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 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
 39 Philips Lane
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Aug. 10 Business Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Aug. 12 Broom & Mop Sale
 Bellview Save-A-Lot
 Fairhills Plaza
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Aug. 19 Broom & Mop Sale
 VFW Post
 1310 Morgantown Ave.

Aug. 24 Program Meeting
 Report on the
 100th Lions Clubs
 International
 Convention
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Sept. 4 Dan Dague Memorial
 Car & Bike Show
 Wheeling

The Indian Greeting
 "Namaste" means, "I salute
 the divine in you." Most
 people spend their lifetime
 in pursuit of God and
 inner peace. My worship
 of God is to serve His
 living manifestations on
 earth. My peace and
 happiness come when
 those around me enjoy
 peace and happiness.

— Dr. Naresh Aggarwal,
 LCI President 2017-2018



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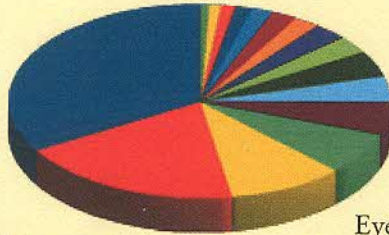
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**Fairmont Lions Club****July-August 2017****Volume 1 Number 1**

Fairmont Lions Club 2016-2017 Expenditures

Activities Fund

**Club provides over
 \$7,000 in service.**



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| ■ Eyeglasses | ■ Union Mission Christmas Party |
| ■ WV Lions Sight Foundation | ■ LCIF |
| ■ HOBY | ■ Connecting Link ID Program |
| ■ Guide Dogs | ■ Boys State |
| ■ FSU Scholarship | ■ RAP/Read Aloud WV |
| ■ Car Show | ■ Peace Poster |
| ■ WV Flood Relief | ■ Misc. |
| ■ Deaf & Blind Recreation | ■ Youth Exchange |

Eyeglasses and the Christmas Party for underprivileged children received the most funding of last year's service activities, with the club spending \$2,381 and \$1,346 respectively, according to the end of year financial report presented by Treasurer Bob Brummage.

Our WV Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation received \$700 and Lions Clubs International Foundation received \$500. Total Activities expenditures amounted to \$7,067.49

Fundraising notes

Two broom and mop sales have been scheduled by Jacob Brumage. The first is Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the Bellview Save-A-Lot in Fairhills Plaza, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. On August 19th, there will be a sale held in conjunction with the VFW Chicken Roast on at the VFW Post on Morgantown Avenue.

A hearty thank you to Kelly Shreves and the White Hall Pharmacy. The club now has new folding tables for displaying brooms and mops at sales, such as these. Kelly had the idea and proceeded to drill holes in a table and White Hall Pharmacy is supplying the tables.

Adopt-A-Trail



The Fairmont Lions Club cleaned the West Fork River/Ralph S. Larue Rail Trail between Fairmont (Norway) and Monongah from spring through fall. Shown are (L-R) Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett, Ralph Davis, Alan Shreves, Kelly Shreves.

WV Service Dog Support Group



Anastasia Burns (left) spoke to the Fairmont Lions Club about the West Virginia Service Dog Support Group at the club meeting July 27th. Demonstrations of the dogs' abilities were displayed.

Are your dues current?

If you have not yet paid dues for July to December, 2017, please do so immediately, as your club has already paid those dues to Lions Clubs International and District 29L. The club does not have the option to wait until dues are received from the members, but must pay when billed by LCI and the district.



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Just a Lion or Two

Club member Ralph Davis has been busy helping with flood clean-up in the Mannington and Hundred areas. He has moved debris to the curb and cleaned up piles of garbage, providing over 40 hours to the task in the first week, with a second week of work anticipated. Ralph exemplifies our motto, "We Serve."

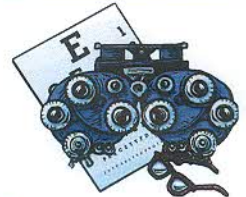
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Club Provides Eye Exams and Glasses

In July, the club provided three individuals with eye exams and glasses (approved in June). At the request of Chairperson Keith Long, the club approved up to 10 additional applications for July.

During the previous club year (July 2016-June 2017), the club provided 72 eye exams and glasses for those unable to afford needed eye care.



Centennial Membership Recognition



At the July 13th club meeting, Jacob Brumage was presented the Gold Centennial Award for sponsoring a Lion who has remained in good standing for two years and a day. In addition to the Limited Edition Gold Centennial pin, his name will be featured on the LCI Centennial website as well as area forums and district conventions.

Club's Peach Sale Nipped in the Bud by Late Spring Frost

Bob Brummage reports that the peach crop in Romney was reduced this year by the frost in late spring. The club was unable to obtain peaches for a sale this year, but prospects for our fall apple sale look better.

Plans Underway for Christmas Party

Club President Virginia Gallion reported that plans are underway for the Christmas Party for the children at the Union Mission in December. She has already purchased 70 boxes of crayons and is on the look-out for coloring books priced at about \$1.00. If you spot these in the stores, please let her know.

District and State Lions Events

Huntington Downtown Lions Club's 95th Anniversary is September 29th and the District 29L Conference will be held at Huntington's Pullman Plaza Hotel on Saturday, September 30th.

District 29I's Conference is October 20 & 21 at Lakeview Resort & Spa in Morgantown, followed by District C's Conference at the Beckley Country Inn and Suites November 3-5.

Zone 5 & 6 Meeting August 26

SVDG and Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass has called the first Zone 5 & 6 meeting for Saturday, August 26th at 10:00 am at Panera Bread on Pattenon Dr. in Morgantown. "The clubs in Zone 5 & 6 need to pull together and focus on growth this year! I want us to double by the end of this year! I think it is very attainable but we all have to work together to do so!" said Jordan. All club members are encouraged to attend, but she would like to know of those attending.

**DAN DAGUE MEMORIAL
CAR & BIKE SHOW FOR SIGHT**

Labor Day Monday September 4th 2017		Rain Date: Sunday September 10th 2017
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The Highlands, I-70, Exit 10
Cabela Drive, Wheeling, WV

FUN FOR ALL!

SPONSORED BY THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 29-L (WEST VIRGINIA). Proceeds from this event will benefit the WV Lions Sight Foundation. Visit us on the web at: wvsight.org
(Car Show Web Site: <http://wvsight.org/carshow/index.html>)
Contact Info: Eva Dague 304-639-6923. Scott Dague 304-218-8190.

REGISTRATION: \$10. Donation
8 a.m. until 12 noon

JUDGING: 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

AWARD PRESENTATION: 3:30 P.M. 600 Dash Plaques
and over 166 Trophies!

50/50 Raffles Regular Auction Chinese Auction
Special Classes ... Special Awards Sponsor Awards!

Bring in used eyeglasses and hearing aids!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW ... JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME!

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Sept. 28 Meeting
6:30 pm
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Sept. 30 Dist. 29L Conference
Pullman Plaza Hotel
Huntington, WV

Oct. 7 Apple Sale
8:00 am
Middletown Mall
Across from Grease
Monkey

Oct. 12 Zones 5 & 6 District
Governor Visit
Brookhaven Lions
Club Building

If a 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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Club Members are Screening Eyes of Preschoolers

The Fairmont Lions Club has begun the autumn eye screening of children in Fairmont area childcare centers. Keith Long and Bob Moffett screened 16 children at Bumble Bear Corner Childcare on Thursday, September 21.



Any Lion can be quickly trained to use the Plusoptix eye screener, which uses a special camera to image the eye and measure a number of parameters.

Here is the remaining schedule for this round of screenings:

Monday, Sept. 25	EF Head Start	8:30-9:00 am	8 children	Bob Brummage
Monday, Oct. 2	Baptist Temple	9:00 am	14 children	Nancy Sickles
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Edgemeont Head Start	9:00 am	38 children	Aletta Moffett
Thursday, Oct. 5	Kids R Special	9:00 am	* Keith Long or Bob Brummage	
Friday, Oct. 6	Kids R Special	9:00 am	* Aletta Moffett	

Lions interested in helping with the screening should contact Bob Moffett, Chairperson. Aletta Moffett contacted the facilities for scheduling. (* 70 children between the two days)

Zones 5 & 6 to Welcome District Governor



As was done last year, the District Governor, Lee Ann Welch, will make her official visit to several clubs in Zones 5 & 6 at a joint meeting to be held Thursday, October 12, at the Brookhaven Lions Club Building, outside of Morgantown. The cost of the meal is \$12.00. Zone Chairperson SVDG Jordan Glass has asked for RSVPs by October 5th.

The Brookhaven Lions Club Building is accessed from the Sabreton Exit of I-68. At the end of the ramp, turn left and then turn left again at the Lions park. Go about a mile or so up the hill and look for the building on the right. There is a lot for parking. Those traveling to the meeting may wish to carpool.

Apple Sale Set for October 7, 2017

Bob Brummage has made arrangements for the club to sell apples on Saturday, October 7th, at Middletown Mall, across from Grease Monkey. The sale will begin at 8:00 am and will likely feature Gala, Golden Delicious, McIntosh, Fuji and Winesap. Nancy Sickles is accepting calls for advance sales. Members are needed to work the sale. Apples for the sale will come from a Romney, WV orchard.

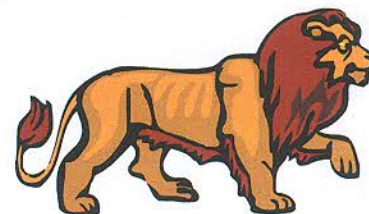


Club Goes Nuts Again

After many successfully years of selling Terri Lynn nuts, Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman will soon be ordering the nuts for this year's sale. Please bring your request to them at this Thursday's meeting (September 28th) or call them by Thursday, as they will be placing the order for expected delivery by the end of October.

Club Sponsors Peace Poster Contest

As in recent years, the Fairmont Lions Club is sponsoring the Lions Peace Poster Contest in local middle schools. The materials have been provided to East Fairmont Middle School, Fairmont Catholic School and West Fairmont Middle School. Jacob Brummage has asked schools to return the posters to the club by November 9th so that they can be sent to the District Governor for district judging by the deadline of November 15, 2017.





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We are pleased to report that Ed Neese's health has improved and he has returned to taking care of the Lions Mints sales. Thanks Lion Ed!

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Lions Responding to Recent Disasters

In a message to Lions, Lions Clubs International Foundation(LCIF) Chairperson Chancellor Bob Corlew thanked Lions for their most generous donations to LCIF. "Just this year, your donations have enabled LCIF to respond to the disasters from Japan to South Asia to the U.S. Gulf Coast, Mexico and several Caribbean islands." He also mentioned Hurricane Harvey which struck Texas and Louisiana and Hurricane Irma which struck Florida and the Southeast United States, which also, "laid waste to

islands in the western Atlantic and Caribbean Sea. Mexico has been rattled by its strongest earthquake in 100 years. Together, LCIF and Lions are supporting relief efforts for all of these disasters."

LCIF works directly with Lions in these areas to ensure they have what they need to respond in these emergencies. Disaster relief funds have been made available for Lions in all of the affected areas. Lions are coordinating their efforts with local agencies to determine the greatest need and how Lions can address those needs.

"Your donations allow LCIF to respond to disasters at the moment they happen, and ensure we can respond when called upon for future emergencies.

"Together, we are making a significant difference." To donate, please visit:
<https://www.lcif.org/EN/support-our-work/donate-now.php>



Club Sponsors Hearing Aids and Provides Eyeglasses

In addition to continuing to provide eyeglasses for those less fortunate, Keith Long reported that the club was able to sponsor a candidate for hearing aids through the WV Lions Sight Foundation. That person subsequently received hearing aids through the WV Lions Sight Foundation and the Starkey Foundation.

The club provided eye exams and glasses to nine people in August and an additional four people in September.

Lions Put Litter-Gitters to Work Again

Kelly Shreves, with her husband Alan, along with Aletta and Bob Moffett, picked up trash along the West Fork River/Ralph S. Larue Rail Trail on September 9th.

Read Aloud WV Adds Four Schools in County

Aletta Moffett was happy to report that the Read Aloud WV Marion County Chapter, a project of the Fairmont Lions Club, has added four elementary schools bringing the number participating elementary schools to 10. Schools added this year are Fairview, Jayenne, Pleasant Valley and East Dale. Fifteen readers were oriented on September 19th at the Marion Co. Public Library.

Books-A-Million stores are giving a percentage of sales to Read Aloud for purchases made on September 30. Aletta Moffett, Chapter Coordinator, will have a display at the Middletown Mall store that day.

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Nov. 8 Joint Meeting with
 Kiwanis & Rotary
 FSU Basketball
 Coaches
 11:45 am
 Clarion Inn

Nov. 9 Business Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place

Nov. 11 Zones 5 & 6 Meeting
 10:00 am
 Panera Bread
 357 Patteson Drive
 Morgantown

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day
 No Meeting

Dec. 9 Christmas Parade
 5:00 pm

Dec. 14 No Meeting

Dec. 16 Christmas Party
 Union Mission

Dec. 28 No Meeting

The best way to predict the
 future is to create it.

— Steve Jobs



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FVDG Gary Pitcock Addresses Lions

On Thursday, October 12, eight members of the Fairmont Lions Club traveled to Brookhaven, just outside Morgantown, for the annual district governor's visit, held this year as a joint meeting of several clubs in Zones 5 and 6 and hosted by the Brookhaven Lions Club. First Vice District Governor PDG Gary Pitcock spoke on behalf of DG Lee Ann Welch, who works and was unable to travel to the meeting from the Huntington area.

Second Vice District Governor and Zone Chairperson Jordan Glass presented membership chevrons to those in attendance who have reached milestones of membership. Receiving those among the Fairmont Lions were Marci Carroll, 10 years; Jim Coleman, 40 years; and PDG Bob Moffett, 45 years.

Attending from the Fairmont club were Bob Brummage, Ralph Davis, Jacob Brummage, Kelly Shreves, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett.



FVDG Gary Pitcock

Apples Sell Well

Bob Brummage loaded up a trailer with apples from the Romney area orchard for the club to sell at a fall fundraiser held Saturday, October 7, outside Middletown Mall. Brummage reported at the October 26th meeting that all of the apples had been sold. Brooms and mops were also available at the apple sale resulting in a total profit for the club of just about \$1,100.

The all-day sale was a success thanks to the many Lions who came out and spent a couple of hours or more on a balmy October Saturday. In addition to Brummage, those helping out were Jacob Brummage, Ralph Davis, Ed Neese, Kelly Shreves, Pres. Virginia Gallion, Nancy Sickles, Jim Coleman, Elizabeth Swiger, Bob Moffett, Aletta Moffett, and Leroy



Selling apples (from left) are Pres. Virginia Gallion, Ralph Davis, Jacob Brummage and Ed Neese.

Humberston. These members put in a total of 71 hours.

Jacob Brummage reported that the broom sale at Shop N Save on September 16th brought in nearly \$560.

143 Children Screened for Vision Problems

For the second year, the Fairmont Lions Club screened preschool children for potential vision issues in late September and October. Six screening events were held at five child care facilities where a total of 143 children were screened. Of these, 25 children were referred to be seen by an eye care professional.

The American Optometry Association estimates that one in four children has a vision-related condition. Eye muscle imbalances (crossed-eyes) can lead to amblyopia (lazy eye) which can lead to permanent vision loss if untreated. Other conditions can lead to poor hand-eye coordination, blindness, or even life-threatening disease.

The club performed vision screening at Bumble Bear Corner, East Fairmont Head Start, Edgemont Head Start, Baptist Temple, and Kids R Special. Lions assisting included Keith Long, Bob Brummage, Nancy Sickles, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett.



John Funkhouser Participating in RAP/Read Aloud WV

Club member John Funkhouser was oriented and is now reading, along with others, in the elementary schools. Aletta Moffett reports that eight volunteer readers were oriented at a second orientation event held October 10th. In its fourth year in Marion County, Read Aloud WV is now in 10 of the 12 elementary schools in the county.

Henderson Tells About ResCare

At the October 26th meeting, Leslie Ann Henderson, of ResCare, presented a program about that organization's focus on foster parenting, working with youth up to age 17. According to Henderson, there are over 100 children in every county of West Virginia served by ResCare. They have seen a big increase due to opioid abuse in the state. ResCare is funded by DHHR and supervised by Mission West Virginia. Pres. Virginia Gallion presented her with a certificate of appreciation (*photo at right*).



Proceeds from Nut Sales Due by December 16

Jim Coleman has asked that all funds from the sale of nuts be turned in by December 16, the evening of the Christmas party for children at the Union Mission.



Liberty Day Constitution Education Program to be Explored

The Liberty Day Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to educating Americans, especially children, about the contents of the Constitution of the United States. Through the program, students receive a booklet containing the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution. Teachers also receive a packet with information and activities. Pres. Virginia Gallion expressed an interest in adopting a middle school class and providing the materials at a cost of \$30 and arranging for participation of elected officials to educate the children. The club approved adoption of this as a club project and Gallion agreed to do the work for preparing the project.

Worldwide Week of Service to Stop Diabetes

Diabetes impacts more than 400 million people, resulting in five million deaths every year. Join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to stopping this deadly disease in its tracks. This Worldwide Week of Service event is a great opportunity to support our new global service framework, and our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021, by supporting those affected by diabetes in your community.

A club can host a project that addresses diabetes in the community, like distributing healthy meals, reaching out to community members with diabetes and promoting active, healthy lifestyles. The Worldwide Week of Service for Diabetes is November 13-19, 2017.



Know A Veteran Who'd Make a Good Lion?

Veterans Day 2017 is Saturday, November 11. Veterans have made so many contributions and sacrificed so much to serve their country. With many service members returning home from serving in the military, this is a good time to provide them with an opportunity to get involved. Veterans have a lot to offer, including practical and leadership skills, a strong sense of dedication and commitment and then know what it means to be part of a team.

Ask now! Lions Clubs International is waiving entrance fees for qualifying veterans. The Veteran Program runs through June 30, 2018. Eligible veterans include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel who are retired or were honorably-discharged from these services. National Guard and Reserve personnel who were called to active duty for other than training (persons may still be enlisted in these services) are also eligible.

You might invite a veteran to serve at a club project and then invite that veteran to join our club. Clubs are encouraged to defray club, district and multiple district and/or international dues for any veteran needing financial assistance.

Please Note Changes to Meeting Calendar

There will be no meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club on Thursday, November 23rd, since it is Thanksgiving Day. Also, the club's first December meeting will be prior to the Lions Club's annual Christmas party for underprivileged children at the Union Mission on Saturday, December 16th, instead of Thursday, December 14th. There will be no meeting December 28th.

LCIF Rater Four-Stars by Charity Navigator

Every year from 2012 to the present, Charity Navigator, the largest and most utilized charity evaluator, has recognized Lions Clubs International Foundation with a 4-Star rating. Charity Navigator rates organizations on two components — *Financial Health* and *Accountability and Transparency*. Charities must excel in both to score well overall.

President's Message

Dear Lion,

Our members are the heart and soul of Lions. We are the world's largest service club organization because of the incredible men and women working every day to change the world. But to achieve our LCI Forward goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021, we need to increase the Power of We by welcoming new Lions so we can serve more people than ever before.

That's why I've set a goal of reaching 1.5 million members by the end of our Lion year. It may seem like an ambitious goal, but it is within our reach.



But more importantly, it will help your club do more of the incredible service that makes your community stronger and keeps your members coming back.

True **membership growth is a state of mind**, not just the result of a one-time event or membership drive. This means that every day is an opportunity to welcome new Lions into your club. And remember—Lions want to serve, but not every service project is right for every Lion. So plan a wide range of activities to get your members excited about the causes they care about.

Let's make sure that everyone who wants to make a difference in their community has an opportunity to do so as a Lion!



Sincerely,
Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Your International President

Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

The mission of the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat is to bring together the family of Lionism to enhance leadership skills and deepen commitment to community service.

It begins with a dinner Friday evening and continues through Sunday luncheon the weekend of January 26-28, 2018, at Stonewall Resort, just south of Weston. The registration fee of \$125 covers the cost of four meals, each with a keynote speaker, and an opportunity to participate in up to six seminars. Vendors will be on hand and there will be Friday evening entertainment, as well as a hospitality room and door prizes.

Keynote speakers include LCI Past International Director Cindy Gregg; Paul Daughtery, President and CEO of Philanthropy West Virginia; Ann Hammond of the Harrison County HOPE Centennial Lions Club who works with women at risk/users in a professional capacity; and Jonathan McCormick, Director of Military and Veterans Affairs at Marshall University.

Seminar topics include: Orientation for All, Club Officer Orientation, Effective Utilization of Social Media and the My Lion App™, Motivating Volunteers, Leading and Serving in the Next Decade, The Opioid Crisis in West Virginia, and more.

The Fairmont Lions Club has funds budgeted to provide up to two registrations. Resort room rate is \$109 single and \$124 double. Room reservations may be made by calling the resort at 304-269-7400 by December 26, 2017. Please let them know you are with the Lions. Breakfast in the resort's Stillwaters Restaurant is included in the room rate.

Please consider attending. Contact Bob Moffett, Retreat Chairperson or Pres. Virginia Gallion for more information.

Club Receives Bequest

Club treasurer Bob Brummage reported at the September 28th meeting that the club had received \$50 — bequeathed to the Fairmont Lions Club from the estate of Ruth Givens. These funds will be used as a part of the club's 2018-2019 Activity Fund.

Zone Meeting November 11

Zone Chairperson SVDG Jordan Glass has announced that the next Zone meeting for Zones 5 & 6 will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at Panera Bread, 357 Pattenon Drive, Morgantown at 10:00 am. Club presidents and secretaries are expected to attend and all Lions are welcome.



Ramp to be Dedicated

Columbus Carpenter announced that the ramp to the boat launch for handicapped veterans and the handicapped will be dedicated at noon on Wednesday, December 1, 2017.



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Eyeglasses Chairperson Keith Long had a different gig performing at Palatine Park in late summer.



Jone Webb receives a Certificate of Appreciation and a check from Pres. Virginia Gallion.

"I Want to Thank You All from the Bottom of My Heart."

Jone Webb, Executive Director of Connecting Link, spoke to the club at the September 28th meeting and explained how the club's contribution helped a number of people in our area.

Twenty-eight individuals were able to obtain an ID or driver's license which enabled them to get housing, a job, etc. One man was able to transfer his commercial driver's license (CDL) from another state. "I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart," said Webb.

She also discussed another Connecting Link program, the "Heat My Home" campaign. The campaign encourages people to fill a quart jar with coins to keep someone's home heated for 30 days.

Following Webb's remarks, Pres. Virginia Gallion presented her with the club's check for \$300 to help the ID program for this club year.



Peace Posters Judged

Peace Poster Contest Chairperson Jacob Brumage displayed posters submitted by East Fairmont Middle School and Fairmont Catholic School at the October 26th club meeting. First and Second Place winners from each school were selected by the members. The first place posters will continue to the district level for judging. West Fairmont Middle School has not yet submitted their posters. Winners from the two schools are:

Fairmont Catholic	First Place	Cameron Morgan
	Second Place	Ellie Linger
East Fairmont Middle	First Place	Holden Haught
	Second Place	Natalie Kerekes

Each of the first place winners will receive a \$25 gift card and the second place winners receive a \$15 gift card.

Coloring Books & Crayons Wrapped

Pres. Virginia Gallion reported that the coloring books and crayons purchased for the Christmas party at the Union Mission have been wrapped. She is trying to get an inventory to find out what additional gifts need to be purchased.

Another eight individuals received eye exams and glasses in October, thanks to the Fairmont Lions Club.

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For it is in giving that we receive.

— Francis of Assisi



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Lions Wrapped So the Children Can Unwrap

The members of the Fairmont Lions Club once again hit the stores looking for the perfect gift for nearly 60 children at this year's Lions Club Christmas party at the Union Mission. Members also wrapped the gifts which were distributed at the party, along with the gloves, books, blankets, ornaments and coats provided by other

churches, organizations and individuals. In partnership with the Fairmont Lions Club, The Rambling Root conducted a coat drive to provide coats for the children. Chick-fil-A and Subway provided food for the families attending. The smiles and "thank-yous" from the children said it all!

Prior to the party, Lions enjoyed a Christmas dinner prepared by the Union Mission. Rev. George Batten thanked the club for making the event possible. A poinsettia was donated to the club by Kime Floral and was "auctioned" to the highest bidder, Wilma Sternthal, who then gave it to the Union Mission.



Crowds Line Streets for Christmas Parade

Once again, Marci Carroll organized the Fairmont Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. "Lenny the Friendly Lion" and members of the Friendly Lions Club joined the Fairmont Lions Club members in the parade as it made its way from Fairmont Avenue & Fourth Street to Palatine Park. Crowds lined the streets to enjoy all three county high school bands, floats, military units, drill teams, and much more. It took about 45 minutes from the beginning of the parade for the last unit to begin its journey along Fairmont Avenue.



Photo courtesy Carol Baker

Marci Carroll stated that John Funkhouser went above and beyond the call of duty and did a "fantastic job" helping with the parade line-up. Carol Baker also helped with line-up. Pres. Virginia Gallion's brother Michael provided a truck which was nicely decorated. She and Ralph Davis rode the back supplying candy to the crowds. Nancy Sickles and Michael's wife Debra rode inside the truck. The parade banner was carried by Kelly Shreves, who was joined by husband Alan, and Bob Moffett. It was a chilly December evening filled with warm spirits.



2016-2017

The Fairmont Lions Club received the Membership Satisfaction Award from Lions Clubs International for engaging and involving club members in meaningful service.

Over the past 50 years LCIF has given 4,765 grants for disaster relief totaling approximately \$112 million.



1972 DISASTER GRANT

The first grant ever awarded by LCIF was given to the community of Rapid City, South Dakota, USA. Floods took the lives of more than 200 people and left more than 5,000 people homeless. Lions were among the first on the scene to provide assistance and LCIF donated \$5,000 to help the community rebuild.

\$39 million



LCIF's largest category of disaster relief has been for earthquakes in the amount of \$39 million, followed by \$23 million for flood relief.



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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
fairmontlions.org

Just a Lion or Two

We wish Wayne Dodd and
 Beulah Miller speedy recoveries.
 We extend our sympathies to
 Bob & Lois Brummage on the
 death of Bob's mother.

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Peace Poster Contest Winners Imagine "The Future of Peace"

For the last 30 years Lions clubs around the world have proudly sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. The Fairmont Lions Club added a third school this year. First and Second Place winners at each school received Walmart gift cards.



East Fairmont Middle School First Place winner is Natalie Keickes (left) and the Second Place winner is Holden Haught (right). Their teacher is Misty Skarzinski.



Amelia Tillema (right) is the First Place winner at West Fairmont Middle School. Peyton Fritz (left) is the Second Place Winner. Tiffany Schap (center) is their teacher.



Fairmont Catholic School's First Place winner is Ellie Linger (left) and the Second Place winner is Camryn Morgan (right). Their teacher is Cynthia Garcia (center).

We Wish You A
Merry Christmas
 And A
Happy New Year

Four People Receive Eye Exams and Glasses

December saw four more people receiving eye exams and glasses, thanks to the Fairmont Lions Club. Keith Long is the committee chairperson.