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# The Mane Growl

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## Officers Installed for 2000-2001



New officers of the Fairmont Lions Club are pictured, left to right: Gerald Warren, Secretary; Jim Coleman, Treasurer; Edsel Michael, 2 yr. Director; Bob Moffett, President; Wayne Dodd, Tail Twister & Immediate Past President; Tom Koon, Membership Chr.; Tom Spiker, 2nd Vice President; Clyde Judy, 1 yr. Director; and Gene Martin, 1st Vice President. Not pictured are Joe Mulvehill, Lion Tamer; Ed Gartow, 1 yr. Director; and Bill Woodrum, 2 yr. Director.

The Fairmont Lions Club held its 78th Annual Officers Installation on Thursday, June 15, 2000 at Muriale's Restaurant. An additional highlight of the meeting was the initiation of two new members, Charlie "Dave" Fawcett and Martha Warren. (See picture on Page 2.) The club's other new member, George Janice was out of town and unable to be present.

Although Past District Governor Tracy Smith was scheduled to be the installing officer, the club's own Past District Governor Gerald Warren filled in due to Lion Smith's hospitalization that same day. Warren discussed the Lions organization and its growth, especially noting the growth of Lionism in the former states of the Soviet Union.

Incoming club president Bob Moffett was presented the gavel by outgoing president Wayne Dodd. Dodd gave the club a "big lionhearted thank you" to all the Lions and friends of the Fairmont Lions Club for the efforts put forth this year. He expressed gratitude for being able to be a part of the "best of the best -- the Fairmont Lions Club."

Moffett presented Dodd with a plaque from the club in appreciation for his year of service to the club as presi-

dent and then presented his goals for the coming year. (See related article at right.)

Warren presented 100% attendance awards to Jim Coleman, Wayne Dodd, Tom Koon, Bob Moffett, Gerald Warren, and Joe Mulvehill.



## Koon Writes History of Father's Day

Congratulations to club member Tom Koon, whose recent article, "The First Father's Day," appeared in the Summer 2000 issue of *Goldenseal* magazine.

### The First Father's Day



Koon writes a regular historical column for the Fairmont *Times-West Virginian*, but this is his first contribution to *Goldenseal*.



## Moffett Sets Goals for Coming Year

Incoming club president Bob Moffett set forth his goals for the coming club year at the Officers Installation meeting held June 15th.

### I. Membership

The goal is set for 10 new members this year, a high goal, but one that Moffett feels is achievable if "we are committed to the ideals and mission of [Lions] and we are willing to share the satisfaction that comes from doing good in the community."

### II. Fun

Lions meeting are and should be fun and Moffett hopes we'll be able to leave the Thursday meetings with a little more energy and enthusiasm because we've had a good time.

### III. Interclub Visitation

Moffett noted that wherever we go, when we find the Lions gathered, we have found a room full of instant "old friends." He would like to establish a visitation program so that we can visit other clubs together and "enjoy the fellowship of Lions."

### IV. Visibility in the Community

"Every time we can do something and display that Lions emblem to the public, we'll give our club a boost." He indicated that the club's reputation is very good, "but we need to remind people who we are and why we are here."

## CALENDAR

July 6 6:30 Business Meeting

Muriale's

July 13 7:00 Bd. of Dir.

July 20 6:30 TBA Muriale's

Sept 24 Lions Journey for Sight



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New members Martha Warren and Charlie "Dave" Fawcett were officially initiated into the Fairmont Lions Club in June.

### Martha Warren Joins Club

Welcome new member Martha Warren to the Fairmont Lions Club. She resides, with husband and longtime club member Gerald, at 26 Hollen Circle and her phone number is 363-0373. She is a teacher at Watson Elementary.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Lee Meadows

July 15

### Yard Sale Sells in Spite of Rainy Weather

When the rain started, merchandise was covered and buyers disappeared, but the minute the rain stopped, the buyers were back and buying. Proceeds from the June 17th fundraiser held by the Lions in conjunction with the Fairmont Lioness Club amounted to \$181.45 for each organization. In addition, sale of brooms and mops brought the Fairmont Lions Club \$41.00. Wholesale Tire on Fairmont Avenue once again provided the club with the use of its parking lot for the sale.



### CLUB NOTES: The Fairmont

Lions Club owns a set of eye examination equipment which has been housed at the Marion County Senior Citizens Center. At the June 1 meeting, the club determined to pursue the disposal of that equipment since it has not been recently used for eye examinations.

Incoming officers Gerald Warren and Bob Moffett attended an officers training event at Rivesville on June 4th.

### NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER:

Phyllis Amrhein (Mt. Olivet Lions Club), 29-L Webmaster, has taken first place in the world for the best district web site.

Past International President Jim Coffey will be speaking at a recognition dinner in Wheeling on Saturday, July 15th. Reservations should be in by July 10th. Cost of the dinner is \$8.50.

### Just A Lion Or Two

Congratulations to Wayne Dodd & his wife, Bobbi, who just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

Earl Carpenter will be undergoing surgery and Ed Garlow will be going to the hospital for treatment soon. Joe Mulvehill will be back to the doctor for a biopsy on Friday. Our prayers and best wishes go out to these good Lions.

The mother of the late Jim Elliott, former club president, died on July 4th.

We are glad to hear that Duard Selders continues to improve and Francis Viands received the doctor's "OK" to resume all normal activities.

*Reported by Wayne Dodd*

District Governor Ed Van Lynn:  
**"Make 29-L Shine"**



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## George Janice Initiated Into Fairmont Lions Club



*George Janice is shown here with sponsor Jim Coleman following his initiation at the July 6th meeting.*

The highlight of the first meeting of the new club year was the initiation of George Janice into the Fairmont Lions Club. Past District Governor Gerald Warren conducted the ceremony. He was presented with a certificate of membership and his Lion lapel pin.

Janice described his position as a Magistrate with the West Virginia Division of Corrections. He was sponsored by Jim Coleman.

## September 24th is Date for Lions Journey for Sight

For the third year, the Fairmont Lions Club will sponsor the Lions Journey for Sight, utilizing the Ralph LaRue Trail between Monongah and Fairmont. Arrangements have been made with Marion County Parks and Recreation to hold the event September 24th.

The Journey consists of individuals soliciting pledges and contributions from friends, neighbors, coworkers and relatives and then arriving to walk, run, or bicycle the rail trail on Sunday afternoon. Last year's event netted the club \$487.51, making it the year's second largest fundraiser.

It is vitally important that all club members work to find willing participants at their places of work, churches, and elsewhere. Registration forms will be available at club meetings as well as the MCPARC office.

Again this year, Bob Moffett, club president, has agreed to spearhead this event, but is urging full participation from all Lions, as this is a large undertaking and success will require all members to take part.

## Lion Tamer Joe Mulvehill Was Exemplary Lion

John Joseph "Joe" Mulvehill died July 24, 2000 following an extended battle with Cancer. A native of Fairmont, he retired in 1982 from the Hapag and Lloyd Steamship Company. He returned to Fairmont in 1987.

For several years, Mulvehill took charge of the calling committee to see that Lions were contacted about the upcoming meetings. He was very faithful to attend meetings, even when his health did not permit him to join us for dinner. As Lion Tamer, he could be counted on to greet the members as they arrived for the meetings and to see that the meeting place was properly arranged. When his health finally kept him from attending the meetings, he continued to call until he could just no longer perform that function.

In addition to his service to the community through the Lions Club, Mulvehill was also active in the Benevolent Order of Elks, American Legion Post 17, the Marion County Historical Society, and the American Cancer Society.



### Why Should I Attend Club Meetings?

1. Encourage newer MEMBERS to participate
2. Have a little FUN with my friends
3. CONTRIBUTE to my community
4. Develop LEADERSHIP skills
5. Stay out of the KITCHEN twice a month
6. Feel the PRIDE of HELPING others
7. PLAY A ROLE in what YOUR club does



**Missed Some Meetings Lately?  
Get Back in the Habit and Join Us Again!**

### CALENDAR

- August 3 6:30 Business Meeting  
Muriale's
- August 10 7:00 Bd. of Dir.
- August 17 6:30 TBA
- Sept 24 Lions Journey for Sight





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DefenseLINK News Photo by Paul Williams

### Waddell Discusses Korean War and Memorial

Kenneth Waddell discussed his experiences in the Korean War at the July 20th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Visitors to the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. are greeted by a patrol of 19 stainless steel statues trudging toward an objective (*See photo at left*). According to Waddell, the statues were sculpted by Frank Gaylord, a sculptor from nearby Clarksburg. The memorial recognizes the contributions of more than 1.5 million Americans who served in Korea during the three year war. "Freedom Is Not Free" is engraved on the segment of wall that extends into the area of the reflecting pool.

*Information for this article was provided by Gerald Warren and DefenseLINK News*

# It's Great To Be A Lion!

## Just A Lion Or Two

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Whitehall Lions Club was attended by club members Jim Coleman, Gerald and Martha Warren. The Whitehall Club was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club.

Bob Moffett will become a grandfather on or about August 8th. Son Jack and his wife Susie are expecting their first child.

Blen Law and Evan Hugus, Past District Governor of 29-1, were visitors at the July 20th meeting. They are both members of the West Milford Lions Club (Harrison County).

District Governor Ed Van Lynn:  
 "Make 29-L Shine"

## Club Notes

The Board of Directors met July 13th with Gerald Warren, Jim Coleman and Bob Moffett in attendance. Treasurer Jim Coleman reported that International dues have been paid and that the amount paid for eyeglasses during 1999-2000 was \$1570.

Club committee assignments were begun at the meeting and some planning for the year took place. All club officers are voting members of the board of directors. Any club member, however, is welcome to attend. The board meets the second Thursday of each month.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Wayne Dodd                        | Aug 05  |
| Charles Fawcett                   | Aug 08  |
| Tom Spiker                        | Aug 15  |
| <b>Belated Birthday Wishes...</b> |         |
| George Janice                     | June 08 |





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## LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

On September 24, the Fairmont Lions Club will sponsor the third annual Lions Journey for Sight. Preparation is underway for the event which will take place along the Ralph LaRue Trail between Monongah and Fairmont.

Lions are needed to fill positions in all aspects of this event. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the trail in Monongah. Lions will be needed there and at the Fairmont end of the trail to provide drinking water and to mark participants' cards.

Treasurer Jim Coleman has been arranging for some awards from area businesses and Charlie Fawcett is working on arranging publicity for the event.

Marion County Parks and Recreation Director Dan Talbott has assured the club of their full support. MCPARC will again have bicycles available, will have staff along the trail, and will be a site for participants to obtain the registration forms. In addition, MCPARC has agreed to provide some direct mail publicity for the event this year.

As in past years, the club will present a T-shirt to participants who collect \$50 or more in contributions. All club members are asked to make registration forms available to friends, business associates, church youth groups, and others. Last year's Lions Journey for Sight was the club's second largest fundraising event of the year.

## Board of Directors Meetings Poorly Attended

For the second straight month, attendance at the club's board of directors meeting has been dismal. The four officers in attendance at the August meeting were Jim Coleman, Tom Koon, Edsel Michael, and Bob Moffett. Only three attended the July board meeting.

All club members are encouraged to attend the board meetings, as this is where much of the club's routine business is carried out. Attendance at a board meeting can also provide makeup attendance credit in the event a regular meeting is missed.

The board of directors will meet again on Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. at the offices of club secretary Gerald Warren. All club officers are requested to be present.

The September club meetings will be business meetings to prepare for the Lions Journey for Sight. Tentatively, business meetings are also scheduled for October 19th and December 7th.

## Past President Dodd Presents Certificates

Wayne Dodd, Immediate Past President, presented Certificates of Service to club members Bob Moffett, Bill Woodrum, Clyde Judy, Tom Koon, Jim Coleman, Gerald Warren, and Gene Martin. These certificates were presented as an expression of appreciation for service during the year of his presidency, 1999-2000.

## CALENDAR

- Sept 7 6:30 Muriale's  
Sept 14 Board of Directors  
Sept 21 6:30 Muriale's  
Sept 24 Lions Journey for Sight  
Oct. 5 6:30 Muriale's  
Oct. 12 Board of Directors

## Club Sets \$3,476 Activities Budget for 2000-2001

The Finance Committee, led by Treasurer Jim Coleman, met and prepared a budget which was presented first to the board of directors and then to the membership for approval. The budget was approved by the club at the August 17th meeting.

In the Activities Fund, the anticipated expenses include:

Eye-glasses	\$1,500
Eyeclinic	100
WV Sight Found	600
Union Mission	
Christmas Party	650
Leo Club	200
Leader Dogs	100
LCIF	100
FSC Scholarship	100
Blind Skiers	25
Youth Exchange	25
Diabetes Education	25
Unspecified	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,476</b>

The Administrative Fund budget is based on the goal of attaining ten new members and includes the following expense amounts:

Bulletins/Printing	200
Sec/Treas Expense	160
Program-Guest	200
Int'l Dues/Fees	1,162
District Dues	346.50
Inter-Club	50
Leadership	200
PO Box Rental	50
Entertainment	100
Picnic Subsidy	66
Unspecified	145.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,680</b>

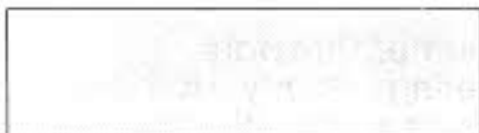
Those members of the Finance Committee who worked on preparation of the budget included George Janice, Ed Garlow, and D. J. Romino, in addition to Coleman.

## Club Makes Referral

The Fairmont Lions Club has referred an individual in need of eye surgery to the West Virginia Sight Foundation.



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*Delegate A. James Manchin discussed problems of waste disposal at the August 3rd meeting.*

## Just A Lion Or Two

It was great to have Lion members Ed Garlow and Earl Carpenter back at our meeting on August 3rd. Since then, Carpenter underwent successful surgery and is back home.

Bill Woodrum is anticipating eye surgery in the near future.

Lion Members Martha and Gerald Warren and Bob Moffett attended the Zone Meeting August 22nd at Mom's Place.

Club members Clyde Judy, Wayne Dodd, and Bob Moffett attended "Don Nehlen Day," hosted by the Fairmont Rotary Club for the area service clubs, on August 31st at Muriale's. Members of other Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs were in attendance.

Let Bob Moffett know if you would like to receive e-mail notification when *The Mane Growl* becomes available on the Internet.

## WV State Police and Lions Work Together

The West Virginia State Police, in cooperation with local Lions clubs, is collecting used eyeglasses. The Fairmont Detachment, located on Country Club Road, now has a collection box in place. Used eyewear collected there will be turned over to the Fairmont Lions Club according to Bob Moffett, club president. This collection point is in addition to the box located at Middletown Mall.

A series of public service announcements has been broadcast throughout West Virginia promoting the Lions eyeglass recycling program and the State Police participation in it.

## NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Among 29-L clubs with 21-35 members, the Fairmont, Morgantown, and Rivesville clubs lead in Membership through July 31, 2000, with 2,500 points. However, the Fairmont club shows 0 points in Visitation and District Governor's Contests.

The Fifth Annual WV Lions Leadership School will be held February 9-11, 2001 at Flatwoods. Featured speakers include Past International President James Coffey; Lion Bill Hadden; Lion Mike Buscemi, President of Quest; and Susan Thompson, CEO of Black Diamond Girl Scout Council.

The Westover Lions Club's 50th Anniversary is September 30th, 5:45 p.m. at VFW Post 9916. Dr. Charlton of the WVU Eye Research Center will be the speaker. Cost is \$10.00 each and reservations are due September 11th.



*Bob Gribben, Fairmont Community Development Partnership and son-in-law of club member Earl Carpenter, spoke to the club on August*

*17th about the Partnership's activities.*

District Governor Ed Van Lynn:  
**"Make 29-L Shine"**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bill Kime	Sept. 24
Gene Martin	Sept. 12
Dr. Q. A. Melgarejo	Sept. 04
Bob Moffett	Sept. 11
D. J. Romino	Sept. 26



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## The Third Time Is A Charm

### Journey for Sight is Success

The Fairmont Lions Club held its third annual Lions Journey for Sight on Sunday, September 24, along the Ralph LaRue Rail Trail between Monongah and Fairmont. Fourteen people found sponsors and participated in spite of the threatening weather.

Congratulations to Jeff Ice of the Rivesville Lions Club who garnered the most money. His sponsors contributed \$222.00. The team of Pam Van Bibber and Marvin Miller pulled in a close second at \$200.00. The Fairmont club's own Milt Durbin rode his bicycle to the tune of \$120.00. His sponsors included W. S. Thomas Transfer, Drs. Laughlin and Wade, and the Cracker Barrel Restaurant.

The total amount received as of the day of the event was \$786.00. Other contributions are anticipated to bring the event total over \$800. This would double last year's proceeds of \$402.51.

Lions participating in the event were Bill Woodrum, Ed Gartow, Clyde Judy, George Janice, Milt Durbin, Wayne Dodd, Martha and Gerald Warren, Bob Moffett and Edsel Michael.



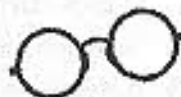
*Richard Kimble with MCPARC bikes.*



*Milt Durbin collected over \$100 to sponsor his ride in the Lions Journey for sight.*

## Club Receives Assistance For Lions Journey for Sight

Richard Kimble and Tony Michalski of Marion County Parks and Recreation were on hand to assist with the Lions Journey for Sight. They provided use of a table, chairs, and bicycles for the event and helped with the setup of the registration tent. Heath Olsen, of Cripple Creek Outfitters, provided restroom facilities.



## Eyeglasses Approved

Eyeglass Committee Chair Wayne Dodd presented eight applications for eyewear to the club members at the September 21st meeting. The membership approved the applicants who will be provided with eye exams and glasses. Earlier in the month, an application was referred to the Meadowdale Lions Club.

## Mobile Eye Clinic Scheduled To Visit Fairmont Senior

The Fairmont Lions Club has arranged with the West Virginia Sight Foundation to bring the Mobile Eye Screening Unit to Fairmont Senior High School on Tuesday, October 10th, at 8:00 a.m. Students will have their eyes examined free of charge. Members Wayne Dodd, Ed Gartow and Jim Coleman agreed to assist.



*Lions Converse at Journey for Sight.*

**NOTICE: Muriale's Restaurant will no longer accept checks.**

## CALENDAR

- Oct. 5 6:30 Muriale's Family of Seth Burton
- Oct. 10 8:00 am Eye Clinic at Fairmont Senior High
- Oct. 12 7:00 Board of Directors Meeting at Warren & Associates
- Oct. 21 6:30 Muriale's

# We Serve

