



# The Mane Growl



The Fairmont Lions Club July-August 2003 Volume 17 Number 1

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT AUGUST 14TH

Schedule Change Will Mean No Meeting on August 21st



President Tracy Smith (left) receives South Marion Region Lions Club Charter from D.G. Paul Amrhein.

### South Marion Region Lions Club is Off and Running

Sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, the new South Marion Region Lions Club held its Charter Night meeting on June 14th. Fairmont lost Carolyn and Tracy Smith to the new club and Tracy is their first president.

On hand from the Fairmont Lions Club were George Janice and Susan Riffle, Gerald and Martha Warren, and Bob and Aletta Moffett. Following a dinner, Past International Director Fred Cole spoke and their new officers were installed by District Governor Paul Amrhein. The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Ida May Community Center at 6:00.

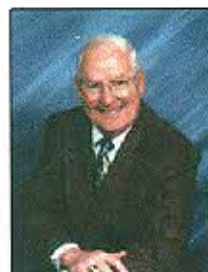
### Board Meeting Notice

President Milt Durbin has announced that monthly board of directors meetings will be held at Westchester Village immediately following the 1st regular club meeting of each month, rather than on the 2nd Thursday as has been done in the past.



District Governor Glen Baker will make his official visit to the Fairmont Lions Club on Thursday, August 14th at Westchester Village. The district governor's theme for this year is, "Let Your Light Shine, Keep Your Light Burning!" and uses the image of a lighthouse.

District Governor's Night is Spouse's Night, so bring your wife or husband along.



D.G. Glen Baker

### 240 Get Blood Screened

It was learned that about 240 persons turned out at Fairmont General Hospital June 14th for Multiphasic Screening. Lions participating included George Janice (and Susan Riffle), Edsel Michael (and Mary Jo), Martha and Gerald Warren, Bob Moffett and Wayne Dodd.



### Fairmont Lions Receive Award

At the State Convention in Charleston, the Fairmont Lions Club was awarded a 2nd Place Membership Award for District 29-L. Zone Chairman Bob Moffett presented the award on behalf of the district governor to club president George Janice at the June 19th meeting.

The Membership Contest is one of several contests in the district designed to foster membership, visitation, and overall club performance throughout the year.

### Member Claude Springer Dies in Morgantown

A long-time member of the Fairmont Lions Club, Claude A. Springer, died July 19th, 2003, at Mon Point Nursing Home in Morgantown. He was 92. Springer was a retired department manager at Fairmont Alcon Corporation, having retired in 1976 after 48 years.

Lion Claude Springer was regularly seen with the Fairmont Lions participating in projects, fund raisers and club meetings. He served the club as president in 1965-66. His wife Pauline preceded him in death in 1977. He is missed by the club.

### CALENDAR

- Aug. 7 Business Meeting 6:30
- Aug. 7 Board of Directors following club meeting
- Aug. 14 District Governor's Visit 6:30
- Sept. 4 Business Meeting 6:30
- Sept. 4 Board of Directors following club meeting
- Sept. 18 Club Meeting 6:30
- Sept. 28, 2003 Lions Journey for Sight & Eye Clinic





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Club President Milt Durbin

### Milt Durbin Installed as Club President

Milt Durbin is beginning his term as club president. He is retired from W. S. Thomas and enjoys participating in the Lions Journey for Sight.

### Lions Journey for Sight Set for September 28

According to Bob Moffett, arrangements have been made with MCPARC to once again hold the Lions Journey for Sight along the trail between Fairmont and Monongah on Sunday, September 28, from 1:00 to 4:00. It is time to begin asking friends, relatives and neighbors to participate.

### Mane Growl Available On-Line

Each issue of The Mane Growl is posted on the World Wide Web as it is mailed to club members. If you would like to be notified by e-mail when each issue is posted, please provide Editor Bob Moffett with your e-mail address. The on-line version contains color pictures and extra content on special occasions.

### Just a Lion or Two

Congratulations to George Janice, who received the award from Membership Chairman Clyde Judy for bringing in the most new members during the last year.


We extend sympathy to club president Milt Durbin in the recent death of his sister.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Jim Coleman's sister-in-law who died recently.

### *Birthday Celebration*

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Greg Church           | July 18 |
| Wayne Dodd            | Aug 5   |
| Charles David Fawcett | Aug 8   |
| Tom Spiker            | Aug 15  |
| Lee Meadows           | Jul 15  |

# Time.




Sometimes 24 hours a day doesn't seem quite enough.

But if you could find just a few hours a month, you could brighten the life of someone in need.

There's nothing like the feeling of lending a helping hand. Volunteer today.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact:



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## Hospital Plans Topic of Thursday Meeting

Richard Graham, CEO of Fairmont General Hospital, will speak at this Thursday's meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, 6:30 p.m. at Westchester Village. His topic will be the need for a new hospital to be located in Fairmont and the proposed plans for Fairmont General and its partner, Triad.

There has been much discussion in the area generated by the plans of Fairmont General and United Hospital Center in Clarksburg, which is planning to build a new facility near the FBI complex along I-79. Important decisions will be made by the Health Care Review Authority and the future of a hospital in Fairmont may be contingent upon decisions made in Charleston.

Come to this meeting and hear first-hand the concerns and plans for the Fairmont hospital's future.

## District Governor Challenges Club

District Governor Glen Baker, Jr. addressed the Fairmont Lions Club August 14th and asked the club to "get the Lions who have been sitting in the corners involved." He also encouraged members to recruit young people and women. Of 1.4 million Lions, only 15% are women. Baker also encouraged the club to do more for the WV Sight Foundation, for members to attend the WV Lions Leadership School, District Conference, State Convention and the International Convention in Detroit next summer.



## LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT SEPTEMBER 28TH

Bob Moffett, Chairman for this year's Lions Journey for Sight, is asking all club members for help with this year's event. All members need to solicit individuals to participate in the event. Scout groups, church youth groups, as well as friends and neighbors can take part and help the Lions raise much needed funds for the sight programs. This year's event is a project of both the Fairmont Lions Club and the new South Marion Region Lions Club.

In addition to asking people to participate, members are also needed the day of the event to assist with registration, provide a water break for participants, and to assist with the WV Lions Sight Foundation's Mobile Eye Unit, which will be on site at the Monongah trailhead. Club president Milt Durbin has signed on to assist with the eye screening while George Janice, Gerald Warren and Jack Hawkins have agreed to assist with registration. Clyde Judy and Tracy Smith, president of the South Marion Region Lions Club, will be providing water at the Norway rest stop.

As in the past, all participants bringing in \$50 or more in donations will receive a free T-shirt. The event will take place Sunday afternoon, September 28th, with registration beginning at 1:00. The registration tent will be located at the Monongah trailhead.



## Club Receives Funds

The Fairmont Lions Club's assistance with the recent multiphasic screening at Fairmont General Hospital resulted in the club receiving a check for \$600. Thanks to those Lions and spouses who helped.



*George Janice pedals along during last year's Lions Journey for Sight.*

Registration forms have been placed with MCPARC and Primo Bike-N-Sport. This year for the first time, a restroom facility and vending machines will be available at the Monongah location.

### CALENDAR

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| Sept. 18 | Club Meeting 6:30<br>Richard Graham, FGH & Triad  |
| Sept. 20 | Region III Zone II Meeting<br>8:30 a.m. Poky Dot  |
| Sept. 28 | Lions Journey for Sight<br>& Eye Clinic           |
| Oct. 02  | Club Meeting 6:30<br>Board of Directors following |
| Oct. 16  | Club Meeting 6:30                                 |
| Nov. 20  | P.D.G. Paul Amrhein LCIF                          |





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Zone Chairman Bob Moffett (left) and 1st Vice President Keith Long (right) are pictured with D. G. Glen Baker (center).

### Just a Lion or Two

Gerald and Martha Warren's son, Stephen, died August 10th from complications of multiple sclerosis. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Jim Coleman's son was seriously injured in an accident in Atlanta. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Former club member, Henry "Hank" Viglianco, died August 22nd, following a long illness.

### Birthday Celebration

Earl Carpenter	Oct. 02
Jim Coleman	Oct. 06
Jack Decker	Oct. 14
Milt Durbin	Oct. 22
Bill Kime	Sept. 24
Gene Martin	Sept. 24
Bob Moffett	Sept. 11
Dominick Romino	Sept. 26

### Gene Martin Receives Award from Chamber of Commerce

Club member and a past president of the Fairmont Lions Club, Gene Martin, was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Marion County Chamber of Commerce during the organization's annual dinner meeting August 9th. Martin, owner of S & M Glass, has been a member of the chamber since 1977. In presenting the award, Butch Osborne cited Martin's active membership in the Fairmont Lions Club for more than four decades and his support of community projects. Osborne said that Martin had not only operated a successful business for many years, "but has also made time in his schedule for volunteerism."

For many years, Martin's business has been the repository for the club's inventory of brooms and mops for sale. In addition, he and his wife, Evelyn, have been instrumental in the success of the club's elimination dinner. Because Martin was unable to attend the event, the award was accepted on his behalf by his son, Bill Martin.



**BRAVO!**

### Notes

At the meeting of the board of directors held on September 4th, club president Milt Durbin made his committee assignments for the coming year, appointing most club members to one or more committees.

Gerald and Martha Warren had their daughter with them at the District Governor's Visit on August 14th.

The club had two guests in attendance at the September 4th meeting: former club member Tracy Smith, currently president of the South Marion Region Lions Club, and the South Marion Region club's secretary Jim Saunders.



### Did You Know?

The new Alabama quarter coin features Helen Keller, who challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind?"

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