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Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
 39 Philips Lane
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Jan. 26 Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Jan. 27-29 Lions of WV
 Leadership Retreat
 Lakeview Resort
 Morgantown

Feb. 9 Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Feb. 23 Meeting
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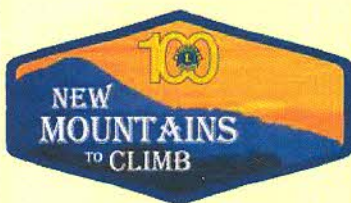
Feb. 25 Zones 5 & 6 Meet
 Black Bear Burritos
 3119 University Ave.
 11:00 am

We continue collecting food,
 toiletries and clothing for the
 Soup Opera.

WE SERVE

Leaders are visionaries with
 a poorly developed sense of
 fear and no concept of the
 odds against them. They
 make the impossible
 happen.

—Dr. Robert Jarvik



President Chancellor Bob
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LIONS OF WV LEADERSHIP RETREAT
 LAKEVIEW RESORT, MORGANTOWN

JANUARY 27-29, 2017



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Photo Courtesy DAC

Bob Moffett tells about Lions just before
 screening eyes at the DAC.

Adults Receive Eye Screening

Twenty adults received eye screening provided by the Fairmont Lions Club on January 10th at the Disability Action Center. Of the twenty screened, there were eleven referrals.

In addition to the eye screening, the "Lunch and Learn" attendees were informed about the activities of the Fairmont Lions Club and Lions Clubs International. Some applications for eyeglasses were left with the DAC. Members Aletta and Bob Moffett conducted the eye screening.

Equipment for the eye screening was provided by District 29L.

Registration Fee Available for Lions Leadership Retreat

The Fairmont Lions Club will pay the registration fee for up to two members to attend the Lions of WV Leadership Retreat, January 27-29 at Lakeview Resort. Since Lakeview is within easy driving distance, a hotel stay would not be necessary. The registration includes four meals with guest speakers and a wide variety of seminars from which to choose. More information is included in this newsletter.

Lions Club Having a Busy Year

At the January 8th meeting, Secretary Bob Moffett updated the members on the club's service activities and standing in the District Governor's Contests. The Fairmont Lions Club has been very busy since July 1, 2016, the beginning of the club year.

July - donation for WV flood relief

August - collections of clothing and toiletries for the Soup Opera and eye exams and glasses for 10 people

September - funds provided to Connecting Link, Inc. to provide ID cards for less fortunate and Adopt-A-Trail clean-up

October - Winter Warm-Up Coat Drive for WV flood victims, eye exams and glasses for 10 people, collected and donated books to school children at two schools, eye screenings for pre-school children at five locations (6 events), volunteer reader orientation for Read Aloud WV with weekly volunteer reading to children in two classrooms, provided giveaway items for Trunk or Treat

November - Eye exams and glasses for seven people, assisted with Helping Little MountainEARS Hear, and read to children in two classrooms

December - Eye exams and glasses for seven people; sponsored, lined up and participated in the Fairmont Christmas Parade; provided an annual light display for the Celebration of Lights (Lions Centennial Legacy Project); rang bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign; held annual Christmas Party for 61 children at the Union Mission; read to children in two classroom; and conducted the Peace Poster Contest in two schools

January - Adult eye screening at Disability Action Center

These services involved 433 service hours by Lions and served approximately 3,806 individuals. In the District Governor's Contest for clubs with 21-35 members, the Fairmont Lions Club was listed in second place with 78,808 points behind the Vienna Lions Club with 82,679 points. The contest considers all activity including fundraising, attendance at special events, service activities and more compiled and reported monthly by the club secretary. In the Visitation Contest, the Fairmont Lions Club held second place following Morgantown Lions Club. Members can submit Visitation Cards to the club secretary when visiting other clubs or Lions functions.

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Lion John Marsicano is transferring to the Hatfield Lions Club in Hatfield, PA. We wish him well.

Margaret Brumage has not been feeling too well and we wish her the best.

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Lions of WV Leadership Retreat Speakers and Seminars

Speakers:

Mark McMillion, owner, McMillion Leadership Associates —

Mark McMillion is a seasoned leader with over 25 years of leadership experience, training, and practice. As a West Point graduate, he was privileged to learn at the finest school of leadership in the world. With two engineering degrees, he understands how hard data drives decisions. As a veteran leader, he's learned and practiced the soft skills of leadership. With tours of duty in Germany, Norway (with NATO), and two combat tours in Iraq, he served in a variety of positions on three continents and across the United States. Mark retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2013 and then founded McMillion Leadership Associates.

Dr. Lisa DeFrank-Cole, Associate Professor and Director of the Leadership Studies Program, West Virginia University — Lisa DeFrank-Cole is Associate Professor and Director of Leadership Studies at West Virginia University. She served as the 2015 chair of the Women and Leadership Affinity Group in the International Leadership Association. Her research interests include the topics of women and leadership. In the Summer of 2012, Dr. DeFrank-Cole was awarded a Fulbright Specialist Grant to teach Principles of Leadership to female students at the Royal University for Women in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

PID Dr. H. Hauser Weiler — Dr. H. Hauser Weiler, from Lancaster, Virginia, USA was elected to serve a two year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the Association's 95th International Convention, held in 2012. Currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Inc. Foundation and Executive Director of the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center of Eastern Virginia, Dr. Weiler is an ophthalmologist in private practice and lives in Lancaster County in the beautiful Northern Neck of Virginia on the Chesapeake Bay. He retired as a Captain from the U.S. Navy Medical Corps in 1989.

Colton & Barbara Young — In March 2015 the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation received a request for assistance from the Grafton Lions Club. Now you will hear the reasons for the request, the results, and the rest of the story.

Seminars:

MY LCI for Club and District officers, Constitutional Requirements and Legal Obligations for Every Lions Club, How to be a Dynamic and Effective Club President, It's Not Your Father's Lions Club, Zone Chairperson – Who is this? – What's it all about?, Orientation for All, Motivating Volunteers, Goal Setting-The Path to Improved Performance, Can You Count to Ten? – 10 Major Steps to Becoming an Effective Leader, LCI/Forward – Meaningful Centennial Service Projects, Public Relations as an Effective Recruitment Tool, Looking at "We Serve" Differently
Activities begin Friday at Dinner and conclude with Sunday Luncheon.

· Please see included Registration Form ·

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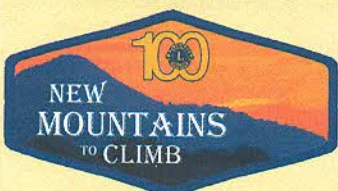
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- Mar. 23 Program
 Michael S. Baker
 Marion Co. Child
 Advocacy Center
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
- Apr. 1 Broom Sale 9:00 am
 VFW
 Morgantown Avenue
- Apr. 8 Broom Sale
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 Save A Lot
 Bellview
- Apr. 19 Eye Screening
 9:00 am
 Learning Land
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A person of words and not
 deeds is like a garden full of
 weeds.

—Anonymous



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Club Meeting Thursday March 23

The program for this Thursday's Lions Club meeting will be Michael S. Baker, Executive Director of the Marion County Child Advocacy Center.

We continue collecting food, toiletries and clothing for the Soup Opera. Items may be brought to any club meeting.



(L-R) Sponsor Ed Neese, Shellie Hixon, Pres. Virginia Gallion

Club Welcomes Two New Members

Rachella (Shellie) Hixon was officially inducted as a Centennial Member of the Fairmont Lions Club in February. Shellie usually waits on the members as they gather to meet at Mom's Place. Shellie was sponsored by Ed Neese. We welcome her to our club.

At the March 9th meeting, Bob Moffett introduced his guest, John Funkhouser, a Fairmont attorney. A brief board of directors meeting was held and John was accepted as a new member of the club. We are

very pleased to have John join us and an induction ceremony will be held soon.

State Lions Convention Comes to Morgantown

Fairmont Lions will not have to travel far to enjoy this year's State Convention since it will take place at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. It begins Friday evening and concludes with District Conventions for elections and a luncheon on Sunday, April 28–30, 2017. International Director Sam H. Lindsey, Jr., from Hilltop Lakes, Texas, will be the banquet speaker on Saturday, April 29. Friday evening's entertainment will be Cutting Edge Dueling Pianos. Details and a registration form are available in The West Virginia Lion, mailed to all WV Lions.

Club To Screen Eyes of Children

Arrangements have been made and dates have been set for the Fairmont Lions Club members to screen the eyes of children in Fairmont. Any club member who is available at these times is encouraged to take part. The first screenings take place at child care centers where pre-schoolers will be screened. We will also offer screening at the Family Literacy Fair to be held at the Fairmont Senior High School Field House (old Watson armory) in May. Read Aloud WV will have a table to promote reading and will hand out free book marks and children's magazines.

Eye Screening Schedule:

- Wednesday, April 19, 9:00 am — Learning Land
- Monday, April 24, 9:00 am — Valley Chapel UMC
- Tuesday, April 25, 9:00 am — Valley Chapel UMC
- Wednesday, May 3, 9:00 am — Sunbeam
- Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm — Literacy Fair FSHS Fieldhouse

Anyone able to help may contact Bob or Aletta Moffett (304-363-7060 or email rmoffett@ma.rr.com).

Two High School Students To Attend HOBY

Jacob Brumage announced that, again this year, the Fairmont Lions Club is sending two students to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar, a leadership training event, this summer. One student will be attending from Fairmont Senior High School and one will attend from East Fairmont High School. The club's cost to sponsor these students is \$379. We will hope to get them to speak to us after they return.



Mobile Mountaineer Food Bank Gets Help From Club Member

On short notice, one club member, Leroy Humberston, was able to assist in a community-wide effort to distribute a truck-load of meats, baked goods, fresh fruits and vegetables to hundreds of residents. Food was provided by a grant from EQT and hosted by Connecting Link (with which the club partners in another activity) and the City of Fairmont. Relieving the Hunger Campaign is one area of emphasis of Lions Clubs International.

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Broom Sales Coming This Spring

The Fairmont Lions Club will be selling brooms and mops at the VFW on Morgantown Avenue, in conjunction with one of Columbus Carpenter's barbecues. This sale is set for Saturday, April 1 with setup at 9:00 am.

On Saturday, April 8, the club will have a regular broom and mop sale at the Bellview Save A Lot, scheduled from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There is a covered area in front of the store which protects merchandise (and Lions) from the weather. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the March 23rd meeting, asking volunteers to sign-up to work a two-hour shift. Please contact Jacob Brumage with any questions or to volunteer.

Eyeglasses Committee Remains Active

Requests to the Fairmont Lions Club for assistance with the cost of eye exams and glasses keep coming. Committee Chairperson Keith Long continues to work diligently with the applications, even though his work keeps him from most club meetings. He requested approval for 10 applications in February, which were approved by the club.



Pres. Virginia Gallion is seen calling the meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club to "disorder"

One of our club's and the community's most distinguished appears ready to sell some brooms?



Lloyd White and Jamie Moore Present Program

Lloyd White and Jamie Moore of the Marion County Health Department presented a program to the club on January 26th. The building used by the Health Department was purchased in 2011 and has now been renovated. The biggest program is environmental health — inspecting food services twice per year, clinical services, family planning, breast cancer and cervical cancer screening, HIV & STD testing. New services include multiphasic screening, A1C and cholesterol screening, as well as tobacco prevention and cessation counseling.



Lloyd White receives a presentation from Program Chairperson Guy Ward

The Health Department operates on a \$700,000 budget, 45% from state funding, 8.5% from the County Commission, and 0.85% from the City of Fairmont. They began billable services about three years ago — preventive services billable to Medicaid. Marion County is the first county in the state to do a mobile clinic, with services likely beginning in the spring working to change health outcomes. Preparedness programs include threat preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters. The

Health Department also has trained community radiation event monitors.

Lions District 29L Conference Held at Blennerhassett Hotel

President Virginia Gallion was joined by PDG Bob and Aletta Moffett at the District 29L Conference held in Parkersburg on March 11th. The Moffetts hauled a pickup truck loaded with 1,515 pairs of used eyeglasses collected by the Fairmont Lions Club to the Conference where they were loaded for shipment to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA.

The club usually makes it's donations to Lions charities at the Conference. Parade of Checks donations from the Fairmont Lions Club:

Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$ 500
WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation	700
Deaf & Blind Recreation	75
Leader Dogs for the Blind (Rochester, MI)	150
Pilot Dogs (Columbus, OH)	150
Youth Exchange Program	50
Total Contributions	\$1,625



(L-R) ID Bob Libin, PDG Bob Moffett, DG Linda Leasure

International Director Bob Libin and his wife Michelle, from New York, were our guests for the Conference. ID Bob spoke at Saturday's banquet stating that it matters to the community how many new members we bring in. LCI has found that a new member serves about 70 people. 10 new members means that 700 people will be better off. He encouraged us to invite through service by asking non-Lions to help with our service projects.

PDG Bob Moffett was presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, as was PDG Harry Schramm from the Parkersburg Lions Club.



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We extend our sympathy
to Beulah Miller in the death
of her brother in January.

It is good to have
Columbus Carpenter back to
our meetings. He had been
under the weather.

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Adopt-A-Trail Clean-up To Take Place On "Earth Day"



Image: Jan. 15, 2017
NOAA/NASA

The Fairmont Lions Club has scheduled the first Adopt-A-Trail rail trail clean-up of the season for Saturday, April 22nd, which is "Earth Day." Club members and community volunteers are encouraged to participate. We will clean about two miles of the Ralph LaRue West Fork River Trail beginning at the Monongah trail head and at the Norway trail head, meeting at the pavilion about half-way. Those beginning at the Norway

end are encouraged to meet in the Mary Lou Retton Park parking lot and carpool to the trail, as only very limited parking is available at the trail head. Please bring a garbage bag or two and gloves. The club also has some grabbers available for use. We will meet at 2:00 pm at the Norway end and at 1:55 pm at Mary Lou Retton Park.

In addition to being scheduled for Earth Day, the rail trail clean-up also falls within Lions Clubs International's Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet.

Fairmont Lions Members Attend Lions Functions

Pres. Virginia Gallion, as well as Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Lions of WV Leadership Retreat at Lakeview the last weekend of January. Guest speakers and seminar presenters provided a weekend of leadership development for those Lions in attendance. Unfortunately, Pres. Gallion was unable to attend the full weekend due to illness.

President Virginia Gallion, Secretary Bob Moffett and Aletta Moffett attended the Zones 5 & 6 meeting held in Morgantown on February 25th. Zone meetings provide opportunities for area clubs to share ideas and collaborate on service projects.

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the 95th Anniversary Celebration of the Parkersburg Lions Club at the Blennerhassett Hotel. Did you know a former Lions Clubs International president was a member of the Parkersburg Lions Club? Edwin R. Kingsley served as president of the Association from 1930-1932.

SVOSH Volunteer Receives Club Support

At the February 23rd club meeting, the club approved a donation of \$50 to support an optometry student from Bridgeport on a Mission trip to provide eye care outside the United States.

Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity's mission statement is, "To provide eye and vision care services for people in underserved populations who do not have access to local eye care." The Fairmont Lions Club has supported other optometry students in past years.

SAVE THE DATE

April 17-23
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Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet

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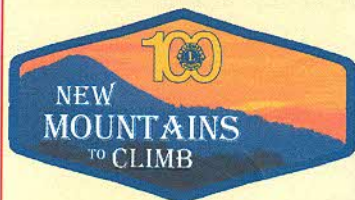
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Things don't turn up in this world until somebody turns them up.

—James A. Garfield



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Fairmont Lions Club Facebook Post

Earth Day Presents Opportunity for Service

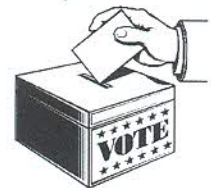
Members of the Fairmont Lions Club will pick up trash along the West Fork River/Ralph S. Larue Trail on Saturday, April 22nd, which is Earth Day. The club has adopted the section of trail between Norway (below Mary Lou Retton Park) and Monongah. Members will begin at both trail heads at 2:00 pm and will meet at the pavilion about half-way. The section of trail runs approximately two miles and takes a couple of hours to clean up. Kelly Shreves, Aletta and Bob Moffett had indicated they would participate. Any other Lions or interested members of the public are welcome to join them. Those working the Norway trail head should meet in the main parking lot of Mary Lou Retton Park at 1:55 to carpool to the trail head, due to limited parking.

Election of 2017-2018 Club Officers Set for April 27

Elections for club officers will be held at the Thursday, April 27th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Chairperson of the Nominations Committee Jacob Brumage presented the slate of officers at the April 13th meeting. Nominations from the floor were made to fill the position of president. These are the candidates for club officers:

- President Virginia Gallion
- Vice President (unfilled)
- Secretary Bob Moffett
- Treasurer Bob Brummage
- Tail Twister Jacob Brumage
- Board of Directors Leroy Humberston

- (1 yr)
- (1 yr)
- (2 yr)
- (2 yr)



Applicants for Eye Care Approved

At the April 13th club meeting, Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, requested that up to 10 applications for eyeglasses be approved. The request was approved.

Broom Sales Washed Out and Frozen Out

When scheduling our broom sales for this spring, perhaps we should have scheduled them during the pleasant and warm weather of February instead! The sale planned to coincide with the VFW's barbecue had to be cancelled due to rain (there was no cover to keep merchandise dry). The next sale, which was to be at Save A Lot in Bellview, had to be cancelled because the Saturday morning temperatures were well below freezing. We will plan to sell brooms, however, in conjunction with our Yard Sale scheduled for June 3rd.



Lions Mints Continue to Sell

Ed Neese has been keeping busy replenishing supplies of Lions Mints at the local establishments that display them for sale. He recently turned in another \$205 from the sales of the the mints, even though we had lost some sales from the fire at Say-Boy's Restaurant.



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Jake Brumage is having eye surgery. We wish him good vision when it is done.

Long-time member of the club, Leola Robinson, celebrates her 100th birthday this month, but was hospitalized as we went to press. We wish her the best.

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Preschoolers Receiving Free Eye Screening from Fairmont Lions Club

The club is in the midst of providing free eye screening for children at day care and preschool facilities in Fairmont. On Wednesday, April 19th, Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett screened 39 children at Learning Land Day Care & Preschool. Of those screened, nine were referred for a professional eye exam.

Other scheduled screening dates include:

April 24, 9:00 am Valley Chapel UMC, Pleasant Valley

April 25, 9:00 am Valley Chapel UMC, Pleasant Valley

May 3, 9:00 am Sunbeam, Mary Lou Retton Drive

May 6, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Family Literacy Fair

FSHS Field House (former armory in Watson)

The May 10th (Saturday) screening will be available to all county children. The event is sponsored by the Marion Co. Board of Education.

The club uses a portable screening device that takes a video image of the eyes and provides a detailed report that is given to the parent or guardian and can be taken to the eye doctor. Some early childhood eye problems can be effectively treated, if discovered in time.

Lions are encouraged to help out with one of these screenings, if the schedule permits. Contact Bob Moffett if you wish to help on one of these dates. In addition to operating the screening equipment, a person is needed for assistance with record keeping.



Zones 5 & 6 Picnic May 7 at East Marion Park

Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass will hold a Zone Meeting/Picnic on Sunday, May 7, at Pavilion 3 at East Marion Park in Fairmont. The picnic is set to begin at 2:00 in the afternoon. The Fairmont Lions Club is hosting this event for the zone. Pres. Virginia Gallion will be providing hot dogs and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish. Near two volleyball courts and public restrooms, Pavilion 3 has parking, water, electricity, and grills with seating for 80 people. All Lions and guests are welcome to attend. Club presidents and secretaries are expected to attend. This is a good opportunity to meet Lions from other clubs in the Fairmont/Morgantown area.

Nicole Bland Speaks about Colon Cancer Screening

A program on the importance of screening for colon cancer was presented by Nicole Bland, a Community Health student at Fairmont State University. She pointed out that colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer related deaths in West Virginia. Screening can detect cancer early when it is easier to treat and cure. Regular screening saves lives.

Following her presentation, Pres. Virginia Gallion presented Bland with a Certificate of Appreciation.



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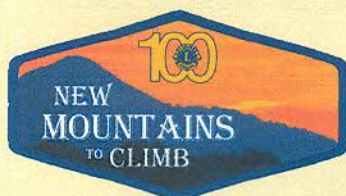
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 Officers
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- June 30 - July 4
 100th Lions Clubs
 International
 Convention
 Chicago, IL

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Help your brother's boat
 across, and your own will
 reach the shore.
 — Hindu proverb



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**YARD SALE
 S & M GLASS
 Saturday, June 2, 2017**



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May 2017

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Reo steals the show as club members look on. PDG Charlie & Lion Carolyn are at left.

Leader Dog Puppy Raisers Visit Club

Past District Governor Charles and Lion Carolyn Sheets, from the Durbin Lions Club, introduced club members to Reo, their Leader Dog puppy at the May 11th club meeting. Reo is half Golden Retriever and half Labrador.

The Fairmont Lions Club supports Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI, as well as Pilot Dogs in Columbus, OH, with annual donations. Both guide dog schools have placed dogs with visually impaired clients in West Virginia.

Zones 5 & 6 Picnic Hosted by Fairmont Lions Club

Cold temperatures, rain and even a little bit of sleet made for a chilly, but very friendly picnic for the Zones 5 & 6 meeting. Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass discussed her goals for the coming year and DG Linda Leasure and her husband, Lion Steve, were in attendance along with seven hearty members of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Save Your "Stuff" for our Yard Sale

For many years, with the exception of 2016, the Fairmont Lions Club has held a yard sale in June. We will hold our yard sale again this year on Saturday, June 3rd, at S & M Glass on the corner of Merchant Street and Morgantown Avenue. S & M Glass has graciously allowed us to come in on Friday evening to set things up and



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price merchandise and then to sell the merchandise on Saturday. We ask all Lions to save your "stuff" because it will become somebody else's treasure and the club will benefit from the proceeds. Please plan to spend a few hours helping with the sale also, to price and/or to sell.

Fairmont Lions Club Continues to Provide Eyeglasses

Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, made a request of the club to approve 10 applications for eye exams and glasses at the May 11th meeting. The request was approved by the club.

Club Members Cleaned Rail-Trail

It was a wet and chilly afternoon, but club members Aletta and Bob Moffett ventured onto the West Fork River/Ralph S. LaRue Trail on Saturday, April 22nd. They walked picking up trash from the Norway trailhead to Monongah (and then walked back to Norway — a total hike of 4.8 miles). However, after about the first mile or so, the rain stopped and it became a more pleasant walk.

Gene McVicker, of American Baptist Men, spoke to the club on April 27th about mission trips on which he has been accompanied by Ralph Davis.



Trash awaits pickup



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Welcome back Connie
Canfield, who returned from
Florida.

Virginia Gallion and Nancy
Sickles were able to attend
former member Leola
Robinson's 100th birthday
party in Maryland.

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Over 400 Screened by Fairmont Lions Club

During this club year (since July 1, 2016), Fairmont Lions Club members have screened 386 children and 20 adults. Of those, 97 children and 10 adults were referred. President Virginia Gallion had set a goal to screen 300 people this year. It appears that the club has exceeded that goal!

Screening at Learning Land was reported in the April newsletter. Since then, vision screening was done at Valley Chapel Child Development Center by Virginia Gallion and Bob Moffett, Sunbeam Early Learning Center by Guy Ward and Bob Moffett, and a return trip to Valley Chapel by Nancy Sickles, her niece and Bob Moffett. On Saturday, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Guy Ward, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett provided screening at the Marion Co. Board of Education's Family Literacy Fair. Lions provided approximately 32 person-hours in providing this valuable service to Fairmont.



Remembering

Long-time Fairmont Lions Club member Clyde Judy passed away May 4th at the age of 96. He was born in 1921 and was a 1951 graduate of Fairmont State College. He served during World War II in the United States Army Airforce Corp and flew 35 combat missions as a bomber pilot. Clyde served the Fairmont Lions Club as president in 1977-78 and was always an active participant in the activities of the club, as well as the church and other endeavors. Thank you Clyde for your service.

Family Literacy Fair Involves Lions



Cindie Wilson and Aletta Moffett represented Read Aloud WV.

The Board of Education's Family Literacy Fair, held Saturday, May 6th at the FSHS Field House, involved numerous members of the Fairmont Lions Club. Aletta Moffett was at the Read Aloud WV table where she spoke to attendees and gave children copies of Highlights magazine, as

well as bookmarks and more.

Meanwhile, Guy Ward served as a "Celebrity Reader" reading to children in the afternoon. In addition, Lions were doing vision screening and screened 95 children at the event.



The Pierpont C & TC mascot, a lion, visits the Lions Club's booth as Nancy Sickles discusses the importance of the screening.



Guy Ward reads to children.

Club Officers

President.....Virginia Gallion
 Secretary.....Bob Moffett
 Treasurer.....Bob Brummage
 Tail Twister.....Keith Long
 Lion Tamer.....Jacob Brumage
 Directors....
 2 yr Leroy Humberston
 1 yr Aletta Moffett
 1 yr Jacob Brumage
 Membership.....Bob Moffett
 Immediate Past
 President.....Guy Ward

Calendar

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

June 22 Installation of
 Officers
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

June 24 Adopt-A-Trail
 West Fork River/
 Ralph S. Larue Trail
 10:00 am

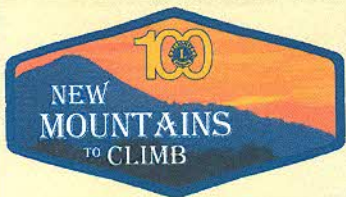
June 26 Board of Directors
 2016-17 & 2017-18
 Officers
 6:00 pm
 Bob Evans
 Middletown Mall

June 30 - July 4
 100th Lions Clubs
 International
 Convention
 Chicago, IL

July 13 Business Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Location: TBA

WE SERVE

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to any one else.
 — Dickens



President Chancellor Bob Corlew's theme 2016-2017



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ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Trail Cleanup

Saturday, June 24, 2017 10:00 am

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SVDG-E & Zone
 Chairperson
 Jordan Glass

SVDG-E/Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass to Install Officers

Second Vice District Governor-Elect and Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass will install the 2017-2018 officers of the Fairmont Lions Club on Thursday, June 22, 2017. The club meets at 6:30 pm at Mom's Place, but it is recommended that members come a little early to order dinner from the menu.

Glass currently serves as the zone chairperson for Zones 5 and 6, which includes the clubs in the Fairmont and Morgantown areas.

Officers for 2017-2018 are Virginia Gallion, president; Bob Moffett, secretary; Bob Brummage, treasurer; Jacob Brumage, tail twister; Leroy Humberston and Jacob Brumage, 1 year board members; Kelly Shreves and Nancy Sickles, 2 year board members.

John Funkhouser will also be formally inducted as a club member, having joined the club in March.

Spouses, other family members and guests are always welcome at our meetings.

Entrance Fee Waiver Extended to June 23rd

Lions Clubs International instituted a waiver of the New Member Fee in honor of Lions' 100th anniversary. Due to its success, the waiver has been extended through June 23, 2017. The waiver applies to all new and branch members; however, charter and transfer fees do not qualify for the waiver.

LCI President Chancellor Bob Corlew says, "Now is the time...to end this Lion year — and our first century — at an all-time high."

Effective July 1, 2017, new club charter fees and new member fees are being consolidated into a single \$35 entrance fee. This will allow LCI to increase member benefits, improve the member experience and simplify the new member and club enrollment process.

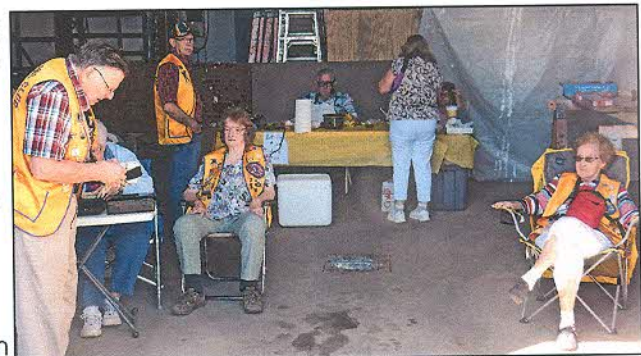
Yard Sale Succeeds in Selling Stuff



additional \$162 during the sale resulting in the total day's income of \$678.34.

Although the early morning traffic at the sale was not as heavy as in past years, there was a steady flow of shoppers and a few gawkers.

Of course, it would not have been a success without the effort of many Lions and other volunteers. Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion put in many hours prior to the sale. Also helping to set up, price and work the day of the sale were Beulah Miller, Ralph Davis, Connie Canfield, Aletta & Bob Moffett, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Jacob Brumage, Keith Long, Geneva Shinaberry, Bob Martin of S & M Glass, Nancy's son and daughter-in-law, Virginia's sister and brother-in-law, and Robin Straight Dicken — 19 individuals (if this writer has not omitted anyone or miscounted). Thanks to all for a job well done.



(L-R) Jim Coleman pays Nancy Sickles while Ralph Davis and Elizabeth Swiger observe; Jacob Brumage makes a hot dog sale, assisted by Robin Dicken; Beulah Miller sits a spell.

Following a one-year hiatus, the Fairmont Lions Club Yard Sale was back this June and managed to raise funds to support the club's service activities. According to the chairperson of the sale, Nancy Sickles, the sale brought in \$516.34. Broom sales brought in an



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Just a Lion or Two

It was great to see Ed Neese back to our meeting following his recent surgery.

Members are needed to resupply the Lions Mints displays at local retailers. Ed Neese is unable to continue. Please contact Pres. Virginia Gallion to volunteer.

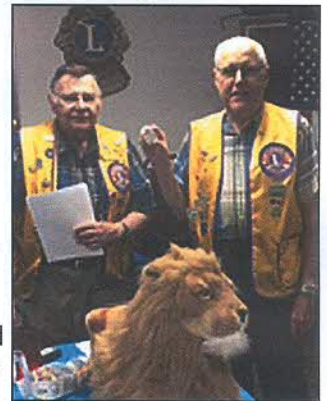
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Club Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Lions Clubs

The Association of Lions Clubs was organized on June 7, 1917, 100 years and a day prior to the Fairmont Lions Club's regular June 8th meeting. Jim Coleman, a member of the Fairmont Lions Club since 1978, presented a program reflecting on some of the accomplishments of the club during that time as well as some of the low points. He noted that five club presidents went on to serve as district governors. Coleman recalled the club's first glaucoma and amblyopia clinic to be held at Fairmont State College was in 1980. During the 1989-1990 year, we introduced the Quest program — now Lions Quest — to provide "Skills for Adolescence" to the students in Marion County. It was a great success in the pilot classroom, but we were unsuccessful in persuading the board of education to adopt the program system-wide.

Coleman also discussed Bob Moffett's time in the Lions, as newsletter editor, membership chairperson, arranging for and driving the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit for numerous events, and more. He then presented Moffett the 2017 Lions Clubs International Centennial Silver Dollar. More of Jim Coleman's recollections can be found on the club's website: fairmontlions.org (see Lions 100)



Marion Co. Child Advocacy Center is Program Topic

Michael Baker, Executive Director of the Marion Co. Child Advocacy Center — a private non-profit that does forensic inventories of children who have been subjected to abuse — spoke at the May 25th Fairmont Lions Club meeting. Services are provided to the family to their conclusion at no cost. The Child Advocacy Center served 180 children in Marion County last year.

Three individuals in the county are qualified to do interviews that are child friendly, but will hold up in court. Baker is one of these. The agency grew out of the Family Resource Network and it is a United Way Agency reimbursed by the state. Fifty-seven percent of the budget comes from grant funds and they have received Bowers Trust grant funding.

Service Notes

Lions Reading Action Program (RAP)/Read Aloud WV: Aletta Moffett presented books purchased by the club to students in the three classrooms where she read at Watson Elementary.

Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, requested and received approval at the June 8th meeting for eye exams and glasses.

Thank You

Victoria Long, an optometry student volunteer, provided eye exams in Costa Rica and sent a thank you card to the Fairmont Lions Club for the club's financial support.

