

Club Officers

2nd Vice President....Guy Ward
Secretary.....Bob Moffett
Treasurer.....Bob Brummage
Tail Twisters.....Jacob Brumage
Ralph Davis

Directors....
1 yr Leroy Humberston
1 yr Nancy Sickles
2 yr Nick Fantasia
2 yr David Sturm

Immediate Past
President.....Virginia Gallion

Calendar

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

Jan. 10 Business
Meeting
6:30 pm
Mom's Place

Jan. 24 Meeting
6:30 pm
Mom's Place

Jan. 25-26 Lions of WV
Leadership
Retreat
Days Inn
Flatwoods

Feb. 14 Business
Meeting
6:30 pm
Mom's Place

Mar. 15-16 Dist 29L
Conference
Oglebay Park
Wheeling

Your success and happiness
lies in you. Resolve to keep
happy, and your joy and you
shall form an invincible host
against difficulties.

—Helen Keller

HAPPY
NEW YEAR



We Serve



The Mane Growl

95 YEARS of SERVICE
TO FAIRMONT



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Club Meets Thursday January 10th

After an extended period with no regular club meetings, due to the busy schedule of service activities, the Fairmont Lions Club will hold its first 2019 meeting on Thursday, January 10th, 6:30 pm at Mom's Place. Mark your calendar and let's start the new year off on the right foot. If you are able, come a little early for fellowship and to order from the menu.

Fairmont Provides Christmas Party for 80 Years



This year was the 80th Christmas party for less fortunate children held each year at the Union Mission. Children were registered through the Mission, and with "Christmas lists" in hand, club members went shopping and purchased toys and gifts, trying their best to include at least two or more items from the child's list. Members wrapped the gifts and organized them in large bags (one for each child). At the party, following food and

refreshments provided by the local Subway restaurant, club members distributed the bags of toys, which also included coloring books and crayons for each child. Other organizations and individuals had donated winter coats, hats, gloves, blankets, pajamas, and books. The children were able to select from these with the help of a Lion at each table helping them find the best fit or most desired design. Sixty children received gift bags and the other items. Fifteen non-Lion volunteers assisted with food, crafts, games and music.

Lions gathered before the party for a dinner provided by the Union Mission staff. A poinsettia, donated by Kime Floral, was auctioned to Dr. Phil Wilmoth, Vice-Chair of the WV Rescue Ministries Board of Directors. He donated the poinsettia to the Union Mission. In attendance and helping distribute gifts were Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Aletta & Bob Moffett, Dr. Wilmoth, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion and her "elves" (family) Mary, Michael and Debra.



Read Aloud West Virginia Supported by Books-A-Million

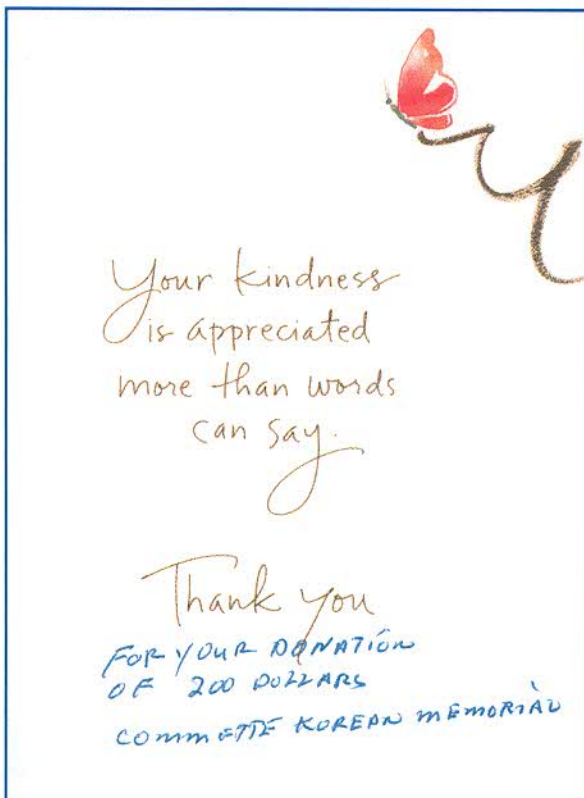
The Marion County chapter of Read Aloud WV set up a table display and handed out bookmarks and



magazines to children, as well as brochures to adults at Books-A-Million at Meadowbrook Mall on October 27th. Books-A-Million donated 10% of the day's sales proceeds to Read Aloud WV. The Fairmont Lions Club sponsors the Marion County Chapter of Read Aloud WV.

Aletta Moffett and Cindie Wilson
with the Read Aloud WV display

Thank You Received



January is
Hunger
Awareness
Month

Club Loses Longtime Members

Several of the club's longtime members asked to be removed from membership due to health reasons. Margaret Brumage has not been able to attend meetings or participate for some time. She and her spouse, Jacob, who remains a member, have moved to Bridgeport. Karen and Robert Gribben are no longer able to participate.

The club has not been able to contact Joseph Sarsfield or Connie Canfield and therefore were dropped so that the club would not be "on the hook" for their dues in January. Numerous efforts to contact each of these were made by phone, email, and mail, but the club received no response. Dropped members may be reinstated into the club if they choose to do so within the time frame permitted by Lions Clubs International and pay any back dues owed.

We will miss these former members.

Club membership currently stands at 25, the lowest point in a number of years. The district governor has offered assistance if we wish to conduct a new member drive in the spring.

Apple Sale Was Success

Bob Brummage reported that the October apple sale raised \$985 for the club. Lions who helped with the sale included Nancy Sickles, Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett, Beulah Miller, Wayne Dodd, Ed Neese and Bob Brummage. These Lions put in 36 hours. That works out to over \$27 for each Lion-hour worked. Thank you Lions!

Soup Opera

The Fairmont Lions donated five bushels of apples (from the apple sale) and toiletries to the Soup Opera.

LCIF Provides \$100,000 Grant

After an earthquake rattled Indonesia in early August, the country was hit with another. A 7.5 magnitude earthquake triggered a tsunami killing more than 1,300 people. Our Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to provide immediate relief. Our club supports our Foundation.



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RAP/Read Aloud WV News

A second Volunteer Reader Orientation for Read Aloud WV was held in November. Nine new readers were oriented.

Aletta Moffett, Marion Co. chapter president who is reading in three kindergarten classrooms this year, recommended the book, The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky, in an article published in the latest issue of the Read Aloud WV Newsletter. The book is one she has read to second, third and fourth graders in past years.

Still Time To Register For Retreat At Flatwoods

Seminar topics at this month's Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat include "New Voices," "Harness the Leader in You," and "How to Recruit and Retain Younger Lions," among others. The Retreat is January 25 & 26, 2019, at Days Inn Flatwoods. The cost of \$100 includes dinner Friday evening, lunch on Saturday and dinner Saturday, as well as materials for the Retreat. The fee for Saturday only is \$75. The registration deadline is January 18, 2019 and room reservations at the Days Inn (call 866-700-7284) are due by January 15 (\$89.99 for 1 or 2 people or \$99.99 for 3 or 4 people). Breakfast is included for those staying at the hotel.

For a registration form, visit <http://wvlions.org/LeadershipSchool/pdf/RegistrationForm.pdf> or ask Bob Moffett, club secretary for a copy. It is a great opportunity for networking with Lions from around the state and beyond.

