



# THE MANE GROWL

Fairmont Lions Club January 2011 Volume 25 Number 7



## WE SERVE

### Club Officers

Jacob Brumage...President  
 Dennis Basnett...1st V.P.  
 John Marsicano...2nd V.P.  
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 David Cain.....Director  
 Bob Moffett.....Membership  
 Aletta Moffett.....Past Pres.

### Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
 6:30 pm  
 Clarion Inn - Fairmont

Jan. 24 Board of Directors  
 Clarion Inn 6:00 pm

Jan. 14 District Governor  
 Jeff Baxter

Feb. 10 Lauren Hamilton  
 Girls State

Feb. 24 Bob Gribben  
 Community  
 Development  
 Partnership

Mar. 24 Tina Shaw  
 Chamber of  
 Commerce

Mar. 11-12 District 29-L  
 Conference  
 Ramada Inn  
 Morgantown

### Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Council of Governors meeting and the WV Lions Sight Foundation meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> at Lakeview. Zone Chairperson Jake Brumage, Lions Day with the Salvation Army Chairperson Aletta Moffett, and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bob Moffett attended the District 29-L Cabinet meeting at Rivesville on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

"Life's most important and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"  
 ~Martin Luther King, Jr.



District Governor Jeff Baxter

### District Governor Jeff Baxter to Visit January 27<sup>th</sup>

Jeff Baxter, district governor of Lions District 29-L, will be our special guest at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will be his official visit to the Fairmont Lions Club. He was installed as district governor at the Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia, in July, 2010.

District Governor Jeff Baxter was first exposed to Lionism as a child. His father set the example of service through Lionism with the Fort Necessity Lions Club in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

He was invited to become a Lion in 1989 by Past Council Chair Lion M.R. "Doc" McClung of the Morgantown Lions Club. He soon followed by becoming the Charter President of the Cheat Lake Lions Club in 1991. He has held the club

positions of secretary, treasurer and tail twister. DG Jeff served District 29-L as a zone chairperson for 13 years, membership chairperson, conference chairperson for three years and the State Convention chairperson for two years. During his 10 year position as District 29-L WVU Eye Institute Liaison, he was instrumental in assisting the West Virginia Sight Conservation Foundation to meet more than \$60,000 in pledges to the WVU Eye Institute.

District Governor Baxter has served as Leadership School Chairperson as well as committee member of the Leadership School Committee for 11 years. He has represented the Multiple District at the North Carolina USA/ Canada Forum, the Chicago International Convention and the most recent International Convention in Sydney, Australia.

His awards include the Presidential Service Medal, three International Presidential Certificates, The Evan Hugus Award, and Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is a Progressive Leonard Jarrett recipient and has received the West Virginia Sight Foundation Humanitarian Award.

District Governor Baxter is married to Lion Linda. Between them they have five children and 13 grandchildren. The Baxter's reside in Morgantown, where he has owned and operated Morgantown Auto Repair Service since 1998.

The District Governor's Night will be held at the Clarion Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), with dinner at 6:30. Spouses and other guests are welcome.

### Upcoming Club Programs Announced

John Marsicano, Program Chairperson, has announced the line-up of programs for the coming meetings of the Fairmont Lions Club.

The club's guest on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, will be Lauren Hamilton, from Rhododendron's Girls State held at Wheeling Jesuit University in June. Each year, the club sponsors a high school junior to the event.

Bob Gribben, from the Marion County Community Development Partnership, will present the program on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Tina Shaw, President of the Marion County Chamber of Commerce, will speak to the club.

### Club Seeing Many Requests for Eyeglasses

Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, noted that the club has been receiving many applications for help and that the committee has been working to provide assistance, but does have a backlog. He presented another ten applications for approval at the meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, which the club approved.

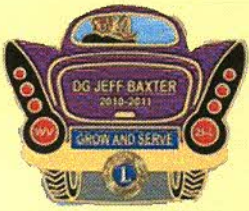
### Board of Directors to Meet Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

President Jacob Brumage has called a meeting of the club's board of directors for Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Clarion Inn, 6:00 pm.





District Governor Jeff Baxter's theme this year is "Grow and Serve"



**Lions on the Web**

Lions Clubs International  
www.lionsclubs.org

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)  
www.wvlions.org

District 29-L Lions  
www.lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation  
www.wvsight.org

Fairmont Lions Club  
www.fairmontlions.org

**Just a Lion or Two**

We have learned that member Kathryn Miller is now at the Arbors at Fairmont.

West Virginia Lions Leadership School  
January 28 - 30, 2011  
Flatwoods, WV

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**Lions Provide Flood Relief in Australia & Brazil**

Following devastating flooding in Australia, LCIF is providing emergency grants totaling \$20,000 to aid local Lions in their relief efforts. LCIF is also providing \$10,000 to Brazil following massive flooding. Funds will help purchase immediately needed relief supplies for those who have been displaced by the flooding, including food, water and medicines. Lions wishing to help in the relief efforts can make a designated donation to LCIF for Australia or Brazil. Each year, LCIF awards nearly \$2 million in funds to support both immediate and long-term relief. These humanitarian efforts are a direct result of Lions generous support from around the world.

**Rebuilding Haiti One-Year Later**

Six hundred families who lost everything last January are now moving into new homes, thanks to LCIF and Lions around the world. Renande Pierre-Louis and her family, whose story is featured in this month's LION magazine, is just one of 600 receiving homes. Pierre-Louis remembers the earthquake as if it were yesterday. Just before 5 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2010, she and millions of other Haitians ran for their lives. As homes, schools and hotels crumbled before their very eyes, all they could do was hope for the best. Through the promise of Lions and LCIF to rebuild lives and communities in Haiti, Pierre-Louis and her family now have hope moving forward. In October they moved into a newly constructed house and are happy about having a place to call home.

Lions were among the first to offer help, providing food, water and shelter. One year later, Lions remain committed to helping in Haiti. Families living in the Lions' tent cities will benefit from the project. The 600 homes significantly add to the number of provisional houses in Haiti, as only 5,000 have been built to date. The end goal is to shift all people living in Lions' tents to provisional housing. Future projects will continue to rebuild lives and communities.

**January 13 - Melvin Jones' Birthday**

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, which was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Melvin Jones, however, had other plans. "What if these men...were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.



Melvin Jones  
Founder  
1879 - 1961

