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

- Aug. 23 Adopt-A-Trail
 2:00-4:00 pm
- Aug. 27 Club Picnic 6:00 pm
 Home of
 Elizabeth Swiger
 & Jim Coleman
 (bring a covered
 dish & chair)
- Aug. 29 Peach Sale
 8:00 - 4:00
 (while supply lasts)
 Middletown Mall
- Oct. 22 District Governor
 John Wensyel Visit
 6:30 pm
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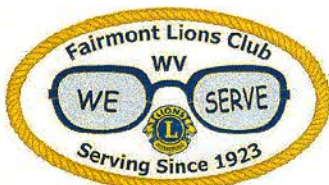
He has the right to criticize
 who has the heart to help.
 —Abraham Lincoln

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**Dignity.
 Harmony.
 Humanity.**



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The Mane Growl



Annual Club Picnic

Thursday, August 27, 6:00 pm

Fairmont Lions Club

August 2015

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Left to right: Bob Brummage, Jacob Brumage, President Guy Ward, John Marsicano, Monica Delbrook, PDG Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett, PDG Tracy Smith, Leroy Humberston. PDG Tracy Smith used a baseball theme for the ceremony and presented each officer present a baseball. (See officers and positions in left column.)

Peach Sale at Middletown Mall August 29th

The Fairmont Lions Club will be selling peaches at the Middletown Mall on Saturday, April 29th from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm (unless peaches sell-out earlier). This has become one of the club's better fundraisers, thanks to Bob Brummage, who makes the trip to pick them up for the club. All Lions are needed to help with this sale.

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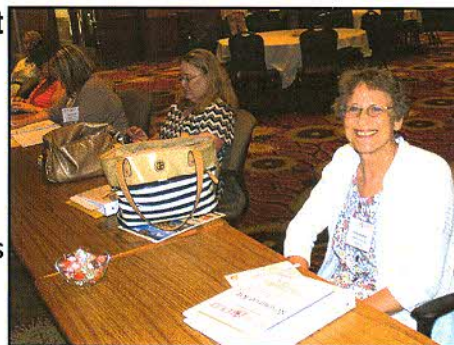
Members Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman will again host the club's picnic at their home on Thursday, August 27th at 6:00 pm. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Spouses and other guests are welcome to attend. It is always an enjoyable evening. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Club Represented at Read Aloud WV Summit

Aletta Moffett attended the Read Aloud WV Summit held at Stonewall Resort in July. She and others from Marion County participated in the two-day event along with others from throughout West Virginia.

Read Aloud WV is inviting all Marion County elementary schools to participate this year. Schools indicating they will participate this year are Barrackville, Blackshere, East Park, Watson and White Hall. Reader orientations have been scheduled for Monday, September 14 at the Mannington Public Library, 11:00-12:30 and the Marion County Public Library in Fairmont, 6:00-7:30 pm.

The Fairmont Lions Club is taking part in the Centennial Service Challenge — Engaging Our Youth through our efforts to promote reading to children in the county schools through Read Aloud WV (see story above) and by our support of Timothy Suder's Eagle Scout project (see story below).



Fairmont Lions Support Eagle Scout Project

Timothy Suder, a member of Boy Scout Troop 14 of Fairmont, is working on his Eagle Scout project of restoring the stonework around the flagpole at Mary Lou Retton park. Boy Scouts plan to dedicate it by raising a new flag on the pole. The Fairmont Lions Club agreed to donate a new 10 x 15 ft. flag (up to \$200) for the project.





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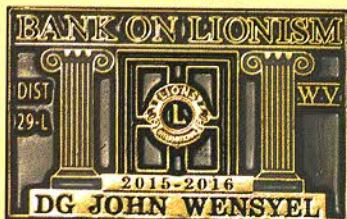
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Loss of a Friend

We are saddened to report the loss of a friend of the Fairmont Lions Club. Bill Martin, part owner of S&M Glass died August 7th. He and his brother Bob have graciously allowed us to warehouse our supply of brooms and mops and hold our yard sale at their business.

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Trail Cleaned by Lions

President Guy Ward was joined by Aletta and Bob Moffett to clean the West Fork River Ralph S Larue Trail between Monongah and Norway on Sunday, August 23rd. It took about an hour and a half to get the job done. Several cyclists and walkers met along the trail expressed appreciation for the club's efforts.

The club's Adopt-A-Trail program is part of the Centennial Service Challenge for Lions to Serve 100 million people in several areas of service.

The club picks up litter four times during the trail season. Watch for the next trail clean-up likely to be scheduled in October.

Typhoon Soudelor tore through the Pacific Ocean earlier this month. It claimed dozens of lives and millions of families are without water, electricity or shelter. The storm caused monsoon rains, high winds, flooding and landslides.

LCIF responded immediately with a \$10,000 Emergency grant to the Lions of Micronesia for relief efforts in Saipan. A \$200,000 Major Catastrophe grant is being used to assist the Lions of Taiwan with immediate needs and long-term reconstruction.

Braille Checkers Donated

The Fairmont Lions Club donated several sets of Braille checkers to the WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind for the enjoyment of the blind students there. These were among a number of items given to the club by Martha Warren, a former member.



PID Fred Cole
1930-2015

Past International Director Fred D. Cole

Fred D. Cole Sr. passed away August 17th. A Wheeling resident, he was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the 73rd International Convention in 1990. Past Director Cole was a retired insurance agent and had spent a tour of duty in the United States Marine Corps. He was the recipient of many awards, including 100% District Governor Award, serving as district governor in 1980-81. He also received the International President's Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. Fred was a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In 1993, Fred chaired the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Winston-Salem, NC and was instrumental in establishing the WV Lions Leadership School.

He was married to Mary Louise and had three children and five grandchildren. Fred was a good friend to many and contributed greatly to the success of the Lions in West Virginia and to the association. We will miss him.

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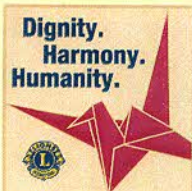
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- Sep. 24 Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
 (early to order)
 501 Hoult Rd
 (beyond Westinghouse)
- Oct. 01 Board of Directors
 6:00 pm
- Oct. 04 Zone 6 Meeting
 2:00 pm
 Barrackville
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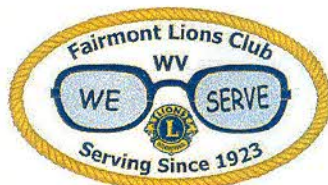
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...Now is the time for you to
 be a Lion who goes outside
 your comfort zone and
 makes service more a part
 of your life... Be a Lion.

—Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
 Lions Clubs International
 President



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Meeting September 24 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place on Hoult Rd.

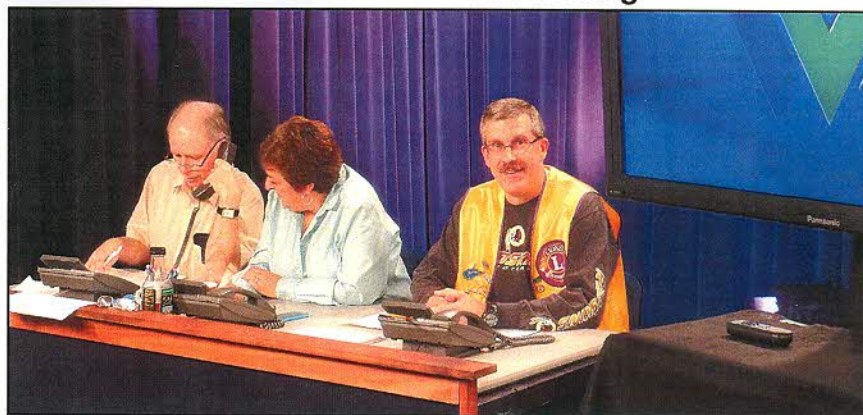
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Lions Take Calls for WV Public Broadcasting

*Fairmont Lions
 Members answered
 phones for West
 Virginia Public
 Television's on-air
 pledge drive on
 Sunday evening,
 September 13th. Taking
 calls were President
 Guy Ward and Joyce,
 John Marsicano, Aletta
 and Bob Moffett.*



Lions Watch Peaches "Fly" August 29th

On a pleasant Friday morning, club members Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett headed for Romney with two trucks and a large trailer on a quest for peaches. The club's order was not quite ready when they arrived, as pickers were still in the orchard. While the Bobs loaded the peaches on hand, the rest of the order arrived and was loaded into Bob's truck and the other Bob's trailer. Soon, the two were headed back to Fairmont for the next day's sale.



*Bob Brummage stands beside the trailer
 loaded with peaches in Romney.*

Lions were on hand ready to begin the sale at 8:00 am, as advertised. What nobody expected was that the peaches were sold out by 9:00 am -- just an hour after opening! The peaches just "flew."

Jake Brumage and Dave Sturm delivered pre-ordered peaches on Saturday while Ed Neese, Nancy Sickles, Bob Brummage, Aletta and Bob Moffett, Beulah Miller, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Columbus Carpenter and Wayne Dodd helped out with the sale at

Middletown Mall.

Bob Brummage reported at the September 10th meeting that the sale resulted in donations of \$13.25 and receipts of \$287 for the sale of brooms and mops, bringing the total to \$3,251.25, of which the club expects to clear about \$1,500 on the peaches.

Club Searches For New Meeting Location

Due to the closing of The Firehouse Cafe, the Fairmont Lions Club's past meeting place, the club is now in the process of looking for a new site to hold its meetings. The September 10th meeting was held at the Clarion and the meeting of September 24th is to be held at Mom's Place on Hoult Road, beyond the Westinghouse Plant. Club member's are also checking on other possibilities.

Picking Up Brooms From S & M Glass to Sell?

Jacob Brumage, who has chaired the club's broom and mop sales, asks that members who pick up brooms from S & M Glass to sell please make payment for those brooms and mops when they have been sold to S & M Glass, as they keep track of what is out and what they receive in payment. If payment is made to the club treasurer or Brumage, it confuses the record-keeping at S & M Glass. Thank you and keep on sweeping!

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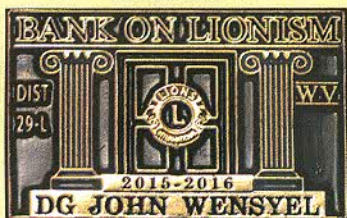
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Just A Lion Or Two

We extend our sympathy to Jack Decker and family in the death of his niece, Kayla, in a motorcycle accident.

Connie Canfield's sister had an accident leaving her unable to fly home in August, but they planned to head back to Florida earlier this month. We wish them both well and hope to see them come Spring.

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Club Provides About 10 Individuals With Eyewear Monthly

The Fairmont Lions Club continues to provide eye exams and eyeglasses for needy individuals at the rate of about 10 per month. Each request is checked out by the Eyeglasses Committee and all adult cases are approved by a club vote. The Treasurer's Report shows that \$470 was paid for exams and glasses in August.

Lions Respond To Refugee Crisis

An international refugee crisis is unfolding before our eyes, as hundreds of thousands of people from Syria and parts of Iraq flee violence in their homeland, seeking safety in Europe. Many European nations have agreed to take in refugees, but some governments are not equipped to handle the massive influx of people — most carrying with them all their worldly goods in one or two suitcases.

President Yamada's theme is, "Dignity. Harmony. Humanity." The current refugee crisis is a humanitarian tragedy of epic proportions. Now is the time to act.

At the USA/Canada Lions Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, President Yamada and LCIF Chairperson IPIP Joe Preston announced that Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded grants for Lions-led relief efforts in refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon. Please consider making a donation today so that LCIF and Lions can continue providing humanitarian aid and promoting harmony around the world.

LCIF is "OUR" Foundation. Charity Navigator again ranks LCIF a 4-star overall rating (Financial ****; Accountability & Transparency ****) placing LCIF in the top 8% of non-profits worldwide. 100% of donations to LCIF go to fund programs and grants. Administrative costs are covered through income on the investment portfolio. LCIF is another way that "We Serve."

Are You Current In Your Dues?

The Treasurer's Report, presented by Treasurer Bob Brummage at the September 10th club meeting showed that there are a number of members who have not yet paid their dues for July - December 2015. The club has paid its obligations to Lions Clubs International and to District 29L. This means that members of the club who are current in dues are subsidizing those who, for whatever reason, are in arrears. If you fall into this category, please remit your dues promptly to club treasurer Bob Brummage. Thank you.

Club Represented at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



Club members Aletta and Bob Moffett attended this year's USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan in September. There were three full days of seminars and several speakers, including Wayne Brock, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. The Forum is three days of training, sharing, fellowship and rededication to building Lions. Next year's Forum will be held in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day
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Dec. 5 Salvation Army
 Bell Ringing

Dec. 10 Meeting
 Casey Conaway
 6:30 pm

Dec. 12 Christmas Parade
 4:00 Line-up
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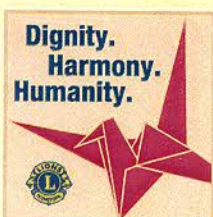
Dec. 19 Christmas Party for
 Children
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 6:00 Club Dinner
 7:00 Party

Dec. 25 Christmas Day
 No Meeting
 Merry Christmas!

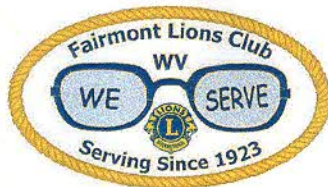
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 2016

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Charity is more than giving
 to the poor. It is giving of
 our hearts, time, talents,
 and energies to lighten the
 lives of others, rich or poor.
 —Stephen Covey



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The Mane Growl

New Home For Meetings
 Mom's Place on Hoult Road



Fairmont Lions Club

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Eagle Scout Timothy
 Suder

Club Supplies Flag for Eagle Scout Project

Timothy Suder, a member of Boy Scout Troop 14, received his Eagle Scout Rank on Sunday, November 8, at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at Mary Lou Retton Park. The rank of Eagle is the highest advancement rank awarded by the Boy Scouts of America. To achieve the Eagle rank, the Scout must plan, design and give leadership to a service project — in Timothy's case, to plan, design and rebuild the stone wall and landscaping around the main flagpole at Mary Lou Retton Youth Park. He led the member's of his troop in the execution of the project and asked the Fairmont Lions Club to provide a United States flag to fly from the flagpole. The club purchased a 10 ft. x 15 ft. flag which now flies at the park.

Suder thanked MCPARC, Central Supply Co., Mon River Garden Center, the Fairmont Lions Club, Roman Prezioso and members of Troop 14 for their assistance and for donations to the project.



(L-R) Bob Brummage, Beulah Miller and Ed Neese took the early shift to sell apples in spite of a very chilly Saturday morning at Middletown Mall.

Apples Sold and Nuts Selling

Bob Brummage reported that the apple sale was a success with only a few bags left over. These were donated to the Soup Opera where the apples were enjoyed by their clients. Thanks go to Bob Brummage for towing the trailer to Romney to pick up the order and returning the apples to Fairmont.

Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman have delivered pre-ordered nuts to Lions for distribution and another successful sale is anticipated.

Casey Conaway, RN, to Speak at Club Meeting

The club's December 10th meeting will feature a presentation by Casey Conaway, a registered nurse, of "Hands and Feet Ministries." Conaway is in the U.S., but will soon return to Africa where she works at a school for blind children.

Since Lions have long worked with the blind and visually impaired, this should prove to be a most informative evening. The club meets at 6:30 pm at Mom's Place. Come a little bit early to socialize and place your order.

Mom's Place New Site for Lions Club Meetings

Mom's Place, located at 501 Hoult Road, just beyond the former Westinghouse Plant, is now the Fairmont Lions Club's meeting place. Since The Firehouse Cafe closed, the club had been looking for a new meeting place and Mom's Place was chosen. The food is good. The price is quite reasonable. We continue to order from the menu, so each member can enjoy the meal of his or her choosing.

For those who may remember Mom's Place from years ago, it has been remodeled and includes a bright, private dining area where the club now meets. Please come out and join us at the next meeting (see above).

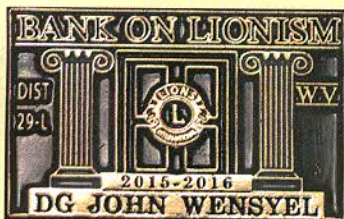
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Just A Lion Or Two

Pres. Guy Ward has had some recent hospital stays, but plans to be back in December. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Robin Dicken's father, who is also related to Jacob Brumage, passed away. We express our sympathy. Robin has been in the hospital.

Debbie Roupe has experienced some health issues and we wish her well.

Keith Long's mother is now under Hospice Care.

Please keep all of these in your thoughts and prayers.

Columbus Carpenter Parade Marshal for Christmas Parade

The Fairmont Lions Club continues to sponsor Fairmont's annual Christmas parade, Saturday, December 12. The parade will begin at 5:00 pm and the line-up will begin at 4:00.

As reported on "Fairmont Christmas Parade" Facebook page, Fairmont Lions Club member Columbus Carpenter will be the Grand Parade Marshal. Carpenter is a Korean War veteran and Chairman of the Korean War Veterans fundraiser. He is also active in supporting Boy Scouts.

Lions are needed to help with the parade line-up and to participate in the parade itself.



Christmas Party for Underprivileged Children December 19

Fairmont's Union Mission will once again be the site for the Fairmont Lions Club's Christmas Party for our less fortunate children. Nancy Sickles and her team have been busy shopping for toys and we will all need to pitch in after the Thanksgiving Day weekend to get the toys and other gifts wrapped. The shoppers try to purchase at least one toy from the child's list, in order to make it a special time.

The club will gather at the Union Mission at 6:00 pm for a seasonal dinner prepared by the staff at the Mission and to perhaps sing a carol and hear a few words from George Batten, Executive Director. Then, we will head upstairs to hand out the gifts for the children.

The Fairmont Lions Club has been providing gifts for children since the 1930s.

Sale of Lions Mints Continues Providing Funds

Ed Neese, who keeps local businesses supplied with Lions Mints, stated at the November 12th club meeting that the mints are now available in 15 locations. He also turned in \$455 in proceeds from the sales. The mint sale fundraiser came to us through Leroy Humberston when he transferred into the Fairmont Club and it is proving to be a worthwhile endeavor. Ed noted that his wife, Jackie, had sold "a ton" of mints for the club.

Lions Clean Rail Trail

On Saturday afternoon, October 24, John Marsicano, and Aletta & Bob Moffett picked up trash from along the West Fork River - Ralph S. LaRue Trail, between Norway and Monongah. The club has "adopted" this trail and cleans it four times during the trail season.

Aloi New Federal Magistrate

Congratulations to Fairmont Lions Club member Judge Michael Aloi who is the new federal magistrate for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Update on Read Aloud WV — RAP

Aletta Moffett reports that 13 volunteer readers were trained November 4th and five county schools have the readers they need.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!