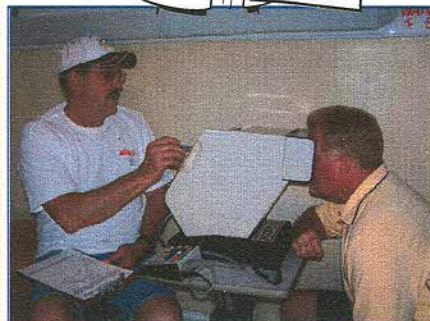
In addition to Brumage, other officers being installed are Dennis Basnett, 1st Vice President; John Marsicano, 2nd Vice President; Virginia Gallion, Secretary; Bob Brummage, Treasurer; Wayne Dodd, Lion Tamer; Keith Long, Tail Twister; Margaret Brumage, Nancy Sickles, Jack Decker and David Cain, Directors; Bob Moffett, Membership and Aletta Moffett, Immediate Past President.

The meeting is at 6:30 pm at the Fairmont Holiday Inn.

Eye Screening Results in Seven Referrals



The Fairmont Lions Club screened 16 individuals at the Special Olympics Spring Games at North Marion High School on May 27th. Of those, four were referred for further examination for glasses and three for Galucoma. Club members Dennis Basnett, Jake and Margaret Brumage, and Bob and Aletta Moffett put in 31 volunteer hours, including travel to South Charleston to pick up the the WV Lions Sight Foundation's Mobile Eye Screening Unit. Combined with the screening in March, a total of 25 were screened with a total of 13 referrals. Both screening events were provided for the Special Olympics of Marion County.



Dennis Basnett (left) checks Marion Co. Commission President Randy Elliott's visual acuity at the Special Olympic Games.

Providing eye screening were club members (l-r) Bob Moffett, Jake Brumage, Margaret Brumage, Aletta Moffett and Dennis Basnett (pictured at left).



Club Members Provide Toiletries to the Soup Opera

Numerous hygiene items were recently provided to the Soup Opera, thanks to the generosity of Fairmont Lions Club members. Items provided included 100 small bottles of shampoo and lotions, 47 bars of soap, 23 toothbrushes, 56 men's razors, three large containers of shaving cream, seven bath shampoos, 16 large and small tubes of toothpaste, three deodorants, hair conditioner, diaper rash products and a gift set.

The Soup Opera provides meals and additional services for Fairmont's homeless and low-income population. This on-going project is coordinated by Margaret Brumage, who thanked all who had brought in items. Members are encouraged to continue collecting these supplies.

President Moffett Thanks Members for Service During Past Year

President Aletta Moffett used the club meeting of May 27th to thank the members for a successful club year and for the opportunity to serve the club as president. "We have had a successful year because we have worked together to identify service projects and fund raisers and then we worked together to make them happen. We have added several new hands-on service projects... -- collecting trash on the rail trail, working with the Special Olympics, bringing in the Mobile Eye Screening Unit, placing eyeglass collection boxes in multiple places, placing magazines in offices, working with the Christmas parade and collecting hygiene products for the Soup Opera."

She gave everyone present a flashlight; turned off the room lights; turned on her flashlight and stated that as it did not make the room very bright, the president does not make the club. Then she asked the officers to turn on their flashlights and the room brightened a little, but not enough. In the same way, she said, the officers do not make the club. When everyone had turned on their flashlights, the room was much brighter. "In the same way," she said, "all members of the club working together make the club effective at serving. No one of us can do it alone, but as a club, we can make a difference." She challenged members to be "a bright light -- not a dim bulb."



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September 23 - 25, 2010
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



S&M Glass Thanked

Pres. Aletta Moffett (left) and Jake Brumage, Broom Sales Chairperson, presented Bob Martin (center) of S&M Glass a plaque expressing thanks for their many years of support for storing and selling brooms for the club and hosting the club's annual Yard Sale. Other owners are Bill Martin and Fairmont Lion Evelyn Martin.

Trail Cleaned-Up June 19th

In the Fairmont Lions Club's on-going effort to keep the rail trail between the Norway trail head and the Monongah trail head litter-free, five club members turned out Saturday morning, June 19th, to pick up trash. John Marsicano chairs this project. Coming out to help were Connie Canfield and her sister, as well as Dave Cain and a friend. The "adopted" section of trail is approximately 2 1/2 miles in length.

Notes from the WV State Convention

At the May 27th meeting, Pres. Aletta Moffett reported on the West Virginia State Convention. At the District 29-L Breakfast on Sunday morning, the Fairmont Lions Club was presented a plaque for achieving First Place in the District Governor's Contest for clubs of our size. This district contest reflects the service activities in which the club participated, fund raisers, attendance by club members at conferences and conventions and timely filing of club reports and payment of club bills to LCI and the District. It has been a number of years since the Fairmont Lions Club has come out on top in this contest and all the members of the club are to be congratulated.

Moffett also returned from the convention with Visitation Certificates for club members who had five or more visitations. She presented those certificates to Jim Coleman (5), Elizabeth Swiger (8), Margaret Brumage (10), Aletta Moffett (12), Jake Brumage (16) and Bob Moffett (16).



Pres. Aletta Moffett displays the plaque presented to the club for 1st Place in the District Governor's Contest.

Fairmont Lions are Busy Lions

Nancy Sickles reported that 189 people turned out for the multiphasic blood screening held at Fairmont General Hospital on June 5th. Nancy Sickles and Jake Brumage addressed envelopes for this and the club will receive some proceeds as a result.

Keith Long requested and received, at the June 10th meeting, approval for 10 applicants to receive eye exams and glasses.

Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show for Sight is Sept. 6, 2010

The Lions of District 29-L have sponsored a Labor Day Car and Bike Show for several years to raise funds to benefit the WV Lions Sight Foundation. This year's show will take place at The Highlands, I-70, Exit 10, Cabela Drive, Wheeling. Registration is from 8:00 am until Noon. Judging will take place from 9:00 am until 1:30 pm. The award presentations will take place at 3:30 pm. 600 dash plaques and over 165 trophies will be awarded. Registration is \$10. Other activities include 50/50 raffles, a beef raffle, regular and Chinese auctions. In the past, Fairmont Lions have volunteered the day of the event and the club has purchased trophies.