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# The Mane Growl



Fairmont Lions Club Meets at  
The Firehouse Cafe, 323 Adams Street

Fairmont Lions Club June - July 2014 Volume 29 Number 1

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
6:30 pm  
The Firehouse Cafe  
323 Adams Street  
Fairmont, WV

July 16 Board of Directors  
6:00 pm  
The Firehouse Cafe  
**CANCELED**

July 17 Read Aloud WV  
6:30 pm  
White Hall  
Municipal Building

July 24 Program - TBA  
6:30 pm  
The Firehouse Cafe

July 30 Board of Directors  
6:00 pm  
The Firehouse Cafe

Aug. 14 Lions Club Picnic  
6:00 Home of  
Jim Coleman  
& Elizabeth Swiger

Aug. 24 Adopt-A-Trail  
2:00 pm  
West Fork River/  
James LaRue Trail

Aug. 28 Program - TBA

Humor is a wonderful  
way to prevent hardening  
of the attitudes!

--Joel Goodman

## WE SERVE



President Joe Preston's  
theme for 2014 - 2015



### Club Officers Installed

Past Council Chairperson Patty Nutter was on hand June 26<sup>th</sup> to install the Fairmont Lions Club's officers for the coming year. Keith Long will serve as president. Prior to the installation ceremony, outgoing President Jacob Brumage thanked First

Vice President Keith Long and Immediate Past President John Marsicano for stepping in during his illness and recovery. The complete list of officers can be found at the top left.

PCC Patty Nutter was accompanied by Lion Paul. She also spoke about the importance of the Reading Action Program (RAP) and Lions Quest -- a skills and life development program for youth.

PDG Bob Moffett presented the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow pin to Jim Coleman and noted that he is the first club member to become a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (PMJF). The PMJF program is a way for donors to extend their commitment to Lions Clubs International Foundation beyond the initial \$1,000 contribution.



### Adopt-A-Trail Continues

John Marsicano began in Monongah, while Aletta and Bob Moffett began at Norway. They picked up trash along the way and cleared some overhanging branches from the West Fork River/James LaRue Rail Trail on Sunday afternoon, June 29<sup>th</sup>. As luck would have it, however, they got caught in rain as they approached the shelter about mid-way. With a "We Serve" attitude, they waited out the heaviest rain there and then walked back out just a little bit wetter than when they started.

### Lions Answer The Call for WV Public Television



On Sunday evening, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Lions again answered phones for WV Public Television's on-air pledge drive. Guy Ward made the arrangements for this service project. He and his wife Joyce were there, along with Keith Long, John Marsicano, and Aletta & Bob Moffett. Lions were on-air during the program breaks from 7:50 - 10:35 pm.

### Club Receives Thanks from Soup Opera/Sobrania

Margaret Brumage continues collecting items, especially toiletries, for the Soup Opera and said that she had received a thank you from them stating how much they appreciate and need those donated items.



### Eye Exams and Glasses Approved

At the June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> meetings, Keith Long asked for and received approval for five and seven (total of 12) applications from individuals requesting eye exams and glasses.



**Membership Key Award Presented**

Aletta Moffett was presented the Membership Key Award for sponsoring five new members by President Keith Long at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Lions meeting. Membership Key Awards recognize individual Lions who invite new members. The first membership key can be earned by inviting two new members. The new member must remain a Lion for a year and a day before the name may be used as credit toward a key, unless the sponsored member dies, transfers or moves from the community. Charter, transfer and reinstated members cannot be used as credit for a key.

**Club Receives Certificate for Reading Action Program**

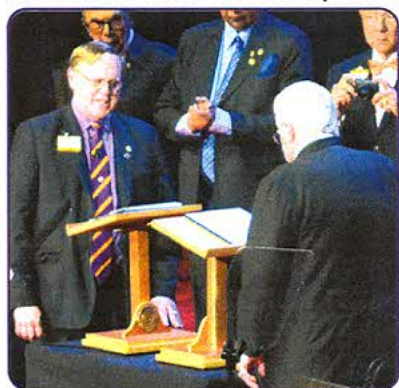
At the PDG Appreciation Banquet held at Harrisville in June, clubs participating in Reading Action Program activities during the 2013-2014 year were recognized by RAP Chairperson PCC Patty Nutter. The Fairmont Lions Club was recognized and Aletta Moffett returned to the club with the club's certificate, which she presented to 2013-2014 club president Jacob Brumage.

Aletta Moffett read to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Watson Elementary School during the spring and has worked to establish a Marion Co. chapter of Read Aloud WV. Both of these are RAP projects of the Fairmont Lions Club.



**Corlew Elected Second Vice President of LCI**

Chancellor Bob Corlew was elected to serve as second vice president of Lions Clubs International at the International Convention earlier this month in Toronto, Canada. Mike Butler, a past international director from Texas, was his opponent in the election.



*Outgoing International President Barry Palmer of Australia (right), administers the Oath of Office to International President 2014-2015 Joe Preston (left).*

Elected unopposed were President Joe Preston of Arizona, temporarily retired from the auto industry, and First Vice President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Japan.

Vice President Corlew visited West Virginia on two recent occasions. He was the guest at the District 29-L Conference held at Bridgeport in 2013 and returned to West Virginia for this year's WV State Convention held at Stonewall Resort in Lewis County.

President Joe Preston was in West Virginia at the WV Lions Leadership School a few years ago at Lakeview in Morgantown and at the 2013 WV State Convention, held at Pipestem State Park.

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the International Convention in Toronto and did some campaigning there to support VP Corlew. A program of Convention highlights is planned for a future club meeting.



*Chancellor Bob Corlew's nomination for Second Vice President was made by Past International President Wing-Kun Tam of China. (Candidate Corlew is addressing the Convention while PIP Tam observes.)*



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

Lions Clubs International Foundation responded immediately to the severe flooding in Croatia, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Foundation is mobilizing \$180,000 in disaster relief grant funds to help meet immediate needs. Lions will use these funds to purchase food, water, medical supplies and clothing for people impacted by the floods. Lions will also assess long-term needs. Other disaster grants have also been made for flood relief in Brazil, Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Missouri.





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Just a Lion or Two

We were pleased that Connie Canfield and her sister were able to attend a June meeting. It was good to see them both again.

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Read Aloud WV Gains Momentum in Marion County

Aletta Moffett reports that Read Aloud WV, a Reading Action Program (RAP) project of the Fairmont Lions Club, is generating community interest. The Marion County Public Library (MCPL) has offered to host a community event the evening of September 22nd, a Monday, to inform teachers and parents of the importance of implementing Read Aloud WV in the schools. Library staff will read to children and Mary Kay Bond, Executive Director of Read Aloud WV, will speak. The Fairmont Lions Club has agreed to provide refreshments.



Julie Mike, MCPL Public Relations Director, is joining the Marion County Read Aloud chapter board. Kim Cummings, Literacy Volunteers of Marion County, expressed excitement about the project and is also joining the board.

The next meeting of the Read Aloud WV board is Thursday, July 17, 6:30 pm at the White Hall Municipal Building. All Lions are welcome to attend and to get involved.

June Yard Sale is Great Success

Nancy Sickles reported that proceeds from this year's Lions Yard Sale held June 7th amounted to \$997. Sales included 17 brooms and several bags of nuts. The club appreciates the ongoing support of S&M Glass on Merchant Street for allowing us to use their facility.



This year, there were several nice pieces of furniture including a large desk and an antique radio, among the usual yard sale items. Lions participating included Jacob and Margaret Brumage, Connie Canfield, David Sturm, Geneva Shinaberry, John Marsicano,

Nancy Sickles, Aletta and Bob Moffett, Beulah Miller, Carol Baker, Wayne Dodd, Keith (and Lisa) Long, Bob Brumage, Robin Dicken, Virginia Gallion, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Martha Warren and Ed Neese. These volunteers donated 140 Lion-hours of time along with many "treasures."

Help Wanted

President Keith Long is looking for somebody to take over some of the responsibilities for the Eyeglasses Committee, which he has chaired for many years. In his role as president this year, he will not have the time to devote to the Eyeglasses Committee. Please consider lending a hand. Thank you.

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- Sept. 1 Dan Dague Car  
 Show—The Highlands  
 Wheeling
- Sept. 11 Business Meeting  
 6:30 pm  
 The Firehouse Cafe
- Sept. 11-13 USA/Canada  
 Forum  
 San Juan  
 Puerto Rico
- Sept. 13 Health Fair, WalMart  
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Sept. 22 Read Aloud WV  
 6:00 pm  
 Marion Co. Pub. Lib.
- Sept. 25 Program: LCI 2014  
 Convention  
 6:30 pm  
 The Firehouse Cafe
- Sept. 27 Fundraiser:  
 Journey for Sight

Two things reduce prejudice:  
 education and laughter.  
 —Laurence J. Peter

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Fairmont Lions Club

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## Good Food, Good Weather, Good Fun for Everyone

Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman hosted another very enjoyable picnic in their backyard on the evening of August 14<sup>th</sup>, the club's regular meeting night. The club owes them a debt of appreciation, since they have hosted the picnic for us since 2007.

A special guest for the occasion was Lucy, a pet Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, belonging to Susie Case,

Elizabeth's daughter. Elizabeth and Jim provided the meat — ham — for the picnic, so Susie and Lucy joined us a little bit later. A couple of deer also watched from a distance. The weather was slightly cool, sunny and pleasant.

## Peaches Sell Out

Thanks to Bob Brumage for arranging the club's Peach Sale again this year. Sales began at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Middletown Mall in front of Grease Monkey. The sale was scheduled to end at 3:00. However, all of the peaches were sold before noon. That's peachy-keen!

## Read Aloud WV Event Scheduled at Library

The local Read Aloud board has been planning an event for children, parents and teachers to be held Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Marion County Public Library. The library staff will be reading to children while the Read Aloud WV program will be presented to teachers and parents by Mary Kay Bond, Executive Director. Read Aloud WV is a project of the Fairmont Lions Club which has agreed to provide refreshments. Pencils and tablets identifying the Fairmont Lions Club will be distributed at this event, also.



## Volunteers Needed for Car Show to Support WV Lions Sight Foundation



Each year on Labor Day (Monday, September 1, 2014), the Lions of District 29L and Lions from around West Virginia come together at the Highlands to hold the Dan Dague Memorial Car and Bike Show for Sight, with funds supporting our West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation. Hundreds of cars and motorcycles will be entered and many volunteers are needed at the food stand, directing cars, set up and tear down and more. Registration workers are needed especially from 7:15 am until about noon. Workers not already assigned will be assigned from the Registration Tent.

Several Fairmont Lions have helped in years past. John Marsicano is in charge of food sales this year. Please consider spending the day with your WV Lion neighbors to help assure the show's success.





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**Lions Clean West Fork Trail**

John Marsicano made arrangements for the Fairmont Lions Club to clean the West Fork River/Ralph LaRue Trail four times from spring to fall — the season of trail use. On Sunday afternoon, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Keith Long, Aletta and Bob Moffett, along with John picked up trash and cut encroaching growth between Norway and Monongah. It made for an enjoyable walk along the river. This is just one of several projects where Fairmont Lions work to protect the environment.

**Combined Meeting of Fairmont Service Clubs**

All area Lions are invited to a meeting of Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Clubs in the area on Wednesday, August 27, noon, at the Clarion Inn, Fairmont to hear Jason Woodman, Head Coach of Fairmont State Football. The Fairmont Kiwanis Club hosts this meeting.

**Just imagine if every Fairmont Lions Club member — all 41 of us — asked one person to join the club this year...**

**China Receiving Assistance Following Earthquake**

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has approved a Major Catastrophe Grant of \$250,000 to provide relief for the Zhaotong earthquake in China. These funds will help Lions provide immediate relief and long-term recovery.

Authorities estimate that more than 400 people have lost their lives from the Zhaotong earthquake, with an additional 2,300 people injured across several counties. Even more people are missing. It is estimated that 25,500 homes were completely destroyed, with an even higher number of houses damaged.

The Major Catastrophe Grant allows Lions in affected areas to immediately begin providing assistance: food, water, medicine, blankets and other necessities. Funds will also support long-term reconstruction and recovery.

There are approximately 21,000 Lions members in China and many have been directly impacted by this disaster. Barry Palmer, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation, encourages Lions to consider making a donation to the Foundation for disaster relief. He states that, "Donations... can make a real difference in times of need."

*Information in this article was compiled from the LCIF web site and LCI Blog.*

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- Sept. 18 Read Aloud WV  
 6:30 Board Meeting
- Sept. 22 Read Aloud WV  
 6:00 pm  
 Marion Co. Pub. Lib.
- Sept. 25 Program: LCI 2014  
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- Sept. 27 Fundraiser:  
 Journey for Sight  
 McTrail trail heads:  
 Prickett's Fort and  
 Winfield Street
- Oct. 11 Apple Sale at Mall
- Oct. 23 District Governor's  
 Official Visit



*Joyanna Poe receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Pres. Keith Long following her presentation to the club.*

**Joyanna Poe Speaks About HOBY**

The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored Joyanna Poe, a Junior at East Fairmont High School, to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. She said that one of her favorite experiences was doing community service at a local community center, where she and others cleaned, disinfected toys, planted flowers and worked on a garden bed. Another aspect that she appreciated was a seminar that dealt with bullying. It made her more aware of "how we need to be more compassionate and more attentive."

Joyanna said that the experience "sparked a passion for community service." She made lots of new friends from all over the state and really enjoyed her time there. She closed by thanking the Lions for sponsoring her to HOBY.

Hugh O'Brian, probably best known for his role as TV's Wyatt Earp, had met with Dr. Albert Schweitzer after travel by commercial airliner, bush plane and canoe finally arriving at the famed hospital Schweitzer had founded in Lambarene. Schweitzer was convinced that the United States should be taking a leadership role in achieving peace and impressed upon O'Brian the urgency for change and how education must teach young people to think for themselves. Two weeks after returning from that 1958 meeting, O'Brian put together a prototype seminar for young leaders — HOBY. Joyanna Poe is now among those young leaders.

**Club Members Help with Car Show**

It started out rainy on Labor Day morning. Three Fairmont Lions were at the Highlands near Wheeling to help with the annual Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show for Sight, a district Lions event to raise funds for the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. Soon, however, the rain let up. Hundreds of cars, trucks and motorcycles began arriving. Antique cars and trucks, along with modern motorcycles and new cars, were judged; attendees purchased over 1,000 hot dogs, drinks, and more; dash plaques were handed out and prizes were presented. Another successful car show was complete.



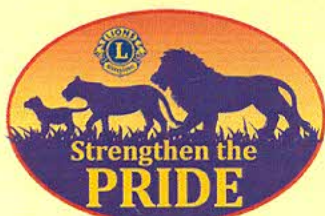
*John Marsicano and PDG Pat Julius (Morgantown Lions Club) serve hot dogs at the Car Show.*

John Marsicano, who was in charge of food sales, had gone up Sunday evening to assist with the early set-up. Leroy Humberston and Bob Moffett left just after 5:00 am Monday morning to make the trek. It was a long and busy day, but all for a very worthy cause.

This is what it's all about: If you can't have fun at it, there's no sense hanging around.

—Joe Montana

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**Nuts for Sale**

Nuts are being ordered again for the Fairmont Lions Club's annual nut sale, chaired by Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman. The nut sale has featured Terri Lynn products for several years and has proven to be a successful fundraiser. In addition to selling these to friends, family and neighbors, they also make great gifts. Nut prices for this year's sale are:

- Chocolate Cashews \$12
  - Cashews 12
  - Pecans 12
  - Deluxe Mix 12
  - Bridge Mix 10
  - Almonds 10
  - Fruits and Nuts 10
- Buy two get \$1.00 off•



**Lions who sponsor a new member in October will receive a Membership Growth Award Silver Pin.**

Join us as we....



**FALL INTO READING**



**Prizes for Teachers!**

## EVENT DETAILS

**Prizes for Students!**

When: September 22, 2014

Where: Marion County Public Library

Time: 6:00PM to 7:30PM

Refreshments will be provided by Fairmont Lions Club



Event Sponsored by:



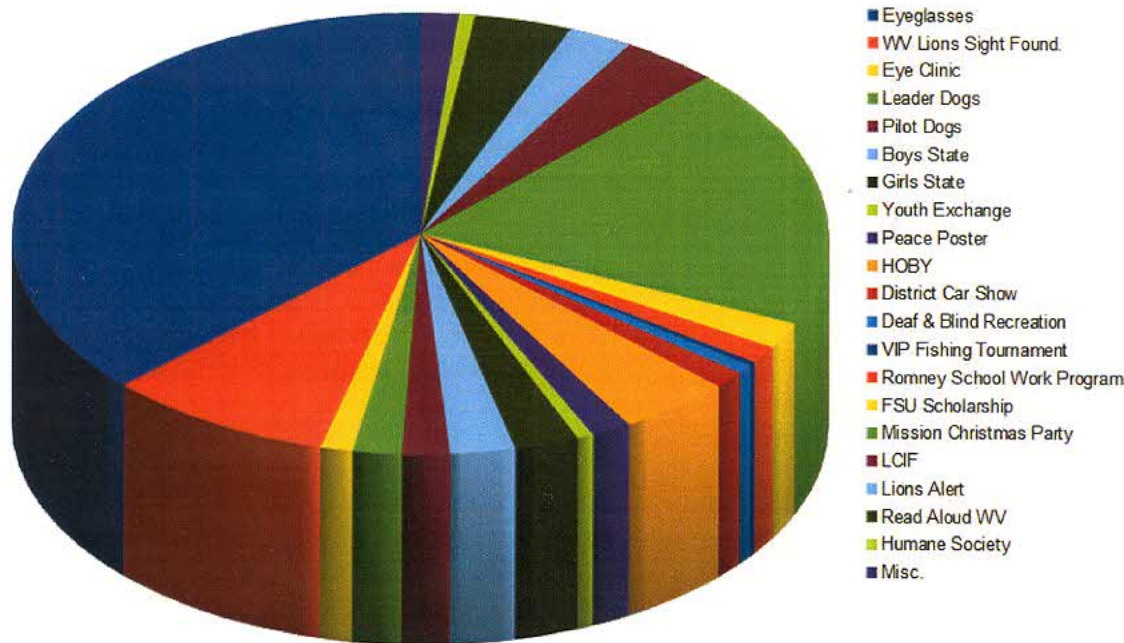
**Read Aloud WV Event at Library**

"Fall Into Reading" event will be held Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Marion County Public Library from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Children will be read to by library staff, while adults and teachers will learn about the Read Aloud WV program (a project of the Fairmont Lions Club) from Mary Kay Bond, Executive Director. Door prizes will be provided for children and teachers. The Fairmont Lions Club is providing refreshments and pencils (imprinted with "Fairmont Lions Club") to be given to children. Interested volunteer readers will also be able to become trained on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Flyers (Preceding page) are being distributed to Marion County Schools. Five elementary schools, Blackshere, East Park, Rivesville, Watson and White Hall, are expected to be utilizing the program this school year.

**ATTENTION Fairmont Lions members who do not regularly attend our meetings:** You can help. Simply display the poster on the preceding page where it might be seen and encourage teachers, students and parents to attend this event. You can play a vital role. Thank you.



2014 - 2015 Activities Budget



**A Look at the Budget for 2014-15**

The Fairmont Lions Club is planning expenses from the Activities Account this year to amount to \$8,215. These funds come from our fund raising efforts. Funds raised from the public through broom sales, peach and nut sales, etc. all are returned in service.

This year, the club anticipates spending about \$4,000 for Sight Services. This includes eye exams and eyeglasses, the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, any eye clinic that we might provide, and support for two guide dog schools, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Pilot Dogs.

We anticipate expenditures of \$925 for Youth Services. These include sponsoring students to Boys State, Girls State, and HOBV, as well as the Lions Peace Poster Contest in two schools, and the Lions Youth Exchange program.

Community Services include support for the District Car Show, Recreation for blind and deaf students, the Visually Impaired (VIP) Fishing Tournament, Romney School Work Program, Fairmont State Scholarship, Union Mission Christmas Party, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions Alert, Read Aloud WV, Humane Society and a little for miscellaneous needs that may occur. These total \$2,890.

**Eye Exams & Glasses Provided**

In August, the Fairmont Lions Club approved six applications for eye exams and glasses, following the recommendation of the Eyeglasses Committee.

**Club Returns to Assist with WV Public Television Pledge Drive**

Wayne Dodd, Keith Long, Guy Ward, John Marsicano, Aletta and Bob Moffett spent Wednesday evening, September 10<sup>th</sup>, answering phones and taking pledges during WV Public Television's September pledge drive. These Lions, wearing their Lions vests, were on-camera throughout the evening in the Morgtontown studio, and the Fairmont Lions Club was thanked on-air several times during the live broadcasts.

**Annual Lions Journey for Sight**

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 am

McTrail — Trail heads at Pricketts Fort and Winfield Street (behind Northern Mountain State Metals)





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Fairmont Lions Club Assists Those Needing Hearing Aids

Through the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation (WVLSCF), the Fairmont Lions Club has been able to assist three less fortunate Fairmont residents in getting much needed hearing aids.

The Eyeglasses Committee must investigate these requests, as they do requests for eyeglasses. In this case, however, the club does not incur the cost of the hearing aids. Once recommended by the club, the WVLSCF takes over and makes the arrangements. Our club has been supporting the Foundation with an annual donation of \$700. The Foundation also works with local audiologists and the Starkey Foundation to keep costs down.

The WVLSCF also provides eye surgeries, mostly cataract surgery, which would be beyond the capabilities of most Lions clubs. The Foundation was formed by WV Lions in 1959.

Thank You Notes Received

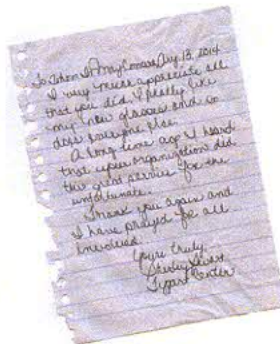
The club recently received a "thank you" note from an individual who had received her new glasses through the Fairmont Lions Club. She wrote:

"I very much appreciate all that you did. I really like my new glasses and so does everyone else.

"A long time ago I heard that your organization did this great service for the unfortunate.

"Thank you again and I have prayed for all involved. Yours truly, Shirley S..."

Joyanna Poe (see story on Page 1) also provided a note of thanks for sending her to HOBY.



Club Participates in Health Fair at WalMart

Fairmont Lions Club members John Marsicano, Beulah Miller, Ed Neese, Aletta and Bob Moffett, and Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman spent time at WalMart on Saturday, September 13th, providing eye health literature and Lions information.

Fundraising Notes

The broom sale held Saturday, August 30th at Shop N Save on East Side brought in \$809.08, according to Jacob Brummage. Bob Brummage reported that the Peach Sale in August brought in over \$1,300 and that \$300 worth of brooms were sold as well. According to John Marsicano, the club's aluminum recycling efforts have brought in \$50.75 and the sale of Fairmont Lions ball caps brought in \$55.00. These are the caps that had originally been ordered by the Fairmont Lions Club, but had been incorrectly lettered "Fairmont."

Bob Brummage has set Saturday, October 11th as the date for the club's Apple Sale, which will be held at Middletown Mall, across from Grease Monkey.

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- Oct. 23 District Governor's Official Visit  
5:30 Social  
6:00 Dinner
- Oct. 26 Adopt-A-Trail  
2:00 Monongah or Mary Lou Retton Pk.
- Oct. 29 Homeless Veterans Stand Down  
Eye Screening  
9:00 - 3:00  
National Guard Armory (new)
- Nov. 5 Read Aloud WV Reader Orientation  
10:30 - 12:00  
Public Library
- Nov. 13 Business Meeting
- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day  
No Meeting
- Dec. 6 Salvation Army Bell Ringing  
10:00 - 7:00  
WalMart
- Dec. 13 Union Mission Christmas Party

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 —Robin Williams

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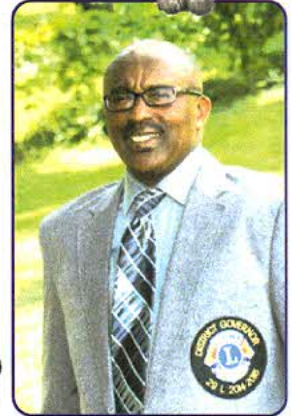


District Governor Visit  
 Is Thursday, October 23, 6:00 pm

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**Fairmont Lions Club to Host District Governor**

The Fairmont Lions Club will host District Governor Eugene L. "Gene" Saunders, Sr. and his wife Lion Ellen on Thursday evening, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a social at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:00. DG Saunders was born and raised in Moundsville, attended Northern Community College and was employed by Consol Energy for 38 years where he retired as Shift Foreman. Lion Gene has been a Lion since 2006 and served as club president in 2010-2011. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a recipient of the Leonard Jarrett Award.



DG Saunders has a long list of community service activities including umpiring baseball in Marshall and Ohio counties for 40 years, coaching flag football and basketball at McNinch Elementary School, and serving on the boards of the Salvation Army, Police Civil Service and Marshall County Chamber of Commerce, and as President of the Ohio Valley Youth Tackle Football Conference. He has served the city of Moundsville on city council, vice-mayor and mayor. The district governor is a member of the Wayman A.M.E. Church serving as head trustee and is a Tae Kwon Do instructor with a 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt.

Lions Gene and Ellen have been married for 46 years and have four children, 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A buffet dinner of smothered chicken breast, buttered potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and coffee or tea will cost \$12. Please make a reservation with club secretary Carol Baker (304-365-4207 or [paradelady1225@yahoo.com](mailto:paradelady1225@yahoo.com)) by 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, as firm reservations are required for this meeting.

Please be advised that Fairmont State's Homecoming Parade will begin at 6:00 pm on Thursday evening and it will progress down Fairmont Avenue and Adams Street right in front of The Firehouse Cafe. It will be important to arrive before 6:00 pm. There will be no parking available on Adams Street. Members and guests may park in the WesBanco lot right next to The Firehouse Cafe. The Post Office parking lot is just beyond The Firehouse Cafe. The parking garage is in the next block, as well.

**Fairmont Lions Offer Eye Screening to Veterans**

On Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Fairmont Lions will be screening eyes of veterans during the Homeless Veterans Stand Down to be held at the new Marion County National Guard Armory, 201 Artillery Drive in Fairmont. Numerous services will be available to veterans during the day. Lions will be screening for visual acuity and glaucoma. The screening equipment is easy to use and we will need Lions to screen as well as to register the veterans and assist them in locating Lions clubs in their area to assist with the cost of eye exams and glasses for those referred. Veterans will be bused to the armory from Fairmont, Morgantown and Clarksburg. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to help.

**Nuts for Sale**

Nuts have been ordered and are expected to arrive by the end of October. The nut sale has featured Terri Lynn products for several years and has proven to be a successful fundraiser. In addition to selling these to friends, family and neighbors, they also make great gifts. Nut prices for this year's sale are:

- Chocolate Cashews \$12
- Cashews 12
- Pecans 12
- Deluxe Mix 12
- Bridge Mix 10
- Almonds 10
- Fruits and Nuts 10
- Buy two get \$1.00 off•



Lions who sponsor a new member in October will receive a Membership Growth Award Silver Pin.



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District 29-L Lions www.lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation www.wvsight.org

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Just A Lion Or Two

We wish Wayne Dodd a speedy recovery. Robin Dicken was able to be with us at a recent meeting.



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ONE SHOT ONE LIFE

Lions Measles Initiative

Lions Working to Stop Measles

The GAVI Alliance and Lions Clubs International are working together in a unique partnership protecting tens of millions of children in the world's poorest countries against measles, a highly infectious disease that kills an estimated 430 people every day, mostly in developing countries. Under the partnership, LCI is deploying its network of 1.35 million volunteers to raise \$30 million by 2017 and to improve access to vaccines through the GAVI Alliance, a public-private partnership whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunization in the world's poorest countries.

The funds raised by the Lions will be matched by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to \$60 million.

Measles kills about 122,000 people annually, mostly children under age five. Measles and rubella (German measles) can be prevented with a safe and inexpensive vaccine. The measles-rubella vaccine funded by GAVI costs around 50 cents per dose.

Trail Clean-up Date Set

The final "Adopt-A-Trail" trash pick-up will take place on Sunday, October 26th, beginning at 2:00 pm, according to John Marsicano. Lions will meet at the Monongah trail head or at Mary Lou Retton Park (the main parking lot is now open) before traveling together to the trail as there is very limited parking available at Norway.

Club Initiates Club Excellence Process

Included with this issue, we are asking for members to identify community leaders. We will soon be surveying these individuals to help us determine unmet community needs. Participation of all club members is needed.

Fundraising Notes

As this issue went to press, there were still some apples left from the sale on October 11. If you need any to sell or purchase for yourself, please contact Bob Brummage.

John Marsicano reported that the Journey For Sight brought in about \$300. Lions participating included Nancy Sickles, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Aletta & Bob Moffett and John Marsicano.



Fellow Lions,

The Fairmont Lions Club has embarked upon the Club Excellence Process (CEP), a program dedicated to enhancing member experience and better serving the community. We will examine the needs of the Fairmont community, analyze our membership experience, identify club and LCI resources and develop action plans for moving forward. This is a process that will take about four months to complete and its success will depend on the participation of all members of our club.

As a first step, we need to identify community individuals to survey, in order to help us determine some of Fairmont's needs — including those we may not recognize from within our own membership.

Please help us to identify these community leaders. Here are some ideas of people we may wish to contact (Please provide contact information, if possible):

- School Principals
- Teachers
- Library Personnel
- Environmental service workers
- Park district coordinator
- Police
- Fire fighters
- Hospital administrators
- Doctors & nurses
- School counselors
- Social workers
- Student leaders
- City & County Government
- Bankers
- Community Business Leaders

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Please list any others that come to mind below:

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Please note any of these that you might wish to contact personally with a check-mark to the right.

Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration. We will be working on this together through the coming months. Please return this form by October 31, 2014, to Bob Moffett, 26 Fairway Lane, Fairmont, WV 26554, or email to [rmoffett@ma.rr.com](mailto:rmoffett@ma.rr.com).

Lion Bob  
Bob Moffett, Membership Chairperson

Form submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officers

President.....Keith Long  
1st Vice Pres.....Guy Ward  
2nd Vice Pres..Virginia Gallion  
Secretary.....Carol Baker  
Treasurer.....Bob Brummage  
Tail Twister.....Ed Neese  
Lion Tamer.....Aletta Moffett  
Directors.1 yr James Coleman  
          1 yr Nancy Sickles  
          2 yr Leroy Humberston  
          2 yr John Marsicano  
Membership.....Bob Moffett  
Immediate Past  
President.....Jacob Brumage

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet  
6:30 pm  
The Firehouse Cafe  
323 Adams Street  
Fairmont, WV

- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day  
No Meeting
- Dec. 1 Christmas Parade  
Line-up at 5:00 pm  
Parade at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 3 Zone Meeting  
The Firehouse Cafe  
6:00 pm to Eat
- Dec. 6 Salvation Army  
Bell Ringing  
10:00 - 7:00  
WalMart
- Dec. 13 Union Mission  
Christmas Party  
6:00 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Party
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day  
No Meeting

Life is wonderul. Without it,  
you're dead.  
—Red Skelton

**WE SERVE**



President Joe Preston's  
theme for 2014 - 2015



# The Mane Growl



Christmas Parade Monday, Dec. 1  
Christmas Party for Children, Dec. 13

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### Fairmont Lions Sponsor Christmas Parade

The Fairmont Christmas Parade will step off on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm, according to "Parade Lady" Carol Baker. She asks Lions to come to Everest Drive and Virginia Avenue at 5:00 pm to assist with the parade line-up. Remember to bring a flashlight, as Everest Drive will be dark.

For several years, the Fairmont Lions Club has brought smiles to boys and girls, and moms and dads, as floats, bands and Santa open the Christmas season.

### Club Members to Ring Bells for Salvation Army

As we have done in years past, Fairmont Lions will ring bells to help the Salvation Army Kettle Drive on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm at WalMart in White Hall. Aletta Moffett has lined up volunteers to ring in 2-hour shifts throughout the day.

### Underprivileged Children Will Receive Christmas Gifts at Party

For more than 70 years, the Fairmont Lions Club has treated Fairmont's less fortunate children at the annual Christmas Party held at the Union Mission. Nancy Sickles and her committee have been hard at work making plans, purchasing and wrapping gifts for this year's event. She asks Lion members to contribute wrapping paper and to assist with wrapping the gifts prior to the party. Please contact Nancy if you can help with the wrapping.

As has been tradition, members will meet at the Union Mission on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for a traditional holiday dinner prepared by the Mission staff, followed by the party for the children at 7:00.

### Homeless Veterans Screened by Fairmont Lions Members

On Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Fairmont Lions provided eye screening for the Homeless Veterans' Stand Down, held at the new Marion County National Guard Armory. Nine veterans took advantage of the screening and, of those, seven were referred for examinations. Some of those will be able to receive eye care through the Veterans Administration, but some may require assistance from their local Lions club. Veterans screened were from the Fairmont area, as well as Clarksburg and Grafton. Many present, including veterans and organizers, commended and thanked the Lions for providing this needed service. Lions working the event included Ed Neese, Guy Ward, Carol Baker, Leroy Humberston, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman and Bob Moffett.

### Apple Sale is Success

Thanks to Bob Brummage for hauling a truck and trailer-load of apples to Fairmont for the club's apple sale, held Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The club cleared \$1,200 on the sale.

### District Governor Makes Official Visit to Fairmont

DG Gene Saunders paid his official visit to the club on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He spoke about the Centennial Service Challenge and IP Joe Preston's ASK 1 program to encourage club membership growth. DG Gene suggested we pursue those with a willingness to serve others. He also encouraged inviting women and young members. He also addressed his own theme, "Digging Deep to Move Forward," as well as the redistricting that will take place among WV Lions clubs next July.

During the meeting, the district governor presented membership chevrons to Leroy Humberston for 35 years as a Lion and to Elizabeth Swiger for 10 years. DG Gene also inducted the club's newest member, Monica Delbrook.

One matter of business at the meeting was to approve 10 applications, presented by the Eyeglasses Committee, for eye exams and glasses.



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Sansalone Thanks Lions for HOBY Experience

At the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, Sophia Sansalone spoke to the club about the time she spent in Huntington as a participant in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar. She called it a "wonderful experience" and thanked the Lions for sponsoring her. A thank you note from her was circulated during the meeting. Sansalone indicated that she was impressed by a panel on the topic of community service, which is one of the key aspects of HOBY. In fact, her group of students cleaned a recreation center in Huntington as

a service activity.

When asked about her future plans, Sophia stated that she wants to play lacrosse at the United States Naval Academy and study to become an OBGYN or midwife.

Fairmont Lions Treat at Halloween Parade

President Keith Long, Secretary Carol Baker and Leroy Humberston were on hand at Middletown Mall to provide treats to children taking part in the mall's Halloween Parade on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. This is the first year that the club has taken part in this event.



Leroy Humberston (right) receives his 35 year Membership Chevron from District Governor Gene Saunders. (Article on Page 1)



Elizabeth Swiger (right) receives her 10 year Membership Chevron from District Governor Gene Saunders. (Article on Page 1)



Monica Delbrook (left) is welcomed as a new member by President Keith Long and her sponsor Carol Baker.

Lions Clean Rail Trail

John Marsicano and Guy Ward cleaned the rail trail between Norway and Monongah on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. This was the final "Adopt-A-Trail" event of the trail season.