



THE MANE GROWL



Fairmont Lions Club July 2011 Volume 26 Number 2

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2011 - 2012 Officers Installed

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 Dennis Basnett...Membership
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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Clarion Inn - Fairmont

July 25 6:00 Board of Dir.
 Clarion Inn

July 28 Don Downs
 Marion Co. Humane
 Society
 (Please bring dog or
 cat food)

Aug. 11 Annual Club Picnic
 Home of Elizabeth
 Swiger and Jim
 Coleman
 (Please bring
 covered dish)

Aug. 25 Aletta & Bob Moffett
 LCI Convention

Sept. 5 District Car Show
 Cabela's, Wheeling

Visitations

Margaret Brumage and
 Zone Chr. Jake, along with
 Ralph Davis, Nancy Sickles,
 Jim Coleman and Elizabeth
 Swiger attended the Zone 6
 Meeting May 15th. The
 Cabinet Appreciation Dinner
 June 11th was attended by
 Elizabeth Swiger, Jim
 Coleman and Aletta & Bob
 Moffett. Aletta & Bob Moffett
 attended the Council
 Meeting, Sight Foundation
 Meeting and Council
 Appreciation
 Dinner in Charles Town
 July 16th.

"Believe that one person can
 make a difference. Believe
 that the entire world can be
 changed when we come
 together as Lions. Believe
 that changing a life -- or the
 world -- starts with each one
 of us."

~ Wing-Kun Tam
 LCI Pres.



(Left to right)
 John Marsicano,
 Carol Baker,
 Virginia Gallion,
 Nancy Sickles,
 IPDG Jeff
 Baxter, Bob
 Brummage,
 Keith Long,
 Wayne Dodd

Immediate Past District Governor Jeff Baxter installed the officers for the Fairmont Lions Club at the July 14th club meeting. He had the new officers initial a "T-Ball" baseball and indicated that the T stood for team, since the officers will be working as a team. The listing of club officers is in the box on this page. IPDG Baxter briefly described some of the responsibilities of each office.



New Members Inducted

In addition to installing the officers, IPDG Jeff Baxter also inducted two new members, Ed and Jackie Neese, sponsored by Elizabeth Swiger. Ed had been a Lion before, having served as president of the Williamstown, WV Lions Club. We are happy to have these two new Lions in our club. Other new members unable to be present were Debbie Harvey and David Sturm, both sponsored by Jacob Brumage.

It's a Peach of a Fund Raiser

Plans are underway for a Peach Sale fund raiser to be held in August, according to Bob Brumage. He is working on the necessary arrangements and more information will be forthcoming.

Club Continues Meeting Need for Eyeglasses

Keith Long, Chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, asked for and received approval from the club for six applications for eyeglasses at the July 14th meeting. These individuals will be seen by the optometrist and receive prescription eyewear as required. During the past club year, the Fairmont Lions Club spent \$2,440 for exams and glasses for the less fortunate of Fairmont.

In addition to providing eye exams and glasses, the club is able to arrange for advanced eye care services, including cataract surgery, through our WV Lions Sight Foundation. The Eyeglass Committee approves and submits the application to the Foundation which arranges for the needed care. The club makes an annual contribution to the Foundation to support this work.

Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show Supports Sight Foundation

Again this year, Lions from throughout District 29-L and around the state will gather at Cabela's in Wheeling to assist with the Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show, a fund raiser for the WV Lions Sight Foundation, Inc. Clubs are asked to support the cost of trophies, dash plaques, items for auction or raffle, etc. In addition, many Lions are needed to help out with the food booth, parking cars, etc. The car show is all day Labor Day, September 5th. Last year, around 1,400 cars, trucks and motorcycles participated. This is a great opportunity to spend a day supporting our Foundation.



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Just a Lion or Two

We are happy to hear that Margaret Brumage is home and doing well.

Newsletters On-Line or Paper?

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Bausch + Lomb and LCIF Partner to Save Sight

In an announcement made at the Lions International Convention in Seattle, Bausch + Lomb and Lions Clubs International Foundation have partnered to treat as many as 40,000 children in China suffering from pediatric cataracts. A grant from Bausch + Lomb and LCIF of \$150,000 will further efforts to reduce permanent blindness caused by pediatric cataracts.

Past President Aletta Moffett signed the Bausch + Lomb banner at the 2010 Lions International Convention in Sydney, Australia (file photo).

Upcoming Programs Scheduled

Don Downs, president of the Marion County Humane Society, will speak to the Lions on Thursday, July 28th, following the club's decision to assist the Humane Society in some way. Nancy Morgan was asked to seek ways that the club might be of assistance. At the July 14th meeting, Keith Long suggested that members bring a bag of pet food, preferably puppy or kitty food, to the meeting on the 28th as a club donation to the Humane Society -- an "easy" first effort.

August 11th will be the club's annual picnic at the home of Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman. All members are urged to attend and to bring a covered dish. Elizabeth and Jim will provide the meat.

Aletta and Bob Moffett have returned from the 2011 Lions International Convention in Seattle, and will present a program about the Convention at the August 25th meeting.

Aletta & Bob Moffett atop the Space Needle in Seattle.



Where's the Beef?

The WV Lions Charitable Foundation has raffle tickets for sale. Four quarters of beef will be raffled during the coming Lions year. Proceeds will go to LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation). Lion Paul Nutter, husband of DG Patty Nutter, has donated the beef. The donation for the raffle ticket is \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5. The four winning tickets will be drawn at District 29-N's Conference in November. Paul Amrhein, District LCIF Coordinator, has asked each club to take 100 tickets to sell among club members and to non-Lions. Fairmont Lions Club members are already busy selling the tickets.



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Pictured left to right are Jake Brumage, Pres. Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger and Bob Brumage displaying their 100% Attendance Award certificates. Congratulations to these Lions for their faithfulness in attendance. Members are reminded that missed meetings can be made up either by attending a board of directors meeting, visiting another

club, or participating in any Lions project within about a week before or after the missed meeting. (PHOTO: CAROL BAKER)

Calendar

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 6:30 pm
 Clarion Inn - Fairmont

- Aug. 24 FSU Coach
 Mike Lopez
 Clarion Inn, Noon
- Aug. 25 Aletta & Bob Moffett
 LCI Convention
- Sept. 5 District Car Show
 Cabela's, Wheeling
- Sept. 8 Business Meeting

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended a conference at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI Friday, August 12th.

"The thing that lies at the foundation of positive change, the way I see it, is service to a fellow human being."

~ Lee Iacocca

FSU Football Coach Mike Lopez to Address Service Clubs

Mike Lopez, Fairmont State Football Coach, will address a joint meeting of the local civic clubs at the Clarion Inn on Wednesday, August 24th at noon. All members of the Fairmont Lions Club are invited to attend and learn about the upcoming grid season. Fairmont State plays their home football games at Duvall-Rosier Field on the FSU campus.



Peaches To Be Sold to Raise Funds

Bob Brummage organized the peach sale again this year. The sale was held on Saturday, August 20 at Middletown Mall near Bob Evans. At press time, all time slots were covered by club members. **BULLETIN: Sold Out by 10:00 am!**

Dan Dague Memorial Car Show for Sight is Labor Day

Car Show Chairperson, Lion Paul Amrhein, is requesting the help of Lions from all over District 29-L to help with the Car Show on Labor Day, September 5th. Volunteers can assist with food and food stands, registration packets and parking, car registration, judging of cars or motorcycles, 50/50 raffles, auction, and set up/tear down. All proceeds will be presented to the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.



This is the 10th Anniversary of the Car Show. In 2002, the show had 113 cars and motorcycles. Last year, there were about 1400 participants. In the past, the Sight Foundation has benefitted in the amount of \$89,000 from proceeds. Amrhein may be contacted at pamrhein25@comcast.net or 304-242-0911.

Award Plaques Presented to Club

The Fairmont Lions Club received both the Second Place award in the Visitation Contest for clubs with 22-35 members and First Place in the District Governor's Contest for clubs of the same size at the State Convention held in May. Plaques were presented to Nancy Sickles who shared them with the club. (PHOTO: CAROL BAKER)





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Just a Lion or Two

Congratulations to Bill Kime, owner of Kime Floral and a long-time club member, who received the Rev. Donal Squires Lifetime Achievement Award by the Marion County Chamber of Commerce.

Connie Canfield's mother, Dorothy, has been in the hospital recently. We wish them both the best. Dorothy Canfield is a former club member.

Articles, pictures and other information, or comments for or about this newsletter are always welcome. Please send them to:

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Dennis Basnett is pictured along the rail trail during the Fairmont Lions Club's trail clean-up on Saturday, August 13th. (PHOTO: JOHN MARSICANO)

Fairmont Lions Club Supports Two Guide Dog Schools

For several years, the Fairmont Lions Club has provided \$300 annually to two guide dog schools, \$150 each to Pilot Dogs, Inc. of Columbus, OH and Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI. Both schools have provided guide dogs to blind individuals within West Virginia over the years and both provide the dog, training, room and board, as well as transportation to and from the school at no cost to the student.

Pilot Dogs was chartered as a non-profit organization in 1950. In 1960, Pilot Dogs became a state project of the Ohio Lions and is now supported by over 500 Lions Clubs. In 1950, four people were trained. Today, Pilot Dogs serves approximately 150 every year.

Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded by three Detroit area Lions Club members in 1939. They provide dogs to about 270 students each year. Leader Dogs received the personal endorsement of Melvin Jones (Founder of Lionism) in 1958. Lions Clubs throughout the world have provided support.

Training for a blind individual takes just under a month at either school. A guide dog provides a level of independence and safety for the blind person, allowing that person to navigate streets, shopping centers, businesses and more.

Moffetts to Present Program

Aletta and Bob Moffett will present the program on Thursday, August 25th, reporting on their trip to the LCI International Convention in Seattle, WA in July.

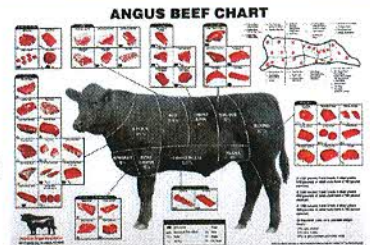
WHERE'S THE BEEF?

BEEF RAFFLE TICKETS ...

The West Virginia Lions Club Foundation is raffling off four (4) quarters of beef during the coming Lions' year. Proceeds from this raffle are designated to LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation).

A special THANK YOU to Lion Paul Nutter for his donation of the beef. The donation for the raffle is \$1/ticket or 6 tickets for \$5, and will be drawn in November at the District "N" Conference.

As your LCIF District Coordinator, I am asking each club in District 29-L to take 100 tickets to sell among club members or to non-Lions. All clubs should have their allotment, and several have returned ticket stubs with the money. Feel free to call me at 304.242.0911 if you need additional tickets, or if your allotment has been sold and monies need to be picked up.



Let's all work together to make this a success.

--Lion Paul Amrhein, LCIF



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6:30 pm
Clarion Inn - Fairmont
- Sept. 15 6:00 pm DG Visit
DG Patty Nutter
Barrackville
- Sept. 17 10:00 am Zone Mtg.
Barrackville
- Sept. 17 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Journey for Sight
MCTRAIL
- Sept. 18 Dan Dague Car Show
Wheeling
- Sept. 22 No Meeting
- Sept. 26 6:00 pm Board Mtg.
Clarion Inn
- Oct. 13 6:30 Business Mtg.

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended a Zone Meeting in Paden City on August 22nd and in Elm Grove August 30th. In addition to the Moffetts, Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman attended the joint meeting of service clubs to hear Coach Lopez on August 24th.

"The role of honor consists of the names of men who have squared their conduct by ideals of duty."
 ~ Pres. Woodrow Wilson



District Governor Patty Nutter to Visit Club Special Meeting Set This Thursday, September 15th



District Governor Patty Nutter will speak to the Fairmont Lions at a special meeting this Thursday, September 15th, at the Barrackville Community Building on Pike Street in Barrackville at 6:00 pm. Note the change in meeting place and time. This will be a joint meeting of the Fairmont, Barrackville and Rivesville Lions Clubs, hosted by the Barrackville Lions Club. Dinner of baked steak will be catered and the cost is \$10.50. All club members should attend to represent our club well and to meet our district governor. There will be no club meeting September 22nd.

The district governor is a graduate of Harrisville High School, Camden Clark School of Nursing, and has a Board of Regents Degree from Glenville State College and a masters degree from West Virginia University. She is a retired school nurse. DG Patty is married to Lion Paul Nutter and they have two children and three grandchildren.

She was a 100% President of the Harrisville Lions Club, is a Melvin Jones Fellow and recipient of the Leonard Jarrett Award. Nutter is a graduate of the Lions Senior Leadership Institute, holds three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, has received three extension awards, two District Certificates of Appreciation and five District Awards of Achievement.

DG Patty has also served as Leo-Lion Liaison for both the Ritchie Co. Middle and Ritchie Co. High Schools, served as Sight Chairperson, Zone Chairperson, Leo Co-Chairperson and is a Certified Guiding Lion. She was also Director of Cooperating Organizations for Lions Clubs with the WV Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY).

District Governor Patty Nutter has been to Fairmont Lions Club meetings in the past and we welcome her as she makes her official visit to our club on Thursday.

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB



Lions Journey for Sight is Saturday, September 17th

This Saturday is the date for the 14th Annual Lions Journey for Sight, beginning at 10:00 am and continuing until 2:00 pm along MCTRAIL, from the Prickett's Fort Trail Head to the Trail Head behind Novelis in Fairmont. Participants will obtain sponsors and then walk, bicycle, jog or run along the trail, with donations received supporting the club's sight conservation and work with the blind activities. Club

members are needed for registration at both trail ends, distribution of T-shirts for those turning in \$50 or more in donations and other help, as may be needed.

Club members are encouraged to also solicit donations from friends, neighbors and co-workers and join us to enjoy a nice walk or bike ride on the trail. The trail is about 2.5 miles in length, making the total distance about five miles. Those who desire may walk or ride a shorter distance. John Marsicano is chairperson for the Journey for Sight.

Tropical Storm Lee Forces Rescheduled Car Show

Heavy rain from Tropical Storm Lee forced the cancellation of the Labor Day Car Show which has now been rescheduled for this Sunday, September 18th, 8:00 am. Several Fairmont Lions made the trek to Wheeling to help out with the Dan Dague Memorial Car Show and arrived to find it had been cancelled. It is hoped that club members will be able to help out with the show this Sunday. It takes place at The Highlands, near Cabela's, along Interstate 70 approaching Wheeling.

Zone Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, September 17th

Zone Chairperson Robin Sawitsky has called her first zone meeting to be held Saturday, September 17th, at the Barrackville Community Building. The meeting begins at 10:00 am. Club presidents and secretaries are expected to be present, but all club members are welcome to attend.



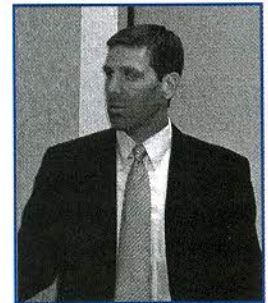
Several Fairmont Lions Club members were absent last month when Attendance Awards were presented. They received their certificates and pins from Immediate Past President Jacob Brumage at the September 8th club meeting. Receiving their 100% Attendance Awards were Dennis Basnett, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett. Please keep in mind that a meeting absence can be made up by visiting another club's meeting or participating in a Lions activity such as a fund raiser or service project. That's how these three, who have had to miss a meeting from time to time, were able to achieve 100% attendance.

Lions Club Planning to Ring Those Christmas Bells

The Fairmont Lions Club is planning to ring bells for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. Aletta Moffett is again chairing this service project. The club voted to request December 3rd as the date to ring. We are asking first for the WalMart location and alternatively for the Fairmont Avenue Shop N Save. The club will be responsible for ringing the bells from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm and we will do that in shifts. We will need a number of volunteers to help with this project. A sign-up sheet will be provided in November. Members are encouraged to volunteer at other times if they are interested. Those desiring to ring bells at additional times may send an e-mail request to diane_shingleton@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Coach Mike Lopez Addresses Service Clubs

Now in his fourth year at Fairmont State, Head Football Coach Mike Lopez spoke to a joint luncheon meeting of Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions at the Clarion Inn on August 24th. Lopez emphasized Fairmont State's emphasis on education and the importance of community service. While he likes to win football games, he is concerned with the development of the student athletes in their life skills. He pointed out that the FSU team's grade point average over the past few seasons is 2.9 and that over 70 percent of the players graduate, while also volunteering in the community. Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended from the Lions.



Friendly Lions Club Appreciates Friendly City Lions

Pres. Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion paid a visit to the Friendly Lions Club recently to assist them with a large fund raiser. Friendly Lions Dan and Charlotte Heintzman brought "Lenny" the Lion to participate with us in the Three Rivers Festival Parade earlier in the summer. The Fairmont club received a letter in appreciation of the assistance.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Lions Helping Hurricane Irene Victims

Lions Clubs International Foundation is mobilizing \$90,000 to provide immediate disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Irene. LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs worked with local Lions to purchase 600 cases of bleach that residents need to disinfect their water wells and to clean their flooded homes. In North Carolina, Lions distributed relief kits that included bleach, detergent, rubber gloves, garbage bags and cleaning supplies.

"After two feet of water flooded homes in Columbia, there is now a long clean-up process ahead," said Chairperson Scruggs. "It is rewarding to know that we are providing them with a little hope and help during this difficult time."

Humane Society Program Rescheduled

Don Downs, of the Marion County Humane Society, will speak to the Fairmont Lions Club at its meeting on October 27th. His appearance has been rescheduled from an earlier date when Lion members brought in supplies for the Humane Society.

Treasurer's Report Shows Expenditures

Treasurer Bob Brummage presented the Treasurer's Report at the September business meeting of the club. Expenditures toward eye exams and glasses since July 1 amount to \$300.00 and additional bills have been received. The club also provided \$50 to the Dan Dague Car Show, since the proceeds go to the WV Lions Sight Foundation. From administrative funds (dues, tail twister) expenses included newsletter mailing \$26.40, administrative expenses \$119.85, web site \$29.94, program guests \$12.00, dues paid to LCI \$945.75, dues paid to District 29-L \$238.50, and other \$87.11 totaling \$1459.55. Please pay dues promptly as the administrative fund is low.



LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs is at right. (Photo: LCI)



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Congratulations to the *Times West Virginian's* "Everyday Hero," Ralph Davis, who has made around 40 trips with the American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Teams.

It was good to have Margaret Brumage back at our meeting on September 8th.

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The recent Peach Sale at Middletown Mall resulted in a net income of \$826.42 from the sale of 50 boxes. \$40 was received from donations, according to Bob Brummage, chairperson. Ten Lions helped with the sale.
(PHOTO: CAROL BAKER)

Club Continues Providing Eyeglasses

At the September 8th meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club approved applications for eye exams and glasses for ten individuals. The applications had previously been approved by the Eyeglasses Committee. Dennis Basnett presented the applications. Keith Long chairs the committee.

Apple Sale and Nut Sale Coming Soon

Elizabeth Swiger is preparing to order the nuts for the club's upcoming sale. Nuts should arrive in time for sale prior to the holiday baking season. As with just about everything else, the nut prices have gone up and the club will need to charge a slightly higher price this year. However, we will continue to sell two bags for \$1.00 discount over the price of two bags at the per bag price. We will be selling pecans, cashews, chocolate cashews and bridge mix.

Bob Brummage is again working on plans to sell apples at the Middletown Mall tentatively on Friday and Saturday, October 7th & 8th. More details are coming soon.

Lions Peace Poster Kits Being Delivered to Schools

Jacob Brumage has received the Peace Poster Kits and is in the process of delivering those to West Fairmont Middle School and East Fairmont Junior High School. Students from around the world participate in the contest, which the Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored in Fairmont for a number of years. We have had two district winners, one of whom became a state winner, from Fairmont in recent years.

Mark Your Calendar

Carol Baker is working on plans for this year's Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. The parade will take place on Saturday, December 10th. She will need help from Lions at 4:00 pm, with the line-up scheduled for 4:30 pm that day. The club is also making plans to have a float in the parade. This year, there will be prizes for the best floats, thanks to the donations of several club members.

The Fairmont Lions Club's annual Christmas Party for underprivileged children at the Union Mission is set for December 17th. This will be the second December meeting and there will be no club meeting on December 22nd.

The Zone Christmas Party for members of the Lions clubs in the area has been scheduled for Saturday, November 26th, at the Clarion Inn. This is always good fun and a good way to get acquainted with Lions from our area clubs.



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Nov. 10 6:30 pm Business
 Meeting -Please
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 Soup Opera

Nov. 24 No Meeting
 Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 26 6:00 pm Zone 6
 Christmas Party
 Clarion Inn

Dec. 3 Ring Bells for
 Salvation Army
 WalMart

Visitations

Aletta & Bob Moffett
 attended the USA/Canada
 Lions Leadership Forum in
 Anchorage, AK Sept. 22-24,
 the Zone 7 Meeting hosted
 by the Williamstown Lions on
 Oct. 6, the Cabinet Meeting
 in Warwood on Oct. 16 and
 the Dist. 29-I Convention in
 Bridgeport Oct. 21 & 22. The
 Zone 6 Meeting hosted by
 Barrackville on Sept. 17 was
 attended by Nancy Sickles,
 Aletta and Bob Moffett.

"What if these men, who are
 successful because of their
 drive, intelligence and
 ambition, were to put their
 talents to work improving
 their communities?"

~ Melvin Jones
 Founder

Lions Clubs International



Don Downs to Speak at October 27th Meeting

Don Downs, president of the Marion County Humane Society, will speak Thursday, October 21st, to the Fairmont Lions Club. His program was rescheduled from an earlier date.

The Marion County Humane Society is a Non-Profit "No-Kill" animal welfare organization serving Marion County. It was suggested that members may wish to again bring a bag of pet food for the shelter to this meeting. The meeting begins at 6:30, but come early and enjoy the fellowship of fellow Lions.



DG Patty Nutter (left) receives the centerpiece from Pres. Nancy Sickles.

Joint District Governor Visit Held at Barrackville

Barrackville, Fairview and Fairmont Lions Clubs met at the Barrackville Community Building on September 15th to welcome our District Governor Patty Nutter, a member of the Harrisville Lions Club. DG Nutter outlined the theme, "I Believe," of Lions Clubs International President Wing-Kun Tam and detailed her own theme, "We Believe." She presented Fairmont President Nancy Sickles and the other club presidents, secretaries and treasurers with Pres. Tam's "Panda" pin.

DG Patty, who has an emphasis on youth programs this year, is encouraging clubs to support President Tam's program to plant a million trees and the LCIF Measles Initiative designed to immunize children around the world and reduce childhood deaths from measles-related complications, in addition to vision loss, hearing loss and brain damage. DG Patty is also recognizing clubs this year that have a net gain in members, sponsor a new Lions Club or Leo Club, have new member growth, have a successful member retention program and those that complete at least one program that involve youth or tree planting. DG Patty commented on the number of the Fairmont club's service projects and indicated that, although she was aware of our Christmas party for the children at the Union Mission each year, she did not realize the cost to the club.

The floral centerpiece at the head table was provided by the Fairmont Lions Club and donated by member Bill Kime. At the end of the meeting, Pres. Nancy Sickles presented it to DG Patty. Attending from the Fairmont Lions Club were Pres. Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Barbara Kyer, Carol Baker, Keith Long, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, John Marsicano, Bob Brummage and Aletta and Bob Moffett.

West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation Serves for Us

In 1931, District Governor Jennings Randolph approached Dr. J. E. Blaydes who offered his services free to provide eye operations for children from the WV School for the Blind at Romney.

In 1955, Lions Leonard Jarrett and Jason Conley traveled to Lions Clubs soliciting support for a state-wide organization and the Lions Sight Program of WV was chartered. This operated mainly in the Kanawha Valley area, but in 1959, the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation was formed and the two programs merged. The Foundation now provides eye and hearing surgery, hearing aids, artificial eyes, and the Mobile Eye Screening Unit, among other services.

Nuts Have Arrived

The nuts for this year's sale have arrived and may be picked up to sell from Elizabeth Swiger or Jim Coleman.

Applications for Eye Exams and Glasses Approved

At the October 13th meeting, Keith Long reported for the Eyeglasses Committee, requesting and receiving approval for eight applications for eye exams and glasses. The club has paid bills amounting to nearly \$500 toward the glasses since July 1st.

L-i-o-n-s spells a word but it means **L**oving **I**ndividuals **O**ffering **N**eeded **S**ervice.

--Immediate Past President, Lions Clubs International, Sid L. Scruggs, III



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Ed Neese is recovering and we hope to see him back with us soon.

Members are asked to collect gift wrap, gift tags and tape for wrapping gifts in preparation for the Christmas party for the children at the Union Mission.

Articles, pictures and other information, or comments for or about this newsletter are always welcome. Please send them to:

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Pres. Nancy Sickles presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lexi Moore, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club to attend Rhododendron Girls State.



The "Dynamic Duo" of Dennis Basnett and Keith Long are pictured with garbage bags filled with trash from cleaning up the West Fork River Rail Trail on October 16th. (PHOTO: JOHN MARSICANO)



Bob Brumage reported that the Apple Sale held at Middletown Mall on October 7th and 8th was successful with only a few bushels left as of the last club meeting. Net proceeds from the sale amount to around \$900. (PHOTO: DENNIS BASNETT)



Mary Jo Thomas presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Pres. Nancy Sickles. (See article above).

Lions Clubs Int'l Now in 208 Countries Around the World.



Middletown Mall Hosts "Lights On!" Rally for After School Programs

The Girls and Boys Clubs asked the Fairmont Lions Club to be present for their "Lights On!" rally at Middletown Mall on Thursday, October 20th, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Pres. Nancy Sickles and Jim Coleman made information about eye diseases and sight preservation, along with information about Lions and the Fairmont Lions Club available to those attending.





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Club Activities Highlight Holiday Season

Club Officers

Nancy Sickles.....President
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 Virginia Gallion...Secretary
 Bob Brummage...Treasurer
 Wayne Dodd.....Lion Tamer
 Keith Long.....Tail Twister
 Margaret Brumage..Director
 Belinda Biafore...Director
 Carol Baker.....Director
 Jim Coleman.....Director
 Jacob Brumage & Dennis Basnett...Membership
 Jacob Brumage...Past Pres.

Calendar

- Fairmont Lions meet
6:30 pm
Clarion Inn - Fairmont
- Nov. 30 WVU Coach Bob Huggins Speaks to Local Service Clubs
11:45 am
Westchester Village
- Dec. 3 Ring Bells for Salvation Army
WalMart
- Dec. 8 Business Meeting
- Dec. 10 Eye Screening
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Marion County Courthouse
- Dec. 10 Christmas Parade
Line-up 4:30 pm
Parade 5:00 pm
- Dec. 15 Oliver Luck speaks to Local Service Clubs
11:45 am
Westchester Village
- Dec. 17 Christmas Party for Children
Lions Dinner 6:00 pm
Give gifts 7:00 pm
Union Mission

Visitations

Aletta Moffett, accompanied by Bob, presented the program for the Western Mon Area Lions Club on November 14th. Aletta & Bob Moffett attended the Zone 5 Meeting in Star City on Nov. 12th.

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

~ Bob Hope



Members of the Fairmont Lions Club will be busy during December. On Saturday, December 3rd, the Club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Walmart from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm at the doors nearest the food section. Scheduled to ring are Elizabeth Swiger & Jim Coleman, Nancy & Chris Morgan, Keith Long & Wayne Dodd, Nancy Sickles & Virginia Gallion, and Jackie & Ed Neese. They will ring for two hour shifts throughout the day.

On Saturday, December 10th, in conjunction with the Feast of the Seven Fishes Festival in downtown Fairmont, Fairmont Lions will be screening eyes especially for visual acuity and for glaucoma. We will have the WV Lions Sight Foundation's Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) parked at the Marion County Courthouse. Screening will take place from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lions are needed to do registration and to do the screening.

Also on December 10th, the Fairmont Lions Club is sponsoring the Christmas Parade through the city. The Parade Marshall is our current Lions District Governor Patty Nutter. Club members are needed to do the parade line-up and to ride or walk in the parade. The Sight Foundation's MESU will also make an appearance in the parade.

The Annual Christmas Party for the Children at the Union Mission in Fairmont will take place this year on Saturday, December 17th. Club members will meet at 6:00 pm at the Mission for Dinner, followed by the party upstairs, at approximately 7:00, where Lions will distribute toys, hats, mittens and more to the underprivileged children of Fairmont. Members will also be wrapping the gifts purchased by the club prior to the party.

Club members are needed for all of these activities. Please try to make time available to help out with some of these projects.

Contact these persons to help or if you have questions:

Ringling Bells for the Salvation Army, Dec. 3...Aletta Moffett

304-363-7060

Eye Screening at the Courthouse, Dec. 10.....Bob Moffett

304-363-7060

Christmas Parade, Dec. 10.....Carol Baker

304-365-8613

Christmas Party for the Children, Dec. 17.....Nancy Sickles

304-848-3070

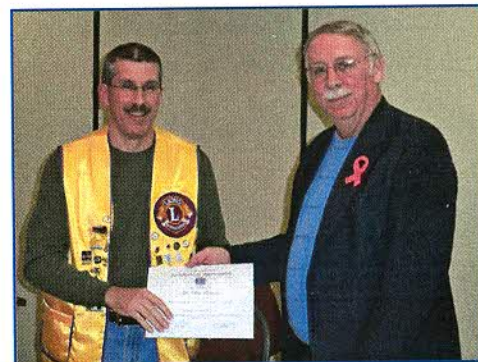
Margaret/Jake Brumage

304-363-1897



Debbie Harvey Inducted

First VDG Bob Moffett inducted Debbie Harvey into the Fairmont Lions Club at the November 11th meeting. She is sponsored by Jacob Brumage and we welcome her into the club.



Don Downs Speaks to Club

Don Downs (pictured above, right), President of the Marion County Humane Society, addressed the Fairmont Lions at the October 27th meeting. He indicated that they were at over capacity with 94 cats and 64 dogs. The Humane Society operates a "no-kill" shelter. The Society's mission is to educate, spay and neuter and find "forever" homes. Club members brought pet food for the shelter to the meeting.

Please Turn in Nut Sales at December 8th Meeting

Jim Coleman reported on November 10th that nut sales were doing well. At that time, there were still some cashews, chocolate cashews and pecans left. He asked that the sale be wrapped up and funds turned in at the December 10th meeting.



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We have several members who are or will be away through the winter. We'll miss you all and look forward to seeing you again come Spring!

Members are asked to collect gift wrap, gift tags and tape for wrapping gifts in preparation for the Christmas party for the children at the Union Mission.

Any Lions are encouraged to attend the WV Lions Leadership School, January 27-29 at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. Early registration fee (through December 15) is only \$100. Registration forms are available on the club's website, www.fairmontlions.org.

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Poster Contest Winners

Kenneth Manuel (left), a student at West Fairmont Middle School and Brooklyn Nuzum (right), a student at East Fairmont Junior High School, have taken the first steps to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning the local competition in their respective schools, sponsored by



the Fairmont Lions Club.

Nuzum's and Manuel's posters are among more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International sponsors the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. The theme, reflected in this year's posters, is "Children Know Peace." Each of them received a \$25 gift certificate and the second place entries from each school received a \$15 gift certificate from the Fairmont Lions Club.

Eyeglass Requests Approved

Keith Long, Chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, requested approval for six individuals to receive eye exams and glasses from the Fairmont Lions Club. Approval of the club was given at the November 10th club meeting.

How 'Bout Them Apples?

Treasurer Bob Brummage, who also was in charge of the Apple Sale, reported that the club cleared \$1,035 on the fall sale. Thanks to all the Lions and friends who helped to sell them.

Are You Receiving the Lions District 29-L Newsletter?

Members of the Fairmont Lions Club may keep up on Lions activities and news from around District 29-L through the District's newsletter. If you are not receiving it by e-mail, simply e-mail a request to Phyllis Amrhein, pamrhein25@comcast.net, and she will add you to the e-mail subscription list.



Lions Reach for the Skies

A new promotional video about Lions and LCIF is being shown on Virgin Airways through January, US Airways in November, Delta in December, and American Airlines in November. To view it without paying the cost of a plane ticket, just visit <http://youtu.be/QBL788buYDM> on the Web.