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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Say-Boy Steak House

July 23 6:30 Business Meeting

Aug 6 6:30 Board Meeting
Moffett Residence

Aug 9 Dist. Cabinet Meeting

Aug 13 6:30 Club Picnic
Coleman/Swiger
Residence

Sept 19 10:00 - 2:00
Lions Journey for
Sight - Pricketts
Fort Trail Head

Dues Reminder

If you pay dues in July for six months or a year, your dues are now due. Thank you.

"There are many things you can't do with money. You need manpower. That's what we [Lions] have. We are really good at getting results."

--Eberhard Wirfs
President
Lions Clubs International



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The leaf of the ginkgo tree is representative of International President Eberhard Wirfs' theme, "Move to Grow."

Club Officers Installed June 25th



New officers are pictured with PDG Eva Dague.

Past District Governor Eva Dague conducted the ceremony for Installation of Officers at the Fairmont Lions Club meeting on Thursday, June 25th.

The list of current officers is to the left. Tim Manchin was also officially inducted as a new member. Other new members were unable to attend.

Prior to the installation ceremony, President Jacob Brumage pointed out that the club saw an increase in membership from 24 at the beginning of July, 2008 to 36

at the end of June, 2009 -- an increase of 12 members or 50%. He also indicated that he was pleased to see that the club's fund raising efforts resulted in approximately the same amount raised as the previous year, even through the economic downturn. Brumage thanked all for the club's success the past year.

Following the ceremony, the new president, Aletta Moffett, presented her goal for the coming year -- to organize the club for better fund raising, publicity and service. She emphasized the importance of working as a TEAM -- "Together, Everyone Achieves More." Moffett expressed a desire to have monthly board of directors meetings the first Thursday of each month and presented all members with a calendar showing club activities for July and August.

Club Picnic Set for August 13th

The Fairmont Lions Club meets August 13th at the home of members Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger for a covered dish picnic. Members are asked to bring a lawn chair and covered dish. Spouses and other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Elizabeth Swiger claims that the weather is always good when she has a picnic and that has held true the past couple of summers for the Lions picnic at their place.



Lions Clean Up Trail

Fairmont Lions gathered on Sunday, June 28th, to pick up trash and cut overhanging branches along the Ralph LaRue/West Fork River Trail between Monongah and Fairmont. Seven Lions spent 28 man-hours working from 2:00 in the afternoon until 6:00 pm on the 2 1/2 mile section of trail. Participating in the project

were club members Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, Martha Warren, Dennis Basnett, John Marsicano and Aletta and Bob Moffett. All of these walked about five miles in the process. Dan Talbott of Marion County Parks and Recreation provided some gloves and tools. The club will be cleaning this section of trail on a regular basis in the future. It was determined that we could work more efficiently next time by sending teams from each end to meet in the middle, cutting in half the walking distance required. John Marsicano chairs this project and made the necessary arrangements with MCPARC.

It should be noted that MCPARC has been especially helpful and cooperative with the club's Lions Journey for Sight on the trail since the inception of that fund raiser. This year's Lions Journey for Sight will take place using MCTRAIL, between Pricketts Fort and Fairmont, on Saturday, September 19th.



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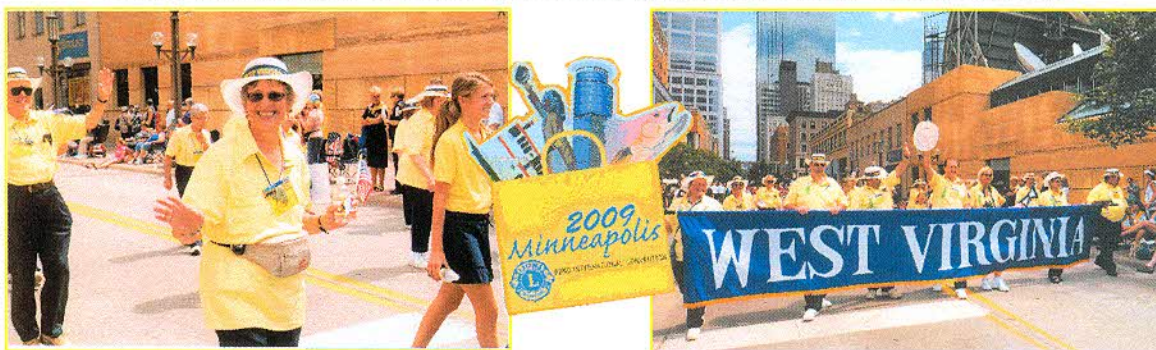
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Club Members Travel to Lions International Convention



Janie Johnston, Habitat for Humanity, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Program Chairperson John Marsciano, following her remarks at the July 9th meeting.



Club members Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger drove to Minneapolis while Aletta and Bob Moffett traveled by train out of Pittsburgh. All four attended the Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis, MN, July 6 - 10. Club president Aletta Moffett was the delegate from the Fairmont Lions Club to vote for elected officers of the Association as well as amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International.

Highlights of the convention included the International Flag Ceremony, the keynote address by former Secretary of State Colin Powell and a concert by The Beach Boys. In addition, 2009 - 2010 LCI President Eberhard Wirfs was officially installed as were the new district governors. All official convention events took place in the Minneapolis Convention Center. As many as 15,000 Lions from around the world were expected to be in attendance.

West Virginia's own International Director Larry Johnson, a member of the Parkersburg Lions, completed his two-year term at the convention and was honored at a reception for outgoing directors. 2008-2009 LCI President Al Brandel spoke briefly at that reception, which was attended by all four Fairmont Lions Club members.

Just a Lion or Two

David Cain is undergoing treatment which leaves him feeling fatigued and he may be unable to participate in club activities. We hope the treatment goes well and that he'll be back with us once it is completed.

Katherine Miller suffered a broken hip. We are hoping that she has a speedy recovery.

Two of our members, Tom Koon and Edsel Michael remain in area nursing homes.

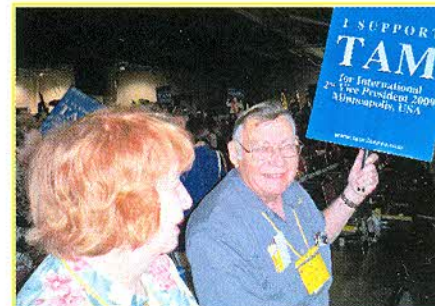
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Clockwise from top left:
(1) Fairmont Lions and
(2) the WV delegation
march in the convention
parade. (3) Lions Jim C.
and Elizabeth S. demon-
strating for 2nd VP
candidate. (4) Fairmont
Lions in front of the
Convention Center.



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 Say-Boy Steak House

Aug 27 6:30 Business Meeting

Aug 27 11:45 WVU Coach at
 Joint meeting
 Westchester
 Village

Aug 29 10:00 am Zone Meeting
 Holiday Inn - Fmt.

Sept 3 6:30 Board of Directors
 Moffett residence

Sept 7 Car Show - Wheeling

Sept 10 6:30 Business Meeting

Sept 19 10:00 - 2:00
 Lions Journey for
 Sight - Pricketts
 Fort Trail Head

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett, along
 with Jake Brumage, attended the
 District 29-L Cabinet Meeting in
 Brookhaven on August 9.

Jake Brumage and Bob Moffett
 attended the Extension Training
 Workshop August 8 - 12.

"No matter how big and
 powerful government gets, and
 the many services it provides,
 it can never take the place of
 volunteers..."
 --Ronald Reagan



Members Enjoy Picnic

The Fairmont Lions Club held
 its annual picnic at the home of
 Elizabeth Swiger and Jim
 Coleman on Thursday, August
 13th. There were 13 members
 and guests in attendance for
 good food and a good time.
 Once again, Elizabeth Swiger
 arranged for perfect weather for
 the event.

Trail Clean Up Continues

Four club members turned out on Sunday afternoon, August 23rd, to again clean the section of rail trail between Fairmont and Monongah. The club first cleaned the trail in June and plans to repeat it once more in October. The club will then wait until spring to begin cleaning for next season.

Those participating in the clean up were Connie Canfield, Keith Long, Aletta and Bob Moffett. Together, they put in 10 man-hours on the project. John Marsicano chairs this event and has made the arrangements with MCPARC.

Eyeglasses Provided and Eyeglass Recycling News

Ten applications for eyeglasses were approved by the club at its July 23rd meeting. Those less fortunate individuals will be able to receive an eye exam and glasses provided by the club. As was done last year, the club is hoping to provide up to 10 pairs of glasses per month.

In related news, the club has ordered a quantity of eyeglass collection boxes from Club Supplies. Members can place these collection boxes in churches and businesses and then check them and empty them as needed. The member placing these boxes will be responsible for checking them on a regular basis. The eyeglasses committee will continue checking the collection receptacles located at MVB Bank and at Middletown Mall. The committee consists of Keith Long, Chr., Wayne Dodd, Dennis Basnett, Virginia Gallion and Jeff Miller.

Club Pays Dues to State and International

Treasurer Bob Brummage reported at the July Business meeting that the club's dues to the state and international have been paid for the current six months. The club's dues are based on the number of members in the club. A portion of each member's club dues goes to the international and state organizations with the remainder providing operational expenses for the club. Any member who has not yet paid club dues is asked to do so in order that the club will not run short on meeting its administrative expenses this club year.

Members are also reminded that up to four family members living under the same roof may join and will only be required to pay 1/2 the international dues, once the primary family member has paid full dues. This makes membership in the club more attractive for family members to serve together.

New Club Extension Workshop

A new Lions club is being organized for the Kingmont, Pleasant Valley, Bentons Ferry and Millersville areas outside Fairmont. This is a result of the extension training workshop that was held August 10 -12. Following training, about a dozen Lions proceeded to make contact and invite persons living and working in that area to become charter members of the new club. An organizational meeting was held on Tuesday, August 25th, at the Pleasant Valley Municipal Building. About two dozen have received invitations to attend the meeting and several have already joined the new club. The new club will be able to provide valuable service to that unserved area just outside of Fairmont. The training was conducted by PDG John Pinkerman from Lesage, WV. Jake Brumage and Bob Moffett participated from the Fairmont Lions Club.



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Lions Journey for Sight Takes to the Trail Saturday, Sept. 19th

Club members are asked to mark their calendars and plan to assist with the annual Lions Journey for Sight, being held on Saturday, September 19th, 10:00 - 2:00 at the Pricketts Fort Trail Head. As in the past, members and the community are asked to obtain sponsor donations and then come out and walk, jog or bicycle from Pricketts Fort to Fairmont and back, a journey of about five miles.

Members are especially asked to seek out participants among friends, co-workers, neighbors and families or through their churches or other organizations. We will need as many on the trail as possible in order for this to be a successful event.

The club will have water available at both ends of the "journey" and will provide an event T-shirt to anyone turning in \$50 or more in donations. This is always a fun event spending time outdoors in the early fall. Funds raised go to the sight conservation efforts of the club. Additional information, as well as downloadable posters and flyers will be available on the club's web site: www.fairmontlions.org. Bob Moffett, Chr., along with Debbie Mann, Lauren Prinzo, and John Marsicano make up the organizing committee.



LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT
Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009

Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International:

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Just a Lion or Two

Jake Brumage reported that David Cain is hoping to get his strength back and we've been happy to see him out recently.

Wayne Dodd's mother and aunt are experiencing declining health and we wish them and Wayne well.

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Coach Stewart to Speak

The Fairmont Lions Club will join with the local Kiwanis and Rotary clubs on Thursday, August 27th, 11:45 am at Westchester Village to hear WVU Football Coach Bill Stewart speak about the upcoming football season. This annual joint meeting of the Fairmont area service clubs was begun quite a number of years ago by Clyde Judy, then a member of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Jake Brumage, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman and Wayne Dodd attended the August 19th meeting to hear FSU Coach Mike Lopez. Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger were easily seen in their Lions vests on the WBOY TV news broadcast that evening.

Lions Provide Flood Relief

More than 83 inches of rain from Typhoon Morakot fell across Taiwan, causing massive flooding and making immediate relief efforts difficult. As of August 17, 300 are feared dead and many remain stranded. Most of the casualties are in hardest-hit Kaohsiung County.

Lions are responding, bringing help to those who need it most. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded nine emergency grants of \$10,000 each, totaling \$90,000 to nine districts for Lions to provide immediate relief and purchase necessary provisions. Additionally, LCIF has awarded a \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant for immediate relief or long-term reconstruction.

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 6:30 pm
 Holiday Inn - Fairmont

- Sept 24 6:30 HOBY Students
Holiday Inn
- Sept 24-26 USA/Canada Forum
Memphis
- Oct 1 Board of Directors
6:30 Moffett Residence
- Oct 8 DG Visit - Holiday Inn
6:00 Social
6:30 Dinner
- Oct 10 9:00 - 5:00 Broom Sale
Shop N Save Stores
Fairmont Avenue &
Country Club Shops
- Oct 17 9:00 - 5:00 Broom Sale
Wal-Mart
- Oct 22 6:30 Business Meeting
- Oct 25 2:00 Trail Clean-Up

Visitations

Margaret & Jake Brumage,
 Wayne Dodd and Bob Moffett
 attended Rivesville Lions Club's
 District Governor's Night on
 September 14th.

"The miracle is this -- the
 more we share, the more we
 have."

--Leonard Nimoy

Fairmont Lions Club New Meeting Location is Holiday Inn HOBY Students to Present Program

Members of the Fairmont Lions Club have enjoyed meeting at the Say-Boy Steak House the last several months. However, because attendance at a few meetings dropped due to vacations, work or medical reasons, the restaurant asked the club to find a new meeting location as they were unable to hold the room for the number of members present on those occasions.

Connie Canfield contacted the Holiday Inn and arrangements were made for the club to meet there for all of our meetings. The cost will be \$12.00 which will include the tax and tip. As at Say-Boy's, there will be a number of menu selections from which to choose. The Holiday Inn management indicated that they looked forward to a long relationship with the Fairmont Lions Club.

The meeting this week, September 24, will feature the high school students that the Club sponsored to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership camp this summer. Guests for the meeting will be Lauren Sansalone from Fairmont Senior High School and Tyler McCutcheon from East Fairmont High School. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm at the Holiday Inn - Fairmont, East Grafton Road.

District Governor's Visit Scheduled for October 8th



DG Bernice Pitcock

District Governor Bernice Pitcock is scheduled to make her official visit to the Fairmont Lions Club on Thursday, October 8th, with a social time beginning at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30. She is a past president of the Weirton Lions Club, a recipient of a Leonard Jarrett Award and International President's Certificate of Appreciation. She is a graduate of Weirton Madonna High School, Ohio Valley Hospital School of Nursing and West Liberty State College (BSN).

Cost of the dinner is \$12.00 including tax and gratuity, but firm reservations are required for this meeting and the club will be charged for no-shows.

Great Day for Lions Journey for Sight



Eighteen Lions and family members came out on a beautiful Saturday for the Lions Journey for Sight on September 19th. Held on MCTRAIL, between Pricketts Fort and Fairmont, the fund raiser raised over \$800 for the club's sight projects and work with the blind. This was the 12th annual journey and was one of the best, in terms of club participation, weather, and funds raised.

Bob Moffett, who has chaired the event since its inception, expressed sincere thanks to who participated in any way. Those who came out on Saturday included Dennis Basnett, Jake Brumage, Bob Brummage, Jim Coleman and Elizabeth Swiger, Wayne Dodd, Virginia Gallion, Keith and Lisa Long, John Marsicano and his daughter Sarah, Aletta and Bob Moffett with Bob's sister Patty Austin, Lauren and Elliott Prinzo, Nancy Sickles, and Martha Warren. McDonald's provided coolers with ice, water and cups. MCPARC delivered a couple of bicycles. WDTV News carried a news story about the Journey on the 7:00 & 11:00 newscasts that evening.



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John Marsicano and his daughter Sarah are ready to begin their bike ride in the Lions Journey for Sight at the Pricketts Fort Trail Head September 24th.

President Aletta Moffett is shown the sign that MCPARC will be erecting along the West Fork Rail Trail between Fairmont and Monongah, the section that the Fairmont Lions Club has adopted. Dan Talbott (right) displayed the sign to members at the Lions Journey for Sight. Two signs are to be erected, one at each end of the section of trail adopted by the club. The next trail clean up will be held Sunday, October 25th, at 2:00 pm. The Club plans to clean the trail four times each year.



Club Places 10 More Eyeglass Collection Boxes

The Fairmont Lions Club ordered 10 collection boxes for used eyeglasses which members took to place in offices, churches and other locations. The members who placed these collection boxes will be responsible to check them and empty them as necessary. All ten boxes have been placed.

The club's Eyeglass Committee maintains collection boxes at Middletown Mall and MVB Bank, as well. Recycled eyeglasses are sent to the Lions Recycling Center in Roanoke where they are cleaned and refurbished for distribution around the world.

More Eye Exams and Glasses Approved

At the request of the Eyeglass Committee, the club approved ten new applications for eye exams and glasses at the August 27th meeting. Keith Long chairs the committee.

Awards & Membership Chevrons Presented

President Aletta Moffett presented membership chevrons to these Lions at the August 27th meeting: Tom Koon - 40 years, Edsel Michael - 35 years, Bob Moffett - 35 years, Martha Warren - 30 years, Jim Coleman - 30 years, Bob Brummage - 25 years, Connie Canfield - 15 years, Dorothy Canfield - 15 years, Wayne Dodd - 10 years, John Marsicano - 10 years, .

Attendance Awards for 2008-2009 were presented to Jake Brumage, Jim Coleman, Keith Long, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett, Elizabeth Swiger, and John Marsicano. Bob Moffett, secretary, reminds members that missed meetings may be made up by attending any Lions activity or meeting within ten days before or after the missed meeting. If absence is due to illness or work, the secretary must be notified to be "excused."

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Just a Lion or Two

It was good to see Kathryn Miller back with us at the September 10th meeting.

We were pleased to have Bob Brummage join us for the Lions Journey for Sight following recent surgery.

New Members

Rodney Holbert, the manager of Country Club Shop N Save, and Michael Gillespie, Assistant Office Manager at Huntington National Bank are the club's newest members. We welcome them.

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 Vera Sansalone

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 Trail Head

Nov 5 6:30 Board of Directors
 Home of A. Moffett

Nov 12 6:30 Business Meeting
 PDG Billie Nichols

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis on September 24 - 26th.

Aletta and Bob Moffett also attended the District 29-L Cabinet Meeting in Harrisville on October 18th.

Margaret and Jake Brumage visited the Western Mon Area Lions Club's Music Show at Blacksville on October 18th.

"In every community there is work to be done. In every nation there are wounds to heal. In every heart there is power to do it."

--Marianne Williamson



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Swiger and Coleman are Club's Newest Melvin Jones Fellows



Elizabeth Swiger (top) and Jim Coleman (bottom) receive their Melvin Jones Fellow plaques from DG Bernice Pitcock.

Fairmont Lions Club members Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman were presented their plaques and lapel pins as the club's newest Melvin Jones Fellow recipients. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is a recognition of commitment to humanitarian service. As Melvin Jones Fellows, Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman become a part of the growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

District Governor Bernice Pitcock made the presentations at her official club visit on October 8th. DG Pitcock also presented the club with a banner chevron representing the club's first Melvin Jones Fellowship of the 2009-2010 club year.

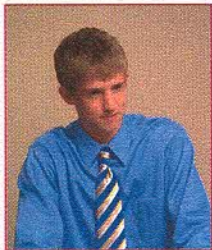
As the charitable arm of the association, LCIF makes grants for vital community and global projects that meet a wide range of humanitarian needs. In addition, LCIF's programs unite approximately 46,000 Lions clubs in 205 countries and geographical areas in a worldwide endeavor to significantly reduce preventable blindness. LCIF was recently awarded four stars (the highest rating a charity is able to receive) on Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator. The rating demonstrates LCIF's commitment to using funds as effectively and efficiently as possible, and remaining committed to serving those in need. LCIF rankings were higher than both the Red Cross and Feeding America.

At the October 8th meeting, DG Pitcock addressed the club and spoke about her theme, "Service from the Heart," and the theme of the International President, Eberhard Wirfs, "Move to Grow." Referring to the Fairmont Lions Club, she said, "You...do a wonderful job of getting your name out there." After discussing the work that Lions do, she asked us, "Who would take over all that we do if the Lions were not here?"

She encouraged Lions to attend the WV Lions Leadership School in January and noted that the District is offering [three] registration scholarships for first-time attendees. She also promised a nice time for those attending the District 29-L Conference March 19-20 at the McClure House in Wheeling. ID Debra Wasserman from Minnesota will be the International Guest. Then in May of 2010, IP Eberhard Wirfs is scheduled to be the International Guest for the MD-29 (WV State) Convention at Snowshoe Resort.

President Aletta Moffett presented the district governor with a card and gift following her presentation to the club. Visiting from other clubs, in addition to DG Bernice and PDG Gary Pitcock, were PDG Pat Julius, winner of the drawing, and Shirley Hlad from the Morgantown Club and Zone 5 Chairperson Ronald Grubb, Westover. The meeting was held at the Fairmont Holiday Inn and 22 Lions were in attendance. Additional pictures from the District Governor's Visit are available on the club's web site, www.fairmontlions.org.

Tyler McCutchan Speaks About HOBY Experience



The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored Tyler McCutchan to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar during the summer. He spoke to the club at the September 24th meeting. He explained that HOBY teaches how to become a leader and stresses taking responsibility and doing what is right, even if nobody is looking. While there, McCutchan and the other HOBY students engaged in a community project -- cleaning and refurbishing a Kanawha County theater -- and in the process learned how much can be accomplished by working together. He expressed his appreciation to the Fairmont Lions Club for sponsoring him.

Ten Eyeglass Applications Approved

Following a recommendation by the Eyeglass Committee Chairperson, Keith Long, the club approved exams and glasses for 10 applicants at the September 24th meeting.



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Tom Koon Dies

Tom Koon, who served the club as president in 1989-90, died September 30th. He was employed for 25 years by American Oil Co., retiring as a staff engineer. He served two years as president of the Marion Co. AARP and was their state coordinator for the 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. He was also an author and historian. He is missed as a Lion and a friend.



Two Broom Sale Days Net Funds for Projects



Tim Manchin & Aletta Moffett

Jake Brumage, Broom Sale Chairperson, arranged for the club to sell brooms at two Shop N Save Stores, Fairmont Avenue and Country Club Shops, on October 10 and at Wal-Mart on October 17th. Sales on Saturday, October 10, were about the same as previous sales. Results of the October 17th sale were undetermined at press time, although cold and wet conditions may have reduced sales somewhat. Saturday morning at Wal-Mart, the temperature was just around 40 degrees with a steady light mist. The club sold household brooms, the

heavier warehouse brooms, whisk brooms and added children's brooms this time. These smaller brooms seemed popular and sold well, some to be used as halloween props. CFL light bulbs were also for sale.

October 10th volunteers were Dennis Basnett and his grandson Chris Shreves, Margaret and Jake Brumage, Tim Manchin, Keith Long, Nancy Sickles,



Jake Brumage & John Marsicano

Virginia Gallion and Aletta and Bob Moffett.

Participating on October 17th were Beulah Miller and Evelyn Martin, Nancy Sickles, Bob Brummage, Wayne Dodd, Dennis Basnett, John Marsicano, Jake Brumage and Aletta and Bob Moffett.

Club members should keep in mind that brooms are regularly available from S&M Glass on Merchant Street, thanks to Evelyn Martin and her family and staff, and Kime Floral on Fairmont Avenue, thanks to Bill Kime and staff.



Dennis Basnett & his grandson Chris Shreves

Nov. 12th Meeting

PDG Billie Nichols, President of the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc. will speak to the club at its 6:30 pm meeting at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, Nov. 12.

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- Fairmont Lions meet
6:30 pm
Holiday Inn - Fairmont
- Dec. 3 Board of Directors
6:30 Moffett residence
- Dec. 4 Zone Christmas Party
6:00 - Holiday Inn
- Dec. 7 Fairmont Christmas
Parade
- Dec. 10 Business Meeting
- Dec. 19 Christmas Party for the
Children
6:00 Union Mission
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
No Meeting
- Jan. 10 Program: 350 Project
Virginia Gallion
- Jan. 14 New Member Induction

Visitations

Nancy Sickles, Margaret and
 Jake Brumage, Dennis Basnett
 and Aletta and Bob Moffett
 attended the Zone 6 meeting in
 Fairmont on November 14th.

"Thanksgiving is when
 2,000,000 Americans gorge
 themselves on turkey dinners
 -- then turn on TV to watch 22
 football players get exercise."
 -- Bob Orben

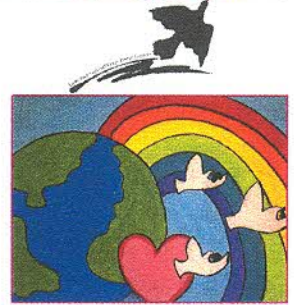


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Local Peace Poster Winners



Peace Posters from two schools have been sent on to the District Governor for judging at the district level. The First Place Winner at West Fairmont Middle School (left) is by Rachel Martin, Age 13. She said, "Knowledge is the most precious power of all." First Place Winner at East Fairmont Junior High School (right) is by Michaela Collins, Age 13, who said, "I believe that we can use the power of peace by music."



Mark Your Calendar - Busy December for Club and Community

Friday, December 4th, is the Zone 6 Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn. This is an evening of good fun shared with Lions from all the clubs in the zone. We will gather at 6:00, but do not bring snacks this year, as we have done in the past. Since we will be having a meal, Zone Chr. Jake Brumage felt that the snacks are unnecessary. Everyone attending, however, is asked to bring three wrapped gifts of \$1 or \$2 value for the games. Cost of the dinner is \$12.00, including tax and gratuity. Firm reservations are required.

Monday, December 7th, 6:30 pm, is the Fairmont Christmas Parade and the Fairmont Lions Club is participating and will be assisting with the line-up, which will probably occur at 5:00 or 5:30, as the club prepares to take on the parade beginning next year. John Marsicano has agreed to chair this project and anyone who can work with Vera Sansalone to assist with preparations is encouraged to do so.

The club will hold its regular board of directors meeting at the home of club president Aletta Moffett on Thursday, December 3rd and a business meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, December 10th.

This year's Christmas party for the children at the Union Mission will be held on Saturday evening, December 19th at 6:00 pm. Please note the change in meeting night for this event. Nancy Sickles, Margaret and Jake Brumage have purchased the toys for the children this year. Lions will be needed to distribute the gifts to the children, following the usual seasonal dinner prepared by the staff of the Union Mission.

Key Award Presented



Nancy Sickles was presented a Membership Key Award for sponsoring at least two new Lions. The award was presented by Aletta Moffett, president.



Fairmont Lions Go Nuts!

Nut sales have been going well. Elizabeth Swiger, Chairperson for the sale, reported on November 12th that sales have amounted to \$1,301.00. Jim Coleman has asked that money for nuts should be paid to him, so that he can keep track. Proceeds now will pay for the nuts.

Fairmont Lions to Sponsor Christmas Parade

The Fairmont Lions Club voted to sponsor Fairmont's Christmas Parade, beginning in 2010, following an explanation of what is involved by Vera Sansalone, who spoke at the October 22nd meeting. Requirements include somebody to coordinate the groups, floats, etc. through telephone contact prior to the parade and follow-up calls to assign parade placement and line-up information. Letters are written to the bands. Then volunteers would be needed on the street to direct and start the parade. An application is also filed with the city which takes care of closing streets, providing the parade escort, etc.



Aletta Moffett presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Vera Sansalone (left).

\$992 Income to Club from Fall Broom Sales

Jake Brumage, Chr. of the Broom Sales at Shop N Save and Wal-Mart reported that the club realized almost one thousand dollars from this fall's sales. The club cleared \$992 on the sales and Brumage expressed his sincere thanks to all who helped out on a cold and rainy day at Wal-Mart, as well as those who worked the sale at Shop N Save in more comfortable conditions.

Happy Thanksgiving



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Lauren Sansalone (left) receives a certificate from Pres. Aletta Moffett following her talk about her experiences at HOBY.

Lauren Sansalone Sponsored to HOBY Seminar by Fairmont Lions

Lauren Sansalone spoke to the Fairmont Lions Club about her experiences at last summer's HOBY seminar. She stated that the students visited the State Capitol and had panel discussions about Internet safety and about coal vs. mountains. There were speakers representing the Friends of Coal and those opposing mountaintop removal mining. While there, the students took part in a service project. They cleaned a golf course and an old church. She is working to obtain 100 service hours and would like to work with the HOBY program next year and eventually become an endodontist. Sansalone was sponsored to the HOBY Seminar by the Fairmont Lions Club.

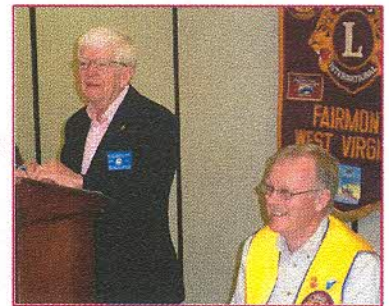


WV Lions Sight Foundation & Ski Program Are Program Topics

PDG Bill Nichols, President of the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and Chair of the Lions Ski Program for the students at the Romney Schools for Deaf and Blind, addressed the club on November 12th. He was accompanied by his wife, Lion Patty.

A Lion since 1992, Nichols gave examples of the work of the Sight Foundation. He also noted that the Foundation gave \$87,000 to buy equipment at the WVU Eye Institute for Dr. Max Sokolov to study protein in the eye. That seed money led to a grant of \$1.6 million from the National Institutes of Health to continue his research to maintain sight. The Foundation also purchased a new portable tonometer for the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit.

Discussing the Ski Program, Nichols told about Darren, a student at the Romney School, who said, "I just came down that ski slope 100 miles an hour -- at least!" A 13 year old, Zeke, said, "This is the greatest day of my life!" According to Nichols, "The reason I stay involved is the spiritual pay I get [when somebody lets him know] how we [Lions] change lives." For those interested, there is a nine minute video clip of the Ski Program available on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hj1ZMeG1eKw>



PDG Bill Nichols speaks as Bob Brummage listens.



Moffett Endorsed

At the November 12th meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club endorsed Bob Moffett as a candidate for Second Vice District Governor for 2010 - 2011. Moffett is pictured above presenting a New Member Orientation.

On the Internet

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LCIF Replaces Earthquake Damaged Homes in China

Lions formally dedicated Peng Hua Lions Village in Sichuan Province, China. A total of 80 homes were handed over to families during a ceremony attended by LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel and and other Lions. The dedication marks 1.5 years since the earthquake of May, 2008 and is part of a two-phase project to construct more than 150 homes in the devastated village.

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Jan. 17 Dist. 29-L Cabinet
 2:00, Weirton

Jan. 28 Program 350 Project
 Virginia Gallion

Jan. 29-31 WW Lions
 Leadership School
 Flatwoods

Visitations

Jacob Brumage visited
 Rivesville Lions November 9th.
 He visited Barrackville Lions on
 November 19th.

The December 4th Zone 6
 Christmas Party was attended by
 Elizabeth Swiger & Jim Coleman,
 Lisa and Keith Long, Judy and
 Dennis Basnett, Maria and John
 Marsicano, Leola Robinson,
 Margaret and Jake Brumage, and
 Aletta and Bob Moffett.

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 give of your possessions. It is
 when you give of yourself that
 you truly give."

-- Kahlil Gibran



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Club Provides Happiness for Children

A foot of snow on Saturday, December 19th, resulted in the cancelation of the Fairmont Lions Club's annual festivities at the Union Mission. The party for the children was re-scheduled for the following Monday, but street conditions in Fairmont were still not good to bring the families out after dark, so that was canceled. During daylight hours on Monday and Tuesday, however, the parents came to the Union Mission and picked up the sacks of toys purchased and wrapped by club members.

In addition to the toys, a woman made hats for the children and other organizations donated additional gifts. By the time all was said and done, gifts of toys, hats and gloves or mittens were given to over 180 children. On Tuesday, December 22nd, Jake Brumage and Aletta and Bob Moffett were found wrapping more of these gifts even as parents were coming in to collect the gifts for their children. Prior to that, Margaret and Jake Brumage, Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion had spent in excess of 100 person-hours shopping, sorting and wrapping gifts. The club increased the budgeted amount for the gifts this year and the children were getting some nice gifts, thanks to the Lions. One mother was overheard telling another mother, after picking up their packages, "This is just so wonderful." One parent told a Union Mission staff person that if it were not for the Lions doing this, she would not be able to have toys for her children this year.

Club Appears in Fairmont Christmas Parade

The Fairmont Lions assisted with the line-up and participated in this year's Fairmont Christmas Parade, Monday, December 7th. It was a cold evening, with the temperature hovering close to freezing, but five members came out early to help get the parade units lined up and ready. Those Lions were Martha Warren, Bob Brummage, John Marsicano, Aletta and Bob Moffett.

At 6:30, the parade stepped off. Jake and Margaret Brumage rode in their truck, be-decked with club banners and Christmas lights, while John Marsicano, Aletta and Bob Moffett walked the parade route.

The Fairmont Lions will take over the parade in 2010.



Fairmont Lions take part in Fairmont's December 7th Christmas Parade.

Jacob Brumage Presented Diamond Membership Growth Pin



President Aletta Moffett presented Immediate Past President Jacob Brumage with his Diamond Membership Growth pin for the 2008-2009 club year. The club also received a Membership Growth banner patch. During the 2008 - 2009 year, the club saw a large increase in new members. Brumage sponsored the largest number of the new members.

Peace Poster Winner Recognized



Michaela Collins and her family were at the December 10th meeting, where she talked a little bit about her poster. A student at East Fairmont Junior High School, Michaela used oil pastels in the creation of her poster. She and her twin sister Stephanie assisted Bob Brummage with some tail twisting. President Aletta Moffett presented her with a certificate. Her poster was forwarded to the District Governor for judging at the next level.



Lions Receive Thanks and More Eyeglasses On the Way

The Fairmont Lions Club received a thank you card from one who had received his eyeglasses through the club. "I just want to thank you all again for my eyeglasses," he wrote. "May the good Lord take a liken to you all."

At the December 10th meeting, the club approved an additional 11 applicants for eye exams and glasses, following the request and recommendation of the Eyeglasses Committee.



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Fairmont Lions Enjoy Zone 6 Christmas Party

Thirteen members of the Fairmont Lions Club turned out for the Zone 6 Christmas Party at the Fairmont Holiday Inn on December 4th. Following dinner, members of Zone 6 clubs took part in a couple of gift-exchange games led by Robin Sawitsky of the Barrackville Lions Club and spent time socializing with the other Lions in attendance. Club member Jake Brumage, Zone 6 Chairperson and Fairmont Lion, was in charge of the arrangements. Those attending are listed under Visitations on Page 1 of this newsletter.

Just a Lion or Two

Edsel Michael remains at St. Barbara's Nursing Home in Monongah. Several members have dealt with bouts of flu this season.

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