



The Mane Growl

Next Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024



Fairmont Lions Club Dec. 2023-Jan. 2024 Volume 37 Number 5

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Leadership Retreat
Flatwoods

Mar. 16 District 29L Conf.
Vienna

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State Convention
Glade Springs

Jun. 21-25 Lions International
Convention
Melbourne

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

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



Lions and other volunteers wrap gifts for the children.

127 Children Receive Gifts
 For over 80 years, the Fairmont Lions Club has provided Christmas gifts to Fairmont's less fortunate children. This year saw a large increase in the number of children served by the club. Virginia Gallion, chairperson for the event, said, "This was the largest group since my mother [Nancy Sickles] has chaired the committee in 30 years." There were generous toy donations set aside for the Lions Christmas party throughout the year

leading up to the event. The club's allocation of \$866 would not have been sufficient for the number of gifts needed. The club's expenditures amounted to \$504.74.

Volunteers put in 237 hours to make the event a success. Lions worked 189.5 hours while non-Lions pitched in to help for 47.5 hours. Many of the non-Lion hours were contributed by the Union Mission in gathering and vetting the names of children, moving items to provide working space, etc. Jacci Maier, the Mission's new event coordinator/community outreach person saw that there were snacks, treat bags, music, a craft project and a short Christmas story about the significance of the candy cane for the children.



Families enjoy the Christmas party for children.

Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids

According to Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson Keith Long, the club was successful in submitting an application for hearing aid assistance that resulted in an individual being able to obtain the aids. Funding for hearing aid assistance is provided by our WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, but the application must be reviewed and approved by the local club—in this case, Fairmont. Long has worked successfully with the Foundation for hearing aids in the past.

Long also reported that the club was providing eye exams and eyeglasses for three individuals for November and three individuals for December.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Lions Aid Earthquake Victims in Japan

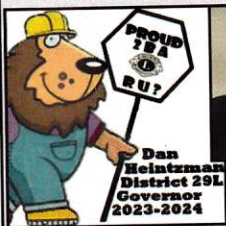
When a massive earthquake struck western Japan, buildings collapsed, fires ignited and tsunami alerts were issued for surrounding regions. Dozens of people were killed and many more are still missing under the debris. The 7.6 magnitude quake destroyed homes, forced nearly 100,000 residents to evacuate and left tens of thousands of homes without power.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, to empower Lions in Japan and other impacted areas to help their communities recover.





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1,299
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23
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\$0.00
Funds Donated



Club President Bob Brummage (left) is pictured with (l-r) EFMS Art Teacher Misty Skarzinski, Reese Williams, Jaynie Rowan and EFMS Principal Debra Conover.

Reese Williams is Peace Poster Winner

Club President Bob Brummage presented Reese Williams, 1st Place winner of the Peace Poster Contest, and Jaynie Rowan, 2nd Place, with gift cards at East Fairmont Middle School. On hand were Misty Skarszinski, Art Teacher and Debra Conover, Principal. Reese's poster advanced to the District



1st Place Poster

29L competition.

The Fairmont Times West Virginian included a front-page article about the contest, thanks to Fred Cannon's efforts.

At the November club meeting, Aletta Moffett suggested that the club offer to sponsor the Peace Poster Contest at Rising Stars RESET in 2024. If we do sponsor the contest at that location, we may need to provide some or all of the art materials, depending on the resources they have on site.

Apples Donated

Virginia Gallion reported at the November meeting that she had purchased and donated apples to both the Soup Opera and to the Union Mission. Bob Brummage donated apples to V&W Electric, TNT Industrial Supply and White Hall Pharmacy—the businesses that have our brooms available for sale to the public and to Fritz's Rugratz who has given the club significant monetary donations when we did children's vision screening for them.



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- Mar. 14 Meeting
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- Mar. 16 District 29L Conf.
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- Mar. 20 Vision Screening
Sunbeam Early Learning Center
9:00 am
- Apr. 13 Adopt-A-Trail
West Fork River Trail
Norwood - Monongah
2:00 pm
- Apr. 26-28 MD29 Lions State Convention
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Louisville, KY

"There is no time to waste. If you are educated and free, empowered and safe, you have to use your strength, your power, and your gifts to help the rest of our human family."
—Maggie Doyne

New Recycling Effort Reduces Landfill Waste



Photo: Fred Cannon

Recyclables being collected from Fairmont Medical Center.

Fred Cannon began making the connections to begin the Fairmont Lions Club's new recycling program late in 2023. Items accepted for recycling include ink and toner cartridges, cell phones, tablets, laptops, and computer cables, extension cords and other old wires.

White Hall Ship and More, 13 Opal Drive in White Hall, is the residential drop off site. Fred Cannon has also picked up items from area businesses including Fairmont Medical Center, Leslie Equipment Company, Industrial Resources, United Security Erie Insurance and Cardinal Tax Service locally, as well as Lakeview Landing in Huron, OH.

The Fairmont Lions Club is using CFK as our primary recycler. For security all hard drives are wiped to Department of Defense specifications.

At the February 8th club meeting, he handed over funds received from the recycling companies amounting to \$1,200. This will be a great boost for the club to help the people of Fairmont through our service projects.

Fairmont Lions Agree to Sponsor New Lions Club

At The February 8th meeting, members of the Fairmont Lions Club voted to sponsor a new Lions club at the WVU Eye Institute. DG Dan Heintzman visited the club to make this request. Pres./Zone Chr. Bob Brummage and PDG Bob Moffett have agreed to work with the club if it is successfully chartered. The Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored many new clubs during its 100 years of service.

Nominations Committee Appointed

Pres. Bob Brummage has appointed David Sturm and Fred Cannon to the Nominations Committee. A slate of club officers for the 2024–2025 club year will be presented to the club at the March meeting followed by elections to be held in April.

District Governor Presents Years of Service Chevrons



Aletta Moffett receives 20 year Chevron from the DG.

Monarch Chevron Awards are given to Lions to commemorate their years of service and to encourage them to continue to make a difference in their local communities and worldwide. Awards are given to any Lion who has served for 10 years, continuing every five years until their 95th year of service. Chevrons were presented by DG Heintzman to Columbus Carpenter - 10 years (not present), Beulah Miller - 15 years (not present), Tim Manchin - 15 years (not present) and Aletta Moffett - 20 years. Thank you Lions for your service!

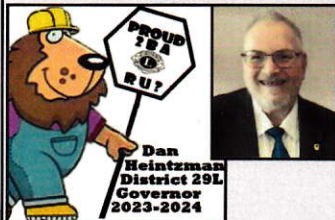


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Beulah Miller has completed physical therapy at home.

Jim Coleman is at home with hospice care.

Leroy Humberston is doing "pretty well" at Genesis, but is without a car.

Columbus Carpenter is getting along well.

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Fairmont Lions Club Receives Club Excellence Award for 2022-2023

On behalf of Past District Governor Jay Houser, District Governor Dan Heintzman presented the Club Excellence Award to President Bob Brummage at the February 8, 2024 meeting. In order to receive the award, a club must maintain its membership count or have an increase in membership. The Fairmont Lions Club added two members during the year. A club also must start a new service project and list three service activities conducted during the year, contribute to LCIF, pay district dues and have no unpaid balance with Lions Clubs International greater than \$50 outstanding for 90 days or more, reported club officers to LCI, and key officers participated in club officer training. There is also a requirement that the club publicize its service through local media or social media.



**Lions Clubs International
 FOUNDATION**

LCIF Grant Helping Youth After Morocco Earthquake

(Oak Brook, Ill., October 20, 2023) – The 6.8 magnitude earthquake that struck the Marrakesh-Safi region of Morocco in September was the largest to hit the country in more than 100 years, and the deadliest in decades. Thousands of people were killed and rural villages flattened. Homes were destroyed, as well as schools, hospitals and other medical and educational facilities.

After emergency needs were met, LCIF grant funds will be used to build prefabricated classrooms and toilet blocks in two hard-hit villages, including 12 classrooms and three restrooms in Amizmiz and three classrooms and one restroom in Mejjat.

"The devastation we've seen as a result of this earthquake is truly heartbreaking and impacted people of all ages," said Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill. "We hope this grant project can bring a small bit of relief to the youth in the region, by rebuilding a place where they can gather to comfort each other as well as continue to learn."



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FSHS Field House
Mary Lou Retton Dr.
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"God does not present insurmountable problems. Instead, he gives us challenges, waits for us to overcome them, and then rejoices."

—Michael Hingson

(Survivor of the 9/11 attack on the North Tower of the World Trade Center in 2001, guided out from his 78th floor office by his guide dog Roselle.)



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Dr. James E. Coleman
1928-2024

The Fairmont Lions Club lost a Past President and active member on February 16, 2024, at the age of 95. He remained active in the club, having attended the January 11, 2024 club meeting with his wife, Elizabeth Swiger. His first wife Joyce predeceased him.

In 1986, Jim began using desktop publishing using a computer to assemble "The Mane Growl," replacing mimeograph and Ditto machines.

As long as he was able, Jim could be found walking door to door selling brooms or filling balloons with helium to promote the club's "White Cane Day," or doing whatever it took to keep the Lions club operating smoothly. With Elizabeth, Jim attended the Lions International Convention in Minneapolis, MN, in 2009.

Jim was president of the Fairmont Lions Club in 1984-1985 and received Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2009 followed by Progressive MJFs in 2014, 2016 and 2018. He was presented the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation Leonard Jarrett Award during the 2000-2001 club year. Jim joined the Fairmont Lions Club in January of 1978.

Club Supports Lions Charities

The Fairmont Lions Club was part of the "Parade of Checks" at the District 29L Conference held in Vienna, WV in March. PDG Bob Moffett attended the event and delivered the club's donations.

Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$500
WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation	600
Camp Kno-Koma (Diabetes Camp)	250
Deaf and Blind Recreation	75
Total:	\$1,425

Total donations from all District 29L clubs was over \$30,000.

Leo Club Informational Meeting

Fred Cannon has been promoting the formation of a Community Leo Club in the area and scheduled an informational meeting for March 19, 2024 at the conference room inside Middletown Commons. The day of the event, Aletta and Bob Moffett joined Fred to help get the room ready. The three waited and waited, but no Leo prospects showed up. "If at first you don't succeed..." The club certainly appreciates all of Fred's time and effort.

Family Literacy Fair Set for April 27

Aletta Moffett met with the Board of Education planners for this year's Family Literacy Fair and reports the date to be Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The Fairmont Lions Club will set up our booth Friday morning, April 26 at 9:00 am. Lions should show up on Saturday for the event by 9:30 am to be ready for the doors to open at 10:00 am. The club has books to give to children and we will provide vision screening for the children. 1,000 families are expected to attend and we need as many Lions as possible to assist us.

Lions to Attend "Night of Hope"

Jacci Maier, of the Union Mission, site of the club's Christmas Party for children, invited Lions to attend the Mission's "Night of Hope" banquet on April 13. Members Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles and David Sturm plan to attend.

Fred Cannon has arranged for a Fairmont Lions Club bulletin board inside the Middletown Commons near the conference room.





Adopt-A-Trail Clean-up Set for April 13

The Fairmont Lions Club will begin another season of rail-trail clean-up on Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 pm. We will clean the West Fork River Trail between the Norway (Fairmont) and Monongah trailheads. This project involves a walk of approximately two miles and a couple of hours to complete. Two teams will work, starting from each trailhead and meeting near the middle of the trail section. Please wear sturdy gloves. Pick-up "grabbers" are recommended.

Vision Screening

Sunbeam Early Learning Center was the site for this season's preschool vision screening. Virginia Gallion and Bob Moffett screened 50 children ranging in age from six months to six years old. Two of the children were referred to be seen by an eyecare professional.

Some early childhood vision issues, such as amblyopia, can lead to permanent vision loss, but can be successfully treated if caught at an early age. For that reason, the Fairmont Lions Club has focused especially on the preschool ages, although we screen older children as well, and have conducted screening events for adults in the past.



Members Visit Clubs

Zone Chairperson and Fairmont Lions Club President Bob Brummage and Past District Governor Bob Moffett visited the Barrackville Lions Club for their District Governor Visit on March 21st. District Governor Dan Heintzman addressed the club and worked with them to assist the club with several issues. Former Fairmont Lions Club Associate member PDG Tracy Smith also attended.

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Clarksburg Lions Club's 100th Charter Night Program meeting, a celebration of their 100th Anniversary, on March 23rd.

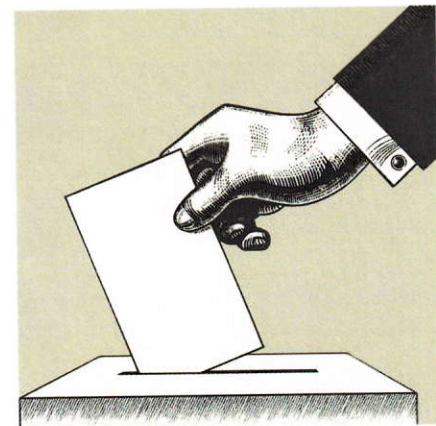
Years ago, clubs received credits in the district Visitation Contest for making interclub visits. The contest is no more, but there is still much to be gained and friends to be made through visits to other clubs.

Club Set for 2024-2025 Officer Elections on April 11, 2024

The Nominations Committee, which consisted of Lions Fred Cannon and David Sturm, presented a slate of officers for the coming Lions year at the March 14th meeting. Once the slate was presented, the floor was opened for nominations. Virginia Gallion was nominated for treasurer. With no further nominations to be made, the nominations were closed. No nominations from the floor may be made at the Elections Meeting on April 11, 2024.

Club officers for 2024-2025 will be selected from the following:

<u>President</u>	<u>Bob Brummage</u>
<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Guy Ward</u>
<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Bob Moffett</u>
<u>Treasurer (Vote for 1)</u>	<u>Virginia Gallion</u>
	<u>David Sturm</u>
<u>Directors (Vote for 4)</u>	<u>Fred Cannon</u>
	<u>Daniel Stutler</u>
	<u>Elizabeth Swiger</u>
	<u>Rex Zickefoose</u>
<u>Membership Chairperson</u>	<u>Fred Cannon</u>
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Members must be present at the meeting to vote.

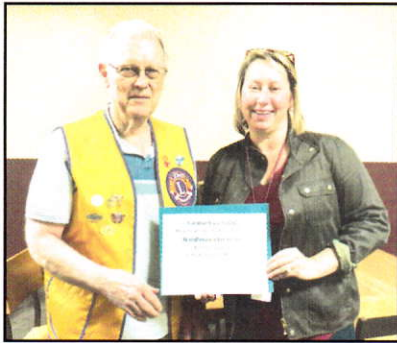
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Need for Eyeglasses Assistance Continues



Keith Long, Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson, reported that the Fairmont Lions Club has approved one individual for an eye exam and glasses for February. None were approved for January. At the March club meeting, Treasurer Bob Brummage reported that the club had \$64 available for eyeglasses. Long offered \$60 to help the club out with eyeglasses, as a dozen applications had been approved since the last bill was paid by the club. Brummage agreed to match the donation and, at the meeting, Elizabeth Swiger along with Rex and Carol Zickefoose also agreed to match Long's and Brummage's donations. These Lions all serve from the heart.



Certificate Presented
Tanya Waters, of Middletown Commons, was presented a Certificate of Thanks by President Bob Brummage at the March 14th meeting. She has supported the club's E-Waste Recycling Program and was a guest at the March 14th meeting.

Community E-Waste Recycling
Fred Cannon is planning for a community E-waste Recycling event on Saturday, May 18, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The location is yet to be determined, but please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us.



Permanent Meeting Location

Pres. Bob Brummage announced that the club now has a "regular" meeting location — Apple Annie's at Middletown Commons. We are now scheduled to meet on the second Thursday of every month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm and we order from their menu. We have been meeting there, but each meeting of those past meetings had to be individually arranged.

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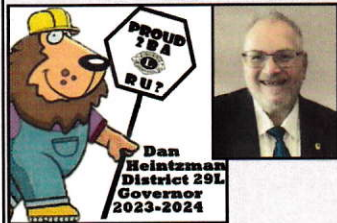
- TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position of action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

We're On A Mission To Grow

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before. Global change comes from local efforts. When we invite new members to our clubs and build new vibrant clubs, it does more than make our communities stronger. It makes the world a kinder, healthier, and better place to live. Every Lion has an important part to play. Together, we can grow Lions International to extraordinary new heights, serving an untold number of people in need. Achieving District 29L's goal to reach 1,500 members will greatly enhance efforts to reach Lions International's goal. Invite someone you know to join with us.



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Leroy Humberston was a Transfer Charter Member of the Whitehall Lions Club in 1979 and transferred his membership to the Fairmont Lions Club in February of 2013 after the Whitehall Lions Club closed. He died February 28, 2024.

As long as he was able, Leroy was active and could be counted on to serve at fundraising activities and service events such as the Family Literacy Fair. He most recently served as a club Director in the 2022-2023 Lions year.

Leroy was a recipient of the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation's Leonard Jarrett Award. He was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn, son Karl Humberston and all of his seven siblings.

Lions Receive Membership Chevrons



Beulah Miller receives chevron from President Bob Brummage

President Bob Brummage, accompanied by Bob Moffett, paid a visit to two members who have been unable to participate recently, due to health. Along with a good visit with friends, Pres. Brummage presented both with membership chevrons and a letter from Lions International



President Dr. Patti Hill congratulating them for their years of dedicated service to the Fairmont Lions Club. Beulah Miller received her 15 year chevron and said to tell everyone "Hi." Columbus Carpenter received his 10 year chevron. They have both been very active Lions and we hope they can return to our meetings and activities.



Columbus Carpenter receives chevron from Pres. Bob Brummage

Club Recycles Used Eyeglasses

Bob Moffett delivered 193 pairs of used eyeglasses to the District 29L Conference and helped load eyeglasses from around the district into the back of a truck to be transported to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA.