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Fairmont Lions Club July 2010 Volume 25 Number 1



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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Holiday Inn - Fairmont

July 22 6:30 Report on LCI
 Convention

Aug. 12 Club Picnic hosted by
 Elizabeth Swiger and
 Jim Coleman

Aug. 26 WVU Coach Bill
 Stewart, 12:00 pm
 Westchester Village

Sept. 6 Dan Dague Memorial
 Car & Bike Show for
 Sight

Visitations

Aletta & Bob Moffett attended
 the Lions International
 Convention in Sydney, Australia
 June 28 - July 2.

Bob Moffett attended Club
 Officer training in Vienna on July
 13 and Jacob Brumage, Dennis
 Basnett, Bob Brummage and
 Bob Moffett attended the Club
 Officer Training in Fairmont on
 July 15.

"I want Lions to realize they are the
 ones that people look to for a
 promise of a better tomorrow. They
 are the Beacon of Hope."

--Sid L. Scruggs, III



"A Beacon of Hope" is the 2010 -
 2011 theme for LCI President Sid
 L. Scruggs, III.

International Convention in Sydney to be Topic



Aletta & Bob Moffett enjoy the view from
 Sydney Harbour during their stay to attend the
 Lions International Convention.

Aletta and Bob Moffett will present the program at this week's meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. They will report on their trip to Australia for the 93rd Lions Clubs International Convention held in Sydney June 28 - July 2, 2010. Sydney has the largest population of any city in Australia with over 4.25 million people. Highlights of the convention included a cruise of the harbour for the West Virginia contingent, the Parade of Nations, the colorful Flag Ceremony, an address by Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III, the pilot who made an emergency landing on the Hudson River saving 155 passengers and crew, and the election of International Officers.

In addition, Aletta and Bob also enjoyed sightseeing around the more northern city of Cairnes which included a trip to the Great Barrier Reef and a journey into the tropical rain forest on the Kuranda Scenic Railway and a visit to Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. They will show pictures to accompany their presentation this Thursday, July 22, 6:30 pm, at the Fairmont Holiday Inn.

Officers Presented "Team Ball" During Installation

Officers for the 2010 - 2011 year were installed by (current) 1st Vice District Governor Patty Nutter at the June 24th meeting, where the officers signed the "Team Ball," which was presented to President Jacob Brumage. Her theme for the ceremony was "Building a Team." 1st VDG Patty Nutter and Lion Tamer Wayne Dodd led a "Lion Cheer" to cheer on the new team of officers. A list of current officers is found in the left column of this page.

Nancy Sickles donated a "fuzzy navel cake." Chances were sold and Elizabeth Swiger won the cake.

Club Welcomes New Members

The Fairmont Lions Club welcomes three members transferring from the Rivesville Lions Club. Scott and Bonnie Summers, who have visited the club regularly throughout the years along with Scott's mother, Vera Bernice Levelle are now Fairmont Lions. Welcome! Scott Summers has served as Zone Chairperson in the past and his wife Bonnie was a previous district Public Relations Chairperson. Scott is currently the Service Dog Coordinator for District 29-L. We expect his guide dog "Sarg" to be a regular attendee at our meetings.

Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show Set for Labor Day

Volunteers are needed to assist with the District 29-L Car Show on Labor Day, September 6, 2010 at the Highlands, I-70, Exit 10, Wheeling. Proceeds benefit the WV Lions Sight Foundation. For more information, contact Pres. Jake Brumage or 2nd VDG Bob Moffett.

Yard Sale Report

Nancy Sickles expressed sincere thanks at the June 24th meeting to all who helped out with the club's annual yard sale June 5th. Total earnings for the sale amounted to \$503. Some leftover items were donated by the club to the Fairmont Soup Opera.

As in the past, the sale was held at S&M Glass on Merchant Street and the club is most appreciative for their continued support.

100% Attendance Pins Presented

Attendance pins were presented by Immediate Past President Aletta Moffett to ten members who attained perfect attendance during the past club year. Those receiving the awards were Bob Brummage, Jacob Brumage, Margaret Brumage, Jim Coleman, John Marsicano, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett, Leola Robinson, Nancy Sickles and Elizabeth Swiger. Congratulations!



Thanks Expressed for Donations to the Soup Opera

Margaret Brumage thanked all who donated toiletry items for the Soup Opera. She noted that PDG Tracy Smith of the Barrackville Lions Club made a donation for the club to purchase additional items to include with the delivery. Leftover books from the yard sale were donated to the Soup Opera for their library. The Soup Opera expressed great appreciation for our efforts.



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Four Fairmont Lions Installed for District 29-L Cabinet

Four members of the Fairmont Lions Club are serving on District Governor Jeff Baxter's Cabinet this year. At the Cabinet meeting held near Morgantown on Sunday, July 18th, they were all in attendance for the installation. Aletta Moffett is chairing the Lions Day with the Salvation Army. Scott Summers is Service Dog Coordinator. Jacob Brumage is Zone 6 Chairperson and Bob Moffett is Second Vice District Governor and the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. Bonnie Summers and Sarg were also in attendance.

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Club Adopts Budget for 2010 - 2011

As in the past, the Fairmont Lions Club budget for the coming year is broken into Activities Fund and Administrative Fund and in addition includes a Fund Raising account to provide for the purchase of merchandise such as brooms for sale. Most items in the budget remain close to the previous year's amounts, but there were a few changes.

Activity Fund Expenses (rounded to the nearest dollar)

Sight	
Eyeglasses	\$4,000
WV Sight Foundation	700
Eye Clinic	50
Leader Dogs	150
Pilot Dogs	150
Youth	
Leo Club	200
Boys State	200
Girls State	175
Youth Exchange	50
Peace Poster Contest	125
HOBY Seminar	350

Community

District Car Show	\$ 54
Deaf/Blind Recreation	50
Romney School Work Pgm	100
FSU Scholarship	150
Union Mission Christmas Party	1,500
LCIF	150
Special Olympics	150
Lions ALERT	300
	(plus amount from FGH)*
Misc.	63
Total	\$8,867
	(plus amount from FGH)

*Amount the club receives from Fairmont General Hospital for helping with their Multiphasic Screening will be added to the funds available for the community emergency Lions ALERT program.

Administrative Fund Expenses (rounded to the nearest dollar)

Newsletter/Printing	\$ 100	Inter-Club	\$ 200
Admin. Expenses	200	Leadership	200
Web Site/IT	60	PO Box Rental	44
Program/Guest	150	Misc.	488
International Dues/Fees	1,268		
District Dues	315	Total	\$2,874

\$\$ Current Member Dues Are Now Due \$\$

Treasurer Bob Brummage would like to remind all members that dues are now due for those who pay July to June or July to December. Six month dues are \$36.00 and one year dues are \$72.00. The club must pay \$9.00 per member to the district and \$39.00 per member to LCI, although family dues are reduced for the second, third and fourth family members. Dues pay for The Lion magazine, as well as other costs of operating the Lions organization. Please pay promptly. Thanks.

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September 23 - 25, 2010
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Wheeling.
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Scott Summers 6:30 pm
Holiday Inn
- Sept. 23 TBA - Holiday Inn 6:30
- Sept. 25 Lions Journey for Sight
MCTRAIL

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Council of Governor's Meeting, the WV Lions Sight Foundation meeting and the DG Appreciation Banquet in Lesage, WV on July 24th. Cindy Barr, Beverly Springer, Robin Sawitski and Roudell and Robert Moffett (Aletta & Bob's grandchildren) were guests at our July 22nd meeting.

"When you help someone up a hill, you find yourself closer to the top."
--Brownie Wise



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Club Members Receive Leonard Jarrett Awards



Nancy Sickles and Jacob Brumage display their Leonard Jarrett Award plaques.

Three hard working Fairmont Lions Club members have been presented Leonard Jarrett Awards from the Fairmont Lions Club, in recognition of their service to the club and to humankind.

Nancy Sickles has shopped for and wrapped toys for the Union Mission Christmas Party, and chairs the annual yard sale, among other projects taken on by the club. She has been faithful to step up and take on numerous assignments in her good-natured way. Jim Coleman presented the award to her.

Jacob Brumage has been coordinating the broom sales for several years and is in his third term as club president, having served first in 1976-77, before leaving the area and returning a few years ago to serve again in 2008-09 and currently. He is also serving his second

year as Zone 6 Chairperson. Wayne Dodd made the presentation.

Keith Long served the club as president two years in a row -- 2004-05 and 2005-6. He also worked tirelessly chairing several elimination dinners and he currently chairs the eyeglass committee providing applications to clients and, with the committee, making recommendations to the club.

Leonard Jarrett is recognized by WV Lions as the founder of the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. The Sight Foundation established the Leonard Jarrett Award in honor of Jarrett's efforts to establish the Foundation. It is the highest honor given by the Sight Foundation. The club donated \$1,000 each to the Foundation to honor these three Lions. The donations were made over a period of several years. Since the Sight Foundation is so close to the hearts of West Virginia Lions, the Leonard Jarrett Award is considered to be the highest honor that WV Lions, as well as the Foundation, can bestow.

Sickles, Brumage and Long received a plaque and a Leonard Jarrett pin. Their names will be published in the State Lions Directory and on the State Lions web site, along with the names of others honored with the award.

The selection was made by the committee consisting of members who have previously received the award. Previous Leonard Jarrett recipients from the club are: Merritt Chambers, James Coleman, Wayne Dodd, Charles Herron, George Janice, Clyde Judy, James (Gene) Martin, Robert Moffett, H. Gerald Warren and William Woodrum.



Keith Long (left) is presented his Leonard Jarrett Award by Bob Moffett.

Deanna Dowler to Present Program

Deanna Dowler, an Optometry student who was supported by the club as a volunteer for eyesight care in Peru, will present the program at the Fairmont Lions Club's regular meeting Thursday, August 26th, 6:30 pm at the Holiday Inn. Members and guests are encouraged to come and learn about her trip.

WVU Football Coach Bill Stewart to Speak to Service Clubs

It is time once again for the opportunity to see and hear WVU Football Coach Bill Stewart discuss this season's football program at West Virginia University. In a joint meeting of Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions, Stewart will address the civic clubs of the area on Thursday, August 26th at 11:45 am at Westchester Village on Locust Avenue. All Lions and guests are welcome.



Applebee's Fund Raiser Tried

President Jake Brumage arranged for the club to earn 15% of the Sunday, August 15th sales at Applebee's at Middletown Mall. Club members were encouraged to distribute flyers promoting the event. The 15% for the Fairmont Lions Club were based on those who ate on that day and presented the flyer at the restaurant. We may do this in the future if it proves to be successful.

Pakistan Lions Aid in Flood Rescue and Relief

Lions in Pakistan are providing relief in their communities, thanks, in part, to \$120,000 from LCIF. Norway Lions have donated \$81,000 and Finnish Lions have donated \$10,000, along with donations from Ireland and Australia and individuals.



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Annual Club Picnic Held Despite Rain

The rain did not dampen the spirits of those Lions who attended the club's annual picnic at the home of Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman on Thursday, August 12th. Jim grilled the burgers on the deck, even though he got a bit wet in the process. We invaded their home and had a great evening of fun and fellowship. Some business was taken up before members headed for home.



Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show at the Highlands, Wheeling, to Support WV Sight Foundation

Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2010
(Rain date: September 12, 2010)
Sponsored by the Lions of District 29-L



Be a MAJOR SPONSOR! (Friendship Level - \$100-\$249; Purple Level - \$250-\$499; Gold Level - \$500 and above).

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Lion Paul Amrhein at 304-242-0911 OR Lion Eva Dague at 304-845-7647.

It is hoped that ALL Lions clubs in the District will participate in this worthwhile project. All monies generated from this event helps West Virginia residents who cannot afford to pay for major eye care.

WILL YOU HELP? ACT NOW - DON'T WAIT!

Send your donations to: Lion Paul Amrhein - 25 Meadow Drive, Wheeling WV 26003
(304-242-0911); pamrhein25@comcast.net

Lion Eva Dague - 105 Sandy Avenue, Moundsville WV 26041
(304-845-7647); evadague@aol.com

Trophies @ \$15 each = _____ # Dash Plaques @ 50/\$50 = _____

Sponsor Level ___ Friendship ___ Purple ___ Gold

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Dist. 29-L Car Show

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!!

Beef Raffle Supports Sight Foundation

A beef raffle is being sponsored to support the WV Lions Sight Foundation. Tickets are available on four quarters of beef to be packaged and delivered to four winners in November. Every ticket sold will have four chances to be a winner. Tickets are available from Pres. Jake Brumage.

Each quarter will be in excess of 100 pounds with 20% steak, 20% roast and 60% ground.

Every ticket sold helps those who are less fortunate to receive sight and hearing services.

WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation

BEEF RAFFLE

A MIXED QUARTER OF BEEF TO BE AWARDED TO EACH OF FOUR TICKETS

Sunday, November 7, 2010
at Pipestem State Park

\$1.00 PER TICKET

WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



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 MCPARC

Sept. 24 - 26 Lions USA/Canada
 Forum, Milwaukee

Sept. 25 Lions Journey for Sight
 9:00 am MCTRAIL

Sept. 27 Rivesville Lions Club
 Dist. Governor Visit
 6:00 Comm. Building

Oct. 2 Zone 6 Meeting at
 Barrackville Community
 Building 9:00 am
 Breakfast \$7.00

Oct. 14 Business Meeting 6:30

Visitations

Pres. Jake Brumage and 2nd
 VDG Bob Moffett visited
 Whitehall on September 16th
 and helped to count over 800
 used eyeglasses.

Aletta and Bob Moffett visited
 District 29-O's Fall Conference in
 Charleston September 18th and
 Bob Moffett attended the WV
 Lions Leadership School Com-
 mittee meeting Sept. 19th.

"If you want to be happy for an
 hour, go watch TV. If you want
 to be happy for a day, go to an
 amusement park. If you want to
 be happy for a lifetime, go out
 and help others."

-- Unknown



Lions Journey for Sight is This Saturday

John Marsicano, Chairperson for the Lions Journey for Sight, is reminding all Fairmont Lions Club members to promote and come out to help with the Journey for Sight this Saturday, September 25th. The club will have members stationed at both ends of MCTrail -- on Winfield Street behind Northern Mountain State Metals and at the Pricketts Fort trail head. Set up of tables, water, etc. will begin at 9:00 am and the event will begin at 10:00 am and wrap up at 2:00 pm.

It is important to ask neighbors, friends and relatives to sign up and gather sponsors to support the club's sight conservation fund raising effort. Anybody bringing in \$50 or more in donations will receive a Journey for Sight T-shirt. Registration forms are available at the MCPARC office on Monroe Street and at Pricketts Fort, as well as from Lions members. Club members may download the registration form from the club's Web site at: www.fairmontlions.org/journey/form.pdf. Also available on the Web site are flyers, posters and other information about the Journey for Sight. Please plan to join us there.



Deanna Dowler Discusses Mission Trip to Peru



Deanna Dowler receives her Certificate of Appreciation from John Marsicano.

Deanna Dowler, a Lion and member of Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity, was supported by the Fairmont Lions Club, as well as other Lions clubs, for a mission trip. The SVOSH members spent 30 hours in their lab sorting, cleaning, repairing, organizing and packing donated glasses and then set off to Peru where they performed visual acuity testing, determined the needed prescriptions, checked ocular health and performed other tests, finally dispensing the glasses.

When she spoke to the Fairmont Lions Club on August 26th, Dowler indicated that they found 60% of their patients have some disease or disorder of the eye and 10% have sight-threatening conditions. With the help of Lions clubs in Peru, they were able to make referrals to local doctors. She also emphasized how the Lions clubs in the host countries provide the students with room and board, advertise their clinics, provide the clinic facilities, volunteers, and license and customs arrangements.

Members of the Fairmont Lions Club were happy to hear that while we supported the trip on this end, Lions in Peru were actively involved in support in their country.

Club Lions Assist District 29-L Projects on Labor Day

Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion made an early morning trip to Wheeling and participated with other District 29-L Lions answering the phones on-air at WTRF-TV for the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. When that was over, they also attended the Dan Dague Memorial Car Show for Sight. Bob Moffett also worked at the Labor Day car show.

Car Show Earns \$ for WV Lions Sight Foundation



Lions Sight Foundation will be in the 10 - 15 thousand dollar range. The weather was warm, sunny and the crowd was enthusiastic. Over 100 Lions and non-Lion volunteers worked together to make this year's event a great success. This was the largest show, with over 1,400 vehicles being shown.

There were 1,027 cars, motorcycles and trucks registered for judging in the Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show for Sight held on Labor Day at The Highlands near Wheeling. Although a final figure has not yet been announced and some bills remain to be paid, it is expected that proceeds to benefit the WV





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Just a Lion or Two

Connie Canfield and her mother Dorothy will soon be heading south for the winter. We wish them a good trip. We are happy to report that Dorothy has been improving.

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MCPARC Director Dan Talbott to be Guest Speaker

Dan Talbott, director of Marion County Parks and Recreation, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club this Thursday, September 23rd. MCPARC and Talbott have been strong supporters of the club's annual Lions Journey for Sight (see page 1 article) since its inception 13 years ago.

MCPARC's facilities and parks include the 12th Street Pool, Curtisville Lake, East Marion Park, Disc Golf at Morris Park, "For the Kids" Soccer Complex, Guyses Run Fishing Park, Mary Lou Retton Youth Park, Hutchinson Park, Poor Farm BMX Park, MCTrail and the Ralph S. Larue/West Fork River Trail.

The club meets at the Fairmont Holiday Inn at 6:30 pm.



Lions Clean Rail Trail in August

Following the Rail Trail Clean-up on August 15th, Connie Canfield left several professional grade "litter gitters" with the club for use on upcoming trail cleaning days. John Marsicano chairs these Adopt-a-Trail events on the Ralph S. LaRue/West Fork Rail Trail between Fairmont (Norway trail head) and Monongah. Virginia Gallion, Dennis Basnett and John Marsicano cleaned the trail.

Peach Sale Success - Apples are Next

Bob Brummage and Jake Brumage picked up the peaches in Martinsburg on Friday, August 20th, and by the end of the day on Saturday August 21st, all 40 bushels were sold. A number of brooms were also sold during the day-long sale in the Middletown Mall lot. Deducting the cost of merchandise, the club benefitted to the tune of approximately \$700.

Because of the success of the peach sale, the club has decided to sell apples on Friday, October 15th and Saturday, October 16th from 9:00 - 4:00 each day.

Although the club got a late start in distributing coupons for Applebees, \$40 was received by the club for that effort.

Club Continues Providing Eyeglasses

Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, recommended 10 more applicants for eye exams and glasses in August. The club approved these applications. According to the August Treasurer's Report, \$640 have been paid since July 1 for exams and glasses.

LCIF Receives Grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Lions and LCIF are joining a world-wide effort spearheaded by the Measles Initiative to protect children from measles – a leading cause of childhood blindness. This special Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program will take place in four African countries – Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria.

The Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program is being funded in part by a US\$400,000 grant to LCIF from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. LCIF is providing an additional US\$300,000 to support the project.

Lions in the four pilot countries will help manage the program locally. Our members will be directly involved in social marketing and vaccination activities, and Lions' leadership teams will coordinate program implementation with Ministries of Health and other Measles Initiative partners.



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- Oct. 24 Adopt-A-Trail
2:00 pm
- Oct. 28 Program: Misty Poe
Fairmont Times West
Virginian
- Nov. 11 Business Meeting

Visitations

On September 20th, Scott Smmers visited the Washington Lands Lions Club. The Zone 6 meeting October 2nd was attended by Margaret and Jake Brumage (Zone Chr.), Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman, Dennis Basnett, Ralph Davis, Scott Summers and Sarg, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, Aletta and Bob Moffett. Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the District Governor's Visit to the Clay-Battelle and Western Mon Area Lions Clubs on September 28th.

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy
 I awoke and saw that life was service
 I acted and beheld that service was joy."
 -- Rabindranath Tagore



Adopt-A-Trail Set for Sunday 2:00

John Marsicano, Adopt-A-Trail Chairperson reminds Lions that the club will be cleaning the West Fork River/Ralph LaRue Trail on Sunday, October 24th beginning at 2:00 in the afternoon. The club cleans the trail four times each season and this will be the final cleanup for this year. Dave Cain co-chairs the activity.



President Jake Brumage presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Dan Talbott.

MCPARC Director Speaks to Lions

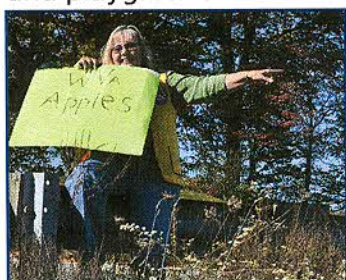
At the September 23rd meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, Dan Talbott, Director of Marion County Parks and Recreation (MCPARC), spoke to the Lions and indicated how Lions are special. He related the story from some years ago of his son being hit by a paint ball while riding his bicycle. The paint ball hit his son in the eye. Fortunately, the eye recovered and Talbott's son proceeded to raise funds for the Lions Journey for Sight that year, bringing in \$100 himself.

Talbott described some of the efforts being made by MCPARC, noting that the rail trail in Mannington is complete and that a rail trail from Barrackville to

Mannington has been proposed. He also discussed Curtisville Lake, near Mannington, where there is 30 acres of good fishing and MCPARC is adding a campground and playground.

Apples Are a Healthy Fund Raiser

With nearly all of the apples sold as this issue goes to press, it appears that the sale of West Virginia grown apples made for a very good fund raiser, according to Bob Brummage, who chaired the sale. The sale was held on Friday and Saturday, October 15th and 16th at the Middletown Mall.



Virginia Gallion does some promotional work for the Lions Apple Sale at Middletown Mall (above).



Fairmont Lions Club members sell apples and brooms at Middletown Mall (right).
 Photo Credits: Dennis Basnett



Ralph Davis Joins Club

We welcome Ralph Davis as a new Lion in the Fairmont Lions Club. He was sponsored by Pres. Jake Brumage and has been assisting with club projects prior to becoming a new member.

New Pilot Dogs Provided to Fairmont Area Residents

Ray Byers, Director of Training for Pilot Dogs, Inc., stopped by the meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club on September 23rd and briefly talked about Pilot Dogs in the area. He was here to work a little bit with Scott Summers and Sarg, Scott's new dog. He also had with him a new dog for Chris Smith of Fairmont. They are currently working with five new dogs in West Virginia. The Fairmont Lions Club makes an annual contribution to Pilot Dogs, Inc., located in Columbus, OH.

Ten Applications Approved for Exams and Glasses

Club president Jake Brumage, on behalf of Eyeglass Committee Chairperson Keith Long, presented 10 applications for eye exams and glasses at the September 23rd meeting. These were approved by the membership.



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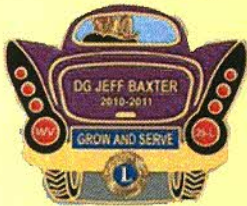
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Journey for Sight Among Best Ever

John Marsicano, chairperson for this year's Lions Journey for Sight, reported total income of \$870. This consisted of \$433 paid by the day of the event, September 25th and \$250 still to be submitted for \$683. There was also an additional amount of \$187 received in donations.

Marsicano expressed thanks to Aletta Moffett,

Dennis Basnett, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger and Tim Manchin for assistance with the event.

This marked the 13th year that the Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored the Journey for Sight.

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Dates Set for Holiday Season

Aletta Moffett, District 29-L Chairperson for Lions Day with the Salvation Army, reminds us that Lions clubs throughout West Virginia will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on December 11th.

John Marsicano advises that the Fairmont Christmas Parade, sponsored this year by the Fairmont Lions Club, is set for Saturday, December 11th. Lions will be needed at 4:30 for the set-up (lining up parade units) and that the parade itself will begin at 5:30. The club assisted with the line-up last year in preparation for this year's event. Please plan to help out with this if you are able.

The Union Mission Christmas Party for Fairmont's less fortunate children is scheduled for Saturday, December 18th. Club members are asked to collect gift wrap paper, ribbon, adhesive stickers, tape and markers for wrapping the gifts.

Please note that there will be no meeting on November 25th, as it is Thanksgiving Day. There will also be no meeting on December 23rd.

Club Receives Thanks

President Jake Brumage read a thank you note for the club's support of Lions Youth Exchange program. This year, they were able to send three youth abroad and hosted two youth in West Virginia.

Did You Know?

In the last 20 years, 4,000,000 children from 100 countries have participated in the Peace Poster Contest. Fairmont Lions sponsor the contest at two schools locally.



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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Holiday Inn - Fairmont

- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day
No Meeting
- Nov. 27 Zone Christmas Party
6:00 Holiday Inn
- Dec. 9 Business Meeting
- Dec. 11 Ring Bells for
Salvation Army at
Shop N Save
10:00-7:00
- Dec. 11 Christmas Parade
4:30 Line-up
5:30 Parade
- Dec. 18 Union Mission
Christmas Party
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Party for the
Children

Visitations

The Nov. 10th combined meeting of service clubs to hear FSU Basketball Coach Tim Murphy was attended by Pres. Jake Brumage, Dennis Basnett, Ralph Davis, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman and Aletta & Bob Moffett.

Aletta & Bob Moffett attended the Zone 2 Meeting at Elm Grove on Nov. 3rd. Moffetts also went to Pipestem State Park for District 29-N's Conference and Cabinet Meeting on Nov. 6th and Bob went to the PDG Association Meeting there on the 7th. The District 29-L Cabinet Meeting in Harrisville on Nov. 13th was attended by Zone Chr. Jake Brumage and the Moffetts.

"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls. ~Aesop"



Members of the Fairmont Lions Club Keith Long and Virginia Gallion are seen in this 2008 picture assisting the children in selecting hats, mittens, and scarves at the Union Mission Christmas Party for the less fortunate.

children upstairs at 7:00, where the Lions will be asked to help distribute the gifts.

This would be a good time to invite a guest you think might be a prospective Lions club member or to come out if you have not made it to a meeting for awhile and enjoy a traditional holiday dinner with all the trimmings and share in the universal joy of a child's smile.

Christmas Parade Planned

John Marsicano is chairperson for the Fairmont Christmas Parade, sponsored this year for the first time by the Fairmont Lions Club. The parade is set for Saturday, December 11th, with line-up at 4:30 and the "step-off" at 5:30. Many Lions are needed to assist with placing the parade units in proper order. Marci Carroll is taking phone calls from those wishing to take part in the parade. From those, the parade will be organized. If at all possible, please plan to assist us with the line-up. The Fairmont Lions Club banner will lead the parade.

Times West Virginian Editor Speaks to Club

Misty Poe, Managing Editor for the Times West Virginian, addressed the club at the October 28th meeting. She congratulated the club for "a job well done for many, many years," referring to the Union Mission party. She stated that there are 11,000 newspapers delivered, mailed and purchased daily.

Salvation Army Capt. Robert Cornett spoke to the Fairmont Lions Club on November 11th.



WV Lions Day with the Salvation Army is December 11th

Aletta Moffett is the District 29-L Chairperson for WV Lions Day with the Salvation Army. Lions clubs all over West Virginia will take responsibility for ringing the bells and collecting coins in the kettles for the Salvation Army that day. The Fairmont club is ringing the bells at the Fairmont Avenue Shop N Save.

Because the Fairmont Lions Club is sponsoring the Christmas Parade the same day, Moffett asked and received from the Barrackville Lions Club a commitment to take care of the 4:00 - 7:00 time slot. Fairmont Lions will ring the bells from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Already signed up to ring bells are:

- 10:00 - 12:00 Nancy Sickles and Keith Long
- 12:00 - 2:00 Margaret Brumage and Ralph Davis
- 2:00 - 4:00 Aletta and Bob Moffett
- 4:00 - 7:00 Barrackville Lions Club

Any Lion may participate, in addition to those listed above.

In conjunction with WV Lions Day with the Salvation Army, John Marsicano arranged for Capt. Robert Cornett to speak to the club on November 11th. He spoke about the history of the Salvation Army and expressed appreciation for the Lions support.





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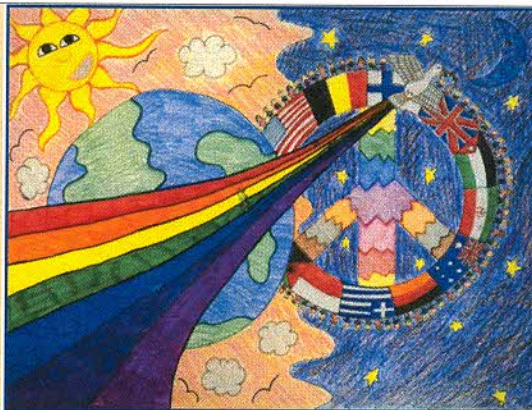
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Just a Lion or Two

Thanks to President Jake Brumage & Margaret, the club provided 100 lbs. of potatoes to the Soup Opera.

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Winning Peace Poster Selected

Renzy Cochran, a student at West Fairmont Middle School, is the school's winner in this year's Lions Peace Poster Contest. About the poster, she states, "My poster reminds me of peace because it has a dove on it with a olive branch in its mouth. It has a rainbow, too. My poster uses a variety of colors. My peace sign on my poster has different flags from different countries. There are also different boys and girls around the peace sign holding hands."

Her poster won the competition among the others submitted by clubs throughout District 29-L and will now go on to compete at the state level. The winner there will go on to be judged in the international competition.

Nuts Have Arrived and are Selling Quickly

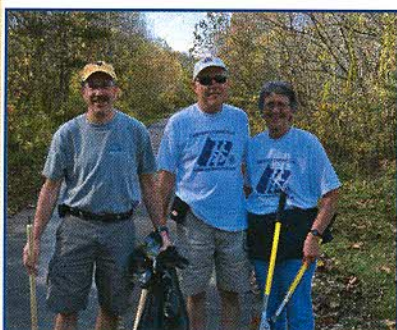
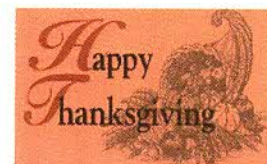
The club's annual nut sale is underway. Nuts have arrived and are selling well, according to Elizabeth Swiger, who has chaired the nut sale for several years. Nuts on order include cashews, pecans, chocolate covered cashews, and bridge mix. Members should get their nuts to sell soon, if you have not already picked them up.

Brooms Now Available

Brooms were ordered and have been received and are now available for sale. One new item on hand now is a child's mop. It seems to be popular also for reaching ceiling corners and other hard-to-reach areas.

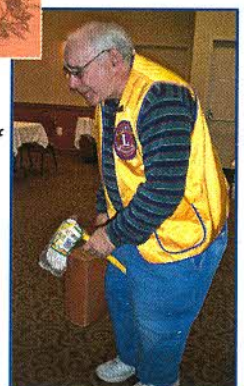
We Welcome Two New Club Members

Kelly J. Alastanos, employed by White Hall Pharmacy, and Belinda Biafore are now members in the Fairmont Lions Club. We welcome you both!



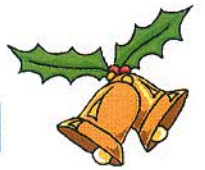
(From left) John Marsicano, Chairperson, Bob Moffett and Aletta Moffett cleaned the rail trail for the last time this season on Sunday, October 24.

In a "rare" moment of levity, Wayne Dodd demonstrates the proper way to ride a "horsey" using the new child mops available for purchase from the Fairmont Lions Club.





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Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Clarion Inn Fairmont
 (formerly Holiday Inn)

Jan. 13 Business Meeting
 6:30 pm

Jan. 15 Zone 6 Meeting
 Clarion Inn Fairmont
 9:00 am Breakfast
 10:00 Meeting

Jan. 27 District Governor's
 Night
 6:30 pm
 DG Jeff Baxter
 Spouse's Night
 (Or bring a guest)

Jan. 28 - 30 West Virginia
 Lions Leadership
 School
 Flatwoods, WV

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Zone 1 meeting in Newell on Nov. 29th. They also, along with Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman, visited the Zone 3 meeting in Elm Grove, Dec. 7th.

Dues

Those who pay dues every six months or every year in January, please note that dues should be paid promptly. Thank you.

"As long as we know in our hearts what Christmas ought to be, Christmas is."
 ~Eric Sevareid



Club Involved in a Flurry of Activities

From the Zone 6 Christmas Social to ringing bells for the Salvation Army, sponsorship of the Fairmont Christmas Parade and the 70th Annual Christmas Party for the Children at the Union Mission of Fairmont, it has been an active month. The old adage states that a picture is worth 1000 words. In this holiday special issue, the pictures will tell the story.



Lions from around Zone 6 turned out for the Zone 6 Christmas Party on November 27th. The mad-cap gift exchange directed by Barrackville Lion Robin Sawitski was a hit. Fairmont Lions attending were Jake & Margaret Brumage, Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Ralph Davis, Beulah Miller, Evelyn Martin, and Aletta & Bob Moffett.

Lions across West Virginia rang the bells for the Salvation Army on December 11th, "Lions Day with the Salvation Army." Linda Hoy, a member of the Barrackville Lions Club, took over the duties from 4:00 - 7:00 so that Fairmont Lions Club members could see that the Fairmont Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, got off to a good start. L-R: Jake Brumage, Nancy Sickles, Ralph Davis, Keith Long



Everybody loves a parade and the crowds lined the streets in Fairmont from Fourth & Fairmont Avenue to Palatine Park on Dec. 11th. Pres. Jake Brumage had his truck decked out in lights with the Lions banners and Bob Moffett followed with the WV Lions Sight Foundation's Mobile Eye Screening Unit. Leading the parade were Virginia Gallion in a Lion costume and Ralph Davis carrying the parade banner.

Thanks to Marci Carroll for providing the phone contact for this event and to Carol Baker, Margaret and Jake Brumage for their efforts in organizing the line-up. Carol Baker, Ralph Davis, Wayne Dodd, and Bob Moffett marked off Everest Drive for the line-up. These, along with Bob Brummage and Aletta Moffett also assisted with the parade line-up.



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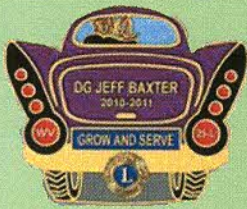
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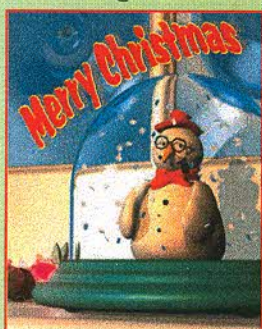
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70th Annual Christmas Party Serves 101 Children

The Fairmont Lions Club held its annual party for the children at the Union Mission on Saturday, December 18th. Beginning with dinner for the club, provided by the Mission staff, at 6:00, the party upstairs followed at 7:00. The children and their families eagerly received the packages of wrapped gifts in addition to stuffed animals, hats, gloves, scarves and bags of candy. The Mission also had refreshments for those attending. The smiles on the faces of the children, hearing them say "thank you," and wishes for a "Merry Christmas" from the children and their parents said it all.

As in past years, Bill Kime of Kime Floral and a member of the club, provided a ponsettia which was auctioned. Elizabeth Swiger made the winning bid. John Conaway, Chairman of the Board and Rev. George Batten, Director of the Union Mission, each thanked the Fairmont Lions Club for the many years that the club has served the children.



Wrapping

In addition to members of the Fairmont Lions Club, numerous others helped, including Margaret Brumage's sister, Geneva (who attended the party as well and helped with gift buying) and two members of the Barrackville Lions Club - Linda Hoy and Robin Sawitski. Also, Nancy Sickles, Jake and Margaret Brumage selected and purchased the gifts. To all who helped in any way, thank you!

We Welcome Carol Baker

Carol Baker, who provided much assistance to the organization of the Christmas parade, is the Fairmont Lions Club's newest member. Welcome Carol!



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*Wishing all of you
a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year*

