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# The Mane Growl

Fairmont Lions Club July 16, 1996 Volume 10 Number 1

## Prostate Cancer Is Program Topic

Roberta Harris, a Nurse Specialist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Clarksburg, presented the program at the June 6 meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Harris pointed out that Prostate Cancer affects one in eight men and 85% of men over 65 years old.

As a part of her program, she presented a video outlining the choices for treatment. She also circulated a model showing several stages of the cancerous prostate.

This cancer is slow growing and treatment can be very successful. Most men live a long time with their Prostate Cancer.



## Woodrum Reports on Activities Of Eyeglass Committee

At the June 6 meeting, Bill Woodrum, Chair of the Eyeglass Committee, reported that several Lions met to prepare "old gold" for shipment. Participating were Charles Herron, Edsel Michael, Jim Coleman, Duard Selders, along with Woodrum. 121 ounces were shipped. The yield was \$495.78 after deducting the smelting cost. These funds will be used for the Activities Budget.

Woodrum also indicated that a "Thank You" note had been received from a teacher for helping a child obtain glasses. The club will have supplied approximately 37 pairs of glasses during 1995-96.

Woodrum also presented an application for glasses for a male and the club approved the request.

## Crisis Resolved: Elliott Will Preside One More Year

Jim Elliott agreed to be nominated for a second term as president of the Fairmont Lions Club at the June 20 meeting. During the meeting, committee leadership was established with members volunteering to lead all the most critical committees. It was at this point that Elliott agreed to serve another term.

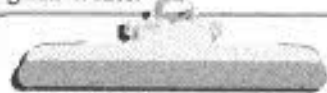
Bob Moffett's brother, a Past District Governor of 12-N, and member of the Johnson City Metropolitan Lions Club, was in attendance and offered his observation of the position in which the Fairmont club had found itself. Moffett indicated that this situation was not uncommon in other clubs. Elliott indicated at the July Board of Directors meeting that, "The remarks of a Past District Governor from Tennessee helped save the day of the club."

## Yard Sale Nets Committee Chairpersons Needed Funds Assigned for 1996-97

Members of the Fairmont Lions Club and the Fairmont Lioness Club worked Friday and Saturday, June 28th and 29th, at the home of President Jim Elliott. The sale had been postponed from an earlier date. Tom Koon headed up this activity.

The sale grossed \$417, of which \$24 was for brooms and mops. The newspaper add cost \$14, netting the club \$402.

Lions and Lionesses participating were Edsel and Mary Jo Michael, Jim Elliott, Tom and Mary Koon, Charles Herron, Gene and Evelyn Martin, Clyde Judy, Bill Woodrum, and Virginia White.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JULY 18 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - SPOUSES NIGHT  
AUG. 1 REGULAR MEETING  
AUG. 15 LIONESS PICNIC AT WAVE-TEK  
SEPT. 5 OFFICERS COOK-OUT AT PRICKETTS FORT

Committees under First Vice President Bill Woodrum include: Program, Publicity and Entertainment chaired by Clyde Judy; Membership and Attendance chaired by George Hummel and Bob Moffett; Calling Committee chaired by Joe Mulvehill; Lions Health and Welfare chaired by Gene Martin; and Newsletter edited by Bob Moffett.

Committees under Second Vice President Duard Selders are: Fund Raising chaired by Francis Viands, Finance chaired by Earl Carpenter, Sight and Hearing Conservation chaired by Gerald Warren, Eye Glasses chaired by Bill Woodrum, Nominations chaired by Gene Martin, Youth Activities chaired by Clyde Judy, and Lionism and Visitation chaired by Gerald Warren.

**DON'T FORGET!**  
Club Dues Are Due



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## Just A Lion Or Two

Jim Coleman and Joe Mulvehill had cataract surgery recently.

Ed Garlow's wife has been ill.

George Turley's condition remains about the same.

Jim Elliott attended the recent Officer Training Session conducted by P.D.G. Tracy Smith.

Clifford Stalnaker, a former and long-time member of the Fairmont Lions Club, sent his regards to the club through Gene Martin.



## Herron Reports Reaching Milestone

Charles Herron reports that 8,503 pairs of used eyeglasses have been collected from the collection box at the Middletown Mall.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## Notes from the June and July Board of Directors Meetings

Present at the June 13 Board of Directors meeting were Jim Elliott, Gerald Warren, Warner Glover, Clyde Judy, Joe Mulvehill, Bill Woodrum and Jim Coleman.

Treasurer Jim Coleman reported that the Administrative Fund operated in the black for the year. The club paid \$80 for eyeglasses in June. Other budgeted but as yet unpaid items from the Activities Fund were: Girl Scouts, \$50; FSC Loan Fund, \$100; Leader Dogs, \$100 for a total of \$260. Given the state of the Activities Fund, and following some discussion, a motion was made and approved to leave the above three items unpaid this year.

Considerable discussion centered upon the lack of a president-elect and Jim Elliott indicated that if the key chairmanships were filled he would be willing to serve again. (See related story on page 1.)

Attending the July 11 meeting, held at the home of President Jim Elliott, were Charles Herron, Warner Glover, Bob Moffett, Jim Coleman, and Elliott.

Treasurer Jim Coleman reported that the Administrative Fund balance at the end of June was \$410.73. The Activities Fund balance at the end of June was \$145.31. Forty dollars has been spent in July for eyeglasses. The Treasurer transferred \$500 from Fundraising to Activities and the account now shows about \$800 and about \$400 remains in Fundraising.

The board discussed at length possible strategies for increasing membership.

It was noted that brooms and mops have been ordered, but it is not known when they will be delivered to the club.

*—June 13 meeting reported by Jim Coleman*

**At the June 20th meeting,** President Jim Elliott presented Lions keychains to these members for different aspects of club participation: Tom Spiker, Francis Viands, Duard Selders, Charles Herron, D.J. Romino, Gene Martin, Joe Mulvehill, Bill Woodrum, Gerald Warren and Bob Moffett. He made similar presentations to Jim Coleman and Warner Glover at the July 11 Board of Directors meeting since they had been absent June 20.



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## Eleven Club Members Achieve Perfect Attendance

Eleven members of the Fairmont Lions Club were presented 100% Attendance Pins at the July 18 club meeting.

The pins, depicting the State of Kansas (home District of 1995-96 International President Dr. William Wunder) were presented by Gerald Warren to members who had not missed any meetings or who had made up missed meetings by participating in other Lions activities within the prescribed time period.

Receiving the awards were Jim Coleman, Jim Elliott, Warner Glover, Charles Herron, Tom Koon, Bob Moffett, Duard Selders, Gerald Warren, Gene Martin, Tom Robinson, and Joe Mulvehill.



Photo by Moriba Warren

Officers of the Fairmont Lions Club installed at the July 18 meeting: (back row) Charles Herron, Jim Elliott, Jim Coleman, Francis Viands, Warner Glover, Duard Selders, Gerald Warren; (seated) Bob Moffett, Joe Mulvehill, Clyde Judy, and Bill Woodrum.



## Three More Eyeglass Applications Approved

Bill Woodrum, representing the eyeglass committee, presented three applications for adult eyeglasses at the July 18 meeting. All three applicants were male and all three applications were approved by the club membership.



## PDG Gerald Warren Installs Officers for 1996-97

The Fairmont Lions Club observed the Installation of Officers for the 1996-97 year at Muriale's Restaurant on July 18. Spouses and guests from the Fairmont Lioness Club were in attendance.

Gerald Warren, Secretary of the club and a Past District Governor of 29-L, installed the officers and instructed them in their official duties.

Jim Elliott was installed as President accompanied by Bill Woodrum as First Vice President and Duard Selders as Second Vice President. Gerald Warren and Jim Coleman continue as Secretary and as Treasurer, respectively. The two Tail Twisters are Francis Viands and Tom Spiker. Joe Mulvehill will serve as Lion Tamer.

The four Directors are Warner

Glover, Charles Herron, Bob Brummage, and Clyde Judy. The Membership Committee (elected by the club) will consist of George Hummel, Bob Moffett, Earl Carpenter, and Jim Elliott.

In remarks accepting the office of President, Jim Elliott emphasized the need for the club to get new members and the need for an active Fundraising Committee.

In addition, Elliott also went over the list of committee assignments for the coming year.

Elliott also displayed to those in attendance the District Governor Smith Award, a plaque which Tracy Smith presented to clubs that earned 400 points, which the Fairmont Club earned during the past year.



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# Just a Lion Or Two Fairmont Lioness Club Invites Area Lions to Annual Picnic

Gerald and Martha Warren attended the International Convention, held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in early July. Warren reported that Bob Browning, P.D.G. of 29-N, was elected as an International Director. Elected as Third Vice President from Georgia was Jim Erwin. Warren also noted that next year's convention will be held in Philadelphia.

It was noted at the July 18 meeting that Bob Brummage has been transferred to Greensburg, PA, while his wife, Lois, continues her employment in Fairmont. Both are employed by Allegheny (Monongahela) Power Company.

The Fairmont Lioness Club has scheduled its annual picnic for Thursday, August 15 at Wave-Tek Park. As they have done in the past, they are inviting the members and guests of several area clubs including the Fairmont, Whitehall, East Fairmont, and East Grafton Roads Lions Clubs. Those attending are asked to bring a couple of wrapped gifts for Bingo prizes.

## Officers to Fire Up Grill on September 5

Club officers will make the arrangements and prepare the food at the 2nd annual Officers Cookout to be held September 5 at Pricketts Fort State Park.

Club members had a memorable evening at the park last year, so the officers decided to try and make this an annual event. This would be a good meeting to invite a guest.



## Fairmont Lions Club Donates Merchandise for Lioness Sale

The Fairmont Lioness Club has scheduled a sale to be held on Saturday, August 3, 1996. The sale will be held at the home of Evelyn Martin, 1208 Parkside Drive. Since several members of the Fairmont Lioness Club assisted the Fairmont Lions with their sale in July, the club decided to donate the unsold merchandise to the Lioness Club for their sale.

LIONS CLUB YARD SALE PROCEEDS	
Sales	\$ 393.00
Brooms/Mops	24.00
Subtotal	417.00
Advertising	-14.84
TOTAL	\$ 402.16



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Warner Glover

Aug. 15

Bridgebuilders 3-For-1 Membership Program  
 Read the details of the program and the inaugural Address of International President Augustin Solva in the July/August The Lion.







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According to Graham, nobody is denied access or care at Fairmont General. The hospital is now offering home health follow-up care. Under the new rules and regulations, some people leave the hospital "still sick." Follow-up care helps. It also allows follow-up with new mothers and their babies. There are about 900 normal deliveries a year at FGH.

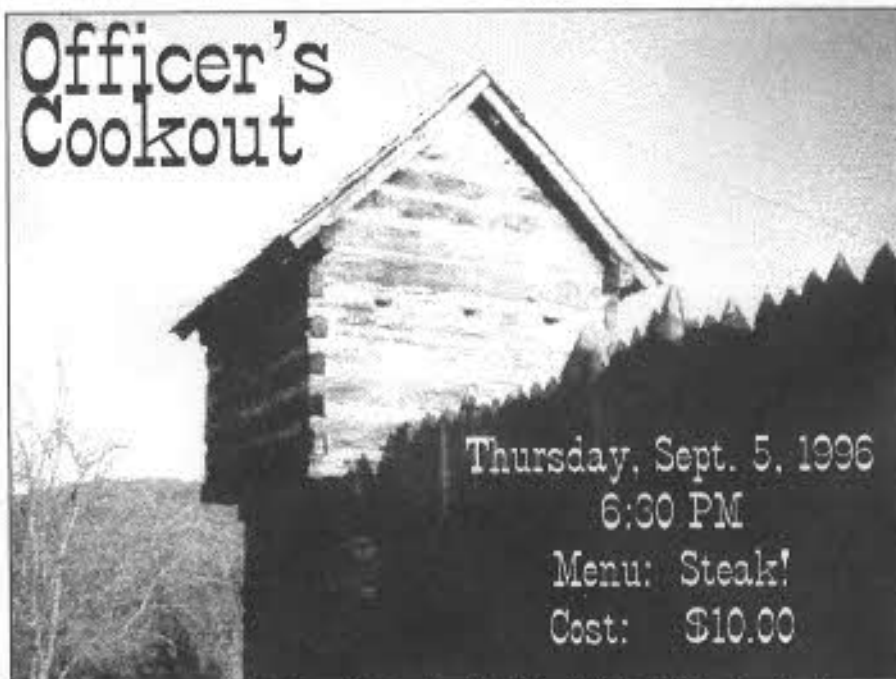
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Merritt, who had been President of Family Loan, was preceded in death by his wife, Naomi.

Merritt, we miss you.

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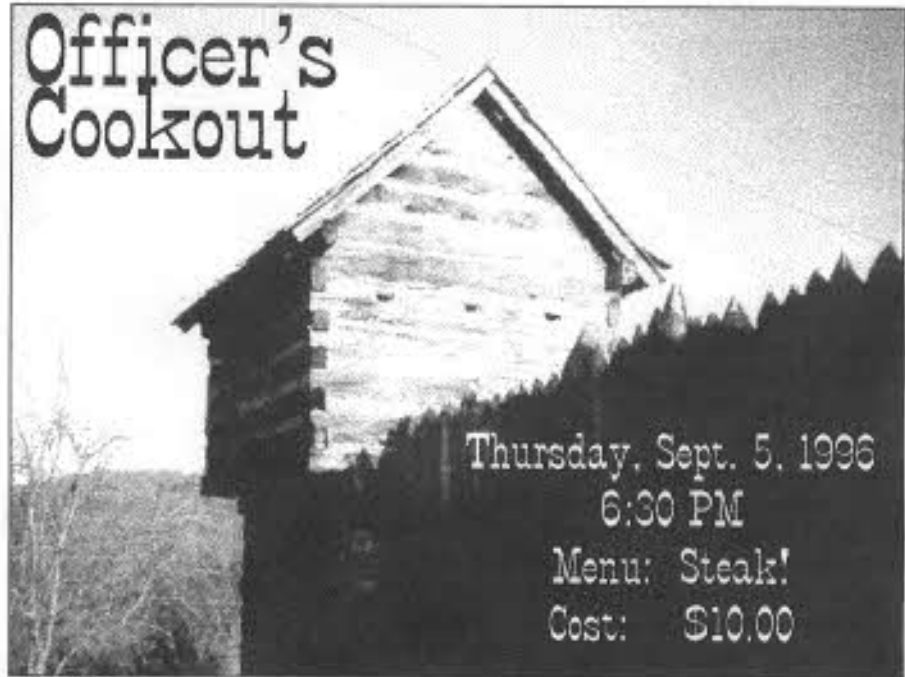
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Chefs Gerald Warren and Jim Elliott prepare the steaks as Bill Woodrum (center) looks on. After paying for the steaks and renting the barn, the club came out \$18 to the good.

## Full Speed Ahead for Permanent Lions Eye Clinic

Clyde Judy met recently with Dr. E. G. Cadogan and Donna Renner to work out details for establishing a permanent Lions Eye Clinic. A room is being provided by the Senior Center and is currently being prepared for the equipment which will be provided by Dr. Cadogan.

A contract is being prepared. The equipment will belong to the Fairmont Lions Club. The Senior Center will have a registered nurse on the premises where the clinic will be housed.

Dr. Cadogan indicated that he was well pleased with the facilities at the Center. Clinics will most likely be conducted on Thursday afternoons.

Charles Herron asked that the club thank Clyde Judy for his efforts in bringing about this clinic.

**One applicant was approved for eyeglasses at the September 19th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. The application was presented by Bill Woodrum.**

## WVHTC President and CEO To Address Lions Oct. 3

Laurance A. Milov, president and chief executive officer of the West Virginia High Technology Consortium since 1993, will address the 6:30 meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club on October 3rd at Muriale's.

Milov has overseen the construction and operation of the new \$12 million Innovation Center, a state-of-the-art facility along I-79 that houses small and large high technology businesses and service providers.

Milov was director of External Programs at the NASA Ames

Research Center before coming to West Virginia and resides in Morgantown with his wife Maggie and two sons, Ryan and Michael.



## 3-for-1 Bridgebuilders To be Implemented

Bob Moffett of the Membership Committee presented a plan at the September 19 meeting that is hoped to bring new members into the Fairmont Lions Club.

Bridgebuilders 3-for-1 Membership Program, as described by Lions International, means building new ideas for improved community service, strong leadership, and lasting friendships.

Teams were established to identify, sponsor, and support new club members. Clyde Judy agreed to lead a team consisting of Earl Carpenter and Jim Elliott. Bill Woodrum will lead a team with Duard Selders and Edsel Michael. Gerald Warren will lead a team with Tom Koon and Tom Robinson. Warner Glover, Jim Coleman, and Gene Martin will serve on a team led by Bob Moffett. Joe Mulvehill will lead a team with Francis Viands and Tom Spiker.

The target date, established for the initial introduction of new prospects and members to the club is October 17 and a special program including Doug Sams, FSC football coach, is planned.

Team leaders are responsible for dinner reservations for their team guests for the October 17 meeting and should be prepared to present a preliminary report at the October 3rd meeting to Bob Moffett.

### What does it cost?

1. \$25.00 New member fee
2. 7.00 Dues to Dec. '96\*
- \$32.00
3. 8.50 meals

\*Pro-rated - dues are \$20.00 for six months.

Membership applications will be acted upon at the October 10 Board of Directors meeting.





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Lions George Turley and Tom Robinson eagerly await their steaks at the Officers' Cookout September 5 at Pricketts Fort State Park.

## Just a Lion Or Two

It was good to see George Turley back with us at the cookout. He told us, "The older I get, the lazier I get. The worst thing is I like it that way."

Earl Carpenter continues to recover from recent surgery.

Joe Mulvehill reports that he is beginning to see some improvement following his eye surgery.

Terry Brake has asked to be dropped from club membership.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Earl Carpenter	Oct. 02
Jim Coleman	Oct. 06
Jack Decker	Oct. 14
Milt Durbin	Oct. 22

## Notes from the September Board of Directors Meeting

Treasurer Jim Coleman distributed copies of the 1996-97 budget (approved in August) which assumes five new members for the year. The amount allocated for eyeglasses was increased over last year.

The board endorsed the "3-for-1 Bridgebuilders" Membership Program which was presented by Bob Moffett on behalf of the Membership Committee. Clubs are being encouraged to adopt this program by Lions International.

The board also agreed to offer Member-at-Large status to George Turley, Russell Knotts and Claude Springer. This recognizes their years of service to the club and removes the attendance requirement from their continued membership.

Attending the September 12 meeting were Jim Elliott, Clyde Judy, Warner Glover, Gerald Warren, Bob Moffett and Jim Coleman.



## Brooms and Mops Finally Arrive As Cash Flow Blamed for Delay

Bill Woodrum picked up the club's order for brooms and mops at Industrious Blind Enterprise on Friday, September 20. He and Jim Coleman had made the trip the day before only to find the factory closed for the day.

Woodrum reported that the brooms are very high quality. The delay, according to management, was due to poor cash flow. At the present time, four employees are laid off because there is no money to pay them. The club paid for this merchandise at the time the order was picked up in order to help alleviate the cash flow problems.

Merchandise is now for sale at Kime Floral, thanks to Bill Kime, and the inventory is located at S & M Glass, thanks to Gene Martin.

**OCT. 3 LARRY MILOV, WV HIGH TECH CONSORTIUM**  
**OCT. 17 DOUG SAMS, FSC FOOTBALL COACH**



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## New Eye Clinic to be Meeting Topic Nov. 7 Sales of Fruitcakes and Brooms Are Planned

Thursday, October 24, was the opening day for the new eye clinic provided as a cooperative effort of the Fairmont Lions Club, Dr. E. G. Cadogan and other area ophthalmologists and opticians, and the Marion County Senior Citizens, Inc. According to Cadogan, 30 individuals were examined.

Cadogan will present the program at the November 7th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club and will discuss this new cooperative effort.

The equipment for the clinic was donated to the Fairmont Lions Club by Cadogan. The Senior Citizens Center is providing a room to house the clinic. Lion members and staff of the Senior Center will be on hand, along with local ophthalmologists and opticians, when the clinic is open.

The clinic will be open to the general public on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00.

Club member Clyde Judy has been instrumental in making the arrangements to get this clinic operating following Cadogan's wish to make it available. Judy has met several times with Cadogan and Donna Renner, executive director of the center.

Cadogan donated the equipment to "pay back the community for what it has done for my family and me."

The Fairmont Lions Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at Muriale's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.



**A pack or more a day of cigarettes can double a smoker's odds of developing macular degeneration which can cause blindness. Nutrients that protect the eye from disease are depleted by smoking.**



Dr. E. G. Cadogan and Clyde Judy are pictured with the new eye examining equipment located at the Marion County Senior Citizens Center.

### Sams Discusses FSC Football Program

Fairmont State College Football Coach Doug Sams was the guest speaker at the October 17 meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Sams indicated that this year's team is the best he has had since coming to FSC. He said that the team is able to maintain its focus each week. Sams also predicted that the winner of the FSC - Glenville matchup would win the conference (Glenville defeated FSC).

Sams, who is in his fifth year at Fairmont State, was introduced by Tom Koon.



Bill Woodrum has obtained eight cases of Claxton fruit cakes for the Fairmont Lions Club to sell as a fundraiser.

Woodrum and Clyde Judy will be selling fruitcakes Monday, November 4, at Fairmont Arbors. That sale will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Another sale will begin at 10:00 on Wednesday, November 6, at East View Unity Apartments (formerly the Fairmont Hotel). Duard Selders will be assisting Woodrum for this sale.

The Fairmont Lions Club will also sell brooms and mops at Shop N Save and Giant Eagle on Saturday, November 9. Plan now to help make this sale a "clean sweep."

Claxton Fruit Cakes \$ 3.00  
from the  
Fairmont Lions Club



### Club Approves Eyeglasses

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**Jack Harris,**  
 District Governor of  
 29-L, was killed in an  
 automobile accident  
 on Friday, October  
 25, on his way to the  
 District O conference.  
 His wife was injured  
 in the accident.

According to reports,  
 Harris died instantly when the couple's vehicle  
 left the road. He was from New Cumberland.

## Notes from the October Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting at Club Secretary Gerald Warren's office on October 10 were Jim Elliott, Warner Glover, Charles Herron, Joe Mulvehill, Jim Coleman and Warren.

Jim Coleman, Treasurer, reported that the Administrative Fund balance was \$270.79. Expenses included \$65 for rental of the barn at Pricketts Fort for the Officer's Cookout in September and \$93 for *The Mane Growl* which included printing for several issues and postage for future mailings. Balance in the Activities Fund was \$375.47. Coleman noted that \$193.00 had been spent for eye-glasses.

Applications for six prospective members were presented before the Board and a motion was approved that all six be extended an invitation to join the Fairmont Lions Club.

*Reported by Jim Coleman*

## Milov Speaks to Lions Club

Larry Milov, President and CEO of the West Virginia High Technology Consortium, presented the program at the October 3 meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Milov emphasized the importance of cooperation between government and the private sector and said that this region has the potential to be the world technology leader for identification as a result of the F.B.I. center.

He explained that the Incubator Center is to create a pathway with free advice and counsel for startup businesses. He stressed that homegrown businesses have to be grown as a community.

111 companies are now affiliated with the Consortium.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

George Hummel Nov. 2

## The Blind Face Obstacles In Use of the Internet

According to an article in the September 30 edition of *Computerworld*, many blind computer users are having difficulty using their computers on the graphics-intensive World Wide Web.

Many blind people use text-to-speech "screen readers" that work only with the character based DOS operating system and not with graphical user interfaces such as Web browsers. "If you are working with anything other than a DOS-based platform, it can just be incredibly difficult to use the Web," said Sue Martin, a rehabilitation teacher in Bangor, Maine.

According to Dan Wakefield, a blind computer specialist for the General Services Administration, "The [Internet] was a lifesaver for blind users and workers, but the Web is becoming so graphical. And everything is mouse-driven -- another problem for blind users who need keyboards."





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*Photo by Chuck Rowlings*

Santa delivers presents to one of the children at the Union Mission. Again this year, Santa will make his visit during the party which follows the Fairmont Lions Club meeting.

## Santa and Lions Bring Gifts To Union Mission at Annual Party

The Fairmont Lions Club will hold a special Friday night meeting on December 20 beginning at 6:00 in the dining room of the Union Mission.

Pastor Bob Thompson, Director of the Mission, is expected to speak to the club at that time. Following the dinner meeting, Lions and guests will join in the fun as the children of the Union Mission enjoy some treats and receive gifts from Santa.

The Fairmont Lions Club began this annual event sometime between 1933 and 1943 and has been providing this party for the needy children of Fairmont every year since.

This event will be a "spouses night" activity.

Clyde Judy has worked with the staff of the Union Mission in making the arrangements for this year's event.

## About \$400 Earned From Fund Raiser

Lions sold brooms and mops at Giant Eagle and Shop N Save on November 9. Milt Durbin and Tom Koon sold the most merchandise.

Other participating Lions were Everett Klingensmith, Duard Selders, Jim Coleman, Edsel Michael, Tom Robinson, Bob Brummage, Charles Herron, Bill Woodrum, Jim Elliott and Clyde Judy.

## Dr. Cadogan Presents Eye Care Instruments to Lions Club

Referring to the Fairmont Lions Club as a "beacon of hope for the community," Dr. E. G. Cadogan presented a set of eye care instruments to the Club at the November 7th meeting.



Cadogan recalled coming to Fairmont 28 years ago and finding a community of neighbor helping neighbor. "Fairmont and Marion County have given much to my family and to me," he said.

*"You ought to feel very proud because you brought this clinic to fruition."*

*Dr. E. G. Cadogan*

Cadogan reported that 80 patients had been seen at the new clinic located in the Senior Center. He called it "very successful," indicating that cases of cataracts, macular degeneration, diabetic myopathy, and those legally blind only because they need a change of glasses have been found.

## Dr. Daristotle to Present Program on December 5

Dr. J. L. Daristotle, a native of Fairmont, will discuss hearing and the ear at this Thursday's meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Daristotle specializes in the ears, nose, and throat as well as allergy and immunology and practices medicine in Fairmont.

The Lions Club meets at 6:30 at Muriale's Restaurant.



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## Club Approves Eyeglasses

Bill Woodrum, chair of the Eyeglass Committee, reported that he has cleared up some confusion over applications from the eye clinic at the Senior Center.

At the November 7th meeting, applications for glasses from a disabled female and a disabled male were approved.

At the November 21st meeting, applications for one male and one female were approved.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
 JAMES L. ELLIOTT  
 CLUB PRESIDENT  
 OF EXCELLENCE  
 AWARDED BY LIONS  
 INTERNATIONAL**



## Just a Lion Or Two

Hance Moffett, a regular visiting Lion at our meetings, was on hand at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of his own club, West Milford Lions, on Friday, November 15th. At that meeting he was presented with a certificate and chevron for being a 50-year Charter Member of the West Milford Lions Club. Well done!

Please correct Bob Brummage's address to read 955 Coleman Avenue, Fairmont.



## Notes from the November Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Fairmont Lions Club met on Thursday, November 14, at the office of Gerald Warren. Those in attendance, in addition to Warren, included Bill Woodrum, Clyde Judy, Warner Glover, President Jim Elliott, Charles Herron, Bob Moffett, Tom Spiker, Joe Mulvehill and Jim Coleman.

Clyde Judy reported that he had stopped by the Thursday eye clinic at the Senior Center to see how it was going and that it seemed to be going smoothly.

Bill Woodrum reported on the broom sale (see page 1 story) and reported that the fruitcakes were gone.

Clyde Judy announced plans for the Union Mission Christmas Party (see story on page 1) and the November 21st program which would be presented by Rev. Roger Waybright.

## Rev. Waybright Delivers Thanksgiving Address

Rev. Roger Waybright, Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Fairmont, presented a Thanksgiving program at the November 21st meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Waybright shared some personal Thanksgiving reflections and reminded club members in attendance that at Plymouth Rock, less than half of the people had survived. He called Thanksgiving a time to look upward with a sense of gratitude for "the smile [with which] God has favored us."

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Darrell Kimoto	Dec. 26
John David Manley	Dec. 14
Edsel Michael	Dec. 10
Edgar Sole	Dec. 25
George Turley	Dec. 13





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The Marion County Eye Clinic continues operation on Thursdays at the Senior Center. Angela Ponderoff, R.N., director of the Marion County Senior Center Wellness Clinic is seen at left, along with Clyde Judy of the Fairmont Lions Club; Dr. E. G. Cadogan, who donated the equipment for the clinic; and Donna Renner, executive director of the center.

## Marion County Eye Clinic Lacks Needed Publicity

Even though the Marion County Eye Clinic continues to see an average of 20 people each week, more publicity is needed, according to Clyde Judy. Judy is the Fairmont Lions Club member who has been responsible for getting the clinic underway with the cooperation of Dr. E. G. Cadogan and the Senior Center.

It was noted that newspaper articles have mentioned the clinic, but there have never been any pictures in the newspaper and a story on WBOY-TV news referred to the clinic as being in Marion County, but made no mention of the location or that it was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club or the Senior Center.

According to the *Times-West Virginian*, Dr. Q. A. Melgarejo, a member of the Fairmont Lions Club, was scheduled to operate the clinic one Thursday in December.

The clinic is open to the public from 1:00 - 3:00 on Thursday afternoons. The clinic is provided in cooperation with the Fairmont Lions Club, local ophthalmologists and opticians, and the Marion County Senior Citizens, Inc.

A new video, titled *University Eye Center and the West Virginia Lions: A Partnership*, documents the contributions the West Virginia Lions have made to eye care in West Virginia.

## Dr. Daristotle Presents Program About Hearing Loss

The December 12 meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club featured a presentation by Dr. J. L. Daristotle concerning hearing loss and the treatments and aids available.

Daristotle pointed out that in West Virginia the law allows the buyer of a hearing aid to try it at home for a period of time, and if it does not work, the hearing aid may be returned.

Daristotle is associated with Dr. Mike Hall at Fairmont Ear, Nose and Throat. He was introduced by Clyde Judy.

## Eyeglasses Approved in December

Bill Woodrum presented applications for 2 individuals who need glasses at the December 5th meeting. Both applications were approved.



Hance Moffett, a regular guest of the Fairmont Lions Club, is seen receiving his 50 Year Charter Member Certificate at the West Milford Lions 50th Anniversary.





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Santa greets a young friend at the Lions Club Christmas Party for the children at the Union Mission.

## 121 Children Receive Gifts from Santa Thanks to Fairmont Lions

Santa made his annual visit to the children of the Union Mission on Friday, December 20. While there, he presented gifts to the 121 children in attendance, one of the largest groups in the 50 year history of the event.

Prior to Santa's visit, members and guests enjoyed a meal prepared by cooks at the Union Mission. Pastor Bob Thompson spoke to the Lions about Mary's unquestioning obedience to God in the birth of Christ.

Bill Kime donated a poinsettia which was auctioned by Gerald Warren. Jim Coleman placed the highest bid and then gave the flower to the Thompsons.

Guests at the meeting, which was a "spouses night," included Bernard Stalder and Keith and Lisa Long.

Following the dinner, Pastor Thompson also led the group in a few Christmas carols before adjourning for the children's party where the children presented a brief program of lessons and carols. Santa then arrived and delivered packages of gifts to all the children.

According to Pastor Thompson, the Fairmont Lions Club has been providing this party for the children since 1946.

## Just a Lion Or Two

Hazel Ruby McQuain, wife of Fairmont Lion J. Burl McQuain, has donated \$2 million to create two permanent positions at the WVU School of Medicine.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

James Elliott	Jan. 19
Charles Herron	Jan. 02
E. P. Klingensmith	Jan. 12
Joe Mulvehill	Jan. 28
Tom Robinson	Jan. 15

## Notes from Around the District and State

Following the untimely death of District Governor Jack Harris in October, John Patton will step up from Vice District Governor to fill out the term as District Governor of 29-L. Patton is from Weirton and will visit the Fairmont Lions Club on February 6, 1997.

The Children's Vision Rehabilitation Project has received a \$30,000 pledge from the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. The grant will extend and expand a pilot project funded by the Lions in 1995-1996 to serve West Virginia children with low vision.

### CALENDAR UPDATE

JANUARY 2	NO MEETING
JANUARY 9	7:00 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET AT COLDWELL BANKER OFFICES
JANUARY 16	6:30 MEETING (TO BE ANNOUNCED)
FEBRUARY 6	DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT





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## M. L. King, Jr. Topic of January 16 Meeting



Dr. M. L. King, Jr.

Rev. John W. Washington, Sr. was the speaker at the January 16th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Washington, who has served in ministry for 21 years and has been in Fairmont for 15 years, is associated with Christian Love Ministries of Fairmont and is Vice President of the Board of Directors of WLYJ-TV in Clarksburg.

Washington's remarks reflected on the unity of humanity and how the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. worked to get us "not to judge a man by the container, but by the content." He said that Dr. King had a dream of equality for all, that he was a non-violent leader, but was violently murdered. Washington emphasized that James Earl Ray killed the dreamer but not the dream.

Washington wondered when he was growing up, "Why was I hated because of my black skin?" He went on to declare, "There is one race -- the human race."

Washington, who is married with two children, was introduced by Clyde Judy.

Official Visit of the District Governor

Thursday, February 6, 1997

Muriale's Restaurant  
6:30 PM

Spouses Night

## District Governor Makes Visit February 6th

John Patton, District Governor of 29-L, will make his official visit to the Fairmont Lions Club on Thursday, February 6, 6:30 PM at Muriales. This is a "spouses night" meeting.

Patton, of Weirton, was elected after the death of Jack Harris in October.

## Officers Urged to Attend Feb. 13 Board Meeting

President Jim Elliott has announced that a special opportunity will be presented to the Fairmont Lions Club at its Feb. 13th meeting. He has asked that all officers make a special effort to attend. The meeting will be at 7:00 in the Coldwell Banker offices on Fairmont Avenue.

### CALENDAR

FEB. 6 ...DIST. GOV.  
FEB. 13...BD. OF DIR.  
FEB. 20.TBA



## Law Protects Dog Guide User



West Virginia law guarantees the legal right of a blind person to be accompanied by a specially trained dog guide in harness in any public accommodation and on all public transportation. In addition, no extra charge may be levied because of the dog guide's presence, although the dog guide user is liable for any damage caused by the dog.

Public accommodations include hotels, restaurants, stores, places of resort and amusement, and all other places to which the public is invited.

Public transportation includes trains, boats, buses, taxis, airplanes, and all other common carriers and modes of conveyance offered for public use.

Any person, firm, corporation, or agent thereof who interferes with these rights is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine.

Source: MSVBC

## Fairmont Lions Club Activities Fund

	Budget	Year-to-Date
Fundraising	\$ 1954.69	\$ 600.00
Eyeglasses	\$ 1500.00	\$ 483.00
Eyeclinic	100.00	0.00
WV Sight Found.	600.00	0.00
Mission Party	600.00	489.38
Leader Dogs	100.00	0.00
Unspecified	300.00	6.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3200.00</b>	<b>\$ 979.22</b>



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## State Convention Set For Lakeview

The Multiple District 29 Convention is scheduled for the last of April and beginning of May at Lakeview Inn and Country Club near Morgantown.

Members who have joined since June can receive free registration which includes the Friday night banquet, Saturday Key Member Breakfast, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast.

Lakeview is within easy driving distance for members of the Fairmont Lions Club.

## Just a Lion Or Two

We were certainly happy to see Edwin Garlow back with us at the January 16th meeting. Ed has been recovering from health problems.

Edsel Michael is home and recovering from recent surgery. Hope you're back with us again real soon!

The "mayor of Fairmont Avenue" has moved again. Joe Mulvehill's new address is 608 Walnut Avenue.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Clyde Judy Feb. 27  
 Thomas Koon Feb. 06

## Notes from the January Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors met on January 9th at Gerald Warren's Coldwell Banker offices. In attendance were President Jim Elliott, Secretary Warren, Joe Mulvehill and Bob Moffett.

The report from Treasurer Jim Coleman indicated a balance of \$395.85 in the Administrative Fund. *(A summary of the Activities Fund is found on Page 1.)*

Warren attended the Board of Governor's meeting and reported on an incentive for attendance at the State Convention this Spring. *(See notice at left.)* Warren also noted that the International Convention in Philadelphia is the closest it will be for some time to come. The convention is June 30 - July 5, 1997.

Ophthalmologists and optometrists participating in the weekly eye clinics have been sent a letter of thanks from the club.

UNION MISSION of Fairmont, Inc.  
 107 Jefferson Street  
 Fairmont, WV 26554

**RESCUE**

...Please let us say again how much we appreciate the involvement of your group in the ministry here. Many families were touched this Christmas because of the generosity of your members. Even more important was the opportunity we had to present to them the wonderful message of God's love and salvation.

Sincerely,

*Lori Toothman*  
 Lori Toothman  
 Office Manager



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President Jim Elliott presents the centerpiece to Margaret Ann, wife of District Governor John Patton.

## D.G. Patton Draws Crowd

The staff of Muriale's scurried to set up extra tables to accommodate more members and guests at the February 6 visit of District Governor John Patton.

Four Past District Governors were in attendance. P.D.G.s Pat Julius, Evan Hugus, Hance Moffett, and the Fairmont Club's own Gerald Warren attended as well as Regional Chairman Ronnie Moore.

Patton reviewed the activities of the Fairmont Lions Club and discussed International President Augustin Soliva's "Building Bridges" program and the 3-for-1 program aimed at getting new members. He emphasized the need to focus on membership retention and indicated that, "We as Lions Clubs have to change to keep up with our communities."

**BULLETIN:** As we went to press, we learned of the death of club member and good friend Charles Herron.

District 29-L Conference

March 8, 1997

Wheeling, WV

## Club President Issues Plea for Fund Raising Leader

Following discussion at the Board of Directors meeting on February 13, President Jim Elliott made a plea at the February 20 meeting for a club member to lead some fund raising activities. The club has been without a fund raising chair this year.

Industrious Blind Enterprise was unable to immediately fill a broom order recently. Some other fund raising activity is going to be required in order to fund the activities of the club.

At the District Governor's meeting in February, the club was unable to present the check for our annual \$600 contribution to the WV Sight and Hearing Conservation Foundation as we have historically done. It is anticipated that we will make the presentation at the Spring Conference instead. This shortage of available funds points up the need for the club to become active in fund raising soon.

**HOSPITALITY BOOKS** are available for the Multiple District 29 Convention to be held April 25, 26, and 27 at Lakeview in Morgantown. Books are \$40.00 and include five banquet meals and all entertainment. **New members enrolled from July 1, 1996 to March 25, 1997 receive a FREE Hospitality Book!**

## Tom Koon Commemorates President's Day

Tom Koon, local historian and member of the Fairmont Lions Club, presented a program in honor of President's Day at the February 20 meeting.



Koon's remarks centered primarily on George Washington, who was given the chance to be a king but set the precedent by becoming a president. He also refused to serve a third term. According to Koon, Washington is known for starting our system and Lincoln for holding it together.

Koon pointed out that Washington followed the West Fork river through this area in making his survey and that he eventually owned thousands of acres. Koon also detailed a number of military exploits of Washington. According to Koon, "Washington loved the battle." He made many mistakes and was not a good leader at the beginning, but he matured and learned from the problems.

Koon just retired as President of the Marion County Historical Society.



The annual District Governor's visit to the Fairmont Lions Club brought out a "lively" group of members and guests.



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District Governor John Patton shows off the clock which the Fairmont Lions Club presented to him during his official visit. The clock was constructed by club member Charles Herron. Patton seemed very pleased with the gift and told the gathering that the clock would go on his desk.

District 29-L has established a fund raiser for Leader dogs for the Blind as a memorial to deceased District Governor Jack Harris.

**TOPICS** for March 6th and 20th meetings to be announced. Meetings are 6:30 at Muriale's.

**Save Your Quarters FOR LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND**

P.O. Box 5000  
 1039 S. Rochester Rd.  
 Rochester, PA 48307-3115  
 (810) 651-9011

## Club will Sponsor Sight Foundation Applications

Bill Woodrum, Eyeglass Committee Chair, announced at the February 20th meeting that the Fairmont Lions Club will be sponsoring two applications for help through the WV Sight and Hearing Conservation Foundation. The club will not incur any cost for these cases, but the cases must be sponsored by a local Lions club. The Fairmont Lions Club supports the Foundation with an annual \$600 contribution. The Foundation assists needy individuals with major eye care problems.

Woodrum also presented applications for eyeglasses at both the February 6th and 20th meetings. Applications were approved for a 46 year old male who could have a job if he had glasses, a 51 year old female, and a female resident of Scott Place Shelter.

## Notes from the February Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Fairmont Lions Club listened to a brief presentation by Scott Weatherwax, District Executive for Marion County, Boy Scouts of America, at the February 13 board meeting. Weatherwax discussed the possibility of involving the Lions in some of the projects of the Boy Scouts in the area. He indicated that he would have some specific possibilities for the club at a later date.

Jim Coleman presented the Treasurer's Report and indicated that both the International and District dues have been paid.

Possibilities for fund raising were discussed, but it is necessary for a Lion to take a leadership role in fund raising in order to get it off the ground.

September 4th has been set for the District Governor's visit next year and the Fairmont Lions Club will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on April 18, 1998.

In attendance at the meeting were Jim Elliott, Duard Selders, Charles Herron, Bob Moffett, Warner Glover, Gerald Warren and Jim Coleman.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
 Edwin Garlow Mar 15





# The Mane Growl

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Fairmont Lions Club

April 1, 1997

Volume 10 Number 10

## Election of Officers Set for April 17th

Gene Martin, reporting for the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for the coming year at the March 20 meeting. Nominated were:

Pres	Bill Woodrum
1st Vice P	Tom Spiker
2nd Vice P	Duward Belders
Sec	Gerald Warren
Treas	Jim Coleman
Tall Twist	Clyde Judy
Lion Tamer	Joe Mulvehill
Directors	Edsel Michael (2)
	Francis Vlands (2)
	Warner Glover (1)
	Tom Koon (1)
Membership	Earl Carpenter
Past Pres	Jim Elliott

Tom Koon will fill in the unexpired term of Charles Herron as Director.

## School Eye Clinics Scheduled



Dates have been set for the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit to visit area schools:

Miller Jr. High	May 5
Jayenne	Apr 23 8:30
Watson	Apr 23 10:00

These school visits are sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club and club members will need to sign up to help out with these three service activities.

## Waddell Updates Veterans Plaza and Veterans Square Projects

Kenneth Waddell, Vice President of the Military Veterans Council of Marion County and Adjutant of the WV Military Order of the Purple Heart, addressed the Fairmont Lions Club at the March 6 meeting. He also displayed pictures of the Veterans Plaza and Veterans Square.

Waddell indicated that a local contractor has been awarded the contract for the project. He praised the efforts of club member Clyde Judy for his idea and for getting this project underway three years ago. According to Waddell, construction should begin on the plaza and parking garage around the first of April.

In his introduction of Waddell, Clyde Judy reminded those present that the Fairmont Lions Club had made a contribution to this project some years ago.

The Clarksburg Lions Club was represented at the meeting by Tim Williams and Larry Frye.



Jim Coleman recently made a trip to Industrious Blind Enterprise to pick up an order of two dozen brooms and two dozen mops. Some of these have already been delivered to Kime Floral. The rest are available at S & M Glass.

## Issue Dedicated to Memory of Previous Editor

This issue of *The Mane Growl* is dedicated to the memory of Charles Woodrow Herron, 1913 - 1997. Lion Charles wrote and edited the Fairmont Lions Club's bulletin for 16 years through July 1995.



Charles served as President of the Fairmont Lions Club from July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963. In addition, he served the club in many additional capacities including treasurer and director.

Whatever project was taken on by the club, you could expect to see Charles Herron there. For several years, he has constructed the clocks that the club presented to the visiting district governors. He also designed and built the collection box for used eyeglasses that is housed at Middletown Mall and assumed the responsibility of checking the box and emptying it regularly.

In addition to the Lions Club, Charles was active in his church and taught a Sunday School class for many years.

This writer has, for as long as I have known Charles Herron, considered it an honor to be his friend. Charley, we miss you.

*Bob Moffat*

WV LIONS STATE CONVENTION  
April 25, 26, 27, 1997  
Lakeview Conference Center  
Cheat Lake, Morgantown, WV





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## Notes From the Zone Meeting

Club Secretary Gerald Warren attended the March 5 Zone Meeting and reported that the East Fairmont Lions Club and the East Grafton Roads Lions Club, both sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, will be joining with our club for next year's District Governor's visit.

## Just a Lion Or Two

Duard Selders was not feeling too well. By the time he reads this, we hope he is feeling much better.

Tom Robinson suffered some scrapes and bruises to his face, but is getting better.

Bill Woodrum is recovering from recent surgery.

Warner Glover is home following a hospital visit due to a fall.

Hope all you good Lions are feeling better now!

## Dahlia Calls Fairmont a Phoenix Rising From the Ashes

John Dahlia, accompanied by his wife Gina, addressed the Fairmont Lions Club on March 20. Referring to the Lions Club, Dahlia said, "There are people who care about your community." Dahlia is Program Director for Main Street Fairmont.

Dahlia discussed the program of Main Street Fairmont, which has been in existence about four years. He emphasized the recent building renovations in the downtown area -- what he termed a growing trend in the community. He referred to Fairmont as a "Phoenix rising from the ashes."

### MEETING NOTICE

April 3rd 6:30

Ron Swope, WVU

Agricultural

Extension Agent,

will discuss a new

approach to

gardening.

April 17th 6:30

To Be Announced

## Here's a Short Long Story About Our Newest Member

Keith Long, a resident of Fairmont and an employee of Short Brothers in Bridgeport, became the Fairmont Lions Club's newest member in March. He had attended two meetings (including the Union Mission Christmas Party) prior to joining.

Long resides at 939 Coleman Avenue with his wife Lisa and son Thomas. Be sure to add his phone number to your club directory: 363-5953. Long was sponsored by Bob Moffett.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

J. Burl McQuain Apr. 18

Duard Selders Apr. 28

Bill Woodrum Apr. 30

**And a Happy Belated Birthday to**

Francis Viands Mar. 7





# The Mane Growl

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May 1, 1997

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## Officers Elected for Coming Lion Year

At the April 17 meeting, Gene Martin read the proposed slate of officers for the third reading and moved that the slate be elected. The secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for these officers who will serve from July 1997 to June 1998:

- Pres Bill Woodrum
- 1st Vice P Tom Spiker
- 2nd Vice P Duard Selders
- Sec Gerald Warren
- Treas Jim Coleman
- Tail Twist Clyde Judy
- Lion Tamer Joe Mulvehill
- Directors Edsel Michael (2)
- Francis Viands (2)
- Warner Glover (1)
- Tom Koon (1)
- Membership Earl Carpenter
- Past Pres Jim Elliott



## Upcoming Meetings Announced

Jim Elliott, president of the Fairmont Lions Club, has announced that the May 15 meeting will be an organizational meeting for the club to identify committee positions for the coming year.

The June 5th meeting of the club will be a business/organizational meeting and the Installation of Officers and New Member Induction will take place June 19. This will be a "Spouses Night."

## Renner to be Guest Speaker May 1



Donna Reid Renner, Executive Director of Marion County Senior Citizens, Inc., will present the program at the May 1st meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. The club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Muriale's.

Cecily Enos, board secretary of the Senior Citizens, was recently quoted in The Times-West Virginian as saying that, "She [Renner] certainly has helped the senior center grow by leaps and bounds." The senior center is the site of the weekly eye clinic provided in cooperation with area eye-care professionals, the senior center, and the Fairmont Lions Club.

## Swope Gives Club "The Dirt" On Soil Block Technique

Ron Swope, Marion Co. Extension Agent, discussed the use of soil blocks for starting and growing plants at the April 3rd meeting of the Lions. The technique avoids "transplant shock" which occurs when removing starter plants from the pot to transplant them.

Swope came with the tools and plenty of dirt to demonstrate the technique and offered the sample plants for members to take with them following the meeting. President Jim Elliott presented Swope with a certificate of appreciation following his program.

Swope prefaced his remarks by indicating that 25000 acres in Marion County were defoliated last year by the gypsy moth. However, the wet weather promoted growth of a fungus that may have caused the death of many of the gypsy moths.

Clyde Judy introduced Swope.



## Chamber President Discusses Area Economic Development

Clyde Judy introduced Charles Reese, President of the Marion County Chamber of Commerce and Fairmont Industrial Credit Corporation, at the April 17th meeting of the club. Reese presented an update on business in the area.

Reese indicated that the industrial park is now sold out. Business in the area is still growing with a "steady burn." He told of the

upcoming announcement of new manufacturing jobs in Pleasant Valley and of the upcoming buyout of the recycling plant at Rivesville.

Reese emphasized the importance of buying locally to rebuild your community.

*UPDATE: We have learned that Ruskin will open their largest manufacturing facility in Pleasant Valley and the recycling plant in Rivesville may reopen within a year.*



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## Eye Clinic at Senior Center Changes Policy

At the April 3rd club meeting, Clyde Judy reported that the weekly eye clinic is now designated for those demonstrating financial need and that appointments are being made. This change is due to the growing response to the clinic and about 16-18 people are examined each week.

The clinic is held each Thursday at the Marion County Senior Center.

## Just a Lion Or Two

We extend our sympathy to two Lions:

Clyde Judy in the recent death of his brother, George Judy, Sr.

Edsel Michael's mother, Adah M. Michael, who died April 21.

District Governor John Patton recently underwent heart surgery and was unable to attend the WV Lions State Convention. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**During March 1997**, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) disbursed \$140,000 to aid flood victims in the Midwest. People displaced by floods received immediate assistance from local Lions Clubs providing food, clothing, blankets or medical supplies.

*From the April Lions On-Line Newsletter*

## Fairmont Lions Provide Eye Screening at Area Schools

The WV Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit visited Jayenne and Watson schools on April 23. At Jayenne Elementary, there were 13 children tested and nine referrals. At Watson Elementary, 10 referrals were made of 20 children tested.

These eye clinics were sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club and members assisting were Tom Koon, Ed Garlow and E. P. Klingensmith. The Mobile Clinic will visit Miller Junior High School on Monday, May 5. Volunteers are needed to assist and may contact Bob Moffett.

## News from Multiple District No. 29 West Virginia Convention

Lions attending the State Convention from the Fairmont club were Jim Elliott, Gerald Warren, Gene Martin, Jim Coleman, and Bob Moffett. Also attending were Lionesses, wives, and/or guests.

Calvin Foss of St. Mary's was elected District Governor of 29-L and Mary Klages of the Dallas Lions Club was elected to serve as Vice District Governor.

The winning ticket (worth over \$3000) in the 50-50 drawing was sold to a Pennsylvania resident by a member of the Weirton Lions Club.

There were 567 registered in attendance for the April 25 -27 event.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bob Frey	May 22
Claude Springer	May 27



**Bill Woodrum reported** for the Eyeglass Committee at the April 17 meeting. Two previous applications have been withdrawn. Eyeglass applications were approved for a 49 year old female, a 70 year old female and a 38 year old male resident of the Union Mission. An application for help through the WV Lions Sight Foundation is progressing.





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Jim Elliott, Barbara Smith, Joyce and Jim Coleman enjoy a break during the District 29 Convention at Lakeview Resort. Unfortunately, by the time Gene and Evelyn Martin joined them outside, the photographer was out of film. Gerald Warren and Bob Moffett also attended the convention.

## Warren to Attend International Convention in Philadelphia

Commenting that Philadelphia, the site of this year's Lions International Convention, "is an easy one day drive," Gerald Warren expressed his intention to attend the convention. The 80th International Convention begins Monday, June 30, and continues through July 4th and 5th.

Warren, who is a Past District Governor, encourages other Fairmont Lions Club members to attend as well. July 4th would certainly be an appropriate time to visit Philadelphia, often referred to as the birthplace of the U.S.A.



Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



## Woodrum Provides Eyeglass Committee Update

Bill Woodrum, chair of the Eyeglass Committee, reported that an application for surgery is on its way to the West Virginia Sight Foundation for assistance.

At the May 1st meeting the Fairmont Lions Club approved eyeglass applications for a 56 year old quadriplegic.

In a related matter, Jim Coleman reported a discussion with an individual who had received glasses from the club and was very appreciative.

Please Deposit  
Used Eyewear  
at  
Middletown  
Mall



## June 19 Set for Installation of Officers & New Member Ceremony

The new club officers for 1997-1998 will be installed on Thursday, June 19, at the "Spouse's Night" meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. New members will be initiated into the club that evening as well, according to Jim Elliott, current club president.

Marvin Drvar will conduct the installation ceremony as well as the initiation of new members. Drvar has served as Zone Chairman and as Region III Chairman in District 29-I. He also served as Cabinet Secretary when Tracy Smith was District Governor.

Elliott will turn over the gavel to president-elect Bill Woodrum signaling the beginning of a new club year. Elliott is completing two consecutive years as president. This is the first time for this club that a club president has been reelected to serve again the following year.

Keith Long, who joined the club recently, will be formally initiated by Marvin Drvar.

*Information provided by Gerald Warren*

## June 5th to be Business Meeting

President-elect Bill Woodrum has asked that the June 5th club meeting be used to conduct the business of reorganizing the club for the coming year. All members are urged to attend and to help in planning to make this next year one of the best.

The weekly eye clinic at the Marion Co. Senior Center continues to see 25 - 30 people each week. The clinic is a project of Dr. E. G. Cadogan, the Fairmont Lions Club and the Marion Co. Senior Center.



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## 62 Miller Students Take Advantage of Lions Eye Exams

On Monday, May 5, the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit visited Miller Junior High School in Fairmont, thanks to the Fairmont Lions Club. Sixty-two students had their eyes examined during the free clinic which went from the beginning of school in the morning until early afternoon. Twenty-two students were referred for further examination as a result of the testing.

Since the mobile unit began operation in 1992, it has traveled 79,000 miles. Screening in the schools has become a major project in many areas.

Lions Paul VanHorn and Charlie Lemley have been manning the unit. Lions assisting from the Fairmont Club were Jim Coleman, Edsel Michael, Jim Shaffer and Bob Frey.

## Just a Lion Or Two

Tom Spiker is now working for Ideal Motors in Grafton.

Joe Mulvehill enjoyed a recent visit from old friends in California who stopped by to see him.

Bob Moffett introduced Jeff Wiandt at the May 1st meeting. We hope Jeff will join us as a Lion.

## Club Sends Annual Contribution to WV Lions Sight Foundation

The Fairmont Lions Club is sending \$200 to the WV Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. At the end of April, the balance in the Activities Fund was only \$536. The Board of Directors decided to send the smaller check rather than the budgeted amount of \$600 due to the low balance in the fund.

The Foundation provides eye care beyond the resources of local clubs. Forty surgeons throughout the state have agreed to perform four free eye surgeries annually, saving the Sight Foundation thousands of dollars each year. In addition, Ruby Memorial University Hospital gives a discount on hospital costs for eye surgeries.

## Notes from the May Board of Directors Meeting

Gerald Warren again hosted the monthly Board of Directors meeting at Coldwell-Banker. In attendance were President Jim Elliott, Bill Woodrum, Joe Mulvehill, Jim Coleman, Bob Moffett and Warren.

Discussion centered on fundraising and the club organization and structure for the coming year. Action taken included the decision to drop George Hummel from the membership and to send a \$200 check to the WV Lions Sight Foundation instead of the \$600 budgeted. This was done in light of the current financial situation. It was also determined to hold a board meeting following the regular meeting on June 5th.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bob Brummage	Jun 13
Carl Miller	Jun 04
Ray Rutherford	Jun 17
Gerald Warren	Jun 08

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