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WV Association for Justice Representative to Present Program

This Thursday evening's program for the Fairmont Lions Club will be a presentation from the West Virginia Association for Justice, an organization representing more than 500 plaintiffs attorneys committed to preserving and improving our civil justice system. At press time, Program Chairperson John Marsicano did not yet have the guest speaker's name. The club meets at the Clarion Inn at 6:30, January 26th.

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Fairmont Lions meet
6:30 pm
Clarion Inn - Fairmont

Jan. 26 WV Assoc. for Justice
6:30 pm, Clarion Inn

Jan. 27-29 WV Lions
Leadership School
Lakeview Resort

Feb. 9 Business Meeting
6:30 pm, Clarion Inn
Pet Food Drive for
Humane Society

Feb. 23 Meeting - TBA
6:30 pm, Clarion Inn

Mar. 9-10 Dist. 29-L Conference
Blennerhassett Hotel
Parkersburg

Visitations

Keith Long was accompanied by his wife Lisa and son Thomas to the Union Mission Christmas Party on Dec. 17th. We welcomed PDG Tracy Smith, from the Barrackville Lions to the Jan. 12th meeting. Aletta & Bob Moffett attended the Dist. 29-L Cabinet Meeting in Morgantown on Jan. 15th.

"Doing good is the only certainly happy action of a [person's] life."
~ Sir P. Sidney



Photos courtesy
Charlotte Heintzman



Fairmont Lions Brought Joy to Many During Holiday Season

From ringing bells for the Salvation Army's Kettle Drive to Eye Screening during the Feast of the Seven Fishes Festival to Fairmont's Christmas Parade and the Party for the Children at the Union Mission, Fairmont Lions took part in the activities that brought happiness to many area residents during the holiday season.

According to Chairperson Aletta Moffett, nine Lions rang the bells for the Salvation Army on December 3rd. Ringing were Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman, Nancy and Chris Morgan, Keith Long, Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion, Jackie and Ed Neese.

According to the Union Mission's newsletter "Messenger," the Fairmont Lions Club's 71st consecutive Christmas party provided 105 children a "wonderful Christmas." "We do not believe any other organization in this community has been doing Christmas for kids this long. Thank you Lions for thinking of our children." Prior to the party, the club auctioned the poinsettia donated by member Bill Kime and picked up by Jim Coleman. The \$30 proceeds were donated to the Union Mission. Nancy Sickles served as the Chairperson for the party. Gifts were wrapped by Margaret and Jake Brumage, Aletta and Bob Moffett and Martha Warren, with assistance by students helping at the Union Mission. Those buying gifts for the club and distributing gifts included Nancy and Chris Morgan, Ralph Davis, Geneva Shinaberry, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Wayne Dodd, Keith, Lisa and Thomas Long, Carol Baker, Aletta and Bob Moffett.

In what many have called "Fairmont's best Christmas parade ever," the Lions-sponsored parade saw bands, marching units, floats and more pass by eager children with their families for nearly an hour. The club presented prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 for first, second and third places, respectively, to floats judged by club members to best interpret Christmas. These prizes were donated by club members. Elizabeth Swiger, Nancy Sickles and Jackie Neese served as judges. Lenny the Lion (Kathy Dalrymple) from the Friendly Lions Club was well-received by the many children along the parade route. Other "Friendly" Lions who participated in the parade were Charlotte and Dan Heintzman, as well as Kathy Dalrymple's son Ryan and daughter Kara. Parade Co-chairpersons were Carol Baker and Marci Carroll. Lions District Governor Patty Nutter was the Parade Marshall. Paul Nutter came with DG Patty. Bob Brummage arranged for the paint and Ed Neese, Carol Baker, Aletta and Bob Moffett marked off the parade line-up. Others helping or participating in the parade were Keith Long, Barbara Kyer, Ed Neese, Bob Brummage, Ralph Davis, Virginia Gallion, Marci Carroll, John Marsicano, Aletta and Bob Moffett, Dennis Basnett, Jake Brumage, and Jim Coleman.

Several club members assisted with the Eye Screening held as part of the Feast of the Seven Fishes. Aletta and Bob Moffett brought the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit to Fairmont and Dennis Basnett assisted with the return of the Unit. In addition to Aletta and Bob Moffett, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, John Marsicano, Keith Long, Carol Baker, Elizabeth and Jim Coleman assisted with the screening.





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Just a Lion or Two

We have learned that Leola Robinson is a hospital patient in Maryland, where she has been staying with family during the winter season. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Long-time members may remember when Everett Klingensmith was a member of this club. He died in 2006. His wife Eileen passed away January 20th at her home.

Make plans now to attend the District 29-L Conference at the Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg on March 9-10, 2012, and the WV Lions State Convention at the Ramada Inn, Morgantown, May 4 - 6, 2012.

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Happy children with gifts received at the Lions Club's Christmas Party for Fairmont's under-privileged children at the Union Mission Dec. 17th (Photos courtesy Virginia Gallion)



Additional photos of holiday activities are available on our web site.



Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger brave a cold Saturday morning to ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 3rd.



Congratulations to Aletta Moffett who was presented the Membership Excellence lapel pin for sponsoring three new members during the 2010-2011 club year. (Photo: Virginia Gallion)

Three Rivers Festival Coloring Contest

The Fairmont Lions Club has decided to sponsor the Three Rivers Festival Coloring Contest. Main Street Fairmont will provide the paper and pictures and Carol Baker will deliver the pictures to schools. The club will select winners from each school.

Club Members Invited to Assist Humane Society

Nancy Morgan is planning to do some volunteering at the Humane Society's Animal Shelter and asks any members wishing to join her to contact her to set a date and time. Lions may also call the shelter (304-366-5391) and supply an e-mail address to receive information on volunteering. There is a continuing need for food and the club is asking those who wish to donate pet food to bring it to the February 9th and/or April 12th meetings. In order to keep the animals "regular," the Humane Society requests Iams brand dog or puppy food and Meow Mix brand cat food or kitty food. They would also welcome "scoopable" litter.

Eyeglass Requests Approved

At the December business meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club approved seven applications for eye exams and glasses. Four applications were approved at the January 12th meeting, with one request referred back to the committee for additional clarifying information.

Nut Sale Wraps Up

Treasurer Bob Brummage reported that the club cleared \$1,285.25 from the sale of Terri Lynn, Inc nuts. Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman led this fund raiser.



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Visitations

Jacob Brumage visited the Lockhart (FL) Lions Club Jan. 16th. Dennis Basnett, Wayne Dodd and Bob Moffett attended the combined service club meeting to hear FSU Basketball Coach Brett Vincent on Jan. 11th. Aletta & Bob Moffett visited Fairview Lions on Jan. 24th. Pres. Nancy Sickles, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Zone 6 meeting at Barrackville on Feb. 18th. Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Zone 1 meeting in New Cumberland on Feb. 19th. Bob Moffett attended Zone 3's meeting in Moundsville on Feb. 9th, and visited Mannington Feb. 14th and Rivesville on Feb. 15th.

"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom."

~ Isaac Asimov



Kenneth Manuel with Pres. Nancy Sickles (Photo: Aletta Moffett)

Program Announced

David Shelene, WV State Field Auditor, will be the guest speaker at this Thursday's meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm at the Clarion Inn.

Peace Poster Winners Visit Club

This year's Peace Poster Contest winners and their families were guests of the Fairmont Lions Club at our meeting on Thursday, February 9. Kenneth Manuel, a student at West Fairmont Middle School and East Fairmont Junior High School's Brooklyn Nuzum were the first place winners in their respective schools.

The theme for the contest was "Children Know Peace." Each year, Lions clubs around the world sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace.



Brooklyn Nuzum with Pres. Nancy Sickles (Photo: Aletta Moffett)

Club Represented at Annual Lions Leadership School

The 16th Annual West Virginia Lions Leadership School was held at Lakeview Resort January 27 - 29 and four members of the Fairmont Lions Club were in attendance. Carol Baker, Barbara Kyer, Aletta and Bob Moffett joined over 120 other Lions from across the state at the School. Patterned after the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, the WV Lions Leadership School provides seminars throughout the weekend and excellent speakers. Aletta Moffett was a seminar presenter on the topic "Living with Diabetes." Among the speakers at this year's School were Tara Brooks of Fairmont State University and PID Joe Preston who is seeking the office of Second Vice President, Lions Clubs International, at this summer's International Convention.



Improved Sight for Our Neighbors

The Fairmont Lions Club has seen a slight reduction in the number of requests for eye exams and glasses recently, but continues to meet the need. In January the club approved four new applications and those individuals will be fitted with new glasses, if needed.



Nancy Sickles & Taylor Downs

Taylor Downs is Guest Speaker

Taylor Downs, of Manchin Injury Law Group, PLLC, spoke to the club in January. Representing the WV Association for Justice, he presented an informative program about the WV civil justice system.

Our Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.



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Just a Lion or Two

We have learned that Leola Robinson is back with her daughter following a hospital stay. We wish her well. Steve Criss has not been able to attend our meetings lately due to health, and we wish him well.

Mary Ellen Finnegan, pastor at Central and Trinity United Methodist Churches in Fairmont, will be appointed to District Superintendent of the Wesleyan District of the United Methodist Church, headquartered in Buckhannon. We extend our congratulations to her.

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First VDG Bob Moffett inducts Karen Gribben into the Fairmont Lions Club as her sponsor and husband Bob Gribben observes. (Photo: Aletta Moffett)

New Lions Welcomed

In January, First VDG Bob Moffett inducted Karen Gribben, sponsored by her husband, Bob, into membership in the Fairmont Lions Club. Karen is the daughter of former member, Earl Carpenter, now deceased. We welcome Lion Karen.

Aletta Moffett invited Debbie and Bob Roupe to the February 9th meeting and they both joined that evening. We welcome Lions Debbie and Bob.

March is Eye Donor Awareness Month

Each year in the United States, cornea transplants help restore the eyesight of more than 52,000 people – and Lions Eye Banks play a major role! Lions eye banks also help save eyesight by supporting important research to find cures for other blinding diseases.

--LCI Newswire

LCIF to Vaccinate 10 Million Children in Nepal

Partnering with UNICEF and the World Health Organization, the Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions and the Measles Initiative will vaccinate 10 million children in Nepal and a total of 157 million children worldwide this year. Most children in the United States have been vaccinated against measles, but in places like Nepal and other developing countries, this is not the case. Lions are helping to teach mothers about the dangers of measles and why vaccination is so important. As Lions are known for their SightFirst program to end preventable blindness, we now have the same opportunity with measles. For just one dollar, Lions can vaccinate one child. The Gates Foundation will match every \$2 raised with \$1 in this effort to save children's lives.

--LCIF

Our Vision is that You Don't Lose Yours.

Give Sight Now. www.lcif.org/sight





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- Mar. 22 Michael Carpenter
Job Squad
- Apr. 12 Business Meeting
Joseph Sarsfield, HOBY
- Apr. 13 Arbor Day
Tree Planting (tentative)

Visitations

Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman have been visiting Lions Clubs while in Florida visiting Freeport on January 12th, Sandestin on February 16th & 4th, as well as Lockhart on February 6th. Margaret Brumage also visited Lockhart on February 6th. Pres. Nancy Sickles, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Zone 6 meeting at Barrackville on February 18th.

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

~ Dr. Seuss



Meeting Notice - Nominations & Officer Elections

Two very important meetings have been scheduled for the Fairmont Lions Club. The Nominations meeting, where the Nominations Committee will read the proposed slate of officers for the coming year, will be held Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Clarion Inn, 930 East Grafton Road. Nominations for club officers may be made from the floor at this meeting. To be eligible for club office, the Lion must be an active member in good standing (dues paid).

Club officer elections for the 2012-2013 club year will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012, 6:30 pm at the Clarion Inn. Voting privileges are granted to members present who are in good standing. Officers elected on April 12th will officially take office July 1, 2012.

Please plan to be present and to take part in the process of electing our club officers for the coming year.

Guest Speakers Announced

John Marsicano, Program Chairperson, has announced the guest speaker line-up for several meetings. Students sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club to the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar (HOBY) last summer will be our guests at our business meetings in March and April. Ali Sansalone will visit us on March 8th and Joseph Sarsfield will be our guest on April 12th.

Michael Carpenter, Career Counselor for Job Squad, will present the program on Thursday, March 22nd. Job Squad is a private nonprofit organization and community rehabilitation program formed in 1984.

Glen B. Gainer III, WV State Auditor, will be the guest speaker at the April 26th meeting. All club meetings are at the Clarion Inn, 930 East Grafton Road, 6:30 pm. Dinner is \$12.00 which includes beverage, tax and gratuity. Our members select from a special menu.

Club Meets Need for Eye Exams and Glasses

At the March 5th meeting, members of the Fairmont Lions Club approved eye exams and glasses for seven individuals, requested by Dennis Basnett on behalf of the committee. The club has also received a request for hearing aids. Although the Fairmont Lions Club does not have funds for supplying hearing aids, we can obtain those for persons with limited means through the WV Lions Sight Foundation, Inc., which has a working relationship with certain audiologists. The club makes an annual donation to the Foundation and we are able to utilize the resources of the Foundation to assist local individuals.

Club to Present Checks at District 29-L Conference

There are several organizations that our Lions Club works with hand-in-hand. Each year at the District 29-L Conference, being held this weekend, March 10, in Parkersburg, the club, along with other clubs in the district, presents its annual checks to these organizations in a "Parade of Checks" at the Saturday evening banquet. The Fairmont Lions Club is making the following donations:

WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation	\$ 700
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	200
Deaf & Blind Recreation	50
Leader Dogs	150
Pilot Dogs	150
Romney School Work Program	100
VIP Fishing Tournament	25
Lions Youth Exchange Program	50
Total Contributions:	\$1425

Deaf & Blind Recreation takes students from the Romney School for the Deaf and Blind bowling, skiing, and for other recreational activities throughout the year. Leader Dogs for the Blind and Pilot Dogs provide dog guides at no cost to the recipient. The VIP Fishing Tournament is for Visually Impaired Persons.



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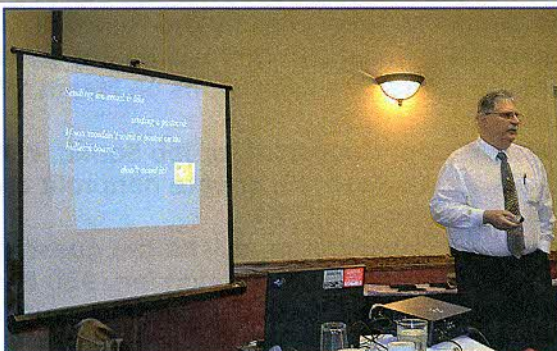
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A former member of the Fairmont Lioness Club, Helen Kittle, passed away recently. Our sympathies go out to her husband Arnold, a former member of this club, and the family.

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Shelene Warns to Watch for Fraud

F. David Shelene, Field Representative for the Auditor's Office, presented an enlightening program about the dangers to watch from telephone and Internet scams. He spoke to the Lions at the February 23rd meeting. Some of his advice included to never click on an Internet site link directly from an e-mail message appearing to come from a bank or other "trusted" source. Scammers will set up web pages that look just like the bank's web page, but instead will just take your bank password and other information and use it to their advantage.

He also recommended going to annualcreditreport.com to see how to order a free annual credit report. The form can also be printed from ftc.gov/credit. Do not use "imposter" sites, as annualcreditreport.com is the only authorized site to fill orders for the free annual credit report you are entitled to under law.

News on Club's Environmental Projects

John Marsicano has ordered 150 West Virginia trees and is coordinating planting locations around Fairmont with the city and with MCPARC. Plans are to involve Boy Scouts in the planting of the trees. Trees will include 100 White Pine, 25 Virginia Pine and 25 Cypress. LCI President Wing-Kun Tam has asked clubs to plant 1 million trees this year and over 6 million have been planted around the world to date.

Coming in April, the club will again hit the trail to clean up trash between Norway and Monongah on the rail trail. Watch for the announcement of day and time. John Marsicano has been leading this effort since its inception.

"For 20 years, I did not see well with my left eye and saw nothing with my right eye. I could not walk alone. I depended on someone for everything. After the cataract operation, everything was different. Thank you, Lions for restoring my sight!" -Patricio Gomez, Ecuador



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Lions Clubs International Foundation, the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International, provides grant funding to Lions and their partners to carry out large-scale humanitarian projects in their communities. Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded more than 10,000 grants totaling more than US\$708 million for projects that address issues of youth, disaster, disability and sight.

LCIF administrative expenses are paid by interest earned on investments, so every dollar donated goes directly towards a grant project. LCIF is largely supported through the generous donations of Lions. The Financial Times has named LCIF as the #1 non-governmental organization worldwide with which to partner.



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1:50 pm at Monongah
Trail head or Mary Lou
Retton Park parking lot
- May 4, 5, 6 WV Lions State
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Ramada Inn
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Visitations

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"The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously."
 ~ Hubert H. Humphrey

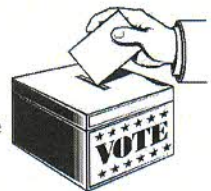


Election of Club Officers Set for April 12th

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The Nominations Committee presented the proposed slate of officers at the March 22nd club meeting and the nominations were closed. The proposed officers are:

President.....John Marsicano
 1st Vice President.....Jacob Brumage
 2nd Vice President.....Keith Long
 Secretary.....Carol Baker
 Assistant Secretary.....Barbara Kyer
 Treasurer.....Bob Brummage
 Lion Tamer.....Margaret Brumage
 Tail Twister.....Wayne Dodd
 Directors.....Ed Neese
 James Coleman
 Nancy Morgan
 Geneva Shinaberry
 Membership Chairperson.....Dennis Basnett



Completing the list of club officers for next year will be Nancy Sickles as Immediate Past President (not elected).

State Auditor to Address Lions on Thursday, April 26

Glen B. Gainer III, State Auditor, will speak to the Lions on Thursday, April 26th, at the regular meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. He was elected State Auditor in 1992 and re-elected in 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008. As Auditor, he is the official bookkeeper for the State of West Virginia, and also is Chief Inspector and Supervisor over Public Offices, Securities Commissioner and Commissioner of Delinquent and Non-entered lands, and serves in numerous other capacities. Gainer is active in local church and community activities. The meeting begins at 6:30 at the Clarion Inn.

Plan to Attend State Convention May 4, 5 and 6

The West Virginia (Multiple District 29) Lions State Convention will be held May 4, 5 and 6 at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown. Brian Sheehan, International Director from Bird Island, Minnesota, will be the guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. There will be entertainment following the Friday evening banquet, Saturday luncheon and the Saturday banquet, as well as seminars and meetings Friday and Saturday.

Sunday morning, Lions who died during the year will be remembered at the Necrology Service.

Business to be conducted at the convention includes the election of district officers. Past Council Chairperson Steve Glass (a member of the Clarksburg Lions Club, District 29-I) is seeking endorsement as a candidate for International Director. There is also a resolution presented that would redistrict West Virginia from four districts (L, I, O, N) into three districts (W, V, A). If adopted, the Fairmont Lions Club would be a part of 29-W. This is important due to declining membership in West Virginia.

Bob Moffett, who is a candidate for District Governor of 29-L for the 2012-2013 Lions year, encourages all club members to register and take part in the Convention this year. A registration form is in the "WV Lion" or can be downloaded and printed at: <http://www.wvlions.org/PDF/StateConventionRegistration.pdf>

Club Sponsoring Coloring Contest

The Fairmont Lions Club is sponsoring a coloring contest in conjunction with the Three Rivers Festival. According to Carol Baker, the club members will select the winners at the April 12th meeting. The pictures will be displayed at S&M Glass on the day of the parade. The Lions will not meet on the day of the parade (May 24) as we will be helping with the parade line-up and selling brooms at S&M Glass on that day.



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First Vice District Governor Bob Moffett (left) inducted Debbie and Bob Roupe as new members. Aletta Moffett (right) is their sponsor. (Photo: Dennis Basnett)



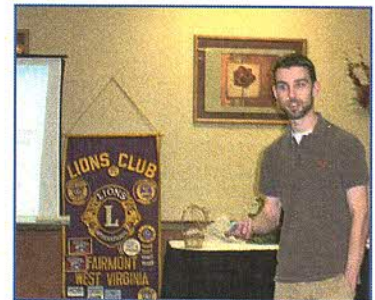
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Club Hears HOBY Students

Ali Sansalone, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club to attend the HOBY Seminar last summer, spoke to the club members at the March 8th meeting. Joseph Sarsfield, also sponsored by the club, will speak at this Thursday's meeting and tell about his experiences at HOBY. The club sponsors a student from East Fairmont and Fairmont Senior High Schools each year.

Job Squad Was Program Topic

Michael Carpenter (pictured at right) presented a program about Job Squad at the March 22nd club meeting. Formed in 1984, Job Squad is a private non-profit organization and community rehabilitation program. They seek to find job placement within the community for their clients.



Club Provides Sight

At the March 22nd meeting, Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson Keith Long asked for and received approval for the club to provide eye exams and glasses for 10 individuals.

Tree Planting Planned

Lions Clubs International President Wing-Kun Tam has asked Lions around the world to plant trees this year. The Fairmont Lions Club has trees on the way and plans to coordinate with the Boy Scouts to help us plant them soon. Arbor Day is April 13th in West Virginia, according to the Arbor Day Foundation Web Site.

Date Set for Adopt-A-Trail

Fairmont Lions members will pick up trash along the Ralph S. LaRue/West Fork River Trail between Norway and Monongah on Sunday afternoon, April 15th. According to John Marsicano, members are asked to meet at the Monongah Trail Head or at Mary Lou Retton Park at 2:00. We will work from each end and meet somewhere about the middle of the trail. Workers should bring a pair of work gloves. Those meeting at Mary Lou Retton Park should gather in the parking lot about 1:50 to go in one vehicle to the trail due to limited parking at the trail in Norway. The club cleans the trail four times during the season.



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 S&M Glass
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 Parade 6:00 pm

June 2 Yard Sale
 S & M Glass

June 4 Board of Directors
 6:00 pm, Clarion Inn

June 9 Multiphasic Screening
 FGH

June 14 Business Meeting

June 22-26 Lions International
 Convention, S. Korea

June 28 Installation of Officers

Visitations

Robin Sawitsky visited the Fairmont club April 26th. Jim Coleman & Elizabeth Swiger visited Sandestin, FL, on March 19th, and Freeport FL on March 22nd and April 12th. Aletta & Bob Moffett visited the Grantsville Lions on April 23rd. Moffetts also were at Club Officers Training in Wheeling May 1st, New Martinsville May 10th and Parkersburg May 15th. Carol Baker, Jacob & Margaret Brumage, and Aletta & Bob Moffett were at Officers Training in Fairmont May 19th.

"The best thing you can do is the right thing; the next best thing you can do is the wrong thing; the worst thing you can do is nothing."
 ~Theodore Roosevelt



Photo: Chris Doty

Aletta looks on as DGE Bob makes his acceptance remarks.



Photo: Ken Moffett
 Scott Summers seconds Lion Bob's nomination for District Governor.

Moffett Elected 29-L District Governor

Fairmont Lions Club member Bob Moffett was elected to serve as District Governor of Lions District 29-L from July 2012 through June 2013 at the WV Lions State Convention held in Morgantown May 4, 5 and 6th. Prior to the vote, Lion Bob was nominated by PDG Paul Amrhein and the nomination was seconded by Fairmont Lion Scott Summers. District Governor-elect Bob Moffett made a brief acceptance speech at the Sunday luncheon meeting.

Also elected were Harrison Schramm of the Parkersburg Lions Club as First Vice District Governor and Eugene "Gene" Saunders of the Moundsville Lions Club as Second Vice District Governor. PDG Tracy Smith was elected as a trustee of the WV Lions Sight Foundation and Michelle Harshbarger was elected to Youth Exchange.

There have been four other Fairmont Lions who have served as District Governor: Charles S. Hault, 1941-42 (29V); C. Edward Queen, 1961-62; Charles R. King, 1975-76 and H. Gerald Warren, 1978-79. In addition, William L. Chambers (29V) served in 1955-56 as a member of the Martinsburg Lions Club prior to joining the Fairmont Lions Club in later years. Until 1959 the Fairmont Lions Club was a part of District 29V as there were only three districts in West Virginia at the time.

The Fairmont Lions Club was well represented at the Convention. In attendance were Dennis Basnett, Jacob Brumage, James Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, Bonnie and Scott Summers, and Aletta and Bob Moffett.

District 29-L includes over 1,200 Lions in 46 clubs from the northern panhandle through Central WV.

Gallion Accepts Post as Newsletter Editor

Virginia Gallion will take on the responsibility for the club's newsletter with the next issue. DGE Bob Moffett has edited the newsletter since August of 1995 -- just shy of 17 years, but happily passes on the quill, allowing him to focus his energies on new responsibilities. Bob stated that editing the newsletter was a "labor of love" and encourages all members to keep our new scribe, Virginia, informed of upcoming club activities and other news of interest to members. Bob has appreciated this opportunity to serve.

Installation of Officers Set for June 28th

New club officers will be installed at the club's meeting on Thursday, June 28th at the Clarion Inn. Elected in April were:

- President.....John Marsicano
- 1st Vice President.....Jacob Brumage
- 2nd Vice President.....Keith Long
- Secretary.....Carol Baker
- Assistant Secretary.....Barbara Kyer
- Treasurer.....Bob Brummage
- Lion Tamer..... Margaret Brumage
- Tail Twister.....Wayne Dodd
- Directors.....Ed Neese
 James Coleman
 Nancy Morgan
 Geneva Shinaberry
- Membership Chairperson.....Dennis Basnett
- Immediate Past President.....Nancy Sickles

The installing officer will be District Governor Patty Nutter, a member of the Harrisville Lions Club.

Club Supports Three Rivers Festival

Carol Baker reports that the Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored the Coloring Contest for the Three Rivers Festival and the winning pictures will be displayed Thursday at S&M Glass on Merchant Street. Winning pictures were selected by club members. Also on Thursday, President Nancy Sickles is working on a broom sale at S&M Glass.

Fairmont Lions Club members are requested to assist with the parade line-up on Thursday beginning at 5:00 pm. Club members can also take part in the parade which steps off at 6:00. Parade line-up will be along Fourth Street and Everest Drive. For further information, please contact Carol.

Club Members to Serve on District 29-L Cabinet

DGE Bob Moffett has selected Scott Summers to serve as District Pilot Dog Chairperson and Bonnie Summers to serve as the Peace Poster Chairperson for 2012-13. Both are members of the Fairmont Lions Club. Scott has been assisted by dog guides from Pilot Dogs, Inc., in Columbus, OH, for many years. He currently works with Capone. Nancy Sickles will serve as the Conference Chairperson for next year's District 29-L Conference scheduled for March 15 & 16 at the Bridgeport Conference Center. Congratulations to these Lions and thanks for their willingness to take leadership roles.

Lions Around the World Have Planted Over 9¹/₂ Million Trees



2011-2012 International President Wing-Kun Tam challenged Lions around the world to plant one million trees this year to demonstrate the strength of our global network. "I believe that this year we will mobilize Lions around the world to reach this goal and truly make an impact on our environment." As this issue goes to press, 9,633,143 trees have been planted world-wide by Lions.

According to the United Nations Environmental Programme, trees are fundamental elements of various natural systems. They conserve soil and water, control avalanches, prevent desertification, protect coastal areas and stabilize sand dunes. Forests house nearly 90 percent of terrestrial life and are vital centers of biological biodiversity on land.

More than 80 percent of the forests that originally covered the Earth have been lost or degraded. Between 1980 and 1990 alone, the Latin American region lost 62 million hectares (6.0 percent) of its natural forest, which was the largest loss in the world during those years, with a further 5.8 million hectares a year lost between 1990 and 1995. Despite efforts to reverse this trend, deforestation continues at an alarming rate each year, particularly in Africa, Latin America, and Asia and the Pacific. (Source: UNEP)

Over 500 Pairs of Eyeglasses Donated

The Fairmont Lions Club collected and turned in over 500 pairs of used eyeglasses to be recycled and used to help individuals in developing countries to see. The glasses were delivered to the District 29-L Conference in March where they were transported, with those collected by other district clubs, to the processing center in Roanoke, VA, to be cleaned and sorted. Used eyeglasses can be dropped off in collection boxes at Middletown Mall and MVB Bank.

Lions Asked to Support the Measles Initiative

Measles deaths have dropped by 75 percent in the last decade. Health officials estimate about 9.6 million children were saved from dying of measles from 2000 to 2010 thanks to large vaccination campaigns, according to an article in Business Week.

Last year was the worst year for measles in the United States in 15 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There were 222 cases of measles, up from an average of 60 cases seen in a typical year. Most of these cases were imported — either by foreign visitors or by U.S. residents who picked up the virus overseas, according to an article in USA Today.

When you donate to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, you are helping LCIF and our partners to eliminate measles and save lives worldwide. Thank you Lions for your support!



**ONE SHOT
ONE LIFE**
Lions Measles Initiative

1 Shot =
1 Life Saved
from Measles

Measles is a highly contagious virus spread by infected persons through coughing and sneezing.

Measles:

- Is a leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths worldwide
- Kills 450 children daily and causes serious side effects, like pneumonia and blindness
- Can be prevented with a vaccination that costs less than US\$1

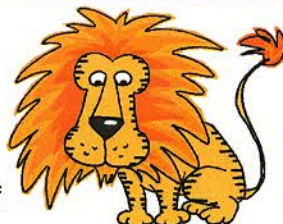
Remember:

One person's junk is another person's Treasure!

Bring it to the Yard Sale

June 2 at S&M Glass

Items can be brought in the evening of June 1



From the Lions Code of Ethics:

"To be careful with my criticisms and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy."



District Governor Patty Nutter's theme this year is "We Believe"



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

Leola Robinson is now living in Maryland with her daughter in Glen Burnie, MD. We will miss her presence.

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Successful Trail Clean-Up Held

John Marsicano reported that the West Fork River/ Ralph LaRue Trail was cleaned by the Fairmont Lions Club on April 15th. Several garbage bags of litter were collected and numerous over-hanging branches were removed. Those working (left to right) were Reed Basnett (Dennis' grandson), Aletta Moffett, Debbie Roupe, Bob Roupe, John Marsicano and Bob Moffett.

Eyeglasses Approved

In April, the Fairmont Lions Club approved 10 eye exams and glasses for our less fortunate neighbors. Keith Long is the chairperson.

Auditor Speaks to Club

State Auditor Glen Gainer III was the guest speaker at the April 26th meeting. Dave Shelene, Field Rep. for the Auditor's Office, accompanied him. Gainer emphasized the relatively strong position that WV finds itself financially, noting that the state now has a plan to deal with OPEB debt and has begun to deal with Marcellus shale gas issues. He said the state is beginning to see improvement in the manufacturing sector and is working toward the elimination of the food tax. Gainer stated the state pays over \$8 million per day in state payroll. "Tax reform is the greatest hurdle holding West Virginia back," he cautioned. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by President Nancy Sickles (See photo).



Brooms Sweep in \$\$

Sales and donations netted the club \$600 for the broom sale held at the Fairmont Avenue Shop N Save on Saturday, May 12th. Jacob Brumage made all the arrangements and seven additional lions sold throughout the day. Broom sales brought in \$510 and there were \$90 in donations. Helping with the sale were Wayne Dodd, John Marsicano, Carol Baker, Ed Neese, Aletta and Bob Moffett, Dennis Basnett and Jake Brumage. Margaret Brumage helped to determine the result.



Photo: Aletta Moffett Judge Michael Aloï (center) was inducted by Bob Moffett (left). His sponsor is Jacob Brumage (right)



Photo: Carol Baker Jim Coleman (left) presents Chris Morgan the club's annual contribution to the Fairmont State and Pierpont Foundation.

Ed Neese (left) and Carol Baker worked a shift selling brooms on May 12th at Shop N Save on Fairmont Avenue.

