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Mitch Mason Presents Program on Gardening

Mitch Mason, the new owner of Hauge's Flower Store and Garden Center, spoke to the Fairmont Lions Club at the June 4th meeting. Mason, who earned a degree from Ohio State University, discussed the need for soil testing and reminded club members that kits are still free in the basement of the public library from Ron Swope, Extension Agent.

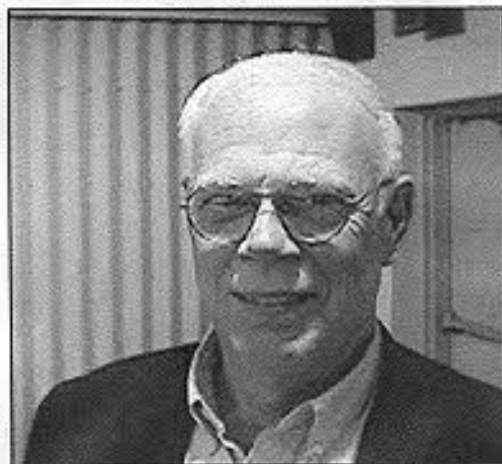
Mason indicated that this gardening season would be very "buggy." He has seen bag worms putting bags on tomato plants. He suggested a spray of Ivory soap and water on plants each evening. He also suggested using coyote urine to protect gardens from deer and rabbits. *(Editor's note: Even if I found a coyote, I believe I'd just as soon feed the deer and rabbits!)*

Looking Back Over 75 Years

Pictured here is a group of past presidents of the Fairmont Lions Club from February 1972. Pictured from left to right: FRONT -- Woodford Moore, Charles B. Rawlings, Ronald A. Garletts, and James L. Thornton. BACK -- Charles W. Herron, Charles S. Hault, R.M. Watkins, Morris E. Brown, E.R. "Red"



Resseger, Paul F. Opp, William L. Beall, J. Arthur Cunningham, James D. Cain, Claude A. Springer, and William W. Woodrum.



Tom Spiker assumes duties as the 77th president of the Fairmont Lions Club.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**DUE TO THE
INDEPENDENCE DAY
HOLIDAY**

**THERE WILL BE NO MEETING
OF THE**

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

ON THURSDAY, JULY 2ND



Warren Installs New Officers

Past District Governor and current secretary of the Fairmont Lions Club, Gerald Warren, installed the new officers at the June 18th meeting at Muriale's Restaurant. P.D.G. Pat Julius had originally been scheduled to perform the installation but was unable to do so because of recent surgery.

Outgoing President Bill Woodrum was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his year as club president and then he presented a certificate of appreciation to Jim Elliott for his two previous terms as president of the club. He also presented a certificate of appreciation to the Fairmont Lioness Club for all of their assistance throughout the year.

In addition, Woodrum presented certificates of appreciation to club members Jim Coleman, Jim Elliott, Clyde Judy, Tom Koon, Gene Martin, Edsel Michael, Joe Mulvehill, Duard Selders, Tom Spiker, and Gerald Warren.

Woodrum also expressed appreciation to Phyllis Mills for her assistance with the club's sale of Claxton fruit cakes.

100% Attendance Awards were presented to Jim Coleman, Edsel Michael, Duard Selders, Jim Elliott, Bill Woodrum, Clyde Judy, and Joe Mulvehill.

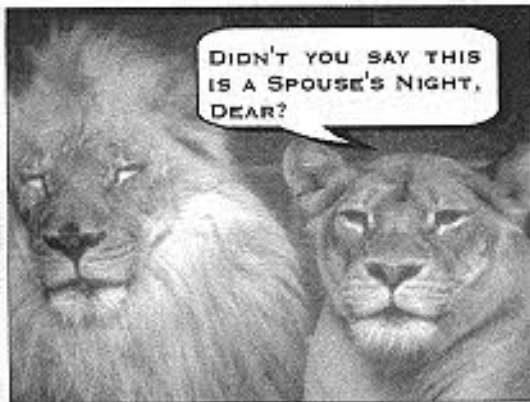
Reported by Bill Woodrum and Gerald Warren

CALENDAR

- July 2.....NO Meeting
- July 9.....Board of Directors
- July 16.....Regular Meeting



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Small Turnout for Board of Directors

Only four members were in attendance for the June 11 Board of Directors meeting. Little business was conducted, but the Board did express support for the Journey for Sight fundraiser. In attendance were Tom Spiker, Gerald Warren, Joe Mulvehill, and Bill Woodrum.

Just a Lion Or Two

It was good to see D. J. Romino with us again in June.

Joe Mulvehill has been undergoing medical testing. We hope that he receives good news.

Past District Governor Pat Julius underwent surgery on June 4. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Lions Journey for Sight Information Received

Information has been received from Lions International to be used in planning and conducting the "Lions Journey for Sight." This is an activity that is shared by Lions around the world. Some of the suggestions include:

1. Culminate your Journey at a public area where you have set up a display or sight screening.
 2. Appoint a Journey for Sight chairperson and committee as soon as possible. Planning should take place four months in advance.
 3. Organize a solicitation drive to secure pledges for those participating. Funds can benefit local sight programs or SightFirst.
 4. Decide what awards to offer participants. A listing from Club Supplies Division is available.
 5. Set goals for participants to have pledges totaling \$100 per person. Those exceeding that amount could be awarded a special plaque. Your club should also set an overall goal.
 6. Plan to have checkpoints along the route so participants can have proof they completed the Journey.
 7. Non-Lion may cosponsor; however, this must be approved by the district and the association's General Counsel.
 8. Numerous tips are provided for publicity of the Journey.
 9. A banner patch is available to club's participating for the first time with chevrons presented yearly after that.
- Camera-ready logos and poster layouts were also provided.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lee Meadows	July 15
Jeff Wiandt	July 07

Why is this space empty?
 This is the space we would use to introduce the prospective member you brought to the meeting.
Let's fill it next time!

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Lions Journey for Sight Trail Ride Set for September 20

Judy Elected State Commander of Military Order of the Purple Heart

The Military Order of the Purple Heart held its election at Jackson's Mill earlier this summer and elected Clyde Judy (Fairmont Lions Club member) as state commander. Judy was first to serve as commander of the local Mountaineer Chapter 724 and has also served as department chief of staff, second vice commander and senior vice commander.



In addition to the Purple Heart, Judy has also been cited with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge and the World War II Victory Medal. He flew 35 combat missions out of Africa and Italy during World War II.

International and District Dues Have Been Paid by Club

Jim Coleman, treasurer of the Fairmont Lions Club, reports that the club's dues to Lions International and to District 29-L have been paid.

Any member who has not yet paid dues for the second half of 1998 is reminded that they are now due.

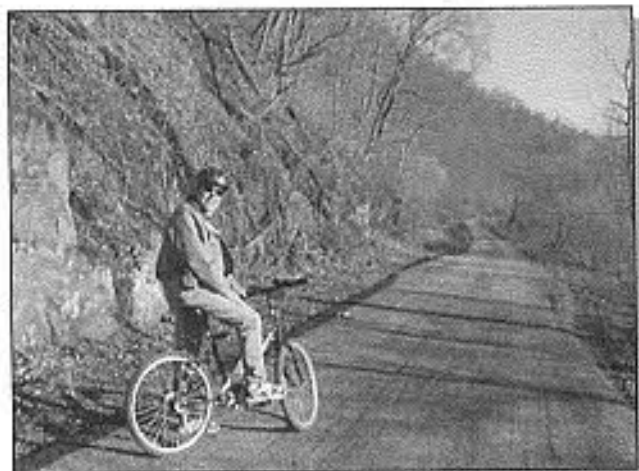
The Fairmont Kiwanis Club invites the Fairmont Lions Club to a Joint Meeting Wednesday, August 19th, at 12:00 Noon, Muriale's Restaurant. The speaker will be Doug Sams, FSC Football Coach.

CALENDAR

Aug. 6 6:30 Muriale's
Aug. 13 7:00 Bd. of Dir.
Aug. 20 6:30 Muriale's

Sunday, September 20, has been set as the date for the *Lions Journey for Sight* trail ride. Sunday, September 27, will be held for a rain date, if necessary.

Lions Journey for Sight is a fundraiser sponsored by the Fairmont



Bob Moffett rides the West Fork River Trail, location of the *Lions Journey for Sight* bicycle ride.

Lions Club to aid the visually handicapped in our area. At the July 16th meeting the club decided to proceed with this project. Several Lions have already stepped forward and agreed to begin making some of the contacts that will be needed.

Bob Moffett agreed to head up *Lions Journey for Sight* with the understanding that all able club members will be expected to do their share. Clyde Judy and Wayne Dodd agreed to make a follow-up contact with Marion County Parks and Recreation and Whitetail Outpost. Parks and Recreation has already expressed an eagerness to help out with this event and it is hoped that they will have a representative at the club's August 6th meeting.

Gerald Warren contacted Dennis Edge at the Marion County Board of Education and has received support

for our efforts there. He reports that flyers will be circulated in the schools promoting this event and that Edge anticipates we will get a large number of participants from the schools.

Participants will obtain pledges

from friends, relatives, and others and will then ride the West Fork River Trail between Fairmont and Monongah. Registration and the start/finish of the *Journey* will be at Mary Lou Retton Youth Park.

Many details remain to be worked out and much help will be needed. All club members are needed to participate fully in the planning, preparation, and implementation of this fundraiser. It is anticipated that proceeds for the club's sight conservation activities could be substantial if we put some real effort into it. This project also should raise awareness of the efforts of the Fairmont Lions Club within the local community.





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New Options Being Considered In Numerous Club Activities

Gene Martin reported at the July 16th meeting about prospects for future local broom production. He learned from discussions with the city of Stonewood that efforts are underway for the Harrison County Sheltered Workshop to start making brooms and mops. This could provide a local supply since Industrious Blind Enterprises ceased operation.

Clyde Judy has been exploring options with Dr. Claud Kendall regarding the eye clinics which had been held at the Marion County Senior Center. The equipment located there belongs to the Fairmont Lions Club.

Budget and Lions Journey for Sight were topics discussed at the Board of Directors meeting on July 9th. Attending were Tom Spiker, Jim Elliott, Jim Coleman, and Bob Moffett.



Ralph Hieber entertained those in attendance at the July 16th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Hieber played the keyboard and sang some old favorites.

Just a Lion Or Two

It is good to have Joe Mulvehill back with us following his recent medical treatment.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Warner Glover Aug. 15
 Tom Spiker Aug. 15

The Fairmont Lions Club adopted a budget for the 1998-1999 club year at the July 16th meeting. The budget was prepared by Treasurer Jim Coleman and is reproduced below.

Administrative INCOME		Activities	
	1998-99		
Dues	\$1,580.00	BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT 7/1/99	\$249.19
Initiation Fee	\$125.00	FUND Raising 1998-99	2,050.81
TailTwisters	\$135.00	TOTAL	\$2,300.00
50/50 Drawings			
Donations	\$50.00		
Raffles			
TOTAL	\$1,890.00		
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
	1998-99		1998-99
BULLETINS & PRINTING	\$200.00	Eyeglasses	\$1,200.00
SEC. & TREAS. DPT.	\$150.00	Eyeclinic	100.00
PROGRAM - GUEST	\$170.00	W.V. Sight & Hearing Found.	300.00
INT'L DUES & FEES	\$780.00	Mission Party	600.00
DISTRICT DUES	\$355.00	Unspecified	100.00
FLOWERS	\$50.00		
INTER-CLUB	\$25.00		
CONVENTION	\$100.00	Total	\$2,300.00
UNSPECIFIED	\$60.00		
TOTAL	\$1,890.00		



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District Governor Will Visit September 17th

The Fairmont Lions Club will welcome District Governor Mary Klages to Fairmont on Thursday, September 17th, 1998. This will mark the district governor's official visit to the club. Klages, an LPN Instructor from Wheeling, is a member of the Dallas Lions Club and was elected District Governor for 29-L



Mary Klages

at the Multiple District 29 Convention held in Huntington in early May of this year. This meeting is traditionally a "Spouse's Night" activity for the club and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Muriale's Restaurant.

It is anticipated that Klages will address the club regarding current programs and issues.

LOOKING BACK OVER 75 YEARS

From **THE MANE GROWL**, October 1, 1967 (Edited by Gerald Warren)

BEST WISHES TO OUR OWN LION BOB POWELL and his committee for a very successful campaign on behalf of the United Fund. Bob is heading-up this year's drive, which gets underway tomorrow, and several Lions - including Jack W. Bunner, are playing major roles in this year's fund drive.

LIONS BILL BEALL AND BILL WOODRUM report that the recent Bulb Sale was a real success. Nearly every bulb sold, and thanks to those Lions who turned out on two wet evenings to sell this year's stock of bulbs. Lion Major Bill Hagy was an able assistant to the Fund-Raising Chairmen, even to the point of selling most of the remaining bulbs at the September 22nd meeting.



LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

Plans are moving along for the Fairmont Lions Club's *Lions Journey for Sight* fundraiser to be held Sunday, September 20, along the West Fork River Rail Trail.

Ten thousand flyers and 200 sponsor sheets are being printed to be distributed throughout the area. Marion County Public Schools, Whitetail Bicycles, and the Marion County Parks and Recreation Commission have agreed to help us distribute these materials.

T-shirts are being prepared with the logo to be given to those participants collecting the most money. Area businesses are also being solicited by club members for items to be used as awards and prizes. To date, awards and prizes obtained include restaurant dinners, a soccer ball, and two \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bonds donated by club members Jim Coleman and D. J. Romino.



Huntington Banks on Adams Street and Coldwell Banker on Fairmont Avenue have agreed to accept funds turned in after the day of the event. Publicity is being prepared for area newspapers, radio, television, and TV cable.



Much more needs to be done. Plan to attend both September meetings and do your part to make this the best Fairmont Lions Club fundraiser ever.

Club President Sponsors Wayne Dodd for Membership

Charles Wayne Dodd holds the title of the Fairmont Lions Club's "newest member." He was sponsored for membership by club president Tom Spiker. Already, Dodd has taken an active roll in support of the *Lions Journey for Sight* fundraiser. He and his wife, Bobbi, live on Bell Run Road in Fairmont.

Please add our newest member to your current club roster:

Wayne Dodd
1137 Bell Run Road
366-4164

The Fairmont Rotary Club has invited the Lions to a joint meeting of area service clubs at 12:00 Noon, Thursday, Sept. 3rd to hear WVU Head Football Coach Don Nehlen speak. This joint meeting will be held at Muriale's.

CALENDAR

Sept. 3rd 6:30 Muriale's
Sept. 10th 7:00 Bd. of Dir.
Sept. 17th Dist. Gov. Visit
Sept. 20th Lions Journey for Sight



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Jennifer Nethkin, Program Director for Marion Co. Parks & Recreation, spoke to the club at the August 6th meeting and promised support for Lions Journey for Sight. Listening are Wayne Dodd and Tom Spiker, president.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bill Kime	Sept. 24
Gene Martin	Sept. 12
Dr. Q. A. Melgarejo	Sept. 04
Bob Moffett	Sept. 11
Dominick J. Romino	Sept. 26

Notes from the August Board of Directors Meeting

The Fairmont Lions Club Board of Directors met at Gerald Warren's Coldwell Banker offices on Fairmont Avenue on Thursday, August 13th. Discussion at the meeting centered around plans for the upcoming Lions Journey for Sight. Gerald Warren indicated that he had found an ample supply of Lions armbands and that the Marion County schools would help us to distribute materials to area students.

The Membership Committee presented a Proposal for Membership for Charles Wayne Dodd, sponsored by Tom Spiker. The Board approved the application.

Lions Journey for Sight Who's Who

- TOM SPIKER
President
- BOB MOFFETT
Chair (or Bicycle Saddle?)
- GERALD WARREN
Printing Forms
Flyers
T-Shirts
Liason to Board of Educ.
Collection site for funds
- WAYNE DODD
Radio/TV Publicity
Water containers
- CLYDE JUDY
Liason Parks & Rec.
Bicycle clubs

- TOM KOON
Times-West Virginian
Dominion Post
- JIM COLEMAN
Solicitation for awards
Registration/Funds Collect.

There is much more to do. If you do not see your name listed at left, please volunteer and claim your stake in this venture. Attend Thursday's meeting and get involved. Remember the Lion Motto:

WE SERVE

Just a Lion Or Two

At his request, Jim Shaffer has been removed from the membership role of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Sherry Muriale, wife of Muriale's Restaurant owner Rocco Muriale, died recently and was remembered with a moment of silence at the August 8th meeting. Although she was not a club member, her friendly smile and cheerful presence will be missed by many Lions.

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Young Riders Rescue Lions Journey for Sight

Two young riders, Jeffrey Thompson II and Ashley Toler, saved the day on Sunday, September 20, when they arrived to participate in the First Annual Fairmont Lions Club *Lions Journey for Sight*. Aside from club member Bob Moffett and his sister Patty, they were the only participants in the event. About a dozen Lions members were on hand for the event, which took place on a warm and sunny Sunday afternoon.

Bob Moffett, who suggested and chaired the fundraiser, said he was, "disappointed but not discouraged." Jeffrey Thompson had learned about the event at Dunbar School, where he is a fifth grader. He went home and said it was something he wanted to do. He said that he had a "great time" riding the 8½ miles along the West Fork Rail Trail. He was awarded one of the gifts obtained by the club for participants.

MCPARC unlocked the gate at the end of the trail and had an employee driving back and forth along the distance of the trail in case of any problems.

Treasurer Jim Coleman prepared this report of the outcome:

Income:	
Sponsors	\$147.00
Donations	67.00
Sale T-shirts	80.00
Total	\$393.00
Expenses:	
T-shirts	\$362.52
Printing	280.85
Ice (for water)	3.00
Total	\$646.37

Money needed from the Fundraising Account to pay expenses: \$253.37

Offsetting this loss is an inventory of about 50 T-shirts to be used in the future.

District Governor Mary Klages Presents Theme: Lighting Up Lionism

The Fairmont Lions Club hosted District Governor Mary Klages on Friday, September 17, 1998 at Muriale's. In discussing the activities of the Fairmont Lions Club in relation to her theme, "Lighting Up Lionism," she advised the club to, "keep on doing the things you are doing." Klages asked what the people of Fairmont would do without the Fairmont Lions Club.

The district governor also discussed her goals for the year which include four Lions clubs, four Leo clubs, and the formation of a Past District Governor's organization. She also hopes to see clubs becoming more active in the programs of Lions International. She used the acronym ELM for her emphasis on extension, leadership, and membership.

Klages also referred to International President Kajit "KJ" Habanananda's emphasis on harmony and examined several of the programs and projects of Lions, including LCIF (Lions Clubs International Founda-



tion) which provided a grant to District 29-O because of the flooding this year. The other programs she noted were LEHP (Lions Eye Care Health Program), Lions Youth Outreach, Lions Quest, Leo Clubs (there are currently six Leo clubs in District 29-L), Youth Exchange Program, and the West Virginia Sight Foundation.

Guests in attendance were Mary Klages' son, Jim and Donna Klages; Phyllis Amrhein, cabinet secretary from the Mt. Olivet club; P.D.G. Pat Julius and Shirley Hlad; and P.I.D. Fred and Mary Louise



District Governor Mary Klages receives "Beanie Baby" Lion from club president Tom Spiker during her official visit to the club on September 17th.

Cole from the Mt. Olivet club. Also in attendance were former club member Clifford Stalnaker and Virginia.

Following the meeting, D.G. Klages met briefly with the officers of the Fairmont Lions Club.

George Turley to be Honored at FSC Foundation Scholarship Dinner

Longtime member of the Fairmont Lions Club George Turley will be honored by the Fairmont State College Foundation at its Eighth Annual Foundation Scholarship Dinner to be held Friday, November 6. Turley and retired faculty Margaret Willard, who will also be honored, are described as campus legends by the Foundation.

The student center at the local college was named in honor of George Turley a few years ago. Turley had served the college as both faculty and as Dean of Men for many years. This newest honor places him among previous honorees including Sen. Robert C. Byrd, former Governor Gaston Caperton, Olympic great Mary Lou Retton, and others.

The FSC Foundation now presents more than 500 scholarships to students, totaling more than \$400,000 annually. Congratulations Lion George!





Members of the Fairmont Lions Club wait at the Pavilion at Mary Lou Retton Park for the first participants in the Lions Journey for Sight. From left to right are Jim Coleman, Wayne Dodd, Bill Woodrum, Joe Mulvehill, and Gerald Warren. Also helping were Duard Selders, Tom Koon, Gene Martin, Ed Garlow, Tom Spiker, Clyde Judy, and Bob Moffett.

Notes from the September Board of Directors Meeting

The major topic for both the September 3rd club meeting and the September 10th Board of Directors meeting was the *Lions Journey for Sight*. Bob Golden, Jim Coleman's cousin from San Antonio, was present at the September 3rd meeting.

At the board meeting, final plans were put in place, additional promotional material was prepared, and everything seemed to be coming together for the fundraiser. (See details about Lions Journey for Sight on page 1.)

Notes from the District Governor's Newsletter

According to District Governor Mary Klages' newsletter, the Fairmont Lions Club is currently in 5th place among 20 clubs in the District Governor's Contest. The club is currently listed in 9th place in the Visitation Contest.

Notes from the Lions On-line Newsletter

The U.S. Department of the Treasury began issuing the I-Bond September 1. Available in six denominations, the \$50 I-Bond features a likeness of Helen Keller, the century's best know advocate for people with disabilities. She was instrumental in the Lions Clubs International's devotion to the blind and visually impaired.

During 1997-98, LCIF awarded almost \$14 million in grants including SightFirst Grants totaling \$6.1 million, Standard Grants totaling \$4.6 million, and Emergency Grants totaling \$1.3 million.

Marketing Tip: Ask the owners of local businesses if they will allow the club to place brochures in a holder near the cash register to let your community know about your club.

Lions On-line Newsletter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

CALENDAR

October 1	6:30 Muriale's
October 8	7:00 Board Mt.
October 15	6:30 Muriale's

Just a Lion Or Two

Dominick "D. J." Romino has been in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Ted Sole is moving to Arizona and transferring his Lions membership.

At the District Governor's Visit on September 17th, Fred Cole informed the club that P.D.G. Forrest Rainwater and his wife are both suffering from cancer and facing financial hardship as a result. Lions clubs in the area are sponsoring a benefit program with the proceeds going to alleviate some of the Rainwaters' expenses.



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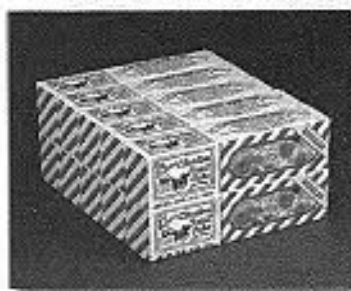


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Club to Sell Claxton Fruit Cakes

Ten cases of Claxton fruitcakes have arrived and are waiting to be sold, according to Bill Woodrum. Once again, the Fairmont Lions Club will be selling Claxton Fruit Cakes this fall to raise money for the club's sight conservation and other activities. Claxton fruit cakes have been popular in recent years and should bring in some much-needed funds.

Bill Woodrum has taken charge of



this fundraiser and anticipates that the club could profit by approximately \$240 if we sell ten cases of 24 cakes per case. Selling price has been established at \$3.00 each.

Woodrum and Tom Koon are planning to offer the cakes to residents of the Fairmont Arbors on Thursday, November 5th.

Local Democrats Honor Lion D. J. Romino

Fairmont Lions Club member Dominic "D.J." Romino was feted last week as an outstanding Democrat. He has been a member of the Marion County Democrat Executive Committee for 50 years. The dinner was held at Westchester Village.

Romino served the Fairmont Lions Club as its president for the club year 1978-79.



BRAVO!

ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

- Fruit Cake Sale
- Soup Bean Dinner
- Elimination Dinner
(under consideration)
- Yard Sale
- Lions Journey for Sight

If you are interested in chairing any of these fundraisers, please let club president Tom Spiker know.

Brooms and Mops are now available for members to sell and may be obtained at S & M Glass, according to Gene Martin.

Flatwoods to be Site for Leadership School

The Third Annual WV Lions Leadership School will be held at the Days Inn Convention Center at Flatwoods, WV on January 29, 30, and 31, 1999.

Each club is encouraged to send at least one member, especially up-and-coming Lions leaders to learn about "Leadership the Lions Club Way."

Featured speakers include David C. Hardesty, Jr., WVU President; Lion Kay K. Fukushima, Past International Director; Major General (ret) Joseph J. Skaff, former Secretary, WV Department of Safety; and Carl Lee, Head Football Coach at WV State College.



Bob Moffett was presented the Two Member Key Award "for outstanding service in the expansion of Lionism" by club president Tom Spiker at the October 1st meeting.



Back in 1980, we were raising funds by selling brooms and light bulbs. Left to right, Bill Woodrum, Ray Rutherford, A. L. "Skipper" Springston, Bob Moffett, and Lee Meadows.

LOOKING BACK OVER 75 YEARS

CALENDAR

Nov. 5	6:30	Muriale's
Nov. 12	7:00	Board Mt.
Nov. 19	6:30	Muriale's



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Notes From the October Board of Directors Meeting

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Clyde Judy was asked to explore our options with the Union Mission regarding the annual Christmas party there and the club's current financial situation. Other topics included possible fundraisers including a combined effort with the local Soroptimist club. (See article this page.)

Just a Lion Or Two

It was good to have D. J. Romino with us again at the October 1st meeting.

Jim Coleman has been a bit "under the weather" following a recent trip to Chicago.

Ted Sole has "transferred" to Sun City, Arizona.

November is LCIF's Annual Contributing Member Month

Both Lions and non-Lions are asked to contribute to Lions Clubs International Foundation during the month of November. In recognition of a \$20 gift, the donor receives a colorful LCIF Contributing Member lapel pin.

Clubs may collect and send all donations from club members with a list of donors to LCIF Donor Services. The list will ensure that each is given the appropriate recognition. Although November is LCIF Contributing Member Month, donations are accepted and pins are awarded throughout the year.

Financial support of the foundation allows LCIF to continue to award grants that support Lions with their humanitarian projects around the world. [Editor's Note: LCIF grants have been made to the Lions of West Virginia for numerous causes in the past.] LCIF . . . Serving the World Community!



LCIF

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Lions On-Line Newsletter

Fairmont Lions Club Explores Joint Fundraiser with Soroptimist International

A committee of the Fairmont Lions Club was appointed by club president Tom Spiker to explore the possibility of holding an "elimination" dinner in conjunction with the local Soroptimist club. The local Soroptimist club is a part of Soroptimist International, "the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women."

The committees from the Fairmont Lions and the Fairmont Soroptimist organizations will meet at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, November 5 to do preliminary work. President of the local Soroptimist club is Evelyn Martin, wife of Lions member Gene Martin.



If you have news for *The Mane Growl*, contact the Editor, Bob Moffett.



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Annual Lions Christmas Party for Union Mission Children set for December 18 at 6:00

Thanks to two generous benefactors, the annual party for underprivileged children will go on this year and is set for this Friday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will feature a dinner for the Lions and guests, followed by the party for the children.



Because of a shortfall in fundraising this year, it was feared for a time that this year's party may have to be canceled. Clyde Judy announced at the December 3rd meeting, however, that he had received two checks totaling \$200 to go toward this activity. Combined with some of the proceeds from the fruit cake and broom sales, the club was able to send a \$500 check to the Mission to provide the gifts and treats for the children.

The Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored this annual event for at least 55 years. In presenting the two checks to Treasurer Jim Coleman, Judy also read a letter which had been received from an individual who,

as a child, was on the receiving end of the gifts provided by the Fairmont Lions Club. She expressed her gratitude to the club, since these were most of the gifts she received at Christmas.

Lions and guests are encouraged to join in the celebration of the Christmas season by joining together for dinner at 6:00 (please note the early time) and then joining with the children and their families for arrival of Santa.

Soroptimists to Join Lions for January 7th Meeting

Members of the Fairmont Soroptimists will join us for the January 7th Fairmont Lions Club meeting at Muriale's. This joint meeting will allow the clubs to work together on plans for the upcoming elimination dinner, tentatively scheduled for March 13, 1999.

Fairmont Lions Club members will need to sell 100 tickets, with an equal amount to be sold by the Soroptimists. The tickets will be ready for distribution at the January 7th meeting and will be sold for \$35 per couple.

Although the Fairmont Lions is trying this fundraiser for the first time, the Soroptimists have conducted several of these in the past.

Brooms and Mops Available for Sale

Gene Martin reports that the club now has substantial supplies of mops and brooms, both regular and warehouse, available for sale. The heavy duty warehouse or "mill" brooms sell for ten dollars each and mops are priced at five dollars.

Martin reported at the December 10th Board of Directors meeting that these new brooms, ordered from Humboldt Broom Company in Illinois, appear to be of good quality.

At the same board meeting, Martin also reported that only a small quantity of fruit cakes remain available.

Mops and brooms are available at Kime Floral and S&M Glass.

Thanksgiving and Natural Gas Automobiles are Program Topics

At the November 19th meeting, Rev. Donal "Jack" Squires, currently chaplain for the FSC Falcons, related some personal stories about Thanksgiving. His remarks followed a "traditional" Muriale's Thanksgiving dinner of baked steak, potatoes, corn, and chocolate cake.

David and Janice Nicholson, both members of the West Milford Lions Club, were visitors to the December 3rd meeting where the program topic was natural gas as a vehicular fuel.

Roy Williams, sales engineer for Hope Gas Company, explained that West Virginia has taken a lead in the use of alternative fuels. There are now 26 public natural gas refueling stations in the state.



Conversions can be performed on older cars while new vehicles can be factory-equipped to operate on natural gas. Although it adds to the cost of the vehicle, federal and state tax incentives can cover the cost difference.

CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 18 6:00

Union Mission Party

Thursday, Jan. 7 6:30

Joint meeting with
Soroptimists

Thursday, Jan. 14 7:00

Board of Directors

Thursday, Jan. 21 6:30

To Be Announced

Regular meetings at Muriale's



Ron Watkins, Sheriff of Marion County, referred to the Lions as "heroes" because of what we do in the community. Watkins was the guest speaker for the November 5th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club.

Marion County Crime Is Topic Of Sheriff Ron Watkins

Clyde Judy introduced the guest speaker, Ron Watkins, at the November 5th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. Watkins began his remarks by calling the Lions "heroes" because of what we do in the community.

Watkins' remarks addressed the issue of crime in Marion County. He spent some time in discussion of juvenile cases emphasizing that, "our children want to belong." He also said it was important to, "hold our teenagers accountable for the crimes they do," but indicated we are still sending youngsters out of state and paying the bill. He also warned that the Internet is being used for drugs, prostitution, and gang activities.

Watkins noted his appreciation for "Neighborhood Watch" groups and reported that Marion County's crime rate is 27%.

Just a Lion Or Two

We are saddened to learn of the death of Past District Governor 29-I, Gene Sommers, a member of the West Milford Lions Club. He was a frequent visitor to our club.

We also would extend our sympathy to club member Gene Martin, whose niece, Brenda, recently passed away.

Joe Mulvehill was a bit under the weather, but we were glad to see him with us at the November 19th meeting.

Woodrum Directs Successful Fundraiser

Tom Koon sold 1½ cases of Claxton fruit cakes at the Fairmont Arbors. Others were sold by Wayne Dodd and Jim Coleman, along with other Lions, finishing off the supply on hand. Bill Woodrum's friend, Phyllis Mills, was responsible for sales of a significant quantity of fruit cakes, getting the activity off to a good start. Bill Woodrum organized this fundraising event which should net the club approximately \$240.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Darrell Kimoto	Dec. 26
Jim Elliott	Jan. 19
Everett Klingensmith	Jan. 12
Keith Long	Jan. 01
John David Manley	Dec. 14
Edsel Michael	Dec. 10
Joe Mulvehill	Jan. 28
Tom Robinson	Jan. 15
George Turley	Dec. 13

Pastor Bob Thompson, Director of the Union Mission, recently underwent multiple bypass surgery. He later was returned to the hospital suffering from pneumonia. Thompson is not covered by a health insurance plan, and an effort has been started to solicit assistance in covering his extensive medical bills. He is currently recovering at the Union Mission.

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Lions & Soroptimists Work Together for Elimination Dinner Fundraiser

The Fairmont Lions Club and Fairmont Soroptimist Club are working together to promote a joint fundraiser. An elimination dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus on Mary Lou Retton Drive on Saturday, March 13. To begin making preparations, a joint meeting was held on January 7, and more joint meetings are planned.

Two hundred tickets need to be sold, and the Lions are responsible for selling 100 tickets. The ticket price of \$30 per couple (no discount for singles) covers dinner for two as well as the evening's fun. Unsold tickets should be turned in by March 1st so that they can be sold by others. Money and unsold tickets should be turned in to Wayne Dodd. Activities for the evening may include a 50-50 drawing, money tree, and a silent auction. Lions will be needed at the event to help conduct the various activities. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the dinner.

Over 100 Needy Children Receive Christmas Gifts from Fairmont Lions

A Christmas tradition continued this year in Fairmont as over 100 needy children attended the annual Fairmont Lions Club Christmas Party at the Union Mission. As always, the bearded visitor in the red suit arrived in time to help the Lions deliver gift packages to all the children attending.

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words, but no words are needed to explain the grins and smiles of these youngsters as they receive their packages from Santa.



Photo: Jim Coleman

ting the expected attendance for the Lions dinner to precede the party for the children, it was discovered that only nine members would be able to attend. For that reason, the dinner was canceled. This allowed the time of the party for the children to be moved up a little earlier.

The Fairmont Lions Club is especially appreciative of the two donors who made contributions specifically for this event. Because of the shortfall in the activities fund, holding the party was in jeopardy this year. It is most important now to reinvigorate the fundraising activities in order to insure funding for this activity in the future.

Tom Robinson Remembered As Faithful Lion Member

Longtime member of the Fairmont Lions Club, Tom Robinson, died on Wednesday, January 27, 1999. Tom was retired from Hartley's Department Store.

Tom set the standard for faithfulness to his club. He seldom missed a meeting and could be counted on to participate in all club activities.

He was a lifetime member of Central United Methodist Church and served in the United States

Army during World War II. He is survived by his wife Leola.



Thomas C. Robinson
1916 - 1999

Legacy of Lions Membership Growth Award -- Individuals sponsoring a new member or members during February, March, or April will receive an award pin. Lions International will waive the initiation fee for the spouse of a member.

CALENDAR

Feb. 4	6:30	Muriale's
Feb. 11	7:00	Board of Directors
Feb. 18	6:30	Muriale's
Mar. 13		Elimin. Dinner

WV State Convention
Wheeling Civic Center
April 23-25, 1999

According to Treasurer Jim Coleman, both International and District dues have been paid.



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Photo: Jim Coleman

These youngsters enjoy visiting with Santa at the Fairmont Lions Club's Union Mission Christmas Party. (See story Page 1)

Marion County Eye Clinic Offers Monthly Screenings

The eye clinic operated by the Marion County Senior Citizens, Inc. and the Fairmont Lions Club is providing cost-free screenings on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for persons lacking the ability to pay for eye care.

Local ophthalmologists and optometrists are conducting the screenings. The clinic, utilizing equipment belonging to the Fairmont Lions Club, is located at the Senior Center.

Notes from the January Board of Directors Meeting

The club's board of directors met in the conference room of Coldwell-Banker, thanks to the hospitality of Gerald Warren, on January 14, 1999. In addition to Warren, those attending included President Tom Spiker, Clyde Judy, Gerald Warren, Duard Selders, Jim Elliott, Joe Mulvehill, Bill Woodrum, Tom Koon, Wayne Dodd, and Bob Moffett. Spiker reported on the recent Zone meeting. He also mentioned the upcoming WV Lions Convention April 23-25.

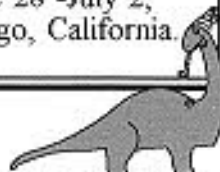
Jim Elliott, Eyeglass Chair, reported that the collection box for used eyeglasses has been moved down the hallway at the mall about 20 feet to the old bank location. Elliott also indicated that he is sending an application for eye surgery to the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation.

The upcoming elimination dinner was discussed at length. By the end of the meeting, all 100 of the club's tickets were distributed.

Bob Moffett agreed to check on the availability of Central UM Church for the club to hold another soup bean (or other) dinner during the latter part of April. He also agreed to have some more brochures for membership recruiting prepared.

International Convention Update

The 82nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention will be held June 28 -July 2, 1999 in San Diego, California.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Clyde Judy	Feb. 27
Tom Koon	Feb. 06

Just a Lion Or Two

We are happy to report that Wayne Dodd was inducted officially at the January 21st meeting. PDG Gerald Warren officiated. Wayne was sponsored by club president Tom Spiker.

Club members Earl Carpenter and Warner Glover have been "under the weather" lately and we hope they are feeling better as this issue goes to press.

According to Gerald Warren, club secretary, the Reedsville area Lions have purchased the equipment from Industrious Blind Enterprise broom factory and plan to begin the manufacture of brooms.



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Elimination Dinner Set for March 13th

The Fairmont Lions Club and the Soroptimists of Fairmont will be co-hosting an elimination dinner at the Knights of Columbus on Mary Lou Retton Drive, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 13th. A social hour and silent auction will precede the dinner at 6:00.

Tickets are being sold by both organizations and about 50 tickets remained unsold as of Thursday, February 25th. Wayne Dodd is handling ticket sales for the Lions, while Nancy Parks is handling sales for the Soroptimists.

Numerous area businesses have contributed to the success of this event by donating items for the silent auction or the elimination dinner. Those businesses include Hauge's Flower Store and Garden Center, Valley Distributing, Adam's Office Supply, Say-Boy Steak House, Speedway Market, Muriale's Restaurant and S & M Glass.

All profits from the evening's event will go toward supporting the ongoing projects of the Fairmont Lions Club (eyeglasses for the needy, the Lions Eye Care Clinic at WVU, etc.) and the Soroptimists' local projects (Soup Opera, Hope Domestic Violence Shelter, etc.).

A special board of directors meeting was called for Thursday, February 25th, to continue working on plans for the elimination dinner. Along with Lila Sinclair and Evelyn Martin of Soroptimists, Lions Gerald Warren, Clyde Judy, Gene Martin, Joe Mulvehill, Wayne Dodd, and Bob Moffett attended. *(Other action taken at this meeting is reported on Page 2.)*



Eyeglass Program Back on Track

Jim Elliott, Chair of the Eyeglass Committee, reported at the February 11th board of directors meeting that the Fairmont Lions Club has received a donation from the Loyal Order of Moose in the amount of \$1000 to be used for sight. This enabled the club to begin accepting applications for eyeglasses once again and, at the February 18th meeting, the club approved applications for three individuals.

Because of a shortfall in fundraising during recent months, it had become necessary for the club to temporarily curtail the acceptance of new applications.



Although the amount donated by the Loyal Order of Moose will not cover the cost of exams and eyeglasses indefinitely, it does allow the club to provide this service for the present with the hope that significant additional funds can soon be raised to keep this major project of the Fairmont Lions Club in operation. Fundraising efforts are currently underway and are described elsewhere in this issue.

29-L District Convention To See Elections

Mary A. Klages, District Governor of 29-L, has set Saturday, March 13, for the District Convention (instead of a District Conference) to be held at Oglebay Park in Wheeling.

The office of Vice District Governor is being sought this year by two candidates, Cecil Huss and Ed Van Lynn. Elections will take place during the afternoon business session. Delegate cards, required for voting, are available from club secretary Gerald Warren.

International Director Jack Isaman from Calgary, Alberta, Canada will speak at the Saturday evening banquet.

Convention registration fee is \$25.00 or \$10.00 for daytime functions only (does not include banquet).

Lions Receive Service Pins

Club president Tom Spiker presented service pins to two club members at the February 8th club meeting. Joe Mulvehill received his 10-year pin and Clyde Judy received his 30-year pin.

CALENDAR

March 4	Muriale's
March 11	Bd. of Dir.
March 13	Elimin. Dinner
March 13	Dist. Convent.
March 18	Muriale's



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Program Allows Visually Impaired To Work With Charts and Graphs

A Purdue University research and development program allows the visually impaired to work with charts, graphs and maps. A drawing printed on special paper is run through a heater that causes the black ink lines, Braille letters and markings to bubble up in a raised image. (AP)

Just a Lion Or Two

We note with sadness the deaths of Ruth Springston, who was preceded in death by her husband and Lion A. L. "Skipper" Springston; and Mary Herron, who was preceded in death by her husband and Lion Charles Herron.

It was noted previously that Edgar "Ted" Sole had relocated to Arizona. He has, however, had his membership in the Fairmont Lions Club reinstated. His new address is 1326 West Nopal Avenue, Mesa, AZ, 85202.

Gene Martin reports that Milt Durbin was operated on for a detached retina.

Wayne Dodd reports that Everett Klingensmith and Jack Decker have been sick recently and that Burl "Mac" McQuain is now bedfast.

Bob Moffett's stepfather, Glenn Hanna of Clarksburg, passed away February 20th.

Notes from the February Board of Directors Meetings

The board of directors met twice during February. Club members Bill Woodrum, Jim Elliott, Gene Martin, Joe Mulvehill, Wayne Dodd, Jim Coleman, Gerald Warren, Tom Spiker, and Bob Moffett, along with Soroptimists' member Lila Sinclair attended the February 11th meeting.

In addition to working on plans for the elimination dinner, Tom Spiker was working on arrangements for the club to sponsor the Lions Mobile Eye Unit at Middletown Mall for the Health Fair in March.

April 30 was selected as the date for the Fairmont Lions Club's Annual Soup Bean Dinner to be held in the social hall at Central United Methodist Church. Bob Moffett was making the initial arrangements.

Moffett also gave some membership brochures to Jim Elliott of the Membership Committee for distribution.

Treasurer Jim Coleman reported that income from the fruitcake sale was \$703.00 and expenses were \$504.31, netting the club \$198.69 to go into club activities.

At the special board meeting held February 25th, one membership application was approved.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ed Garlow	March 15
Francis Viands	March 07

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Clarence Stotler Becomes Club's Newest Lion

Clarence T. Stotler, 1606 Jarrett Road, was formally inducted as the Fairmont Lions Club's newest member in a ceremony at the March 18th meeting at Muriale's. Past District Governor Gerald Warren conducted the ceremony. Stotler was sponsored for membership by Clyde Judy.

Stotler retired in 1980 from Alcan and claims he has been "happy ever since." Stotler's phone number is 363-7293.

Reported by Gerald Warren

Just a Lion Or Two

Our sympathy is extended to club president Tom Spiker and Karen in the death of Frank Kovalck, Tom's Father-in-law.

Past International Director Richard Ruff died March 12th and was buried in Welch, WV.

Milt Durbin has retired and is seeing better now following recovery after a second detached retina.

Tom Spiker is now working for Lincare Inc.

We welcomed Nick and Patty Lambermedis, members of the Clarksburg Lions Club, who were visitors at our March 4th meeting.

STATE CONVENTION
 April 23, 24, 25
 Wheeling Civic Center

Vice District Governor Elected at 29-L Convention



Dan Dague

The District 29-L Convention held the weekend of March 13th saw the election of Edwin Van Lynn, Wheeling Lions Club, as Vice District Governor. He defeated Cecil Huss in the election.

Dan Dague, of Washington Lands Lions Club, will serve as the 1999-2000 29-L District Governor.

The District 29-L Convention was held at Oglebay Park in Wheeling.

Reported by Gerald Warren



Edwin Van Lynn


Notes From the March Board of Directors Meeting

The Fairmont Lions Club board of directors met March 11th at Gerald Warren's Coldwell Banker offices. Most of the discussion centered around the upcoming elimination dinner. In addition, the date for the soup bean dinner fundraiser was changed to April 23rd at the request of the Fairmont Lioness Club, who have agreed to assist in the kitchen.

A committee was appointed to see that flowers are sent for funerals of club members. The committee is made up of Jim Coleman, Gene Martin and Joe Mulvehill. Another committee, consisting of Clyde Judy, Bob Moffett and Gerald Warren, was asked to consider a Lion pin for the deceased.

Secretary Gerald Warren attended the Zone Meeting on March 23rd.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

J. Burl McQuain		APR. 18
Duard Selders		APR. 28
Bill Woodrum		APR. 30

SEEN HELPING AT THE ELIMINATION DINNER: TOM & MARY KOON, GENE & EVELYN MARTIN, JOE MULVEHILL, EDESEL & MARY JO MICHAEL, EARL & MARY CARPENTER, JIM & JOYCE COLEMAN, JIM & BOBBI ELLIOTT, CLYDE & ELEANOR JUDY, DUARD & PAULINE SELDERS, GERALD & MARTHA WARREN, BILL WOODRUM, TOM & KAREN SPIKER, WAYNE DODD, KEITH LONG, AND CARL MILLER.



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Fairmont Senior High School Students Get Eyes Checked

The Fairmont Lions Club sponsored the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation Mobile Eye Unit's visit to Fairmont Senior High School on Tuesday, April 20 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Students visited the unit during each period of health class. Several referrals were made during the day. Fairmont Lions members on site during this free clinic were Tom Koon, Jim Coleman, and Ed Garlow.

Donor Gives To Support Work of Fairmont Lions

An anonymous friend of the Fairmont Lions Club presented a \$200 gift to the club's activities fund. The gift was accepted on behalf of the membership by Jim Elliott, chair of the Eyeglass Committee.

Fairmont Lions Club Makes Annual Contribution to WV Sight Foundation

At the April 8th meeting of the board of directors, the treasurer was directed to pay the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation the budgeted amount of \$300.

Present at the board meeting were president Tom Spiker, Wayne Dodd, Bill Woodrum, Clyde Judy, Gerald Warren, Joe Mulvehill, Tom Koon, Jim Coleman, and Bob Moffett.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
MAY 4, 1999
MURIALE'S 6:30 P.M.

Soup Bean Dinner "Feeds" Lions Club Till

Food Donated to Union Mission

"Those were the best soup beans I ever ate," and "Those soup beans were the best I've had in my whole life," were sentiments expressed by two people who availed themselves of the Fairmont Lions Club's 2nd Annual Soup Bean and Cornbread Dinner. Many Lions, Lionesses, and Lion spouses sorted, cooked, stirred, served, and baked for the dinner held April 23rd at Central United Methodist Church.

The Lions again this year appreciated the efforts of the Lionesses and Lion spouses who worked in the kitchen to prepare the food as well as those who baked cakes and brought them to the dinner. Mary Jo Michael coordinated the meal preparation, while the Lions sorted beans the night before and came in early to set up tables, serve, and clean up afterwards.

Cakes were donated by Eileen Klingensmith, Karen Spiker, Joyce Coleman, Virginia B. White, Pauline Sellers, Cathy Melgarejo, Bobbi Dodd, Debra Decker, Aletta Moffett, Bobbie Elliott, and Eleanor Judy.

Kitchen workers were Leola Robinson, Bonnie Hood, Evelyn Martin, Nancy Sickles, Mary Koon, Virginia B. White, Joyce Coleman, and Mary Jo Michael.

Lions who helped with the dinner included Tom Koon (chair), Jim Coleman, Joe Mulvehill, Duard Selders, Gene Martin, Bob Moffett, Clyde Judy, Tom Spiker, Edsel Michael, Wayne Dodd, Bill Woodrum, Clarence Stotler, and Ed Garlow.

A large pot of soup beans and some cake were picked up by the Union Mission of Fairmont following the soup bean dinner, providing food for some of Fairmont's homeless.

Treasurer Jim Coleman reports advanced ticket sales of \$411 and \$145 in sales at the door resulting in gross re-

(continued at right)

George H. Turley 1902-1999

George Henry Turley, 30th president of the Fairmont Lions Club (1951-52), died April 2, 1999, at the age of 96. He was professor emeritus at Fairmont State College where he had graduated in 1931 and was appointed to a position in the English and Speech Department in 1941. He served the college as Dean of Men from 1947 until his retirement in 1971.



The college named the student center the Turley Center in his honor. In 1978, Turley married Violet Porter who preceded him in death in 1994.

He was a lifelong member of Central Christian Church where he served as deacon, elder and an adult Bible class leader.

Turley was also an avid thespian, appearing in prominent roles in many FSC theatre department and Masquers Town and Gown productions including On Golden Pond, You Can't Take It With You, The Sunshine Boys, and others.

Turley served in the infantry and with a military police unit during World War II.

Receipts of \$556. Joe Mulvehill sold the most tickets bringing in \$100 followed by Wayne Dodd at \$61 and Ed Garlow and Tom Koon each selling \$45.

Funds raised by the dinner will be used to enhance the club's sight conservation and community projects.

CALENDAR

Election of Officers...May 4
Board of Directors....May 11
Meeting.....May 18



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Holly Amos, program director of Main Street Fairmont, was the guest speaker for the April 1st club meeting at Muriale's. She discussed historic preservation and the economic restructuring of the downtown area, including design and financial assistance available.

Just a Lion Or Two

Congratulations to Ed Garlow who was presented his 25-year pin by 1st Vice President Gene Martin at the April 1st meeting.

Jim Elliott reports that Milt Durbin is planning on returning to club meetings following his recovery.

May is Lions Recycle for Sight Month

It's time again to collect those old eyeglasses. The fourth annual Lions Recycle For Sight will be held in May. With the help of Lions clubs in the U. S. and Canada, the eyeglasses collection effort ensures that millions of people receive proper eye wear. Each year over 4 million eyeglasses are collected for the purpose of distribution to people in developing countries.

The Lions Recycle for Sight program serves two essential purposes: 1. providing assistance to the world's visually impaired and 2. giving local community members an insight into the valuable services Lions club members perform.

The Fairmont Lions Club maintains a used eyeglass collection box located at Middletown Mall.

Lions On-Line Newsletter



Protect Your Eyes This Summer

Throughout the month of May, Lions are encouraged to observe National Sight-Saving Month. Eye injuries can occur anywhere and only take a second to happen. Protect yourself from debilitating eye injuries by wearing polycarbonate safety glasses when tackling at-home projects such as yard work or home improvement efforts. Polycarbonate lenses not only protect from injury, they also block harmful Ultraviolet (UV) rays.

UV radiation rays are emitted by the sun and are commonly known as the "sunburn

rays." They are invisible and can cause extensive damage to the eye. Long-term exposure to UV radiation may contribute to various eye disorders such as cataracts, eye cancers and macular degeneration.

As a precaution, make sure your sunglasses are labeled for full UV coverage. Sunglasses should block 99-100% of the full UV spectrum to 400 nanometers. Most inexpensive sunglasses are rated for the proper UV protection.

Lions On-Line Newsletter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Claude Springer

May 28

*The Fairmont Lions Club
 currently has 35 members.*



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Wayne Dodd to be Installed As President for 1999-2000

Wayne Dodd was elected as President of the Fairmont Lions Club for the club year 1999-2000 and will be installed, along with the other club officers, on June 17th.

Although Dodd is one of the newer club members, he has proved himself to be a dedicated Lion, participating in all club activities.

Past District Governor Pat Julius, of the Morgantown Lions Club, is scheduled to install the new officers. Some members may recall that he was scheduled to install the officers last year, but had to cancel because of his health.

Officers elected at the May 6th meeting were:

President	Wayne Dodd
1st Vice-Pres.	Tom Spiker
2nd Vice-Pres.	Gene Martin
Secretary	Gerald Warren
Treasurer	Jim Coleman
Lion Tamer	Joe Mulvehill
Tail Twister	Tom Koon
	Clarence Stotler
Directors-1 yr.	Earl Carpenter
	Bob Moffett
Directors-2 yr.	Ed Garlow
	Clyde Judy

It should be noted that Tom Spiker ran unopposed for the office of Immediate Past President.



Wayne Dodd

First Grader to Get Glasses

At the May 6th club meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club Sight Committee announced that the club would supply an eye exam and eyeglasses for a first grade student at Watson Elementary. In addition, applications for a 46 year old female, a 48 year old female residing at Hope, Inc., a 52 year old female, and a 65 year old male were approved by the club members.

Eyeglasses Approved At May 13th Meeting

Jim Elliott presented applications at the May 13th meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club for 5 individuals seeking eye exams and glasses from the club. The club approved these applications, bringing the number of eyeglasses approved since February to 25 pairs.

Reported by Gerald Warren



Final Tally For Soup Bean Dinner

Treasurer Jim Coleman presented a final report on the soup bean dinner at the May 6th club meeting:

Advance sales	\$ 491.00
Door sales	185.00
Total income	676.00
Food & supplies	146.32(exp.)
Facility rental	125.00(exp.)
Total expenses	271.43
Net income	404.57
Paid to Lionesses	101.14
Final Net	\$ 303.43

*"You can't get very far
until you start doing
something for somebody
else."*


Melvin Jones, founder
Lions Clubs International

Club Members Receive Visitation Awards

Lions Regional Chair, Ronnie Moore, presented visitation awards to two members of the Fairmont Lions Club. President Tom Spiker received an award for making five club visitations and Secretary Gerald Warren received a visitation award for making 22 visitations.

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

JUNE 17, 1999
6:30 P.M. MURIALE'S

 PRESIDENT-ELECT WAYNE DODD
INSTALLING OFFICER P.D.G. PAT JULIUS

SPOUSE'S NIGHT

CALENDAR

June 3	Muriale's
June 10	Board Meeting
June 17	Install Officers



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Helen Keller Day Observed June 1

In 1971, the International Board of Directors established Helen Keller Day to be celebrated on June 1. Blinded by illness in 1880, Keller received her bachelor of arts degree cum laude in 1904. She appeared at Lions International Conventions in 1925 and 1953. It was at the 1925 convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, that she called Lions into service as "Knights of the Blind." She was awarded the Lions Humanitarian Award for her lifetime of service to humanity in 1961. Keller passed away June 1, 1968.

Lions On-Line Newsletter

Just a Lion Or Two

Bob Moffett's youngest son, Todd, was married May 21 in Buckhannon. He married Janelle Willey of Edinboro, PA. The couple resides in Buckhannon.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

The Lions Clubs International Foundation Assists in Kosovo Refugee Crisis

To date, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded \$170,500 in grants for the Kosovo refugee crisis. Lions clubs in the region were disbursed \$70,500 in disaster grants immediately as the disaster unfolded. Italian Lions received \$25,000 to set up a refugee assistance shelter in a hospital they recently developed in Albania. It is sheltering 1000 refugees. The Italian Lions, who helped charter the five Albanian Lions clubs are working closely with them to help identify gaps in the relief efforts.

Lions of Nova Scotia, Canada, received \$10,000 to help supply a refugee camp near Halifax which will house 2,500 refugees. Lions of Turkey will use \$15,000 to provide clothing and washing machines for a camp of 10,000 refugees on the outskirts of Istanbul. This camp is receiving refugees from Macedonia. \$20,500 was provided to the Macedonia Lions for sleeping bags and clothing for refugee camps and for pacemakers and other supplies for a hospital catering to critically-ill refugees.

Last week, the LCIF Executive Committee approved two Major Catastrophe grants of \$50,000 each. One is for relief efforts of the Italian and Albanian Lions and the second will enable the Macedonian Lions to provide additional aid to a camp of 40,000 refugees in Stenkovic and other nearby camps.

Donations can be sent earmarked for the Kosovar refugee crisis by making checks payable to LCIF with the words "Kosovo Refugees" in the memo field. (Note: Restricted donations do not qualify for Melvin Jones Fellow recognition but will appear on the club's and district's permanent giving records.)

Lions International on the World Wide Web

Notes from the May Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting at Gerald Warren's Coldwell Banker offices on May 13, 1999, the Board of Directors heard the treasurer's report from Treasurer Jim Coleman. Bob Moffett briefly discussed the upcoming Fairmont Lions Club Lions Journey for Sight. Jeff Wiandt was dropped from the membership of the club.

In attendance at the meeting were Jim Coleman, Gerald Warren, President Tom Spiker, Wayne Dodd, and Bob Moffett.