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Calendar  
(subject to change)

Fairmont Lions meet  
2nd Thursdays  
6:00 pm  
Disability Action Center  
448 Leonard Avenue  
Fairmont, WV

Mar. 9 Meeting  
To Be Determined

Mar. 18 District 29L  
Convention  
Vienna, WV

Apr. 20 100th Anniversary  
Central United  
Methodist Church  
301 Fairmont Ave.  
6:00 pm Social  
6:30 pm Meeting

Apr. 22 Earth Day  
Adopt-A-Trail  
Rail Trail Clean-up  
Between Monongah  
& Norway Trailheads  
2:00 pm

"All you need is love. But a  
little chocolate now and  
then doesn't hurt."  
—Charles Schultz



# The Mane Growl

100th Anniversary Celebration  
Coming April 20, 2023



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From left: Pres. Bob Brummage; Misty Sckarzinski, art teacher; Marissa Summers, First Place; Kaylee Ferrell, Second Place, and Debra Conover, Principal

### Peace Poster Contest Winners Recognized

President Bob Brummage presented gift cards from the Fairmont Lions Club to the Lions Peace Poster Contest winners at East Fairmont Middle School. Marissa Summers was the first place winner and Kaylee Ferrell came in second place in this year's competition. To see their posters, go online to the December

2022 issue (page 2) of *The Mane Growl*:

<https://fairmontlions.org/ManeGrowl/ManeGrowlArchive/7-12-2022.pdf>

This year's contest theme was "Lead with Compassion." One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize winner will be recognized at a special awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations.

Neither West Fairmont Middle School nor Fairmont Catholic School had any students participating in the contest this year.

## Club's 100th Anniversary Planning Underway

The Fairmont Lions Club will celebrate 100 years of service to the community on April 20, 2023, exactly 100 years after the club was chartered. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Central United Methodist Church, 301 Fairmont Avenue. We will set up the room beginning at 4:00 pm, with a social time at 6:00 and the dinner meeting at 6:30 pm. Past International Director Larry Johnson will be our guest speaker. Pres. Bob Brummage appointed a committee including himself, Guy Ward and Bob Moffett to work on the details, costs, etc. The committee is meeting. The dinner will be catered.

Fairmont Lions Club members should plan to attend, if possible. Lions members from other clubs are expected to attend. Watch for further information as the details are finalized.

## Eyeglasses Committee

Keith Long, Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson reported that five individuals were referred by the club for eye exams and glasses for December and four more were referred for January. The club continues to pre-approve up to five applications per month for the committee to process.

## Adopt-A-Trail Set for Earth Day

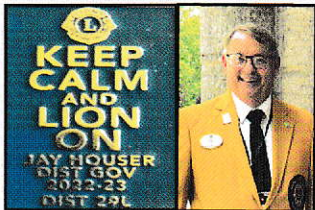
In 2023, Earth Day falls on Saturday, April 22. The club determined that it would be the most appropriate date for our initial rail trail clean-up for the year. The club cleans the section of the West Fork River Ralph S. LaRue Trail between Fairmont and Monongah. One team will begin at the Monongah trailhead, while the other team will begin at the Norway trailhead, located below Mary Lou Retton Park. The two teams usually meet at or near the small shelter which is about mid-way. Lions or other volunteers should bring sturdy work gloves. The clean-up is set to begin at 2:00 pm.







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**Just a Lion or Two**

Columbus Carpenter is experiencing leg issues. We wish him the best.

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Services Completed July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

915 People Served	28 Service Activities Completed	283 Volunteer Hours	\$200 Funds Donated
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**Lions Providing Earthquake Relief**

The February 5<sup>th</sup> earthquake caused destruction and loss of life in Turkey and Syria. When natural disasters strike, Lions are among the first to answer. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) quickly responded by awarding a \$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to Lions in Turkey. Grant funds will enable Lions to provide immediate short-term and long-term relief to victims of one of the largest earthquakes to hit the region in more than 100 years. Our club donates to LCIF each year.



**Elections to be Held at District Convention March 18, 2023**

This year's District 29L Convention will include the election of District officers for 2023-2024. The Convention will be held at the Grand Pointe Convention Center in Vienna, WV, just north of Parkersburg. Special guest will be Lions International Director Justice Christopher Sea Nickell of Paducah, Kentucky. Registration fee of \$35 includes a buffet lunch and a day full of fun, fellowship, voting, learning, Parade of Checks and more. Attire is business casual throughout the day. Voting delegates from clubs must register in advance. Contact Secretary Bob Moffett if you would like a registration form or download it from the District 29L website: [lions29l.org](http://lions29l.org)

**Club Once Again Looking for Meeting Place**

The Disability Action Center required the club to complete its meetings by 7:30 pm, requiring the club to start meeting at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm. When Pres. Bob Brummage called in the order for the February meeting, he was told they could not take the order because it didn't meet the minimum of 10 meals required -- something the club had not been advised about before we began meeting there. As a result, the club is again looking for a place to meet. Apple Annie's and The Mason Jar BBQ & More have been recommended. Pres. Brummage is looking into a new location for our meetings.

The Board of Directors met on February 9, 2023 to accept, pending the transfer process, Lions Rex and Carol Zickefoose, transferring from the Doddridge County Lions Club.





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Between Monongah  
& Norway Trailheads  
2:00 pm
- May 5-7 MD29 State  
Convention  
Days Inn Conf. Center  
Flatwoods
- May 11 Meeting  
Apple Annie's (Tent.)

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"Think of your fellow man,  
lend him a helping hand,  
put a little love in your  
heart."

—Jackie DeShannon



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**Fairmont Lions Club Officially Welcomes Transfer Members**  
Lions Carol and Rex Zickefoose are now the Fairmont Lions Club's newest members, following an earlier vote by the club's board of directors and a technical delay in completing their transfers from the Doddridge County Lions Club. Rex became a Lion in 1996 and Carol joined in 2011. Rex served as Zone Chairperson for three years and also served as Treasurer and President of his club. They have both jumped right in contributing to the success of the Fairmont club and we look forward to years of serving alongside them.

## Club to Celebrate Centennial Thursday, April 20, 2023

Past International Director Larry Johnson will be the guest speaker to help our club celebrate 100 years. Pres. Bob Brummage, VP Guy Ward and Bob Moffett have worked as a committee to take care of the details and Lions from District 29L and West Virginia have been invited and provided reservation forms. We are expecting a good turnout for this special event. An invitation and reservation form are included with this newsletter. Please fill it out and return with \$25 per person attending to Bob Moffett by April 14, so that we will have a count for the caterer.

## News from the District 29L Convention

Bob Moffett attended the District 29L Convention in Vienna, WV on Saturday, March 18. District elections were held and FVDG Dan Heintzman was elected to serve as District Governor for the 2023-24 Lions year.

Moffett delivered three boxes containing 696 pairs of used eyeglasses collected by the club, which are being transported to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA. In addition, a book and 12 boxes of crayons were combined with books and art supplies from other clubs to go to WVU Children's Medicine for the pediatric cancer patients there.

Our club also participated in the "Parade of Checks"—donations to our Lions charities. Fairmont Lions Club made these donations:

WV Sight Conservation Foundation	\$ 700
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	500
Camp Kno-Koma (Diabetes camp)	200
Deaf & Blind Recreation	50
Leader Dogs	100
Pilot Dogs	100

Total: \$1,650

Total contributions from all district clubs amounted to \$47,600.

## Club Sponsoring Youth to Mountaineer Boys State

The Fairmont Lions Club is again sponsoring a high school student to Mountaineer Boys State this year. Sponsored by the American Legion, Boys State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students. The club has budgeted \$250, but this year the cost has increased to \$350. Thanks to a donation to the club from new members, Rex and Carol Zickefoose, the club is able to sponsor a student's full cost this year.

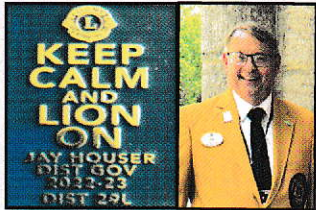
## Updated Membership List

Secretary Bob Moffett has updated the club's membership list. A copy is included with this newsletter. Please check to make sure that your contact information is correct and let the secretary know of any needed corrections.





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**Just a Lion or Two**

Columbus Carpenter is doing some better.

Leroy Humberston hopes to get to our meetings when it stays daylight longer.

Beulah Miller has a bad cough, but said "hello" to everyone.

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1,629  
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39  
 Service Activities  
 Completed

318  
 Volunteer Hours

\$1,850  
 Funds Donated

**Three Receive Eye Exams & Glasses**

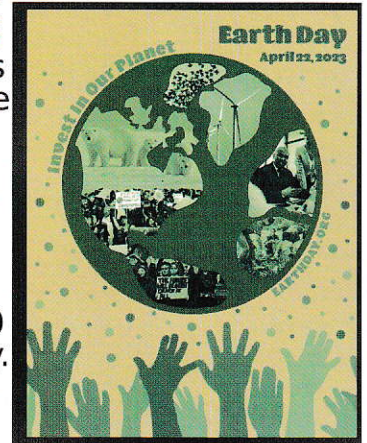
Keith Long, Chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, reported that three individuals were sent by the club to receive free eye exams and glasses for February. Each month, the club has been pre-approving up to five applications for the committee to act upon.

Other service activities included a blood donation and assistance to a blind individual.

**Adopt-A-Trail Clean-up Set for Earth Day, April 22, 2023**

"Invest in Our Planet" is the theme for this year's Earth Day. The Great Global Cleanup is a worldwide campaign to clean up our communities, beaches, rivers, lakes, trails and parks. Since the world's first Earth Day in 1970, over one billion individuals have mobilized for the future of the planet.

Fairmont Lions Club members will be cleaning the West Fork River Rail Trail between Fairmont (Norway trailhead) and Monogah beginning at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 22, 2023, which is Earth Day. Please wear sturdy gloves. Non-Lions are welcome to join us in this clean-up effort.



**Vision Screening and Family Literacy Fair Scheduled**

Aletta Moffett reports that the club will conduct pre-school vision screening on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Sunbeam Learning Center on Mary Lou Retton Drive. Screening will begin at 8:00 am. The club will also do vision screening at the Marion County Board of Education's Family Literacy Fair on Saturday, April 29, 2023 (set-up on Friday morning). Fairmont Lions Club will also have a book table where children may select a book to take home. Scholastic raised their prices for books this year, but the club received a donation of \$100.92 in order to purchase \$300 in books. Aletta Moffett is also donating some books which she had purchased to read in the schools. Other members who have children's books in new or like-new condition may wish to consider donating those as well.







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May 5-7 MD29 State Convention  
Days Inn Conf. Center  
Flatwoods

May 11 Meeting  
Election of Officers  
Apple Annie's  
Middletown Commons  
6:00 pm

July 7-11 Lions International Convention  
Boston, MA

Note: Image in masthead of Lion wearing eyeglasses was created by Bob Moffett with assistance of DALL-E 2 (artificial intelligence).

“If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people.”  
—Confucius



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Election of Officers for 2023-2024  
Thursday, May 11, 2023



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## Fairmont Lions Club Celebrates 100 Years

Thirteen club members and twenty-one guests filled the Fellowship Hall at Central United Methodist Church on Thursday evening, April 20, 2023, to celebrate 100 years since the chartering of the Fairmont Lions Club on April 20, 1923. President Bob



Past International Director Larry Johnson was the guest speaker for the Fairmont Lions Club's 100th Anniversary Celebration on April 20, 2023.

Brummage presided, welcoming those present, introducing distinguished guests, and introducing the guest speaker for the evening, Past International Director Larry Johnson.

In his remarks, PID Johnson related some of what was going on in 1923 around the time the club was organized. He also mentioned numerous service activities of the club noting that the Christmas Party at the Union Mission had been providing gifts for children since 1935. He commended the club for the amount of historical information available at the club's website. He spoke about the importance of getting new members to keep the club's services available in Fairmont and wished the club, “many more years that matter to the people of Fairmont.”

Pres. Bob Brummage presented a club donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation in honor of PID Larry Johnson, and presented the floral arrangement decorating the head table to his wife Lion Rachel. Jim Coleman and Bob Moffett received 45 and 50 year membership chevrons for their years as members of the club presented by District Governor Jay Houser. On behalf of the club, DG Jay also presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to Virginia Gallion and to Pres. Bob Brummage. Virginia has put in many hours keeping the Christmas party at the Union Mission going, especially during the years of the pandemic. Pres. Bob has provided years of service to the club in many capacities, but as president during much of the pandemic, managed to guide the club and keep service activities functioning as much as possible. Both recipients expressed appreciation to the club. The Melvin Jones Fellowship may be presented for a donation of \$1,000 to LCIF. The donations were made by the club in honor of these Lions. Congratulations to Lions Virginia and Bob!



DG Jay Houser presents Melvin Jones Fellowship to Virginia Gallion.

A drawing for prizes took place with Guy Ward drawing the first winner. That winner drew for the second prize winner who then drew for the third prize winner. A silent auction held during the evening raised \$158 to help defray costs of the evening. High bidders were Lion Amy Houser, DG Jay Houser, Joyce Ward, Lion Patty Austin, PID Larry Johnson, Lion David Sturm, Lion Nancy Sickles, Lion Patty Austin, Lion Daniel Stutler, PDG Bob Moffett, Lion Rex Zickefoose and Lion David Sturm.

A committee of Pres. Bob Brummage, VP Guy Ward and Sec. Bob Moffett worked on arranging details for the event.



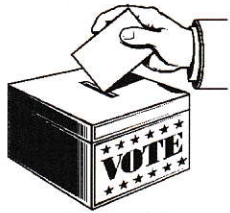
DG Jay Houser presents Melvin Jones Fellowship to Pres. Bob Brummage.



## Election of Officers for 2023-2024 Set for May 11, 2023

Due to the club's 100th Anniversary Celebration in April, a special Nominations Meeting was called for Wednesday, April 12, at 6:00 pm. The meeting was conducted online. At the meeting Pres. Bob Brummage read the slate of officers from the Nominations Committee made up of Lions Bob Brummage and Rex Zickefoose. There were no other nominations from the floor and a motion was made and carried that the slate as presented by the committee be accepted. Nominations were closed and elections will be held at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at Apple Annie's in Middletown Commons, 6:00 pm.

### Slate of Officers for 2023-2024



May 11

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Directors

Membership Chairperson  
LCIF Coordinator  
Tail Twister

Robert Brummage  
Guy Ward  
Robert Moffett  
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James Coleman  
Elizabeth Swiger  
David Sturm  
Rex Zickefoose  
Joey Garcia  
Aletta Moffett  
Rex Zickefoose

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### Thank You Letters Received

The club received thank you letters from Pilot Dogs, Leader Dogs and the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation for the club's donations as part of the "Parade of Checks."

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### 2023 International Dues Adjustment

International dues billed to clubs will go up \$3.00 on July 1, 2023. International dues have not been adjusted since 2011.

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### Club Sponsors HOBY Student

A request was received from Fairmont Senior High School to send a student to HOBY Leadership Seminar. This is included in the club's budget, so the club agreed to send the student. HOBY seminars empower students to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective ethical leaders.

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### LCIF Update

LCIF quickly awarded a \$200,000 grant to the Lions in Turkey to begin providing immediate relief to the victims of one of the largest earthquakes to hit the region in 100 years. As new relief needs emerge, additional grants may

be awarded. Through LCIF's collaboration with MD 111 and the German Lions Foundation, we are exploring ways to provide earthquake relief in Syria.

The generosity of Lions and Leos, through individual and club support, makes it possible for LCIF to magnify hope around the world – especially in times of crisis. Recently, a tornado hit southeastern sections of the USA, leveling communities in Mississippi. Lions responded immediately. As humanitarians, our organization grieves for those impacted by natural disasters like this one, but we pair our grief with action. We funded a \$50,000 Major Catastrophe grant and a \$10,000 Emergency grant to empower Lions in District 30M, Mississippi to help their communities recover. Lions are still responding to earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria. Additionally, Lions have continued to serve the needs of Ukrainian refugees one year after the war began. When disasters strike, Lions are there, serving for as long as necessary. I encourage everyone to consider donating to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund to ensure Lions can always be there to support those impacted by disasters. Thank you to those who have already donated to the Foundation. As humanitarian needs continue to increase around the world, your donations to LCIF help make so much of our service possible.

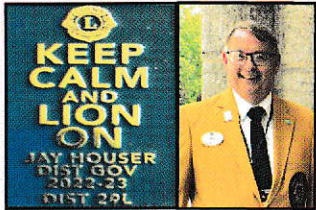


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44  
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372  
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**Book Give-A-Way & Vision Screening at Family Literacy Fair**



Again this year, the Fairmont Lions Club provided books and vision screening for children at the Board of Education's Family Literacy Fair, held Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 10:00 am through 2:00 pm.

The club provided 315 books and let the children select a book to take with them. Some of these were purchased by the club from Scholastic and some were books donated by club members. When the club's supply of books ran out, four more cartons of books

from the Board of Education were distributed by the Lions — about 650 books altogether.

Club members screened 113 children, with 14 refers. Lions participating in the Friday setup and/or the Fair were Pres. Bob Brummage, Virginia Gallion, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett, Nancy Sickles, David Sturm, Carol Zickefoose, Rex Zickefoose.



**Adopt-A-Trail**

The Fairmont Lions Club cleaned up the West Fork River Trail between Fairmont (Norway trailhead) and Monongah on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Pres. Bob Brummage, along with Aletta and Bob Moffett spent a couple of hours on the trail. Originally scheduled for Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the event was postponed due to inclement weather.

