



The Mane Growl

The Fairmont Lions Club July 2004 Volume 18 Number 1



CELEBRATE NEW OFFICERS & NEW MEMBERS JUNE 17



New members inducted by D. G. Glen Baker, Jr. into the Fairmont Lions Club on June 17th included (left to right) Mary Jo Michael, Evelyn Martin, Leola Robinson, Nancy Sickles, Aletta Moffett, Pat Patton and Jeff Miller.

Club. D. G. Baker challenged the new Lions to "let your light shine" as they each held a lighted candle.

In the installation ceremony, Baker compared the club year to a sea voyage. He said the club is the ship and the officers make up the crew. A new crew is about to embark and he urged them to chart a course to a new port with new challenges.

He also briefly outlined the duties of each office and expressed confidence that somebody, perhaps a new member, would step forward to fill the currently unfilled positions of 1st vice president and membership director. Baker also urged the new officers to, "Be the very best you can be."

After receiving his president's pin from outgoing president Milt Durbin, Keith Long, incoming president, took the opportunity to thank Durbin for his leadership during the past year and then looked forward to the new year. He also presented Durbin with a plaque.



New club officers installed by D. G. Glen Baker, Jr. (right) on June 17th (left to right): Keith Long, Milt Durbin, Ed Davis, Clyde Judy, Wayne Dodd, Pat Patton, Jack Hawkins and Jim Coleman.

District Governor Glen Baker Performs Ceremonies

Thursday, June 17th, was a great night for the Fairmont Lions Club with the induction of new members and the installation of new officers. District Governor (2003-2004) Rev. Glen Baker, Jr. installed the officers and inducted the new members.

New members inducted were Pat Patton sponsored by George Janice, Jeff Miller and Aletta Moffett sponsored by Bob Moffett, and Mary Jo Michael, Nancy Sickles, Leola Robinson and Evelyn Martin who are members of the Fairmont Lioness

CALENDAR

- July 15 6:30 Program (TBA)
- Aug. 5 6:30 Business Meeting
- Aug. 19 6:30 Program (TBA)
- Sept. 26 Journey for Sight



Just a Reminder that
Semi-annual Dues are Due

It is better to trust your fellow men and be occasionally deceived than to be distrustful and live alone.

--William Jennings Bryan



We Serve



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New club president Keith Long places Past President pin on Milt Durbin's lapel after presenting him with the plaque.

Just a Lion or Two

Ed Garlow sent word that he has missed meeting with the members lately, but needed to stay with his wife. We, too, have been missing his presence.



"On Our Journey Together" is District Governor Steve Beecroft's theme this year. He presented an "Atta-Lion" to Region III Lions for holding the "Opening Eyes" clinic in Morgantown and hosting the Annual Pilot Dog Alumni Association Convention. The Fairmont Lions Club is in Region III, Zone II.

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Club Votes to Donate \$100 to Cancer Society's Relay for Life

At the July 1st club meeting, members of the Fairmont Lions Club voted to contribute \$100 to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, since the club's fund raiser the night of the event was a "wash out."

Also at the meeting, club treasurer Jim Coleman announced that last year's fund raising efforts yeilded \$3,339.61. Eyeglass committee chairman Wayne Dodd asked for and received approval to fund four applications for eye exams and glasses.

Bob Moffett discussed the possibility of beginning this year's Lions Journey for Sight with some type of a kickoff a few weeks prior to the September 26th event. President Keith Long appointed a committee consisting of Moffett, Long, and Wayne Dodd to begin the planning.

In addition to our own club members in attendance, Evan Hugus, a charter member of the West Milford Lions Club, joined us for the meeting. Hugus can be expected to visit at least once or twice each year.



Clement F. Kusiak Elected President of Lions Clubs International

OAK BROOK, IL, July 9, 2004 -- Clement F. Kusiak, of Linthicum, Maryland, USA, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 87th International Convention, held July 5-9, 2004, in Detroit, Michigan, USA/Windsor, Ontario, Canada. His theme for the year is, "Share Success Through Service."

President Kusiak, an engineer, is a retired manager of an engineering corporation in Baltimore, Maryland. He attended the University of Maryland and Loyola College in Baltimore and has been recognized by the FMC Corporation for his expertise in design engineering. He has been a member of the Baltimore Brooklyn Lions Club since 1966.

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Happy Birthday!

Wayne Dodd
 Tom Spiker

Aug. 05
 Aug. 15





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JOURNEY FOR SIGHT KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 11



Nancy Sickles, Mary Jo Michael and Kathryn Miller look over the vast array of merchandise at the Fairmont Lioness Club Yard Sale.

S & M Glass Site of Successful Sale

The Fairmont Lioness Club and the Fairmont Lions Club worked together at the Fairmont Lioness Club's annual yard sale Saturday, August 7th, held on the lot of S&M Glass. Members of both clubs supplied merchandise and members of both clubs took part in the pricing and preparation the previous evening and the sale on Saturday. Those participating were Nancy Carpenter, Mary Jo and Edsel Michael, Evelyn Martin, Kathryn Miller, Aletta and Bob Moffett, George Janice, Wayne Dodd, Nancy Sickles, Leola Robinson and Martha Warren.

Buyers were on hand well before the 8:00 start and continued buying throughout the sales period. Thanks are due Evelyn Martin and the folks at S & M Glass for providing the space and for all of their assistance. Lions Club brooms and mops were also on hand and several sales were made.



We Serve

Program Announced

Clyde Judy has announced that the guest speaker at this Thursday's 6:30 p.m. Lions Club meeting will be Mark Miller. Miller will present a program about his experiences at Boy's State. His attendance in the program, held at Jackson's Mill, was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club.

CALENDAR

- Aug. 19 6:30 Mark Miller
Boy's State Participant
- Aug. 24 6:30 Zone Meeting
Rivesville Comm. Bldg.
- Sept. 2 Business Meeting
- Sept. 11 United Way Event
- Sept. 11 Journey Kickoff
- Sept. 26 Lions Journey for Sight

Used Eyeglass Collection Will Be Part of United Way Event

The *Lions Journey for Sight* Committee met at Bob Moffett's home on Wednesday evening, August 11, to plan this year's fund raiser. The *Journey* will be held Sunday, September 26th, but this year we will hold a kickoff event on Saturday, September 11. We will begin the day by conducting a used eyeglass collection at Veterans' Square as part of the United Way's "A Day to Honor, Remember and Serve." A 9:00 parade will conclude with a brief program at Veterans' Square. The Lions, as a part of this event, will collect used eyeglasses and distribute literature regarding eye disease, etc.

After the United Way program concludes, the *Journey* kickoff, also at Veterans' Square, will begin about 10:30. We anticipate having live music to help promote the *Lions Journey for Sight*. Registration/sponsor forms will be distributed at the kickoff event giving participants ample time to solicit neighbors, relatives and friends for contributions.

Again this year, a T-shirt will be presented to any participant raising at least \$50 for the Fairmont Lions Club's sight programs.

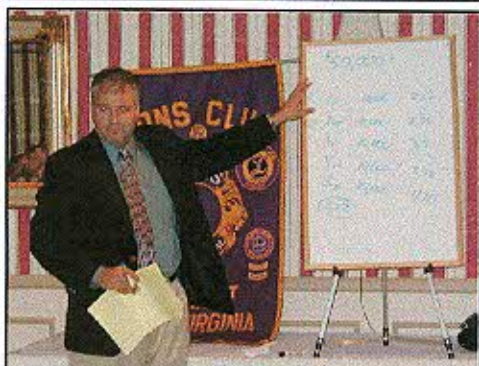


Without Labor nothing prospers.

--Sophocles



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Brian Kerekes of Edward Jones Co. discussed investing at the July 15th Fairmont Lions Club meeting.

Fee for Campus Lions Reduced

At the board of directors meeting held June 30-July 4, 2004, a resolution was passed establishing a new induction fee rate for Campus Club Lions. Effective immediately, students invited to join either an established or a charter Campus Lions Club will pay an induction fee of \$10. Now is the time to plan for a Campus Lions Club recruitment day at the local colleges or universities in your area! For promotional ideas, contact the New Clubs Marketing Department.

--Lions On-Line Newsletter

Fairmont Lions Club OKs 11 for Eye Exams and Glasses

On the recommendation of the Eyeglass Committee, chaired by Wayne Dodd, the club approved the applications of eleven individuals for eyeglasses at the August 5th business meeting.

Fairmont Civic Clubs Join Together to Hear Coaches

Fairmont's civic organizations will hold two joint meetings this month to hear Fairmont State's and WVU's football coaches speak about the upcoming gridiron season. Coach Rusty Elliott will speak on August 19th and Coach Rich Rodriguez will speak August 26th. Both meetings will occur on the noon hour at Muriale's Restaurant. All Fairmont Lions Club members are encouraged to attend.

Kerekes Discusses Investing at Club Meeting

Brian Kerekes, with Edward Jones Co., was the guest speaker at the July 17th Fairmont Lions Club meeting. He discussed the philosophy of investing based on principles rather than predictions. He also talked about the economy and indicated that we have seen 10 consecutive quarters of growth and that the last three quarters were the best three since 1984. Kerekes was introduced by Program Chairperson Clyde Judy.

Club Financial Notes

Mary Jo Michael reported that the club received \$900 from the Multiphasic Screening at Fairmont General Hospital. Treasurer Jim Coleman's end of year report indicated that the club spent \$370 for eyeglasses in June and a total of \$2,530 for the club year ending June 30, 2004. Coleman also noted that dues have been paid to Lions Clubs International and to District 29-L.

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Happy Birthday!

Bob Moffett
 Dominick Romino

Sept. 11
 Sept. 26





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Mountaineer Boys State Topic of Program

Mark Miller presented the program at the Fairmont Lions Club's August 19th meeting about the time he spent at Boys State.

Mountaineer Boys State is open to all boys entering their senior year in high school. WVU's Jackson's Mill State 4H Camp near Weston was the site for the early June activity which is put on by the American Legion.

Miller aspires to be a doctor with an interest in surgery. He is a straight-A student at Fairmont Senior High School and said that he appreciated the opportunity to go to Boys State. The time there was spent problem solving and developing critical thinking. He indicated that he was most impacted by the amount of paper work required in government and he stated that the time spent there this past summer was very worthwhile. Miller's stay at Boys State was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. He was introduced at



Mark Miller, who was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club to Mountaineer Boys State, presented a program at the August 19th club meeting about his experiences.



JOURNEY FOR SIGHT SEPTEMBER 26th



Bronwyn and Sharon Claggett with Pres. Keith Long

Club Recycles for Sight

Sharon Claggett and her daughter, Bronwyn, assisted the Fairmont Lions Club with the Recycle for Sight campaign held on September 11th as part of Marion United: A Day to Honor, Remember and Serve. With three collection stations, 29 pairs of used eyeglasses and four dollars cash were collected.

Lions participating included Martha Warren and Aletta Moffett at Shop N Save, George Janice at East Side McDonald's, and Keith Long, Jeff Miller and Bob Moffett at Veterans' Square.

Club Visitations

On August 24th, President Keith Long, Secretary George Janice, Wayne Dodd and Bob Moffett attended the Zone meeting at the Rivesville Community Center. Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the District Governor's visit to the South Marion Region Lions Club on September 9th.

Members Requested to Recruit Participants

Bob Moffett, Chairperson of the *Lions Journey for Sight*, is asking all Lions to actively recruit volunteers to participate in this year's *Journey*, which will be held Sunday, September 26th at 1:00. Registration will take place at the Monongah trail head and Lions are asked to come a little early to help set up.

A kickoff event was held Saturday, September 11th, at Veterans' Square with live music by the Wha-Ke-We-Nn dulcimer group, but attendance was low due to the local newspaper's failure to print information about the event.

The *Lions Journey for Sight* is a fun fund-raiser where participants solicit donations from friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family and then walk, run, jog or bicycle between Monongah and Fairmont on the West Fork River Rail Trail. Those collecting \$50 or more will receive a free event T-shirt.

Participants can be sought out from family, churches, business associates and friends. They will need a sponsor sheet (available from Moffett or the MCPARC office) to sign up pledgers. "The success of this fund raiser will depend largely on the efforts of club members to seek out potential participants," said Moffett.

September 2 Meeting Notes

VDG Gary and Bernice Pitcock were guests for the September 2nd meeting. Also at that meeting, Bob Moffett was elected to serve at Membership Chairperson.

And the eyes have it!

--Wayne Dodd

CALENDAR

Sept. 16 Meeting

Sept. 26 Lions Journey for Sight

Oct. 7 Business Meeting

Oct. 21 Meeting - TBA



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Bronwyn Claggett assists Lions with the Recycle for Sight project as a part of "Marion United: A Day to Honor, Remember and Serve," Saturday, September 11th.

Eyeglasses Approved

Wayne Dodd, chairperson of the Eyeglass Committee, shouted, "And the eyes have it!" upon the approval of eight additional applications for eyeglasses at the September 2nd meeting.

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Fairmont Lions Club Receives "Thank You"

The Fairmont Lions Club has received a note of thanks from the American Cancer Society for its participation in this year's Relay for Life. This year, the Relay for Life is being promoted by district 29-L and a Relay for Life chairperson has been appointed and made a part of the district governor's cabinet.

Fairmont Civic Clubs Join Together to Hear Coaches

Jim Coleman and Wayne Dodd attended the joint meeting of the local civic clubs to hear Fairmont State Coach Rusty Elliott at Muriales on August 19th.

Former Club Member Receives Mention in *The Lion*

Tracy Smith, a past district governor and member of the Fairmont Lions Club prior to his transfer to the South Marion Region Lions Club which he was instrumental in forming, is listed on page two of the September issue of *The Lion* as the recipient of a Grand Master Key for sponsoring 50 new members. Congratulations Lion Tracy!



The *Wha-Ke-We-Nn* dulcimer group performs to help kickoff the Lions Journey for Sight. Yes, that is club president Keith Long, at right, with the guitar.



Happy Birthday!

- Jim Coleman
- Jack Decker
- Milt Durbin
- Bill Kime
- Domnick Romino

- Oct. 6
- Oct. 14
- Oct. 22
- Sept. 24
- Sept. 26



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CLUB TO SELL PECANS & CASHEWS FOR HOLIDAYS



Thomas Long prepares to ride in the Lions Journey for Sight.

Jim Coleman is seen at right as he completes his ride in the Lions Journey for Sight.



LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

Thomas Long Raises Most Money for Lions Journey for Sight

Congratulations to Thomas Long, the top money-raiser for the Lions Journey for Sight. The son of club president Keith Long, Thomas turned in \$131. Club member Jim Coleman turned in \$100. The total deposited after the event was \$466.

The Lions Journey for Sight was held September 26, 2004 along the West Fork River Rail Trail between Monongah and Fairmont.



GET YOUR
LIONS CLUB
BROOMS
AND MOPS AT
S&M GLASS
AND
KIME FLORAL

Lions Journey for Sight Called Success

Bob Moffett, chairperson for this year's Lions Journey for Sight, declared the event a success, having raised \$466 for sight projects of the club.

Lions participating on Sunday afternoon, September 26, were Keith Long with wife Lisa and son Thomas, Martha Warren, Pat Patton, George Janice, Jim Coleman, Mary Jo and Edsel Michael, Aletta and Bob Moffett, Evelyn Martin, Nancy Sickles, and Wayne Dodd.

Moffett expressed appreciation for the support of the club in this venture. Thanks are also due to Marion County Parks and Recreation for their support. MCPARC provided loaner bicycles and a table and chairs. It was a fun and productive afternoon.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 21 6:30 Robin Smith, United Way
- Nov. 4 Noon Coach John Beilein, WVU Muriale's
- Nov. 4 6:30 Business Meeting
- Nov. 11 Noon Coach Tim Murphy Fairmont State Muriale's

"GREAT IDEAS ORIGINATE IN THE MUSCLES." (THOMAS A. EDISON)



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Lions register participants in the Lions Journey for Sight (left) and provide water at the Norwood end of the trip (right).

Just a Lion or Two

We hope that Edsel Michael is feeling better soon.

Congratulations to Evelyn Martin and S&M Glass on their 20th year in business.

Nancy Sickles is recovering from eye surgery.

Bob Moffett attended the Zone III meeting in Barrackville on October 9th and the District 29-L Cabinet Meeting in Harrisville on Sunday, October 10th.

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Jim Coleman Establishes Scholarship

Through the generosity of Dr. James E. Coleman in memory of his wife, the A. Joyce H. Coleman Memorial Scholarship, endowed through the Fairmont State Foundation Inc., will be awarded each year to a student enrolled in the mathematics or mathematics education programs at FSU.

Jim is currently the treasurer of the Fairmont Lions Club, and his wife Joyce was active with him in the projects of the club. Joyce died in 2002.



Club Receives Eyewear

An anonymous donor has contributed to the Fairmont Lions Club's recycling effort a large quantity of new eyeglasses that can not be sold

Area Lions events include Rivesville Lions Club's District Governor's Visit on October 25th at the Rivesville Community Building. It is "Famous American's night and those attending must give a quote from a famous American to get in the door. Dressing up in the famous American's attire is encouraged.

Rivesville Lions will hold their Steak Dinner on October 31, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. We were happy to have Bonnie and Scott Summers from the Rivesville Club at our October 7th meeting.



Happy Birthday!

Milt Durbin

Oct. 22





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PLAN TO ATTEND WV LIONS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL



Clyde Judy and Keith Long listen to Robin Smith of the United Way.

United Way Agency Director Speaks to Lions

Robin Smith, a native of Fairmont and the local United Way Agency Director, presented the program at the October 21st meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. She also chairs the 211 Collaborative (see article at right).

In her talk, she discussed the trends in charitable giving. She noted that givers are now targeting much of their giving to specific charities rather than giving to the United Way or Community Chest programs, which presents challenges to her agency. The Marion County United Way serves 23 member agencies. As the United Way Director, she is trying to give more than money to the agencies served. The United Way has been in Marion County since 1957.

Smith was introduced by Clyde Judy, program chairperson.

Thanksgiving is when 200,000,000 Americans gorge themselves on turkey dinners and then turn on the TV to watch 22 football players get exercise.



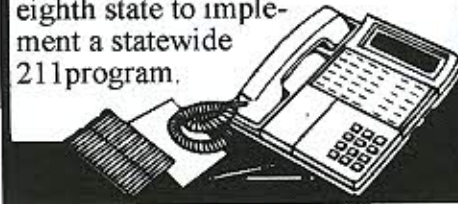
Nine Applications for Eyeglasses Approved

At the October 21st meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club approved the application for one pair of eyeglasses. At the November 4th club meeting, eight more applications were approved. Wayne Dodd chairs the eyeglass committee.

Social Services Information Is Just a Phone Call Away

West Virginia residents can now dial 211 and locate social services with the November 10th startup of the statewide 211 information referral network. Robin Smith (see article at left) chaired the WV 211 Collaborative.

Lauttamus Communications was selected as the 211 service provider for West Virginia. West Virginia is the eighth state to implement a statewide 211 program.



CALENDAR

- Nov. 18 6:30 Meeting - TBA
- Nov. 18 6:30 White Hall
30th Anniversary
Spkr: PID Fred Cole
- Dec. 2 6:30 Zone Meeting
Middletown Comm. Ctr.
- Dec. Christmas Party for
Children at the
Union Mission
- Jan. 6 6:00 District Governor's
Official Visit
- Jan. 28, 29, 30 WV Lions
Leadership School

Time to Register for WV Lions Leadership School

The weekend of January 28, 29, and 30th will see this year's WV Lions Leadership School to be held at Stonewall Jackson Resort, just south of Weston. Lion Jimmy Ross, Second International Vice President from Texas, will speak at the Saturday evening dinner and be the "Extension" seminar presenter. Past International Director John Pierce, who chaired the USA Canada Forum in Lexington, KY, will be the Friday evening speaker.

Other seminar topics include "WV Lions 101," "Rebuilding Clubs," "Developing Service Projects," and "Fundraising." There will be over 15 seminar topics from which to choose.

Registrations for the School are just \$100 until December 6th and then the registration fee goes up to \$125. Room cost is \$75 per night (identify yourself as a Lion when calling Stonewall Jackson Resort, 888-278-8150).

Registration forms are available from the club secretary, George Janice, or Bob Moffett. Moffett is serving on the WVLLS Committee.

Wayne Dodd Attends Joint Meeting

Wayne Dodd attended the joint meeting of Fairmont Civic Clubs to hear WVU Basketball Coach John Beilein.





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November is Lions Diabetes Education Month

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), diabetes is among the world's most serious and prevalent public health concerns. If current trends continue, the number of people with diabetes will more than double from 140 million to 300 million in the next 25 years.

The WHO and the International Diabetes Federation have declared November 14 as World Diabetes Day. There are a variety of activities Lions can do to increase diabetes awareness in their communities, including:

- arrange physical fitness activities for adults and children
- host a health fair that provides access to community services or a diabetes awareness presentation to community members or schools
- stress a family commitment to healthy eating and activity
- educate the community through the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP).

--Lions E-Newsletter

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LCIF and Lions Come to Aid of WV Flood Victims

Each year, Lions are encouraged to become Contributing Members of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. This year, our District Governor Steve Beecroft asked for and received a \$10,000 Emergency Grant from LCIF for the families in 29-L who were devastated by high waters. Those in need received vouchers for food, cleaning supplies, medicine, clothing and personal hygiene items.



The West Liberty Lions distributed vouchers and worked with three churches collecting shoes, clothing and even household appliances. The Lions delivered these items, cooked food and helped with the cleanup.

In one incident, the Moundsville Lions gave vouchers to a woman with three small children. She asked, "What's the catch?" When told there was no catch, she broke down crying and said it was the first help to be offered without a catch.

Gift Prompts Some Fun

An anonymous donor gave 188 pairs of brand new reading glasses to the Fairmont Lions Club for recycling. Tail Twister Wayne Dodd conducted a guessing game to see how close members could come to guessing the number of glasses in the box. Each guess cost \$1, raising some funds. The closest guess was made by our server from Westchester Village.



Happy Birthday!

Ann Davis
 Jack Hawkins
 John Manley
 Edsel Michael

Dec. 17
 Dec. 21
 Dec. 14
 Dec. 10





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WV LIONS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL JAN 28 - 30



Club members look on as the children receive their gifts at annual party.

Fairmont Lions Sponsor Christmas Party for Children

Fairmont's Union Mission was the site for the Fairmont Lions Club's annual party for the children of the Union Mission. For over 60 years, the club has provided gifts for some of Fairmont's neediest children. About 80 children attended the party which included a time of singing, a story about the true meaning of Christmas, and a time of gift giving. In addition to the Lions Club, gifts were provided by individuals, churches and groups.

Lions members enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by the staff of the Union Mission. Proceeds (\$25) from the auction of a beautiful poinsettia, donated by club member Bill Kime of Kime Floral, were given to Pastor Bob Thompson who spoke to the club about the Christmas story and about the fact that the club has sponsored the party for the children for 64 years. He also read a poem, "God Says Merry Christmas to All," written by one of the Mission residents. Clyde Judy, who has chaired the committee for the party for many years, presided at the meeting in the absence of the club president. He also introduced Fran Perry who spoke about 50 years of memories of being at these parties with the Lions and what it meant to her.

Before adjourning to the party upstairs, Pastor Bob Thompson and Clyde Judy led the singing of some Christmas carols.



D.G. Beecroft to Visit Jan. 6

District

Governor Steve Beecroft will make his official visit to the Fairmont Lions Club on Thursday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m., at Westchester Village.

The district governor is expected to present his program and expectations to the club at that time. This is a "Spouse's Night" activity.

D. G. Beecroft is retired from Wheeling Pittsburg Steel, where he worked for 32 years in management, eleven years as plant manager for two plants. He also worked three years as Vice-President and General Manager for a start-up manufacturing business and is currently employed as Business Manager at St. Joseph's Cathedral. He is a member of the Warwood Lions Club. Beecroft is a recipient of the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and is a WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund Member. He and his wife, Lion Jamesie, have three children and four grandchildren.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 6 6:30 District Governor's Official Visit
- Jan 20 6:30 Club Meeting Program - TBA
- Jan. 28, 29, 30 WV Lions Leadership School
- Feb. 3 6:30 Business Meeting



Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together. -- Goethe



Union Mission Pastor Bob Thompson is flanked by gifts for the children at the annual Lions Club Christmas party for the children.

Thank You Note Received

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parrish sent a "thank you" card to the members of the Fairmont Lions Club in appreciation for glasses provided. "My husband and I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Lions Club of [Fairmont] for the approval of our eye exam and glasses that we so much needed. We are very thankful that this organization was available to us. We are so happy that we finally have prescription glasses and can now see good. I will encourage all my friends to donate their eye glasses at the drop off boxes."



Just A Lion or Two

Congratulations and best wishes to newlyweds Jim and Elizabeth Coleman.

We were happy to see Clyde Judy at the Union Mission Christmas celebration following some health concerns.

Moffett to Present Seminars

Bob Moffett has been invited to be a presenter at the 2nd annual Lions Learning Retreat the weekend of January 21-23, 2005 in Knoxville, TN. Bob will present two seminars: "Public Speaking for People Who Don't Like Public Speaking" and "Leadership by Consensus: An Alternative to Robert's Rules of Order."

Club Attends Zone Meeting En Masse

Because the December 2nd zone meeting fell on the regular meeting night of the Fairmont Lions Club, it was decided to go as a club to the zone meeting, hosted by the White Hall Lions Club. Zone Chairperson Scott Summers presided for the zone meeting and Jeff Baxter, WVU Eye Institute Liaison Chairperson and member of the Cheat Lake Lions Club, discussed the partnership between the WV Lions Sight Foundation and the WVU Eye Institute. In eight years, the WV Lions Sight Foundation has paid \$115,000 to the WVU Eye Institute and has received \$1.47 million in free surgeries.

Also at the meeting, Fairmont Lions Club president Keith Long reported on the club's activities and plans. A 50-50 drawing was held, with \$48 donated to the WV School for the Deaf and Blind student work program, a program initiated and funded by the Lions of West Virginia.

Attending the meeting from the Fairmont Lions Club were Keith Long, Bob Brummage, Pat Patton, George Janice, Bob Moffett, Jim Coleman and his guest, Elizabeth Swiger.

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| Ed Davis | Jan. 7 |
| Jack Hawkins | Dec. 21 |
| Clyde Judy | Feb. 27 |
| Everett Klingensmith | Jan. 12 |
| Tom Koon | Feb. 6 |
| Keith Long | Jan. 1 |

