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## Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
 6:30 pm  
 Clarion Inn - Fairmont

Jan 23 Program - TBA  
 6:30 pm Clarion

Jan. 24 - 26 WV Lions  
 Leadership School  
 Days Hotel  
 Flatwoods, WV

Feb 13 Business Meeting  
 6:30 pm Clarion

Feb 27 Program - TBA  
 6:30 pm Clarion

If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well.

--Martin Luther King, Jr.



# The Mane Growl



Make another life better -- read how we  
 Lions help our neighbors in this issue!

Fairmont Lions Club

January 2014

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## Lions Provide Christmas for Fairmont's Less Fortunate Children



In 1935, the Fairmont Lions Club held its first Christmas Party for Fairmont's underprivileged children in conjunction with the Union Mission. Over the years, thousands of children have received Christmas gifts provided by the club. The club provided for about 80 children at the December 14<sup>th</sup> party, with each child receiving a sack full of wrapped gifts, gloves or mittens, hats, a stuffed toy and candy. Prior to the party, the members enjoyed a traditional dinner served by the Mission staff and heard a brief message by George Batten, Executive Director of West Virginia Rescue Ministries, Inc.

## Club Improves Sight for Neighbors

At the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, asked the club to approve ten applications for eye exams and glasses. These applications were approved by the club. The Fairmont Lions Club has provided over \$1,500 in eye care to improve the sight of many Fairmont residents since July.

## Christmas Parade Delights Children

The Fairmont Lions Club again sponsored Fairmont's Christmas Parade, on a Monday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, this year. The parade lined up along Palatine Park and stepped off onto Merchant Street, crossed the river to Adams Street and concluded at Veterans' Square. The many smiles of children and applause of adults along the route measured the parade's success. Bands, floats, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and many more made up the parade. Of course, Santa customarily brought up the rear. The weather was appropriately chilly to kick off the Christmas season.

Carole Baker, Marci Carol and Bob Moffett were out in the morning cold marking the street for the line-up. Other Lions were there early in the evening to get the parade units lined-up and ready to go. Those were Carol Baker, Marcie Carol, Aletta and Bob Moffett, John Marsicano and Keith Long. Dennis Basnett, meanwhile, sat smugly cozy and warm in his truck prepared to pull a float. A contingent of Fairmont Lions walked the parade route with our friends from the Friendly Lions Club, including "Lenny" the Lion.



## Steve Criss Remembered

William F. "Steve" Criss, age 97, passed away December 16<sup>th</sup> at his residence.

Lion Steve had been very faithful in attendance at club meetings until his health prevented him from coming to meetings in recent years. Steve joined the club in 2006, sponsored by Leola Robinson.

Steve was retired from the Fairmont Wall Plaster Co. of Fairmont and was a veteran of WWII, having served in the Merchant Marines. He had been a Boy Scout troop leader, member of the Order of the Arrow, and had, with his troop, attended Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Lion Steve will be missed.

Please provide newsletter information to Bob Moffett: [rmoffett@ma.rr.com](mailto:rmoffett@ma.rr.com)

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## Efforts of Members Help Club

For many years, the Whitehall Lions Club offered Lions Mints for sale in businesses throughout the area. Leroy Humberston brought that fundraiser with him when he joined the Fairmont Lions Club. He recently turned in \$71 from the mints, which are selling for \$.35 per package while the current inventory lasts. Thanks Leroy!

At the club's meeting December 12<sup>th</sup>, Ed Neese brought in candy he had made. Donations were accepted from those present for a chance to win the candy, netting \$13 for the Tail Twister's Fund. The Tail Twister's Fund supports the administrative costs of the club. Thanks Ed!





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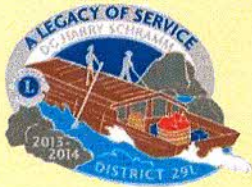
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Just a Lion or Two

We are happy to report that Rev. Hal Hevener is recovering from surgery at the end of December and received a good report from the doctor.

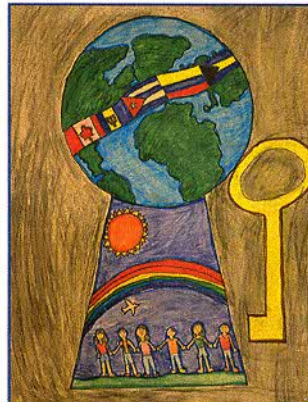
Our secretary, Carol Baker, and Crystal Copeland have both been under the weather and we hope they are able to join us again soon.

Elizabeth Swiger's Great Granddaughter was born on Thanksgiving Day.

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(Left to right) Isabella Gibson, teacher  
Misty Skarzinski, Caitlyn Hill



Second Place Peace Poster Winner by Isabella Gibson

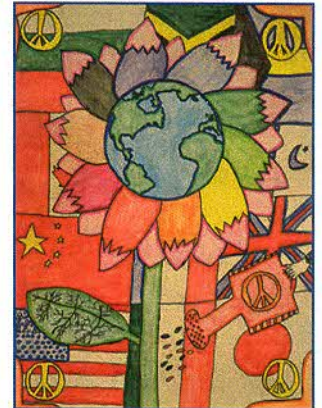
### Peace Poster Contest Winners Announced

Caitlyn Hill, a student at East Fairmont Junior High School, won the Lions Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. Second place in the competition was awarded to Isabella Gibson, also a student at East Fairmont Junior High School. Misty Skarzinski is the art teacher at the school. Both Caitlyn Hill and Isabella Gibson were presented gift cards and certificates recognizing their accomplishments.

Caitlyn's poster was selected by the Fairmont

Lions Club for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest them, "Our World, Our Future." The club appreciated the support of the school and teacher Misty Skarzinskie.

Caitlyn's poster advanced to the district level, where it was judged among competitors from around District 29-L. The district's winning poster was from the Wirt County Lions Club -- the first year that the Wirt Lions have sponsored the contest. A poster from District I won the Multiple District (WV) competition.



First Place Peace Poster by Caitlyn Hill



### Recycling Aluminum Cans Benefits Soup Opera

John Marsicano began collecting aluminum cans and asking club members to save theirs for him. Proceeds from the recycling were turned over to the club. Then in December, at John's request, the club decided to donate the proceeds of \$100 to the Soup Opera, which fit right in with Lions Clubs International's Global Service Action Campaign for December and January -- Relieving the Hunger. Shelia Tennant, Director of the Soup Opera, expressed her appreciation for the club's assistance.

### Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Relief Update

LCIF has surpassed more than \$2 million for relief in the Phillipines following Typhoon Haiyan, thanks to generous Lions and friends around the world.

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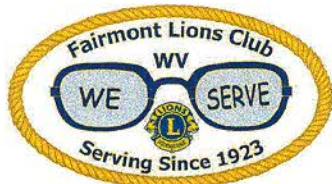
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6:30 pm Clarion

Mar. 14-15 Dist. 29-L  
Conference  
Blennerhassett  
Parkersburg

Mar. 27 Election of Officers  
6:30 pm Clarion

Love may make the world  
go round, but laughter  
keeps us from getting dizzy.  
--Donald Zochert

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# The Mane Growl



Club Receives Club Excellence Award.  
Read about it in this issue!

Fairmont Lions Club

March 2014

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## 2014-2015 Officers to be Elected in March

In order to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws, the Fairmont Lions Club will have a Nominations Meeting on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The Nominations Committee will present the names of candidates and nominations from the floor can be made at this meeting. Once nominations have been closed, no more nominations can be made.

The election of officers for the 2014-2015 club year will be held on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Members present who are in good standing (dues paid) are eligible to vote.



Award recipients (l-r) John Marsicano, Aletta Moffett, Carol Baker, and Pres. Jacob Brumage (see article for details)

## Fairmont Lions Receive Club Excellence Award (and more)

At the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, Immediate Past District Governor Bob Moffett presented the Club Excellence Award for the 2012-2013 year to the Fairmont Lions Club and commended the club members for putting forth the effort to achieve this accomplishment. He presented the club's banner patch to Pres. Jacob Brumage and presented the Club Excellence President's pin to Immediate Past President John Marsicano. Among other requirements, a club must



conduct at least three service activities throughout the year and publicize these to the community, be in good standing, achieve a net growth in membership, and a majority of club officers must have attended leadership training.

President Jacob Brumage also presented a Membership Growth 2012-2013 patch to the club and a Membership Growth President's Award to IPP John Marsicano and presented membership pins to Aletta Moffett and Carol Baker.

President Brumage also received his Master Key for sponsoring 20 members, presented by PDG Bob Moffett.

Aletta Moffett received her 10 year membership chevron from Pres. Brumage and Leola Robinson's 10 year chevron has been mailed to her. Not present, but also receiving chevrons are Connie Canfield for 20 years and Wayne Dodd for 15 years.

## Read Aloud West Virginia Coming to Marion County

Marion County has an opportunity to join Read Aloud West Virginia, a state-wide program that stimulates "student interest in books and reading." Read Aloud programs consist of public education, book distribution, volunteer readers, and classroom enrichment. By attending a session at the WV Lions Leadership School, Aletta Moffett learned of this opportunity and volunteered to help form a local board. With the assistance of the state Read Aloud program, the local board would establish and maintain "a consistent local presence for the program and assess the best way to implement specific Read Aloud programs in the county."

This program ties in nicely with the Lions Reading Action Program (RAP). If our club would adopt Read Aloud West Virginia as a service project, it would count as a RAP activity. Club members could volunteer to participate on the county Read Aloud board and/or be volunteer readers, community volunteers who attend a one-time orientation and are placed in classrooms to read.

## Club May Have Opportunity to Assist WV Public Television

Guy Ward had made arrangements with several members to volunteer at the phone bank during WV Public Broadcasting's fund drive last Sunday. However, the event was cancelled. We may have the opportunity to volunteer this Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Guy Ward. Hours are 5:45 pm to about 9:00 pm.



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### Just a Lion or Two

We were happy to see Carol Baker and Margaret Brumage at the February 27th meeting. Robin Dicken reported that she spent some time in the hospital recently.

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### Fairmont Lions Club Approves Applications for Eye Exams and Glasses

Inclement weather caused the cancelation of the last meeting in January as well as the first February meeting. However, at the February 27th club meeting, a request from Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson Keith Long was presented and approved to provide eye exams and glasses for up to 20 individuals.



*Bob Brummage explores the haptic technology as demonstrated by Dr. Marjorie Darrah of eTouch Sciences.*

### eTouchSciences Presents Program

Dr. Marjorie Darrah presented a program and demonstration about eTouchSciences, LLC, a company that provides educational products that include haptic interactions -- interactions based on touch. This local small business produces software or "apps" that utilize a game-style controller to provide touch and force feedback. With these, math and science lessons can be more accessible to the blind and visually impaired, allowing them to "feel" the shapes and textures of simulated objects or even atomic structures.

Club members were able to experience using the controller and app to get an understanding of just how the product works. eTouchSciences is a Fairmont company which was started with funding from the US Department of Education. Following the presentation and demonstration, Pres. Jake Brumage presented Dr. Darrah with a Certificate of Appreciation.

### March 31<sup>st</sup> is Deadline for International Convention Discount

March 31 is the deadline to register for the International Convention at the rate of \$150 – a savings of \$20 off the full registration fee. This year's convention is in Toronto, July 4-8, and is about a 400 mile journey by car, taking about 6½ hours driving time.

### Have You Paid Your Dues for This Year?

Treasurer Bob Brummage is sending out dues notices to Lions who may be in arrears. It is important that members keep their dues current, as the club has already paid your dues for this six months to Lions Clubs International and the District. That means other members are footing the bill for you if you have not paid yet. Please remit your dues promptly upon receipt of the statement.



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Apr. 25,26,27 WV State  
 Lions Convention  
 Stonewall Resort  
 Roanoke

May 8 Business Meeting  
 6:30 pm  
 Firehouse Cafe

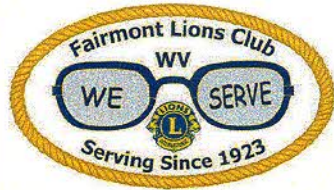
June 7 Yard Sale  
 S&M Glass

Bobbi Benson and her colleagues from the Solid Waste Authority presented a program March 27 and distributed drug disposal kits and recycling information to members present.

The number one premise of business is that it need not be boring or dull. It ought to be fun. If it's not fun, you're wasting your life.

--Tom Peters

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# The Mane Growl

Elections, Easter Baskets, Public TV,  
 HOBY, Oh My! -- Details in this Issue



Fairmont Lions Club

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*Pres.-Elect Keith Long records information from a supporter during the WV Public Television on-air pledge campaign. (Read more on Page 2.)*

## J. Keith Long Elected President for 2014-2015 Club Year

The March 27<sup>th</sup> club elections saw one of the Fairmont Lions Club's past presidents elected to serve as president again during the 2014-2015 club year, which begins July 1, 2014. President-elect Long previously served as president in 2004-05 and 2005-06.

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 Second Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Tail Twister  
 Lion Tamer  
 Directors

Membership Chairperson  
 Immediate Past President (not elected)

Keith Long  
 Guy Ward  
 Virginia Gallion  
 Carol Baker  
 Bob Brummage  
 Ed Neese  
 Aletta Moffett  
 Jim Coleman  
 Leroy Humberston  
 John Marsicano  
 Nancy Sickles  
 PDG Bob Moffett  
 Jacob Brumage

## Club to Meet at Firehouse Cafe on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

The Fairmont Lions Club may change its meeting location if members are pleased with the surroundings, food and service at the Firehouse Cafe, located at 323 Adams Street, just across the street from Veterans Square. All of their soups, salads and desserts are homemade and their menu is available on their Facebook page.

The club will hold its regular meeting of Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the restaurant providing all members a chance to sample their wares and check it out. Please mark your calendar for this change of meeting place. Carol Baker has talked to them about the possibility of our club meeting there on a regular basis and says they are hoping we will decide to do so.

## Easter Baskets For Assisted Living Residents

Club members brought toiletries, snacks, tissues and more and filled 20 Easter baskets at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Robin Dicken presented the idea, which was adopted by the club, to deliver the baskets to the 14 residents at Pleasant Acres and six residents of John Manchin Assisted Living.



## Eye Exams & Glasses Approved

Chr. Keith Long requested and received approval for six applicants for eye exams and glasses at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.



## Adopt-A-Trail Begins 2014 Season

Five Fairmont Lions Club members spent Sunday afternoon, April 13<sup>th</sup>, cleaning trash along the Ralph S. LaRue/West Fork River Trail. The club cleans approximately two miles of trail between Fairmont and Monongah. Taking part (pictured left to right) were Elizabeth Cruikshank and Jasper, John Marsicano, Guy Ward, Aletta and PDG Bob Moffett. It was a beautiful and warm spring day to walk along the trail.



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We wish Leroy Humberston well as he recovers from surgery. Keith Long is doing well following an eye procedure and Debbie Roupe is recovering well from surgery.

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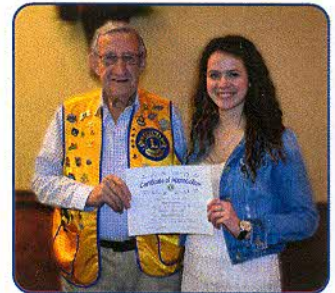


Lions pose on the set following the WV Public Television on-air pledge campaign. (Left to right) Front row: WV Public Television on-air personalities; Second row: Chris Ward; Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett; Back row: Kieth Long, Guy Ward, John Marsicano



### Kayla DeLorenzo Tells About HOBY Experience

Kayla DeLorenzo, a Junior at Fairmont Senior High School and a straight-A student sponsored to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar (HOBY Camp) last summer by the Fairmont Lions Club, spoke to the club at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. She began by thanking the Lions club for sponsoring her stay at HOBY and said, "It changed who I am." As part of the HOBY experience, she and others went to Deckers Creek and pulled out tires, shopping carts and more. They also pulled weeds and spread mulch and gravel. Kayla told how HOBY showed her the importance of helping people. Her senior project is raising funds for Make-A-Wish.



Pres. Jacob Brumage presents Certificate of Appreciation to Kayla DeLorenzo.

**Fundraising:** Bob Brummage reported that \$17.40 was received from recycling cans. Pres. Jacob Brumage reported that S&M Glass turned in \$494 in broom sales.

**Read Aloud WV:** The club has adopted Read Aloud WV as a club project.

**Donations:** Funds were donated to some of our club's causes at the District Conference in March. These included:

Lions Clubs International Foundation: \$300, WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation: \$700, Pilot Dogs, Inc. \$150, Leader Dogs for the Blind: \$150, WV Lions Deaf & Blind Recreation Fund: \$50, Lions Work Program for deaf and blind students at the Romney Schools: \$100, WV Lions VIP (Visually Impaired Persons) Fishing Tournament: \$25, WV Lions Youth Exchange: \$50

### Club Helps with Public Television Pledge Drive

On Sunday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>, several Lions volunteered to answer phones and record pledges for West Virginia Public Television at their Morgantown studios. Lions answered phones for just over three hours and reported having a good time speaking with the donors during special pledge-drive programming.

Lions vests were visible across the state-wide public television network and the club was thanked on-air for their assistance. Participating were Guy Ward, who made the arrangements, and his son Chris, Keith Long, John Marsicano, Aletta and Bob Moffett.

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805  
TOTAL DOLLARS  
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May 29 Board of Directors  
 6:00 pm  
 The Firehouse Cafe

June 6 Set up for Yard Sale  
 5:00 pm S&M Glass

June 7 Yard Sale  
 7:00 am Early Set up  
 8:00 am S&M Glass

June 19 Marion Co. Read  
 Aloud WV Board  
 7:00 pm White Hall  
 Town Hall

June 26 Installation of  
 Officers  
 6:30 pm  
 The Firehouse Cafe

After God created the world, He created man and woman. And then to keep the whole thing from collapsing, He created humor.

--Ernie Hoberecht

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Fairmont Lions Club Now Meets at  
 The Firehouse Cafe, 323 Adams Street

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## PCC Patty Nutter to Install Officers

Patty Nutter, who served as MD29 Council Chairperson during the 2012-2013 year will be welcomed back to the Fairmont Lions Club to install our officers at the meeting of Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at The Firehouse Cafe. PCC Patty is no stranger to the Fairmont Lions, having visited on numerous occasions. She is a graduate of the Lions Senior Institute and has received multiple President's Certificates of Appreciation, three Extension Awards, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Leonard Jarrett Award recipient.

PCC Patty and her husband Lion Paul annually supply a beef to be raffled for the WV Lions Sight Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation, raising many thousands of dollars for each cause over the years. She is a member of the Harrisville Lions Club.



PCC Patty Nutter

## The Firehouse Cafe Is New Home to Fairmont Lions Club

At the May 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting, held at The Firehouse Cafe, the decision was made to change the club's regular meeting location to the Adams Street restaurant. Located just across from Veterans' Square and just up from the parking lot of the Post Office, The Firehouse Cafe offers a selection of tasty soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts at affordable prices, friendly service, and is open just to the Fairmont Lions Club on our meeting nights. Come on out to our next meeting and give their food a try.



Lions enjoy gathering at The Firehouse Cafe for the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Time Again for the Annual Lions Yard Sale at S&M Glass

Once again, the Fairmont Lions are looking for good value items to sell at our annual Yard Sale at S&M Glass. The sale is set for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am until around 1:00 pm. We are looking for your good "junk" that will soon be somebody else's new-found "treasure."

We will do some set-up and pricing at 5:00 Friday evening, June 6<sup>th</sup> and will need tables. We also need some workers at 7:00 am on Saturday to move tables outside for the sale. The club thanks Bill and Bob Martin, owners of S&M Glass, for continuing to allow the club to use their facility. Their father, Gene Martin, was a long-time member of our club and their mother, Evelyn, was a member for a number of years before she died. S&M Glass also receives shipments and stores the club's brooms and mops, in addition to selling them for us in their store.

## Demand for Eye Exams and Glasses Continues

At the May 8<sup>th</sup> business meeting, Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson Keith Long asked the club's approval for six applications for eye exams and glasses for those in need. His request was approved.

It was pointed out that Martha Cordray of the United Methodist Church Catawba Charge has been placing collection boxes for used eyeglasses at 10 churches and other locations in that area.

**JUST A REMINDER:** If you donate blood, you may report your donation to the secretary to be reported as part of the club's service activities. We have members who donate and assist with the local blood drives regularly.



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### Fairmont Area Lions Clubs Send Young Boy to Camp Kno-Koma

The request was referred to the Fairmont Lions Club from another club in the district to help pay the registration for a child to attend Camp Kno-Koma, a summer camping experience for children with diabetes in and around West Virginia. The child is living in Rivesville with his grandparents who had recently obtained permanent custody. Zone Chairperson Scott Summers was contacted and he, in turn, contacted the Barrackville and Rivesville Lions clubs. All three clubs provided a portion of the funds needed and checks are now on the way to see that this youngster, who is a brittle diabetic, can attend camp.

The physicians, nurses, dieticians, pharmacists and other medical support staff, along with counselors (many of them diabetics themselves) provide opportunity for children to gain skills in managing their disease within a supportive community, while Camp Kno-Koma provides all the summertime fun of a typical summer camp. Activities include swimming, canoeing, archery, tubing, biking, and evening campfires. Camp Kno-Koma 2014 will be held July 13<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> at Greenbrier Youth Camp, located in the Monongahela National Forest.

### Fairmont Lions Well Represented at Club Officer Training

Club Officer Training for 2014-15 was held Sunday afternoon, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Clarion Hotel in Fairmont. DG-Elect Gene Saunders provided a wealth of information about his plans for next year. In addition, PDG Richard McMillan addressed the topic of membership and PDG Eva Dague led a session for secretaries and treasurers. In attendance from the Fairmont club were Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Aletta Moffett, Jim Coleman, Guy Ward and PDG Bob Moffett. Lions also attended from around our area, as well as from clubs as far away as Washington Lands, located along the Ohio River. There had been three similar events in other locations around District 29-L.

### LCIF & Carter Center Expand Partnership to Eliminate Blindness

During a ceremony held at the Carter Center's headquarters on May 15, 2014, former President Jimmy Carter and Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson Wayne Madden announced an \$8.8 million expansion of the Lions-Carter Center SightFirst Initiative to end suffering from major causes of preventable blindness in Ethiopia, Uganda, Mali, and Niger.

"For 20 years, the partnership with Lions Clubs International Foundation has been instrumental in supporting the Carter Center's leadership in the fight against neglected diseases," said President Carter. "The Lions' continued financial support will help The Carter Center, local Lions clubs, and other national partners defeat preventable blindness in some of the most affected communities in the world."