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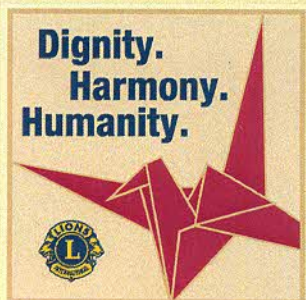
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 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
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- Jan. 21 Read Aloud WV
 Marion Co. Chapter
 Board Meeting
 6:30 pm, White Hall
 Community Bldg.
- Jan. 28 Meeting 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
- Jan. 29-31 Lions of WV
 Leadership Retreat
 Charleston
- Feb. 11 Meeting 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
- Feb. 25 Meeting 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

WE SERVE

Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.

—Carlyle



President Dr. Yamada's theme for 2015 - 2016



The Mane Growl

Lions of WV Leadership Retreat
 January 29-31, 2016



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Time to Pay the Piper

For club members who pay dues on a six-month schedule, it is that time again. The club must pay its dues to both Lions Clubs International and District 29L in January. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all members to keep their dues payments current and not to fall into arrears. Regular member dues are only \$39.50 for six-months. Please refer any questions about your dues to Treasurer Bob Brummage.

Fairmont Lions Club Helps Fairmont Celebrate the Christmas Season

The Fairmont Christmas Parade, once again organized and sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, kicked off at 5:00 pm on December 12th, which was a mild evening that promised a large turnout. Marci Carroll and Carol Baker had it well organized and moving smoothly. A comment on Facebook suggested it was Fairmont's largest parade in years. Large crowds lined Adams and Merchant Streets.



Our own Columbus Carpenter served as parade marshal and Leroy Humberston road in John Knoll's 1920 Ford Touring car, a parade regular. "Lennie" the Lion and others from the Friendly Lions Club were also on hand. Club President Guy Ward, Virginia Gallion, Aletta and Bob Moffett, in addition to Carpenter and Humberston, represented the Fairmont Lions Club in the parade.



Marci Carroll, Carol Baker, Virginia Gallion, Guy Ward, Aletta and Bob Moffett helped with the parade line-up.

Fairmont Lions Know How To Throw A Party



Keith Long, aka Fred Claus, hands bags of toys to children.

For over 70 years, the Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored a party for less fortunate children at Fairmont's Union Mission. Organized by Nancy Sickles, this year's party was a great success. Although the number of children served was down a little from recent years, all who attended received at least one item from their "wish list" as part of a large sack of toys and gifts. In addition, the children were able to choose from a wide selection of hats, mittens and gloves, stuffed toys, and more. These additional gifts were donations from churches and other local organizations.

Drawings were held for special prizes in four age groups, including a girl's bicycle, a boy's bicycle, a very large stuffed animal and a wagon piled high with gifts. It was an evening of joy watching the smiles of the children and their parents. Many parents made a point to speak to Lions afterwards and thanked the Lions for the evening.

At the club dinner, which preceded the party, the Mission staff prepared a fine repast. Nancy Sickles was presented a plaque by George Batten, Executive Director of the Union Mission, "in acknowledgment of her many years of service to the children of our community." It should be noted that Sickles did much of the shopping, too. A poinsettia, donated to the club by Kime Floral, was presented to the Battens.



George Batten presents plaque to Nancy Sickles.



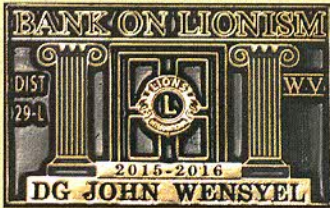
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Just A Lion Or Two

Keith Long's mother passed away after the last issue went to press. We express our sympathy to the family.

Please keep Pres. Guy Ward and family in your thoughts and prayers. His mother is in failing health.

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We are on Facebook.



Lions Spend Saturday for Salvation Army

On a cool December Saturday, members of the Fairmont Lions Club gave of their time to ring bells for the Salvation Army's Kettle Drive. Participating Lions were Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Leroy Humberston, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Aletta Moffett, John Marsicano, Ed Neese, Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett.

Fairmont Lions Club Sponsors Peace Poster Contest



Kylie Andrade (right) was the first place Peace Poster Contest winner at East Fairmont Middle School. Jazlyn Messina (center) was the Second Place winner. Andrade's winning poster was submitted to the District 29L competition. Jacob Brumage (left) presented each with a certificate and gift card.



Clara Deskins (right) was the first place Peace Poster Contest winner at East Fairmont Middle School. Katheyin Mason (center) was the Second Place winner. Deskins' winning poster was submitted to the District 29L competition. Margaret Brumage (left) presented them both with certificates and gift cards.

Casey Conaway Doing Mission Work in Burundi

Casey Conaway, a graduate of North Marion H.S. and an RN, has been working with the deaf & blind students in Burundi, Africa, through Hands and Feet Ministries. She told about her work there at the December 10th Fairmont Lions Club meeting at Mom's Place. She was back in the area as a result of unsafe conditions, but hoped to return to Burundi in January. The club presented her with a gift of \$50 to support her work with the deaf and blind in Burundi. Several individual Lions provided her with additional financial support, as well.

Members Recognized

President Guy Ward presented Perfect Attendance pins to Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Leroy Humberston, Ed Neese, Aletta and Bob Moffett, and Keith Long. He presented LCIF Contributing Member pins to Aletta and Bob Moffett.

PDG Bob Moffett, on behalf of DG John Wensyel, presented a 10 year membership chevron to Virginia Gallion and the district governor's pin to Pres. Guy Ward.

More Eye Care Provided by Club

Eight applications for exams and glasses were approved at the January 14th meeting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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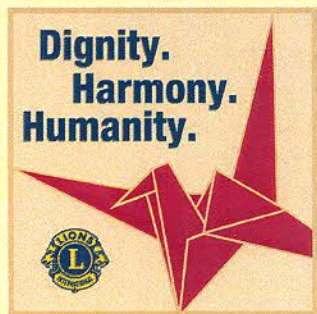
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- Mar. 10 Meeting 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
- Mar. 11-12 District 29-L
 Conference
 Parkersburg
- Mar. 24 Meeting 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
- Mar. 29 Read Aloud WV
 Reader
 Orientation

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If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.
 —John Quincy Adams



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Board of Directors Meeting
 Tuesday, Feb. 29 at Mom's Place

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Four Club Members Retreat To Charleston

Fairmont Lions Club members Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat held at the Marriott Town Center in Charleston the last weekend of January. They enjoyed a number of informative seminars and inspirational speakers during the weekend. Speakers, among others, included Dr. E. Gordon Gee, president of West Virginia University and Chris Worth (Lion Wayne Worth's brother). Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion were sponsored by the club to attend the Retreat.

It was announced at the Retreat that PDG Bob Moffett will be the vice-chairperson for the 2017 Retreat. The 2017 Retreat will be held at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. Registration for the 2017 Retreat is \$120 per person. Lions and non-Lions are encouraged to attend.

Lions Will Roast Chickens



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Club Continues Support For Reading Action Program And Read Aloud WV

Aletta Moffett, County Coordinator for Read Aloud WV and a volunteer reader at Watson Elementary School, requested that the Fairmont Lions Club purchase books again this year to be given to children in three classes at Watson School. The members approved the action with the funds to come from the Mint sales. Through Scholastic, she is able to purchase 80 books for \$210 with free shipping. Moffett reads to three classes every Thursday at the school.



Fairmont Lions Club Again Sponsoring Students To HOBY Seminar



Jacob Brumage has received the names of two students, one from each of the high schools, who have been selected to attend this year's Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar. The cost to sponsor a student has increased this year (largely due to the cost of food). It will cost \$195 per student or \$390 for the club. Since the budget allocation of \$350 is not quite enough, the club voted to pay the full cost of the two scholarships.

Nominations Committee Appointed

President Guy Ward appointed Jacob Brumage, Bob Brummage and himself to serve on the Nominations Committee and charged them to prepare a slate of officers for the 2016-2017 club year. The election will be held in March.

Saturday, March 19 is "Lions Across West Virginia"

Lions clubs across our Multiple District (West Virginia) are asked to perform some kind of service project to help fight blindness on March 19th. Possibilities include collecting eyeglasses at a central location, providing eye screenings or any service related to fighting blindness. District Governor John Wensyel is promoting this date.

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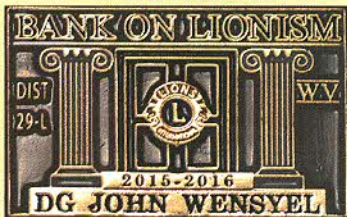
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Gather Those Used Eyeglasses

Any Lions who are responsible for collection boxes for used eyeglasses should empty those boxes and bring the eyeglasses to an upcoming meeting so that they can be delivered to the District 29-L Conference in Parkersburg (March 11-12, 2016). From there, the used eyeglasses will go to the Lions Recycling Center in Roanoke, Virginia. They will be cleaned, sorted and provided to various missions sponsored by Lions and other groups.

Board of Directors To Meet

President Guy Ward has called a Board of Directors Meeting for Monday, February 29, 6:00 pm at Mom's Place. Last year, the club began the Club Excellence Process and due to a number of circumstances, completion was delayed. We will look toward developing goals and an action plan and bring the process to its conclusion at a future club meeting. All interested members may attend.

District 29-L Conference Set For March 11 & 12

Lions from across District 29-L will gather the weekend of March 11 & 12 for the annual District Conference. This year's conference will be held at the historic Blennerhassett Hotel in downtown Parkersburg. The registration fee is \$60, which includes Saturday lunch and banquet, along with Friday and Saturday entertainment. The registration deadline is March 4th.

ID Karla Harris, from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be our guest for the weekend. She was elected to serve a two-year term as director at the 97th International Convention in 2014. Director Harris is a retired executive director for a non-profit service organization and a member of the South Milwaukee Lions Club. She has received numerous awards including the Leadership Award, Knight of Sight Fellowship, and an International President's Medal. She was honored by the White House as a "Champion of Change" for her work to raise awareness for the visually impaired and helping to create the Lions "Rockin' the Vest" rap video. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Her husband, Clarence, and two daughters are also Lions.



ID Karla Harris



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 State Convention
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- Apr. 16 Broom sale at
 VFW
 Morgantown Ave.
- May 21 Chicken Roast
 VFW
 Morgantown Ave.

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There is a fountain of youth:
 it is your mind, your talents,
 the creativity you bring to
 your life and the lives of
 people you love. When you
 learn to tap this source, you
 will truly have defeated age.
 —Sophia Loren

**Dignity.
 Harmony.
 Humanity.**



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Officer Elections
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March 2016

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Club Collects Used Eyeglasses for "Lions Across West Virginia"

Lions clubs across our Multiple District (West Virginia) were asked to perform some kind of service project to help fight blindness on March 19th. The Fairmont Lions Club decided to set up a stand at Gwynn Tire on Fairmont Avenue to collect used eyewear. Members Ed Neese, Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett attended the collection box from 1:00 - 3:00 Saturday afternoon and collected 73 pairs of glasses.

A couple of men walked up the sidewalk, and one of them, upon realizing it was the Lions, came over to shake hands and express his gratitude to the Lions. He said his son was blind, but the Lions arranged for eye surgery and now he can see. He deeply appreciated the work of the Lions.



Club Recycles Used Eyeglasses

Eyeglasses collected at various locations throughout the Fairmont area during the past year were packed up and transported to the District 29L Conference in Parkersburg. From there, and along with glasses collected by the other clubs in the district, they will be taken to the Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA, where they will be prepared and shipped to various missions sponsored by Lions and others.

Bob Moffett first picked up 1,400 pairs from Ed Neese. When Keith Long brought boxes with another 1,084 pairs, the decision was made to take a truck to the Conference. Moffett added 67 pairs and Beulah Miller added 32 pairs. The truck was loaded with boxes containing 2,583 pairs. Together, the clubs in District 29L donated almost 17,000 pairs.

New Eyeglasses Made Available

Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, requested approval at the February 25th meeting for 9 applications for exams and glasses. The club approved the request. He indicated that there is also a pending application for hearing aids and an application for cataract surgery. Once applications for hearing aids or cataract surgery are investigated by the club, the arrangements are made by the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. The Fairmont Lions Club makes an annual donation to the Foundation to support these cases, but does not incur any direct cost for the services provided by the Foundation.

Broom Sale Planned April 16 at VFW

Columbus Carpenter is roasting chickens as a fundraiser for the Korean War Veterans Memorial at the VFW on Morgantown Avenue on Saturday, April 16. The Fairmont Lions Club has been invited to sell brooms in conjunction with the chicken sale. Members will be needed.



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Club Adopts Goals and Makes Plans to Achieve Them

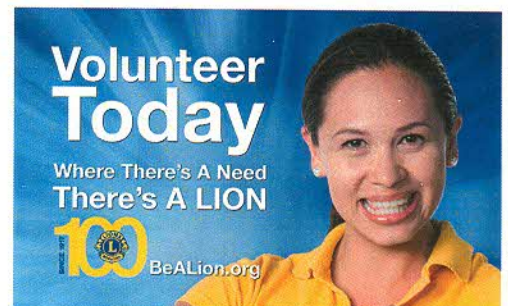
Following recommendations from the board of directors meeting of February 29, the club adopted the following goals at the March 10th meeting:

1. Collection of food and hygiene supplies for the Soup Opera will begin with a food drive in April and then be on-going. Public awareness will include flyers for grocery stores and Facebook. Club members will be reminded through reminders in conjunction with phone calls about meetings, the club newsletter, Facebook and email. Margaret and Jacob Brumage will keep this in front of the club.
2. Provide pre-school eye screening by the end of May 2016. Bob Moffett will arrange to secure equipment and provide necessary training on the equipment. Aletta Moffett will make an initial contact with Sunbeam Day Care Center to determine interest and then others will be contacted once availability of equipment is known. Beulah Miller will contact the facility at the Pleasant Valley Church. Other facilities are located on Country Club Road, White Hall and the Fairmont Ave. Baptist Church. (Late breaking Information: Sunbeam Child Care Center is very interested in utilizing the club's services, according to Aletta Moffett. Bob Moffett has requested the equipment which we should be able to obtain for a two-week period in April.)
3. Gather information and explore how we can assist with the issue of identification for those individuals unable to obtain necessary IDs required to obtain needed services. Bob Brummage will explore this with resource person, Rev. Elise Neal. Initial discussion/fact finding should take place in April or May.
4. Increase membership by adding eight new members by June 30, 2016. Membership Chairperson Bob Moffett will present a membership campaign in April.

These goals and action plans are the culmination of the Club Excellence Process undertaken by the club in order to determine ways we might effectively meet the needs of our members and of the community.



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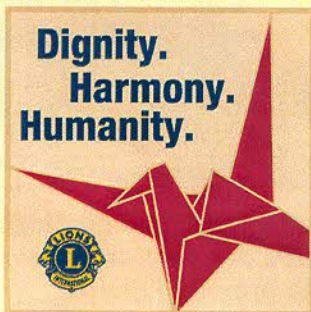
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East Side Shop N Save
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

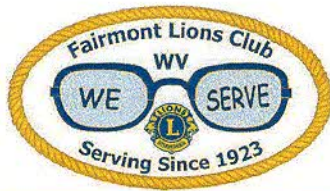
Reminder: We are collecting
non-perishable food and
hygiene supplies (no mouth-
wash) for the Soup Opera.

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I don't know what your
destiny will be, but one
thing I know: the only ones
among you who will be
really happy are those who
have sought and found how
to serve.
—Albert Schweitzer



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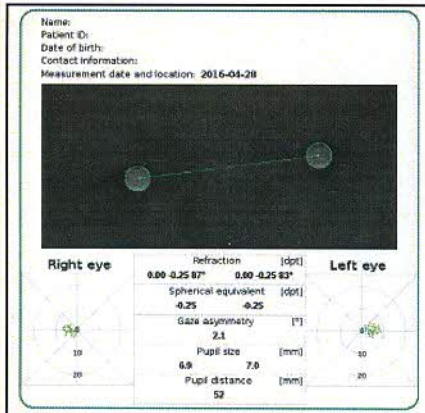
Officers Elected for 2016-2017

At the April 28 Fairmont Lions Club meeting, elections were held for club officers for the 2016-2017 club year beginning July 1. Elected were:

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Jacob Brumage
Robert Moffett
Membership Chairperson Robert Moffett

The club congratulates these elected officers and thanks them for their service.

Club Screens Eyes of 159 Preschoolers



A portion of the full page
report provided to parents of
children who were referred to
see an eye care professional.

Fairmont Lions Club members Bob Brummage, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett visited some of the local preschool facilities to provide free eye screening of the children using the Plusoptix screener provided for use by District 29L Lions Clubs through the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Commission. During a two week period in April, children were screened at Sunbeam Early Learning Center, Valley Chapel Child Development Center (two days), and Learning Land Daycare and Preschool. A Total of 159 children were screened at the three sites. Of these 50 (31%) were referred to be followed up by an eye care professional. Of those referred, six children had a screening result indicating a possibility of developing amblyopia, also known as "Lazy Eye." A detailed report sheet (a portion of the report is shown at left) was provided to the parents or guardians of the 50 children who were referred. There is a good chance that our screening will have prevented future loss of sight in some of these children.

The Plusoptix screener is now being used by other clubs, but the Fairmont club can obtain it again in the future. It is an easy to learn and easy to use device. Any Lion member can be trained in its use.

Chicken Roast Canceled — Broom Sale Scheduled

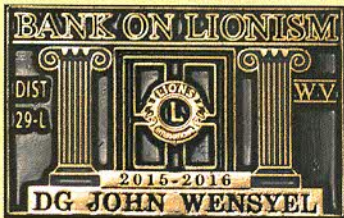
Columbus Carpenter has canceled the chicken roast, originally scheduled for May 21st, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Fairmont Lions Club. Jacob Brumage has scheduled a broom sale for Saturday, May 28th. Club members will work two-hour shifts from 9:00 am Saturday morning with the final shift beginning at 3:00. The broom sale will be held at the East Fairmont Shop N Save. All club members are asked to work a shift.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Awards Grants

LCIF has awarded a \$100,000 catastrophe grant to aid Canadian Lions to provide wildfire assistance. LCIF has also awarded \$200,000 to support relief efforts in Paraguay and provided major catastrophe grants to both Japan and Ecuador following their recent earthquakes. Lions are there to help rebuild and regain hope. This is World Immunization Week. Support LCIF by making a gift to disaster relief or the One Shot, One Life Lions Measles Initiative. One dollar can save a life. Visit lcif.org to donate now.



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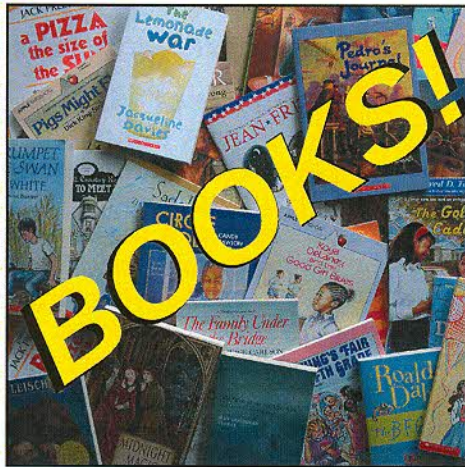
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We have missed Leroy Humberston at recent meetings due to health issues. We wish him well and hope to see him soon.

Welcome back to Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman who have returned from wintering in Florida and to Ed Neese who had been under the weather.

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Fairmont Lions Provide Books to Students

"Oh, I want that one!" and "Do we get to pick out a book?," exclaimed students as they came into the classroom and saw the selection of books laid out for them to choose. There are 67 students who get to select a book from the Fairmont Lions Club in the classes where member Aletta Moffett serves as a volunteer reader in the Read Aloud WV program at Watson School. Each book contained a bookplate for the child's name stating that it was provided by the Fairmont Lions Club.

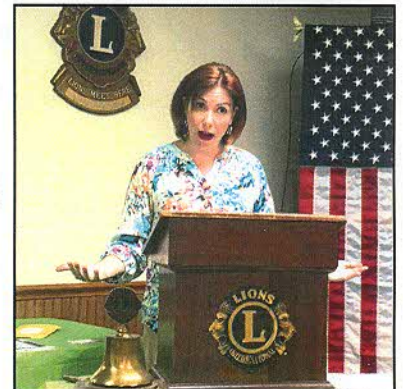
The club purchased the books at an 80% discount and free shipping through Scholastic. Moffett reads to 2nd and 4th grade classes. Books included adventure, mystery, poetry, non-fiction, humor and more. Each student also received a Read Aloud WV bookmark and a bookmark from the Marion Co. Public Library.

Read Aloud WV was established in Marion County by, and is an ongoing project of, the Fairmont Lions Club. The Read Aloud WV board will meet on May 16, 6:30 pm, at the White Hall Municipal Building.

Pastor Elise Neal Informs Club of ID Need

Pastor Elise Neal, First Presbyterian Church, spoke to the club at the April 14th meeting and addressed the need for providing photo identification cards to low income residents. Connecting Link can provide or direct those in need to assistance, but in many cases a state ID card is required to obtain those services. Many of these people do not have such ID and are unable to pay the costs of obtaining the card. The ID card costs \$5, but requires other documents, usually including a certified copy of the birth certificate, which can cost more, depending on the state where the person was born.

Aletta Moffett subsequently met with Jone Webb of Connecting Link who provided additional information and estimated a need for about 25 cards per year at a cost of \$30-\$50 per card. At the April 28th meeting, the club agreed to provide \$200 to Connecting Link designated to be used toward the cost of photo ID's. President Guy Ward will be discussing cooperation with other area service clubs on this issue.



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President.....Keith Long

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
6:30 pm
Mom's Place
32 Philips Lane
Fairmont, WV

June 23 Install Officers &
New Member
Induction
6:30 pm
Mom's Place

July 1 Board of Directors
Meeting
6:00 pm
Mom's Place

NOTICE: Zones 5 & 6 will
combine for 2016-2017.
The Fairmont Lions Club is
in Zone 6. Jordan Glass will
serve as Zone Chairperson.

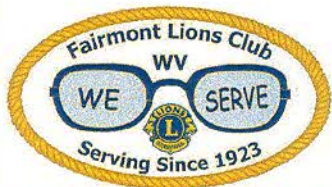
WE SERVE

It is only with the heart that
one can see rightly, what is
essential is invisible to the
eye.
—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

**Dignity.
Harmony.
Humanity.**



President Dr. Yamada's
theme for 2015 - 2016



The Mane Growl



Installation of Officers
Thursday, June 23, 6:30 pm - Mom's Place

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Officers to Be Installed on Thursday, June 23

Officers for the Lions year 2016-2017, who will begin serving July 1, will be formally installed at this Thursday's club meeting (June 23). Jordan Glass, Zone Chairperson, will be the installing officer. Lion Jordan is currently president of the Cheat Lake Lions Club. Also planned is the induction of new members, Ashley Merrifield and Nicole Romino.

Incoming officers who will be installed are:

President	Virginia Gallion
First Vice President	John Marsicano
Second Vice President	Guy Ward
Secretary	Robert Moffett
Treasurer	Robert Brummage
Tail Twister	Keith Long
Lion Tamer	Jacob Brumage
Directors:	Leroy Humberston
	Aletta Moffett
	Jacob Brumage
	Robert Moffett

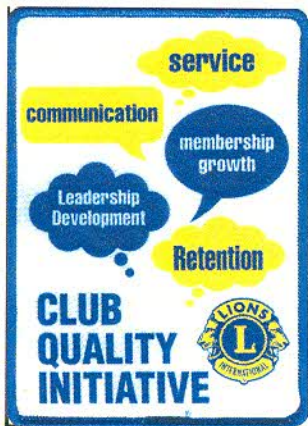


Membership Chairperson

Club Receives LCI Recognition

President Guy Ward received congratulations and a banner patch (left) for completion of the Club Quality Initiative workshop (formerly known as the Club Excellence Process). The club spent several meetings over a period of months considering the results of the member survey, "How Are Your Ratings," and the "Community Needs Assessment" survey. The workshop was directly responsible for the club's inviting Rev. Elise Neal to speak about the need for identification for those needing public services and subsequently taking this on as a club project and promoting it to other service organizations.

The letter accompanying the banner patch was signed by Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, International President.



Club Asked for Help

Ashley Merrifield, Doctor of Audiology,(who, along with Nicole Romino, became a member of the Fairmont Lions Club at the following meeting) spoke to the club about a fund-raising walk planned for the fall to benefit Childhood Hearing Loss. Funds raised will assist families in providing hearing aids to children with hearing problems where the family may not be eligible for government assistance, but would find the high cost of hearing aids to be out of reach. Her proposal was to provide the funds to the club and the club could disburse the funds as needed, since we have processes in place to provide eye exams and glasses.

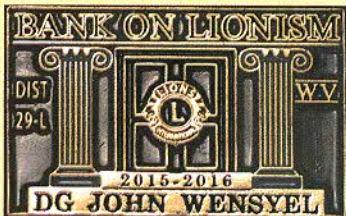


There was considerable discussion and Bob Moffett suggested that the club check with the WV Lions Sight Foundation which provides hearing aids when applications are made through Lions clubs and is a 501c-3 organization to see if they might receive the funds so that the donor of any large amounts could benefit from tax savings. Moffett contacted the Sight Foundation and they plan to take this up at their July meeting. Consensus of the club was to assist with this important project.

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District Governor John Wensyel's theme this year is "You Can Bank On Lionism"



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

Ralph Davis has been recuperating at Mapleshire Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Morgantown following surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Fairmont Lions Club Provides Free Eye Exams & Glasses

At the June 6th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, Keith Long, Chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, asked for the approval of 10 applications for eye exams and glasses. His request was approved by the club and the applicants will be notified to see the optometrist designated by the committee. This follows the approval of eight applications in May. The club has spent nearly \$2,000 on eyeglasses this club year.

Brooms & Mops Bring Needed Funding



Bob Gribben looks over the brooms and mops as Aletta Moffett encourages him to make a purchase (which he did).

Jake Brumage has continued to lead a successful run of broom sales. Following the sale at the East Side Shop N Save on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend, he was able to deposit approximately \$580. He ordered additional brooms for the sale at Bellview Save A Lot held Saturday, June 11th. The proceeds from that sale were slightly less than the earlier sale — by a couple of dollars! A significant amount of donations was received during both sales events.

At the Bellview sale, a club display was set up and drew interest from a number of those stopping to purchase brooms. Club brochures and applications were available.

Joseph Sarsfield Relates Experiences

Joseph Sarsfield became a member of the Fairmont Lions Club in 2012, right after he turned 18. He had previously attended our club meeting to report on his experiences at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY), where he was sponsored by our club. In the meantime, he has been attending Washington & Jefferson University in Washington, PA.

Sarsfield is home for the summer and attended the June 9th meeting, where he told members about some of his experiences. He has done considerable traveling outside the United States. With a major in Political Science and a minor in East Asian Studies, he is president of the Asian Cultural Association and the Chinese Club (he has studied Chinese) on campus. Sarsfield is also involved in Greek Life and helps with a women's shelter and Make A Wish. Joseph played varisty tennis and is director of the Student Activities Board. We were all glad to see him and learn he is doing well and we look forward to time with him this summer.