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6:30 pm  
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Feb. 22 Meeting  
6:30 pm  
Mom's Place

Mar. 8 Meeting  
6:30 pm  
Mom's Place

Mar. 10 Board of Directors  
10:00 am  
Bob Evans  
Middletown Mall

Mar. 22 Meeting  
6:30 pm  
Mom's Place

Mar. 24 Lions Day at  
the UN

The only limit to our  
realization of tomorrow will  
be our doubts of today.  
— Franklin Delano  
Roosevelt



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## Fairmont Lions Club January - February 2018 Volume 32 Number 5

### Club Members Attend Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat



Club president Virginia Gallion is among those participating in the seminar on Social Media and the MyLion App led by Heather Sammons of the Cheat Lake Lions Club. Sammons is editor of the District 29L Lions Newsletter.

Fairmont Lions Club members Kelly Shreves and her husband Alan, President Virginia Gallion (Treasurer for the Retreat Planning Committee), Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett (Chairperson of the Retreat Planning Committee) were in attendance at the annual Lions of WV Leadership Retreat held in late January at Stonewall Resort, near Weston. The weekend Retreat featured four keynote speakers and the opportunity to attend six seminars from a broad range of topics. The club paid the registration fees for Kelly and Alan Shreves to attend.

Plans are underway for the 2019 Retreat to be held the last weekend of January. Mark your calendar now.

### 2018 WV State Convention To Be Held At Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa

The Lions of Multiple District 29 (West Virginia) will convene for their convention May 4-6 at Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa in Morgantown. The registration fee for the full weekend is \$100, but there are also options for those who may only be able to attend a part of the weekend. The full registration includes four meals, entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights, seminars and more. Friday night dinner and activities only is \$40. Saturday luncheon and activities only is \$30. For those attending just the Saturday night dinner and activities, the cost is \$50. Room reservations should be made with Lakeview at 304-594-1111 by April 10, 2018. Room cost is \$109 per night (plus taxes) for single or double occupancy. Completed registration forms should be mailed by April 20, 2018.

### 13 Individuals Will See Better

According to Eyeglasses Chairperson Keith Long, the Fairmont Lions Club made arrangements for six individuals in December and seven individuals in January to receive eye exams and new prescription eyeglasses, paid for by the club.

### Reading Action Program — Read Aloud WV

Aletta Moffett reported at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting that there will be a Read Aloud WV School Coordinators meeting on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that club member John Funkhouser is a volunteer classroom reader.

### News From Around Zones 5 & 6

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Zones 5 & 6 meeting held in Morgantown on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Zone projects discussed included a Strides Walk being considered for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June. There was also discussion of clubs getting involved in distributing door hangers with information on where to get help for drug dependence. Paperback books are being collected at the State Convention to be given to prisoners. Preferred books include how-to, motivational and self-help.



The Rivesville Lions Club will hold their district governor visit on April 22, 2018.

### We Remember



Mary Jo Michael, a former member of the Fairmont Lions Club passed away on January 19,

2018, at the age of 93. She was married to former club member Edsel G. Michael, who died in 2010. Mary Jo had been a member of the Fairmont Lioness Club for many years and later became a Lion herself.

Mary Jo could be counted on to assist with club activities until her health no longer permitted it. Those of us who were fortunate to serve alongside her miss her.





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Just a Lion or Two

We have learned that Beulah Miller is recovering well following her recent surgery and we hope to see her back among us soon.

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### Neese Receives Silver Centennial Lion Award

Ed Neese was presented the Silver Centennial Award by Jacob Brumage at the January 11th Fairmont Lions Club meeting. The Silver Centennial Lion award is presented to the sponsor once a new member remains in good standing for one year and a day. In addition to a Limited Edition Silver Centennial pin, Ed Neese's name will be featured on the LCI Centennial website:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/all/pdfs/lions100/silver-centennial-lions-nov-2017.pdf>



Jacob Brumage presents Silver Centennial Lion award to Ed Neese

### First Digital-Only Issue of LION Magazine Now Available



The February issue of LION Magazine is now available on-line only. Beginning January 2018, the LION will publish six bi-monthly print and digital issues plus five digital-only issues. Digital issues include multimedia content in addition to the regular articles. The digital editions are available on Apple and Android devices and may be downloaded on the Apple App Store or from Google Play. They may also be viewed on a computer from the [digital.lionmagazine.org](http://digital.lionmagazine.org) website. There is also a link to the magazine from the Fairmont Lions Club's homepage (see the links at the bottom of the page). In addition to current issues, an archive of back issues of LION Magazine is available going back to 2009.

### Another 286 Pairs of Used Eyeglasses Collected

At the February 8th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, Columbus Carpenter turned in a box containing 286 pairs of used eyeglasses that he picked up from many of the club's collection boxes. These glasses will go to the Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Center in Roanoke, Va., where they will be cleaned and sorted for distribution in developing countries.

### Lions Day With the UN In March

All Lions are encouraged to join Lions at the 40th Annual United Nations in New York for Lions Day with the UN on March 24, 2018, available on a first come, first served basis. Registration includes admission to a New York Style Lunch Buffet on Saturday. Lions, Leos, UN Diplomats, dignitaries and other guests will work together to assess various challenges facing our global community and inspire each other to better serve those in need. For more information, visit: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/events/lions-day-united-nations.php>



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May 10 95th Anniversary &  
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Whatever you can do or  
 dream you can, begin it.  
 Boldness has genius, power,  
 and magic in it.  
 —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



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Adamston Lions Club member Wayne Worth leads a seminar at the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat in January.

from overdoses increased more than 25% from 2015-2016 in West Virginia, which leads the nation in the rate of drug overdose deaths. There is help available and we can do our part to get the word out and help reduce this scourge. Please invite a friend, come to the meeting, and help us make a difference.

## Fairmont Lions Can Assist with Drug Addiction Recovery

Wayne Worth, a member of the Adamston Lions Club, will explain how help resources for addiction recovery have been made available in Harrison County and how the Fairmont Lions Club can help to distribute similar information to Marion County residents. Barrackville and Rivesville Lions members have been invited to this meeting and the club has heard that representatives from these and some other area clubs will be in attendance.

More than 64,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2016, including opioids and illicit drugs, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The death rate

## Appalachian Prison Book Project

The Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP) is a nonprofit organization that sends free books to those imprisoned in the region and facilitates book clubs inside federal prisons in West Virginia. Lions are encouraged to bring to the Lions State Convention new or slightly used books to donate to the project. Paperback self-help or how-to books are needed. Hard cover books cannot be accepted. Lions attending the State Convention will have an opportunity to wrap books and send a note of encouragement to an incarcerated person during the activity session. Financial donations will also be accepted.



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

Volunteer Reader Orientation  
 Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
 Marion County Public Library 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Register by e-mail: [almoffett@gmail.com](mailto:almoffett@gmail.com)  
 or by phone: 304-363-7060

## Read Aloud WV to be in Every Marion Co. Elementary School

As a project of the Lions Reading Action Program (RAP), the Fairmont Lions Club organized the Marion County chapter of Read Aloud WV and had readers in three schools in the fall of 2014. With the addition of Fairmont Catholic School and Rivesville Elementary, the program will be in every elementary school in Marion County in the fall of this year. A Volunteer Reader Orientation is set for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am at the Public Library.

## Club Provides Assistance for Sight and Hearing

In February, The Fairmont Lions Club provided eye exams and glasses for seven individuals and five individuals have been helped in March. Keith Long, chairperson, also indicated that there are three applications for hearing aids in process through the WV Lions Sight Foundation.





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Just a Lion or Two

Beulah Miller is improving and is hoping to return to a meeting once the weather breaks. Leroy Humberston is improving, but is going to a nursing home to continue therapy. We wish them both the best.

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### Spring Eye Screening Events Set

The Fairmont Lions Club continues its twice-a-year eye screening with spring eye screening events scheduled. Club members will be using a Plusoptix eye screener to discover eye problems in preschool-aged children. Anyone who would like to help out is welcome to come to any of these events — please let either Bob or Aletta Moffett know. Locations, dates, and volunteers already scheduled include:

Thursday, April 5	9:30 am	Valley Chapel UM Church
Volunteers: Nancy Sickles, Bob Moffett		
Friday, April 6	9:30 am	Valley Chapel UM Church
Volunteers: Nancy Sickles, Bob Moffett		
Monday, April 9	9:00 am	Learning Land
Volunteers: Bob Brummage, Bob Moffett		
Friday, April 13	9:00 am	Sunbeam
Volunteers: Bob Brummage, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett		
Saturday, April 21	10:00 am-2:00 pm	*Family Literacy Fair, FSHS Field House
Volunteers: Virginia Gallion, Ed Neese, Nancy Sickles, Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett		

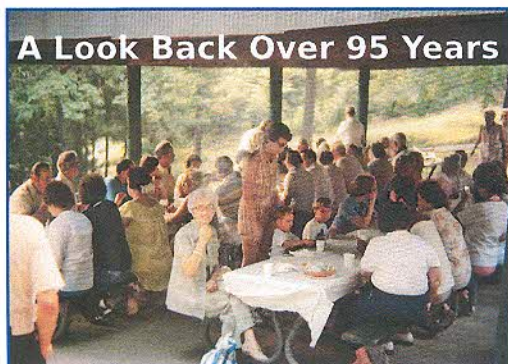
\*Screening for children of any age will be available at the Literacy Fair.

### Fairmont Lions Club Providing Books for Young Readers

At the March 8<sup>th</sup> club meeting, the club agreed to purchase 200 age appropriate books from Scholastic for one dollar each, a cost of \$200. These books and 30 books left from last year will be given to children at the Literacy Fair, sponsored by the Marion County Board of Education, which will be held Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Fairmont Lions will also be providing eye screening for children during that event.

### Nominations Committee Seeking Officers for 2018-2019

Any member of the Fairmont Lions Club who would like to be considered for any office should contact Jacob Brummage, the Nominations Committee chairperson, as soon as possible. The proposed nominations are currently being considered.



A Look Back Over 95 Years

Club members & families enjoy a picnic at Morris Park, about 1979

### Are Your Dues Current?

The club is required to pay dues to Lions Clubs International and District 29L in January and June of each year. If you have not already paid your current dues (through the end of June), please do so immediately. Unpaid member dues create a financial hardship on the club's operations. Contact Bob Brummage if you are uncertain or to pay.



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Apr. 20 Fairmont Lions Club  
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Apr. 21 Family Literacy Fair  
 Children's Vision  
 Screening & Book  
 Give-away  
 Marion Co. Bd. of Ed.  
 FSHS Field House  
 (old armory)

Apr. 26 Meeting  
 Officer Nominations  
 6:30 pm  
 Mom's Place

May 10 95th Anniversary &  
 Past Presidents  
 Recognition  
 6:30 pm  
 Mom's Place

May 19 Flyer Distribution  
 Meet at Fifth St. Park  
 10:00 am

When everything seems to be  
 going against you, remember  
 that the airplane takes off  
 against the wind, not with it.  
 —Henry Ford



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## Club Will Take Steps To Support Recovery & Thwart Addiction

The Fairmont Lions Club members will gather on Saturday, May 19, 2018, 10:00 am at Fifth Street Park to assist "Neighbors In Action," a group first organized in Harrison County, for the purpose of distributing a flyer (see below) filled with information for anyone seeking help with addiction or mental health issues. West Virginia continues to lead the nation in overdose deaths. If a friend, family member or victim calls 1-844-



Wayne Worth explains the importance of getting information into the hands of the public at the March 22nd meeting.

HELPWV (1-844-435-7498), the individual can be in detox within four to six hours. The decision to participate followed the presentation to the club on March 22<sup>nd</sup> by Adamston Lions Club's Wayne Worth. Neighbors In Action plans to work in Marion County on April 21<sup>st</sup>, but that date conflicted with the club's participation in the Family Literacy Fair, so the May 19<sup>th</sup> date was set for the Fairmont Lions Club.

### NEED HELP?

Getting connected with "immediate" substance abuse treatment services:

**Call or Text the Helpline at:**

**1-844-HELP4WV (1-844-435-7498)**

Finding hope and support with life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups:

#### Celebrate Recovery

South Ridge Church (Fairmont) Thursday's at 6:30 pm  
 Jeremy's Voice (1816 Sunnyview Ln, Fairmont) Monday's @ 6:30 pm  
 Marion County (WV Rescue Mission, Fairmont) Friday's @ 9:00 am

#### Overcoming Addiction:

##### NA/AA Meetings

Christian Love Ministries, 410 Morgantown Ave.  
 \*NA - Monday @ 7 pm; Tuesday @ 7:30 pm; Thursday @ 8 pm

Manchin Health Care Ctr, Health Ed. Ctr., (Fairmont)  
 \*NA - Wed. @ Noon; Fri. @ 8 pm; Sat. @ 7 pm; Sun. @ 2:30 pm  
 \*AA - Sun. & Mon. @ 7 pm; Thur. @ 8 pm

Christ Episcopal Church (Fairmont)  
 \*NA - Wednesday @ 7 pm AA - Friday @ 8 pm

#### Support Groups:

\*Al-Anon - Immaculate Conception Church (Fairmont)  
 Tuesday @ 10:30 am & Thursday @ 7 pm  
 \*Al-Anon - Christ Episcopal Church (Fairmont)  
 Every Monday @ 7:30 pm

#### See any Drug Activity in your Community:

\*\*Fairmont Police Tip Page  
 ([www.fairmontwv.gov/160/Police](http://www.fairmontwv.gov/160/Police) and click "Provide a tip")  
 \*\*Crime Stoppers of WV - (304) 255-7867 or  
[www.crimestopperswv.com](http://www.crimestopperswv.com)

To get involved with our Saturday Door to Door awareness walks in your County or just need a flyer, contact us on Facebook at:

**Neighbors in Action: West Virginia**

Don't Throw Away! This could SAVE someone's LIFE!!!

### Club Provides Glasses

Five individuals were approved for March to receive eye exams and glasses from the Fairmont Lions Club, according to Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee.

### Ralph Davis Serves

Club member Ralph Davis volunteered 8:00 am to 4:00 pm every day the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup> fixing up a church campground.

**FAMILY LITERACY FAIR**

**Marion County**

**Literacy Campaign**

talk sing read succeed

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

**STUDENT ART EXHIBIT**

Marion County Board of Education

(Old Armory)

1516 Mary Lou Retton Drive, Fairmont, WV

**Local Authors!**

**Special Guests!**

**Family Activities!**

**Information Tables!**

**Scholastic Book Fair!**

**Prizes!**

### Lions To Do Vision Screening

The Fairmont Lions Club is providing free vision screening for children and giving them books again this year at the Marion Co. Board of Education's Family Literacy Fair. (See poster at right.)





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Just a Lion or Two

Ralph Davis came down with bronchitis. We hope he is much improved. Leroy Humberston was expecting to go home.

Wayne Dodd's wife, Bobbie, fell recently and suffered a broken bone. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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### Free Vision Screening Provided for Children

Members of the Fairmont Lions Club provided vision screening for 138 children at three child development and day care facilities during April. Children were screened at Valley Chapel Child Development Center on two days, Learning Land Day Care & Preschool and Sunbeam Early Learning Center. Of the 138 children screened, 16 were referred for professional eye care. The club uses a Plusoptix camera that photographs the child's eyes while taking measurements. Those club members who provided a total of 15 service hours were Nancy Sickles, Bob Brummage, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett. Club members will also provide vision screening at the Family Literacy Fair (*see poster on previous page*) on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Fair takes place at the FSHS Field House (old armory) on Mary Lou Retton Drive from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. In addition, the club purchased books to give to the children attending. This is in conjunction with the club's Reading Action Program (RAP)/Read Aloud WV project. Members are encouraged to stop by and help out.

### Destination Imagination

The Fairmont Lions Club has donated \$50 to help cover the expenses of students from East Fairmont Middle School to attend Destination Imagination global finals in Knoxville, TN. The local students competed and earned the right to move on to the global finals in the competition. The mission of Destination Imagination is to teach students the creative process and empower them with the skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing world.

### A Look Back Over 95 Years



*Santa Claus was the special guest at the 1997 Christmas Party for children at the Union Mission.*

### Dinner Theater

Kelly Shreves and Pres. Virginia Gallion are working on a dinner theater fundraiser, in cooperation with the Fairmont Senior High School Thespians. The students will present a play during the dinner. The event will be held at the VFW and is tentatively planned for June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Officer Training Dates Set

Training for 2018-2019 club officers will be held Saturday, May 12, 1:00 pm at the WVU Eye Institute in Morgantown. Other events are available on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am at the Wood Co. Public Library in Parkersburg and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 pm at the Ohio Co. Public Library in Wheeling.



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June 29 - July 3  
 101st Lions Clubs  
 Int'l Convention  
 Las Vegas, NV

July 12 Business Meeting  
 6:30 pm  
 Mom's Place

Sept. 20 - 22 USA/Canada  
 Lions Leadership  
 Forum  
 Columbus, OH

Let us endeavor so to live that  
 when we come to die even the  
 undertaker will be sorry.

—Mark Twain



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Jim Coleman, reflects on his time as a Lion.

## 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrated

In honor of the club's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (April 20, 1923), Nancy Sickles provided a birthday cake for the members attending the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to enjoy. Members sang "Happy Birthday" to the club.

At the May 10<sup>th</sup> club meeting, Jim Coleman, a past president of the club and a member of the club for 40 years, reflected on his remembrances as a Lion as a part of the club's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. He also recognized club past presidents who were in attendance:

Virginia Gallion (2016-17, 2017-18); Jacob Brummage (1976-77, 2008-09, 2010-11, 2013-14); Nancy Sickles (2011-2012); Bob Brummage (1991-92); Aletta Moffett (2009-2010); Bob Moffett (1979-80, 1994-95, 2000-01) and Jim Coleman (1984-85). Current members who have previously served as president, but were not in attendance May 10<sup>th</sup> are: Wayne Dodd (1999-2000); Keith Long (2004-05, 2005-06, 2014-15) and Guy Ward (2015-16).



Club members enjoyed the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.

## Club Helps Send Students to Global Competition

The Fairmont Lions Club voted to provide \$50 towards a trip for East Fairmont Middle School students to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN to participate in the Destination Imagination Global Competition. The team became eligible through their success in the West Virginia state competition held earlier.

## Family Literacy Fair Vision Screening & Book Giveaway

At the Family Literacy Fair, held April 21<sup>st</sup> at the FSHS Field House by the Marion Co. Board of Education, the Fairmont Lions Club screened 117 children. Of those, 10 were referred for further examination. In addition, the club let children select a book from a wide selection purchased from Scholastic. Participating club members included Nancy Sickles, Ed Neese, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett and Pres. Virginia Gallion.



## Residents Receive Eye Care

Nine individuals were approved by the club to receive eye exams and application during the months of April and May. Four more were approved in June. Since July 2017 the Fairmont Lions Club has provided 63 area residents with eye exams and glasses.

In addition, we have provided information to parents so that their children were able to obtain glasses through the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

## Adopt-A-Trail Clean Up

The rail trail from Fairmont (Norway trail head) to Monongah was cleaned on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, by Kelly and Alan Shreves and Ralph Davis and by Aletta and Bob Moffett on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. This was the initial cleaning of the trail for this trail season. Each crew cleaned about a mile of the approximately two mile section.



**Club Members Receive Recognition**



**Jim Coleman Receives Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship**

At the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Pres. Virginia Gallion presented Jim Coleman with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) pin. Coleman received his first MJF in 2009 and has received Progressive MJF pins in 2014, 2016 and 2018. The Progressive pin is in recognition of an additional donation to Lions Clubs International of \$1,000. A donor may designate the recipient.



**Bob Moffett Receives Builder Key**

At the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, Bob Moffett was presented with a Builder Key for sponsoring 10 Lions. Membership Key Awards acknowledge effective recruitment in membership growth. Keys are issued after the new members have remained in Lions for a year and a day.



Among current members, Moffett sponsored Keith Long, Aletta Moffett, Dr. Ashley Merrifield and John Funkhouser.

**Substance Abuse Recovery Flyers Distributed**



Photo: Wayne Worth

Wayne Worth, a member of the Adamston Lions Club, along with Aletta and Bob Moffett and two other volunteers spent Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, distributing flyers door-to-door and speaking with residents about the resources available for those seeking recovery from substance abuse and other mental health issues. (A copy of the flyer was included in the April issue of The Mane Growl.) Flyers were also provided to the Marion Co. Public Library.

As we spoke with those in the Benoni Avenue and Walnut Avenue neighborhood, we met two people who told us that they were going to get the flyer to people they knew who need help.

**LCI Changes Club Billing Practice**

The International Board of Directors have agreed to discontinue the practice of issuing credit for membership drops following the release of the semi-annual billing. Therefore, starting at the close of day June 30, 2018, membership dues credits will no longer be issued. The club will be assessed six-month dues for each member listed at LCI as of July 1 and January 1, and will be required to pay those dues.

**LCI Waives Entrance Fee Through June 30**

Through June 30, 2018, Lions Clubs International is waiving the Entrance Fee (normally \$35) for new members. Now is the time to invite that friend, neighbor, colleague or somebody you think would make a good member to join our club. The new member will only need to pay dues when joining. However, the application and payment must be received and the new member recorded at LCI by June 30, 2018.

For more than 100 years, we've delivered hope and change to the world. Now, as we prepare for an innovative second century of service, there has never been a more exciting time to become a Lion, and we want to make it as easy as possible for new members to join us.

Beginning July 1, the entrance fee will be reinstated. This is also the last chance for the sponsor to receive the Centennial Sponsor pin.

**Lions Double Centennial Service Challenge Goal**

At the beginning of the Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebration, Lions were challenged to serve 100,000,000 people during the Centennial Celebration. Lions around the world have more than doubled that goal! (See chart at left.) Congratulations!





Carese James Speaks



Carese James, who wrote and acted in the play for the Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser, spoke to club members at the May 24th meeting. She discussed the Thespians organization and the play, as well as the Thespian's need for funds to attend competitions. She is an award-winning writer and actor, winning an award for best scene at Thespian States 2018 and she won an invitation to Arts Alive in Charleston this year.

Fairmont Lions Elect 2018-2019 Officers

The Fairmont Lions Club elected officers for the 2018-2019 club year which begins July 1, 2018 and runs through June 30, 2019.

- President: (Vacant)
2nd Vice President: Guy Ward
Secretary: Bob Moffett
Treasurer: Bob Brummage
Tail Twisters: Jacob Brumage, Ralph Davis, Ralph Davis
Lion Tamer: Ralph Davis
Board of Directors: Leroy Humberston (1 yr.), Nancy Sickles (1 yr.), Nick Fantasia (2 yr.), David Sturm (2 yr.)
Membership Chr.: (Vacant)
Immediate Past Pres.: Virginia Gallion

Club Thanked by FSU President

Fairmont Lions Club
Dear Mr. Brummage:

Thank you for your recent gift. Your generosity will make an immediate difference in the lives of our students on the campus of Fairmont State University.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your generosity. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated. All my very best, Mirta M. Martin, Ph.D.

The club received a thank you note from FSU President Mirta M. Martin, Ph. D. for our annual contribution to the FSU Foundation. "Please accept my sincere gratitude for your generosity. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated. All my very best,..."

Camp Kno Koma Thanks Club

Lion Kenny Porter wrote a thank you letter acknowledging the Fairmont Lions Club's donation to Camp Kno Koma. "I would sincerely like to thank the Lions of the Fairmont Lions Club for your recent donation to Camp Kno-Koma... Camp Kno Koma has seen many changes over the years. However, the main foundation of providing the diabetic children of West Virginia with a summer camp has not changed.... It is a place where the children can learn about how to live with their diabetes, see other children with diabetes and most importantly it is a place where children with diabetes can go to just have fun and be themselves.... Thank you for making a difference in lives of these children."

Leader Dogs & Pilot Dogs Express Thanks

The club received letters from both Pilot Dogs of Columbus, OH, and Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, MI, for the club's contributions of \$150 to each dog guide school.

Pilot Dogs is in its fourth class of the year with seven students, one from West Virginia. PCC Jay Gray, Executive Director of Pilot Dogs, reported that after 68 years, they have served over 7,800 individuals from all over the US and several foreign countries, at no cost to the individuals served. "Your contribution goes a long way to help those with visual or hearing impairments gain a new found independence."



Lion Melissa Weisse, CRFE, Chief Philanthropy Officer for Leader Dogs for the Blind, said, "The Leader Dog partnership with Lions like you is deep and long standing and we value our mutual history to support people who are blind. Together we live the Lions mission, 'We Serve.' We are grateful to your club and your dedicated members for your commitment to the Leader Dog mission."



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Dues Reminder

Dues for July - December 2018 are due July 1. Six months dues are \$39.50 or you may pay for a full year at \$79.00. Out of the \$39.50 dues paid by the member, the club pays \$21.50 to Lions Clubs International and \$6.00 to District 29L and the Multiple District (WV) Lions. This leaves \$2.00 per member for operating expenses of the Fairmont Lions Club. At 33 members, that's only \$66.00 total for club administrative expenses such as printing costs, website hosting, postage, etc. Timely payment of every member's dues is essential. Please save the club a half-dollar and make your payment before statements have to be mailed. Your club thanks you. Remember that all of the funds received from fundraising activities (broom sales, dinner theater, mints sales, etc.) must be used for our service activities. Only funds received from the members may be use for club operational expenses.







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District 29-L Lions  
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WV Lions Sight Foundation  
[www.wvsight.org](http://www.wvsight.org)

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Just a Lion or Two

We wish Margaret Brumage well as she recuperates.

Lois, wife of Bob Brummage has been in the hospital. We wish them both the best.

We are happy that Beulah Miller has been able to participate in club meetings and activities once again.

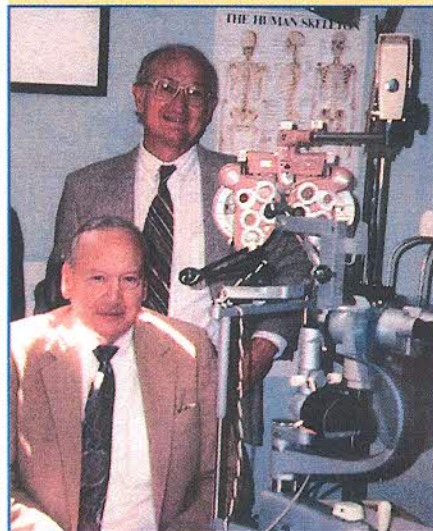
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### "A Very Interesting Evening" Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser

The Fairmont Lions Club held a dinner theater utilizing the talents of student Thespians from Fairmont Senior High School. The play was written, directed and produced by Carese James, vice president of Thespian Troupe #2. Cast members included Spencer Dublin, troupe president; Travis Cunningham; Tressa Floyd, troupe treasurer; Makenzie Taylor; Madison Hess; Hayden Titler; and Carese James. The troupe is supervised by Mrs. Z who supervised the creation of this show. Audience members became part of the play which was very well received by the audience.

### A Look Back Over 95 Years



Former club president Clyde Judy (1977-78) shown with Dr. Cadogan with Fairmont Lions Club's eye equipment used for weekly vision exams at the Marion County Senior Citizens Center, beginning in November 1996.

Mom's Diner prepared the meal for the evening which took place in the Community Hall of VFW Post #7048 on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Special thanks to White Hall Pharmacy, LLC., Mom's Place Diner and Hershel "Woody" Williams VFW Post #7048. Thanks also to Lions helping and participating: Columbus Carpenter, Jim Coleman, Ralph Davis, Virginia Gallion (and her sister), Beulah Miller, Aletta and Bob Moffett, Ed (and Jackie) Neese, Nancy Sickles, Kelly (and Alan) Shreves, Elizabeth Swiger, Guy Ward and Pat Wilson.

**Judge Patrick N. Wilson** receives his Lions pin from Pres. Virginia Gallion as his sponsor Jacob Brumage observes during his Induction Ceremony held at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Brumage received the Centennial Sponsor pin.

