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The Fairmont Lions Club July 1, 2001 Volume 15, Number 1

New Club Year Begins with Installation of Officers



Officers for 2001-2002 were installed by Past District Governor Tracy Smith. From left to right are Clyde Judy, Edsel Michael, Wayne Dodd, President H. Gerald Warren, PDG Tracey Smith, George Janice, Tom Koon and Bob Moffett.

Gerald Warren Assumes Leadership

The Fairmont Lions Club held Installation of Officers June 21, 2001 at the Poky Dot. The new officers were installed by Past District Governor Tracy Smith, a member of the Worthington Lions Club. Smith presented Gerald Warren, the new president, with a basketball signed by the officers. He emphasized that the success of the club's efforts would depend on teamwork. This is Warren's third term as president of the club, having previously served in 1972-73 and 1993-94. He becomes the second club member to serve three terms. Bob Moffett, outgoing president, just completed his third term.

President Warren spoke briefly about his hopes for the Fairmont Lions Club, emphasizing the need to work for a gain in members this year. Warren has held many other club offices and is also a Past District Governor (1978-79), Melvin Jones Fellow and recipient of the Leonard Jarrett Award.

Convention Bound

President Gerald Warren is currently attending the International convention in Indianapolis, July 2 - 6.

Milt Durbin Returns from Phillipines

Milt Durbin just returned from a working visit to the Phillipines as part of a "Work and Witness" team. They built a 30 x 70 stucco church at Daet, about 250 miles south of Manilla. He reports that "jet lag" caught up

Holiday Results in Schedule Change

The Fairmont Lions Club will not meet on Thursday, July 5th, since it so closely follows the Independence Day holiday. Instead, the club will meet on the second Thursday, July 12, with a brief board of directors meeting afterwards. The club will also meet Thursday, July 19.

Eyeglass Collection Box at Monongahela Valley Bank Fills Quickly

Wayne Dodd reports that two bags of used eyewear have been collected already in the short time that the collection box has been located at Monongahela Valley Bank. Dodd is preparing to ship a large quantity of used eyeglasses to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Roanoke, Virginia.

You can't catch fish with the bait in the boat.



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The Lions Clubs International District Governor Ed Van Lynn to be Honored Year of Youth - 2001-02

Recognizing that healthy, educated and caring young people are the future of our communities, our world and our association, 2001-02 has been declared "The Lions Clubs International Year of Youth." Throughout the year, Lions clubs are encouraged to strengthen their commitment to provide young people with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service.

Lions Opportunities for Youth include Leo clubs, International Youth Exchange, Youth Camps, drug awareness, youth volunteering, Scouting, Peace Poster Contest, Special Olympics and programs for literacy, childhood blindness prevention and street children. Watch for information throughout the coming year about how Lions can increase their support and recognition of young people in their communities.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lee Meadows

July 15

District Governor Ed Van Lynn to be Honored

A banquet honoring Ed Van Lynn, district governor for 29-L during 2000-2001, will be held at the PPG Shelter in Proctor on July 21, 2001. The fete is being hosted by the New Martinsville Lions. Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. and a steak dinner will be served at 6:30. Past International Director Carl Battistone of Bethel Park, PA will be the speaker. Cost is \$8.50 per person. Reservations should be made by July 14 to Mary Klages, RD #3, Box 155-A, Wheeling, WV 26003 (304-547-5649).

Leader Dogs Reports Graduates

Leader Dogs for the Blind®, which is supported by the Lions of West Virginia, has graduated a total of 11,897 guide dogs, 73 of those going to West Virginians. The enterprise began when a few Detroit Lions purchased an old farmhouse in 1939. Blind people who want to be free and mobile can have a Leader Dog for the asking. The Fairmont Lions Club donated \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind® during the past year.

Notes from the June Board of Directors Meeting

Jim Coleman, treasurer, reported that the Lions sold brooms at the Lioness Club's yard sale and collected \$43. He also reported that the cost to the club for the "Open House" was \$65.50. At the end of May, the Activities Fund had a balance of \$1,505.48 and the Administrative Fund balance was \$655.53. Wayne Dodd reported that the club has 13 pending eyeglass applications.

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Help Wanted

Committee Chairs Needed for 2001- 2002

Club President Gerald Warren is asking for volunteers to fill needed committee leadership roles. Committees still in need of chairmen include the Sight and Hearing Committee and the Program Committee.

Several of the committee assignments were filled at the July 12th meeting. Any member interested in serving in a leadership capacity should notify Warren as soon as possible.

Used Eyewear Being Sent to Recycling Center

Wayne Dodd reported at the July 12th meeting that Overnite Transportation of Fairmont has agreed to transport several boxes of used eyeglasses to the Lions Recycling Center for the Fairmont Lions Club, at no cost to the club. The glasses will be sorted there and prepared for distribution for the needy in other countries. Dodd reports that we are now receiving most of our glasses at the new collection box located at Monongahela Valley Bank in Fairmont.



Club members George Janice, Edsel Michael and Gene Martin listen as President Gerald Warren conducts July 12th meeting.

Warren Describes Lions International Convention

At the July 12th club meeting, President Gerald Warren discussed the trip he and his wife, Martha, made to the Lions International Convention in Indianapolis. Contrary to the song, it does rain in Indianapolis in the summertime, according to Warren, as it rained much of the time they were there and the International Parade was rained out.

Warren also noted that next year's convention will be held in Kyoto, Japan and will be in Denver, Colorado the following year. Warren also distributed some pins from other districts to those club members who were in attendance at the meeting.

Club Awaits Senior Citizens Center Decision

An offer was tendered to the Marion County Senior Citizens Center for the purchase of the club's eye examination equipment. They are expected to make a decision at their board meeting.

Club Makes Referral to WV Sight Foundation

A 69 year old Fairmont woman is being referred to the WV Lions Sight Foundation by the Fairmont Lions Club for the treatment of a serious eye condition. In partnership with the WVU Eye Institute, the Sight Foundation can arrange for necessary medical and surgical eye care to citizens of West Virginia who would otherwise be unable to obtain such assistance. The Fairmont Lions Club provides in its budget for a contribution to the Sight Foundation each year and this type of service is a return that we receive in our community.

A member of the Adamston Lions Club (near Clarksburg) made the club aware of this individual's need.



Planning for Journey for Sight to Begin

Bob Moffett has once again agreed to organize the Fairmont Lions Club's *Lions Journey for Sight*. This year's event is again scheduled for the 4th Sunday in September (September 23rd).

Although MCPARC was informed that we would be planning to conduct this event on an annual basis, it will be necessary to finalize arrangements with them. The club will also need to make decisions as to which trail to use, who to ask for awards, how to publicize the event and how to most effectively solicit participants. Last year's event raised close to \$1000.

CALENDAR

Aug. 2 6:30 Business Meeting
Aug. 9 7:00 Board of Directors
Aug. 16 6:30 Program (TBA)
Sept. 24 Lions Journey for Sight
Oct. 4 District Governor's Visit (Spouses Night)

If you are what you do, when you don't, you aren't!



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Board Meeting Scheduled

The August board of directors meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club will be held Thursday, August 9th, at Warren & Associates Real Estate, 513 Fairmont Avenue. The meeting time is 7:00 p.m. All club officers should attend and any club member may attend. Attendance at a board meeting is a "make-up" for a meeting absence.

Just a Lion or Two

Secretary Wayne Dodd reported that Duard Selders injured his knee in a fall.

We were pleased to see members Earl Carpenter and Gene Martin back in attendance with us. Both had been out for health reasons recently.

All Lions Invited

Friends and members of the Lions Club are invited to Past District Governor Cal Stickley's 90th birthday party. The party is August 26th, 1:00 - 4:00 at the Middletown Community Center. Reservations are requested by August 15th. Call 366-7368.



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|-----------------------|---------|
| Wayne Dodd | Aug. 05 |
| Charles David Fawcett | Aug. 08 |
| Tom Spiker | Aug. 15 |

Where We Stand

Treasurer Jim Coleman presented the end-of-year report at the July 12th club meeting. The report is presented here in abridged form:

ACTIVITIES FUND

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$2,000.05	\$2,525.34
EXPENSES		
Eyeglasses	1,500	800
WV Sight Found	600	600
Mission Party	650	650
Leo Club	200	0.00
Leader Dog	100	100
LCIF	100	100
FSC Scholarship	100	100
Blind Skiers	25	0.00
Youth Exchange	25	25
Diabetes Educ	25	29
Unspecified	51	51
TOTAL	\$3,476	\$2,470



ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

Income: \$ 2,039.94
Expenses: 1,861.76

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

Administrative Fund: \$734.04
Activities Fund: \$1,507.29

(The complete reports are available on the club's website.)

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Lions Serve Victims of Flooding in West Virginia

Summer flooding in many parts of West Virginia left many homes, businesses, and churches devastated. In some areas, roads and utilities were also badly damaged. Relief was on its way quickly from Lions International Foundation (LCIF) in the amount of \$40,000.

The Fairmont Lioness Club purchased \$100 worth of brooms from the Fairmont Lions Club and sent them to the flood ravaged area. The Fairmont Lions Club board of directors, at its August meeting, decided to send \$200 in flood relief, as well.

Eye Examination Equipment Sold

It was reported at the August 2nd meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club that the Senior Citizens of Marion County had turned down the club's offer to sell the eye examination equipment to them. Clyde Judy and Wayne Dodd were requested to pursue selling the equipment elsewhere and an offer was received from Pittsburgh. The equipment was scheduled to have been removed from the Senior Citizens Center as of this time.

Dr. E. G. Cadogan purchased and then gave the equipment to the Fairmont Lions Club in 1996 recalling a community of neighbor helping neighbor. Dr. Cadogan conducted free eye clinics at the Center, but after his retirement, it became difficult to arrange the clinics and the club determined it was best to sell the equipment.

Fairmont Lions Club has paid International and District dues.

Lions Journey for Sight August 23rd



The Fairmont Lions Club will once again hold its Lions Journey for Sight on the Ralph LaRue Trail (West Fork River Rail Trail) between Monongah and Fairmont. The event, slated for Sunday afternoon, September 23rd, will begin with registration at the Monongah trail head at 1:00.

Participants will walk, run, jog, or ride their bicycles, having received contributions from family members, neighbors, friends and business associates. All funds raised will go to the Fairmont Lions Club's various projects including purchase of eye exams and glasses, diabetes education, and eye clinics.

Bob Moffett, who is leading the effort again this year, is asking all club members to encourage others to participate. Participants can be found through friends, church groups, and other organizations and individuals. Sponsor sheets will be available from club members, MCPARC, and Primo Bike-N-Sport in Bellview.

Several club members have already volunteered to assist the day of the event. Wayne Dodd will take care of radio, television, and newspaper publicity; Bill Linger agreed to work with others providing drinking water along the trail; Ed Garlow and others have also agreed to help. Aletta Moffett, RN, has agreed to provide first aid. Any Lions and family members are also encouraged to participate by walking or riding in the Lions Journey for Sight.

Lions Attend Joint Meet To Hear Doug Sams

Wayne Dodd and Clyde Judy attended the joint meeting of Fairmont Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary to hear Fairmont State football coach Doug Sams speak. The noon meeting was held at Muriale's.

Used Eyeglasses to be Packed for Shipping

Club members were encouraged to visit Wayne Dodd at his home on Thursday, August 30th, to help pack up the used eyeglasses that have been collected by the club. The glasses will be sent to the Lions Recycling Center in Richmond.

Reminder: A couple joining the Lions Club together is waived one \$25 initiation fee.



CALENDAR

Sept. 6 6:30 Awards Presentation
Sept. 13 7:00 Board of Directors
Sept. 20 6:30 (TBA)
Sept. 23 Lions Journey for Sight
Oct. 4 District Governor's Visit
(Spouses Night)

"Too much of a good thing can be wonderful" - Mae West



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Photo: Gerald Warren

Bill Linger (right) was inducted as a new member in a ceremony conducted by President and Past District Governor Gerald Warren. Linger was sponsored by Bob Moffett.

Just a Lion or Two

Blcn Law and Evan Hugus of the West Milford Lions Club visited the Fairmont Lions on August 2nd.

It was good to see Ed Garlow back with us at the August 16th meeting. Wayne Dodd reports that Duard Selders has been improving and getting out some.



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Bill Kime	Sept. 25
Gene Martin	Sept. 12
Dr. Q. A. Melgarejo	Sept. 24
Bob Moffett	Sept. 11

Club Considers Eyeglass Policy

In light of the fact that there are now fewer clubs in the area, the Fairmont Lions Club has seen an increase in eyeglass applications from areas that have formerly been served by other Lions clubs. Unfortunately, those clubs are no longer present in the community. Following deliberations at the August board of directors meeting, President Gerald Warren stated at the August 16th meeting that, "While we sympathize, we can not afford to finance everyone, so we will continue to serve the west side of Fairmont." He went on to say that we would try to assist individuals in finding assistance from other sources on a case-by-case basis. "However," Warren said, "we will take care of children on East Side or West Side."

It was also reported that there is a possibility that Medicare may begin taking care of eyeglasses. It was decided to attempt to find out if that was a real possibility.

The newest LCIF grant initiative, Core 4, is designed to fund large-scale projects that target urgent needs under the core service commitments of Lionism -- *preserving eyesight, combating disability, promoting health, and serving youth.*



Club Approves Budget for 2001-2002

At the August 16th club meeting, Jim Coleman, treasurer, presented the budget as proposed to, and modified by, the board of directors. The budget was adopted by the club. The Activities budget is increased to \$5,640.00. This includes a new line item to help match the Core-4 grant for the Eye Institute. It also includes a \$2,065.00 contingency amount. The Administrative budget was set at \$2,560.00. This reflects a slight decrease from last year's budget, but an increase over what was actually spent last year.

The complete details of the budget will be available on the club's web site.

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District Governor's Night Thursday, October 4, 2001



District Governor Visit Set for October 4th

Sandra Lee Hachem, District Governor of 29-L, will make her official visit to the Fairmont Lions Club on Thursday, October 4th. She served as president of the New Martinsville Club in 1995-96 and was Zone Chairman from 1998 to 2000.

Lion Hachem received a Melvin Jones Award from her club in 1995, and a Leonard Jarrett Award from her district in 2000. She was a moderator of the West Virginia Leadership School in 1999, 2000 and 2001. She has attended seven district conferences and two state conventions, as well as three USA/CANADA Forums and three International Conventions. She and her husband of 32 years, Nelson, have two sons and four grandchildren.

This "spouses night" will be held at the Poky Dot at 6:30 p.m.

October 11 is Lions World Sight Day

On October 11, Lions around the world will celebrate Lions World Sight Day, a day established to recognize the importance of eradicating preventable blindness. This year activities in São Paulo, Brazil and elsewhere will focus on the nearly 1.5 million children in the world who are blind. Over half of the conditions leading to childhood blindness are preventable if discovered and treated early.

As part of the events in São Paulo, International President Frank Moore will announce a \$3.75 million grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to fund pediatric vision programs in 25 countries that will train professionals to diagnose and treat childhood vision problems. This will be the largest, multifaceted global project focusing on childhood blindness from any organization.

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LCIF Establishes Fund for WTC/Pentagon Tragedies

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has established a designated fund to receive donations from concerned Lions and others who wish to contribute to long-term relief efforts. LCIF will make these funds available to local New York City Lions clubs and Lions in other cities affected by this tragedy. An initial amount has already been provided to New York City Lions Clubs for assistance.

--Lions On-Line Newsletter

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Beautiful Day for Lions Journey for Sight

Club members on hand for the *Lions Journey for Sight* were Wayne Dodd, Milt Durbin, Martha and Gerald Warren, Bill Linger, Clyde Judy, and Bob Moffett. Also assisting were Patty Moffett (Bob's sister), Aletta Moffett (Bob's wife) and Tony Michalski of MCPARC.

About twenty people took part in the Journey. Some walked or ran, some bicycled, and some simply made a contribution to the club upon learning what we were doing. As this issue goes to press, the final tally is not yet known, but is expected to be over \$650.

In addition to many individual donations received, club member Milt Durbin received contributions from Ford Funeral Home, Mayflower, and Brian Kerekes of Edward Jones. Bob Moffett, chairman of this year's event, expressed gratitude for all who helped and for all who participated.

Eyeglasses Approved

The club approved nine applications for eye exams and glasses at the September 16th meeting.



CALENDAR

- Oct. 4 District Governor's Visit (Spouses Night)
6:30 pm Poky Dot
- Oct. 11 Board of Directors
7:00 pm Warren & Assoc.
- Oct. 18 Meeting TBA
6:30 pm Poky Dot

Today's successes were planned yesterday. What are you doing today?



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Club members Bill Linger (left) and Clyde Judy provide water for the Lions Journey for Sight.

Just a Lion or Two

Wayne Dodd reported that E.P. Klingensmith has been to the V.A. Hospital in Clarksburg. Duard Selder's wife, Pauline, has been under the weather. We wish them both the best.

P. D. G. Tracy Smith visited the club on September 20th.

Club Welcomes Guests

On September 6th, Jim Coleman brought Bill Ruoff, retired FSC faculty member, as his guest. On September 20th, Larry Haffner, Vice President for Academic Services at FSC, attended as a guest of Bob Moffett.

Birthday Celebration

Earl Carpenter	Oct. 02
Jim Coleman	Oct. 06
Jack Decker	Oct. 14
Milt Durbin	Oct. 22

"Old Monarch" Awards Presented

At the September 6th meeting, President Gerald Warren presented awards to club members with ten years or more of Lions service. Receiving the ten-year awards were Darrell Kimoto, Jack Decker, and John David Manley. Twenty-year Monarchs were presented to Ray Rutherford, Bob Brummage, Jim Coleman, Bill Kime, Gene Martin and Lee Meadows. Edsel Michael and Bob Moffett received 25-year awards. Monarchs for 30 years of service went to Clyde Judy, Tom Koon, Dr. Q. A. Melgarejo, Ted Sole, Ed Garlow and D. J. Romino. Earl Carpenter, Claude Springer and Gerald Warren received 45-year awards and Carl Miller received the 55-year Old Monarch. Not all recipients were in attendance.

Past President Bob Moffett presented certificates of appreciation to last year's officers.

The September Board of Directors Meeting was held on the 15th at Warren and Associates. Milt Durbin, Jim Coleman, Gerald Warren, and Bob Moffett attended. Final planning for the Lions Journey for Sight took place.

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Area Businesses Support Fundraiser

Several local establishments contributed incentive awards for the Lions Journey for Sight held September 23rd. Monongahela Valley Bank offered a \$50 cash award. Wal-Mart provided a \$25 Shopping Card and Advance Auto Parts supplied two \$10 Gift Certificates. USA Steak Buffet provided two dinners and Papa John's provided six large pizzas. Jim Coleman made the arrangements with these companies.

Wayne Dodd arranged for the club to have the use of four large water jugs supplied by the West Virginia Department of Highways.

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