



Club Officers

President.....Bob Brummage
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 Tail Twister.....Rex Zickefoose

Calendar (subject to change)

Jan. 8 Next Meeting
Apple Annie's
6:00 pm

Feb. 12 Lions Meeting
Apple Annie's
6:00 pm

Mar. 13-14 Lions District 29L
Conference
Blennerhassett Hotel
Parkersburg

May 1-3 MD29 WV Lions State
Convention
Canaan Valley Resort

July 3-7 Lions International
Convention
Hong Kong

Sept. 3-5 USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum
Memphis, TN

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

— Walt Disney



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171 Children Receive Gifts at Lions Christmas Party



*Above: Ten volunteers from a WVU Sorority helped children select hats, socks, and other clothing items at the Lions Christmas Party for Children.
 Below: Virginia Gallion is interviewed by WBOY Television.*



Right: Volunteers wrapped the gifts on December 1st to be given to the children at the December 6th party.

Since the 1930s, the Fairmont Lions Club has been providing toys and other Christmas gifts at the Lions Christmas Party for Children, held each year at the Union Rescue Mission. On December 6th, 171 children (the most in recent years) received toys, clothing items and snacks. Because of the large number of families being served, they came in shifts to collect their gifts. According to Virginia Gallion, who spearheaded the event, Lions provided 287 hours of service in addition to 193 hours from non-Lions — a total of 480 volunteer hours.

Pierpont Community and Technical College volunteers and volunteers from a sorority at WVU provided help as did other volunteers. The Lions club and club members provided a total of \$1,160 to purchase gifts.

For the second consecutive year, Grace Lutheran Church collected toys for the Christmas party. This toy collection was done in memory of Lion Leroy Humberston.

Midtown Leo gift trees were stationed at various businesses to collect gifts for the party, with a goal of providing gifts for 158 children. In November, members of the Midtown Leo Club gathered at Middletown Commons to wrap gifts.



Meeting Information

The Fairmont Lions Club will meet on Thursday, January 8, marking the first meeting of 2026. According to the agenda, there will be a report on the Lions Christmas Party for Children held on December 6th. Work will begin on establishing a Nominations Committee to prepare a slate of officers for the 2026-2027 club year. The full agenda was emailed to members.

The meeting takes place at Apple Annie's in Middletown Commons, beginning at 6:00 pm. Those attending may order from the menu.





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Lions Clubs International
lionsclubs.org

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)
wvlions.org

District 29-L Lions
lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation
wvsight.org

Fairmont Lions Club
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Just a Lion or Two

Beulah Miller suffered a fall in October and spent some time in the hospital, but returned home in November.

Some images created by the editor with AI assistance: Lion in masthead created with DALL-E.

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Service Activities Completed by the Fairmont Lions Club

7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

Service Activities	People Served	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated
18	859	132	692	\$135.00

Midtown Leos Participate in White Hall Christmas Parade

The Midtown Leo Club members appeared in the White Hall Christmas Parade on December 9th and the Rivesville Christmas Parade on December 20th. Members promoted Leo service and fundraising. Leo members also passed out candy to children.

Vision Assistance

Chairperson Keith Long reported that one individual was provided eyeglasses assistance for December.



Lions Float in 2026 Rose Parade

Lions International rang in 2026 with a vibrant celebration of service and unity during the 137th Rose Parade presented by Honda. This year's theme, "The Magic in Teamwork," perfectly captured the spirit that drives Lions and Leos around the world as they come together to make a difference through humanitarian service. The float won the "Tournament Volunteer Award."

More than a float, "In Harmony We Serve" was a living tribute to the countless moments when Lions bring comfort, hope and strength to communities everywhere. The float displayed four lions representing collaboration and thousands of flowers standing for kindness and service of 1.4 million members in more than 50,000 clubs.

Riding on the float were International President A.P. Singh, Sangeeta Jatia, Past International Director, Isabella Flores, 2025 Lion Student Speaker Contest Winner and Jaiden Ford, MD4 2025 Leo of the Year Honoree.

Club Dues for January Are Due

Member dues are now due for January 2026 for either six months or for the full year. The Fairmont Lions Club has been billed for 19 members — four family members and 15 regular members. If a member has any question as to whether they are up to date or how much they owe, they should contact Treasurer Virginia Gallion. The Fairmont Lions Club must pay Lions International and District 29L dues from the collection of dues from club members.

