



Club Officers

President.....Bob Brummage
First Vice Pres...Rex Zickefoose
Second Vice Pres....Rob Pickett
Secretary.....Bob Moffett
Treasurer.....Virginia Gallion
Director.....Fred Cannon
Membership Chr...Rob Pickett
LCIF Coord.....Aletta Moffett
Leo Coord.....Fred Cannon
Tail Twister.....Kenzi Niezgoda
Club Admin...Debra McDonald

Calendar
(subject to change)

Aug. 13 Next Meeting
Apple Annie's
Middletown Commons
6:00 pm

Aug. 15 Adopt-A-Trail
West Fork River Trail
Norway to Monongah
2:00 pm

Sept. 3-5 USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum
Memphis, TN

Jan. 29-31, 2027 Lions of WV
Leadership Retreat
Flatwoods Days Inn &
Suites Conference Ctr.

"Because the people who are
crazy enough to think they
can change the world are the
ones who do."

—Steve Jobs

Mark S. Lyon, of Brookfield,
Connecticut, is the 2026-2027
Lions International President.
His theme for the year is
"Rooted in Service," empha-
sizing returning to our roots,
focusing on meaningful ser-
vice, inviting new members,
supporting leadership, and
supporting LCIF. His pin is
shown below.



The Mane Growl

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Next Meeting:
August 13, 2026



Three Clubs Are Better Than Two

Barrackville Lions Club members joined with the Midtown Leos and Fairmont Lions benefitting the e-Waste recycling in June. Barrackville took care of the TVs and monitors and received the fees that were charged to help them with fundraising. We only received about one fourth of the items that we received at the April event, the pace was less hectic. The rolloff was removed at the end of the event, eliminating the issue with theft that occurred at the April event. Fred Cannon was still waiting to get final figures from the event, as of the July 9th club meeting.

Elizabeth Swiger Celebrates 100th Birthday

While female lions may typically reach the age of 15 to 18 years, Lion Elizabeth Swiger enjoyed her 100th birthday party on her birthday, June 27th, held at Central United Methodist Church. A large crowd was in attendance to wish her well.

A member of the Fairmont Lions Club since April of 2005, she has served the community well as an active club member. Indeed, she had continued attending meetings regularly until she moved to assisted living more recently. Elizabeth thanked the Fairmont Lions Club for her flowers, which were too large to put in her room, but they brighten her table in the dining room for all to enjoy.

Elizabeth is Professor Emerita of Chemistry at Fairmont State University. She served the institution from the 1950s until she retired in 1994. In the Lions club, she, with her husband Jim, sold bags and bags and bags of nuts to support our fundraising and was at most of our service activities, even riding a bicycle on the rail trail from Pricketts Fort to Fairmont and back for the club's "Lions Journey for Sight" fundraiser.

Congratulations on your 100 years, Elizabeth!



(L-R) Sec. Bob Moffett, LCIF Coord. Aletta Moffett, Pres. Bob Brummage, Tail Twister Kenzi Niezgoda, IPDG Kim Ebert, Director & Leo Coord. Fred Cannon, Club Administrator Debra McDonald

2026-2027 Club Officers Installed

Immediate Past District Governor Kim Ebert installed the officers for club year 2026-2027 at the July 9th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. She briefly mentioned each officer's responsibilities and presented each officer with a candy bar where the name of the candy bar fit the position.

Congratulations to Second Vice President Rob Pickett, who attended a club officer training session for club presidents and vice presidents.



District Governor
Tony Vandenburg



Lions On The Web

Lions Clubs International
lionsclubs.org

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)
wvlions.org

District 29-L Lions
lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation
wvsight.org

Fairmont Lions Club
fairmontlions.org

Just a Lion or Two

Beulah Miller has swollen legs
and misses everyone.
Virginia Gallion has had
cataract surgery.

Some images created by the editor with
AI assistance: Lion in masthead created
with DALL-E.

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Service Activities Completed by the Fairmont Lions Club 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

Service Activities	People Served	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated
41	2,683	229	1,096	\$1,752.00

Fred Cannon Receives Award from IPDG Kim Ebert



At the July 9th meeting, Immediate Past District Governor Kim Ebert presented a Leadership Award to Fred Cannon in recognition of all the new ideas for service that he has brought to the Fairmont Lions Club. Fred Cannon encouraged the club to form and sponsor the Midtown Leo Club and serves as Leo Coordinator for the club. He also started the e-waste recycling program which not only serves a very real need in the community, but also has provided a new fundraising source for the club. Club members expressed their appreciation as he accepted the award.

2026-2027 Activity Budget Approved

The Fairmont Lions Club adopted its Activities Budget for 2026-2027 at the July 9th club meeting. Funds available included \$402 carryover from the previous year and \$6,592 to be transferred from the Fundraising Account, totaling \$6,994. Activities Budget:

Sight	Eyeglasses	\$1,200.00 *
	WV Lions Sight Foundation	800.00
	Leader Dogs for the Blind	200.00
	Pilot Dogs	200.00
Youth	American Legion Mountaineer Boys State	350.00
	Camp Kno-Koma	250.00
	Lions Peace Poster Contest	190.00
Community	Deaf & Blind Recreation (Romney Schools)	75.00
	Fairmont State Foundation Scholarship Fund	200.00
	Union Mission Christmas Party for Children	2,000.00
	Lions Clubs International Foundation	700.00
	Reading Action Program	300.00
	Childhood Cancer (WVU Medicine Children's)	200.00
	Connecting Link ID	300.00
	Miscellaneous	29.00
	Total	\$6,994.00

National Night Out

The Fairmont Lions Club will be participating, along with the Midtown Leo Club, in National Night Out on August 4, 2026 from 6:00-9:00 pm. The event takes place at East Marion Park.

Mannington Fair

Due to a lack of firm support from District 29L, recruiting for a Mannington club will be delayed until 2027-2028.

Notice: Marci R. Carroll, former club member and long-time organizer of the Fairmont Lions Club's Fairmont Christmas Parade, passed away June 27th. She was 53 years old. Marci was a member of the club from 2007 through 2020.

Mark Your Calendar:
Lions of WV Leadership Retreat Returns January 29-31, 2027!