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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 The Firehouse Cafe
 323 Adams Street
 Fairmont, WV

- Jan 22 Meeting
 The Firehouse Cafe
 6:30 pm
- Jan 26 Reader Orientation
 Read Aloud WV
 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
 Marion Co. Library
- Jan 29 Read Aloud WV
 Board Mtg.
 White Hall Municipal
 Building 6:30 pm
- Jan 30 - WV Lions Leadership
 Feb 12 School
 Days Hotel
 Flatwoods
- Feb 26 Meeting
 The Firehouse Cafe
 6:30 pm
- Feb 19 Meeting
 The Firehouse Cafe
 6:30 pm

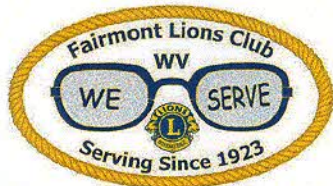
I who am blind can give one hint to those who see—one admonition to those who would make full use of the gift of sight: Use your eyes as if tomorrow you would be stricken blind. And the same method can be applied to the other senses. Hear the music of voices, the song of a bird, the mighty strains of an orchestra, as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow. Touch each object you want to touch as if tomorrow your tactile sense would fail. Smell the perfume of flowers, taste with relish each morsel, as if tomorrow you could never smell and taste again.

—Helen Keller

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WV Lions Leadership School
 January 30, 31 & February 1, Flatwoods

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Mission Christmas Party Brings Smiles

The Fairmont Lions Club once again provided toys and other gifts to Fairmont's underprivileged children. Assuming the role of Fred Clause was Keith Long, with his "cousin" who was portrayed by Wayne Dodd. However, the best part was the smiles on the faces of the children as they picked up their sacks of toys and selected hats, stuffed animals, books, bags of candy and more with the help of participating Lions

Nancy Sickles, who has taken charge of this event for several years, received much assistance from Geneva Shinaberry. This year, Nancy purchased two bicycles for a drawing. One boy and one girl each went home with a new bike. Gifts were provided to about 85 children. Special thanks to all who assisted with the purchase and wrapping of the gifts.

Prior to the party, the club members gathered downstairs for a traditional Christmas repast. A poinsettia donated by Kime Floral was presented to Rev. George Batten.



Actions Taken During December

Upon recommendation of the Eyeglasses Committee made by Chairperson Keith Long, the club approved eye exams and glasses for 10 adults. The committee also approved assistance for one youth.



Shelia Tennant, Director of the Soup Opera, receives the club's donation from Secretary Carol Baker.

In recognition of the assistance provided to the club's fundraising efforts, the club approved giving S&M Glass, Kime Floral and V&W Electric each a Christmas basket. S&M Glass continues to warehouse the club's mops and brooms as well as offering them for sale. Kime Floral and V&W Electric keep an inventory of brooms and mops in their businesses to sell for the club.

John Marsicano announced that another \$55.85 was raised from recycling and requested that recycling proceeds of \$100 be donated to the Soup Opera. The club approved this action.

A club raffle on a cake prepared by Nancy Sickles was won by Beulah Miller. Ed Neese made candy which was won by Bob

Gribben. These drawings raised \$60 for the club's administrative fund.

Aletta Moffett reported that 13 Lions worked 24 person-hours ringing bells for the Salvation Army's Kettle Drive.

The club agreed to provide the registration fee for Carol Baker and Monica Delbrook to attend the WV Lions Leadership School at the end of January.



Bob Brummage, Ed Neese and Beulah Miller ring bells for the Salvation Army in front of WalMart.

It is Time to Pay the Piper

It is the beginning of a new year, and it is time again for paying membership dues. According to the Club Constitution and By-Laws, only members in good standing may exercise the voting privilege and hold office in the club. The club must pay its dues every six months and depends on members dues to do so.



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Just A Lion or Two

Robin Dicken spent some time in the hospital and we wish her improved health.

We extend our sympathy to Rev. Hal Hevener whose brother passed away in January.

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Soggy Lions Make Christmas Parade Happen

Thanks to the efforts of Fairmont Lions Club members, the Fairmont Christmas Parade again made its way through the streets of Fairmont. Thanks to Carol Baker, our "Parade Lady," for leading the effort. Bob Brummage arranged for the paint to mark the streets and Guy Ward, David Sturm, Carol Baker, Marcie Carol, Ed Neese and Bob Moffett took part in marking the streets and/or lining up the parade units on a cold, rainy night.



A weekly visit from YOU...

Can make a lifetime difference to a child.

Read Aloud volunteers....

Share favorite books

Motivate children to WANT to read

Serve as role models and become friends

Are you interested in becoming a Read Aloud Volunteer?

Please join us for a volunteer orientation.

Monday, January 26, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Marion County Library

OR

Monday, January 26, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

If school is cancelled due to weather, orientations will be held as listed below.

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

12:30 p. m. - Marion County Library

6:00 p.m. White Hall Municipal Building.



President Keith Long and Wayne Dodd as the "Clause Cousins" pose at the Christmas Party at the Union Mission.



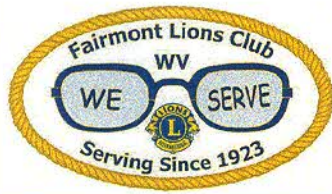
Geneva Shinaberry and Nancy Sickles relax at the Union Mission following months of preparation for the Christmas Party for under-privileged children.

Thanks to all who helped with the Apple Sale.



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District 29L Conference
McClure House, Wheeling, March 13, 2015

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Fairmont Lions meet
6:30 pm
The Firehouse Cafe
323 Adams Street
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- Feb 26 Meeting
The Firehouse Cafe
Wayne Worth
Adamston LC
6:30 pm
- March 4 Reading Fair
Watson Elementary
- March 12 Business Meeting
The Firehouse Cafe
6:30 pm
- March 13 Dist. 29L
Conference
Wheeling
- March 26 Program - TBA

Start every day with a smile
and get it over with.
—W. C. Fields

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President Keith Long presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Leisha Elliott.

January 22nd Meeting Highlights

The January 22nd meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club included a program by Leisha Elliott. She spoke about the Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Other guests at the meeting included Zone Chairperson Jackie Fitch, PDG Tracy Smith and Clara Guthrie, all members of the Barrackville Lions Club.

Thank you notes were received by the club from the Soup Opera for the donation and from the Homeless Veterans Stand Down for providing eye screening services there.

Treasurer Bob Brummage noted that Lions Clubs International and District dues have been paid through June. Leroy Humberston and Ed

Neese have been continuing the sale of Lions Mints and proceeds of \$460 have been received.

The club approved providing \$100 toward prizes for the upcoming Reading Fair at Watson School, in conjunction with the club's efforts for Read Aloud WV.

Ed Neese reported that 50 kits for veterans were provided to the veterans at the Clarksburg VA Health Facility. Club members contributed toward the kits.

At the request of President Keith Long, on behalf of the Eyeglasses Committee, applications for 10 eye exams and glasses were approved by the club.



John Provins of MCPARC speaks to the club.

Marion County Parks & Recreation Is Program Topic

John Provins spoke at the February 12th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Before coming to Marion County Parks and Recreation, (MCPARC), he worked in marketing for Heston Farms. Provins is seeking partnerships for Palatine Park this summer, creating opportunities for organizations and businesses. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt and Tailgate Saturday, April 4th. MCPARC is asking for help that day, as well as tailgating to provide Easter candy.

Two related items came up as part of discussion: It was suggested that the Club set up a space to give out candy at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th. No action was taken, as members wanted some time to give it consideration. Also, there was discussion of the club's participation in the Christmas lights display at Morris Park — possibly helping with collection of admission fees or sponsoring a set of lights. Again, no action was taken at this time.

MCPARC also owns 95 acres on Bunnars Ridge where they plan to create a wilderness area perhaps including primitive camping facilities. MCPARC information is available on the MCPARC and Palatine Park Fame Facebook pages.

Fairmont Lions Club To Be Part of Documentary

Wayne Worth, president of the Adamston Lions Club in Clarksburg, is putting together a video documentary, "Celebration of WV's Lions Clubs, Celebration of Community Service," and plans to include some of the Fairmont Lions Club's activities. He will speak to the club at the February 26th meeting. Worth hopes to get a picture of the club members and to interview a member or two about the club as part of the project. You may see a couple of segments on YouTube by pointing your web browser to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3X8zPM5dG4 and www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa0P2CI0P2Q



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Just A Lion or Two

We wish Margaret Brumage well as she recovers from recent eye surgery.

We extend our sympathy to Aletta Moffett, whose mother died January 31st.

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Save the Date

2015 West Virginia Lions Day at the
WVU Eye Institute
Saturday, April 18, 2015
1:00 to 4:30

Mark your calendar to attend West Virginia Lions Day hosted by the WVU Eye Institute. Event includes updates on education, research and service, tours, and a special "blind café."

WV Lions Day 2015 updates and event timeline will be posted soon on the new West Virginia Lions Partnership webpage at www.wvueye.com (see reverse for instructions to access webpage).



Summary of Club Expenditures since July 1, 2014

Activities Fund Expenditures	
Eye Exams & Glasses	\$1,454
Peace Poster Contest	104
HOBY	5
FSU Scholarship Fund	150
Union Mission Christmas Party	1,500
Read Aloud WV	102
Total	\$3,315
Budgeted for fiscal Year:	8,215

Administrative Fund Expenditures	
Dues to LCI	\$1,627
District 29L Dues	492
Administrative Expense	265
Newsletter Postage	10
Website/IT (Site hosting)	60
Program/Guests	43
Leadership	200
DG Gift	50
PO Box Rental	83
Misc.	30
Total	\$2,860
Budgeted for fiscal Year:	4,644



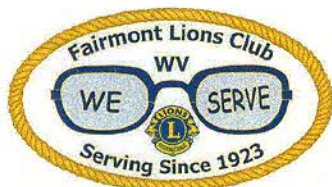
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Lions Partnership with WHO Re-affirmed

The World Health Organization (WHO) has renewed Lions' status as an NGO in Official Relations. WHO collaborates with and relies on non-governmental organizations for crucial emergency and humanitarian action. This status renewal means that Lions will continue to aid WHO's global efforts to fight unnecessary blindness. Between 2007 and 2014, the Lions-WHO partnership established 45 national centers for the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of childhood blindness and visual impairments. To date, this partnership has impacted more than 140 million children in 30 countries.

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Club Officer Nominations
 To Be Presented at March 26th Meeting

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Nominations of 2015-16 Club Officers To Be Presented

At the March 12th club meeting, First Vice President Guy Ward appointed Leroy Humberston and John Marsicano to serve on the Nominations Committee. They will present a slate of officers at the March 26th meeting, at which time nominations from the floor may be made. However, no more nominations may be made once nominations are closed on the 26th. Club officer elections for 2015-2016 will take place at the April 9th meeting.

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 The Firehouse Cafe
 323 Adams Street
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March 26 Program
 CEP Review
 How Are Your
 Ratings Survey &
 Officer Nominations

April 4 Easter Basket
 Tailgate
 Palatine Park
 12:00-4:00

April 9 Officer Elections

April 20 Read Aloud WV
 Reader Training
 Marion Co. Library
 11:30-1:00 &
 6:00-7:30

April 23 Meeting - TBA

The most worthwhile thing
 is to try to put happiness
 into the lives of others.
 —Robert Baden Powell

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Wayne Worth Makes Keith Long A Video Star

In February, Wayne Worth, a member of the Adamston Lions Club in Clarksburg, visited the Fairmont Lions Club meeting for the purpose of creating a video about the service activities of the club. After a series of auditions (well, just Keith's actually), President Keith Long was selected to tell the club's story. Worth set up his equipment; club

members "coached" Keith and history was made.

Within days, the video was posted on YouTube and Facebook. If any member has not seen it, simply point your web browser to www.fairmontlions.org and click on the video image on the homepage. The video is a part of a documentary Worth is working on to tell the story of Lions in West Virginia. The club thanks Wayne Worth for his efforts.

Club Ratings Survey Results to be March 26th Club Program

Bob Moffett will lead a discussion of the results of the survey, "How Are Your Ratings?," which was recently distributed to all club members in an effort to determine what the Fairmont Lions Club is doing well and where the club may wish to consider making changes to improve effectiveness and efficiency. This survey is one part of the Club Excellence Process (CEP) the club embarked upon this year. Moffett is serving as club coordinator for the CEP.

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a program dedicated to enhancing member experience and better serving the community. The club will examine its community's needs, analyze its membership experience, identify club and LCI resources, and develop action plans for moving forward.

Lions Stay Out Late to Support Public Television

Guy Ward reported that he, Keith Long and John Marsicano volunteered five hours each (a total of 15 hours) answering phones for the West Virginia Public Television Pledge Drive on Saturday evening, March 7 at the WNPB studios in Morgantown. WV Public Television relies heavily on viewer financial support and on volunteers to help them reach fundraising goals.

RAP/Read Aloud WV Continues to Grow

Fairmont Lions Club member Aletta Moffett served as a judge for the Reading Fair held at Watson Elementary School. As a part of the club's Reading Action Program (RAP)/Read Aloud WV project, the Fairmont Lions Club contributed \$100 toward the prizes awarded to the winning students. According to Moffett, it was a great success and brought out the best family participation for any recent "Family Night" event.

The club is also purchasing 60 copies of a book to be presented to students in the three classes Aletta reads to at Watson. The books will be purchased through Scholastic at a discounted price.

Four more elementary schools in the county have expressed an interest in participating in the Read Aloud WV program. Those schools are Rivesville, Pleasant Valley, Barrackville and Blackshere. Volunteer reader training events will be held at the Marion County Public Library on April 20th, 11:30-1:00 and 6:00-7:30.



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Just A Lion or Two

Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion and Carol Baker have all been under the weather recently, and we wish them speedy recoveries. We are pleased to report that Ed Neese is doing well following eye surgery.

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Ronald L. Gross, MD
Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and
Director of the WVU Eye Institute
and the
WVU Eye Institute Faculty and Staff
cordially invite you to participate in

WEST VIRGINIA LIONS DAY

at the
West Virginia University Eye Institute
Saturday, April 18, 2015
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

West Virginia Lions leadership, Lions Club and Leo Club members are invited to attend an afternoon dedicated to the Lions community. Activities will include updates on advances in vision education, research and service by Ronald L. Gross, MD, Visvanathan Ramamurthy, PhD, and Becky Coakley, MA, CLVT; tours of the WVU Eye Institute will also be provided and refreshments will be served at the "Blind Café." The "Blind Café" provides a no vision experience in a café setting.

The courtesy of a reply by April 8, 2015, is requested by calling Jeanie Ellsworth, 304-598-6926 or email ellsworthj@wvuhealthcare.com

Club Makes Annual Donations

At the Lions District 29L Conference in Wheeling on March 14th, PDG Bob Moffett presented the club's donations to the Parade of Checks. Supported causes are: WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, \$700; Leader Dogs, \$150; Pilot Dogs, \$150; Youth Exchange, \$50; Deaf & Blind Recreation, \$50; VIP Fishing Tournament, \$25; Romney School Work Program, \$100; and Lions Clubs International Foundation, \$300. These contributions totaled \$1,525.

Eyeglasses Recycling

About 20 boxes were used to transport 5,813 pairs of used eyeglasses to the district conference where they were combined with those from other clubs to be delivered to the Lions Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA.



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LCIF Provides Aid for Cyclone Pam Victims

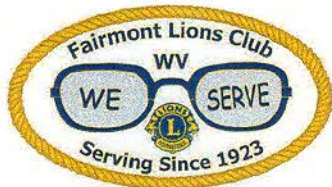
By the time this issue went to press, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) had awarded a \$10,000 emergency grant to assist the Lions of Vanuatu with relief activities following Cyclone Pam. These funds will provide basic necessities such as food, clothing, blankets, bottled water and medical supplies to those affected by the disaster.

Trading Pins Net Funds

At the March 14th District 29L Conference, three framed sets of Lions trading pins sold in the silent auction for \$75. The sets of pins came from the collection of PDG Gerald Warren and were given to the club by his wife, Martha, a former member of the club.

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Broom Sales
 May 2 & 16

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2015-16 Officers Elected

Club elections were held April 9, 2015, with the following officers for 2015-2016 elected:

President	Guy Ward
1st Vice President	Virginia Gallion
2nd Vice President	John Marsicano
Secretary	John Marsicano
Treasurer	Bob Brummage
Tail Twister	Keith Long
Lion Tamer	Monica Delbrook
Directors 1 yr.	John Marsicano
1 yr.	Leroy Humberston
2 yr.	Aletta Moffett
2 yr.	Jake Brumage
Membership Chairperson	Bob Moffett
Immediate Past President	Keith Long

The election was conducted using secret ballots and all candidates were elected unanimously.

Lions Respond to Nepal Earthquake

Following the 7.9 magnitude earthquake in Nepal, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant. More is needed. You can help by donating to the LCIF emergency fund. Local Lions are hard at work providing disaster relief in the affected areas. Lions and Leos distributed more than 100 tents and medicines to Dhanding and Kathmandu.

Calendar

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 6:30 pm
 The Firehouse Cafe
 323 Adams Street
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- May 1-3 State Convention
Civic Center
Charleston
- May 2 Broom & Mop Sale
East Side
Shop N Save
- May 14 Business Meeting
6:30 pm
The Firehouse Cafe
- May 16 Broom & Mop Sale
West Side
Shop N Save
- May 23 Program - TBA
6:30 pm
The Firehouse Cafe
- June 6 Yard Sale
S&M Glass
- June 11 Business Meeting
6:30pm
The Firehouse Cafe

I have always felt sorry for people afraid of feeling, afraid of sentimentality—who are unable to weep with their whole heart. Because those who do not know how to weep do not know how to laugh either.
 —Golda Meir

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Trail Cleaned on a Warm Sunday Afternoon

John Marsicano made the arrangements and he, along with Aletta and Bob Moffett cleaned up the West Fork River (Ralph LaRue) Trail between Norway and Monongah, a distance of about two miles, on Sunday afternoon, April 12. It was a sunny and warm afternoon providing an enjoyable walk on the trail. Trash cleaned up filled several garbage bags. Plan to help on the next trail clean-up in June.

Club Excellence Process Progresses

Surveys provided to community leaders are now being returned. The results will be compiled and discussed at a future meeting. This is the second major component of the Club Excellence Process. It is hoped that the work done by the club will provide ideas, goals and action plans developed by the members to further improve the Fairmont Lions Club. PDG Bob Moffett is the CEP Coordinator for the club.

Welcome To Our New Member

Fairmont Lions Club members welcomed Judy Wilfong as our newest member. Judy is a hairdresser working in Jane Lew, but who lives in Fairmont. She had previously been a member of the Jane Lew Lions Club.



Recycling Nets Funds

John Marsicano turned over \$23.20 from recycling of pop cans. Please continue collecting aluminum cans. It is environmentally friendly and raises a little bit of funds for the club.

Brooms Are On-Hand

Broom sale chairperson Jacob Brumage ordered and has received brooms. The task now is to "move them out." Two broom sales have been scheduled. The club will sell brooms on Saturday, May 2nd at the East Side Shop N Save and on Saturday, May 16th at the West Side Shop N Save. If you have an hour or two available on either of those Saturdays, please let Jake know and give us a hand. Brumage also reminded volunteers to "bring your own chair." Broom and mop sales make up a large segment of our fundraising effort and help us to provide needed services in Fairmont. The Lions motto is "We Serve." Let's get out and have a "clean sweep."



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Welcome home to Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman. We were also glad to have Carol Baker back with us.

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Easter Egg Hunt Draws Large Crowd

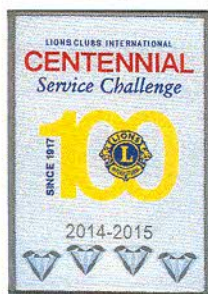
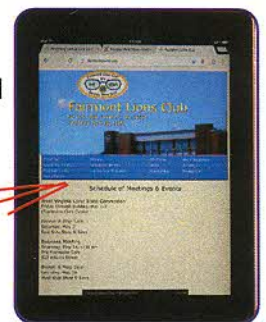
Fairmont Lions members took part in MCPARC's Easter Egg Tailgate following the Easter Egg Hunt at Palatine Park on April 4th. Children attending picked up 8,000 eggs in five minutes. Nancy Sickles led the club's effort and thanked those who helped. Other Lions participating were Virginia Gallion, Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett. Rev. Hal Hevener and Monica Delbrook also stopped by during the event. Easter candy was provided to hundreds of children.

In a related matter, Nancy Sickles reported that the club's metal signs which were last seen at the apple sale could not be found. Should you know where they might be, please contact Bob Brummage.

Website Updated for Mobile Devices

The Fairmont Lions Club's website has been updated to be "responsive"—a term that refers to the site's ability to be viewed on mobile devices as well as desktop and laptop computers. Tablets and smartphones have gained popularity and it has become important for websites to be useful across all of these platforms. Content on the club's site, www.fairmontlions.org, includes everything that was previously on the site and features upcoming meetings and events on the homepage.

Navigation has changed. What we previously called "Inside Pages" now consists of a menu of pages appearing on a blue background under the top picture on the homepage. From any of these pages, there is a line of "bread crumbs" at the top of the page to return to the homepage. Outside links appear across the bottom of the homepage. These links will take the user to sites such as Lions International, LCIF, District 29L and more. These links will open in a new browser window or a new tab. When the window or tab is closed, the club's homepage should remain on-screen for further use.



Fairmont Lions Club Receives Recognition

At the District 29L Conference, District Governor Eugene Saunders presented the Centennial Service Challenge patch with four diamonds signifying the club's early completion of the four Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns this club year. The campaigns are Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting Our Environment. Thanks to Maria Marsicano for attaching the patch to the club's banner and to Secretary Carol Baker for reporting the activities to Lions Int'l.

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June 26-30 Lions Int'l
 Convention
 Honolulu, Hawaii

July 9 Installation of
 Officers
 PDG Tracy Smith
 6:30 pm
 The Firehouse Cafe

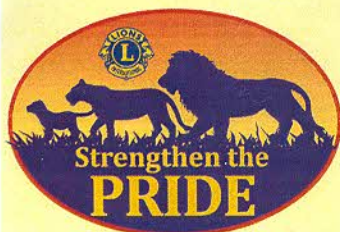
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Aug 27 Lions Club Picnic

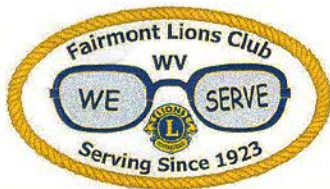
There are two freedoms, the
 false where one is free to do
 what he likes, and the true
 where he is free to do what
 he ought.

—Charles Kingsley

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Please Consider Responses to the
 Community Needs Assessment Pages 2 & 3



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Read Aloud WV Completes Successful Year

Volunteer readers for Read Aloud WV read to children each week at White Hall, Watson and East Park Elementary Schools. Providing trained readers to read in the schools is one of the purposes of Read Aloud WV, which the Fairmont Lions Club adopted as a project to develop a love for reading in children.

Club member Aletta Moffett read to three classes at Watson and at the end of the school year, presented 55 copies of the book, *A Pizza as Big as the Sky*, to children in the three classes as a way to encourage them to read during the summer months. The book contains silly poems and was written by Jack Prelutsky. The Fairmont Lions Club provided the books for the students and a nameplate in the front acknowledges that they were provided by the club.

Read Aloud WV will be adding Barrackville and Blackshere to the schools with readers beginning in the fall of 2015. Marion County will have two school coordinators and Aletta Moffett, County Coordinator, attending the 2nd Annual Read Aloud WV Conference in July.

The next Read Aloud Board meeting is Thursday, August 6th. Fairmont Lions Club members or spouses serving on the board include Guy and Joyce Ward, John and Maria Marsicano, Lisa Long, and Aletta and Bob Moffett. Also serving are Christian Cox and Julie Mike (Marion Co. Public Library); Gina DeLorenzo, Denise Shipley and Stacey Oliver (Marion Co. Board of Education); Sharon Smith (Fairmont State University); Kim Cummings (Literacy Volunteers); and Connie Moore (retired). School Coordinators include Peggy Corley (White Hall), Beverly Richards (East Park), Jayme Ferguson (Watson), Judy McCoy (Blackshere) and Natalie Campbell (Barrackville).

Lions, with the Reading Action Program (RAP), have partnered with Read Aloud WV to promote reading to children.



Aletta Moffett presents a book from the Fairmont Lions Club to a student at Watson Elementary.



Many people came by to discover their new treasures at the yard sale.

\$\$\$ from Yard Sale

The Fairmont Lions Club's annual yard sale was held at S&M Glass on Saturday, June 6th. According to Nancy Sickles, who chaired the event, the total proceeds amounted to \$581.20, thanks to all the Lions and others who donated items to be sold, helped setting up and pricing merchandise, and those who came out to help sell and buy. The total amount included sales of brooms, mops and hot dogs at the sale.

Tail Twister Turns the Tables

In an unexpected twist, Tail Twister Ed Neese baked a cake and served it to those in attendance to celebrate the occasion of his birthday at the June 11th club meeting. It was tasty!

Members Avoid Rain to Clean-up the Trail

John Marsicano had arranged with MCPARC for the Fairmont Lions Club to clean the rail trail on Sunday, June 14. The time was set for 2:00 pm. The weather prognosticators were calling for strong thunderstorms. However, by the appointed hour, the sun was out and, along with Marsicano, Aletta and Bob Moffett hustled to get the job done and were off the trail before the next storm came through.

Community Needs Assessment Summary of Responses
(Edited for space and clarity)

1. Identify specific community needs..

We need more new businesses with higher paying wages and better roads....
Support for all food pantries & a close mentor-type relationship with all schools
Provide transportation for elderly; work at Soup Opera
There are organizations that provide help for homeless and poor
Increased need regarding retirement planning, estate and funeral planning, financial & spiritual stability
One of the biggest issues this demographic face is proper identification. You and I don't think much about this. We have our birth certificate, Social Security Card, and Drivers license. Many of the people that I have worked with have one or none of these which is a huge problem when trying to receive services. You have to have a photo ID to apply for any government assistance and therefore they are not able to receive the help they need and qualify for because they don't have the documents they need. In order to get a WV photo ID you have to have copy of birth certificate, proud of residency (if you are homeless you don't have one) and Social Security Card. You can see all the requirements at the DMV web site, plus it cost money for it. In our world it is not hard to get a copy of a birth certificate. We just go online to the state website in which we were born fill out the form and with a credit card place the order. While this is an extremely easy thing for us to do it is the complete opposite for those on the fringe because they don't have computer access or knowledge of how to get the documents. They do not have a bank account or credit card to use and while \$40 does not seem like a lot of money to us; that could pay a water bill which in the scheme of things is way more important. ...there is no one out there that I am aware of helping this demographic to get these documents which would ultimately help them and our community as a whole...

White Hall needs community building and a Public Safety Bldg
To develop a street crimes unit to prevent the wide spread drug abuse in Marion County, also to educate the schools and community

2. Community service projects you have heard about?

Meals on Wheels, Soup Opera, Drive Cancer patients, work with mentally handicapped
Volunteering at schools, visiting those at nursing homes
Lions Club collecting glasses, Soup Opera, Knights of Columbus
Make Marion County Shine, Empty Bowls, Helping at the Fairmont Food Pantry. Our church does our annual Shoes for Kids project where we provide FREE shoes to children... Food pantry at Wesley House (FSU)
Litter Control along Rt 250
Deputy Phil Program, Drug take back and awareness, Safety Pup

3. What services are needed in the community now and in the future?

...do more for our youth to keep them involved so they can help & get involved in community.
Continued support for your sight programs, support for Meals on Wheels, cancer patient drivers, Free Wheelers
More scholarships could be given to local high school students
More dollars and hands-on help for Union Mission, Soup Opera, food pantries
Quality affordable housing/NOT Slum Lord Housing, Service to help people get birth certificates, Social Security Cards, and Photo ID's. Place for these people to work and classes to help teach them computer skills, and how to do a job interview. We need to create a system with liaisons that help these families reach their goals. We need hands on approach not handing them the money and say go do it. We need to create relationships and trust.
Community building with playground for the community
More education in the schools and more education in the community in general

4. Are residents aware? - How do we make them aware?

Better publicity would help
I feel they are aware
People do not read newspapers like they used to
It would be difficult to find homeless to make them aware of programs available
...demographic that need services may not realize what is available to them or they may know about it but not have what they need to qualify for it.
Going door to door would help, if possible
No, the only people aware of the programs are the ones in the system. Leaders need to be more in touch with social media, newspaper and TV

5. What organizations are providing services and programs to help?

Knights of Columbus, Elks, -- help with needy, shut-ins, veterans and other groups
Meals on Wheels, Free Wheelers, United Way
Foundations at Fairmont Sr. High School & East Fairmont High School
Scott Place, Soup Opera, United Way, Connecting Link, CASA, Hope,
Fairmont Food Pantry, Wesley House, Day Report Center under Judge Alo
Currently starting Neighborhood Watch Program
Marion Co. Sheriff Dept., Homeland Security, CAC, 911

6. What role do you see for the Lions Club?

...I do know they help a lot of people with the eyeglass program
Continue with ...eyeglass program. Increase emphasis of promoting a healthy lifestyle in everyone
Sponsoring students to Boys State/Girls State
Monetary donations to organizations above or providing food to food pantries, meals for Union Mission, etc.
I could see the Lions club partnering with local churches through The Connecting Link to help provide these types of services that I described. It is impossible for my church alone to do something like this but together with partnership from other organizations we could really make an impact in the lives of many people in our community.
...could work hand in hand with various groups in the community to provide support to them.
Community Outreach, Manpower, Law Enforcement, Drug Awareness, and Supervision

7. Additional Comments

I try to buy a broom from the Lions Club when one is needed and I sometimes purchase other items sold for their fund raising programs.

I would just like to say that it was an honor to be asked to be a part of this assessment. We all want our community to be great and I truly believe that by working together and strengthening our relationship in the community Fairmont will continue to be a great place to live.

I am available anytime you guys need it.

Note: We will be considering the above responses in light of how our club might be able to more effectively serve our community.

1. Have these community leaders identified unmet needs that our club might help address?
2. What specifically could our club do to address these needs?
3. How can we develop an action plan to address these needs?

Don't be afraid to think big. Look what our club has done with the Read Aloud Program in one year!

Thank you. -- Bob Moffett, Club Excellence Process Coordinator



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District Governor Gene Saunder's theme this year is "Digging Deep to Move Forward"



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

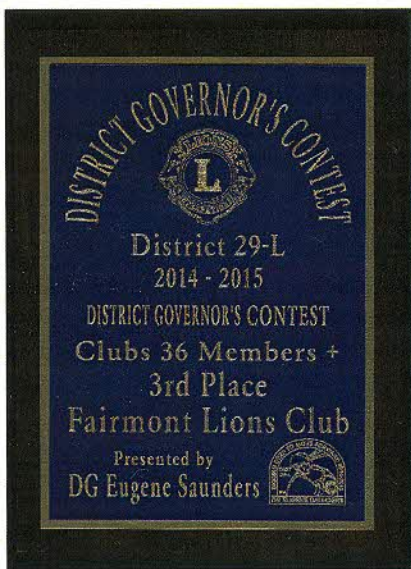
Just A Lion or Two

Congratulations to Jim Coleman who was recognized as a previous "Man of the Year" at the WV Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Welcome "home" to Connie Canfield who has returned from Florida.

Bob & Lois Brummage could use our prayers following Lois' surgery.

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Fairmont Lions Club Takes 3rd Place Award

District Governor Eugene Saunders presented the Fairmont Lions Club with 3rd Place in the District Governor's Contest for clubs of 36 or more members. The presentation was made at the District Breakfast on Sunday morning of the State Convention, held at the Charleston Civic Center.

All that the club does including service activities, fund raising and attendance at special events, is considered in the determination of the awards. Much of the credit goes to Secretary Carol Baker, as the secretary's reporting is crucial to receiving a contest award.

Eye Exams and Glasses Provided

10 applications for April and 10 applications for May for eye exams and glasses were approved at the May 28th meeting.

Lions Mints Continue to Sell

Ed Neese has kept busy restocking local businesses with Lions Mints. At the June 11th meeting, he reported another \$190 in receipts. Except for some remaining stock, new mints from what is now the only company making the mints available to the club are being sold. This has introduced sugar-free mints and some additional flavors. He also has some individually wrapped mints, if members know anyone who might wish to buy quantities of those.

International President Joe Preston's Message

Dear Lion,

When I asked Lions to Strengthen the Pride last year, I had no idea just how strong we would become. It's been an incredible year thanks to you.

I asked you to strengthen your club, and we're stronger than ever. We have surpassed 1.4 million members because you made a commitment to growing your club to better serve your community and those who need us most.

We challenged Lions to help 100 million people through the Centennial Service Challenge, and you responded. More than 30 million people have benefitted from your service, which has strengthened communities and brought hope to millions around the world.

We've achieved so much together...and I hope you'll keep working to achieve even more. Keep inviting new members to position your club for success. Keep serving so we can reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal. And keep working to make the world a better place, which is what we do as Lions.

It has been an honor to lead dedicated, compassionate men and women like you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2014-15 international president.

