



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.




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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
Richard Graham, FGH & Triad |
| Sept. 20 | Region III Zone II Meeting
8:30 a.m. Poky Dot |
| Sept. 28 | Lions Journey for Sight
& Eye Clinic |
| Oct. 02 | Club Meeting 6:30
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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LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT



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UNION MISSION DIRECTOR TO SPEAK



Club Welcomes Newest Member

Mary Jo Michael is the Fairmont Lions Club's newest member. Mary Jo is the wife of long-time Lion Edsel Michael and has long been active as a Lion spouse in the support of the club's activities. Among other things, she is responsible for getting the club established with Fairmont General Hospital's multiphasic screenings.

Hello Nuts - Goodbye Fruitcakes

The Fairmont Lions Club has decided to try selling Terri Lynn nuts this fall instead of the fruitcakes that we have sold in recent years. The club is ordering 16 cases with 12 packages of nuts per case. By ordering at least 16 cases, the company will pay the shipping costs. We will be selling one pound bags of Giant Salted Whole Cashews, claimed by the company to be "the biggest and tastiest you'll find anywhere in the world," at \$8.00 for one bag or two for \$15.00.



FGH Plans Presented

Richard Graham, CEO of Fairmont General Hospital, spoke to the Lions on September 18, 2003. Fairmont General Hospital is either the largest or second-largest employer in Marion County. It is the oldest hospital in the region at the same location. The current facility, explained Graham, has size and infrastructure problems contributing to the need to build a new facility. The hospital's different services, such as wound healing, are located all over because of the space limitations. From September to March, there are no private rooms available at Fairmont General. The proposed new hospital, located near the downtown Fairmont exit of I-79, will have private rooms.

In order to come up with the funds, they need a capital partner. Triad is willing to spend \$100 million here without asking for government funds. A hearing date has been set in December and Graham urged those present to "write a letter, talk to neighbors," and make known the need. "Poor is the man who's success depends on others," Graham said. Triad, he went on, will provide economics of scale and will provide the same level of charity care as is provided currently and, "they [Triad] will pay taxes." Graham was introduced by Wayne Dodd.



Richard Graham addresses club.

Pastor Robert Thompson to Address Club

Cylde Judy, chairman of the program committee, has announced that Pastor Robert Thompson of the Fairmont Union Mission will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, October 16th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Pastor Thompson is expected to discuss what is happening at the Union Mission as well as their plans for the future.

The Lions Club will soon be getting ready for the annual Lions Christmas Party for the children at the Union Mission, scheduled for Friday, December 19th. As has been done in the past, the club members will gather for a traditional holiday dinner prepared by the staff and then join the children and their families for the party.

Ed Davis Elected Director

In order to fill the vacancy on the board of directors, a special election was held October 2nd and Ed Davis was elected to fill the unexpired term of Tracy Smith, who transferred from the Fairmont Lions to the new South Marion Region Lions Club, where he currently serves as president.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 16 Club Meeting 6:30
Pastor Robert Thompson,
Union Mission
- Nov. 6 Business Meeting 6:30
Board of Directors following
- Nov. 20 P.D.G. Paul Amrhein L.C.I.F.
- Dec. 19 Annual Lions Christmas Party
for the children of the
Union Mission



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Keith Long (left) and President Milt Durbin dodge raindrops at this year's Lions Journey for Sight.

Mobile Eye Unit Visits Lions Journey for Sight

Just about a half-hour before the official start of the Lions Journey for Sight on September 28, the clouds and rain rolled in to put a "damp"-er on this year's event. Lions Floyd Summers (Washington Lands) and Paul Van Horn (East Grafton Roads) brought the WV Sight Foundation's brand new Mobile Eye Unit and provided free eye exams. Because of the weather, only five took advantage of the service. The vehicle was acquired as part of the CORE-4 grant from LCIF.

Participation in the fund raiser was down, but several came out and walked or bicycled in spite of the weather. The youth of Central United Methodist Church rode as a group. The Lions Journey for Sight was a joint effort of the Fairmont Lions Club and the South Marion Region Lions Club. Fairmont Lions Club members participating included Martha and Gerald Warren, Clyde Judy, Wayne Dodd, Keith Long, Milt Durbin, and Bob Moffett. Aletta Moffett was on hand with first aid supplies.

As in past years, MCPARC's Tony Michalski provided tables, bicycles and access to the new restroom facility. Primo Bike-N-Sport also assisted and the Department of Highways provided water jugs.

Just a Lion or Two

Wayne Dodd reports that George Janice suffered a recent injury. Also, Gene Martin is back in the nursing home. We wish both of these good Lions best wishes for a speedy return to health.

National White Cane Safety Day the 15th

In October 1994, the U.S. Congress approved a resolution authorizing the president of the United States to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15th as "National White Cane Safety Day."

Special Olympics Opening Eyes - Lions Clubs International program

Through this initiative, Special Olympics athletes receive the eye health services they need, allowing them to be better athletes and more productive community members. Through a grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions Clubs International and Special Olympics are now partnering to expand the Special Olympics vision health program. This collaboration is tripling the effort's scope under a new name: the Lions Clubs International - Special Olympics Opening Eyes program. Together, these two organizations will bring proper eye care to more Special Olympics athletes around the globe, and will also open the world's eyes to the reality that people with mental retardation deserve the same quality vision care to which every person is entitled.

From the Lions Clubs International Web Site

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Birthday Celebration

Bill Linger

Nov. 06



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NOVEMBER IS LCIF CONTRIBUTING MEMBER MONTH

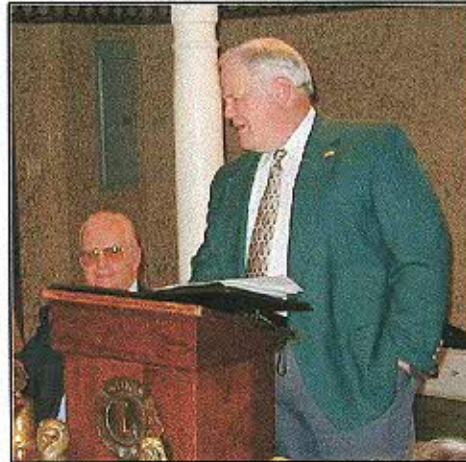
Pastor Bob Thompson Presents Programs of Union Mission

Pastor Bob Thompson, director of West Virginia Rescue Missions, Inc., discussed the programs of Fairmont's Union Mission at the October 16th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. He began by thanking the Lions for sponsoring the Christmas Party since 1940 and also thanked the Lions for helping their clients obtain eye exams and glasses.

Thompson reported that the Union Mission may provide 44,000 meals this year, a significant increase from last year. The women's shelter is near capacity and the addiction recovery program enrollment has doubled in the last month. The enrollment at Hickory Ridge Christian Camp (Mission Farms) was up 47% over last year and they are searching for a new camp director. The Mission will be preparing to serve 800 - 850 Thanksgiving dinners and are looking forward to the Lions Christmas Party December 19th. Thompson was introduced by Clyde Judy.

Club Property Found

After missing for most of 2003, the Fairmont Lions Club's lion bank and gong were found in the attic of Westchester Village and returned to the club. The gong was presented to the club by Hance Moffett when he was district governor in 1953-54. The lion bank's exact age is unknown, but it is believed to be very old.



Mission Director Bob Thompson speaks as President Milt Durbin listens.

January Schedule Adjusted For Holiday

Because of the New Year's Day holiday on Thursday, January 1st, 2004, the Fairmont Lions Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on January 8th (the second Thursday of the month). Because of the need to prepare for the elimination dinner, it was necessary to meet twice in January, the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays.

Incentive Offered for Women Becoming Lions Members

To aid in President Lee's International Program of recruiting women into Lions Clubs, women who join a Lions Club between the period of November 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004 can have their induction fees (\$25 entrance fee) waived. To receive credit for the fee waivers women joining the club from November 2003 to June 30, 2004 must fill out the "Membership Incentive for Women Joining an Existing Lions Club" form (ME-700) and return it to the Statistical and Membership Department with the club's Monthly Membership Report.

Lions International On-Line

PDG Amrhein To Discuss LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation will be the topic when Past District Governor Paul Amrhein, district 29-L LCIF Chairman, presents the program Thursday, November 20th, at the regular meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club.



PDG Amrhein

LCIF annually gives as many as 500 grants. Many of them are standard grants (matching grants) that enable Lions to provide humanitarian service to their community or another community. Typical projects include developing children's hospices, care centers for the elderly and vocational programs for the disabled.

LCIF's primary mission is preventing blindness and restoring sight. It does this through its SightFirst program, which Lions initially generously funded with \$144 million. SightFirst fights the major causes of blindness: cataract, river blindness, trachoma, and, especially in developed nations like the United States, diabetic eye disease and glaucoma.

(Some information came from the LCIF Web Site.)

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- Nov. 20 P.D.G. Paul Amrhein LCIF
- Dec. 19 Annual Lions Christmas Party for the children of the Union Mission
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day - No Meeting
- Jan. 8 First Meeting of 2004
- Jan. 30 Feb. 1 WV Lions Leadership School in Charleston

SELF-INSPECTION -- THE BEST CURE FOR SELF-ESTEEM



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From the District 29-L Newsletter:

The Second Annual Car/Bike Show at the Wetzel Co. 4-H Camp raised over \$2,500 for West Virginia Sight.

29-L District Conference will be held March 19-21, 2004 at Mineral Wells, WV. Guest speaker will be International Director Delmar "Del" Brown of Iowa City, Iowa.

Region III Zone II Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003
10:00 am Poky Dot

Just a Lion or Two

Gene Martin continues to suffer from ill health.

Eyeglass Applications Approved

Ten more applications were approved in October for eye exams and glasses. The applications were recommended for approval by the Eyeglass Committee, Wayne Dodd, chairman.

Birthday Celebration

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| Ann Davis | Dec. 17 |
| Jack Hawkins | Dec. 21 |
| Darrell Kimoto | Dec. 26 |
| John David Manley | Dec. 14 |
| Keith Long | Jan. 1 |
| Edsel Michael | Dec. 10 |

November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness among people ages 20 to 74. The Lions Diabetes Awareness Program was introduced in 1984. Diabetes is a chronic disease caused by the body's inability to produce, or ineffectiveness in using, insulin in the pancreas. Type 1 diabetes is also known as juvenile diabetes and is an autoimmune disease. Type 2 diabetes is a metabolic disorder affecting 90-95% of people with diabetes.

There has been an increase in Type 2 diabetes, especially among young people. Researchers have noted that about 80% of those with Type 2 diabetes are overweight. It is suggested that people at risk for developing Type 2 diabetes should undergo a hemoglobin A1c test, control their blood pressure, and maintain low levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) or "bad cholesterol."

-- Lions E-Newsletter

Distance Education Available for the Blind or Visually Impaired

Lions can offer community members who are blind or visually impaired an important life-enhancing resource -- distance education from the internationally known Hadley School for the Blind. (With distance learning, the student studies in the convenience of the home. Course materials arrive in the mail or via the Internet. The student consults with instructors via mail, e-mail, fax or, if in the US or Canada, toll-free telephone.) There is no cost to Lions to refer a student; nor is there any cost to the student. Recent LCI Board action approved the Hadley School for the Blind as a resource under "Blindness Education" in the list of approved service programs of Lions Clubs International. Interested Lions should visit the Hadley School for the Blind Web Site,

http://www.hadley-school.org/Web_Site/1_d_distance_education.asp
 or call 800-323-4238.

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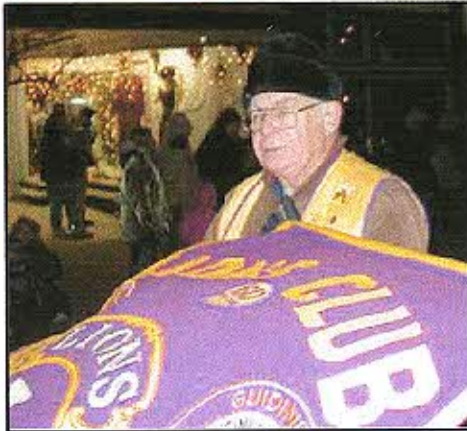


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UNION MISSION CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 19TH 6:00 PM



Jim Coleman keeps up his end of the banner in Fairmont's Christmas Parade. Wind kept up its end.

Fairmont Lions Take Part in Annual Christmas Parade

Fairmont Lions Jim Coleman, Wayne Dodd and Bob Moffett were on hand to help spread holiday cheer Monday night, December 1st, as Fairmont's Christmas Parade took to the streets. Coleman and Moffett joined members of Bellview and Rivesville Lions Clubs in parading up Adams Street, across the bridge and down Merchant Street to Palatine Park in the bitter wind.

Participation in this year's parade was arranged following the November zone meeting. The parade was coordinated by Main Street Fairmont.

Welcome Pat Patton, the newest member of the Fairmont Lions Club. Patton was sponsored by George Janice.



Notice: 1st meeting of 2004 will be Thursday, January 8th.

Dinner for Lions & Spouses To Precede Party for Children

Continuing a Christmas tradition, the Fairmont Lions Club will meet on Friday, December 19th, at 6:00 p.m. for a seasonal dinner at the Union Mission, followed by the Christmas party for the children there. Each year the Fairmont Lions Club provides toys and other gifts to approximately 100 children who otherwise would have little for Christmas. The dinner, prepared by the staff of the Union Mission, is always a delightful meal complete with holiday trimmings. Lions are encouraged to bring along their wives or husbands to share in the holiday festivities and fellowship.

Mission Executive Director Rev. Robert Thompson is expected to once again address the club with a Christmas message. Cost of the dinner is \$10 each.



PDG Cal Stickley Dies Following Illness

Calvin "C.W." Stickley died December 1st. following an extended illness. A charter member and two time president of the Whitehall Lions Club, Stickley served as District Governor in 1982-1983.

A Melvin Jones Fellow, Stickley had also received the Leonard Jarrett Award and the 100% District Governor Award. In addition to his service in Lions, he was also active in his church and community. He was 92. Lion Cal will be missed by his fellow Lions.

James E. "Gene" Martin Leaves Record of Service

Gene Martin, who served as president of the Fairmont Lions Club in 1992-1993, died at the age of 74. Martin was the recipient of several awards in recent years, including the 1999-2000 Legacy of Lions Membership Growth pin and the Leonard Jarrett Award in 2003.



Gene Martin

Martin was a 20 year member of the Fairmont Lions Club and recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his service to the Marion County Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, as well as two sons and grandchildren.

To find a model for the Lions motto, "We Serve," one needs look no further than Lion Gene Martin. His service will be long remembered in the Fairmont Lions Club. Club members George Janice, Wayne Dodd, Tom Spiker, Bob Moffett, Pat Patton and Jim Coleman served as pallbearers.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 19 6:00 p.m. Annual Lions Christmas Party for the children of the Union Mission
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day - No Meeting
- Jan. 8 6:30 p.m. First Meeting of 2004
- Jan. 15 6:30 p.m. Regular Club Meeting
- Jan. 30 Feb. 1 WV Lions Leadership School in Charleston



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George Janice (left) receives award from PDG Paul Amrhein. (See story at right.)

Eyeglass Applications Approved

Three candidates for eyeglasses were approved at the Dec. 4th meeting. In addition, the club voted to approve payment of \$40 toward glasses for each of two applicants who already had new eye wear on order.

Just a Lion or Two

Jim Coleman introduced his guest, Elizabeth Swiger, and Bob Moffett introduced his guest, Jeff Miller, at the November 20th club meeting.

From the District Governor's Newsletter

The Fairmont club is ranked 4th in the Membership Contest for clubs of this size group.

Birthday Celebration

Ed Davis	Jan. 7
Everett Klingensmith	Jan. 12
Keith Long	Jan. 1
Edsel Michael	Dec. 10

Club Members Receive Awards and Hear About LCIF

Past District Governor Paul Amrhein was on hand at the November 20th meeting to discuss LCIF, but he also brought with him the Bronze Certificate of Sponsorship, the Silver Certificate of Sponsorship and the President's Membership Excellence Award, which he presented to George Janice (see picture at left).

Amrhein described LCIF (Lions Club's International Foundation) as "Lions helping Lions help others." He mentioned several instances where LCIF has assisted in West Virginia. The "Opening Eyes" program for the Special Olympics in Morgantown is one such project. A camp for families of 9/11, a project of LCIF, was held at Coolfont. Every Lion is a part of these causes. District 29-L has recently received \$250,000 from LCIF -- much more than has been contributed to the foundation from the district Lions. Amrhein also noted that United Way contributions could be directed to LCIF and encouraged the club to hold an LCIF fund raiser and members to become LCIF Contributing Members with a \$20 donation.



January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

Millions of Americans are at risk of losing their eyesight to glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness in the United States. At higher risk for developing glaucoma are African-Americans over age 40, everyone over age 60, and people with a family history of the disease.

During Glaucoma Awareness Month in January, community leaders and health professionals are encouraged to provide sight-saving information to those who are at higher risk.

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If you're over sixty, or black and over forty, you are at high risk for glaucoma. That's why it's so important to get a dilated eye exam every two years.
 Write: Glaucoma, 2020 Vision Place, Bethesda, MD 20892-3655

