

The Mane Growl

Happy
New Year!



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Club Officers

President.....Bob Moffett
1st Vice Pres...Elizabeth Swiger
Rec. Secretary..Virginia Gallion
Rep. Secretary.....Bob Moffett
Treasurer.....Bob Brummage
Tail Twisters.....Ralph Davis
Ed Neese

Directors....
1 yr Leroy Humberston
1 yr Nancy Sickles
2 yr Jim Coleman
2 yr Columbus Carpenter

Immediate Past
President.....Virginia Gallion

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
2nd & 4th Thursdays
6:30 pm
Mom's Place
39 Philips Lane
Fairmont, WV

Jan. 9 Business Meeting
6:30 pm
Mom's Place

Jan. 23 Meeting
Program - TBA
6:30 pm
Mom's Place

Jan. 24-25 Lions of WV
Leadership
Retreat
Flatwoods

Feb. 13 Business Meeting
6:30 pm
Mom's Place

Dues Reminder: If you pay half year or full year dues in January, those dues are now due.

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



We Serve

Christmas Party Brings Joy to Disadvantaged Children

Approximately 159 volunteer hours went into this year's Christmas Party for children at the Union Mission — 116 of these hours were worked by eight Lions. Virginia Gallion organized the event. 54 children from 24 families were provided gifts from the club, along with other organizations and individuals. Again this year, our members shopped for each child using that child's "wish list" as a guide, attempting to get at least one or more items from the child's list. In addition, prizes were drawn for winners of digital tablets.

Prior to the party, the Lions met for a seasonal dinner prepared by the Union Mission staff. Kime Floral donated a centerpiece.

Participating Lions included Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Ralph Davis, Beulah Miller, Joey Garcia and his wife Heather, Dan Stutler, and Aletta and Bob Moffett. Other volunteers included Joe Zicafoose, Wilma Sternthal, Beula Miller's niece, Michael and Debra Zickefoose, and a gift wrapping team from Alaska's.

Funds spent on the Christmas Party amounted to \$1,328 and change. WBOY-TV in Clarksburg was present and reported on the party on their news broadcast as well as on their website. A huge thank you goes to all members and other volunteers who made Christmas a bit brighter for these children and their families.



Request for Eyeglasses Continue

Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, reports that nine more individuals have been provided eye exams and glasses by the Fairmont Lions Club. Bob Moffett reports that a significant number of requests are being made through the club's Facebook page and website, as well as through the Lions Club's International website.



Lions of WV Leadership Retreat January 24 & 25

Seminars and presenters have been announced for the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat to be held at the Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites later this month. Presenters include Past International Directors Jennifer Wade, Cindy Gregg, Bob Browning, Larry Johnson and Steve Glass, as well as PDG Wendy Cain, FVDG John Mason, Zone Chairperson Daniel Elkins and Eric Minor.

Seminar topics include, "Preparing to be a Club Officer and Beyond," "Lions Orientation," "Successful Club Strategies," and many more.

All seminars are on Saturday. Registration is \$100 for Friday and Saturday and \$75 for Saturday only. Prices include Friday dinner (if registered for both days) and lunch and dinner on Saturday. Contact the Days Inn for room reservations at 866-700-7284. The Fairmont Lions Club can provide one or two members with the registration fee. A brochure and registration form is available from Pres./Sec. Bob Moffett.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Grants

Our Lions Clubs International Foundation, working with local Lions and Lions leaders, assess urgent needs and quickly deliver aid to disaster victims. More than \$118 million has been provided for disaster relief programs worldwide.





District Governor
Bill Syphers



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
fairmontlions.org

Just A Lion or Two

We have learned that Wayne Dodd has returned home from the hospital and we wish him the best.

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Fairmont Lions Club Service Activities

Services Completed 7/1/2019 - 12/23/2019

| People Served | People Served Per Member | Service Activities | Volunteer Hours |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 3,052 | 122 | 25 | 348 |



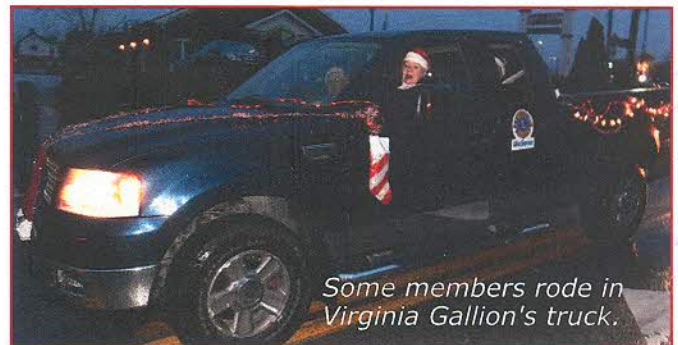
(Above) Members Joey Garcia and Daniel Stutler carry the club's parade banner as the parade gets underway.

assisted.

The parade included the "Blessing of the First Responders," the three county high school bands and Santa Claus, floats and much more.

Club Sponsors
Christmas Parade
Film makers Bob and Jeff Tinnell served as Parade Marshalls for Fairmont's Christmas Parade on

December 14th, a chilly and rainy evening. Member Nick Fantasia was their driver. Other Lions helping with line-up and/or participating in the parade were Marci Carroll, chairperson; Virginia Gallion; Nancy Sickles; Bob Brummage; Joey Garcia; Daniel Stutler; Ralph Davis; and Bob Moffett; plus Charlotte and Dan Heintzman and Kathryn Dalrimple as "Lennie — the Friendly Lion" from the Friendly Lions Club. Joe Zicafoose and and Marci's friend Samantha also



Some members rode in Virginia Gallion's truck.

Leadership Retreat Service Project

District 29L Lions clubs are being asked to support a service project at the Lions of WV Leadership Retreat. This project would benefit the Pediatric Blood and Cancer Center at WVU Medicine Children's Hospital by providing certain food items and/or gift cards for the young patients and their families. The Fairmont Lions Club has budgeted \$200 for Childhood Cancer this year and will consider this at the January 9th meeting.

