



# THE MANE GROWL



Fairmont Lions Club July-August 2012 Volume 27 Number 1

## WE SERVE

### Club Officers

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James Coleman.....Director  
Nancy Morgan.....Director  
Geneva Shinaberry.....Director  
Dennis Basnett.....Membership  
Nancy Sickles.....Past Pres.

### Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
6:30 pm  
Clarion Inn - Fairmont

### August 9

Annual Picnic Meeting  
at the Coleman's Home,  
1599 Hillcrest Rd, 26554

### August 10-11

Friendly Lions Club  
Tyler County Fair

### August 18

Adopt a Trail 2:00PM

### August 23

Program Meeting  
DG Bob Moffett  
International Convention  
Awards Night

### September 3

Dan Dauge Car Show  
I70-Exit 10 Cabela Dr  
9:00AM till 4:00PM

### September 13 - 15

USA/Canada Lions Leadership  
Forum, Tampa Bay, Florida

### September 13th

Regular Meeting

### September 21 - 22

District O Conference  
Holiday Inn & Suites  
Barboursville, WV

### September 27

Program Meeting

### October 25, 2012

District Governor's Night  
Fairmont Club



Don't judge each day by the harvest  
you reap but by the seeds you plant -  
Robert Louis Stevenson



From Left-Lion Danny  
Heintzman, Lion Charlotte  
Heintzman and Lion "Lenny"

### Fairmont Lions Invite Lenny to Three Rivers Festival Parade

Fairmont Lions Club extended an invitation to "Lenny" the "Friendly Lion" from the Friendly Lions Club to march with them in the "Three Rivers Festival Parade". Charlotte and Danny Heintzman and family members joined the Fairmont club in the parade march on May 24th. Lenny, accompanied by Charlotte, Dan and other Friendly Lions have helped the Fairmont Lions Club march in the Fairmont Christmas Parade and The Three Rivers Festival for the past two years. Lenny is always a favorite for the Fairmont children.

### Coloring Contest and Broom Sale-Three Rivers Festival Lion Activities

The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored the Three Rivers Festival Coloring Contest for second graders at all of the Fairmont Area Elementary Schools. Participants colored cityscape pictures of Fairmont. Lions Club members judged the entries, and winners were posted on the S & M Glass Windows on Merchant Street. Winners of the contest won prizes donated by Fairmont Area Businesses: Dairy Crème Corner, Myers Entertainment and Tygart Valley Cinemas. Lion Carol Baker was the contest committee chairman, but was also the Three Rivers Festival parade co-ordinator.

The club also set up to sell brooms at the ending point of the parade at S & M Glass on Merchant Street. This was the first year of attempting the sale during the festival. It was not as successful as other broom sales, but was a great opportunity to watch the parade while serving for the Lions. Lion Nancy Sickles and Lion Virginia Gallion raised \$79.00, but had a great time.



Lenny finishes the  
Parade and takes a  
rest at the Broom  
Sale

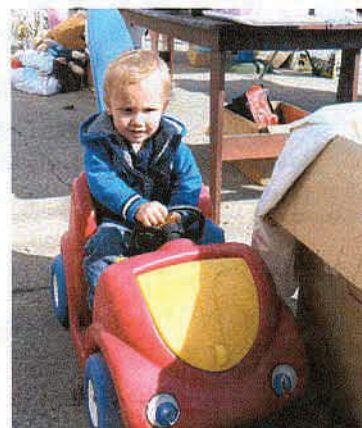
### Lions Volunteer for the Multiphasic Screening

Lion Wayne Dodd volunteered for this year's Multiphasic Screening at Fairmont General Hospital on June 9th. He was joined by a volunteer from the Barrackville Lions Club. For his two hours of volunteer time, the club earned \$250.00 to apply to service projects for the Fairmont Community.

### Annual June Yard is a Success

The Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser was a huge success. On June 2nd, the club held its annual yard sale at S & M Glass on Merchant Street. Lion Evelyn Martin allows the club to use the workroom and large sidewalk area to display all of the great donations for sale. Lion members, and community donors contribute unwanted items to sell and be re-purposed for bargain prices. This year we also offered hot dogs, cookies, brownies and soda for sale to shoppers and workers at the sale. All food items were donated by lion members.

Fifteen lion members donated their time to mark and sort items on Friday evening, and work the sale on Saturday from 8:00AM till 2:00PM. The club raised \$727.00 in total sales of donated items, food and brooms. The weather was perfect for the event, no rain, and not too hot. The best part of the sale is spending time with fellow lions and seeing all of the talents of your lion family in action.



A very happy customer at the Yard Sale!

Photo on left-From Left: Jim Coleman,  
Jacob Brumage and Bob Moffett



### Ongoing Donation Projects Have June Collections

Beginning on the June 14th meeting, donation containers will be set up each month at the meeting for contributions to the club's two ongoing support projects, The Soup Opera Sundry Collection and the Food Collection for the Marion County Humane Society. Lions Nancy and Chris Morgan agreed to co-ordinate the collection and distribution of collected items. Members donated over 400 sundry items in June, and approximately 250 pounds of food and other essential items for the Humane Society.



### Twenty-Two Eye Exams Approved

Lion Keith Long submitted 13 names in June and 9 names in July that have been properly screened and approved for eye exams and glasses to the Club for final approval. We did not have eyeglass submissions for the month of May, so more than 10 applicants were submitted in June. The club unanimously voted to approve the 22 eyeglass applicants. Keith also noted that our club referred an applicant for hearing aids.



From Left: Happy Customer, Nancy Morgan, Jake Brumage

### A Very Successful Broom Sale

The second broom sale of the year took place on Saturday June 16th. We had stations at both Walmart entrances, and at the Shop and Save on East Side. Sixteen Lions volunteered in two hour shifts to work at each station. Lion Jacob Brumage kept each of the stations stocked with brooms and mops and offered assistance when needed. The sale was advertised in advance in the "Times West Virginian". The notice paid off in a big way. Some people made a trip into town just to purchase one of our brooms or mops. Someone always seems to comment on how well our brooms hold up. We hear comments like 15 years and once even 20 years. Representing a great product from a great organization was certainly a successful combination to those who purchased brooms or mops, or even donated to the club. Total

### Fairmont Lions Donate to Outgoing District Governor, Patty Nutter

At the June 4th Board of directors meeting, Lion Nancy Sickles read a letter from Past District Governor, Lion Jeff Baxter. He was requesting donations from all of the clubs in the district to donate any where from \$10 to \$25 to current District Governor, Patty Nutter. Her term will be ended soon, and it is customary that the clubs do something to thank the District Governor for a good year of work. After discussion to confirm that there was a fund in the budget to pay for this from, members unanimously voted to donate \$25.00 to Patty Nutter.



Past District Governor, Patty Nutter

### Rails to Trail Clean Up on June 24th

Lion John Marscicano reported that the Rails to Trails clean up on June 24th only yielded one other Lion volunteer, Lion Dennis Basnett. He and Dennis covered the entire trail by themselves. Our club needs to get more members involved who can walk the entire 3.5 miles of trail.

### Sponsors of Girls State Honored by the Womens Club of Fairmont

Lion Nancy Sickles and Lion Virginia Gallion attended a reception at the Fairmont Womens Club for Girls state attendees and their sponsors. Mary Jo Thomas has worked hard to bring the Girls State Program back to the prestige that it once had. She has worked tirelessly to make sure enough sponsors are secured to sponsor all deserving candidates from Fairmont Schools. Fairmont Lions Club Sponsored Mattie Nichole Kleithermes. She personally thanked Lion Nancy and Lion Virginia for the sponsorship. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Fairmont Lions Club for their participation.

Miss Kleithermes will speak before the Lions Club in the very near future to let the club know how very important this experience was to her, and thank them for sponsoring her.



From Left: Lion Nancy Sickles, Mattie Kleithermes, Mrs. Kleithermes, Mr. Kleithermes



From Left: Virginia Gallion (Standing in for Jacob Brumage, John Marscicano, Keith Long, Carol Baker, Barbara Kyer, Bob Brummage, Jim Coleman, Ed Neese, Nancy Morgan, DG Patty Nutter

### District Governor Patty Nutter Installs 2012-2013 Officers

District Governor Patty Nutter conducted the ceremony to induct the incoming officers for the 2012-2013 year. She called each of the candidates elect and gave them their charge for leading our club for the coming year. Officers that were installed were as follows: President-John Marscicano, First Vice President-Jake Brumage, Second Vice President- Keith Long, Secretaries- Carol Baker and Barbara Kyer, Treasurer- Bob Brummage, Lion Tamer-Margaret Brumage, Tail Twister-Wayne Dodd, Membership Chairperson-Dennis Basnett, Board of Directors- Ed Neese, Nancy Morgan, Jim Coleman and Geneva Shinnaberry.

District Governor Patty gave all of the officers one of her District Governor Pins, and thanked the club for inviting her to install our officers. We also had a new member candidate, Joe Sarsfield who submitted his application and payment of dues. We will induct him at the next meeting. District Governor Patty gave him a pin and was extremely pleased to see someone so young joining our club.





### Lion Family Members who Could Use a Call or Visit

Lion Mary Jo Michael

Lion Bob Roupe

Lion Evelyn Martin

Lion Geneva Shinaberry

Lion Steve Criss

These Lions have been sick or injured and cannot attend the meetings.

We miss them and wish speedy recoveries to them all!!!



William Kime, A Lifetime Member of the Fairmont Lions Club, passed away on July 22nd. Please keep the Kime family in your thoughts and prayers,

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."  
! Albert Schweitzer



### Joe Sarsfield Inducted into Fairmont Lions Club

The Fairmont Lions Club proudly inducts its newest and youngest member, Joe Sarsfield. Joe visited our club first to present a report on his experience with HOBY. Our club had sponsored his attendance. He enjoyed our club so much, that as soon as he became 18, he gave us his application to join. He had visited a second time on June 28th, when Fairmont installed their officers. The evening ran long, so we postponed his induction till the July 28th meeting. During his attendance at the June meeting, he got to meet District Governor Patty Nutter, and she presented him with one of her District Governor pins. On the evening of his induction, the new District Governor, Bob Moffett conducted the ceremony. Joe has had the pleasure of personally meeting two District Governors for 29L in just one month of being a Lion. We are very happy to have Joe as a member of our club, and look forward to him bringing other young people into the club.



From Left: DG Bob Moffett, John Marsicano, Joe Sarsfield

### Chestnut Mountain Ranch Executive Director Visits Club

At the July 28th meeting our program was given by Steve Finn, Executive Director of the Chestnut Mountain Ranch. The Ranch is a Non-Profit, Christ centered, safe haven for boys and families in crisis. It is a place for family restoration, where boys can enjoy school again, and all can experience family values. Their team is in the process of building 7 homes on their newly acquired property to keep the boys in a positive environment when home life is not providing a nurturing environment. Mr. Finn and his family have purchased the land and begun construction on the first of 7 homes. Much work is yet to be done. West Virginia has one of the nations highest rates of child abuse and neglect. The government cost for housing youth in the division of Juvenile Services in West Virginia is \$90,000 a year. There is certainly a need for an alternative answer to helping these young men. Mr. Finn is absolutely committed to making sure we have that choice in our state.



From Left: John Marsicano, Steve Finn

### Fairmont Club Presents Check to FSU Foundation

Lion Jim Coleman presents the Fairmont Lions Club Annual Contribution of \$150.00 to the Fairmont State University Scholarship Foundation. This fund is an ongoing scholarship fund with the flexibility to award to students with the greatest need. Foundation Budget Officers oversee all of the Foundation disbursements to insure the best use of the funding dollars. Lion Chris Morgan, accepting the check works for the FSU Foundation.



From Left: Jim Coleman, Chris Morgan

### Fairmont Lions Club Sponsors DG Bob Moffett's First Cabinet Meeting

DG Bob Moffett held his first Cabinet Meeting on July 15th at the Barrackville Lions Community Center. Lion Scott Summers volunteered to head the committee to have the Fairmont Lions Club sponsor the Meeting. Twelve members of the Fairmont Lions Club attended the meeting and volunteered to help Scott decorate, cook, serve and clean up.

DG Bob was very pleased to have his club sponsor the first cabinet meeting. He thanked Scott and the Fairmont club for doing such a fine job on the event. Scott and Bonnie Summers did such a great job, in fact, that they were asked to plan the 90th birthday celebration event for the Fairmont Lions Club on April 20, 2013.



Lion Keith Long ready to work



PDG Eva Dauge receives DG Bob's Pin "The Power to Serve"

### Board of Directors Plan for 2012-2013 Year of Service

On July 23 the new President, John Marsicano called his first board of directors meeting. The budget for the coming year was set with only minor adjustments from last year. There were two new categories added, a Humane Society Budget of \$50.00, and the Anniversary Party budget to celebrate the Fairmont Lions Club 90th Anniversary. The date for that party is April 20, 2013. Mark your calendars to help the club celebrate this milestone. Some Committee Chairpersons were selected. A complete list will be in the next issue of the newsletter. Lion John should have a great year.





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District 29-L Lions  
[www.lions29l.org](http://www.lions29l.org)

WV Lions Sight Foundation  
[www.wvsight.org](http://www.wvsight.org)

Fairmont Lions Club  
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### Just a Lion or Two

Leola Robinson is now living in Maryland with her daughter in Glen Burnie, MD. We will miss her presence.

Lion George Janice has permanently moved to Welch, WV and will no longer be a Fairmont Lions Club member. We will also miss his participation.

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### Scott Summers and Capone Take First Place

Lions Scott and Bonnie Summers attended the Pilot Dogs Alumni Convention in Chicago, Illinois in June. This is an association of people who use and train guide dogs and gather once a year to share fellowship, and enter a competition for obedience and agility. Lion Scott won first place this year with his new Pilot Dog, Capone. Capone and Scott have only been together for 8 months, but performed beautifully as a team at the convention. Lion Scott is also this year's Cabinet Chairperson for the Pilot Dog Program.



### Guy Ward Inducted into Fairmont Lions Club

Guy Ward presented his application and dues payment to sponsor Jake Brumage before the Board of Directors meeting on June 4th. Board Members voted to welcome Mr. Ward into the Fairmont Lions Club. Lion Bob Moffett graciously conducted the induction ceremony. Lion Bob gave a brief history on the Lions Clubs. He explained that we were given a mission by Hellen Keller to become Knights of the Blind, and have since executed that challenge. We are the largest service organization in the world. Lion Guy gave his pledge, accepted his certificate and pin from sponsor, Jake Brumage. The Fairmont Lions club welcomed Mr. Ward as it's newest member.



From Left: DG Bob Moffett, Guy Ward,

### Tail Twister Entertains Members

Lion Keith Long our Tail Twister brought his guitar to perform for the club. He sings in a group called "Almost a Song" and performs humorous Bluegrass and country songs. He performed first "Senior Moments" and then Lion Aletta requested that he sing "Opossum". Both songs were absolutely wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed by all of the membership.



Tail Twister, Keith Long Sings to Members

### Cookies given out by Exiting President, Lion Nancy Sickles

President Lion Nancy Sickles passed out smiley cookies to members to commemorate her last meeting as president. She wanted to leave the club with a "Smile"



DG Patty Nutter and Paul Nutter Hold Up Smiley Face Cookies





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James Coleman.....Director  
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Geneva Shinaberry.....Director  
Dennis Basnett.....Membership  
Nancy Sickles.....Past Pres.

### Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
6:30 pm  
Clarion Inn - Fairmont

**Saturday, December 1**  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
10:00 till 7:00  
Shop and Save Fmt. Ave.

**Saturday, December 8**  
Christmas Parade  
Downtown Fairmont  
4:30 Line Up  
5:30 Parade Start time

**Friday, December 14**  
Union Mission Christmas Party  
6:00PM at The Union Mission

**Thursday, December 27**  
No Meeting

**Thursday, January 10**  
Regular Meeting  
Clarion Inn 6:30

**Thursday, January 24**  
Regular Meeting  
Clarion Inn 6:30

**Friday, January 25**  
through **Sunday, January 27**  
Lions Leadership School  
Flatwoods Days Inn

**Friday, March 15**  
through **Saturday March 16**  
District 29L Conference  
Bridgeport Conference Ctr.



Stephen M. Glass, from Bridgeport, West Virginia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea June 22-26, 2012.



Hosts of the Party: Lion Jim Coleman and Lion Elizabeth Swiger



From Left: Lion Jim Coleman, Lion John Marsicano, Almost Lion Lisa Long, Lion Keith Long, Lion Scott Summers, Lion Bonnie Summers, Lion Bob Moffett, Lion Aletta Moffett, Lion Elizabeth Swiger.

### District Governor Bob Moffett Reports on Busan, Korea

Lions DG Bob Moffett and his wife Aletta, attended the 95th Annual Lions International Convention in Busan Korea at the state of the art Bexco Convention Center. This convention was the largest of its kind for the Lions organization and the largest ever held in the city as well, with more than 50,000 members of Lions Clubs International hailing from 120 nations.

DG Bob and Aletta were most impressed by the warmth and generosity of their Korean Hosts. They were warmly greeted at the Airport, their hotel, and the registration for the convention. Their hotel overlooked one of the beaches of the Busan port, where daytime activity was enjoying the sun and surf, and nighttime brought local entertainment to the sandy stage.

One of the highlights of the four day, busy convention was the parade of nations parade. Photos to the right from Busan Metropolitan City on the Korea.net website depict the variety and many cultured face of the Lions Club organization.

West Virginia was present with 21 members in attendance. DG Bob and Aletta, the other 3 DG's and their spouses along with Steve Glass, nominee for International Associations of Lions Clubs. DG Bob commented that he was so very impressed by the genuine integrity and generosity of all of the Lions he met.

The final ceremony on June 26th was the installation of the new International President, and the installation of all of the new District Governors from all 121 countries. That was the moment where Lion Bob Moffett was no longer a candidate, and was now District Governor Robert Moffett of District 29L in Fairmont, West Virginia. A very proud moment for all of the Fairmont Lions Members.

### Fairmont Lions Feast at the Annual Cook Out

Fairmont Lions Club were invited to attend the Annual Cook Out at the lovely home of Lions Jim Coleman and Lion Elizabeth Swiger. There were 15 Lions in attendance. Our hosts provided home made barbecue sandwiches, and attending members brought covered dishes and desserts to round off the wonderful meal.

The Coleman's have hosted our last 9 summer cook outs.

Lion Ralph Davis was in attendance. It was his last Lion event before moving away from Fairmont. Our club will miss Lion Ralph's wonderful smile and diligent work ethic.



Lion Ralph Enjoying the Cook Out talking to Lion Carol Baker's Friend, Patty

### Lions Plan the 90th Anniversary Celebration Party

The 90th Anniversary Party Planning Committee began their planning at the Firehouse Cafe on August 13th. The first order of business was planning for the 90th Anniversary Pin design. Almost Lion, Lisa Long and Lion Keith put their heads together and came up with a great design that will be introduced and voted on in the first meeting in November.

Lion Connie Canfield generously volunteered to donate \$300.00 towards the payment for the pins. The Club extends it's thanks to Connie for her generosity.

There is still a lot of planning to make a successful party. A menu and decorations, even entertainment must be finalized. Please clear your calendars to join us on April 20, 2013 for this milestone celebration.



Left, District Governor Robert (Bob) Moffett, Right President, John Marsicano



Lions from over 100 countries march along with colorful floats and bands for the Parade of Nations (photo courtesy of Busan Metropolitan City).

### Fourteen Eye Exams Approved

Lion Keith Long submitted 7 names in August and 7 names in September that have been properly screened and approved for eye exams and glasses to the Club for final approval. The club unanimously voted to approve the 14 eyeglass applicants. Keith also noted that our club referred an applicant for Cataract Surgery.



### Ten Members have Perfect Attendance

The 2011-2012 service year of the Fairmont Lions Club brought 10 Lions into the Perfect Attendance arena. Those who could not attend a regular meeting could make up the event by attending another Lion function within 14 days before or after the regular meeting. The ten members are pictured from the Left: Carol Baker, Elizabeth Swiger, DG Robert Moffett, Aletta Moffett, Jim Coleman, Bob Brumage, Ralph Davis, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles and John Marscicano. Congratulations to this dedicated group.



### Dan Dague Car Show is a Success Despite Rain Date Reschedule

Five members of the Fairmont Lions Club volunteered at the Dan Dague Car Show in Wheeling, WV on September 9th. The original date of Monday, September 2nd was rained out and re-scheduled for the following Sunday. There were still over 500 entries into the show. The weather was very co-operative on the newly scheduled date. It was estimated that over 1000 people attended the event. Lions Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett and Virginia Gallion assisted with volunteering for entry registration and traffic control. Lion Nancy Sickles and Lion John Marscicano volunteered at the food concession.

Proceeds from the Car Show are used to purchase needed equipment and research for the West Virginia Sight Foundation. During the club's later September visit from Past DG Jeff Baxter, we learned that the Car Show raised close to \$10,000.00 to contribute to this worthy cause.



Aletta Moffett and Virginia Gallion Help Register Car Show Entries

### 11th Annual Dan Dague Car Show

The Lions West Virginia Sight Foundation raises funds for the purchase of important equipment. Proceeds from this year's event will go toward the purchase of equipment that will be used across the state to test children as young as six months. The equipment will cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000.



One of the Winning Entries a rare Keyser-Frazier

### Kim Cummings of the Marion County Literacy Volunteers Visits Fairmont Club

On September 13th, Kim Cummings, Director of the Marion County Literacy Volunteers addressed the Fairmont Lions Club. She explained that adult literacy is a growing concern in our community. It is estimated that 1 in 5 adults cannot read above a 4th grade level. This is not just a Marion County problem. Ms. Cummings also stated that over one half of the workforce, 90 million adults are less educated than the previous generation.

To address this startling problem, there are Literacy Volunteer organizations in just about every community. Our Marion County Volunteers train in several different areas; Skills Assessments, Tutoring for GED, Head Start readiness, after school reading programs and one on one adult reading assistance.

Those who wish to participate in this vital program can contact the Literacy Volunteer office at 601 Locust Ave. There are various training sessions available to receive the necessary skills to help your group of choice.

Literacy is a key component in achieving a quality of life that not only improves an individual life, but also improves the entire community that we live in.



Left, Director of Marion County Literacy Volunteers, Kim Cummings, Right, John Marscicano





### Lion Family Members who Could Use a Call or Visit

Lion Mary Jo Michael

Lion Bob Roupe

Lion Nancy Morgan

Lion Ed Neese

Lion Steve Criss

These Lions have been sick or injured and cannot attend the meetings.

We miss them and wish speedy recoveries to them all!!!



Lion Ralph Davis Moved Away  
Anyone who wishes to drop  
Lion Ralph a line, here's his address:

**1293 Navaree  
Darlington, SC 29532**

He said he would  
LOVE to hear from us.

"All that mankind has  
done, thought, gained,  
or been; it is lying as in  
magic preservation in  
the pages of books."  
" Thomas Carlyle



### October 6th and 13th Apple and Broom Sales a Huge Success

The Fairmont Lions Club held the two planned Apple and Broom Sales on October 6th and 13th at the Middletown Mall Parking Lot. Sales were brisk, and all of the apples were sold by early afternoon both days. This years popular offering were the Rome and McIntosh varieties that many people prefer for cooking apples. Members had been concerned over the increased cost of the apples holding down the sales numbers, but the quality of the apples and salesmanship of the members prevailed.

October 6th Apple Sale: Elizabeth Swiger, Ralph Davis, Carol Baker, Jake Brummage, Keith Long, Bob Brumage, Wayne Dodd, Jim Coleman



From Left: John Marscicano,  
Past DG Jeff Baxter



### Past District Governor Jeff Baxter Shares Passion for The West Virginia Sight Foundation

The September 27th meeting of the Fairmont Lions club had an unexpected visit from Past District Governor, Jeff Baxter who came to talk about the West Virginia Sight Foundation. The Foundation is funded by donations from clubs in all four of the West Virginia Districts. The proceeds are used to purchase research materials and equipment for the West Virginia University Eye Center. They also purchase all of the screening equipment that travels around our state to screen children and adults who do not get regular eye screenings included in their medical insurance coverage.

The largest fundraiser for the foundation is the Dan Dague Car Show held on Labor Day Monday each year for the past 11 years. Past DG Jeff works tirelessly to insure that this event is staffed and planned to yield a successful fundraising event.

Even with the rain date delay re-schedule, we had over 500 entries for the show, and raised in excess of \$10,000.00. Our goal this year is \$40,000, for the SL9 Hand Held eye screener equipment that can screen infants as young as 6 months old to detect problems with vision before they go to school. Some problems can be treated more successfully if diagnosed even earlier than the 4 to 5 year olds who typically get their first vision screening.

### Journey for Sight Raises \$544.00

On September 15th, 2012, our Annual Journey for Sight was held to raise funds to assist with the payment of eye glasses and exams for Fairmont Residents. Stations were set up at two points on the Rail Trail. One station is set just before the tunnel beside of the Novelis Plant on East Side. The other station is on the Pricketts fort side. Sponsored Journey participants recieved refreshments at both stations. Between donations from Saturday walkers and bikers, and sponsored funds, the Club raised \$544.00. This was another successful fundraiser for our club.

### Kiley Westfall Visits Club



Kiley Westfall, HOBY Attendee  
receives award from John  
Marscicano for Presentation

On October 11th Kiley Westfall Visited the Fairmont Lions Club and gave a brief talk on her experience of attending HOBY this past year. Miss Westfall thoroughly enjoyed her HOBY experience and urged the club to continue to send young people to participate in the program.



### Adopt-A-Trail Winds Down Another Year

On October 21st, the final Adopt-A-Trail Clean-up was held. Participating Fairmont Lions Club Members were pictured above from the left; Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett, John Marscicano, Dennis Basnett and Guy Ward. The trail our Club has adopted runs from Downtown Monongah to the Norway section of Mary Lou Retton Park. Volunteer members meet mid-trail working from either end to clear low hanging branches and debris from the trail.



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### Just a Lion or Two

DUES REMINDER----Dues are due on June 30th and December 30th. The club pays the District and International for each of our members. Please stay current to allow the Club to stay in good standing.

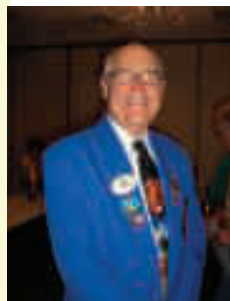
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### District Governor's Night at Fairmont on October 25th

The Fairmont Lions Club hosted one of it's own for their 2012-2013 District Governor's Night. It was a very special occasion for our club because one of our own members is the District Governor. That is not an occasion that occurs often. District Governor Robert Moffett presented a program on "When and How" he truly became a lion. He shared a very special story of how the Lion Club in Frederick, Maryland helped his family after the sudden passing of his father. He spoke of the genuine kindness and integrity of those lions who came to help in his family's time of need. That demonstration of kindness marked his life at the age of 10 to someday be a Lion.

District Governor Bob shared his vision on the "Power to Serve" as a team of Lions all dedicated to achieving ambitious tasks, can accomplish so much more "Together". His main focus this year is on Literacy improvement in our community. So if we work together in one team, we should be able to affect a tremendous change.

There were so many great photo moments at this event, that this editor will just let the pictures tell the rest of the story. Please enjoy the photos below of our Honorable Evening.



District Governor, Robert Moffett



Past District Governor, Pat Julius and Shirley



President, John Marsicano Presents DG Moffett with Gift



Our "Special" Bell



Lion Beulah Miller



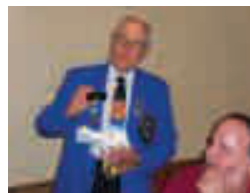
Lion Scott Summers Presents Gift



Lion Jim Coleman receives Award



Lion Leroy from the White Hall Lions Club



Joseph Sarsfield and Aletta Moffett





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## WE SERVE



### Club Officers

John Marsicano.....President  
Jacob Brumage.....1st V.P.  
Keith Long.....2nd V.P.  
Carol Baker.....Secretary  
Barbara Kyer.....Assistant Secretary  
Bob Brummage.....Treasurer  
Margaret Brumage.....Lion Tamer  
Wayne Dodd.....Tail Twister  
Ed Neese.....Director  
James Coleman.....Director  
Nancy Morgan.....Director  
Geneva Shinaberry.....Director  
Dennis Basnett.....Membership  
Nancy Sickles.....Past Pres.

### Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
6:30 pm  
Clarion Inn - Fairmont

### Tuesday, March 12

Board of Directors Meeting  
6:30 PM Clarion Inn

### Thursday, March 14

Regular Meeting  
6:00 PM Clarion Inn

### Friday, March 15

through Saturday March 16  
District 29L Conference  
Bridgeport Conference Ctr.

### Monday, March 18

West Liberty DG Visit, 7:00 pm

### Thursday, March 28

Program Meeting  
6:00PM Clarion Inn

### Thursday, April 11

Dallas DG Visit



John Marsicano and Adrianna Constable

### Adrianna Constable Sings the Praises of HOBY

Adrianna

Constable was our representative to HOBY from Fairmont Senior. She stated that she would like to thank the Club for sponsoring her. It was such a wonderful experience. All the Ambassadors welcomed me, helped me out of my car, and gave me "Hoby Hugs". Her favorite was the seminars she attended, one on "Bullying" and one of the Columbine Massacre. She also enjoyed the presentation by Miss West Virginia, who spoke setting goals and working toward them.

She said she would like to be an English teacher like her Mom. At HOBY they did public service jobs. Some painted walls in a building. Her group carried ice at an Arts Fair. She liked meeting new people. She likes keeping touch with the friends she met at HOBY. She didn't get to go to the Hoby reunion because she had an injury from playing Lacrosse. Adrianna is Russian and was adopted from Russia. She would like to return to HOBY as an ambassador some day.

### Fairmont Lions Committees for 2012-2013

#### Administrative

Membership  
Program  
Finance  
Calling  
Publicity

Jacob Brumage, Dennis Basnett  
John Marsicano  
Bob Brummage  
Beulah Miller, Evelyn Martin  
Jacob Brumage, Carol Baker

#### Activities

Adopt-A-Trail  
HOBY  
Peace Poster Contest  
Writing Contest  
Union Mission

John Marsicano  
Jacob Brumage  
Jacob Brumage  
Virginia Gallion  
Nancy Sickles,  
Nancy Morgan  
Virginia Gallion,  
Carol Baker  
Dennis Basnett  
Keith Long  
Jim Coleman  
Virginia Gallion  
Bob Brummage  
John Marsicano  
Each Member  
Nancy Morgan  
Nancy Morgan

#### Christmas Party

Special Olympics  
Eyeglasses  
FSU Scholarship  
Magazines  
Parade of Checks  
Journey for Sight  
Eyeglass Collection Boxes  
Soup Opera Tolerities  
Animal Supplies Collection  
Friends and Family  
Fairmont Christmas Parade  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
Literacy Committee-Library

Carol Baker  
Aletta Moffett  
John Marsicano, Carol Baker,  
Nancy Morgan, Aletta Moffett,  
Joe Sarsfield

#### Fund Raisers

Broom Sales  
Nut Sales  
Fruit Sales  
Multiphasic Screening

Jacob Brumage,  
Margaret Brumage  
Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger  
Bob Brummage  
Aletta Moffett, Nancy Sickles,  
Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger  
John Marsicano  
Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion,

Journey for Sight  
Yard Sale

### THANK YOU FROM DG BOB MOFFETT

President John passed around a Thank You Note from DG Bob for District Governor's Night and for the gift of the Eli Thomas Boxcar for his Garden Railroad. You may visit YouTube and enter "gardentrainguy" to view his Garden Railroad and the new Boxcar.



Stephen M. Glass, from Bridgeport, West Virginia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea June 22-26, 2012.



Lion John Marsicano Presents Certificate to Erica Reed, Marion County Public Library Director

### Marion County Library Director Visits Our Club

President John introduced Ms. Erica Reed, Marion County Public Library Director. Ms. Reed explained that there are three Library Locations, and this year, they will be getting a new Bookmobile. The Bookmobile travels to Day Care Facilities and Senior Centers Around the County. The Library has a huge competitor, the internet. To help meet the challenges of "Instant Information Access", the Library has joined the online data base for Fairmont State.

The Library System is a sponsor for GED training and tutoring. Without the current Library Levy in Marion County, they could not function and provide the valuable resources free to the citizens of Marion County. They invite help and new ideas that can help put books in childrens hands, helping to tutor adults and children to read and write better and helping to reach out to the community for literacy needs. She also suggested that the club could possibly sponsor a book drive to gather books to donate to the library.



### Ten Eye Exams Approved for November and December

Lion Keith Long submitted 10 names for November and December that have been properly screened and approved for eye exams and glasses to the Club for final approval. The club unanimously voted to approve the 10 eyeglass applicants.



### Certificates of Appreciation Presented

DG Bob Moffett gave out Certificates from 2010-2011. A Certificate was given to Lion Scott Summers for Service Dog Chairperson, and to Lion Jacob Brumage for Zone 6 Chairperson. The Certificates were from prior DG Jeff Baxter's year. Recognition is still an important part of our club.



District Governor, Bob Moffett and his wife, Lion Aletta Moffett, Parade Marshalls for the 2012 Annual Christmas Parade

### BROOM SALE WITH WHITE HALL LIONS

President John Marsicano stated that had received an email from Treasurer Bob Brummage stating that we made \$215 at the October Broom Sale with the White Hall Lions Club.



### The Fairmont Christmas Parade Marches Despite of the Rain

The Third Annual Lions Club Sponsored Fairmont Christmas Parade marched through downtown Fairmont on December 10th despite the threat of pouring rain. Fairmont Lions still showed up at 4:00 to help route traffic, and line-up parade entrants. Lion Carol Baker kept going in the faith that the rain that had fallen all day would finally let up...maybe just long enough to have a parade. Her hard work and diligence paid off. The rain stopped just a few minutes before the parade started.

Despite the unfavorable conditions, there were still over 100 entries marching along the Parade Route from Fourth Street on the West Side of Fairmont, across the High Level Bridge, ending at the intersection of Merchant Street and Morgantown Avenue on the East Side of Fairmont.

Honoring our own Fairmont Lions Club, were Parade Marshalls, District Governor, Bob Moffett of District 29L, and his lovely wife, Lion Aletta Moffett, District Chairperson for Diabetes Awareness. It has been many years since the Fairmont Club has had the honor of a Fairmont Lion stepping up to the plate of District Governor.

Lion Carol Baker and Lion Marcie Carroll were the parade organizers. They wished to thank all of the Lion Volunteers who helped direct traffic and line up parade entries in the pouring rain before the beginning of the parade. Lion Carol is the ultimate Parade Planner, and the Fairmont Club is fortunate to have her experience to take on this enormous task. We look forward to next year's parade. It is a marker for the beginning of the Holiday season for many Fairmont Residents. Santa Claus usually arrives at the end of the parade on a big shiny Red Fire Truck. Unfortunately, this year, his usual ride was called to a fire, and he arrived on an ATV decorated in Christmas Lights.



### Fairmont Lions Club Newest Members

The Fairmont Lions Club welcomes new members all of the time. We are pleased to welcome our newest members, Crystal Copeland (Left) and Elizabeth Cruikshank (Right). We look forward to their long membership with our club in service to the Fairmont Community. Please make it a point to introduce yourselves to them and extend a warm welcome to our Fairmont Lion Family.







### Lion Family Members who Could Use a Call or Visit

Lion Mary Jo Michael  
is at St. Barbara's  
Nursing Home in  
Monongah

Lion Ed Neese

Lion Steve Criss

These Lions have been sick or  
injured and cannot attend the  
meetings.

We miss them and wish speedy  
recoveries to them all!!!

Secretary, Lion Carol Baker  
has just sent an updated  
roster of phone numbers,  
e-mail addresses, and  
regular Mail addresses.

Let's challenge one another  
to call a Lion Member and  
come out to join us  
at the March 14th  
meeting.



### Lions make Excellent Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Lion Aletta Moffett, Committee Chairperson for the Salvation Army Bell Ringers would like to recognize and thank the club members for ringing bells at Save a Lot on December 1st. Special thanks to Lions Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Carol Baker, Beulah Miller, Evelyn Martin, Keith Long, Jake Brumage, Guy Ward, Bob Moffett, and Aletta Moffett. Lions all over the United States select a day in December to ring for the Salvation Army. Funds are used to assist communities recover from disasters, find jobs for citizens, and provide shelter and resources for people in crisis.

Lions Evelyn Martin (Left) and Beulah Miller (Right) Ring Bells for the Salvation Army at Save-A-Lot



Lion Evelyn Martin at our Late October Meeting

### The Sudden Passing of a Great Lion is Mourned by the Fairmont Lions Club

On December 27th, the Fairmont Lions Club lost one of our great members, Lion Evelyn Gertrude Martin. Lion Evelyn was a member of the Fairmont Lioness Club for nearly 30 years. When that club disbanded and joined the regular Lions Club, Evelyn joined many of her Lioness friends in becoming members of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Evelyn and her Late Husband Gene have Served with the Lions, contributing to the Fairmont Community for almost half of her lifetime. She helped with the Union Mission Christmas Parties, donated the use of her family business for Saturday Yard Sales for the past 7 years. The business also has sold the Lion Brooms and Mops for many years.

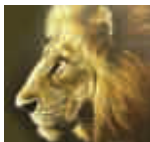
Our hearts are heavy to have lost one of our finest members. We extend her family and friends many prayers. We will miss Lion Evelyn and her quiet, yet resolute manner.

### 2012 Union Mission Christmas Party a Huge Success

On December 15th, 2012, our 78th Annual Union Mission Christmas party had another GREAT year. Committee Chairperson, Lion Nancy Sickles had to step up to the plate a little this year when her co-chairperson, Lion Nancy Morgan became seriously ill. Lion Nancy found some Lion, and Non-Lion elves to help purchase, organize and wrap the gifts for 100 children from the Union Mission List of people in need of Holiday assistance to help their children have a Christmas. Lion Nancy wishes to thank Lions Aletta, Bob, Beulah, Nancy Chris, Evelyn, Virginia, Keith and Wayne for their help. She would also like to thank non-lion Elves, the members of Pastor Georges church for a non-stop night of gift wrapping, Debra Benedict for the hours of organizing and separating the gifts, and almost a Lion Lisa Long for helping at the party. We all work together to make a huge difference for some children who might not otherwise experience the gift of giving during the Holiday Season. Below is a montage of pictures from the party. Enjoy!!!







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District Governor Bob Moffett's  
theme this year is  
"The Power to Serve"



#### Lions on the Web

Lions Clubs International  
[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)  
[www.wvlions.org](http://www.wvlions.org)

District 29-L Lions  
[www.lions29l.org](http://www.lions29l.org)

WV Lions Sight Foundation  
[www.wvsight.org](http://www.wvsight.org)

Fairmont Lions Club  
[www.fairmontlions.org](http://www.fairmontlions.org)

#### Just a Lion or Two

DUES REMINDER----Dues are due on June 30th and December 30th. The club pays the District and International for each of our members. Please stay current to allow the Club to stay in good standing.

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### Christmas Party Photos Continued



Lion Nancy Sickles, Debra Benedict, Beulah Miller, Evelyn Martin, Chris and Nancy Morgan



Lion Keith "Santa" Long, Lion Wayne "Elf" Dodd, and Reverend George Batton

