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(Above) New officers are Gerald Warren, Bill Woodrum, Jim Elliott, Duard Selders, Tom Koon, Clyde Judy, Marvin Drvar (installing officer), Edsel Michael and Earl Carpenter. (Right) Jim Elliott presents gavel to Bill Woodrum.



Membership and Fundraising Emphasized by Pres. Woodrum

Installation of Officers and the New Member Induction Ceremony were conducted at the June 19 meeting at Muriale's.

Marvin Drvar, formerly Region III Chairman and a Cabinet Secretary, conducted the installation ceremony and outlined the responsibilities of each office. He then asked each incoming officer if he would serve faithfully for the coming year.

President Jim Elliott and Incoming President Bill Woodrum exchanged president and past-president pins.

President Woodrum, who had previously served the club as president in 1970-71, spoke briefly stating, "It's an honor to be president of the Fairmont Lions Club." He challenged the club to increase membership encouraging each Lion to invite one or two. "Increased membership will help us to achieve our fundraising goal," claimed Woodrum. "We need new ideas on new fundraisers," said Woodrum, calling on members to help the fundraising committee. "Every Lion needs to give 110% or more."

Woodrum also emphasized the need to continue our projects-- especially providing eyeglasses to the needy.

He concluded his remarks by stating that, "Membership and fundraising are the keys to the service in our motto -- 'We Serve.'"

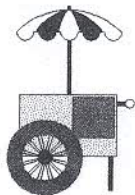
Jim Elliott, completing his second year as club president, thanked Clyde Judy as Program Chair and for establishing the eye clinic at the Senior Center. He also thanked Bill Woodrum who organized a couple of fundraisers in addition to his regular duties and assignments.

Viands Seeks Ideas For Fundraising

Francis Viands, Fundraising Chair, is seeking ideas from the entire club membership for new ways to raise funds. Traditional broom and fruitcake sales are no longer adequate to raise the funds required for the numerous projects supported by the Fairmont Lions Club.

Last year, fundraising efforts were unable to meet the Activities Fund Budget and some programs had to be eliminated or cut back.

Viands can be reached at 363-4737.



Long Formally Inducted Into Fairmont Lions Club

Keith Long, the Fairmont Lions Club's newest member, was formally inducted at the June 19th meeting. Jeff Baxter, incoming Zone Chairman, performed the ceremony and Bob Moffett, Long's sponsor, pinned the Lions pin on Long's lapel.

As a part of this initiation ceremony, Baxter presented a brief history of Lions Clubs International and a history of the Fairmont Lions Club. He also explained some of the benefits and rewards of membership.



CALENDAR

- July 3rd.....No Meeting
- July 4th.....Independence Day
- July 10th....Board of Directors
- July 17th....Meeting
(Program TBA)

Dues are Due For Second Half



Treasurer Jim Coleman is reminding members that dues for the second half of 1997 are now due if they have not already been paid. The club will soon be paying its semiannual dues to Lions International and to District 29-L.



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New member Keith Long (center) with sponsor Bob Moffett (left) and Jeff Baxter (right).

Just a Lion Or Two

Congratulations to Immediate Past President Jim Elliott who was married on May 24. He and Barbara honeymooned in the Caribbean.

It is reported that Dominick Romino suffered a fall recently. We hope he is better by the time he reads this.

Gene Somers, PDG District 29-I 1990-91, is recovering from surgery at United Hospital Center in Clarksburg. Lion Gene has been a frequent visitor to the Fairmont Lions Club.



Lee Meadows

July 15

Fairmont Lions Club Provides More Free Eyewear to Needy

At the June 5th meeting Bill Woodrum presented applications for two individuals seeking eyeglasses from the Fairmont Lions Club. Applications for a disabled man and a 42 year old unemployed man who works for his rent were approved by the membership.

Notes from the June Board of Directors Meeting

The June 5th Board of Directors meeting immediately followed the regular club meeting the same evening. In attendance were Gerald Warren, Jim Elliott, Jim Coleman, Francis Viands, Clyde Judy, Tom Robinson, Tom Koon, Bob Moffett, Hance Moffett, Gene Martin, Joe Mulvehill, Bill Woodrum, Duard Selders, Edsel Michael, and Earl Carpenter.

Gerald Warren agreed to chair the 75th Anniversary club meeting to be held April 18th.

Treasurer Jim Coleman reported that a check had been sent to the WV Sight Foundation.

Plans were made for the Installation of Officers meeting on June 19. It was decided to include a recognition of past presidents and new member initiation at the same meeting.

The Sept. 4 District Governor's Visit was announced and plans were considered for the cookout to be held in September or early October at the Union Mission Farm if it is available.

Past Presidents of the Fairmont Lions Club were recognized at the June 19 Installation of Officers meeting. Past presidents in attendance included Tom Koon, Bob Moffett, Clyde Judy, Gerald Warren, and Bill Woodrum.

Important Address Change

Effective July 1, 1997, the zip code used for Lions International Headquarters will change from 60521-8842 to 60523-8842.

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Tail Twister Edsel Michael coaxes a fine from Tom Robinson. What many Lions want to know is why he wants the fine deposited in the Lion's bottom end!

Treasurer's Report Details Need For Strong Fundraising Effort

Jim Coleman, treasurer, presented the beginning of year Treasurer's Report at the July Board of Directors Meeting. A balance of \$146.09 exists in the Activities account as of July 1 and there is an additional amount left in fundraising for the purchase of brooms, fruitcakes, etc. of about \$600.

1996-1997 activities expenditures totaled \$1699.22, of which just over one thousand dollars went toward the purchase of eyeglasses for the needy.

Last year, the Fairmont Lions Club was able to give only \$200 to the WV Sight and Hearing Foundation because of the fundraising shortfall. In the recent past, the club has presented \$600 each year to the Foundation.

The Administrative Fund enters the new club year with \$462.32. Last year's receipts totaled \$1704.04 and expenditures were \$1652.45.

Mark your calendar:
Lioness Picnic Sept. 8, 1997

Lawson to Present August 7 Program New Officers Make Plans for New Year

Michael B. Lawson, Coordinator of Manufacturing at the Fairmont Alcan Aluminum plant, will present the program at the August 7 meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, according to Bill Woodrum, president. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at Muriale's Restaurant.

Club President Bill Woodrum called the Board of Directors to order on July 10 to begin planning for the new Lion year.

Treasurer Jim Coleman presented the Treasurer's Report. (See article at left.)

Fund raising planning centered around a yard/garage sale. We would need to find a location to collect and mark merchandise. The club will also plan on selling fruitcakes in November since this has been a successful fundraiser in the past.

Jim Elliott reported that he has computerized the eyeglass application process.

Forthcoming programs were discussed.

The board also prepared a preliminary budget for the coming year. The treasurer will fine tune the budget and present it to the board at its next meeting.

Reported by Jim Coleman.

Microchip May Restore Sight to the Blind

According to *Popular Science*, scientists at North Carolina State University and eye specialists at Johns Hopkins University are developing a microchip with photosensors and electrodes that would translate light patterns into electrical currents to stimulate the ganglion cells within the eye.

The chip, which would be placed inside the eye, will not damage tissue because it has the same buoyancy as fluid inside the retina.

One idea being considered to power the device is to use a small battery pack, fitted to a pair of eyeglasses, to shine a laser through the cornea and onto an implanted photovoltaic cell.

Scientists Wentai Liu and Elliot McGucken say that although the chip will not restore full vision, it could enable the blind to see shades of light.



The Board of Directors made plans for the coming year during the meeting hosted by Gerald Warren. In attendance were (clockwise from front left): Gerald Warren, Jim Coleman, Jim Elliott, Bill Woodrum, Clyde Judy, Duard Selders. Not pictured were Joe Mulvehill and Bob Moffett.





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Mayor Nick Fantasia Addresses Club About Fairmont's Progress



Bill Woodrum (left) and Clyde Judy listen as Fairmont Mayor Nick Fantasia addresses the club.

Nick Fantasia, President of Fairmont Broadcasting Company and Mayor of the City of Fairmont, was introduced by Clyde Judy at the July 17th club meeting. He discussed some of the progress that Fairmont has made in recent years.

"We have taken the most innovative approach of any city in West Virginia to get companies here," said Fantasia. He emphasized that we did not "give" them anything. The city can not afford tax breaks, but has developed a trust fund system for new industries coming to Fairmont. These funds have been used to provide infrastructure development.

Fantasia also discussed the renovations at Fairhills Plaza and some of the other new developments.

According to Fantasia, the city's focus should be on streets, water, sewer, curbs and lighting. He called this the foundation of building an economy.

Five cities have visited Fairmont to see how Fairmont is doing it and some of these cities, including Huntington and Teays Valley, are adopting the Fairmont model.

In addition to paving three and one-half miles of streets each year, the city gives \$25,000 to the Fairmont Industrial Credit Corporation to market Fairmont.

Just a Lion Or Two

We understand that D. J. Romino has been undergoing therapy since his fall. We hope that he is improving.

Joe Mulvehill gladly reports that his second eye operation was a success.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Warner Glover
 Tom Spiker

Aug. 15
 Aug. 15



Fairmont Lions Club Calendar

- August 7.....Michael B. Lawson, Alcan
- August 21.....To Be Announced
- September 4.....District Governor's Visit
- September 8.....Lioness Picnic
- September 18.....Outing to Union Mission
- September 20.....Lions Club Sale

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Annual Lioness Picnic to be Held on Monday, September 8

The Fairmont Lioness Club has asked the Fairmont Lions Club to join them for a picnic at Wave-Tek Park on Monday, September 8th at 6:00 in the evening. Lions and spouses or guests are welcome and should bring a covered dish with them.

Meat, beverages, and tableware will be provided. Those attending are also asked to bring one or two wrapped "white elephants" to be awarded as prizes.



Alcan Rolled Products is Topic Of Mike Lawson

Mike Lawson presented the program at the August 7th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. He presented a program on Alcan Rolled Products and the Fairmont plant.

Alcan, headquartered in Montreal, was spun off from Alcoa in 1928. In 1919, the Fairmont plant was West Virginia Metal Products and became Fairmont Aluminum in 1926. In 1956, it became Sero Aluminum and was acquired by Alcan in 1965. The Fairmont facility, which boasts seven acres under roof, employs 203.

The Fairmont plant produces thin aluminum for automotive radiators, heater cores, and air conditioners. It is the sole supplier of these products for GM and Chrysler.

Lawson claimed they produce the best product in the world and ship 20% of it overseas -- higher quality at a lower price. He also emphasized the company's environmental consciousness and safety orientation.

Lawson, who has been with Alcan for 18 years, was introduced by Clyde Judy.

Steak Fry Set For Mission Farm

The Fairmont Lions Club's annual steak fry will be held September 18th at the Union Mission Farm on the Grafton road. A steak dinner, complete with baked potato, salad, dessert and beverage, will be prepared by the staff. This annual event is always good fun and good food.

To get to Mission Farm, take 310 toward Grafton. The farm is to the left just a short distance before the turn to Rock Lake and Valley Falls State Park.

Sam's Talks Football At Club Meeting

FSC Head Football Coach, Doug Sams, now in his sixth season, discussed his hopes and his team's readiness for the fall season at the August 21st meeting.



Sams claimed that FSC will have four of the best quarterbacks in West Virginia and more West Virginia players than any other team in the conference.

Members Receive Attendance Pins

Pins were presented to members of the Fairmont Lions Club who achieved 100% attendance during the past year. Those receiving the awards in August were Jim Elliott, Gerald Warren, Jim Coleman, Bob Moffett, Duard Selders, Tom Koon, Warner Glover and Earl Carpenter.



Fundraiser is Planned - Sale Set for September 20

Thanks to the efforts of Clyde Judy and Bill Woodrum, the club has acquired the use of the Hauge property on Fairmont Avenue for the Lions Sale to be held September 20th. The location is ideal as it includes two parking lots.

The Fairmont Lioness Club will conduct a bake sale that day with the proceeds to go to the Lions Club. They ask that Lions or their spouses assist by providing baked goods for the sale.

Eyeglasses Approved- Funds Depleted



Eyeglasses were approved at the August 7th meeting for four individuals. Jim Elliott presented the applications as chair of the eyeglass committee. Applications included a male living at the Union Mission, a male at the Union Mission who is homeless, a female mother of two (both living at home), and a 46 year old female.

The treasurer will need to transfer funds out of fundraising to cover the cost for these glasses.

A motion was presented and approved that a moratorium be placed on the purchase of any more eyeglasses until the results of the next fundraising project, the Lions Sale set for September 20, are known.

Congratulations!

... to the Chester Lions Club which will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on September 20th.

... to the Scott's Run Lions Club which held its Charter Night on August 16th.



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Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Jim Elliott in the death of his stepdaughter, Virginia Jones, on August 20, 1997.

We also extend sympathy to the family of George Walls, III, a former club member, who died August 22, 1997.

We are happy to hear that D. J. Romino is feeling better.

Tom Robinson has had visiting family recently.

Gene Martin was a bit "under the weather" recently, and we hope he is feeling better now.

It was good to have Warner Glover back with us at the August 7th meeting.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bill Kime	Sept. 24
Russell Knotts	Sept. 25
Gene Martin	Sept. 12
Dr. Q. A. Melgarejo	Sept. 04
Bob Moffett	Sept. 11
D. J. Romino	Sept. 26
Jim Shaffer	Sept. 26

Notes from the August Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors met at Gerald Warren's Coldwell Banker offices on Thursday, August 14, 1997. Attending were Warren, Joe Mulvehill, Jim Coleman, Bill Woodrum, Bob Moffett and Jim Elliott.

Treasurer Jim Coleman presented his report along with the budget which the club adopted at the August 7th meeting. The Activities Account has a current balance of \$146.09 and the Administrative Account has a balance of \$270.61 at the end of July. There is \$675 in the Fundraising Account, some of which will be transferred into the Activities Account to pay for recently approved eyeglasses.

Plans were made for the September 4th District Governor's Visit and for the Lions Sale on September 20th.

From the District Governor's Newsletter

Paul Morrison reports that the "Quarter Saver" drive in memory of D. G. Jack Harris, along with other club donations, raised \$5903.25 for Leader Dogs last year.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Syracuse, New York, September 25-28, 1997.

District Governor Visit

Calvin Fauss, D. G.
 Fairmont (Host Club)
 Fairmont East
 Fairmont East Grafton Road
 Thursday, September 4, 1997
 6:30 p.m. Muriale's Restaurant
 Spouses Night



Mike Lawson of Alcan addresses the club August 7.

Jeff Wiandt Joins Club

The Fairmont Lions Club's newest member is Jeff Wiandt, an employee of the F.B.I. Wiandt lives at 23 Fairway Lane, Fairmont, and his telephone number is 368-0527. Wiandt was sponsored by Bob Moffett.

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Gerald and Martha Warren seem to enjoy this buzzard, one of the items for sale September 20 (left). Leola Robinson collected money for the Lioness Club baked goods sale (right).

Lions Club Sale Nets Needed Dollars



Duard Selders pitched in during the Lions Sale.

Many Lions and Lionesses cleaned out their attics and basements providing several rooms full of merchandise for the club sale on September 20. According to President Bill Woodrum, the sale took in \$320. The bake sale conducted by the Fairmont Lioness Club took in another \$85 resulting in a total of \$405.

Unsold merchandise was donated to the Whitehall Lions Club for a sale they will be conducting.

Many Lions and Lionesses were on hand either during the week preceding the sale to unload and price merchandise or during the Saturday sale itself. A heavy thunderstorm slowed the start of the sale, but once the weather improved, a steady stream of customers came through to select their treasures.

Shortage of Funds Continues To Threaten Club Projects

Bill Woodrum, president of the Fairmont Lions Club, expressed concern that even though the finances have improved some, the club still does not have enough funds on hand to provide the services that Fairmont has come to rely on from the club.

Specifically, the Union Mission Christmas party for the children is budgeted at \$600, but further fundraising will be needed to provide those funds. The purchase of eyeglasses has been suspended until funds become available, and the club was unable to send the full budgeted amount last year to the WV Lions Sight Foundation, even though the club is now in the process of sponsoring an application through that agency.

The club's activities budget, pared considerably from past years' amounts, exceeds \$2000. It is clear that additional fundraisers will be required.

Woodrum expects to address this issue at the October 2nd club meeting. Members with fundraising ideas and suggestions should bring them to the meeting.

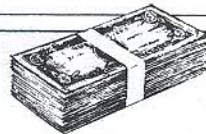
Thursday, Oct. 2 Club Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 9 Board Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 16 Club Meeting

**Save Your Quarters
FOR**

**LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND**

Gerald Warren has the "quarter-savers." If you did not get one, you may send your contribution for Leader Dogs to Warren.

Lions in District 29-L are once again being asked to contribute \$5.00 to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Secretary



Summary of Treasurer's Report Date: August 31, 1997

Activities Fund Balance:	\$146.09
Income	0.00
Expenses	0.00

Administrative Fund Balance	\$322.84
Income	436.84
Expenses	576.32



Members Carl Miller, Gene Martin, and Edwin Garlow wait for steak at the Union Mission Farm Sept. 18.



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District Governor Calvin Fauss with President Bill Woodrum.

Just a Lion Or Two

It was especially good to see Lions Carl Miller and D. J. Romino at Mission Farm for the steak dinner.

Please note that new member Jeff Wiandt's telephone number has been changed and is unlisted.



Lions Clubs International Foundation and association officials unveiled a commemorative wall at International Headquarters recognizing donors who raised more than \$143 million to fund the SightFirst program, the world's largest effort to help eliminate preventable and reversible blindness. Lions may recall, Campaign SightFirst was a three year global fundraising program that concluded in 1994.

From the September Lions On-Line Newsletter

Fairmont Lions Host District Governor's Visit

Fairmont East Lions Club and Fairmont East Grafton Road Lions Club, both sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, joined with the Fairmont Lions to welcome District Governor Calvin Fauss to Fairmont on Thursday, September 4th. The joint meeting was held at Muriale's Restaurant, the regular meeting place for the Fairmont club.

Fauss encouraged clubs to become 5-Star clubs and asked each club to bring in three new members and maintain at least 75% attendance at meetings. In his remarks, he also encouraged financial support for Leader Dogs and the WV Sight Foundation, which are in need of financial help. He also announced the District Conference to be held in Wheeling on March 14, 1998.

Paul Morrison made a presentation on the Leader Dog program during the meeting, and Gerald Warren, P.D.G. and secretary of the Fairmont club, invited all in attendance to return in April for the 75th Anniversary of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Seven Lions attended the Board of Directors meeting at Gerald Warren's Coldwell-Banker offices on September 11th. Attending were Bill Woodrum, Jim Elliott, Duard Selders, Gerald Warren, Tom Koon, Bob Moffett, and Jim Coleman.

Preparations for the sale was the discussion topic. A banner for the sale had been obtained courtesy of Coca-Cola and prepared by Sharon's Designs.

During Fiscal Year 1996-97, the eight official Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers collected 3,486,649 pairs of used eyeglasses. They also distributed 1,665,987 pairs of refurbished glasses to Lion and non-Lion groups providing eye care to people in need in developing countries. Our club maintains a collection box at Middletown Mall. *Lions On-Line Newsletter*

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



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Lyme Disease Threat is Real says Dr. Pisty

Dr. Warren Pisty, the former director of pathology and laboratory medicine at Fairmont General Hospital, presented a program on the topic of Lyme disease at the October 16th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Dr. Pisty was also the medical examiner for Marion County at one time. He received his MD from West Virginia University and is married with two grown children.

If it were not for AIDS, Lyme disease would be the premier disease of the decade, according to Pisty. It is a relative of syphilis. The bacterium that causes the disease in mice is transmitted by ticks. In this part of the state, they winter on rabbits and woodchucks.

Pisty warned that it is easy to get the disease and not be aware of it. The symptoms include a flu-like syndrome -- Bell's Palsy -- and manifestations of heart disease. An antibiotic is required to treat Lyme disease. The disease is found from the East Coast to the West Coast and is difficult to diagnose. Dogs can also be infected.

When asked if the tick problem was more evident during certain times of the year, Pisty replied that spring, summer, and early fall are the worst times of the year to be in the woods.

Programs Are Announced for November Meetings

Clyde Judy has announced that Delegate Paul E. Prunty will speak at the November 6th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Prunty has



Paul E. Prunty

14 years of service in the Legislature. The Democratic representative for the 43rd District, which includes part of Marion County, will discuss bills passed in last year's legislative session and what he anticipates for the coming session.

Prunty currently serves on the Agriculture and Natural Resources,

Government Organization, and Industry and Labor committees.

On November 20th, the club will hear Rev. Thomas L. Aitken II speak on a Thanksgiving theme. He became the pastor at Central United Methodist Church in June of this year.



Rev. Thomas L. Aitken II

Aitken previously had spent a year traveling around the world on a spiritual journey, following several years as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Claksburg. Aitken and his wife Luann have a grown son.



Fruit Cake Sale Gets a Good Start Thanks to Phyllis Mills

Claxton Fruit Cakes have arrived and are now available for sale by Lions. President Bill Woodrum expressed appreciation to his friend Phyllis Mills who got our sale off to a terrific start by selling eight cases. That sale has paid for the product so that all additional sales will be for club profit. Fruit cakes are \$3.00 each.

Other sales activities are being planned for November. Tom Koon

and Bill Woodrum will be going to the Arbors on Monday, November 3rd, to sell fruit cakes there. Some individual Lions have agreed to sell through their churches or in their neighborhoods.

In other fundraising news, a supply of mops and brooms has been acquired and these items are available at S & M Glass.

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Thursdays of each
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Just a Lion Notes from the October Board of Directors Meeting Or Two

Tom Koon, an active and long time member of the Fairmont Lions Club, has been presented the Outstanding Community Service Award by the Colonel Morgan Morgan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He received the award for his outstanding contribution to preserving local history.



BRAVO!

Congratulations Tom!

Gene Martin has been undergoing some tests.



The Fairmont Lioness Club has donated \$100 to the Fairmont Lions club to be given to Leader Dogs. Bill Woodrum, club president, expressed his appreciation to the Lioness Club for the gift.

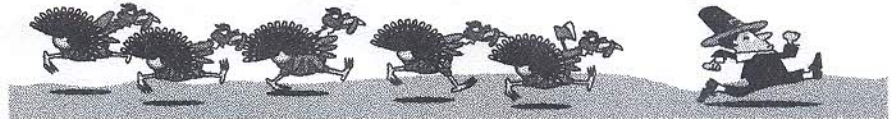
The Board of Directors met on October 9th at Coldwell-Banker. In attendance were Bill Woodrum, Joe Mulvehill, Gerald Warren, Francis Viands, Bob Moffett, and Jim Coleman.

At that time there was \$544.04 in the Activities Fund and all bills had been paid, according to Jim Coleman, treasurer. Because the club has managed to raise some funds, it was determined that we could go ahead and plan the annual Christmas party for the children at the Union Mission. (Editor's note: The Union Mission Christmas Party has been set for December 19th.)

It was also determined that the Mane Growl would accept limited advertising in each issue to help defray the costs of printing and mailing and perhaps avoid any dues increase in the near future.

The collection box at Middletown Mall was discussed. Consideration of a new location may be required given the small number of shoppers at that mall.

All members are welcome at the board meetings which are generally held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



Eyeglasses Approved



At the October 2nd meeting, applications for four pairs of eyeglasses were approved by the club. Jim Elliott presented the applications for four females ranging in age from 37 to 65.

Funds raised at the Lions Sale allowed this action to take place, but further approvals will require additional fundraising.

MARK THESE DATES:

- NOV. 6 MEETING
PAUL PRUNTY
- NOV. 6 ZONE MEETING
- NOV. 13 BOARD MEETING
- NOV. 20 MEETING
REV. TOM AITKEN

This space available to help defray costs of printing and mailing.



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Rev. Tom Aitken is shown speaking to the Fairmont Lions Club at Muriale's on November 20th.

Aitken Reflects on Thanksgiving

At the November 20th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, Rev. Thomas L. Aitken, II, pastor at Central United Methodist Church, spoke about Thanksgiving. He said it was his favorite holiday and recalled traveling Route 60 over Gauley Mountain to "Grandmother's house" in Baltimore.

Aitken quoted President Abraham Lincoln's words, "We give thanks to our beneficent creator, the [ruler] of the universe," and reminded those in attendance that it is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.

Aitken was introduced by Tom Koon.



Next Meeting
December 4th
Business Meeting
Muriale's 6:30pm

6:00 PM Time Set for Union Mission Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 19th

Santa is scheduled to make his annual visit to the Fairmont Union Mission on Friday evening, December 19th, at 6:00 p.m., according to Clyde Judy. The Fairmont Lions Club will gather in the dining room at the mission for dinner, followed by the party for the children.

Members are encouraged to attend and to bring their spouses and guests. Once again, Clyde Judy has worked with the staff of the Union Mission and Pastor Bob Thompson to bring about this event.

This project of the club has been repeated since the early 1940s as Santa has delivered gifts for the needy children in our area. Thanks to the fund raising efforts of several Lions, the club has raised the necessary funds to make this project possible again this year.



Club Agrees to Sponsor Surgery

Jim Elliott presented an application for a 50 year old individual seeking Glaucoma surgery. The club agreed to sponsor this application through the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation. The club will not incur any expense for this project, but the Foundation asks clubs to approve and sponsor requests.

Fruitcake Sale Termed A Success

All fruitcakes have been sold and the money has been received enabling the club to continue with two important service activities. Numerous Lions participated in the sale. They were Tom Koon, Bill Woodrum, Jim Coleman, and Francis Viands.

Purchase of 5 pairs of eyeglasses will be possible in addition to funding of the Lions Club Christmas Party for the children at the Union Mission (see story above).



5 Pairs of Eyeglasses Approved

At the November 20th meeting, Jim Elliott presented applications for eyeglasses for a 30 year old male, a 53 year old female, a 70 year old female who has just had retinal surgery, a 50 year old male, and a 22 year old Fairmont State College student. These applications were all approved. Treasurer Jim Coleman indicated that sufficient funds were available to cover these applications.



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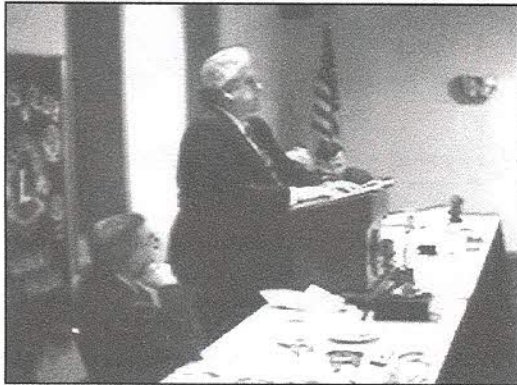
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CHRISTMAS
PARTY BEGINS AT
6:00 PM.



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Delegate Paul E. Prunty discussed what may be happening in this year's legislative session at the November 6th meeting at Muriale's. Prunty indicated that he does not expect any tax increase this year. He also said that there is good cooperation between the governor and the legislative branch.

Two issues he expects to see this year: Fairmont General has an interest in acquiring Marion Health Care; the need to fine-tune the welfare system to provide employment.

Prunty said that about half of the bills he has introduced have been passed.

Notes from the November Board of Directors Meeting

The Fairmont Lions Club Board of Directors met November 13th in Gerald Warren's Coldwell Banker offices. Duard Selders, Warren, Jim Elliott, Joe Mulvehill, Jim Coleman, Bob Moffett, Clyde Judy and President Bill Woodrum attended.

Jim Coleman, treasurer, reported that, as of the end of October, the Administrative Fund balance was \$236.64 and Activities Fund balance was \$644.09. The club spent \$80.00 on eyeglasses in October. The fundraising account was at \$550.94.

It was reported that all fruitcakes had been sold and that the money was received. About 13 brooms and 22 mops were on hand.

Other discussion concerned the eye clinic at the Senior Center and eyeglasses. Possible fundraisers were also discussed. These included multiphasic blood testing or a corn bread and soup bean dinner for January or February.



Just a Lion Or Two

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to club member Claude Springer, whose wife Pauline died on November 19th. She was a retired teacher with 29 years of service at East Park Elementary and was a member of Diamond Temple United Methodist Church.

Blen Law and Gene Sommers visited our club on November 6th. They, along with Hance Moffett (also in attendance) are members of the West Milford Lions Club.

Gene Martin and Warner Glover have been hospitalized recently.



DEC. 4 6:30 BUSINESS MEETING
 DEC. 19 6:00 UNION MISSION
 CHRISTMAS PARTY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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Fairmont Lions Bring Joy to Children at Annual Union Mission Christmas Party



According to Clyde Judy, chair of the Christmas party for the children of the Union Mission of Fairmont, the Fairmont Lions Club has provided this annual event for sixty-two years. Once again this year, the Lions gathered at the Union Mission on Friday, December 19th.

Activities began with a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings for the handful of Lions and their guests in attendance. Lions joined in singing several favorite Christmas carols and heard a few words from Rev. Gene Williams, Assistant Director of the Union Mission. Pastor Bob Thompson, Director of the Mission, was unable to attend because his wife Sandy had undergone surgery the previous day.

As he has done in the past, club



member Bill Kime donated a beautiful Poinsettia to the club. Instead of auctioning the Poinsettia to the highest bidder as has been done in the past, the club gave the Poinsettia to Sandy

Thompson. Several members made contributions to the club anyway, and the treasury benefited just the same.

Following dinner, the assembly moved upstairs to the auditorium where the children gathered. There was no program of song this year, as many of the children have been under the weather with colds and flu,

but the highlight of the evening was the arrival of Santa. Each child got to sit on Santa's lap and received an assortment of gifts provided by Santa's helpers -- the Fairmont Lions Club.

Gift bags included items such as toboggans for the head, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toy trucks for boys and earrings and dolls for girls.

The smiles of the children and their families were thanks enough for the efforts of this club throughout the years. The smiles served as a simple but effective reminder of the reason we are Lions.



Rev. Gene Williams leads singing at Union Mission event.

Muriale's Announces Price Increase

After many years of charging \$8.50 for our meals at Lions Club meetings, Muriale's has informed the club that, effective January 1, 1998, the price for dinner at club meetings will increase to \$10.00. This price includes dinner, desert, beverage, tax and gratuity.

The Fairmont Lions Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Muriale's, located on Route 250 S.

CALENDAR

Jan. 1	No Meeting
Jan. 8	Board Meeting
Jan. 15	Club Meeting



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Dues are Due

Treasurer Jim Coleman is reminding members that dues may be due for the new year. Dues are \$20.00 for six months or \$40.00 for the full year. Some members may have paid for a full year beginning July 1. If so, their dues will come due again in July.



Just a Lion Or Two

J. Burl "Mac" McQuain is ill and in Ruby Memorial Hospital, Room 877, according to a note received from his wife, Hazel.

Warner Glover is back home following hospitalization.

It was good to see Gene Martin back with us at the December 4th meeting.

Notes from the December 4 Club Meeting

Jim Coleman, Treasurer, reported that the Activities Account had \$449.09 and the Fundraising Account had \$615.44. The balance in the Administrative Account was \$244.94. He also was able to pick up 18 brooms in December. Coleman also reminded members that dues are due and asked that they be brought to the January 15th meeting or mailed to Coleman.

Gerald Warren discussed the value of Lions pins and suggested that rather than throwing pins out, bring them to him and we may be able to use them to make a little money for the club. Convention badges may also have value.

Bob Moffett discussed plans for an upcoming corn bread and soup bean dinner to be held at Central United Methodist Church in early February. The Lioness Club has agreed to assist us with this fundraiser.

Clyde Judy read a note relating how the Lions Christmas Party at the Union Mission accounted for "our only Christmas presents." This comment was from a woman who had attended as a little girl.

Gerald Warren reminded the members that the Fairmont Lions Club will be 75 years old in April and that if we all brought in one new member we would have 76 members to join in our celebration. He encouraged each member to be a "membership committee."

Jim Elliott reported that new applications for eyeglasses are "on hold" for the present time, because of the need to watch funding levels.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jim Elliott	Jan. 19
E. P. Klingensmith	Jan. 12
John "Joe" Mulvehill	Jan. 28
Tom Robinson	Jan. 15

**CELEBRATE LCIF
WEEK IN JANUARY**

**81ST ANNUAL LIONS CLUBS
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MONDAY, JUNE 29 - FRIDAY,
JULY 3, 1998**

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Club Cooks up Soup Bean Dinner for Friday, Feb. 6th

Tickets are being sold and plans have been made to turn our motto, "We Serve," into action. On February 6th, the Fairmont Lions Club will attempt to raise some much needed funds by providing soup beans and corn bread to the public. Doors will open at 4:30 and close at 6:00. We hope to serve between 200 and 300 dinners during that time.

The dinner will be prepared and served in the Social Hall of Central United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Fairmont Avenue and Third Street.

Mary Jo Michael and the Fairmont Lioness Club will cook the meal for us. We will be responsible for cleaning the beans, setting up tables, serving, clean-up, and putting tables away. In return for cooking the meal, the club will share 1/4 of the profit with the Lioness club.

Promotion of the event has appeared in the *Times-West Virginian*, CVI Time-Warner Cable, posters, church bulletins, etc.

In addition to selling tickets, Lions club members are needed to participate in the following activities:

Thursday, February 5th -- at the conclusion of the regular meeting at Muriale's, the members will move the meeting to Central United Methodist Church to prepare the beans, set up tables, etc.

Friday, February 6th, Noon -- Members will arrive to finish arranging the dining area, assist in the kitchen as needed, and generally make sure all is in readiness.

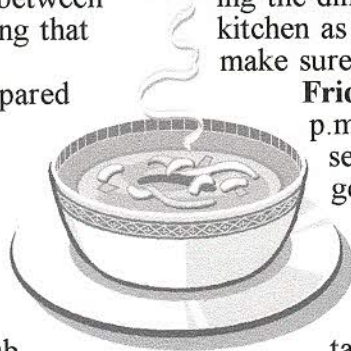
Friday, February 6th, 4:00 p.m. -- Members who will be serving should arrive and get ready.

Friday, February 6th, 5:00 --Dishwashers and clean-up crew should be on hand to begin their tasks.

Saturday, February 7th -- Relax. It's over!

Key to the success of the dinner is advanced ticket sales. Members present at the January 15th club meeting received quantities of tickets to sell. Tickets are also available to the public at Kime Floral and Pets Plus, thanks to Lion members Bill Kime and Lee Meadows.

The club has the potential to bring in \$1000 or more on this project. We'll work hard for a day and it will be over.



Jane Deadrick to Explain Tax Law Changes

The Tax Relief Act of 1997 contains 69 changes that go into effect with the new year and 36 provisions that are retroactive. Many of the provisions of the Capital gains tax cuts became effective on May 7, 1997. Most of the IRA provisions became effective January 1 of this year as did provisions of the estate and gift taxes.



To help sort this out for us, Jane Deadrick of the local H & R Block will speak at the Fairmont

Lions Club's February 5th meeting. The club meets on the first and third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at Muriale's Restaurant.

What Other Lions Are Doing

Students from the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind got to ski at Timberline Tuesday, January 20th, thanks to the Lions of West Virginia. The Fairmont Club has helped to sponsor this event in past years.

LCIF has funded a \$10,000 emergency grant to assist residents of Carter County, TN, following devastating flooding there.



Broom Sale 1980 - How many Lions and former Lions can you name?

Photo by Chuck Rawlings

CALENDAR

- Feb. 5 Jane Deadrick
- Feb. 6 Soup Bean Dinner
- Feb. 12 Board Meeting
- Feb. 19 Club Meeting



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Just a Lion Or Two

Club President Bill Woodrum is recovering at home following a bout with pneumonia that had him hospitalized at Elkins where he had been visiting. He was later moved to Fairmont General.

We extend our sympathy to Warner Glover whose brother died in early January.

Notes from the January Board of Directors Meeting

The Fairmont Lions Club Board of Directors met on January 8 at the Coldwell Banker offices of Secretary Gerald Warren. Also in attendance were Jim Coleman, Jim Elliott, Duard Selders, Tom Koon, Joe Mulvehill, and Bob Moffett.

Discussion centered around the plans for the soup bean and corn bread dinner set for February 6. Bob Moffett noted that Mary Jo Michael had been extremely cooperative in helping to plan and coordinate the assistance of the Fairmont Lioness Club.



Mark your calendar now for the 75th Anniversary Fairmont Lions Club April 18, 1998!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Clyde Judy
Tom Koon

Feb. 27
Feb. 06



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FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES FUND

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	
BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT 7/1/96	\$146.09
FUND RAISING 1997-98	1,753.91
INTEREST	0.00
SIGHT CONSERVATION DAY	200.00
TOTAL	\$2,100.00

INCOME	BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE		
		DATE	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
FUND RAISING:				
1997-98	\$1,753.91	578.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SIGHT CONSERVATION	\$200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER		100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$1,953.91	678.00	0.00	0.00

EXPENSES

Eyeglasses	\$1,000.00	200.00	80.00	100.00
Eyeclinic	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W.V. Sight & Hearing found.	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission Party	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unspecified	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total	\$2,100.00	\$380.00	\$80.00	200.00

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$146.09
INCOME	678.00
EXPENSES	380.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$444.09



Treasurer Jim Coleman has prepared this report showing the expenditures in the Activities Fund for the first six months of the club year. In addition, the Fundraising Account had a balance of \$695.44. He anticipated transferring some of that into the Activities Fund in order to pay the costs of the Union Mission Christmas Party.

If you have an old photo of a club event, submit it for publication to Bob Moffett, editor. Photos will be returned.



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A couple of cutups, Gene Martin and Jim Elliott, cut ham into chunks to put into the pot of soup beans.

Fundraiser Becomes Service Activity

All right, so we cooked a few too many soup beans, but it allowed us to turn our fundraiser into a service activity. A leftover pot full of soup beans, cornbread, and coleslaw were provided to the Union Mission of Fairmont following the club's soup bean dinner on February 6th. Jim Elliott, Keith Long, and Bob Moffett waited at the church for a driver from the Mission to pick up the food.

"We Serve" Soup Bean and Corn Bread Dinner for Fun and Funds

The Fairmont Lions Club managed to take in some much needed funds thanks to the participation of so many members at the February 6th fundraising dinner held at Central United Methodist Church. Those in attendance at the regular meeting on February 5th moved to the



Mary and Tom Koon enjoy some soup beans.

church after the meeting to set up tables and sort soup beans. The Fairmont Lioness Club provided much needed expertise in the kitchen on Friday.

Advanced ticket sales netted \$570. Ticket sales at the door brought in an additional \$108. Of course, the club did have some expenses. Rental of the church Social Hall was \$100 and food costs were approximately \$150. Profit from this endeavor amounted to approximately \$425 (as of February 14). The Fairmont Lions Club also agreed to share 25% of the profit with the Lioness Club for their efforts in the kitchen. Some unused food was returned for a refund.

Heavenly Hams in Bridgeport was especially generous in donating ham bones to be used in cooking the soup.

At the February 19th club meeting, Bob Moffett noted the contribution of our top ticket sellers: Joe Mulvehill with \$100; Clyde Judy, Francis Viands and Tom Koon at \$60 each; and Earl Carpenter and Jim Coleman at \$50 each.

Bob Moffett, who spearheaded the project, expressed sincere appreciation for all the work of so many participating Lions and Lionesses.

Many attending took the time to com-

pliment the club on the quality of the food. With over 100 meals served, we have reminded Fairmont that the Fairmont Lions Club is still active in Fairmont after 75 years.

According to Moffett, "We learned a few lessons that will help us to be even more successful the next time we attempt such a fundraiser."

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It is with sadness that we report the death of Fairmont Lions Club member Robert B. Frey, Sr. He died February 10, 1998 at his home.



Frey co-founded Frey Home for Funerals in 1959, and he drove an ambulance for the funeral home which offered the service for several years. He had previously served as an ambulance driver for the 4th Marine Division in the Pacific Theater during World War II, where he received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Minnie.

Looking Back Over 75 Years



From *The Fairmont Times*, July 10, 1972, Clarence Brock (left) presents an award to Tom Waller of *The Fairmont Times* for publicizing the free glaucoma clinics given by the club. Club President Gerald Warren (center) looks on.

CALENDAR

- March 5 James Sago
- March 12 Board of Directors
- March 19 Allegheny Energy

75TH ANNIVERSARY - APRIL 18TH



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Leola and Tom Robinson are seen here after a busy evening helping with the Soup Bean and Corn Bread Dinner on February 6th. (See Page 1 story.)

The District 29-L Conference is scheduled for March 14, 1998 at the McLure House Hotel in Wheeling. Seminars will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 with the Conference Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Conference Registration is \$25 per person and should be mailed by March 7 to Lion Fred D. Cole, 40 Carnahans Lane, Wheeling, WV 26003. Make checks payable to "West Virginia Lions District 29-L."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ed Garlow
 Francis Viands

Mar. 15
 Mar. 07



More Glasses Approved



At the February 19th meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club approved eyeglasses for a 52 year old male and a 55 year old male, both residents of the Union Mission, along with a 51 year old Vietnam Veteran with no income and a 45 year old female who "can't see six feet," according to the letter the club received from an individual in support of her request.

Airport Development is Topic For March 5th Meeting

Program Chair Clyde Judy has announced upcoming programs for the Fairmont Lions Club. James Sago, President of the Marion County Commission, will discuss development at the airport in Bridgeport at the March 5th meeting.

On March 19, David Riggleman, Manager of Corporate Affairs for Allegheny Energy, will present the program for the club's meeting.

Looking ahead to April, Dr. Philip Mason, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement at Fairmont State College, will be the guest speaker.

April 18 will be the special 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Jane Deadrick, in her 24th year with H & R Block, discussed implications of new tax laws at the February 5th meeting. Several changes relate to providing education funds for children (or grandchildren) and the associated tax benefits.

Deadrick also discussed the new Roth IRA and how it may have a tax advantage in certain situations. She also distributed a brochure highlighting some of the new tax laws.

James B. Llana, Division Manager for Equitable Gas, gave a brief history of the natural gas industry and emphasized the benefits of natural gas vehicles at the February 19th meeting. WV is the only "clean" state. It is possible to travel nearly the entire state using natural gas as fuel.

Just a Lion Or Two

It was good to have Duard Selders back with us and President Bill Woodrum presiding at the February 19th meeting following recent health problems. We're glad to have both of you back.

Russell Knotts, who asked to be removed from club membership, is home from the hospital. We wish him well.

On Friday, February 13, George Turley was featured on a WBOY-TV report competing in a game of Chess with sports reporters Matt Stark and Matt McCarthy.

"Thank you again."

A thank you card was received from Linda C. Miller, who received \$3000 of glaucoma treatment in January through the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation. Her request for assistance was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. The club makes an annual monetary contribution to the Foundation.



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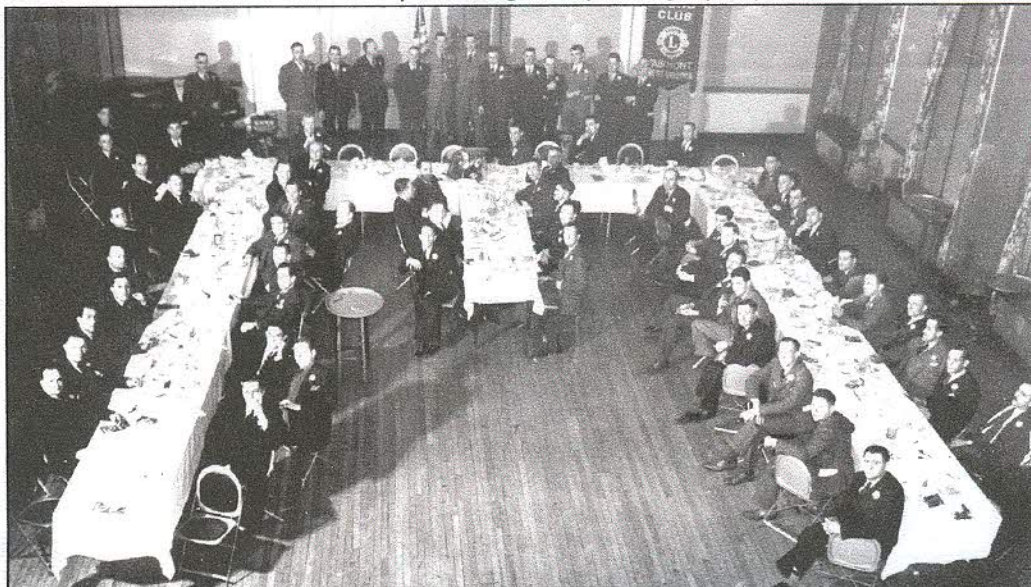
Fairmont Lions to Celebrate 75th Anniversary Saturday, April 18, at Muriale's

Members and guests of the Fairmont Lions Club will gather on Saturday, April 18th, to celebrate 75 years of service to Fairmont and Marion County. The Fairmont Lions Club is the oldest Lions organization in the county, officially organized on March 20, 1923.

The club has provided thousands of pairs of eyeglasses to school children and needy adults over the years. Thousands of local residents have been screened for glaucoma and amblyopia at no cost, thanks to clinics operated by club members. The underprivileged children of Fairmont are treated to a Christmas party each year, held in conjunction with the Union Mission. Other projects have contributed to the beautification of Fairmont and the club has sponsored guide dogs for blind individuals in the community. The Fairmont Lions Club has faithfully held to the International Association's motto, "We Serve."

West Virginia's own Past International Director Fred Cole will be the keynote speaker for the special event. All Lion members, spouses, and guests should make every effort to be present for what promises to be a great celebration of another milestone in the history of a great Fairmont Lions Club. Take note that this special meeting takes place on Saturday evening, April 18th, at Muriale's Restaurant. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00. Cost for the evening is \$18.00 per person.

A large turnout was on hand for this Lions meeting in the ballroom of the old Fairmont Hotel. How many present or former members can you identify? Thanks to Gerald Warren for providing this photograph (date unknown).



Looking Back Over 75 Years

Past International Director Fred D. Cole to Speak

Fred D. Cole will be the keynote speaker for the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Cole was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Clubs at St. Louis, Missouri, in July 1990, and served a two-year term which ended in July 1992.

He was a 100% District Governor of 29-L and has received the District's Lion of the Year

Award, numerous Extension Awards, and the International President's Award. In addition, he is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Cole is a member of the Mt. Olivet Lions Club and resides in Wheeling, where he is retired from his own insurance agency. He and his wife, Mary Louise, are the parents of three children.

Reported by Gerald Warren

Mason to Speak April 2

Dr. Philip R. Mason will speak to the Fairmont Lions Club at the April 2nd meeting, 6:30 p.m., at Muriale's. Mason is the Executive Director for Institutional Advancement at Fairmont State College.

A native of West Virginia, Mason joined the local college in June, 1997 and is married, with a son and enjoys hiking, camping, reading and music.





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Benedum Airport and Allegheny Power are March Meeting Topics

At the March 5th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, James Sago, President of the Marion County Commission and Benedum Airport Authority, discussed the improvements being made to Benedum Airport in Bridgeport (*see picture at left*). The airport is a partnership between Marion and Harrison counties. With the exception of highway construction, this is the largest earth-moving project in the U.S.A. today. Economic development will occur as a result of the creation of 45-60 flat acres where industries will have direct runway access. The five industries located there now employ nearly 1100 employees with a 48 million dollar payroll.

Also at the March 5th meeting, Bob Moffett was presented a "Legacy of Lions" lapel pin for sponsoring Keith Long as a new member.

It was good to see former club member George Corder, now living in Zanesville, OH, at the March 19th meeting. At that meeting, Clyde Judy introduced David L. Riggleman, Manager of Corporate Affairs for Allegheny Power, who discussed legislation and deregulation of the industry, as well as the merger of the company with Duquesne Light. He expressed concern about new air quality regulations that would prohibit burning coal for electricity generation and urged members to let their elected officials know of their concerns.



Just a Lion Or Two

We extend our sympathy to Dorothy and the family of former Lion member Russell W. Knotts, who died March 13. Russ served the club as president during the 1967-1968 club year. He was retired from Westinghouse Electric Corp. where he received 19 patent awards as an electrical equipment design engineer. In addition to the Lions, Russell was active in the Boy Scouts of America.

Notes from the March Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors met at Coldwell Banker on March 12, 1998. Topics discussed included the recurring problems at Industrious Blind Enterprise (the club's source for brooms and mops) and fundraising possibilities. Treasurer Jim Coleman reported an Activities Account balance of \$363.17 and Administrative Account balance of approximately \$600.00. In addition to President Bill Woodrum, Gerald Warren, Bob Moffett, Jim Elliott, Joe Mulvehill, Tom Spiker and Jim Coleman attended.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

J. Burl "Mac" McQuain	Apr. 18
Duard Selders	Apr. 28
Bill Woodrum	Apr. 30



ATTENDANCE

March 5	15
March 19	19

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75th Anniversary Celebration



This photo collage shows some of the Lions and guests present at the Fairmont Lions Club's 75th Anniversary Celebration. Pictured in the center is Past International Director Fred Cole, keynote speaker.

Guests Join Fairmont Club in Celebration

Guests at the April 4th celebration included District Governor Calvin Fauss and his daughter, Dinah Washington from the St. Marys Lions Club; Phyllis Mills, P.I.D. Fred Cole and his wife, Mary Louise; P.D.G. (29-N) Jeniver Jones and Mary; Bertha Vandegrift; P.D.G. John Patton and Margaret Ann; Cheryl Morrison, Zone Chair; and Vice District Governor Mary Klages.

Sight First Award Received

Secretary Gerald Warren announced that the Fairmont Lions Club has received the Sight First Excellence in Effort Award for 1996-97 for establishing the eye clinic at the Marion County Senior Center.

District Governor Presents Chevrons

District Governor Calvin Fauss presented membership chevrons to four members of the Fairmont Lions Club during the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Tom Koon received the 30 year membership award.

Edsel Michael and Bob Moffett each received a 25 year chevron.

Jim Coleman received a chevron for his 20 year membership in the club.

The chevrons are made to be worn with the Lions lapel pin.

The club has received two dozen brooms and two dozen mops to sell and the rack at Kime Florist has been filled. The brooms sell for \$7.00 and the mops for \$4.00.

Past International Director Fred Cole Praises and Challenges Fairmont Lions

Past International Director Fred Cole was the keynote speaker for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Fairmont Lions Club held Saturday, April 4, 1998 at Muriale's Restaurant.

Cole praised the club for its many contributions to the Fairmont community over the years. Then he proceeded to challenge the club for the future. He pointed out that the membership in 1980 was 67 and today it is 38. "Are you not proud of your club?" he asked. "Are you not asking others to join?" He also asked if the members were not stretching to do more and new service projects. Cole emphasized that, "Our Lions work is the most important work in the world and we can't afford to let it get old." Cole concluded by encouraging the membership to "dream big and dare to fail," quoting Vaughn.

Club president Bill Woodrum read a congratulatory letter from Lions International President Pat Patterson.

The floral arrangement gracing the head table was presented to the Coles by President Woodrum.

Tom Koon read the slate of officers who were elected and District Governor Calvin Fauss presented membership chevrons.

Door prizes were awarded at the conclusion of the evening's activities. Margaret Ann Patton, wife of Past District Governor John Patton, won a mirror donated by Gene Martin of S. & M. Glass and cases were won by Tom Spiker, Cheryl Morrison, and Fred Cole.

CALENDAR

May 5 9:00 am Eye Clinic

Watson School

May 7 6:30 Business Meeting

May 14 7:00 Board of Directors

May 21 6:30 To be announced



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Philip Mason, Executive Director of the Fairmont State College Foundation, spoke to the club on April 2. He discussed some of the many qualities and accomplishments of the college, its president, and its faculty.



Just a Lion Or Two

Former club member Red Resseger, currently secretary of the Clearwater Evening Lions in Clearwater, Florida, sent greetings to the Fairmont Lions Club.

The Board of Directors met on April 9 at Coldwell-Banker on Fairmont Avenue. Most of the meeting involved planning for the 75th Anniversary Celebration and discussion of fundraising. Those in attendance were Bill Woodrum, president, Gerald Warren, Joe Mulvehill, Tom Koon, Bob Moffett, Duard Selders, Jim Elliott, Tom Spiker and Clyde Judy.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
 Claude Springer May 27

Student's Eyes Are Tested At Three Fairmont Schools

The Fairmont Lions Club is continuing to sponsor eye clinics for the school children of Fairmont. The Mobile Eye Screening Unit of the West Virginia Sight Foundation arrived at Jayenne Elementary on Monday, April 27. Club members Jim Coleman, Tom Koon, Jim Shaffer and Clyde Judy were on hand to assist with the screenings.



A visit to Miller Junior High originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, has been rescheduled to May 14. We will need club members for this event. Please let Bob Moffett or Gerald Warren know if you can assist with this clinic.

On Monday, May 5, the mobile unit will visit Watson Elementary at 9:00 a.m. Bill Woodrum and Jim Coleman are scheduled to assist with that visit.

Sight conservation has always been one of the primary projects of Lions International and of the Fairmont Lions Club.

New Slate of Officers Adopted By Acclimation

One item of business conducted at the April 18th 75th Anniversary was the adoption of the slate of officers. Tom Koon, representing the Nominating Committee, read the slate of officers which was then approved by a vote of acclimation.

The term for the new officers will begin July 1. Those elected are:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| President | Tom Spiker |
| 1st Vice-Pres. | Gene Martin |
| 2nd Vice-Pres. | Tom Koon |
| Secretary | Gerald Warren |
| Treasurer | Jim Coleman |
| Tail Twister | Joe Mulvehill |
| Directors - 1 yr. | Edsel Michael |
| | Francis Viands |
| Directors - 2 yr. | Earl Carpenter |
| | Bob Moffett |
| Membership Chair | Jim Elliott |
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Lions Eye Clinic at Senior Center Sees Uncertain Future

At the May 7th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club, it was reported by Clyde Judy that Dr. E. G. Cadogan has retired from medical practice. Cadogan donated eye examination equipment to the Fairmont Lions Club in 1996 and has since that time coordinated regular free eye clinics at the Senior Citizens Center.



The first examinations were done with the club's equipment on October 24, 1996. Because of his retirement, Cadogan will no longer be giving exams at the Senior Center. Future plans for continuing the clinic are uncertain at this time.

CALENDAR

- June 4 6:30 Club Meeting
- June 11 Board of Directors
- June 18 Install Officers

PDG Pat Julius to Install New Officers June 18

Current president of the Fairmont Lions Club, Bill Woodrum, will turn over the gavel to President-elect Tom Spiker during the Installation of Officers scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 1998, at Muriale's Restaurant. The incoming officers were elected by a vote of acclamation at the 75th Anniversary Celebration in April. Past District Governor Pat Julius, secretary of the Morgantown Lions Club, will be the installing officer.

Installation of Officers has traditionally been a "Spouses' Night" activity of the club and will be again this year.

New Member Prospect Introduced to Club

Tom Spiker, president-elect, introduced his guest, Wayne Dodd, as a prospective member at the May 21st club meeting. New members are needed to help move our club into the next 25 years. Let's all follow Tom's example and invite someone to come with us to a meeting. As a reminder, the member is to pay for the guest's meal the first time and the club

CORRECTION

The May issue omitted the office of Lion Tamer and incorrectly named the Tail Twister in the newly elected slate of officers. Here is the corrected listing of officers for 1998-99:

President	Tom Spiker
1st Vice-Pres.	Gene Martin
2nd Vice-Pres.	Tom Koon
Secretary	Gerald Warren
Treasurer	Jim Coleman
Tail Twister	Edsel Michael
Lion Tamer	Joe Mulvehill
Directors - 1yr.	Edsel Michael
	Francis Viands
Directors - 2yr.	Earl Carpenter
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will pick up the tab to bring the prospective member back for a second visit if the prospect is still undecided.

Looking Back Over 75 Years



This picture from the August 15, 1980 *Times-West Virginian*, shows newly elected officers of the Fairmont Lions Club. Pictured from left are Bob Moffett, Lewis H. Herring (the new president), A. L. "Skipper" Springston, Jim Shaffer, Lee Meadows, Jim Coleman, Ralph Michael, Ray Rutherford, George Turley, Clifford Stalnaker, Bill Chambers, Burl McQuain, Bill Woodrum, and Charles Herron. Of these, Herring, Springston, Chambers, and Herron are now deceased.



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Watson Elementary School in Fairmont was one of three Fairmont Schools where students received free eye testing, thanks to the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation and the Fairmont Lions Club.

Fairmont Lions Club Sponsors Vision Screening Mobile Unit at Area Schools

In addition to the clinic at Jayenne Elementary in April, the Fairmont Lions Club sponsored the Mobile Eye Testing Unit of the West Virginia Sight Foundation for vision screening at Watson Elementary on May 5th and at Miller Junior High on May 14th. Club members Bill Woodrum and Jim Coleman participated in the screening at Watson Elementary where there were 21 referrals out of 33 that were screened. The high level of referrals is thought to be the result of a number of students being tested without their glasses. At Miller, 29 students were checked and there were nine referrals for further testing. Clyde Judy, who participated in the screening at Jayenne in April reported a large number of referrals there as well, with 10 out of 23 tested being referred.

Just a Lion Or Two

At the May 21st meeting, President Bill Woodrum presented Gerald Warren with a District Governor's Citation for making 23 club visitations. Jim Coleman and Bob Moffett received citations for five visits.

Gene Martin reported that former member Clifford Stalnaker is getting along well in Sun City, near Tucson, Arizona.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Bob Brummage | June 14 |
| Carl Miller | June 04 |
| Ray Rutherford | June 17 |
| Gerald Warren | June 08 |



Notes From the May Board of Directors Meeting

Seven Lions met at Gerald Warren's Coldwell Banker offices on May 14 for the monthly meeting of the club's Board of Directors. Among items discussed were likely candidates to fill committee assignments for the coming year and possible fundraising efforts. Treasurer Jim Coleman was instructed to write a check in the amount of \$200 to the West Virginia Sight Foundation (a budgeted item that had not yet been paid).

Those in attendance were President Bill Woodrum, Jim Elliott, Clyde Judy, Gerald Warren, Joe Mulvehill, Jim Coleman and Bob Moffett. The meeting was interrupted several times by the marching bands and fire sirens -- all a part of the Three Rivers Festival parade.

Journey for Sight Fundraiser Proposed

Journey for Sight has been proposed as a fall fundraiser for the Fairmont Lions Club. This program would involve community children, youth, and adults in a bicycle ride/walk/run along the new West Fork River Trail. This activity will require full participation of the entire club along with area churches, the Marion County Board of Education, Marion County Parks and Recreation, and others. An initial contact has been made with MCPARC and information has been requested from Lions International.



LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT