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Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
 39 Philips Lane
 Fairmont, WV

Aug. 24 FSU Football Coach
 Kiwanis Meeting
 11:45 am
 Clarion Inn

Aug. 25 Program
 Julie Sole
 Disability Action Ctr.
 Marci Carrol
 Christmas Parade
 Induct New Member
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Sept. 5 Car Show
 The Highlands
 Wheeling

Sept. 8 Business Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Sept. 22 IP Bob Corlew at
 WVU Eye Institute
 12:30 - 4:00

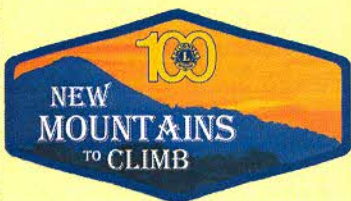
Sept. 22 Program
 Jone Webb
 Connecting Link
 Project ID
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Sept. 26 Read Aloud WV
 Board Meeting
 Central UMC
 6:30 pm

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Some of the richest people in the world are not millionaires. They are volunteers.

—Unknown



President Chancellor Bob Corlew's theme 2016-2017



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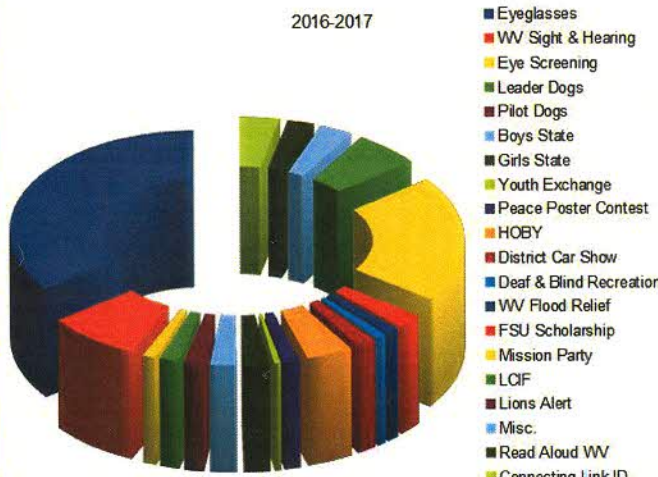


**Disability Action Center
 & Christmas Parade
 Topics of August 25th Meeting**

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Fairmont Lions Club Activities

2016-2017



income to afford the high cost of hearing aids. The club's activities budget totals \$8,547 for 2016-2017.

WV Flood Relief Supported by LCIF & Fairmont Lions Club

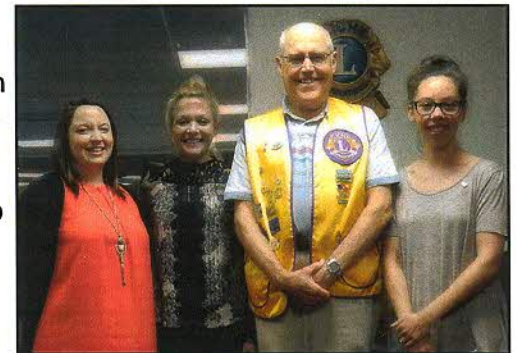
Following the recent devastation from flood waters in parts of West Virginia, two emergency grants have been made by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). A \$10,000 grant was made to the Lions in District 29C and a grant was also received by 29L District Governor Linda Leasure for use in Roane County (the only county in our district severely impacted by the flooding).

In response to the need the Fairmont Lions Club provided \$100 in assistance. Several club members have also made donations of supplies and funds to help with cleanup.

Club Welcomes New Members

Two new members were inducted into the Fairmont Lions Club in June by Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass, a member of the Cheat Lake Lions Club. Dr. Ashley Merrifield and Nicole Romino were the first Fairmont Lions Club members to receive the Centennial Member Pin presented to members who join Lions during the Centennial celebration. Bob Moffett is their sponsor. Ashley Romino is an audiologist and Nicole Romino is a program manager.

Also joining more recently and scheduled to be inducted on Thursday, August 25th, is Kelly Shreves, a sales and marketing manager.

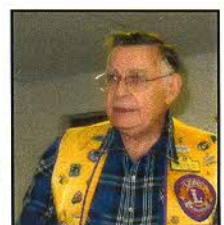


(L-R) Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass, Dr. Ashley Merrifield, PDG Bob Moffett, Nicole Romino

Officers Installed & Member Recognized

At the June 23rd Fairmont Lions Club meeting, club officers for 2016-2017 were installed into their respective positions by Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass. (See the list of officers at the top of the left column on this page.) Virginia Gallion will lead the club this year as its 95th president. (Two early club presidents only served six-month terms, hence this number does not directly correspond to the age of the club).

At this meeting, the club also recognized James E. Coleman, who received a Progressive Melvin Jones pin in recognition of his support for the Lions Clubs International Foundation. PDG Bob Moffett presented the pin along with a letter of congratulations from International Past President Joe Preston, chairperson of the Foundation.



James Coleman

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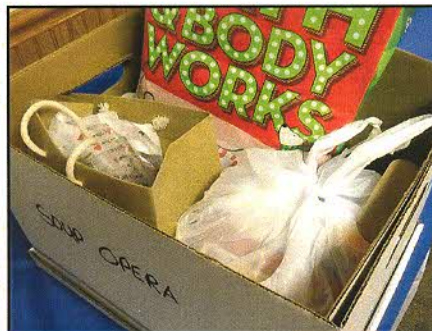
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Just A Lion Or Two

Ralph Davis continues to
recuperate, now at home.
Jack Decker has spent time
in the hospital recently.
Columbus Carpenter has
been unable to attend
meetings due to his wife's
health. Please keep these
Lions and family members in
your thoughts and prayers.

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Lions Donate Toiletries to Soup Opera
At the August 11th club meeting, members filled a box with items such as soap, shampoo and other items which was to be delivered to the Soup Opera by Margaret Brumage. The club routinely collects non-perishable food and toiletries to assist those in need. Margaret Brumage indicated that the Soup Opera is very appreciative and that they can give out whatever items we send their way.

Fundraising Dates

Jacob Brumage has announced that the upcoming broom sale will take place on Saturday, October 1st at the Fairmont Avenue Shop N Save. He is preparing an order of brooms from the manufacturer so that we will have sufficient merchandise.

Apple sales will likely occur on September 24th and October 29th — both are Saturdays, location to be determined. Bob Brummage reports that Golden Delicious, Gala, Early Fuji and Jonagold varieties should be available for the September date.

Bob Brummage stands by the display of brooms during the sale at Bellview Save A Lot in the spring.



Julie Sole to Address Club

Julie Sole, Executive Director of the Disability Action Center, will address the club on Thursday, August 25th. She will inform the club about the work that is being done at the Center to help people with disabilities.

Marci Carroll will also update the club about plans that are underway for this year's Fairmont Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club.

Zones 5 & 6 Join Together

Jordan Glass, Zone Chairperson, conducted the year's first meeting for Zones 5 & 6 (Fairmont Lions Club is in Zone 6) with a picnic at the Westover City Park in Morgantown on Sunday, August 14. Pres. Virginia Gallion, Secretary Bob Moffett and Aletta Moffett participated in the meeting. The State Centennial Project for this year is to give books to 4th graders. The Zone is planning a Winter Warm-up collecting new or gently used warm clothing which will be sent to West Virginia Flood Relief.

Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show on Labor Day

The Fairmont Lions Club provided \$150 for the District's Labor Day Car Show at the Highlands in Wheeling. Club members who can spend a part of the day are needed to assist, as this is a very large event raising thousands of dollars for the WV Lions Sight Foundation.

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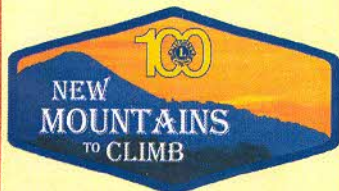
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- Sept. 24 Apple Sale
 Middletown Mall
 Across from
 Grease Monkey
- Oct. 1 Broom & Mop Sale
 Shop N Save
 Fairmont Avenue
- Oct. 8 Books A Million
 Fundraiser for
 Read Aloud WV
- Oct. 13 Business Meeting
 Mom's Place
 6:30 pm
- Oct. 20 Zone 5/6 DG Visit
 DG Linda Leasure
 6:30 pm
 Oliverio's
 52 Clay Street
 Morgantown
- Oct. 27 No Meeting

We continue collecting food, toiletries and clothing for the Soup Opera.

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If man is capable of leading a responsible life himself, then he is also conscious of his duty to the community.
 —Carl Jung



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Zones 5 & 6 District Governor's Night
 Thursday, October 20 6:30 pm
 Oliverio's on the Wharf, Morgantown



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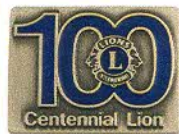
Jone Webb to Speak About Project ID

In the spring of 2016, the Fairmont Lions Club initiated a project to provide funding to Connecting Link, Inc. to assist people in need of services in obtaining the identification required to avail themselves of many of these needed services. The required State ID has a minimal cost, but the required documentation to obtain the ID can be costly.

The club has provided a donation to Connecting Link and will be presenting this year's donation when Jone Webb, the Executive Director of Connecting Link, speaks to the club this Thursday, September 22nd. She is expected to bring us up to date on the implication of these funds.

The Fairmont Lions Club has asked other organizations to provide funds and the Fairmont Rotary Club has also made a financial donation.

The need for this funding came to light as a direct result of the Community Needs Assessment which the club conducted. As a result of surveying community leaders, the club asked Rev. Elise Neal, pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, to speak to this need. Following her visit to the club, the club made the initial donation and budgeted funds for 2016-2017.



Jacob Brumage Receives Silver Centennial Lion Award

At the September 8th meeting, President Virginia Gallion presented the Silver Centennial Lion award, for sponsoring a new member who remained in good standing for a year and a day, to Jacob Brumage.

Apple Sale is September 24

Bob Brummage has arranged for the Fairmont Lions Club to sell apples, fresh from the Romney orchard, on Saturday, September 24, 8:00 am, in the grass across from Grease Monkey at Middletown Mall. He circulated a sign-up sheet at the September 8th club meeting for Lions to help. Varieties available will be Golden Delicious, Gala, Early Fuji and Jonagold (subject to availability). Nancy Sickles will take orders at 304-848-3070.

Because of the late frost in the spring, the growers did not have a successful peach crop this year. Therefore, the club is not selling peaches, but a second apple sale is planned for October 15th. These will be different varieties.

Brooms and Mops on Sale October 1

Jacob Brumage has received a supply of brooms and mops for the sale to be held Saturday, October 1st, at the Fairmont Avenue Shop N Save.

Christmas Parade Update

Marci Carroll reported on plans for Fairmont's Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. The parade will take place December 10th in conjunction with the Feast of the Seven Fishes. Alternate date is Monday, December 12th. Line-up on Everest Drive and Fourth Street begins at 4:00 pm with the parade beginning at 5:00 pm.

Many members and non-member volunteers will be needed to help with the line-up.

District Governor's Night is Thursday, October 20

Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass has asked the clubs in Zones 5 and 6 to meet for a joint District Governor's Night on Thursday, October 20th. This has been done to help cut down some of the miles that the district governor must travel, now that our district (29L) has been enlarged and includes clubs along the Ohio River from Huntington to Chester and from Parkersburg in the west to Morgantown in North Central WV.

Club members may make reservations through October 15th to the club secretary, PDG Bob Moffett, who will pass them on to Lion Jordan. We will do some car-pooling to accommodate members who do not wish



DG Linda Leasure

to drive after dark and to alleviate parking issues.

DG Linda Leasure will speak to the clubs about activities and goals of Lions Clubs International and her goals and hopes for the clubs in District 29L. It is also an opportunity for her to get acquainted with individual club members and to learn about the clubs and their activities and challenges.

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Nuts will be ordered soon. We will have Cashews, Pecans, Deluxe Mix, Chocolate Cashews, Almonds & Pistachios (\$13 each), Bridge Mix, Fruit & Nuts (\$10 each) and Chocolate Raisins (\$8 each). Buy any two and get \$1.00 refund. Contact Elizabeth Swiger or Jim Coleman.

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"Winter Warm-Up" for WV Flood Victims

The Fairmont Lions Club will be collecting warm clothing this fall to donate to the victims of June's flooding in West Virginia. This is a Zone 5 & 6 activity, in conjunction with other Lions throughout West Virginia. We will collect new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and other items at both the apple and broom sales and possibly at a special drive. Clothing will be delivered to Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass at the District Governor's Night in October.

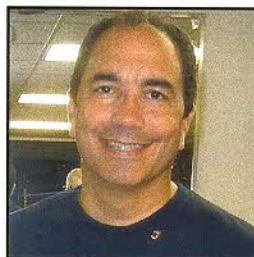
Julie Sole Presents Information About the Disability Action Center

Julie Sole, Executive Director of the Disability Action Center, spoke to club members on Thursday, August 25th. Incorporated as ARC in 1958, the center, which is now located in what was once the bowling alley, has been renovated and remodeled. Clients have access to state of the art iPads, computers, and other technology. They serve about 450 Marion County clients in addition to some from neighboring counties. Anybody can be a member of the Center.

Lions Mints

Lions Mints sales brought in \$159.65, thanks to Ed Neese, who keeps businesses supplied.

Members Inducted



New members Kelly Shreves and Nick Fantasia were formally inducted at the August 25th meeting by PDG Bob Moffett. Jacob Brumage sponsored them both.

Club Cleans Rail Trail

Fairmont Lions Club members (and two grandchildren) cleaned the West Fork River Rail Trail (Ralph LaRue Trail) on Sunday afternoon, September 11th. Participating were Kelly Shreves and her two grandchildren, along with Ashley Merrifield, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett.



Dear Friend of the Soup Opera,

We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us in feeding and clothing the poor and needy in our area. We're so thankful for those who care. May God richly bless you for all you do for us, especially for your recent gift of Hygiene products

Food & Blankets

Sincerely, Chelia

"The Soup Opera is more than just soup!"

Club Provides Eyeglasses

Keith Long requested and received approval for 10 applications for eye exams and glasses at the September 8th meeting.

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Nov. 12 Zones 5 & 6 Meet
 11:00 am
 Heston Farms

Nov. 13 Spaghetti Dinner
 Helping Little
 MountainEARs Hear
 4:00-6:00 pm
 Fairmont Sr. HS

Nov. 24 Happy Thanksgiving
 No Meeting

Nov. 25 Celebration of Lights
 Morris Park (Opens)
 Fairmont Lions Club
 Display-Legacy Proj.

Nov. 27 Christmas bags
 Pick-up in afternoon

Dec. 3 Salvation Army
 Red Kettle Drive
 (Bell Ringing)
 Walmart

Dec. 8 Business Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Dec. 10 Christmas Parade
 4:00 pm Line-up
 5:00 pm Parade

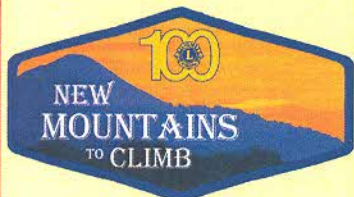
Dec. 17 Christmas Party
 6:00 pm
 Union Mission

Dec. 22 No Meeting

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On Thanksgiving we give thanks for the gift of having people to love and the great bounty of life to share.

—Alexandra Stoddard



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The Mane Growl

Lions Wanted to Fill
 Christmas Bags
 (See article on Page 2)



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Aletta Moffett (left) presents the check to Jone Webb of Connecting Link. 2nd VP Guy Ward also presented Webb a Certificate of Appreciation.

Club Donates to Provide State ID Cards

The Fairmont Lions Club presented a check for \$300 to Jone Webb, Executive Director of Connecting Link, Inc. The funds will assist homeless and other less fortunate individuals to obtain a state photo ID so that they can obtain needed services, including housing.

Webb spoke at the September 22nd meeting and told of a situation where a "significant other" left his partner, taking all papers including identification and stiffing the power utility for \$1,300. Connecting Link worked with the utility and helped this woman to obtain her driver's license, and a social security card. She is now able to stand on her own two feet, thanks to the Fairmont Lions Club's funds for the ID. Many homeless may qualify for Social Security, Disability or Veterans benefits with proper identification.

District Governor Visits Zones 5 & 6 Clubs

District Governor Linda Leasure made her visit to the Fairmont Lions Club and the other clubs in the Fairmont and Morgantown areas at a meeting held at Oliverio's in Morgantown on October 20th. Those attending from the Fairmont club included Pres.

Virginia Gallion, Bob Brummage, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Nancy Sickles and Aletta & Bob Moffett. The club presidents were each given time to speak. President Gallion expressed thanks to DG Linda for her visit and addressed the eye screening the club was doing. President Gallion also presented the district governor with a gift from the club as a token of appreciation.

The district governor is asking for all clubs to donate to LCIF (the Fairmont club makes an annual contribution). She pointed out that West Virginia has received almost \$1.8 million from LCIF. Just this summer, LCIF made a \$10,000 grant to District 29C and a \$10,000 grant to District 29L for flood relief.



DG Linda Leasure



Successful Broom Sale

Jacob Brumage reported that he deposited \$1,300 following the October 1st Broom & Mop sale at Shop N Save on Fairmont Avenue. Also, V&W Electric paid the club \$332 for brooms & mops, White Hall Pharmacy paid \$298 for brooms and mops, additional apple sales amounted to \$75 and there was \$50 in donations during the broom sale.

Participating members included Brumage, Wayne Dodd, Keith Long, Bob Gribben, Kelly Shreves, Nicole Roman, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Leroy Humberston and Aletta & Bob Moffett.

Eyeglasses Committee Remains Active

The club has begun to receive some requests for help with eye exams and glasses through its Facebook page, in addition to the usual phone calls. Keith Long, chairperson, requested and received approval for ten applications at the October 13th meeting.

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Changes for this Year's Christmas Party

President Virginia Gallion has asked Lions to shop for and wrap gifts for the children at the Union Mission Christmas Party this year. Club members will receive \$17.50 per child to be used for the purchase of gifts, based on the child's wish, hobbies and interests. Once the gifts are purchased, members are asked to wrap them and place them in a large bag with the child's name and parent's name. These will then be given to the children at the Christmas party. Gifts will be picked up after 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 27th.

The Christmas Party at the Mission is Saturday, December 17th, beginning with a traditional Christmas dinner prepared by the staff at 6:00 pm, followed by the party for the children.

WBOY-TV in Clarksburg reported on the Lions Club's party for the children on their November 7th evening news program.

Helping Little MountainEARs Hear

Ashley Merrifield, who is an audiologist and member of the Fairmont Lions Club, has established Helping Little MountainEARs Hear, Inc., <www.hlmhear.com> a non-profit 5019(c)(3) organization to provide resources and funding for children and young adults with hearing loss and/or other related auditory disorders in Harrison, Marion and Monongalia Counties. A fundraiser spaghetti dinner (to go) and silent auction are planned for Sunday, November 13th from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Fairmont Senior High School Cafeteria.

Dinners are \$7 per meal or \$6 each for four or more meals and include spaghetti and meatball, bread, side salad and dessert. Meals may be picked up at the school cafeteria from 4:00-6:00 pm.

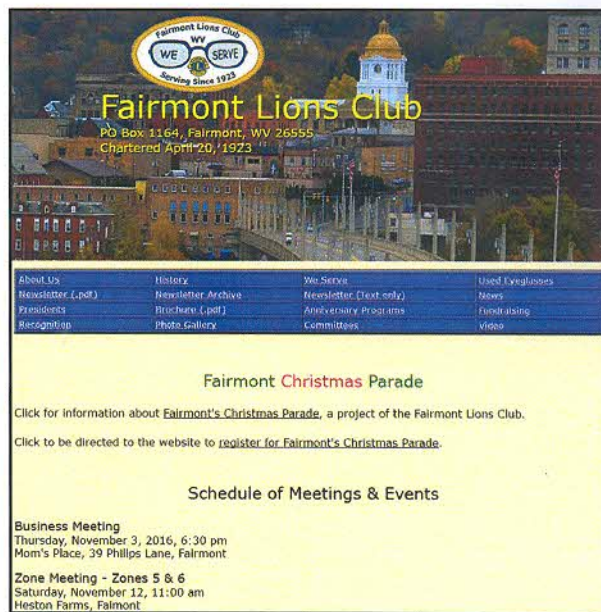
Lions of WV Leadership Retreat in Morgantown

The 2017 Lions of WV Leadership Retreat will be held in Morgantown from dinner on Friday, January 27 through lunch on Sunday, January 29. The \$125 registration fee includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and lunch on Sunday, with a speaker at each meal. During the day on Saturday and on Sunday morning, attendees may choose from a number of seminars on topics such as "10 Major Steps to Becoming an Effective Leader," "Motivating Volunteers," "It's Not Your Father's Lions Club" and many more. Lakeview Resort in Morgantown is the location. You may wish to reserve a room or you could just drive up for the day — it's nearby. Please request a registration form from club secretary Bob Moffett.

Keep Up With Club on Web & Facebook

If you sometimes do not remember if the club meeting is this week or next week, it is easy to find out by pointing the web browser on your computer or mobile device to: www.fairmontlions.org, the Fairmont Lions Club's website. The site is mobile friendly and is updated throughout the month. In addition, you can find current and past club newsletters, a photo gallery, Lions videos, information about used eyeglasses collection boxes and fundraising.

If social media is your thing, you may want to Like the Fairmont Lions Club's Facebook page and follow what is happening there. Check out www.facebook.com and enter Fairmont Lions Club in the search box. You'll want to be sure to select the Fairmont Lions Club located in Fairmont, WV, as there is also a Fairmont Lions Club in Fairmont, Minnesota. The club's post promoting our September apple sale reached over 400 people. If you have an interest in co-administering the page, let club secretary Bob Moffett know.



Fairmont Lions Club Centennial Legacy Project



During the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Lions, clubs have been encouraged to raise the visibility of the club and honor the legacy of service by planning a Centennial Legacy Project in the community. These projects commemorate our Centennial by making a lasting gift that will benefit our community for years to come.

When the Morris Park Celebration of Lights opens on Friday, November 25th, the Fairmont Lions Club lighted candle display will become a part of the annual tradition and will be identified as provided by the Fairmont Lions Club. At the club's October 13th meeting, the club adopted this project as the club's Centennial Legacy Project and it will be designated as such on the November club reports to Lions Clubs International and to District Governor Linda Leasure.



Lions Serve In Many Ways

At the Broom Sale held at Shop N Save, A woman came out of the store. When asked if she needed a broom, she responded saying she wanted help to walk her dog to her car. As it turned out, the "dog" was a cake she had purchased.

WE SERVE

Successful September & October Apple Sales

All apples were sold by Monday, following the September 24th apple sale at Middletown Mall. Proceeds from the apples and brooms amounted to \$2,606, with an estimated profit of \$1,095 from apples and \$521 from brooms and mops. Assisting with the apple sale (and winter clothing collection) were Bob Brummage, Ed Neese, Jake Brumage, Bob Gribben, Wayne Dodd, Ralph



Bob Brummage stands aside as Humberston, Ashley Merrifield Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, John Marsicano, Beulah Miller, Ashley Merrifield, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Aletta and Bob Moffett.



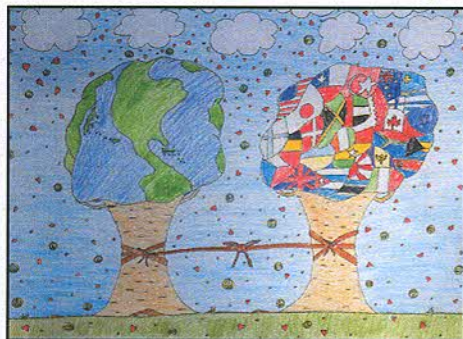
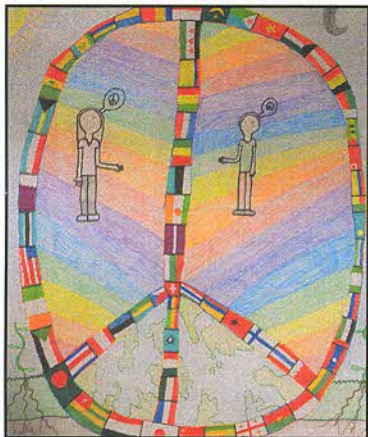
(L-R) Wayne Dodd, Pres. Virginia Gallion, Beulah Miller, Nancy Sickles, Aletta Moffett, Jacob Brumage (hidden) and Bob Brummage await the next customer Oct. 29.

Davis, Leroy Humberston, Ashley Merrifield Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, John Marsicano, Beulah Miller, Ashley Merrifield, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Aletta and Bob Moffett.

The club was not expecting to be able to get any Winesap apples for the October 29th sale, but ended up with some bags of winesap apples at the

sale. That sale, also held at Middletown Mall, was a success as well. Bob Brummage reported at the November 3rd Board Meeting that the club received \$1,443 from the sale and \$163 in donations, noting that a \$100 donor was given some apples when he came out to donate because the club had screened his daughter's eyes resulting in appropriate treatment.

Helping out with the apple sale were Bob Brummage (brought the apples in from Romney), Wayne Dodd, Ed Neese, Keith & Lisa Long, Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Leroy Humberston, Aletta & Bob Moffett, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, and Buelah Miller.



Peace Posters Judged

At the November 3rd Board of Directors Meeting, those attending judged the entries for the Lions Peace Poster Contest. Margaret Brumage presented the posters from East Fairmont Middle School and Fairmont Catholic School. From East Fairmont Middle School, Zachary Smith won First Place and Savannah Asbury took Second Place. From Fairmont Catholic School, Cameron Morgan won First Place and Cara Deskins came in Second Place. The first and second place winners at each school will receive Walmart gift cards from the club. The first place posters from each school will be sent to District Governor Linda Leasure for judging at the district level. The winner from the district will compete at the multiple district (state) level and that winning poster will be sent to Lions Clubs International to compete against entries from around the world.

This year's theme is "A Celebration of Peace." This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

Lions World-Wide Reach 1.4 Million Members

Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Bob Corlew just announced that "we have surpassed the 1.4 million member mark at the end of October thanks to Lions like you."



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Just A Lion Or Two
We have been pleased to see Ralph Davis assisting with some of our activities, lately. Welcome back Lion Ralph!

Congratulations to John Marsicano who has taken a new position and is working outside the area.

We express our sympathy to Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion. Lion Nancy recently lost her brother.

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Fairmont Lions Screen Eyes of 128 Preschool Children

During a two-week period in October, members of the Fairmont Lions Club screened eyes of young children in five childcare centers at six screening events. The referral rate was 54%. Screening sites were: Edgemont Head Start, Kids R Special, Bumble Bear Corner, EFHS Early Head Start and Baptist Temple Preschool. Club members participating in the screening were Ashley Merrifield, Jim Coleman, Bob Brummage, Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles and Bob Moffett. Aletta Moffett spent time contacting these facilities to arrange the screening schedule. In addition, two Lions from the Barrackville Lions Club came to one of the screenings to observe. Approximately 26 Lion-hours were involved.

Christmas Parade Reminder

Fairmont's Christmas parade will take place December 10th in conjunction with the Feast of the Seven Fishes. Alternate date is Monday, December 12th. Line-up on Everest Drive and Fourth Street begins at 4:00 pm with the parade beginning at 5:00 pm.

Marci Carrol has set up a Facebook page <www.facebook.com/FairmontChristmasParade/> with information about the parade and a separate parade website for groups to register to participate in the parade: <https://fairmontchristmasparade2016.eventbrite.com/>

Club members and non-member volunteers will be needed to help with the line-up.

"Winter Warm-Up" for WV Flood Victims



The Fairmont Lions Club collected warm clothing this fall to donate to the victims of June's flooding in West Virginia. This was a Zones 5 & 6 activity, in conjunction with other Lions throughout West Virginia. The community's response to our club's request was overwhelming. We collected many new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and bedding at both the apple and broom sales. Ed Neese packed boxes of these items that he received from the Knights of Columbus. Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass took a car load from our meeting and Bob Moffett made two trips to Morgantown with a pickup truck fully loaded; then four additional boxes were taken to the District Governor's Night in Morgantown. From there, they were taken to District 29C, where Lions distributed these items to those in need.

Did You Know?

Our Foundation, LCIF, has supported the vaccination of millions of children against measles and rubella with \$6,638,272 in grants. 14,100 people have been helped through 141 disaster related grants. The impact we make on individual lives is at the heart of everything the Foundation does.

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THANKSGIVING



Club Officers

President.....Virginia Gallion
 1st Vice Pres...John Marsicano
 Secretary.....Bob Moffett
 Treasurer.....Bob Brummage
 Tail Twister.....Keith Long
 Lion Tamer.....Jacob Brumage
 Directors....
 2 yr Leroy Humberston
 1 yr Aletta Moffett
 1 yr Jacob Brumage
 Membership.....Bob Moffett
 Immediate Past
 President.....Guy Ward

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
 39 Philips Lane
 Fairmont, WV

- Jan. 10 Eye Screening
 Disability Action Ctr.
 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Jan. 12 Business Meeting
 Mom's Place
 6:30 pm
- Jan. 26 Meeting
 Mom's Place
 6:30 pm
- Jan. 27-29 Lions of WV
 Leadership Retreat
 Lakeview Resort
 Morgantown

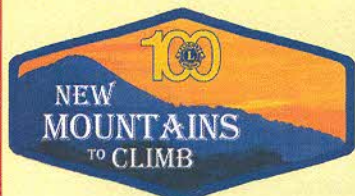
We continue collecting food,
 toiletries and clothing for the
 Soup Opera.

In addition to the activities
 in this issue, the club
 continued volunteer reading
 in the classroom and
 providing glasses for those
 less fortunate.



WE SERVE

Give what you have to
 someone; it may be better
 than you dare to think.
 — Henry Wadsworth
 Longfellow



President Chancellor Bob
 Corlew's theme 2016-2017



The Mane Growl

Merry Christmas
 &
 Happy New Year!



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Club Provides Gifts for Children at Union Mission Party



A train with a picture of Lions and names of children wrapped its way around the room.



Club president Virginia Gallion, who headed-up this year's Christmas party for children at the Union Mission, reported that we provided toys and gifts for 61 children at a cost to the club of \$1,245.52. Nine Lions participated and we had four guests: Michael and Deborah Zickefoose, who bought the two bikes and took 11 names to purchase gifts; Virginia's sister Mary and Lisa Long. President Virginia thanked the club for allowing her to change the process and club members enjoyed doing some of the shopping this year.



George Batten, of the Mission, told members that pajamas were added to all the bags we filled with toys. The pajamas were donated by another organization because of what the Lions were doing. Hats, capes, books, and bags of candy came from other donors and volunteers who wanted to help out, some from Massachusetts and Delaware. He also noted that the children were enjoying pizza and decorating Christmas cookies. Although Batten indicated this was the 74th annual party, historic club records indicate the club may have been doing this for at least 78 years.



Also attending was Dr. Phil Wilmoth who mentioned that he would be going to Honduras on a mission trip in the spring and has been in contact with the Lions Recycling Center to obtain used eyeglasses for the trip.

The kitchen crew at the Mission provided a traditional feast of turkey with all the "fixin's."

Club Members Ring Bells for Salvation Army

Five shifts made up of Fairmont Lions Club members rang bells on Saturday, December 3rd, for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Working in pairs were Bob Brummage and Ed Neese, Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman, Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion, Aletta and Bob Moffett, and Guy Ward and Bob Moffett, working the 6:00-7:00 pm shift.



Disability Action Center Requests Eye Screening

The Disability Action Center in Fairmont requested the Lions to provide eye screening at their facility on January 10th. Arrangements have been made to obtain the equipment for this service activity.

Correction

Bob Gribben was inadvertently left off the list of Lions helping with the Apple sale October 29th in the previous issue of The Mane Growl. We regret this omission.

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District Governor
Linda Leasure's
theme this year is
"Insuring Our Future"



Lions On The Web

Lions Clubs International
www.lionsclubs.org

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)
www.wvlions.org

District 29-L Lions
www.lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation
www.wvsight.org

Fairmont Lions Club
www.fairmontlions.org

We offer our sincere
condolences to the family of
Jack L. Decker who died in
November. He had been a
member of the Fairmont
Lions Club since 1991.

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Fairmont Lions Say "Merry Christmas" to Fairmont



The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored Fairmont's Christmas parade again this year. There were 140 registered units, including all three county high school bands, that made their way from 4th Street and Fairmont Avenue to the courthouse, across the bridge, and followed Merchant Street to Palatine Park. Although it was a cold night, chairperson Marci Carroll indicated that she stayed warm going back and forth along the line-up. Lenny the Lion and "his" entourage from the Friendly Lions Club followed the Lions Club banner and a truckload of Fairmont Lions near the front of the parade. A Blessing of First Responders took place at the courthouse.

In addition to the countless hours Marci and her staff spent organizing the parade, five Lions and two non-Lions (we thank Virginia's brother for the use of the truck!) took part. Fairmont Lions Club members helping with line-up, decorating the truck or riding and walking in the parade were: President Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, Marci Carroll, Ralph Davis, Jake Brumage (who had cases made for the banners), Aletta and Bob Moffett.

The club's Centennial Legacy Project, celebrating 100 years of Lions, made its debut at the Morris Park Celebration of Lights this year. The animated "Lighted Candle" will be a feature of the display for years to come, along with the sign noting it's donation by the Fairmont Lions Club. Gate receipts from the Celebration of Lights benefit the Marion County United Way.



Peace Poster Winners Presented Gift Cards



East Fairmont Middle (left photo):
First Place: Zachary Smith (right)
Second Place: Savannah Asbury (left)
Art Teacher: Misty Skarzinski (center)

Fairmont Catholic (right photo)
First Place: Camryn Morgan (left)
Second Place: Clara Deskens (right)
Lion Jacob Brumage (center)