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Fairmont Lions Club January 2011 Volume 25 Number 7



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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

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 Girls State

Feb. 24 Bob Gribben
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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 8th at Lakeview. Zone Chairperson Jake Brumage, Lions Day with the Salvation Army Chairperson Aletta Moffett, and 2nd VDG Bob Moffett attended the District 29-L Cabinet meeting at Rivesville on January 16th.

"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 27th

Jeff Baxter, district governor of Lions District 29-L, will be our special guest at the January 27th 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 10th, 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 24th.

On March 24th, 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 13th, which the club approved.

Board of Directors to Meet Monday, January 24th

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



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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



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Visitations

Keith Long, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended Barrackville's DG Night on January 20th. Bob Moffett and Jake Brumage attended an organizational meeting for a new club in Fairmont on January 31st. Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Zone 4 meeting in Paden City, February 7th. Bob Moffett ate breakfast with the Doddridge Co. Lions, followed by a Zone 8 meeting and MERLO meeting in West Union on February 5th. Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the WV Lions Leadership School in Flatwoods on January 28 - 30.

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

~Warren Buffett



(Left to right) David Stalnaker, Jim Moon, Jim Finegan, Rev. Mary Ellen Finegan, Aletta Moffett, Carol Baker, Belinda Biafore, Linda Baxter, DG Jeff Baxter, Ralph Davis, Pres. Jacob Brumage

District Governor Visits and Inducts New Members

Seven new Fairmont Lions Club members were inducted by District Governor Jeff Baxter during his official visit to the club on January 20th. Inducted were David Stalnaker, sponsored by Carol Baker; Jim Moon, sponsored by Belinda Biafore; Rev. Mary Ellen and Jim Finegan, sponsored by Aletta Moffett; Carol Baker and Belinda Biafore and Ralph Davis, sponsored by Jacob Brumage. DG Jeff's wife Linda pinned each new member with the District Governor's pin after they had received their Lions pins. That brings the club membership up to 43 members.

Visiting from other clubs were PDG Pat Julius and Shirley Hlad, Morgantown; PDG Eva Dague, Washington Lands; and PDG Tracy Smith, Barrackville; Ron Frye, Rivesville and Lisa Long, with of Keith Long.

Keith Long announced that the club provided 120 pairs of eyeglasses to needy individuals last year. Margaret Brumage reminded members that the club is collecting personal hygiene items for the Soup Opera.

President Jacob Brumage introduced DG Jeff Baxter, a member of the Cheat Lake Lions Club, who addressed the club. He discussed the transition from a MERLO Team to the new Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Leadership Team (GLT).

Baxter also encouraged Lions to attend the District Conference at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown on March 11 and 12. The registration fee of \$45 covers lunch and dinner on Saturday. At the Saturday luncheon, Renzy Cochran, the winner of the Lions Peace Poster Contest at West Fairmont Middle School which was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, will be recognized for her achievement. Renzy and her parents will be guests of the Conference. It would be especially nice to have a good contingent from the club on hand to greet her there. The theme for the Conference is "Passion in the Jungle."

Also coming up in May is the State Convention at Lakeview in Morgantown. \$80 registration there includes four meals.

District Governor Jeff also asked for help for this year's Dan Dague Memorial Car and Bike Show in Wheeling on Labor Day. The show has grown dramatically and last year saw over 1400 vehicles. He expects this year's to be even bigger requiring more Lions to help out. The Car Show takes place on Labor Day.

Notice of Nominations Meeting & Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee will present the proposed slate of officers for the 2011 - 2012 club year at the March 10th business meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor at that time. The election of officers will be held on March 24, 2011. No nominations may be made at that meeting.





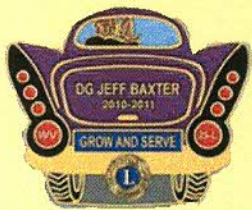
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Congratulations to Martha Warren, who was chosen from among those named Master Gardener of the Year in the past, to vie for the state title.

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Lauren Hamilton Tells About Girls State

Lauren Hamilton was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club to attend Rhododendron Girls State at Wheeling Jesuit University last June. She was at the club's February 10th meeting to present a program on her experiences there. Girls State is a citizenship conference for West Virginia high school girls. Lauren's parents attended the meeting with her.

About Our New Members

Mary Ellen Finegan has served as a United Methodist Pastor for 28 years and currently serves Central and Trinity United Methodist churches. Her husband, Jim Finegan, is a registered nurse with Hospice Care Corporation. Jim Moon does construction work with Regional Eye Associates. Belinda Biafore is in the oil and gas industry and is involved in politics. Ralph Davis spends his time helping others. Carol Baker is involved with the Moose, the Three Rivers Festival and is a parade director. David Stalnaker has been in West Virginia seven years and has worked in home health. (See photo on Page 1.)

Bob Gribben to Address Development at Thursday's Meeting

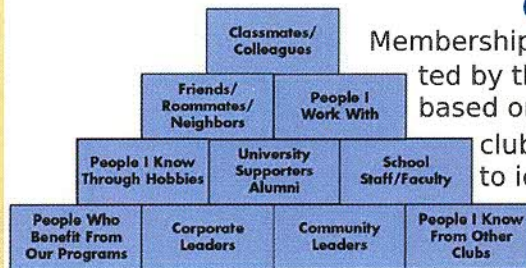
Bob Gribben, Associate Director of the Fairmont Community Development Partnership (FCDP), will address the club at its regular meeting Thursday, February 24th. The FCDP is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to stabilizing and revitalizing Fairmont neighborhoods. The club meets at the Clarion Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn). Come early to socialize.

Club Adopts Membership Plan

Membership Chair Bob Moffett proposed a program, adopted by the club, aimed at increasing club membership, based on a plan used successfully by Ohio Lions and clubs within District 29-L. Each member is asked to identify individuals they would recommend as prospective Lions. The club will send a letter and a copy of the club brochure. The prospects will be called a week later asking them

to attend a special meeting where they will have an opportunity to meet our club members, learn about our club's activities, see how much fun we have, and be invited to sign an application.

The crucial first step is to identify the prospects. These may be people where we work, friends, neighbors, people we know through hobbies, university supporters or alumni, school staff and faculty, corporate or community leaders.





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Mar. 26 Zone Meeting
 10:00 am
 Clarion Inn, Fairmont
 (Come early for
 breakfast)

April 1 Free Eye Exams
 10:00 - 5:00
 Middletown Mall for
 Marion Co. United Way

April 14 Business Meeting

Visitations

Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman have been making visits while in Florida. They visited the Sandestin Lions Club on January 3rd and January 17th. Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Dennis Basnett, Jacob Brumage, Aletta & Bob Moffett attended the District 29-L Conference in Morgantown on March 11 & 12. Aletta & Bob Moffett attended New Martinsville's 65th Anniversary meeting on March 18th.

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

~Anne Bradstreet"



Election of Officers March 24

The Nominating Committee presented its recommended slate of officers for the Fairmont Lions Club's 2011-2012 year. Chairperson Dennis Basnett read the slate at the February 24th meeting. At that time, the committee did not have a candidate for club president. However, Nancy Sickles accepted a nomination made from the floor at that meeting. The proposed candidates are:

President Nancy Sickles
 1st Vice Pres. John Marsicano
 2nd Vice Pres. Burley "Butch" Tennant
 Secretary Virginia Gallion
 Treasurer Robert Brummage
 Tail Twister Keith Long
 Lion Tamer Wayne Dodd
 Directors: Nancy Sickles*
 Margaret Brumage
 Carol Baker
 Belinda Biafore

Membership Chairperson (not filled)
 Immediate Past Pres. Jacob Brumage (not elected)

*After the slate was prepared, Nancy Sickles was nominated for President. The Nominating Committee may submit a candidate to fill the director position prior to the election. Membership Chairperson is also an elected position to be reported to Lions Clubs International and District 29-L officers.

Fairmont Lions Attend District 29-L Conference

Renzy Cochran, a student at West Fairmont Middle School and winner of the Fairmont Lions Club and District 29-L Lions Peace Poster Contest, was introduced at the District Conference luncheon on Saturday, March 12. She was given an opportunity to discuss her poster which was on display. District Governor Jeff Baxter awarded her a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Six Fairmont Lions Club members attended the District 29-L Conference March 11 and 12 at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown. Following the Cabinet meeting Saturday morning, they heard PID Bob Browning, at the luncheon, discuss the possible redistricting of West Virginia into fewer Lions districts. There were several seminars during the afternoon, followed by a reception honoring International Director Carl Young and his wife Lion Elizabeth, from Canada. ID Young spoke at the banquet Saturday evening. He and District Governor Jeff Baxter presented "Letters of Commendation" to District Leadership/Orientation Chairperson Eva Dague, Linda Baxter, and Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer/Second Vice District Governor Bob Moffett.

The theme for the Conference was "Passion in the Jungle." That passion for Lions services culminated in the Parade of Checks on Saturday where clubs throughout the District presented their checks to various Lions charities. The Fairmont Lions supported these:

WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation	\$700
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	150
Deaf and Blind Recreation (for Romney students)	50
Work Program for Romney students	50
Pilot Dogs, Inc.	150
Leader Dogs	150
Lions Youth Exchange Program	50
VIP (Visually Impaired Persons) Fishing Tournament	20
Total	\$1,370



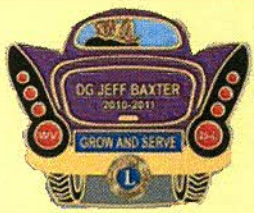
Photo: Virginia Gallion

The total amount from clubs around the District amounted to \$32,282.50.

Entertainment Friday and Saturday evenings consisted of music and dancing plus a humorous visit from a "nurse" portrayed by Lion Linda Baxter, wife of the District Governor.



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Just a Lion or Two

We regret that Kathryn Miller and Steve Criss have not been able to attend our meetings lately and we wish them the best.

The club welcomes back George Janice, who has been away four years. A club president here in 2006-2007, he is transferring back into the Fairmont Lions Club.

MD-29 West Virginia State Convention May 20, 21 & 22 Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV

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District Governor Jeff Baxter (left) and Renzy Cochran show off Renzy's winning Peace Poster at the District 29-L Conference in Morgantown on March 11th. Renzy was the winner in the Fairmont Lions Club's contest and then won in the District 29-L Contest as well.

Ted Sundin Tells About Boys State

Ted Sundin, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club to attend Mountaineer Boys State, and his father Bob Sundin were guests at the March 10th meeting. Ted Sundin spent the week of June 13-19, 2010 at Jackson's Mill in Weston at Mountaineer Boys State. Juniors in high school who have exhibited leadership qualities and academic rigor were selected to attend. While at Boys State, Sundin and the other boys got to hear guest speakers including Congressman Alan Mollohan, Judge Fred Fox, Fairmont Mayor Matt Delligatti and Governor Joe Manchin. Currently a Senior at Fairmont Senior High School, Sundin was elected County Clerk. He was accepted into the Honors College at WVU but will attend Medical School at Ohio State University.

Broom Sales Planned

It will soon be time for "spring cleaning" and the Fairmont Lions Club will do its part to get local residents ready by selling brooms. A broom sale will be held at WalMart on Saturday, April 30th and at all three Fairmont Shop N Save stores on Saturday, May 7th, according to President Jacob Brumage, who is making the arrangements.



Bob Moffett receives Letter of Commendation (See article on Page 1)

Club Looking for New Members

Bob Moffett, Membership Chairperson, is asking all members to submit names of individuals that would make good Lions. "We all know a few people who are good neighbors or people with whom we work or socialize that might make a good Lion, but have never been asked to join," said Moffett. He asks that names and contact information be brought to the club meeting on Thursday, March 24th. The club will then invite these people to a special meeting to introduce them to the services done by our club and the benefits of becoming a Lion. We expect to gain new members to help with both our service projects and fund raising efforts.

To donate to LCIF for Japan relief on-line: www.lionsclubs.org/donations/lions_lcif_online_donation-disaster.php



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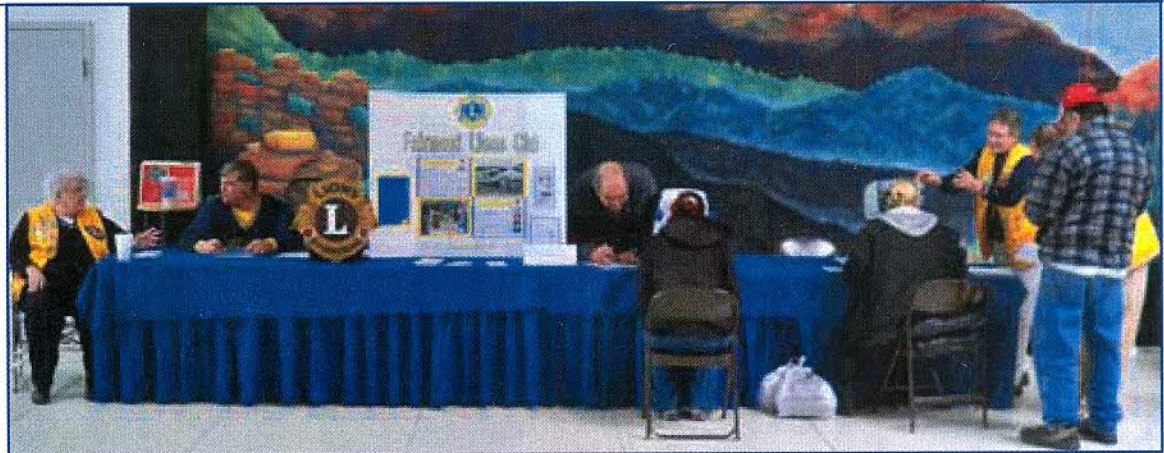
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Clarion Inn - Fairmont
- Apr 28 Membership Meeting
6:30 pm Clarion Inn
(See article)
- Apr 30 Broom Sale WalMart
9:00 - 5:00
- May 7 Broom Sale
Shop N Save 2 stores
9:00 - 5:00
- May 12 Business Meeting
6:30 pm Clarion Inn
- May 15 Zone Meeting
Zones 5 & 6
2:00 Clarion Inn
- May 20-22 State Convention
Lakeview Resort
- May 26 Three Rivers Festival
Parade - no meeting
- June 4 Yard Sale S&M Glass
- June 5 Applebee's Coupons

Visitations

Jim Coleman & Elizabeth Swiger visited the Sandesting Lions Feb. 7, 10, 21 & 24 and March 7 and the Freeport Lions Club on Feb. 24. Aletta & Bob Moffett attended the Brookhaven Lions Club on March 24 and Western Mon Area on April 11. Bob Moffett attended the Sight Foundation meeting on April 27 and the fund raiser for Reader Park in memory of Zone 4 Chr. Floyd Amos on May 2. The Zones 5 & 6 meeting of March 26 was attended by Bob Brummage, Margaret Brumage, Jake Brumage (Zone 6 Chr.), Nancy Sickles, Keith Long, Virginia Gallion, Aletta & Bob Moffett.

"Caring is a reflex...You live, you help.."
~Ram Dass



United Way Screening Finds 45 Needing Referrals

April 1st found Fairmont Lions members out in force to screen eyes at the Middle-town Mall as a part of the United Way Community Service Fair. The United Way held the Fair to be a place where those needing assistance could receive help. Buses were provided at no cost for residents to get to the Mall and many took advantage of the services offered. The United Way asked the Fairmont Lions Club to do eye screening to assist their clients.

Aletta Moffett arranged for the Fairmont Lions Club to use the new portable eye screening equipment provided by the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and housed within the District. Several club members received training in the use of the equipment at the Zone 5 & 6 meeting held in late March. The club screened eyes for 50 individuals including some children, since schools were not in session that day. Of the 50, 45 were referred for further eye examinations and Keith Long was on hand assisting those who needed financial assistance in filling out the club's application for eye exams and glasses. Of the 45 referrals, 40 were for general vision problems and five were for increased pressure, an indication that an eye exam is required to either rule out or to treat glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness.

Assisting with the eye screenings were Carol Baker, Nancy Sickles, George Janice, Dennis Basnett, Keith and Lisa Long, Bob Moffett, and Aletta Moffett, who chaired this activity.

Special Membership Meeting Set for April 28th

All members are asked to make a special effort to attend the April 28th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Letters have been sent to over 50 individuals and couples inviting them to come and meet the Lions, learn a little bit about the Fairmont Lions Club, and consider becoming a member. Bob Moffett, Membership Chairperson, appreciates the efforts of club members to come up with the list of names to contact and thanks those who are calling these prospects as a follow-up to the letter that was sent out.

The meeting will be a little different from normal club meetings. We will not have a full meal ordered from the special menu that we usually use. We will instead have some refreshments consisting of hors d'oeuvres, coffee and tea. Club members will probably be asked to pay less than our normal meal cost, but enough to help defray the cost of the hors d'oeuvres for our guests that evening. By contacting at least 50, we hope to have 10 to 15 attend and, out of those, we should see several that will decide to join.

Dinner Price Remains Unchanged at Clarion Inn

The Clarion Inn worked out an arrangement to hold the price for our regular club meals at \$12.00 by eliminating dessert. The club members decided to hold the price rather than keep the dessert.

Happy Easter



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Immediate Past President Aletta Moffett presented to Bob Moffett the 100% Secretary Award for meeting all of the responsibilities of office during the 2009-2010 year. The award is requested by the president and approved by the district governor.

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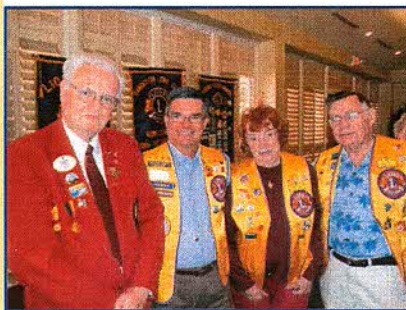
Pres. Jake Brumage presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Andrew Shields.

Andrew Shields Tells Club About HOBY

The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored Andrew Shields to the HOBY Seminar last summer. He told the club about his experience at the April 14th meeting. An extension of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, Inc., the motto is "lead, empower, excel," according to Andrew. He said, "I'm really thankful you... sponsored me." Each year, the club sponsors a student from East Fairmont High School and one from Fairmont Senior High School to the HOBY Seminar.

Rail Trail Cleaned to Begin Season

John Marsicano made arrangements for the first clean-up for this season of the Ralph LaRue/West Fork River Trail and he, along with Ralph Davis and Dennis Basnett, cleaned it on Sunday, April 17th. The next clean-up will likely be scheduled for June. The Fairmont Lions Club cleans a little over two miles of the trail, between Norway and Monongah, four times each season.



Visitations in Florida

Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger are seen at left with 35-L DG Richard Richards and Sandestin Lions Club Pres. James Woods during one of many visits to the Sandestin club.



Ralph Davis (left) and Dennis Basnett are seen next to the sign that proclaims that this section of trail is maintained by the Fairmont Lions Club.

Officers Elected

Congratulations to the officers elected in March. These news officers will officially begin their duties July 1st. Officers elected for the coming year are: Nancy Sickles, President; John Marsicano, 1st Vice President; Butch Tennant, 2nd Vice President; Virginia Gallion, Secretary; Bob Brummage, Treasurer; Wayne Dodd, Lion Tamer; Directors Jim Coleman, Margaret Brumage, Carol Baker, Belinda Biafore; and Dennis Basnett and Jacob Brummage as Membership Co-Chairpersons. Jacob Brummage will be the Immediate Past President.



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- June 9 Business Meeting
- June 23 Installation of Officers

Visitations

Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the WV Lions State Convention at Lakeview Resort & Spa May 20-22, 2011.

Bob Moffett conducted training for club presidents at New Martinsville May 2nd, Parkersburg May 7th, Wheeling May 12th, and Fairmont May 17th. Present for Club Officer Training in Fairmont on May 17 were Jacob Brumage and Dennis Basnett.

"It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."

~Norman Schwarzkopf

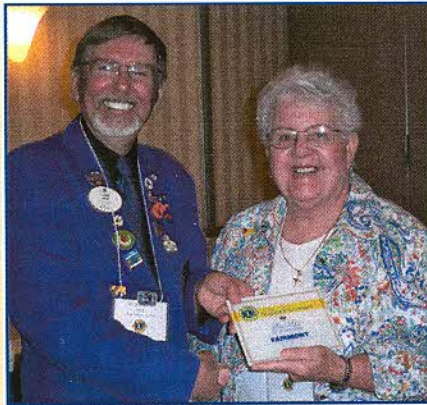


No Meeting Thursday May 26th - Three Rivers Festival Parade

The Fairmont Lions Club will forgo its regular club meeting this Thursday, May 26th, due to the club's assistance with and participation in the Three Rivers Festival Parade that evening. Club members assisting with the parade have been asked to meet Carol Baker between 4:30 and 4:45 pm on the first two blocks of Fourth Street off Fairmont Avenue. Pres. Jake Brumage will position his truck for the club in the parking lot of Faith UMC at the corner of Fairmont Avenue and Fourth Street. "Lenny the Lion" will join our club there for the parade. The parade begins at 6:00 pm.

A board of directors meeting will be held on Monday, June 6th. We will resume our regular meeting schedule with the next meeting on Thursday, June 9th at the Clarion Inn.

Fairmont Takes 1st Place in District Governor's Contest



DG Jeff Baxter presents President Elect Nancy Sickles with the District Governor's Contest First Place plaque.

For the second year in a row, the Fairmont Lions Club has brought home the plaque for First Place in the District Governor's Contest for clubs of 22 - 35 members at the time of the start of the contest. The contest is a friendly competition among the clubs based on the club's activities, fund raisers, membership growth, publicity and meeting club responsibilities. President Elect Nancy Sickles was on hand to receive the award at the District 29-L Breakfast at the State Convention last weekend at Lakeview Resort and Spa. Receiving the award is a reflection of President Jake Brumage's leadership, Secretary Virginia Gallion's filing monthly reports in a timely manner, but most importantly, results from the fact that the Fairmont Lions are very active and committed Lions members.

The club also received a Second Place plaque for clubs of the same size in the Visitation Contest. The Morgantown Lions Club took top honors in Visitation.

Due to our significant increase in membership during this year, next year's contest will put us in competition with the larger clubs in our district which have 36 or more members.

Club's Annual Yard Sale Set for Saturday, June 4

Thanks to the gracious hospitality of the good folks at S & M Glass, Fairmont Lions Club members are once again gathering items for the club's annual yard sale. The sale will take place on Saturday, June 4th, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, at S & M Glass at the corner of Morgantown Avenue and Merchant Street.

Members are asked to bring their items to S & M Glass on Friday, June 3rd, at 4:30. The items will be arranged and priced at that time for the Saturday sale. Lions are asked to arrive about 7:30 am the day of the sale in order to move merchandise outside.

If you have any suitable/usable items you would like to donate to this worthy cause, contact Dennis Basnett before Friday, June 3, for pickup. Dennis' home phone number is 304-825-6573, his office phone is 304-825-6200, and his cellphone is 304-657-0708.

Welcome to New Club Members!

Welcome to Jeanie Wilfong, a new member sponsored by Club President Jacob Brumage.

Several new members have joined following the recent Membership Meeting. A full report on the results of that meeting will appear in the June issue of this newsletter.

REMINDER: Please complete the Club Activities Survey and return it to the next meeting. If you did not receive a survey at the last meeting, please consider what committees you would like to serve on for the coming year and if you have suggestions for new service projects or fund raisers.



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We have missed some of our regular attendees at meetings lately. We have missed Katherine Miller, Mary Jo Michael, David Cain, Steve Criss, and David Stalnaker due to health issues. We wish them well. Other members have missed due to work obligations or other reasons and they have been missed, too.

Margaret Brumage has been under the weather lately and we hope she sees a speedy return to good health.

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Jim Coleman presents the club's annual donation to Chris Morgan of the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc.

Club Donates to Fairmont State Foundation

The Fairmont Lions Club made its annual contribution to the Fairmont State Foundation, supporting higher education for students at both Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community and Technical College. Jim Coleman made the presentation to Chris Morgan, who was recently named financial officer for the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc.

Support of the Fairmont State Foundation and student scholarships has been a project of the Fairmont Lions Club for many years. The club also sponsors high school students to HOBY seminars, Boys State and Girls State and sponsors the annual Lions Peace Poster Contest at West Fairmont Middle School and East Fairmont Junior High.

District Officers Elected

Lions District 29-L officers for the 2011 - 2012 year were elected during the West Virginia State Convention. Having served the past year as Second Vice District Governor, Bob Moffett, was elected to the position of First Vice District Governor. Club members Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman escorted Bob and Aletta to the dais for acceptance remarks. Current First Vice District Governor Patty Nutter, of the Harrisville Lions Club, was elected to serve as District Governor.

Also elected to the office of Second Vice District Governor was Harrison Schramm of the Parkersburg Lions Club.

The International guests for the MD29 State Convention were Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International Wayne Madden and his wife Linda.



Left to right: First VDG Elect Bob Moffett, DG Elect Patty Nutter, Second VDG Elect Harry Schramm, DG Jeff Baxter



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Our Foundation at Work Following Southern Storms

The southern half of the United States has experienced devastating tornado storms impacting thousands of people and causing millions of dollars in damage. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is mobilizing \$250,000 to assist Lions efforts in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The Foundation has also awarded \$160,000 in 16 emergency grants to affected districts.



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New Members Inducted Into Club



Photo: Aletta Moffett

(Left to right) SVDG Bob Moffett, President Jacob Brumage, Geneva Shinaberry, Tony Merendino, James Coleman, Nancy Morgan, Chris Morgan, Barbara Kyer and Carol Baker.

Second Vice District Governor Bob Moffett inducted new members into the Fairmont Lions Club at the June 9th meeting. The new members were presented with packets of information and member certificates. They also received their Lions lapel pins. New members inducted included Geneva Shinaberry, sponsored by Margaret Brumage; Tony Merendino, sponsored by Jacob Brumage; Nancy and Chris Morgan, sponsored by Jim Coleman; and Barbara Kyer, sponsored by Carol Baker. Not present were Bob Gribben and Jeanie Wilfong, sponsored by Jacob Brumage.

The Fairmont Lions Club welcomes all of our new members and we look forward to working alongside them in our service to the community. Installation of Officers by DG Jeff Baxter has been rescheduled to July 14th.



Annual Club Yard Sale Raises Most Funds Ever

The club's annual yard sale, held at S&M Glass, raised around \$800 towards the club's activities. The sale was originally a project of the Fairmont Lioness Club and when most of the remaining members became Fairmont Lions Club members, the Lions Club took on the fundraiser. Nancy Sickles, who chaired the event, thanks all who pitched in to help, either by donating items to sell or by coming out and working Friday to arrange and price

items and/or Saturday to work the sale itself.

Twenty-two Lions, family members or friends took part: Keith and Lisa Long, Dennis Basnett, Jake Brumage, Ralph Davis, David Sturm, Evelyn Martin, David Stalnaker, Carol Baker, Barbara Kyer, Beulah Miller, Martha Warren, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Connie Canfield, Geneva Shinaberry, Virginia Gallion, Mary Ellen Finegan, Nancy Morgan, Aletta and Bob Moffett, and Nancy Sickles.

The club is most appreciative to Evelyn Martin and her sons for making the facilities of S&M Glass available Friday evening and Saturday for the sale. They are always extremely accomodating.



Keith Long demonstrates the wrong way to ride a skateboard.

Club Officers

Jacob Brumage...President
Dennis Basnett...1st V.P.
John Marsicano...2nd V.P.
Virginia Gallion...Secretary
Bob Brummage...Treasurer
Wayne Dodd.....Lion Tamer
Keith Long.....Tail Twister
Margaret Brumage...Director
Nancy Sickles.....Director
Jack Decker.....Director
David Cain.....Director
Bob Moffett.....Membership
Aletta Moffett.....Past Pres.

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
6:30 pm
Clarion Inn - Fairmont

June 23 Meeting

June 26 Adopt-A-Trail 2:00 pm
Rail Trail Clean-Up
Meet at Monongah Trail
Head or Mary Lou
Retton Park Lot

July 4 - 8 Lions Clubs
International Convention
Seattle, WA

July 14 Installation of Officers
DG Jeff Baxter
(rescheduled from
earlier date)

July 28 Meeting

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Westover Lions Club's Installation of Officers on June 2 where Bob was the installing officer. Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman and the Moffetts attended the District Governor's Appreciation Banquet in West Union on June 11. Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman and Bob Moffett visited the West Union Lions Club where Bob installed their officers for the coming year.

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."

~James Dent



REMINDER: Treasurer Bob Brummage reminds those of us who pay dues in July, either for six months or for a full year, that dues are due again July 1. Thanks for paying your dues promptly.



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We are happy to see Connie Canfield after her winter stay in Florida. Connie took her mother to the hospital the day of our yard sale. We were happy to see David Stalnaker at the yard sale but was unable to attend the following meeting. Margaret Brumage continues to have some health issues and we wish her a speedy recovery. Steve Criss is having difficulty getting around and we miss him at our meetings.

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Photo: Virginia Gallion

Pres. Jacob Brumage presents Mollee Brown with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Mollee Brown Discusses HOBY Seminar

Mollee Brown, a student at Fairmont Senior High School, was sponsored to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar by the Fairmont Lions Club. She spoke to the club at the May 12th meeting and explained that there were over 100 high school students there representing every high school in West Virginia. She said it opened her eyes to being a leader in other parts of her life and her leadership experiences there and the friendships she made would last for the rest of her life. She plans on becoming a large animal doctor. Her family raises registered beef cattle and horses and she helps them with all of the animal care.

Three Rivers Festival Parade

The Fairmont Lions Club assisted with the line-up and had a unit in the Three Rivers Festival Parade on May 26th. Carol Baker served as the Parade Director. Charlotte Heintzman of the Friendly Lions Club was "Lenny the Lion." Her husband Dan also took part with us. Jake Brumage's truck was decked out and Lions on board tossed candy to the children along the parade route. Ralph Davis and David Sturm carried the club's banner and Keith Long rode a motorcycle. Carol Baker expressed thanks to all who helped her with the line-up.



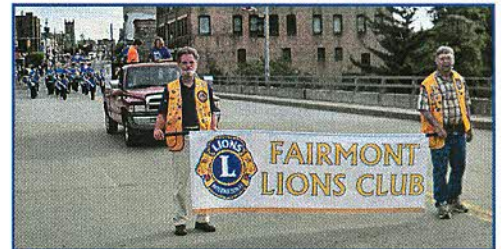
Keith Long gives "Lenny the Lion" a lift during the Three Rivers Festival Parade.

Broom Sale Report

Total proceeds from the Shop N Save and Walmart Broom Sales and those sold at S&M Glass amounted to \$2,148.35, according to Pres. Jake Brumage, who chaired the sales.

Eyeglasses

Dennis Basnett requested approval for 10 applications for eye exams and glasses. These were approved at the June 9th meeting.



David Sturm (left) and Ralph Davis carry the Lions banner in the Three Rivers Festival Parade.

Trail Clean-Up Sunday, June 26

Here is an opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy a walk along the river. The Fairmont Lions Club will be picking up trash along the rail trail between Norway and Monongah this Sunday, June 26, beginning at 2:00 in the afternoon. John Marsicano and others wishing to join him will begin at the Monongah Trail Head. Aletta and Bob Moffett will meet those wishing to work from the Norway end of the trail at the Mary Lou Retton Park parking lot and they'll take one vehicle down to the trail (due to limited parking at the trail). The two groups will meet mid-way along the trail. The walk is an easy two miles (one mile in and one mile back) on the paved trail surface and is mostly shaded.