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Calendar  
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Meeting Location  
Apple Annie's  
2nd Thursday of the month  
6:00 pm to order from menu

Mar. 13 Nominations Meeting

Apple Annie's  
Middletown Commons  
6:00 pm

Mar. 14-15 Dist. 29L Conf.  
Blennerhassett Hotel  
Parkersburg, WV

Apr. 10 Elections Meeting  
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Middletown Commons  
6:00 pm

May 3 Family Literacy Fair  
FSHS Field House  
Mary Lou Retton Dr.

May 16-18 MD29 Convention  
Canaan Valley Resort  
Davis, WV

"The bond of our common  
humanity is stronger than the  
divisiveness of our fears and  
prejudices."

—Jimmy Carter  
(1924-2024)

39th US President  
Lions Past Council Chair  
Lions Past District Governor



# The Mane Growl

Notice of Nominations Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2025



Fairmont Lions Club

January-February 2025

Volume 38 Number 4

## Club Officer Elections Set for April Meeting

The Nominations Committee, consisting of Fred Cannon and Rob Pickett, will present the proposed slate of club officers at the March 13, 2025 club meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at that time. The Elections Meeting will be April 10, 2025. No nominations may be made from the floor at the Election Meeting.

## Eye Exams & Eyeglasses Provided

Eyeglasses Committee Chairperson Keith Long reported that one individual qualified to receive an eye exam and eyeglasses from the club in January.



## East Fairmont Middle School Student Wins District 29L and MD29 Peace Poster Contest

Reese Williams, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at East Fairmont Middle School won the District 29L and Multiple District 29 (West Virginia) competitions and her winning poster will be judged at the international level. Her poster was first successful in our club's competition. Her quote about her poster is "Spread Kindness Everywhere You Go!" The International Grand Prize Winner will be invited to an awards ceremony and will receive \$5,000 and an award. 23 Merit Award Winners will each receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement. The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored the Peace Poster Contest at East Fairmont Middle School, where Pres. Bob Brummage presented Reese with the club's award and certificate. Reese Williams also won our club's Peace Poster Contest at EFMS in 2023.

## Board of Education Family Literacy Fair Set for May 3

One of our larger service activities of the year will occur this year on Saturday, May 3, 2025. The Family Literacy Fair, a project of the Marion Co. Board of Education, will have space for our club to set up for giving books to children and to provide free vision screening for the children attending. This date falls slightly later this year, as it had been in April in recent years. Please mark your calendar now and plan to help out.

## Report on E-Waste Recycling

Fred Cannon reported at the February 13th club meeting that he accepted items from Hope Gas Co. A large amount of scrap was recently collected with proceeds of \$146 going to the Lions club and \$146 going to the Midtown Leo



## Request

Club secretary Bob Moffett asks that a chairperson, or other Lion in charge of any kind of service project please contact him with specific details required for reporting the activity to Lions International. The following items are required information:

- What the activity is
- Date(s) of the activity
- Number of people served
- Total Volunteers (number of Lions & non-Lions)
- Non-Lion Volunteers (number)
- Total Volunteer Hours

If exact number of people served is not known, a good estimate is valid. An email or listing on paper is preferred. We should be credited for our service. Thank you.







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Fairmont Lions Club  
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**Just a Lion or Two**

Elizabeth Swiger has moved to Manchin Assisted Living in Farmington while her daughter is away. She would welcome visitors from 12:30-5:00pm.

Beulah Miller had a procedure that gave her a raspy voice, but is doing OK.

Daniel Stutler is at River Oaks Healthcare Center in Clarksburg.

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**District 29L Conference March 14 & 15**

District Governor Dave Roberts will hold the District 29L Conference at the Historic Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, 2025. Lions from all over the district will convene to celebrate achievements, conduct business and renew old friendships and make some new ones.

Friday will be a special evening with dinner and music while cruising the Ohio River. Saturday will include learning opportunities and business sessions. PID Ron Keller and his wife, Lion Kitty, will join us and be the International guest/keynote speaker. The Parade of Checks will highlight club donations to Lions charities such as LCIF and the WV Sight Conservation Foundation, among others. Clubs are asked to bring an item for the silent auction. Registration info is required by March 5th for those attending. If you need a registration form, it can be found in the District 29L February Newsletter, or contact Sec. Bob Moffett.

The club's collected used eyeglasses will be taken to the conference to be delivered from there to Lions Eyeglass Recycling in Roanoke, VA. Please provide any you have to Bob Moffett no later than the March club meeting.

**Plan Now to Attend the Multiple District 29 State Convention**

The West Virginia Lions will come together May 16-18 at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis. Room reservations can be made now by calling 304-866-4121 and choosing Option 1. Refer to Group Code 1058MS. All rooms are \$139 per night plus taxes and fees. Cabins are also available for rent.

Live music will be provided both Friday and Saturday nights after the banquets. Other fun activities are being planned throughout the weekend.

The full agenda of activities and registration information will be coming in March.

Terri Lynn Nuts are now available to order from the Fairmont Lions Club's webstore by pointing your web browser to

<https://fairmont-lions-club.terrilynn.com>

or by using the QR Code at right:

*Please share with friends and neighbors!*

**By the Numbers**

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Service Activities	27
People Served	1,080
Volunteer Hours	712
Funds Donated	\$0







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Middletown Commons  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Apr. 19 Adopt-A-Trail  
Monongah to  
Everson Bridge  
2:00 pm

May 3 Family Literacy Fair  
FSHS Field House  
Mary Lou Retton Dr.

May 8 Meeting  
Apple Annie's  
Middletown Commons  
6:00 pm

May 16-18 MD29 Convention  
Canaan Valley Resort  
Davis, WV

#### Preschool Vision Screening

March 20, 9:00 am  
Valley Chapel Child Dev. Ctr.

March 25, 9:00 am  
Learning Land  
Daycare/Preschool

March 27, 9:00 am  
Sunbeam Early Learning

"Our lives no longer belong to  
us alone; they belong to all  
who need us desperately."  
- Elie Wiesel



# The Mane Growl

Notice of Elections Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Fairmont Lions Club

March 2025

Volume 38 Number 5



## Adopt-A-Trail

Due to continuing slides on the Monongah to Mary Lou Retton Park section of rail trail, the club will remove litter from Monongah to Everson Bridge trailheads on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 2:00 pm. We can clean the trail near the park in Monongah, approximately to the "Trail Closed" sign.

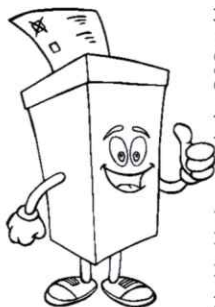


## Club Officer Elections April 10, 2025

The Fairmont Lions Club will elect officers for the 2025-2026 club year on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at the regular monthly meeting, 6:00 pm, at Apple Annie's in Middletown Commons.

A slate of officers was presented at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting:

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David Sturm  
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In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, no nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.

## Club's Peace Poster Winner Recognized



Pres. Bob Brummage presents Reese Williams with her award as WFMS Principal Debra Conover observes.

Reese Williams, the winner of the Lions Peace Poster Contest at West Fairmont Middle School, was recognized at the District 29L Conference in Parkersburg. President Bob Brummage presented her with her award, a \$100 check, at the school on Friday, March 21. Her poster also won for all of Multiple District 29 (West Virginia) and will be recognized at the State Convention in May.

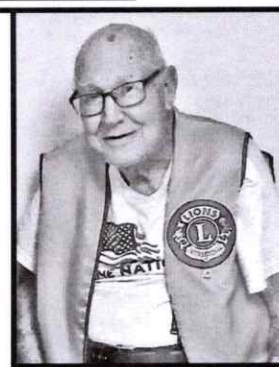
## Parade of Checks

A highlight of the Lions District 29L Conference is the annual "Parade of Checks." Donations from many of the district clubs to various Lions charities are made at the Conference with tally of donations announced. The Fairmont Lions usually participates and our club made the following donations for this year:

Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$400
WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation	500
Camp Kno-Koma (Youth Diabetes Camp)	250
Deaf & Blind Recreation	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,225</b>

Also note that the Midtown Leo Club made a \$100 donation to LCIF at the Conference.

Preschool Vision Screening Underway  
(Please see schedule at left)



**Columbus "Bud" Carpenter**, a member of the club since 2013, died February 19, 2025. He had served as Director and Tail Twister during his time with the club.

Columbus could be counted on to lend a hand, and even provided a chicken roast fundraiser for the club. When the club needed a flag, he would get one for us. As a veteran, he would provide transportation to other veterans to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Clarksburg. When he moved to the nursing home in Grafton, he continued helping other residents and took on the task of repairing eyeglasses for the residents.

Columbus Carpenter was a Lion who lived our motto, "We Serve". He is missed.







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**Just a Lion or Two**

Elizabeth Swiger now resides at Manchin Assisted Living in Farmington and plans to remain there. She is happy to have visitors from 12:30 - 5:00. Beulah Miller has some compression of her esophagus. Virginia Gallion had been in the hospital but has returned home.

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**Daniel Stutler**

joined the Fairmont Lions Club in 2019, sponsored by his grandfather, Columbus Carpenter. Daniel suffered a stroke earlier this year and passed away March 14, 2025, at the age of 44. He leaves behind, among others, his fiancé, who is expecting, and three young daughters.

Daniel served the club as Director and had regularly assisted Columbus Carpenter collecting used eyeglasses from numerous collection locations around Fairmont. Outside the club, he was a member of the Marion County Police Reserves.

Daniel served the community well and is missed.

**By the Numbers**  
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Service Activities	27
People Served	1,885
Volunteer Hours	750
Funds Donated	\$1,225

**Club Recycles Used Eyeglasses**

Fairmont Lions Club members collected used eyeglasses across the community. On Saturday, March 16, 812 pairs of used eyeglasses in several boxes were transported to the District 29L Conference and loaded with additional boxes collected by clubs in the district to be delivered to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, VA. At the center, volunteers wash and sterilize glasses, determine the prescription and prepare eyeglasses for distribution. They will then be distributed to various medical and missionary organizations to be used to help provide better vision to people in need around the world.

**Meet and Greet Planned**

At the suggestion of Rob Pickett, the club is planning to hold a "Meet and Greet" for the purpose of getting the word out to the public about the Lions club and for recruiting new members. The event is planned for Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Middletown Commons from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Fred Cannon is working on arrangements with Middletown Commons. Members should watch for further details and plan to show up to help us spread the word and increase our membership.

**Eyeglasses**

Bob Brummage reported at the March meeting that one applicant was approved for an eye exam and eyeglasses for February. The club approved up to two applications for March.

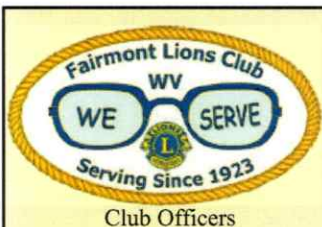
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# The Mane Growl

Adopt-A-Trail

Saturday, April 19, 2025



Fairmont Lions Club

April 2025

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Calendar  
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Meeting Location  
Apple Annie's  
2nd Thursday of the month  
6:00 pm to order from menu



*Rob Pickett is shown with the table of Lions brochures, magazines and club newsletters available for the public to peruse.*

## Club Members Meet and Greet While Leos work on e-Waste Recycling

The Fairmont Lions Club, in conjunction with the Midtown Leo Club, held a "Meet and Greet" to recruit new Lions members and to receive small electronics for recycling. A table held copies of *The Lion* and *The Mane Growl*, as well as brochures about Lions and membership applications. Approximately 11 membership applications were taken by prospects for membership.

Lions participating included Pres. Bob Brummage, Fred Cannon, Virginia Gallion, Bob Moffett, Rob Pickett and Guy Ward who were joined by three Leos, who worked on taking apart the electronics received at the event. The event was held at Middletown Commons from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 11.

Apr. 19 Adopt-A-Trail  
Monongah to  
Everson Bridge  
2:00 pm

Apr. 26 e-Waste Recycling  
O. C. Cluss Parking Lot  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

May 3 Family Literacy Fair  
FSHS Field House  
Mary Lou Retton Dr.

May 8 Meeting  
Apple Annie's  
Middletown Commons  
6:00 pm

May 16-18 MD29 Convention  
Canaan Valley Resort  
Davis, WV

### Preschool Vision Screening

April 29, 9:00 am  
Learning Land  
Daycare/Preschool

"Life is for service."  
-- Fred Rogers

## Rail Trail Clean-up Set for Saturday, April 19

Lions will begin trail clean-up at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 19 to begin the 2025 trail season. Due to dangerous conditions on the trail between Mary Lou Retton Park trailhead and Monongah trailhead, the club will work on the section of trail from Monongah to the Everson trailhead.

We will also clean the short section of trail in Monongah going toward Fairmont, but only to the vicinity of the "Trail Closed" sign. We expect some of the Midtown Leos to participate in the clean-up as well. Volunteers should wear sturdy gloves. Plans are subject to change in the event of unfavorable weather.



## Two Receive Eye Exams and Eyeglasses

Pres. Bob Brummage reported that two individuals received eye exams and eyeglasses from the Fairmont Lions Club for March. The standing request for up to two applications was approved by the club for April.



## Club Receives "Thank You"

The Fairmont Lions Club received a thank you letter from Camp Kno-Koma for the club's donation. The club also received a letter of thanks from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for our donation. LCIF also received a donation from the Midtown Leo Club and Fred Cannon was given their thank you letter to share with the Leo members. All of these donations were presented at the District 29L Conference "Parade of Checks."

## 2025-2026 Club Officers Elected

At the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, club officers were elected to begin their terms on July 1, 2025. Officers-elect are:

President  
First Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Directors

Robert Brummage  
Guy Ward  
Robert Moffett  
Virginia Gallion  
David Sturm  
Fred Cannon  
Robert Pickett  
Aletta Moffett  
Robert Pickett  
Fred Cannon  
Rex Zickefoose

LCIF Coordinator  
Membership Chairperson  
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Tail Twister







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### **Just a Lion or Two**

Leanne Cannon has been feeling drained of energy lately.

Beulah Miller has some problems with her throat.

Elizabeth Swiger is getting along very well.

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Midtown Leo Club members and Fred Cannon took apart electronics at the e-Waste recycling event at Middletown Commons April 12.

### **e-Waste Recycling Events Planned**

Fred Cannon announced plans for a couple of e-Waste Recycling events. The first will be Saturday, April 26, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the O. C. Cluss parking lot in conjunction with Pleasant Valley Spring Cleaning. Fairmont has asked for a recycling event for city employees on a weekday. Therefore, a two-day event is planned tentatively for June 6 & 7 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the empty lot behind the old Raymond's Exxon (now Ray's Auto Center).

*Do you have a fundraising idea to share?*

### **Family Literacy Fair**

This year's Family Literacy Fair is set for Saturday, May 3, 2025, beginning at 10:00 am. Lions will set up Friday, May 2, at 9:00 am and volunteers should arrive Saturday at 9:00 am to be ready for the doors to open at 10:00 am. The event wraps up at 2:00 pm.

The Fairmont Lions Club has acquired 200 books and 200 bookmarks to give to the children attending. The Fair is a project of the Marion County Board of Education.



### **Information from the Treasurer**

Now healthy again, Virginia Gallion presented the Treasurer's Reports for several months at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. She transferred \$1,200 from the Fundraising Account into the Activities Account and there is currently \$4,313 in the Fundraising Account.

She expressed some issues with Merchant One which processes the club's credit card transactions. She paid an annual fee of \$99 in January. Merchant One also charges a \$6.00 fee each month to mail the statement (whether or not there are any transactions). November to March club costs for processing credit cards have amounted to \$298.39.

*Have an idea for a new service project?*

### **By the Numbers** July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Service Activities	37
People Served	1,907
Volunteer Hours	764
Funds Donated	\$1,225

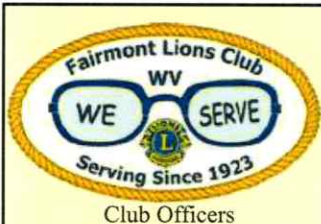
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e-Waste Recycling Event

Friday & Saturday, June 6 & 7, 2025



Fairmont Lions Club

May-June 2025

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June 5 & 6 e-Waste Recycling  
Lot behind Exxon  
Friday 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
Sat. 9:00 am-1:00 pm

June 12 Program Meeting  
Shannon Hogue,  
Marion Co. Family  
Resource & Support  
Network  
Apple Annie's  
6:00 pm

June 14 Adopt-A-Trail  
West Fork River Trail  
2:00 pm

July 13-17 Lions International  
Convention  
Orlando, FL

Sept. 18-20 USA/Canada Lions  
Leadership Forum  
Atlantic City, NJ

"We know not where seed  
may sprout... It is our duty to  
sow and to nurture, leaving it  
to others to harvest the fruits  
of our efforts."

-- Michael Benedum

**Lions & Leos Continue to Collect e-Waste**  
Fairmont Lions and Mid-Town Leos will be collecting e-Waste on two days — Friday and Saturday, June 6 & 7, 2025. A weekday collection was requested by the city of Fairmont for their employees. Friday's event will take place from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Saturday's event will be 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. These events will be held in the lot behind the Exxon at 227 Jackson Street in Fairmont (across from the City-County building). In addition to working and non-working appliances, computers, laptops, cell phones, printers, toner and ink cartridges, all metal items including lawn tractors, mowers, soda cans and other mostly metal items will be accepted. However, no TVs, computer monitors or household and rechargeable tool batteries will be accepted. Please plan to pitch in on Friday and Saturday.



At the e-Waste collection held at the O.C. Cluss Lumber parking lot on April 26 (photo at left), 50 people were served by three Leos, two parents and Lions Fred Cannon and Virginia Gallion. Over 1.5 tons were recycled including a lawn tractor, three lawn mowers and a few air conditioners.

## Club Considering Plastic Recycling

Guy Ward presented information to the club about NexTrex plastic recycling. The club could cooperate with the Fairmont Rotary Club, which has been collecting several thousand pounds a year. If more than 1,000 pounds of soft film plastics and packaging is re-cycled in 12 months, a Trex® furniture bench is awarded to the organization. It requires weighing, recording the amount and pictures. According to Guy Ward, Food Lion at 308 Marion Square is the local drop-off location that our club would use. More NexTrex information is provided on Page 2.

## Administration Budget Approved for 2025-2026

At the May club meeting, the proposed Administration Budget was approved for the coming Lions year. This year is the final year of a multi-year dues increase from Lions International. District 29L dues remain the same. The club also receives a portion of dues.

The Activities Budget will be on the agenda for the June club meeting and planning for activities expenditures will be discussed at that meeting, Thursday, June 12. Typically, our club has used funds raised in the current year to fund the activities of the coming year.

Fairmont Lions Club	Budget	2025-2026
Administration	Budget	Actual
	2025-2026	2024-2025
Income		
Carry Over	800	
Dues	4 Fam x 59	236
	14 Mem x 84	1176
Tail Twister	70	
Total	2282	
Expenses		
Newsletter/Printing		
Administration Expense	150	25
Web Site/IT	125	125
Program/Guests	100	
International Dues		
Mem 14x 50	700	
Fam 4 x 25	100	
District Dues		
18 x 12	216	
Inter Club		
Leadership	250	
DC Gift 50 + dg Year 10	60	60
Meals Pro Members	100	
Miscellaneous	481	66
Total	2282	

## Club Discontinues Merchant One Processing

At the May club meeting, there was discussion regarding the high fees charged by Merchant One, the club's credit card processor. As of that meeting, a total of \$101 had been received by the club through use of credit cards. The club must process \$400 per year. Therefore, the club is seeing high penalties. There is also a \$100 annual fee. The club decided to discontinue Merchant One processing. The club expressed appreciation to Treasurer Virginia Gallion for all of her work into getting the processing set up and managing it while we were using it. Since it was costing the club more than we were benefitting, it was felt those costs could better be used towards our service projects which help people.





### How does the challenge work?

- Register on **NexTrex.com** to obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a 12-month collection time period
- Collect a minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Report recycling totals at **my.trex.com**

- Weigh, record and attached pictures
- Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling

*Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.*

### What does Trex provide?

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

### What can I win?



Trex Bench

### What can be recycled?

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

Register on the website **NexTrex.com**





Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

## Club Receives Thank Yous

Camp Kno-Koma sent a thank you for the club's donation and letters were received from Lions Clubs International Foundation for the Lions club's donation and the Midtown Leo club's donation. The WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation sent a card of thanks to the club. These were all in response to donations made at the District 29-L Conference "Parade of Checks."

After letting MCPARC know where bags of trash were left for pick-up following the rail trail clean-up in April, Tina Mascaro, MCPARC Sports Management Director sent email: "Thank you so much... and please convey our sincere thanks to your team."



## Lions KidSight USA Program Recognized as 'Champion for Vision'



Lions KidSight USA, a program of Lions International, was recognized with the Champion for Vision award at the annual American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Lions KidSight program began in 2014 with the understanding that most kids are visual learners, but many do not have their vision screened until they begin school. With some vision conditions, the chances of successful treatment drop off dramatically after age six, so oftentimes the threshold for successful treatment has passed. The aim of Lions KidSight is to reach young kids before it's too late, arranging free screenings at schools and daycare centers. In addition to the concentration on younger children, Lions also screen kids through high school to reach those who may need glasses. Using a high-tech

screening device, the Lions check the children for visual disturbances. Children who are found to have a vision issue are then referred to an eye doctor for further evaluation.

"Lions International has championed the vision cause since our organization's inception more than 100 years ago, and LCIF is proud to support the impact Lions worldwide are making in children's vision through the Lions KidSight program," said LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill. "This award is a true testament to the work Lions are doing to help children see the world more clearly."

The Champion for Vision award is a joint award presented by the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS (CEF of AAPOS) and AAPOS, and it celebrates organizations and/or individuals that have made extraordinary efforts to champion children's vision. Organizations or individuals that have made an extraordinary impact on children's vision and children's blindness prevention efforts are considered for this award.

Executive Vice President of the Children's Eye Foundation of AAPOS, Christie Morse, MD noted that "the Lions KidSight USA have provided extraordinary support for vision screenings performed throughout the United States and have identified thousands of children in need of follow-up eye examinations."

## Our Story

**1917 The Beginning** -- Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people made a commitment to improving their communities? More than a century later, Lions International is the largest service club organization in the world, with more than 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs.

**1920 Going International** -- Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s, international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

**1925 Saving Sight** -- Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind."

**1945 Uniting Nations** -- We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter.

**1957 Organizing Youth Programs** -- We started the Leo program to provide the young people of the world with an opportunity to serve and lead with Lions.

**1968 Establishing Our Foundation** -- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) assists Lions with global and large-scale humanitarian projects. Through our global Foundation, Lions have received more than \$1 billion in grants to help meet the needs of their local and global communities.

**1990 Launching SightFirst** -- Through the support of LCIF, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale with the SightFirst program.

**2017 Celebrating Our Centennial** -- Lions celebrate a century of service by serving more than 250 million people around the world through a special Centennial Service Challenge.

**2018 Rallying Around Global Causes** -- Lions unite to support the global causes of vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and diabetes. LCIF launches Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service to raise \$300 million to increase the service impact of Lions around the world.

**2022 Campaign 100** -- LCIF successfully completes the largest fundraising campaign in the organization's history, raising more than \$325 million and exceeding its \$300 million goal.





**District Governor**  
Dave Roberts



**Lions On The Web**

Lions Clubs International  
[lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)  
[wvlions.org](http://wvlions.org)

District 29-L Lions  
[lions29l.org](http://lions29l.org)

WV Lions Sight Foundation  
[wvsight.org](http://wvsight.org)

Fairmont Lions Club  
[fairmontlions.org](http://fairmontlions.org)

**Just a Lion or Two**

Elizabeth Swiger was hospitalized and is recovering. Carol Zickefoose has not been able to get out much lately.

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**Vision Screening, Literacy Fair and Other Service Activities**

Pres. Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett screened 41 children (four Refers) at Learning Land Daycare & Preschool and two people received eye exams and eyeglasses in April.

13 volunteers including Bob Brummage, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett, Fred Cannon and Leos, parents and others cleaned the West Fork River Rail Trail around Monongah and to the Everson Trailhead (Photo at right). The next trail clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025, 2:00 pm.

On May 2, 68 people received free vision screening at the Marion County Board of Education Family Literacy Fair (10 Refers). The club gave 200 books and 200 book-marks to children at the Fair. Also in April and May, four individuals received free eye exams and eyeglasses from the club.

Bob Moffett delivered 84 pairs of used eyeglasses to the WV Lions State Convention to be transported on to the Eyeglasses Recycling Center.



**Program Set for June 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Pres. Bob Brummage announced that Shannon Hogue, CEO of the Marion County Family Resource and Support Network will speak to the club at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at Apple Annie's, 6:00 pm. Their goal is "to do our part in making the world a better place for all children & families in Marion County, West Virginia."

**Dues Reminder**

Club dues for members are due by July 1, 2025. Regular member dues are \$84 for the year or \$42 for six months. Dues for family members are \$59 for the year or \$29.50 for six months. The club pays \$50 for each regular member to Lions International and \$12 to the district. The club pays \$25 for each family member to Lions International and \$12 to the district. The club is billed for Lions International and District 29L dues which are to be paid in July.

*Have an idea for a new service project?*

**By the Numbers**  
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Service Activities	45
People Served	2,652
Volunteer Hours	833
Funds Donated	\$1,225

*Do you have a fundraising idea to share?*

**Terri Lynn Closes**

Our club is no longer able to sell their nuts through the on-line store which the club had just set up late in 2024. Traditional sales will be limited to current inventory.