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 Leadership
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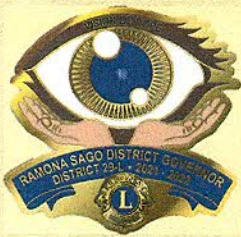
CANCELED

Feb. 5 Zones 5 & 6 Meeting
 2:00 pm, Lunch on
 your own at 1:00 pm
 Eat'n Park
 Morgantown

Feb. 10 Meeting
 7:00 pm (Meet Now)

March 18-19 District 29L
 Conference
 Oglethorpe Resort

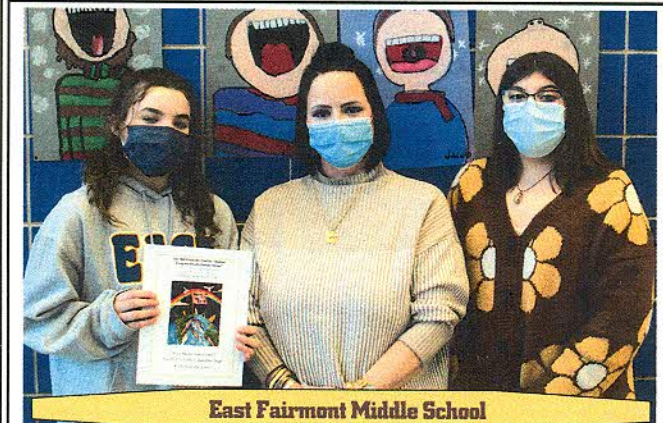
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"O, wind, if winter comes, can
 spring be far behind?"
 —Percy Bysshe Shelley

The Mane Growl

Next Meeting
 February 10 (Virtual on "Meet Now")



East Fairmont Middle School



Fairmont Catholic School

Top: EFMS winners (L-R) Hailey Hauser, with a copy of her poster; Misty Skarzinski, Art Teacher; and Katelyn Ganoe, second place
 Bottom: Fairmont Catholic (L-R) Joyce Evans, Dir. Curriculum & Instruction; Conchetta Cook, first place; and Diane Burnside, Principal

Peace Poster Winners Recognized

The Fairmont Lions Club recognized the Peace Poster Contest winners at East Fairmont Middle School and Fairmont Catholic School. Hailey Hauser, first place winner at EFMS and the winner at the District 29L level, quoted Mother Teresa saying, "Peace begins with a smile." The second place winner at the school is Katelyn Ganoe. Conchetta Cook was the winner of the Peace Poster Contest at Fairmont Catholic School. The theme for this year's contest is, "We Are All Connected."

These three artists received certificates recognizing their artistic accomplishments and gift cards from the Fairmont Lions Club, which sponsored the contest in the two local schools. Lions clubs around the world have been sponsoring this contest for over three decades giving children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

Retreat Canceled Due to COVID-19

Mary Jane Bright, Chairperson for this year's Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat announced the cancellation of the Retreat, "due to the ongoing pandemic and current surge of new cases each day..." In the notice, she indicated that when they can reschedule the Retreat, a notice would be sent. The Retreat was originally scheduled for January 28 and 29, 2022.

Fairmont Lions Club 100th Anniversary

President Bob Brummage is forming a committee to plan an event to celebrate the Fairmont Lions Club's 100th Anniversary, which will occur April 20, 2023. Any member wishing to be on the committee should let the president know right away.

Dues Reminder

If you pay your Lions club dues annually beginning in January, or if you pay dues semi-annually, those dues are now due. The club is required to pay dues to Lions Clubs International and to District 29L and those payments are now due, too. Please contact Treasurer David Sturm if you need to know how much you owe and keep your membership in good standing. Thank you.





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Just a Lion or Two

Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman are reported to be doing well.

Beulah Miller fell but said she thought there was nothing wrong.

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Fairmont Lions Club Service Activities July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

788	18	212	\$300.00
People Served	Service Activities Completed	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated

COVID-19 Cancels District 29L Conference

This year's District 29L Conference, scheduled for March 18-19, has been canceled due to the current pandemic. Recognizing that registrations may be reduced significantly and concerned about the risk of spreading the disease, the District 29L Cabinet, meeting with District Governor Ramona Sago on Zoom, took the action at its January 22nd meeting.

District elections, which were to be held during the conference, will be conducted virtually on March 19, 2022. More details about the elections will be forthcoming. Clubs will be encouraged to submit their "Parade of Checks" donations to Lions causes by mail this year.

District 29C also has canceled their upcoming conference.

LCIF Disaster Relief Tops \$1.7 Million Since July

Since July 1, 2021, our Lions Clubs International Foundation has awarded 55 disaster relief-related grants totaling \$1,730,948. This partial list shows some locations our funds are helping following disasters, including some of the Major Catastrophy Grants:



USA	Wildfire Relief	\$10,000
	Hurricane Relief	\$10,000
	Flood Relief	\$10,000
	Tornado Relief	\$10,000
	Earthquake Relief	\$10,000
Peru	Wildfire Relief	\$10,000
Turkey	Wildfire Relief	\$10,000
Greece	Wildfire Relief	\$10,000
Rep of China	COVID-19 Relief	\$ 5,580
Rep of Korea	Flood Relief	\$10,000
Rep of Sri Lanka	COVID-19 Relief	\$87,190
India	COVID-19 Relief	\$13,110
Indonesia	COVID-19 Relief	\$30,000
New Zealand	Flood Relief	\$10,000
Algeria	Wildfire Relief	\$10,000
Germany	European Flooding	\$100,000
Rep of China	Earthquake Protection	
	Training Vehicle	\$100,000
Japan	2019 Typhoon Relief	\$280,000
Australia	Australia Bushfires	\$109,000



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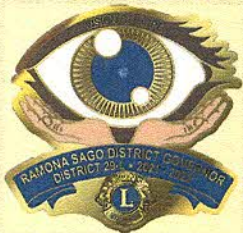
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"Be not merely good; be good for something."
 —Thoreau

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The Mane Growl

Next Meeting
 March 10, 2022



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Fairmont Lions to Participate in Family Literacy Fair



Aletta Moffett contacted the Marion County Board of Education and made arrangements for the Fairmont Lions Club to provide books to children and to conduct vision screening, as the club has done in the past.

In 2020, the Fair was canceled due to COVID-19 and was not held in 2021. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Set up is scheduled for Friday, April 29, from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm or by 9:30 am on Saturday.

The club had purchased books for 2020 which were not able to be distributed, so those books and an additional order will make available 240 books for children to select one to take home. This event is a RAP/Read Aloud WV project of the Fairmont Lions Club. Please mark your calendar now to help us with this major service activity.



Club Provides Eye Exams & Glasses

Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson Keith Long reported that three individuals received eye exams and/or eyeglasses provided by the Fairmont Lions Club for the month of January. At the February 10th meeting, the membership authorized approval for up to 10 applications for February.



2020-2021

Club Receives Membership Satisfaction Award

Pres. Bob Brummage announced that the club had received congratulations and a fiscal year patch to place below the Membership Satisfaction Award Banner Patch awarded to the club last year. The accompanying letter from Jung-Yul Choi, 2020-2021 International President, stated, "The strength of your club supports your ability to help those in need. It is clubs like yours that truly exemplify the Lions Mission Statement: 'To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.'"

District Election Delegates Selected

Because the District 29L Convention was canceled, district elections will be conducted online this year. At the February 10th club meeting held online, Pres. Bob Brummage and Treasurer David Sturm were selected to represent the club as voting delegates. In addition to club delegates, PDG Bob Moffett will also vote as a past district governor. Online voting will launch on March 13 and delegates will have until 5:00 pm on March 19, 2022 to enter their votes. Club "Parade of Checks" donations will be mailed.

104th LCI Convention Set for Montreal

The 104th Lions Clubs International Convention is set for Montreal, June 24-28, 2022. The early discounted registration price of \$175 has been extended to March 31, 2022.

For those unable to attend in-person, a reduced registration for online viewing of some convention activities, such as the plenary sessions, will be available. Details for that option will be forthcoming.

Fundraising Continues

Even through the pandemic, our fundraising efforts continue. Pres. Bob Brummage reported that nut sales to date have brought in \$3,865.00; broom sales have brought in \$1,290.60 and mint sales amounted to \$126.00.



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Buelah Miller is still sore,
 but doing OK.

Leroy Humberston is well
 and in good spirits.

Columbus Carpenter
 spent time in the hospital,
 but has been out collecting
 used eyeglasses.

Please pray for our fellow
 Lions and others in Kyiv,
 Ukraine.

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803 People Served	21 Service Activities Completed	226 Volunteer Hours	\$300.00 Funds Donated
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Club Thanked by Union Mission

The Union Mission's newsletter, "The Messenger," included this message on the front page: "Thank you to the following for making Christmas at the Mission a success: Lions Club of Fairmont, Virginia Gallion..." Virginia Gallion again chaired this year's gift bags provided by the Fairmont Lions Club for the children.

Fairmont Lions Club members picking up used eyeglasses should carry their Lions ID card in case they are asked to show it when making a pickup.

LCI Dues Adjustment Postponed

The Board of Directors reviewed Lions Clubs International's financials, including implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust international dues. A dues adjustment proposal was originally introduced in 2019, but was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 International Convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021.

The proposed dues adjustment includes a \$7 increase to the current \$43 international dues, spread out over three years. Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

International dues have not been adjusted since 2011, even though annual inflation has been increasing the cost of operations.

Currently, Rotary International dues are \$70 per year. Kiwanis International charges \$60 per year for most countries, which includes an \$8 premium for their magazine.

LCI supports more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of LCI staff and programs, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs supported with resources and programs, training events and software, club operational support, international convention and meetings, language services in 14 languages, technology and digital products, global marketing, PR and advertising, leadership support, and legal support and liability insurance which covers club activities.



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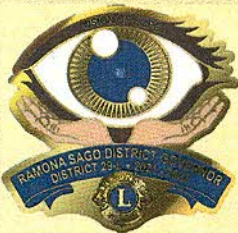
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 Palatine Park

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"Kindness is the language
 which the deaf can hear and
 the blind can see."
 —Samuel Clemens
 (Mark Twain)



The Mane Growl

Next Meeting - Election of Officers
 6:30 pm April 14, 2022, Palatine Park



Fairmont Lions Club March 2022 Volume 35 Number 8

Election of Officers Set for Thursday, April 14, 2022

The slate of officers was placed in nomination at the March 24th Fairmont Lions Club meeting and nominations were closed. The election of officers, who will take office July 1, 2022, is scheduled for the April 14th club meeting which will be held in-person at Palatine Park, 6:30 pm. (Mom's Place continues to close early.) No nominations may be made at the Elections Meeting. Members must be present to vote.

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Adopt-A-Trail Clean-up April 9



The Fairmont Lions Club will again be cleaning the West Fork River Rail Trail between Fairmont (Norway trailhead) and Monongah. The first clean-up of the season is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, at 2:00 pm with Lions David Sturm, Pres. Bob Brummage, Aletta and Bob Moffett planning to participate. Other Lions or non-Lion volunteers are welcome to join us. Please remember to bring sturdy gloves to protect from sharp glass, etc.

Two Receive Glasses

Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson Keith Long reported that two persons received eyeglasses in February. Up to 10 applications were pre-approved by the club at the March 14th meeting.



Fairmont Lions Club member Columbus Carpenter was honored by the placement of a plaque at the Korean War Memorial in Fairmont. The inscription on the plaque reads:

In Honor of Korean War Veteran

Columbus Carpenter

"A man with a big heart always ready to lend a helping hand."

Used

Eyeglasses Collected

Columbus Carpenter and Daniel Stutler spent some time lately picking up 618 pairs of used eyeglasses from the club's collection sites. These will be added to others collected by the club to be sent to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA, where they will be cleaned, sorted and distributed for use in under developed countries around the world.

LCIF Helping Ukraine and Neighbors



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Lions Clubs International Foundation is awarding grants to Lions supporting Ukrainian refugees who have crossed their borders. Lions in Ukraine have also received LCIF grants to address the critical needs of people who remain in the country. Grant funding will enable Lions to purchase and distribute immediate relief items, such as food, clothing, hygiene supplies, sleeping bags and medicine.

Lions Clubs of Kyiv & Lviv have received LCIF grants. Lead clubs in Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Austria, Armenia, Turkey, Finland, Lithuania and Ukraine have also received grants to provide aid. 15 LCIF grants have been approved in March, totaling \$280,000.





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Congratulations to
 Columbus Carpenter. (See
 photo & caption on page 1.)

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Fairmont Lions Club Service Activities July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

1,254 People Served	32 Service Activities Completed	306 Volunteer Hours	\$2,375 Funds Donated
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Fairmont Lions Club Supports Youth in Our Community
 Club members voted to sponsor a student From East Fairmont High School and a student from Fairmont Senior High School to this year's Leadership Seminar to be held May 19-22 at Marshall University. HOBY WV hosts 200 high school sophomores with programs designed to

prepare students to turn their ideas and goals into reality. The five core HOBY values are volunteerism, integrity, excellence, diversity and community partnership.

The club will also sponsor a Fairmont high school student to the American Legion's Boys State this year. Boys attending are exposed to rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. They become involved in legislative session, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations as well as assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. It is held at Jackson's Mill June 12-18.

The club will also provide free vision screening for children and books for children to select and take with them at the Family Literacy Fair. (See poster at left.)

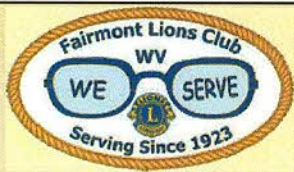
FAMILY LITERACY FAIR
 Marion County
 Literacy Campaign
 talk sing read succeed

Saturday, April 30, 2022
10 AM – 2 PM
STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Marion County Board of Education
 (Old Armory)
 1516 Mary Lou Retton Drive, Fairmont, WV

Information Tables! Local Authors! Special Guests! Prizes! Family Activities!

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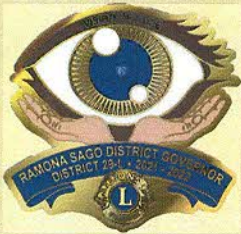
May 14 Club Sec./Treas.
 Training (Zoom)
 11:00 am

May 19 Club Pres./Vice-Pres.
 Training (Zoom)
 7:00 pm

May 21 Club Pres./Vice-Pres.
 Training (Zoom)
 11:00 am

June 18 Vision Screening
 Windmill Park
 (under consideration)

Aug. 26-28 Lions of WV
 Leadership Retreat



"Read the best books first,
 or you may not have a
 chance to read them at all."
 —Thoreau



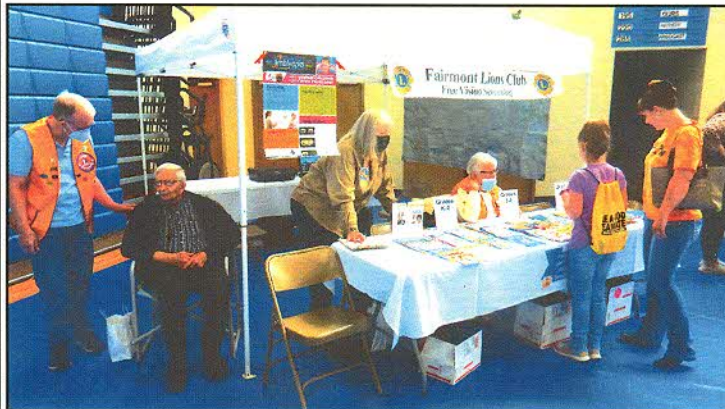
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 6:30 pm May 12, 2022, Palatine Park



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Lions Screen Eyes & Give Away Books at Board of Education's Family Literacy Fair



Eight Lions assisted with the Marion Co. Board of Education Family Literacy Fair on Saturday, April 30th. The club's booth was set up on Friday morning for the Fair which ran from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturday. Lions participating were President Bob Brummage, Virginia Gallion, Joey Garcia, Leroy Humbeston, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett,

Nancy Sickles and David Sturm. Together, these Lions put in 46 volunteer hours on the event.

The club had 240 books for children to choose from and take home with them. When the club ran out, the board of education provided another boxload of books for us to continue distributing. These children will have reading materials for use while they are out of school this summer.



51 students received free eye screenings by the club. Of these, 10 were referred to be seen by an eye care professional.



Club Cleans Rail Trail

Saturday, April 16, was the day that Fairmont Lions Club members finally got to clean the rail trail between Fairmont and Monongah. The original date planned for the clean-up turned out to be a foul weather day causing a postponement of the project.

Pres. Bob Brummage, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett removed enough litter to fill three large garbage bags. Several riders on the trail expressed thanks to this clean-up crew as they rode by.



Fairmont Lions Continue Support to FSU Students

The Fairmont Lions Club made its annual donation of \$200 to the Fairmont State University Foundation in support of student scholarships again this year. The club has contributed to scholarships for many years.

2022-2023 Club Officers Elected

Congratulations and a "thank you" to the 2022-2023 club officers who will serve the club in the coming year, beginning July 1, 2022.

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DSF STOP PROGRAM PRESENTS:

JUNETEENTH JUBILEE

IN THE **DISH!**


Health Equity Fair and Cultural Celebration

LIVE MUSIC
AMUSEMENT RIDES
FOOD TRUCKS
GAMES
VENDORS

WRITE LIKE MAYA
 INSPIRE LIKE DEBRA
 FIGHT LIKE MALCOM
 LEAD LIKE HARRIET
 DREAM LIKE MARTIN
 SPEAK LIKE FREDERICK
 THINK LIKE GARVEY
 EDUCATE LIKE WEB

JUNE 18TH

WINDMILL PARK
 FAIRMONT, WV
 12NOON-11:00PM
 WWW.DUNBARSTOP.ORG



Vision Screening for Health Equity Fair

The Fairmont Lions Club has been invited to provide vision screening as a part of the Health Equity Fair and Cultural Celebration, Juneteenth Jubilee, taking place from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm, June 18th, at Windmill Park (920 Ogden Avenue), by Jennifer Troutman with the DSF Stop Program.

They are expecting approximately 800–1,000 primarily underserved African-Americans from ages 2–80 for the event. The club would set up under a canopy (as we did for the Family Literacy Fair). Since it is outdoors, we have asked them to provide tables, chairs, and dark tarps to cover the canopy to block daylight so that the Plusoptix vision screener can perform properly. They will also provide the club with electricity. The club can screen for fewer than the six hours of the event, if necessary.



Thank You Received

The club received a card of thanks from the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc., acknowledging the club's donation of \$700.

WV Lions Student Work Program Continues

The Student Work Program of the WV Lions at the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind at Romney continues despite the tragic fire that destroyed the historic Administration Building earlier this year. While many records were lost, the records and check book for the WV Lions Club Student Work Program were not lost. The program currently serves about 30 students who perform supervised work for a small stipend per hour, giving the students some additional spending money and the incentive to work, learn skills and follow a discipline.

The building, which was over 100 years old, was destroyed. "The students, faculty and staff are grieving," says Lion Roy Knight, the MD29 Coordinator of the Student Work Program. The work will continue, as this will give the students some stability and structure in the days and weeks ahead.



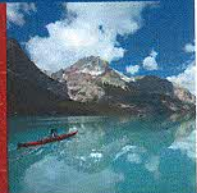
46th USA/ Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Where: Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 When: September 15-17, 2022



Register: lionsforum.org
 Early Registration Ends: May 31, 2022
 Early Registration: \$285.00

The Forum's mission is "To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees; provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International (LCI)."



Join us on our adventure as we "Stampede to Lead!"

Register: lionsforum.org

COMING EVENTS

- July 30, MD29 Council Appreciation Luncheon, Cacapon Resort, Berkeley Springs
- July 30, MD29 Council of Governor's Meeting, Cacapon Resort, Berkeley Springs
- Aug. 26–27, Lions of WV Leadership Retreat, Days Inn, Flatwoods
- Sept. 13–17, USA/Canada Lions Forum, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- Oct. 28–29, District 29I Fall Conference, Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs
- March 17–18, District 29L Spring Conference, Grand Point Conference Ctr., Vienna



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2,880 People Served	43 Service Activities Completed	392 Volunteer Hours	\$3,365 Funds Donated
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Eyeglasses Provided

Six area residents were approved by the Eyeglasses Committee to receive eye exams and glasses in April, according to Keith Long, Chairperson.

962 pairs of used eyeglasses, collected by the Fairmont Lions Club, were delivered to the WV Lions State Convention at Canaan Valley Resort by Bob Moffett, where they were packed up along with those collected by other clubs around the state to be transported to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, Va. There, volunteers will wash and sterilize glasses, determine the prescription and prepare the eyeglasses for distribution all over the world.



LCIF Funds Come to West Virginia Again

The Upshur Parish House, located in Buckhannon, WV, was able to purchase a brand new 2022 Chevy 3500 flatbed truck, thanks to support from the Upshur County Community, Buckhannon Rotary Club, Buckhannon Lions Club and Lions Clubs International Foundation. They had been using a 2001 pickup truck which had over 220,000 miles on it and needed repair. DG Sue Long (District 29I) explained that the LCIF matching grant covered 75% of the costs for the project, with the other 25% from the local Lions club and/or their partners. Upshur County Lions clubs provided \$5,660 of the match and the Upshur Rotary Club provided \$5,000, a total of \$42,640, with \$31,980 coming from LCIF.

The Upshur Parish House receives thousands of pounds of food each month and had relied on their pickup and other volunteers' trucks to transport all of the food, handling each box of food at least four times. Now, they will be able to load pallets onto the new truck and deliver the food to the food pantry. The Upshur Parish House is a mission project of the WV Conference of the United Methodist Church.

New Member Fee Waived Through June 30, 2022

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