



THE MANE GROWL

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA

MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 6:30 pm.

Fairmont Field Club

Aug 1, 1985

Our club had been contacted earlier about an organization called "West Virginia Association for Blind Athletes, Inc. The request was taken up at the May meeting of the Board of directors where it was decided to invite someone from that group to one of our meetings to tell us about their work. As a result Mrs. Ocie Newlon, President and Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Blanch Carmichael came to our June 6 meeting. They explained their work and showed slides taken at an olympics for blind youths held in St. Louis, Mo. Cost had been paid by Lions clubs, individuals and other organizations. Each state had representatives there. West Virginia participants were students in the Romney School. It seemed like a project that complimented our goal of sight conservation, therefore the board on June 12 voted to contribute \$100.00 toward expenses for the next year. If the club would want to participate further, an item could be placed in the budget.

Lion Pres. Jim reported on the State Convention. Our club was 3rd in visitation and gave out certificates to these Lions in recognition of their visits: "Chuck" King 26, Gerald Warren 26, Cliff Stalnaker 24, Burl McQuaine 14 and Jim Coleman 5.

Lion Pres. Jim received a certificate for sponsoring a new member.

Lion Bob Moffett attended a zone meeting held at Pricket's Fort on May 28.

As of May 31 we had spent \$1928.00 for glasses during the fiscal year. Lion Chuck King of the Eyeglass Subcommittee requested approval of seven applications for adult glasses which was granted.

Lion Terry Brake, Chrm. Fund Raising Committee reported that 17 Lions showed up for work on June 1 to sell brooms. They brought in approximatedly \$1700.00 The actual total will be given later. We still have brooms, mops, bulbs, etc. for sale.

The June 12 Board of Directors meeting was held at the home of Lion and Lioness Corder. Our good secretary reported that as of May 31 our membership stood at 62. Plans for the installation of officers

call for the installation on June 26 at the Field Club. This is to be a ladies night and the Lioness officers are also to be installed. Past District Governor Hance Moffett is to do the installing. As you know by now we did not meet on the second Thursday - our regular meeting night.

The District Governor's letter stated that a new Lions Club was being formed in the Parkersburg area and had its organizational meeting on June 10.

Lion James Bell of the Blennerhassett club is our new District Governor and Lion Cliff Stalnaker of the Fairmont Lions Club is Deputy District Governor of Region 3. Our congratulations to Lion Cliff who has been a leader in Lionism for many years. He was club secretary the year this editor was president of the club more than 20 years ago. Zone 2 Chairman is Lion George Stanton, Sr.

A gift of \$25.00 for the new Shortline Club of Pine Grove was approved.

Fairmont State College sent a "thank you" note for the club's donation to its scholarship fund.

The club did not meet on Thursday July 4 - Independence Day. The Board of Directors did meet on July 10 at Lion George Corder's. This was the first meeting for the new officers. Committee assignments were discussed and many places were filled. The thought was expressed that more committees should get active.

We note the passing of Rev. Alva Stewart. He was a former Fairmont Lion during the late 50's.

We hope everyone noticed the excellent letter from the pen of Lion Terry Brake that appeared in the newspaper on June 20.

As of June 22, we have collected 1779 pairs of glasses at the Mall box.

At the installation of officers meeting on June 26, 1985, Fund Raising Chairman Terry Brake gave his report concerning the broom, mop and light bulb sale held on June 1, 1985. Along with the report Lion Terry gave special recognition to the following people: Lions Paul Conaway, Bob Frey and Chuck King were responsible for \$121.91 each. Next, Lion Bill Beall sold \$124.50. Lions Chuck Rawlings and Bill Kime each sold \$126.00. (Note was made that neither member was able to sell on the date of the sale.) Lion George Corder sold \$140.16. Special note was made that new Lion Frank Zasloff had to leave in the middle of the day and came back in the afternoon. It resulted in the fifth highest sales total of the day in his very first broom sale. That total was \$147.08. Fourth highest total went to Lion Bob Moffett at \$148.66. Third highest total was a tie between Lions Charles Herron and Cliff Stalnaker at \$161.64. Second highest total went to Lion President Jim Coleman with \$183.10. At this point it was noted that the top salesman knew before the sale that he would be unable to attend. He worked extremely hard before the sale and after the sale to earn the highest total for the sale of \$198.00 The top salesman was Bill Woodrum.

Lion Terry mentioned at this point that the true spirit of Lionism is at its finest in Lions Bill Woodrum, Frank Zasloff, Chuck Rawlings and Bill Kime. We should all take a lesson from them. Lion Terry then presented a check for \$1,750.00 for next years activities to Lion Jim Coleman who in turn presented it to incoming Pres. George Corder.

Also at the installation Lion Bob Moffett was recognized as "Lion of the Month" and presented a miniature Lion. A similiar lion was presented to Past Dist.. Governor Hance Moffett.

Then there was the burglar who broke into a home only to hear a parrot begin to yell, "Burglar, Burglar, Burglar!" In disgust the burglar said, "Is 'Burglar' all you can say?" At that point two large airedal dogs came into the room and the parrot said, "Sic 'em!"

July 4 fell on our regular meeting night. Out of respect for our nation's birthday there was no meeting. This bulletin will appear at the August meeting.

The Board of Directors met on July 10 at the home of President George Corder. Plans were made for the stag night at Lion Earl Carpenter's home on July 18.

The Finance Committee under the Chairmanship of Lion Russ Knotts will prepare the budget. Some work was done on Committee assignments.

Visitation of other clubs was discussed and it is hoped that we can improve our record in that regard this year.

Getting new members is another critical area.

Lioness Club's annual picnic is on Aug. 9 at Morris Park under pavilion #2 near the entrance.

This Lion is starting his sixth year as editor of the Main Growl. I hope it has been helpful. I want to thank Lion Jim Coleman who has done the typing and looked after the printing for the last two years and has agreed to do so this year. Once again Lions are invited to hand me items that they would like to see in the bulletin. Some have done this. A visit to another club could make an interesting paragraph. Suggestions for programs you, may want to get something off your chest that pertains to Lionism.

July 18 was stag night held at the Lion Earl Carpenter home. We are sure most Lions do not know of the great amount of work the Carpenters put into making stag nite an enjoyable one for us. We owe them many thanks. Lion Cliff has become a very good auctioneer; we didn't know how much was realized from the auction but we remember that five steaks went for more then \$20.00.

Approximately 150 Marion County Lions were at Fricketts' Fort on Saturday , July 20.

Well, as the puppy said when he sat down on a cake of ice, "My tail is told".

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We had Lion George Stanton of the Bellview Lions Club and Zone Chairman as our guest on Sept. 5.

A member of the Fairmont Fire Department Ken Harris, gave a program called "Your Fire Service". This was the title of a film and explained some problems of fire departments such as finances, training, duties, educating the public, etc. It is comforting to know that the Fairmont Fire Dept. can reach any point in Fairmont within three minutes if all goes well. Fire fighters have the most dangerous of jobs and the biggest cause of disability is heart attack.

November 6 is Dist. Governor's night. This will be a ladies night and Lionesses will meet with us. No meeting place has been announced. On November 16 there will be the District Governor's Cabinet meeting. Time and Place to be announced.

Lion Jim Coleman reported for the Audit Committee. The books of the Activities fund have been examined, a few minor errors have been corrected and the books are in good shape. The status of the Activities fund as of June 30, 1985 was as follows:

Certificates:

1st Federal Standard	\$1,222.82
C.B. & T.	\$3,000.00
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Bank Accounts:

C.B. & T.	\$2,473.24
1st National	\$ 21.99

Seen on a bumper sticker: "I owe. I owe. It's off to work I go."

The Board of Directors met at Lion George Corder's home on Sept. 12. Lion George announced that the District Governor's Night would be held on November 6. This will be held in conjunction with the Lioness Club and will be a ladies night. Lion George did not know at that time where the meeting would be held but on Sept. 19 he notified the club that the District Governor's night will be held at the 3 Ways Inn at 6:30 on November 6. There will be a steak dinner and the cost will be \$7.50.

Lion Jim Coleman gave an audit report of last year's records and reported that the Administrative Fund was in good order though the funds are low. The motion to accept the report was approved.

It was reported that a number of people are behind in paying their dues. Come on, guys, pay up.

For the last couple of years or even longer our Administrative Fund has been having difficulty. Every Lion should know that the club may not use money raised by broom sale or any other money raised by going to the public to pay any benefit to the club. These items include: Administrative expense, Bulletins, printing, secretarial supplies, State and International dues, flowers, intra-club, etc. Money to pay for these things comes from the club's share of our dues and any money we can raise among ourselves. Pay you dues, Guys.

The Board, in trying to find a way to resolve the Administrative Fund's lack of funds, approved a recommendation to the club to set up a sort of lottery at each meeting. Tickets would be sold to members wishing to participate and the winner of the drawing would get half the pot while the Administrative Fund would get the other half. Lion George explained this to the club on Sept. 19 and it was decided to postpone a vote on the question until later.

Also on the 19th there was a motion to raise dues to \$30.00 per year as of Jan. 1, 1986. Those members who are paid up until June 30, 1986 will start paying the new rate on July 1, 1986. This increase was approved in order to assure more income for the Administrative Fund.

Lion Sam Ryan was a guest at this meeting. Lion Sam is a member of the White Hall Club.

The Budget Committee chaired by Lion Russ Knotts met Sept. 9 and prepared a budget which was approved by the club on Sept. 19.

Lion Gerald Warren announced that the Dept. of Human Resources, after a period when it did not do so, is now buying glasses. This should be good news for our eye glass committee.

Lion Claude recommended that the club approve the purchase of two pairs of glasses for adults. Approved.

Lion Bob Fry has been awarded a 35 year pin.

The way to get to the top is to keep on the level.

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Remember to visit other clubs



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Dec. 5, 1985

On Nov. 6 we had our District Governor's Night at Three Ways Inn. There was a good group there. District Governor Bell gave a fine talk. This was a combined meeting of the Fairmont Lions and Lioness Clubs. At the conclusion of the meeting the Bells were presented with silver candle sticks.

The Board of Directors met on Nov. 14 at Lion President George's home. The attendance was down from previous meetings. We received a request to support the annual ski trip for blind students. The board passed a motion to support the ski trip by an amount to be determined at the regular meeting. The annual Christmas Dinner at the Union Mission is set for Friday Dec. 20 at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$5.50 each. This of course is a ladies night and will replace the meeting of Dec. 19.

We had Chaplain Donal Squires with us on Nov. 21. Rev. Squires is a very well liked individual and an interesting speaker. His topic was "Things to be Thankful For".

Lion Gerald Warren mentioned a letter he recieved from a club in Zimbabwe. The individual who wrote the letter was that club's International Relations Chairman. The club there has a sight program but it is difficult to pay for glasses. The club would like to hear from members of our club. Lion Gerald said that anyone wishing to write should do so and turn letters over to him and he would mail all letters in one package to their club.

President George read a note of thanks from the Dist. Governor to our club for an enjoyable evening here and for the nice gift from our clubs.

There was also a letter from the Immediate Past Dist. Governor asking our club to support a ski (Pronounced she in Norwegian) trip to Canaan Valley for students of the Romney School for the Blind. There was a motion, duly seconded, that we send \$110.00 - the cost of sending one person. Motion carried.

The District Governor is asking each individual Lion to give \$10.00 to LCIF to be used for flood relief. He is also asking each club to contribute something to the fund for the same purpose. There was a motion, duly seconded, that we contribute \$100.00. In the discussion that followed the motion it was brought out that relief money will be distributed to Lions Clubs in the flood areas to be used by those clubs for relief work in their towns or communities. Lion Warren pointed out that LCIF donated \$20,000 to various clubs immediately after the flood. The motion passed. Anyone wishing to contribute \$10.00 to LCIF for the flood relief should write a check to the Fairmont Lions Club marked for "flood relief". We were very fortunate in our area during those floods so we should lend a helping hand to others.

The West Virginia Sight Foundation is telling all Lions Clubs that are in the flood areas and had flood troubles and cannot pay for glasses, to send their bills to the Fund which will pay the tab.

The 2000th pair of glasses is in the box at the mall. On Friday, Nov. 22 Lions Pres. George, "Chuck" Rawlings and Charles Herron met at the box and Mrs. Tina Shaw, the Mall's Marketing Director pulled forth the 2000th pair while Lion "Chuck" recorded the occasion on film for posterity.

The box was placed in the mall in February 1983. This means that in less than 3 years we have collected, after we emptied the box on Nov. 22, 2044 pairs of glasses. Put another way, by the time February 1986 rolls around we will have averaged collecting more than 700 pairs of used glasses per year. Of course many more pairs have been turned over to Lion Chuck that are not included in the above numbers. We still get several pairs of real old glasses per year the frames of which contain some gold and which Lion Chuck keeps to some day sell when the price is right. (No pun intended.)

Lion Clyde Judy suggested that we should know how many pairs of glasses we have purchased over the years. Pres. George asked the secretary to see if he could find a number for the last five years.

Someone else, I'm not sure who, suggested that a good project for every Lions Club that is near a Shopping Mall would be to place a box in the mall for collections of used glasses. Sounds like a good statewide project.

Someone else suggested that we could make the Lions magazine with this picture and story.

This will be the last issue of the Mane Growl before Christmas. Don't forget the Mission Party on December 20. Lion Ed Garlow is chairman of that event. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Well, there you have it. See you all !