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County Commission President Visits Club

Cecily Enos, President of the Marion County Commission, was the guest speaker at the Fairmont Lions Club meeting of July 6. In addition to serving on the County Commission, Enos is involved in the YWCA and other activities.

She pointed out that the County Commission is the safekeeper of county monies and operated on a budget of \$4.5 - 5 million this past year. They are also responsible for the upkeep of all properties owned by the county.

The Marion County Commission funds the Rescue Squad and the Health Department while the Transit Authority, Public Library, and Parks and Recreation receive funds from the current levy.

The County Commission also collects the Hotel/Motel tax. Half goes to the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the other half is used toward such things as the Historical Society, Pricketts Fort, and other activities that promote tourism.

Enos pointed out that the County Commission also meets as a Board of Equalization and Review to hear property tax appeals.

Marion County was formed in 1842. Enos displayed the Marion County flag of maroon and gold showing a fruited oak tree, miner's cap, dome of the courthouse, and seven stars representing the seven original magisterial districts.

Enos discussed briefly the issues of annexation and incorporation.



NEW OFFICERS of the Fairmont Lions Club were installed at the June 15 meeting. From left: Jim Coleman, Bob Brummage, Bill Woodrum, Installing Officer PDG Pat Julius, President Jim Elliott, Clyde Judy, Gerald Warren, George Miller, Joe Mulvehill, and Charles Herron.

Eye Clinic Held For Literacy Volunteers

The Fairmont Lions Club conducted a second "Mini Eye Clinic" on June 21 from 9:00 - 1:00 at White School at the request of Literacy Volunteers.

Literacy Volunteers is an organization that teaches adults to read. Of course, if the adults are unable to see clearly, they will have more difficulty learning to read.

Thirty individuals ranging in age from children to older adults took advantage of this opportunity to have their eyes examined. Screening was performed by Lions Wayne Vandegrift and Paul VanHorn using the Lions Sight Foundation Mobile Eye Screening Unit.

Fourteen referrals were made at the clinic, and information was obtained from several so that they could obtain Lions Club assistance for their further examination and/or eyeglasses.

Bob Moffett assisted with the registrations for this mini-clinic.

Fund-Raiser Scheduled

Lion Bob Brummage has announced that the first fund-raising activity of the new year will be conducted August 5.

Brooms and mops, as well as peanuts, will be offered for sale at the Giant Eagle on Fairmont Avenue and Shop 'N' Save on Country Club Road. Hours will be 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with club members working two-hour shifts.

Brummage noted that all merchandise being offered has already been paid for and, therefore, all money collected at the sale will go toward club activities. All members are strongly encouraged to participate.

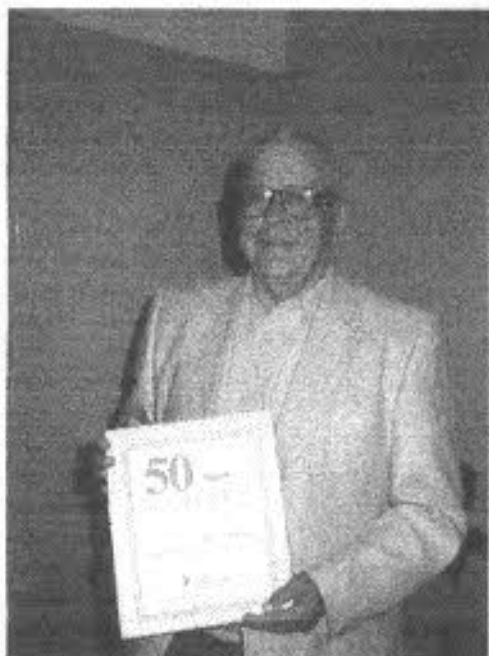


More Eyeglasses Approved

At the July 20 meeting, Lion Bill Woodrum requested and received approval for the purchase of two pairs of eyeglasses: a 61 year old male and a 30 year old female with three children.

WANTED: Chairpersons needed for
Program/Publicity
Finance
Youth Activities

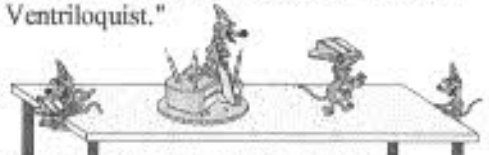
BROOM SALE
Giant Eagle and Shop 'N' Save
Saturday, August 5



Lion Carl Miller is shown with his Monarch Award from Lions International for his 50 years of Lionism. The presentation was made at the Installation of Officers on June 15.

Nathan Radford Speaks Through Dummies

Lion President Jim Elliott brought several guests with him to the July 20 meeting. He first introduced Tom Spiker and Michael Owens and then introduced Nathan Radford, a sophomore at Cedarville Community College in Cleveland. Radford then presented a program of ventriloquism which featured the antics of "Roosevelt" and one other dummy. Radford is a resident of Hurricane and bills himself as a "Christian Ventriloquist."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lion Warner Glover Aug. 15

It "pays" to attend!

Come to the meetings and see what we mean!

Lion Charles Herron Retires as Editor

After serving as Editor of *The Mane Growl* for many years, Lion Charles Herron turned his pencil and paper over to Lion Bob Moffett, who becomes Editor with this issue.

Along with a new editor comes a new design. Not only is the layout changing, but plans call for the use of photographs where possible.

News From the July Board of Directors Meeting

The July meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the home of Lion Jim Elliott on Thursday, July 13. Plans for the upcoming broom sale were discussed and the Board made additional recommendations for standing committee assignments for 1995-96.

A tentative budget was presented by the Treasurer, amended and then approved by the Board to be presented to the club at the July 20 meeting (see related item below).

The Board also approved holding meetings on November 30 and December 15 instead of our regular nights of December 7 and 21.

Plans were made for an Officer's Cookout scheduled for September 7.

Visitation schedules and rules for the District contests were also discussed.

Lion Jim Shaffer asked to resign as 2nd Vice President and his resignation was tentatively accepted at the meeting.

Activities and Administrative Budgets Approved for 1995-96

Lion Jim Coleman, Treasurer, presented the proposed Administrative and Activities budgets to the club membership for approval at the July 20th meeting at which time both budgets were adopted.

The Administrative Fund budget is actually down slightly from last year's budget and an increase of approximately \$200 over last year's actual expenditures is projected. Income from donations, drawings, and raffles has been combined and is reflected in a single figure in this year's budget. The total expenditures for administration this year is budgeted at \$2390. All administrative expenses of the club come from the membership in the form of dues and funds raised by the Tail Twisters.

The Activities Fund budget sees a \$200 increase in anticipated costs for eyeglasses and allows \$100 more for the annual Christmas Party for the Union Mission. A new line item has been established with \$110 earmarked for Leader Dogs. The \$110 item for the WV Lions Blind Skiers program (which was not paid last year) has been "zeroed out" in this year's budget. The total Activities Fund amount is \$2960.

Lioness Picnic Tonight at Wave-Tek Park



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LIONS CLUB GOTHIC Lions Charles Herron (left) and Duard Selders are seen here – in a pose reminiscent of Grant Wood – in front of Shop 'N' Save during the August 5 Broom Sale.

Summer Broom Sale Was A Clean Sweep

The August 5 Broom Sale was held at Giant Eagle and Shop 'N' Save (see picture at left) supermarkets in Fairmont. After a morning that threatened rain, the clouds parted to blue skies and sunshine.

Proceeds from the sale amounted to \$522. Although most merchandise was sold from stock on hand, additional mops were ordered at a cost of \$216. Fund-Raising sales since August 5 have brought in an additional \$199. This figure includes \$30 from Lion Bill Kime's business display. This has resulted in a net profit for the club of \$505.

Lions participating at Shop 'N' Save on Country Club Road were Bob Brummage, Duard Selders, Charles Herron, Bob Moffett, George Miller, George Hummel, and Tom Koon.

Jim Elliott, Earl Carpenter, D. J. Romino, Bill Woodrum, Milt Durbin, Gerald Warren, and Jim Coleman "cleaned up" at Giant Eagle on Fairmont Avenue.

District Dues Payment in Deep Due-Due

Lion Jim Coleman, Treasurer, reports that the International dues for the current half-year have been paid. However, because of slow receipts of dues from club members, the payment of District 29-L dues is in question.

Coleman addressed this problem at the August Board of Directors meeting. Timely dues payments to District 29-L and to Lions International must be met in order for the club president and secretary to be eligible for certain awards. Timely payment also awards the club contest points in the district.

Coleman stressed the need for any members who have not yet paid their current dues to please do so promptly.



District Governor's Night

November 2, 1995

Tom Spiker is New Lion

Tom Spiker is the Fairmont Lions Club's newest member and the first new member of this club year. First introduced to the club a few meetings ago, Lion Spiker has now joined the club.

Spiker, who owns *World of Plants and Flowers*, is sponsored by club president Jim Elliott.

Spiker's wife, Karen, is a dietician and they reside at 4209 Seymour Road, Fairmont. His home phone number is 366-8774. (Members should add this information to their directories.)

Welcome Lion Tom!

Milt Durbin Wins Attendance Award

Lion Milt Durbin won the attendance award at the August 17 meeting. Dave Morgan attended the meeting as a guest of Lion Jim Elliott.

It was good to see Lion Warner Glover in attendance following his extended illness.



Eyeglasses Approved for Needy

The club approved the purchase of two pairs of eyeglasses at the August 17 meeting. Lion George Miller presented these applications to the club following the recommendation of the Eyeglass Committee.

The October Growth Award pin reflects International President William Wunder's emphasis on "Leadership."

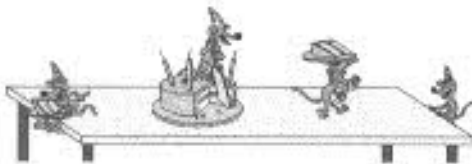


Club President Jim Elliott chooses his dessert at the Lioness Club picnic held at Wave-Tek Park in August.

Spouse's Nights Placed on Calendar

Three "Spouse's Nights" have been placed on the calendar for 1996. Dates scheduled are February 15, April 18, and June 20.

In addition to the above dates, the District Newsletter lists November 2, 1995 as the date for the official visit of the District Governor to the Fairmont Lions Club.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Terry Brake	Sept. 11
Bill Kime	Sept. 24
Russell Knotts	Sept. 25
Gene Martin	Sept. 12
Q. A. Melgarejo	Sept. 4
Bob Moffett	Sept. 11
D. J. Romino	Sept. 26
Jim Shaffer	Sept. 26

Our Members Make Visitations To Other Area Clubs

The Worthington Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary recently. Lion Gerald Warren and Martha attended the event. Bob Browning, a candidate for International Director, was the speaker.

Lion Bob Moffett was the guest of Lion Hance Moffett at the joint meeting and picnic held each summer by the West Milford and East Lewis County clubs. This year, the picnic was hosted by the East Lewis County club at the Lewis County Park in Weston. Lion Hance Moffett, a member of the West Milford club, was recognized by the East Lewis County club because he had been their Guiding Lion when that club was chartered. A plaque was presented which will be placed in the meeting room of the West Milford Lions Club.

A good opportunity to visit another club would be the upcoming visit of the District Governor to the Mannington Lions Club on September 26th. The Mannington club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 PM at the Plantation Restaurant.

Notes from the August Board of Directors Meeting

At the Board of Directors meeting held on August 10, Lion George Hummel resigned as Chair of the Fund-Raising Committee.

Lion Coleman indicated that the financial records of the club are currently in the hands of the Auditing Committee and emphasized the urgency for member dues to be paid promptly so that the club's District dues could be paid.

FSC Football Coach Doug Sams Addresses Club

Fairmont State College Football Coach Doug Sams was the guest speaker at the August 17 meeting. Sams discussed his hopes for the team this season and also talked about his efforts on the FSC theatre stage. He enjoyed success this summer in the local production of *Lend Me a Tenor*.

Sams is entering his fourth year as the Falcon head coach and enters this season with a four-game regular season losing streak. His Falcons placed fifth in the West Virginia Conference in 1994.

FSC began its season with a two-point loss to California (PA) last Thursday. They will play five home games at Rosier Field and four more away games. The home opener is September 16 against Clarion with the kickoff at 1:00.

Officer's Cookout Tonight at Pricketts Fort



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Red Cross Activities Described by Moore

Robin Moore, Director of the Fairmont Chapter of the American Red Cross, presented the program at the September 21st meeting. She had been previously employed with Stone and Thomas and Webster College.

The Red Cross provides four primary services: blood services, first aid services, aid to the military, and disaster aid. Locally, they provide three to five bloodmobile drives each month. They provide blood pressure checks at ten area sites for about 200 people each month.

CPR and first aid classes are taught on a regular basis. The Red Cross is charged by Congress to provide 24-hour service to the military. This service includes communication, emergency leave, and financial assistance.

Of course, the Red Cross also provides disaster teams for fires, floods, and other disasters. Moore pointed out that in the event of a large disaster, the local Red Cross would receive assistance from the National American Red Cross.



Members enjoyed a real feast at the "Officers Cookout" held September 7 at Pricketts Fort State Park. Here, Secretary Gerald Warren is seen grilling the gargantuan steaks while Milt Durbin, Bill Woodrum, Hance Moffett, and Jim Coleman observe.

Koon Authors Historical Book About County



Congratulations to Lion Tom Koon on the publication of the book he co-authored with Oce Smith, *A Pictorial History of Marion County, West Virginia*.

A signing reception was held last week in the lobby of One Valley Bank.

Sympathy is extended to Lion Charles Herron on the recent death of his brother.

Mark Your Calendar Now!
District Governor's Night
(Spouse's Night)
November 2, 1995

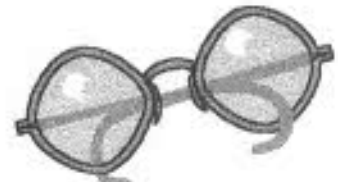
Pricketts Fort Cookout May Become Annual Event

Club officers did the cooking at the September 7 cookout held at Pricketts Fort State Park. Karen Elliott provided the special seasoning for the steaks.

David Morgan attended as the guest of Lion Jim Elliott. Twenty-two persons attended.

At the September 21 meeting, the club agreed to ask Pricketts Fort for the use of their barn on the first Thursday of September each year. One Lion remarked that Jim's wife should also be asked to season the steaks each year!

October is Membership Development Month
Initiation - November 30



Six Pairs of Glasses Approved in September

In a brief business session at the Pricketts Fort cookout, Lion Bill Woodrum asked that the membership approve exams and glasses for three individuals.

Eyeglasses were approved for a 44 year old female, a 47 year old homeless male, and a 52 year old female. Two of these applicants reside at Fairmont's Union Mission.

At the September 21 meeting, three more applications were presented and approved. One male, highly recommended by the Union Mission, had broken his glasses. Others were for a disabled male and for a female.



The memorial sidewalk at the Marion County Courthouse is complete and the brick purchased by the Fairmont Lions Club is now in place.

Only a Lion or Two

Lion Warner Glover is recuperating at home following another visit to the hospital.

Lion Tom Koon's wife, Mary, is also recovering at home following hospitalization.

The Fairmont Lions Club needs a 2nd Vice President and chairs of the Finance Committee and the Fund Raising Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Earl Carpenter	Oct. 2
Jim Coleman	Oct. 6
Jack Decker	Oct. 14
Milt Durbin	Oct. 22

Notes from the September Board of Directors Meeting

The September Board of Directors meeting was held September 14 at the home of Lion President Jim Elliott. Treasurer Jim Coleman, in presenting his report, noted that the club had been able to pay the district dues.

Fund-raising activities during August netted the club nearly \$800 and, after purchasing additional mops, the fund-raising account balance was \$1368. Coleman also mentioned that the cookout at Pricketts Fort resulted in approximately \$35 to be added to the administrative account.

Zone 2 is planning to conduct a Sight Conservation Day as a Zone 2 project about the first Saturday in April. The Fairmont Club was responsible for piloting this fund-raiser last year.

An eye clinic was considered and will be planned for a date near the end of March.

Broom Sale Coming Soon Watch for Date

In the absence of a fund-raising chairperson, Milt Durbin, 1st Vice President, is working on a Saturday sale to move out the remaining inventory. A date near the end of October is being considered.

Warehouse Broom	\$ 10.00
Household Broom	8.00
Mop	5.00
Whisk Broom	4.00
Peanuts (bag)	2.00



Meeting Night Changes November & December

The Fairmont Lions Club will hold its first December meeting on Thursday, November 30. Yes, you read that correctly. The Union Mission party will be held on Friday, December 15 and there will not be a regular meeting on December 7.

Here is the calendar for November and December:

- Nov. 2.....Visit of the District Governor, Tracy Smith
- Nov. 9.....Board of Directors Meeting
- Nov. 16....Thanksgiving Program with Rev. Waylon Taylor, Pastor of the Barrackville United Methodist Church
- Nov. 30....New Member Initiation
- Dec. 15....Union Mission Party

George Ramsey to Present Tonight's Program



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Lions Edsel Michael and Clyde Judy tried hot coffee to keep warm while selling brooms on a cool Saturday (October 21) in front of the Giant Eagle supermarket on Fairmont Avenue.

Rain Forces Early End To Fund Raiser

Milt Durbin, 1st Vice President, reports that the club's October 21 broom sale came to an early end as rain poured onto the uncovered sale area at Giant Eagle. The cover over the sidewalk area had been removed for renovation and there was no protection from the rain.

Nevertheless, approximately \$200 worth of merchandise was sold during the morning and early afternoon. The sale ended about 3:00. Only a small quantity of brooms remains although there are still several cases of peanuts available for sale.

Lions participating included Bob Brummage, Milt Durbin, Clyde Judy, Edsel Michael, Duard Selders, and George Miller.

Terry Schumacher Presents Ghost Stories and Music

At the club's October 19 meeting, Terry Schumacher of Mannington presented the program which consisted of Halloween tales and folk music.

Schumacher has lived in Mannington for 28 years, although she is originally from Michigan. An eclectic performer, she sings classical music with the WVU Symphony Choir and performs in the country and western band, "Rusty Hinges." She also writes poetry and hopes to have a book of poems published next year.

She shared several ghost tales from her own experiences and one story that took place in an old house on Oliver Avenue in Fairmont.

For her songs, she accompanied herself on the autoharp. She first became interested in the autoharp as a child.

Schumacher has been selected to appear in the 1996 edition of *Who's Who in America*. Regarding her selection, she told John Veasey of the *Times-West Virginian* that "you get selected for expertise in different fields." She claims the fields of traditional music and the cactus.

In addition to her music and storytelling talents, Schumacher is a cactus expert. She grows over 400 varieties in her home.

On Saturday, October 21, Schumacher was featured on the West Virginia Public Radio network program, "Music from the Mountains." The program is carried on public radio stations throughout West Virginia. She told the club that she considered it a special honor to be selected to appear on the program. She was interviewed on the one-hour program and performed numerous musical selections including some she had played at the Lions Club meeting.

Football History Buff Makes History at Meeting

George W. Ramsey, Jr. was the guest speaker at the October 5 club meeting. His topic was the history of sports, primarily the East-West football games, in Marion County. He made a little history himself by speaking for nearly one hour.

A native of Barrackville, Ramsey taught at WV Tech. He has also been involved in journalism as well as sales and management.

He claimed that Fairmont could be called the "father of high school football." The first East-West game was played on a Tuesday, October 25, 1921. In those days, cheering was a highlight of the game. The game was insured by Lloyd's of London for the threat of rain. It did rain, but the game went on and no insurance claim was filed.

Ramsey also noted that Fairmont High was one of the first three high schools in West Virginia. Football arrived in West Virginia at WVU in 1891.

"The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight, but no vision."

Helen Keller

D.G. Tracy Smith Emphasizes Membership



Tracy Smith, District Governor of 29-L, visits the Fairmont Lions Club this evening. Tracy is a member of the Worthington Lions Club.

Lion Tracy has been emphasizing membership and notes that although there are new Lions in the district, the losses currently outnumber the gains in membership district-wide.

The District Governor and his wife, Carolyn, returned from a trip to Canada in September and he reports that they have logged 20,000 air miles in the last two months for the cause of Lionism.

In his September newsletter, Lion Smith urges all clubs to support the WV Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Only a Lion or Two

Congratulations to Lion Tom and Leola Robinson who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. A reception is being held on Sunday, November 19, at Central United Methodist Church. All Lions are invited.

It was good to see that Lion Warner Glover's health has improved and that he was able to join us at the October 19 meeting.

Lion Clifford and Virginia Stalnaker's address is 2373 E. Coreopsis Way, Tucson, Arizona 85737.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Merritt Chambers Nov. 9
George Hummel Nov. 2

Club Receives Certificate For LCIF Support

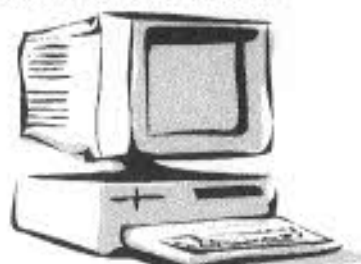
Lion President Jim Elliott displayed a certificate which has been received from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in appreciation of the Fairmont Lions Club's financial support during club year 1994-95. LCIF has received pledges totaling \$137.8 million to Campaign SightFirst which surpassed the goal of \$130 million. As a result of this campaign, over five million persons have been screened for eye diseases, and forty-two eye hospitals and clinics have been built, or are under construction, where there were no eye health care facilities.

Notes from the October Board of Directors Meeting

The October Board of Directors meeting was held immediately following the regular club meeting at Muriale's on October 19. Two applications for new members were approved and it was announced that Francis Viands, an employee of W. S. Thomas, is being reported as a new member of the Fairmont Lions Club on the October M & A Report.

A motion was approved to donate fifty dollars out of the activities fund to the American Red Cross in support of their efforts in the community.

The bulk of this meeting consisted of finalizing plans for the November 2 District Governor's Night.



WANTED: USED COMPUTERS

"Blind Ambition" is looking for older computers which they convert to Braille for use by blind elementary and secondary students throughout West Virginia.

For more information, contact the club president, Jim Elliott.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Nov. 9 Board of Directors Meeting
- Nov. 16 Thanksgiving Program with Rev. Waylon Taylor, Pastor of the Barrackville United Meth. Church
- Nov. 30 New Member Initiation
- Dec. 15 Union Mission Christmas Party Project
- March 9, 1996 District 29-L Spring Conf. at Morgantown Ramada Inn featuring Phillip J. Ingwell, International Dir. (see picture at right)



Phillip J. Ingwell

Ingwell, of Deerfield, Wisconsin, is a Life Member of the Madison (Central) Lions Club with perfect attendance since 1967 and has served as 100% district governor and in various capacities at the district level. He is a retired educator.

Welcome to District Governor Tracy Smith



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District Governor Makes Official Visit



President Jim Elliott presented District Governor Tracy Smith with the Fairmont club's contribution to the West Virginia Sight and Hearing Foundation at the annual District Governor's Visit on November 2.

The Fairmont Lions Club welcomed District Governor Tracy A. Smith and his wife Carolyn for their official visit on Thursday evening, November 2. Lion Smith has been a member of the Worthington Lions Club for 30 years.

In his remarks to the club, Smith pointed out that the Worthington club was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club 50 years ago. He noted that some exciting changes will be coming from Lions International including plans for Lionesses to transfer into Lions clubs and retain seniority of membership.

Smith challenged members to "be an achiever... or can-do individual." He observed that District 29-L has seen a loss of 300 members in the last two years. Since July, there has been a gain of 53 and a loss of 14. "If you intend to stay in business... you have to continue looking out for new faces," warned Smith. He emphasized the importance of knowing about Lionism. "If you don't know your product, you're not going to sell it." Smith also discussed the need to "...hold on to what we have."

Following the address, President Jim Elliott presented club secretary Gerald Warren the 100% Secretary Award for 1994-95. He then presented the district governor with a check representing the club's annual contribution to the West Virginia Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Lions Viands & Spiker To be Inducted

Tonight, the Fairmont Lions Club welcomes two new Lions into its membership. Francis Viands is sponsored by Milt Durbin and Thomas Spiker is sponsored by Jim Elliott. Tom Koon will speak on Lionism.

Add to your club directory:

Francis M. Viands
25 JoHarry Drive 363-4737
Assistant Manager, Mayflower
W.S.Thomas

Thomas Spiker
4209 Seymour Road 366-8774
Owner, World of Plants and
Flowers

Plans Underway for Union Mission Activity

The Fairmont Club's annual Christmas Party for the children at the Union Mission will take place on Friday, December 15. Please note that the dinner meeting will begin at 6:00 instead of our usual starting time.

Pastor Bob Thompson has indicated that the program will be similar to that done in the past and that the Union Mission appreciated the increase in funds to \$600 for this event.

As in the past, this will be a "Spouse's Night" activity.

It is with deep sadness and sincere sympathy that we note the passing on November 11 of Karen Elliott, wife of club president Jim. A member of the Barrackville United Methodist Church, she was also on the boards of Soroptimists International and the Soup Opera.



District Governor Tracy Smith displays the clock that was crafted for him by club member Charles Herron. The clock was presented on District Governor's Night, Nov. 2. Herron has made clocks for several of the past district governors.



More Eyeglasses Approved

Three applications for adult eyeglasses were presented and approved at the November 16 meeting. Charles Herron reported for the Eyeglass Committee.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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

Watch Your Mail for the January Issue

Beginning in January, the Fairmont Lions Club will begin mailing *The Mane Growl* to all members prior to the first meeting of the month. This change is taking place in the hopes that *The Mane Growl* may help stir interest and increase attendance at club meetings. There will be a slight cost increase to the club for postage, although the club is already mailing copies to a substantial number of members who miss the first meeting of the month.

Plans are to include information regarding the upcoming programs and activities of the club. It will be essential, therefore, that club officers, committee chairpersons, and others submit the information to the editor as early as possible after the 2nd meeting of each month.

This action was approved at the Board of Directors meeting held November 8.

CONGRATULATIONS



Secretary H. Gerald Warren is seen here receiving his 100% Secretary Award at the annual District Governor's Night program. President Jim Elliott presented the award to Warren for his accomplishments as secretary during 1994-1995. Requirements for the award include attendance at zone meetings and submission of M & A Reports on time each month.

Rev. Wayland Taylor Presents Thanksgiving Program

Rev. Wayland Taylor, Pastor of the Barrackville United Methodist Church, presented the program on November 16. He used a flip chart to outline background information about the Mayflower voyage and reviewed the English kings prior to the time of the Pilgrims and religious changes in England. Pilgrims strongly believed in separation of church and state.

Milt Durbin reported that fruitcakes have been received and plans are to sell them on December 2nd.

President Elliott reported on the Zone Meeting where the main item of business was to establish club boundaries for eyeglass applications.

The 75th Anniversary of Lionism in West Virginia is coming and a parade is planned for the Lions Convention.

Reported by Jim Coleman



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Fruit Cakes for Fund-Raising

The club sold about \$257 in Claxton fruitcakes at the Middletown Mall on Saturday, December 2, according to Bob Brummage. Brummage and Milt Durbin spear-headed this effort in lieu of an official fund-raising chair.

Working in two-hour shifts were club members Francis Viands, Tom Koon, Jim Coleman, Clyde Judy, Duard Selders, Jim Shaffer, Jim Elliott, Bob Moffett, Bob Brummage, and Milt Durbin.

Annual Union Mission Activity Brings Christmas to Needy

Since 1939, the Fairmont Lions Club has brought a little bit of the joy of Christmas to the needy children at the Fairmont Union Mission.

This year was no exception as the Lions once again sponsored this party for more than 100 youngsters. According to Pastor Bob Thompson of the Mission, Monongahela Power Company employees made dolls and the group "Toys for Boys" provided several boxes of toys for boys.

The Union Mission provided over 66,000 meals and distributed over 44 tons of free food last year.

About 12 members and seven spouses were in attendance.

George Hummel was the successful bidder for the flower.



Two Lions Inducted November 2nd

Lion Tom Koon, who is a Past President of the Fairmont Lions Club and a former Zone Chairman, conducted the Induction of New Members ceremony at the club's November 2nd meeting at Muriale's.

Inducted into the club were new members Thomas Spiker and Francis Viands. Koon emphasized that Lions clubs "have fun, but they are service clubs first of all." He related the founding of Lions Clubs International by Melvin Jones.

Lion Spiker noted that he was "glad to be a member and hoped to live up to the [expectations] of the club." Lion Viands thanked Milt Durbin for "inviting me to join," and said he hoped "to participate in every way I can."

Koon offered a test of Lion knowledge. Fortunately, it was multiple choice and true/false. A few questions from the test are presented elsewhere in this issue. Can you answer them correctly?

Bob Brummage and Jim Coleman substituted as Taittwisters for the meeting and Coleman led the singing of "I'd Rather Belong to the Lions" from one of the Lions songbooks.

Thanks to Bill Kime (Kime Floral) for the Poinsettia for the club's party at the Union Mission!



Award Winning Woodworker To Present Jan. 4 Program

Michael Owens will discuss woodworking at the January 4 club meeting. Owens graduated from the Light of Life Christian School in Fairmont and is currently a freshman at the International Institute of Accelerated Christian Education in Texas.

While in secondary education, Owens entered his woodworking projects in international competition and won several first place awards.

Come to the meeting and see a working clock made entirely from wood -- gears and all. The meeting is Thursday, January 4, 6:30 p.m. at Muriale's.



Woodrum Presents Applications

Bill Woodrum presented applications for eyeglasses from a 29 year old female with a seven year old child and from a 65 year old female.

Both applications were approved by the membership at the November 2nd meeting.

In a related matter, Woodrum reported that our club may be sponsoring an individual for eye surgery through the West Virginia Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. The club supports the foundation with an annual contribution.

Upcoming Eye Clinics Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, April 30, 1996 Miller School 7:30 a.m.
Monday, May 6, 1996 Watson School 9:00 a.m.

At least four Lions will be needed to help out with each event.

Who is the current president of Lions International?

Answer: William Wunder



What do the letters in LIONS stand for?

Answer: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety

Just a Lion Or Two

At the request of Clifford Stalnaker, the Board of Directors accepted with regret his resignation from the Fairmont Lions Club. Stalnaker had been an active member of the Fairmont club prior to his leaving the area last year.

Bill Woodrum reported that George Turley is on oxygen and has not been doing well. Lion George, we wish you well and hope you are doing better!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 1996

Notes From the December Board of Directors Meeting

The December meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Secretary Gerald Warren's Coldwell Banker conference room on Thursday, the 7th.

Dues for the 2nd half are now due and statements will be mailed along with the January issue of *The Mane Growl*. Dues are \$40.00 per year or \$20.00 per half-year.

Lions International will be conducting a membership campaign during the months of January, February, and March.

The Zone Meeting was attended by Lions Jim Coleman, Gene Martin, and Jim Elliott from the Fairmont club. At the meeting, borders were established for eyeglasses. Eyeglass chair Bill Woodrum has indicated that this will be a help to him. Each club now knows what area it is responsible for covering.

Attending the board meeting were Lions Jim Elliott, Warner Glover, Gerald Warren, Bob Moffett, Bob Brummage, Milt Durbin, Joe Mulvehill, Jim Coleman, and Charles Herron.

Lions Clubs International and LensCrafters Collecting Together

The November issue of *Better Homes and Gardens* notes that LensCrafters and Lions Clubs International are holding their eighth annual "Give the Gift of Sight" eyeglass collection and recycling program for distribution in developing countries. According to the article, Americans donated more than 1 million pairs of glasses to needy people.

The Fairmont Lions Club regularly collects used eyeglasses in the designated collection box at Middletown Mall. Expect a report soon.

Highlights from the District Governor's Newsletter

Beginning July 1, 1996, Lions International will increase the new member fee to \$30.00. Lions International will begin permitting Lions members to also hold membership in clubs such as Kiwanis and Rotary.

The State Convention will be held at the Charleston House Holiday Inn in Charleston this year.

Among Lioness Clubs, the Fairmont Lioness Club is currently in 2nd place in the Visitation Contest behind Pleasants County. The Fairmont Lions Club is in 4th place among clubs of 41 or more members. The Fairmont club is also in 4th place in the Publicity contest. (Tabulated as of November 1, 1995.)

Multiple District 29 is planning a roast of "Mr. Lionism" in West Virginia, Past International Director Richard H. Ruff, on Saturday, February 3, 1996 at the Days Inn Hotel in Flatwoods.

Business Meeting on January 18, 1996



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Bring Your Spouse to February 15 Meeting

Just in case you forget Valentine's Day on the 14th, make up for it by bringing your spouse with you to the Lions meeting the next day! February 15 is "Spouses Night."

Patty Looman, a local area dulcimer player, will be on hand to entertain club members and guests that evening.

This would, of course, be a great time to invite a prospective member to come with you to "check out" the Lions.

And don't forget the club meeting at Muriale's this Thursday, February 1!



Michael Owens Displays Craft



made from cherry. It took 500-1000 hours to construct the clock.

Owens also displayed a lap dulcimer that he had made and played it. The lap dulcimer is an Appalachian instrument, only found in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia, according to Owens.

Owens encouraged the members to "...be willing to... share what your talents are."

Michael Owens, whose hobby is woodworking, discussed some of his projects at the January 4th meeting. Among his projects were a fiddle and a clock with gears



Our club's new members, Francis Viands (with sponsor Milt Durbin) and Thomas Spiker (with sponsor Jim Elliott), are seen here following their induction ceremony in November.

"State of the Club" Address Delivered at Half-Way Mark

Jim Elliott delivered his "State of the Club" remarks at the business meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club on January 18. He reviewed the goals for this year and where the club stands in relation to those goals at the half-way point in the club year.

While shooting for third place in the District Governor's Contest, the club is currently in 5th place for the Smith Award and in 5th place in the Publicity Contest, but not placed in the top ten in the District Governor's Contest.

Current membership stands at 39 following a gain of two new members and three lost members so far this year.

Elliott's twist on the motto, "Voluntarily We Serve," is evident in the efforts of Bob Brummage and Milt Durbin who have been leading the fund raising efforts. Fund-raising activities have cleared \$1500 to be used toward activities where the budgeted amount for the year is \$2,960.

Half-way through the club year, the Eyeglass Committee has spent one-half of its budget to provide eyeglasses. In addition, the club has paid its commitment of \$600 to the West Virginia Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Elliott challenged the members in attendance saying, "There is still a lot of work to be done. We'll finish in... good shape if we keep on volunteering [our service]."

Elliott recommended that the club eliminate the position of 3rd Vice President and elect only one Tailwister for next year.

Used Eyeglass Collection Continues Long Success

Charles Herron reported at the January business meeting that 7,861 used pairs of eyeglasses have now been collected in the box at Middletown Mall.

The collection box (crafted for the purpose by Herron some years ago) is located close to the information desk.

Please let Pres. Jim Elliott know if you have an idea for a meeting program!



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Lions Bob Brummage, Milt Durbin, and Jim Elliott are seen here selling Claxton fruit cakes at the Middletown Mall in early December. At the January 4 meeting, Milt Durbin reported that most of the remaining fruit cakes were sold at the Arbors.

Committees Report on Club's Activities

Several reports were made at the January 4th club meeting. Clyde Judy reported that 128 gift packages were distributed to children at the annual Union Mission Christmas Party sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. The Lions Club's efforts were also supported by "Toys for Boys" and the employees of Monongahela Power Company.

Milt Durbin asked members to save "treasures" for a Yard Sale fund raiser to be held in the spring and Bob Moffett mentioned plans for upcoming eye clinics to be held April 30 and May 6 at Miller and Watson schools.

Committee Presents Applications

A card of thanks was circulated at the January 4th meeting from the staff of Scott Place Shelter. They expressed their appreciation for glasses provided to two residents of the shelter by the Fairmont Lions Club.

Bill Woodrum, on behalf of the Eyeglass Committee, presented applications in January for 3 individuals needing eyeglasses.

Applications for a 62 year old male, a 43 year old disabled male, and a female with two children, whose husband lost his job before Christmas, were all approved.

Woodrum noted that the club's cost for glasses is running about \$30 per pair through Fairmont Eye Care, Inc., Philip Wilmoth, O.D.

Notes From the January Board of Directors Meeting

Four brave Lions trudged through the snow to Gerald Warren's conference room on Thursday, January 11. Treasurer Jim Coleman reported that dues to Lions International have been paid.

Other discussion centered around upcoming meetings and the "Legacy of Lions" membership campaign of International President Dr. William Wunder. (See item at right.)

A look at the club's finances indicated that fund raising efforts since July have raised \$1541. The club has been doing well in this area, although additional efforts will be needed.

Legacy of Lions - February 1 to April 30, 1996

1. Lapel pin for each sponsor of a new Lion
2. Our club gets banner patch for 7 new members
3. Chevron for sponsor of 5 new members



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Clyde Judy Feb. 27
 Tom Koon Feb. 06





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Patty Looman Entertains With Hammered Dulcimer

Appropriately enough for the day after Valentine's Day, the Spouse's Night meeting, February 15, was opened with Jim Coleman leading the singing of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Patty Looman presented a program of mountain heritage geared to men, women, and sweethearts. Songs on the program referencing men's names included "Mitchell's Tune," "Whistling Rufus," and "The Washington and Lee Swing."

Then Looman played a beautiful old tune called "Redwing" which was a woman's name. She followed that with some songs of love including the "Honeymoon Waltz," "Wild Rose of the Mountain," and "Pale Wildwood Flower," among others. She concluded with a march, "Under the Double Eagle," before fielding questions from the audience.

The hammered dulcimer is an old instrument, even referred to in the Bible, according to Looman. Having originated in the Middle East, the dulcimer is called by different names and tuned a little differently around the world. Looman indicated that West Virginia has been the most faithful of all the states in preserving this musical heritage. "West Virginia is way, way up on the preservation of this music."

Looman indicated that it was only in this area and one small part of Kentucky that the lap dulcimer was at one time played with a bow.

Looman is well known in the area for her playing and has played with Russell Fluharty in the past. After discussing the instrument, she finished her program by playing a tune she learned from Russell Fluharty, "The West Virginia Waltz."

Slate of Officers Set For March 7 Election



The Nominating Committee has developed a slate of officers and has nominated these Lions for the election to be held at the March 7 meeting. If elected, their terms will begin July 1, 1996.

President	Milt Durbin
1st Vice Pres.	Bill Woodrum
2nd Vice Pres.	Duard Selders
Secretary	Gerald Warren
Treasurer	Jim Coleman
Tail Twisters	Francis Viands
	Tom Spiker
Lion Tamer	Joe Mulvehill
Directors (2 yr.)	Charles Herron
	Warner Glover
(1 yr.)	Bob Brummage
	Clyde Judy
Membership	George Hummell
	(Chair)
	Bob Moffett
	(Vice Chair)
	Earl Carpenter
	Jim Elliott



District 29-L Spring Conference

March 9, 1996

Ramada Inn, Morgantown

Saturday, 1:30 - 3:30 .. Tour the West Virginia Lions Eye Research Center at Ruby Memorial Hospital

Saturday banquet is \$19.00

LCIF Provides Flood Aid To Northern Panhandle

A \$10,000 grant has been made available for the Lions communities in the northern panhandle from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, according to District Governor Tracy Smith. The request was made to LCIF because of the winter flooding in the region and the funds will be used to help aid flood victims in District 29-L.

LCIF is the humanitarian funding arm of Lions Clubs International that gives an opportunity to the Lions of the world to help the local Lions in meeting vital worldwide needs. Emergency grants for up to \$10,000 can be made to districts following natural disasters. During the 1994/1995 year, LCIF made emergency grants totalling \$391,473.

We note with sadness the recent loss of two Past District Governors from Multiple District 29.

P. D. G. Rev. Wayne Vandergrift died Saturday, February 3rd. A past governor of 29-L, Vandergrift was a charter member of the Crossroads Lions Club and a member of the East Grafton Road Lions Club. He was the driver of the Mobile Eye Screening Unit



Wayne Vandergrift

and an ordained minister and pastor of the Seven Pines Community Church in Mannington. He is survived by his wife, Bertha.

It has also been learned that Pete Shaffer, a past governor of 29-O, recently died in Florida.



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Sponsor new members during February, March, and April, 1996, and take your place among the legendary Lions who helped make Lions Clubs International the world's largest service organization.

You'll receive a pin when you sponsor new members; the club can earn a patch for increasing membership by 17%; and if you sponsor five or more new members between July 1, 1995 and June 30, 1996, you will receive a gold tab to wear with your membership pin showing your commitment to creating a new legacy of service for your club.

From the District Governor's Newsletter

The Fairmont Lions Club is ranked 5th among clubs of 41 and over in the Visitation Contest.

Sponsors of a new member by March 31, 1996 will receive a Susan B. Anthony Silver Dollar from the District Governor.



Program Topics for March Deal with Finance Matters

Tom Koon has lined up two programs for the March meetings on the topic of finances.

Our guest speaker on March 7 will be Deborah Miller, Assistant Director of Planned Giving for the West Virginia University Foundation. She will discuss beneficial methods for tax relief and ideas for charitable organizations such as the Lions clubs.

Tom Kliethermes, Investment Broker for Edward D. Jones and Company, will be the speaker at the March 21st meeting.

Meetings are held at Muriale's Restaurant the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Notes from the February Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors met in the conference room as the guest of Secretary H. Gerald Warren on a snowy Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 in the evening.

Present for the meeting were Warren, President Jim Elliott, Milt Durbin, and Bob Moffett. They agreed that the club should temporarily omit the office of Third Vice President, since the membership of the club is only 39.

It was determined that a fund-raising "Yard Sale" would be held at Jim Elliott's home on Saturday, May 18.

Several guests were in attendance at the February 15 meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club. In attendance were Virginia White; Phyllis Mills, guest of Bill Woodrum; and Buck Owens, guest of Gene Martin.

Also at that meeting, Mary Herron was the winner of the door prize. Congratulations!

Bill Woodrum and Gerald Warren attended the Zone Meeting on February 21. The zone will attempt to coordinate a Lions Sight Conservation Day fund raiser set for April 13.



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Elliott Squeaks Out A Win In Controversial Election Race

Jim Elliott barely won the office of Immediate Past President in the recent club elections held in March.

Bob Moffett, in his failed attempt to remain another year in that office, had charged that Elliott's practice of presenting attendance awards at meetings was merely a "thinly-veiled attempt to buy the election."

Elliott defended the practice, but conceded that his campaign expenditures probably had exceeded seventy-five cents per member.

In a statement released today, Moffett indicated that he would not contest the outcome of the election and conceded victory to Elliott.

Before taking this article too seriously, the reader should double-check the publication date at the top. Happy April Fool's Day!

Plan Now to Attend WV Lions State Convention



Kajit Habanananda, Third Vice President of Lions International, will speak Saturday, May 4, at the State Convention in Charleston.

Jack Harris is the candidate for District Governor of 29-L and John Patton is the candidate for Vice Governor.

Seminar topics include identifying community needs which the club can meet, ways of fundraising, and ideas for tail-twisters, among others.

Program Rescheduled Due To Inclement Weather

Only nine members made it through the snow to the March 7 meeting at Muriale's. The scheduled speaker for that evening, Deborah Miller, Assistant Director of Planned Giving for the WVU Foundation, was also unable to get to Fairmont. Her program has been rescheduled for the April 4 meeting.

Following the third reading of the slate of officers, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for their election.

Warner Glover received the attendance award for the meeting.

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES FUND

Expenses	Budget	Thru 2/29
Eyeglasses	\$1000	\$ 509.09
Eye Clinic	100	
Sight/Hear.	600	600.00
Mission	600	556.62
Boy Scouts	100	*
Girl Scouts	50	*
FSC Loan Fnd	100	
Leader Dogs	110	
Unspec.	300	50.00
	\$2960	\$1715.71
Balance at the end of February.....		\$248.31
*Paid in March (see Page 2)		



The Fairmont Lions Club is 73 years old!

Kliethermes Discusses Economic Conditions

Tom Koon introduced the guest speaker for the March 21st meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club held at Muriale's.

Tom Kliethermes of Edward D. Jones and Co. addressed financial matters of concern and fielded questions from several of the members in attendance.

According to Kliethermes, there is good value in tax free bonds which are primarily being ignored in today's market.

He also indicated that historically, the stock market usually rises about 14% in an election year, but he would not be surprised by a downturn in 1997, the year after the election.



More Eyeglasses Approved

At the club meeting of March 21, Bill Woodrum, chair of the Eyeglass Committee, presented five applications for adult glasses. All five were approved by the members in attendance.

Woodrum also mentioned plans in the works for a work day to separate the used glasses the club has been collecting. There are now five regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers in the United States and we will be sending our used eyeglasses through one of these centers to help others lead more productive lives. At the center, they will be prepared for distribution in developing countries by Lions and other groups.



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Eye Clinic Schedule Announced

Three eye clinics are being sponsored this spring by the Fairmont Lions Club. The Mobile Screening Unit of the WV Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation will be used for these clinics.

About 170 young people will be tested at Miller Junior High on Tuesday, April 30, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The van will visit Watson Elementary on Monday, May 6 to test 75 children. An additional clinic may be provided the same day for Literacy Volunteers at White School.

A clinic open to the public will be conducted on the downtown plaza of Huntington Banks on April 14 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Lions are needed for each of these clinics.

Just A Lion Or Two

Club President Jim Elliott was not at the March 21 meeting as his father's funeral was that day. We extend our sympathy.

Please note George Hummel's change of address to P.O. Box 1435, Fairmont, WV, 26555.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Notes from the March Board of Directors Meeting

Nine Lions were in attendance at the Board of Directors meeting on March 14 at the Coldwell Banker offices of Gerald Warren.

Bill Woodrum indicated that Tom Spiker had offered space to work on the used eyeglasses that have been collected and that a date will be set to separate them and get them ready for shipment.

The treasurer was authorized to pay the club's contributions to Boy Scouts (\$100) and to Girl Scouts (\$50). These are the amounts which had been budgeted for this year.



LIONS CLUB YARD SALE
MAY 18, 1996
AT THE HOME OF JIM ELLIOTT
SAVE YOUR YARD SALE MERCHANDISE!

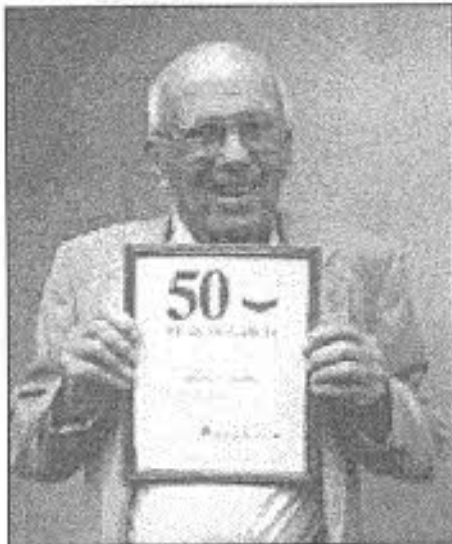
SALE



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At the April 18 meeting, Lion Warner Glover was presented his Monarch Award from Lions International for 50 years of Lionism.

Frank DeGarmo Presents Earth Day Program

Tom Koon introduced the guest speaker at the April 18 meeting. In his Earth Day program, Frank DeGarmo brought with him some of "grandmother's lye soap" and a coal miner's lamp. He emphasized that people years ago used the very same water and soil that we are using now.

DeGarmo described how "privies" were built over the stream so that people didn't have to clean them. Today, most stream pollution comes from fertilizers and weed killers used on lawns, rather than from farming.

His presentation also included a short video that showed how children felt about the environment.



BULLETIN: Employment Requires President-Elect Milt Durbin to Step Down

Because of his employer's requirements, President-Elect Milt Durbin has announced that he will be unable to serve his term as president for the club year 1996-1997.

According to Jim Elliott, club president, a special nomination and election will be held to fill the vacancy.

Eye Clinic Sees Fifteen Referrals

The Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit pulled slowly onto the plaza of *Huntington Banks* Adams Street Branch to set up shop for the Fairmont Lions Club's first eye clinic of the season. Although screenings were delayed briefly at the start due to a "dead" power outlet and a sluggish generator, the public waited patiently and all took their turns to be examined. Bank employee Butch Phillips saved the day by finding us a "live" electrical outlet.

Only 27 people availed themselves of the three hour clinic, but of those, 15 were referred for further examination. Several asked for help from the Lions to pay for their examinations. Those names have been passed on to the Eyeglass Committee or to other area clubs.

Traveling with the mobile unit and conducting the screenings were Paul Van Horn, Charley Lemly, and Bertha Vandergrift. Members of the Fairmont Lions Club who participated were Jim Coleman, Jim Elliott, Francis Viands, Milt Durbin, Duard Selders, Bob Brummage, and Bob Moffett, Clinic Committee Chair.

(See picture on Page 2.)

According to the Constitution and By-Laws, the election will be held immediately after the nominations are closed and a plurality vote shall be necessary for election.

10 Lions Make Fast Work of Old Eyewear

What Eyeglass Committee Chairperson Bill Woodrum expected to be an all-day project was completed in short order because so many Lions pitched in to get the job done.

308 pounds of used eyeglasses were sorted and readied for shipment to the Lions Recycling Center in Muncie, Indiana for distribution around the world.

Ten Lions gathered at Tom Spiker's *World of Plants and Flowers* on Speedway to sort the glasses collected by Lions and through the collection box at Middletown Mall.

Lions participating were Bill Woodrum, Charles Herron, Jim Coleman, Edsel Michael Tom Spiker, Bob Frye, Bob Brummage, Jim Elliott, Duard Selders and Joe Mulvehill.

Overnight Express shipped these glasses at no cost to the Lions Club as their contribution to this cause.



Next Meeting

May 2

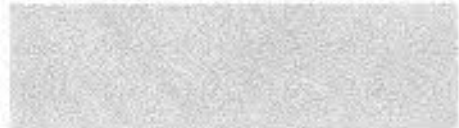
Muriale's

6:30 PM

Topic: Drug Interactions



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Eye Clinics On Tap At Area Schools

The Lions Mobile Screening Unit (shown here at the April 14 clinic) will visit Miller School on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 a.m. Scheduled are Jim Coleman, Earl Carpenter, Lee Meadows, Bob Frey, and Ed Garlow.

The club will also sponsor a clinic for students at Jayenne School on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:30 a.m. Scheduled there are Tom Koon and Charles Herron.

An additional clinic will be conducted at Watson Elementary on May 6 at 9:00 a.m. D. J. Romino is scheduled to help there and additional Lions are needed for this event.

The Fairmont Lions Club is sponsoring a total of four free eye clinics this season in Fairmont.



Just a Lion Or Two May 18 Yard Sale Discussed at Board Meeting

Two members were recognized for their long-term memberships in Lions at the April 18 club meeting.

Tom Robinson was presented his 30 year membership pin and Warner Glover was presented a certificate (see picture on Page 1) for 50 years in Lions.

It is good to see Bob Brummage recovering from surgery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bob Frey 5/22
 Claude Springer 5/27



In addition to eye clinics, eyeglass sorting and upcoming meetings, plans for the Fairmont Lions Club Yard Sale were discussed at the April Board of Directors Meeting held April 9. The sale will be held May 18 at the home of President Jim Elliott.

Present for the meeting were Elliott, Warner Glover, Bill Woodrum, Clyde Judy, Gerald Warren, Milt Durbin, Joe Mulvehill, Bob Moffett and Jim Coleman.

NOTES FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

The Fairmont Club is in Fourth Place following Mt. Olivet, Parkersburg, and Weirton in the Visitation Contest for clubs of 41 members and over. The Fairmont Lioness Club is in First Place.

District 29-L has had a net decrease of 23 members this year while Districts 29-I, 29-O, and 29-N have all seen net increases in membership.



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Crisis Threatens Very Existence Of Fairmont Lions Club

EDITORIAL

Time is running out for the Fairmont Lions Club to find a willing member to lead the club as president for 1996-97. So far, it appears that everybody is taking the "let George do it" approach. Unfortunately, we have not yet found "George."

In 1998, the Fairmont Lions Club should celebrate its 75th Anniversary -- a most significant achievement in the life of the club and in the life of the Fairmont community. What a shame it would be if there is no Fairmont Lions Club in 1998 to claim such an accomplishment.

For 73 years, we have been showing the other clubs in this region how it is done. But if no one steps forward, this club may be done.

Elliott Presides Over Active Year

As he prepares to turn over the reins as president of the Fairmont Lions Club, Jim Elliott can look back at an active club year.

Fund raising activities have included two Saturdays in the fall selling brooms, a fruit cake sale in December, and a planned yard sale this month.



Jim Elliott

The club has provided eyeglasses for individuals, financially supported the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and this year earmarked funds in the budget for Leader Dogs.

The Fairmont Lions Club continued its annual financial support of the West Virginia Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Two new members, Tom Spiker and Francis Viands, were added to the club roster.

Twenty pairs of eyeglasses were provided to needy individuals in Fairmont. The club continued to collect used eyeglasses and 308 pounds were shipped to the Lions Recycling Center for distribution this spring.

Free eye clinics were provided to the public at the Huntington Bank plaza and to school children at Miller and Jayenne schools.

The club held its first cook-out at Pricketts Fort and that event promises to become an annual occurrence.



Awards Presented at May Meetings

At the May 2 meeting, visitation certificates were presented to Jim Coleman (5 visits) and Gerald Warren (15 visits). D. J. Romino received his 25 year membership chevron and Earl Carpenter received his 40 year chevron.

At the May 16 club meeting, Gene Martin was presented his award for 15 years of membership.

Drug Interactions Topic of Program

Judy Owens, Pharmacist at Ryder Pharmacy, discussed precautions needed when taking over-the-counter and prescription medications. She recommended that persons should "deal all the time with one pharmacy. They will know you and will have a record of what you are taking to detect drug interactions."

Program Topic
Prostate Cancer
Thurs., June 6, 6:30

Judge Merrifield Presents Law Day Program

D. J. Romino introduced Judge Rodney Merrifield at the May 16 meeting.

Merrifield discussed what he referred to as the "myth of separation of church and state." He passed around a copy of the 1st Amendment to the Constitution and challenged those in attendance to find a reference to "separation."

Merrifield pointed out that the framers of our Constitution did not want a single denomination but did expect to follow Biblical principles. To make his case, he cited authors of the 1st Amendment and their other writings of the time.

According to Washington's farewell address (which he stated was no longer found in textbooks), patriotism required religion and morality.

Merrifield stated his belief that the Bible should be in schools and suggested that we bring up these points with legislators and politicians.

Muriale's provided a turkey dinner.



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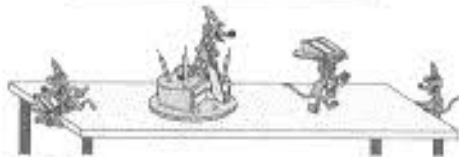
According to Clyde Judy, Eleanor is doing well following her recent surgery.

Tom Spiker's wife has also been in the hospital recently.

Please note a new address for Joe Mulvehill. Joe has moved to a new Fairmont Avenue address. We're happy to report that he moved before his prior residence was demolished. His new address is 507 Fairmont Avenue.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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



The State of West Virginia will be 133 years old on June 20.

Notes from the May Board of Directors Meeting

Five Lions met at Gerald Warren's place of business on May 9 for the Board of Directors meeting. In addition to Warren, those present were Jim Elliott, Warner Glover, Duard Selders and Bob Moffett.

Considerable discussion centered on the crisis facing the club of no member stepping forward to assume the duties of club president. The board decided not to move forward with plans for an Installation of Officers meeting pending the outcome of the search for a president.

The secretary was asked to schedule the District Governor's visit for a meeting night in October or November.

Although Jim Coleman, Treasurer, was away and could not attend the meeting, he had prepared a report which was distributed to the board members present.

Watson School Eye Clinic Postponed Until Fall

Three Lions -- Charles Herron, Tom Koon and D. J. Romino -- and the Mobile Screening Unit appeared as scheduled on May 6 to conduct an eye screening clinic at Watson Elementary School. Unfortunately, the school had not completed preparation for the clinic and it was postponed and later rescheduled for May 29.

May 29 arrived with heavy rain and so the school was contacted and it was determined to cancel the clinic that day and perhaps try again after school starts in the fall.



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