

THE LIONS ROAR

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

Fairmont, West Virginia

September 4, 1970

Our annual meeting at the Crossroads 4-H Club will be held Friday evening, September 11 at 6:30 P.M. This will be a Ladies Nite function. We are each being asked to bring a package suitable for a White Elephant auction. This may just be a discarded item from around the house. If you plan to attend this meeting but have not yet made reservation, please call Lion Woodford Moore immediately.

Lion Donley Schultz, our Sight Conservation Chairman, is a patient in Fairmont General Hospital recuperating from a recent heart attack. We are informed that he is on the road to recovery, but is not yet permitted to have visitors or to receive mail.

Key awards were recently presented to Lions Charles King and William Matheny for sponsoring two or more new members into our Club.

The annual District 29-L Fall Conference will be held in Morgantown Saturday evening, October 3. Our Immediate Past President of Lions International W. R. "Dick" Byran of Doylestown, Ohio will be the guest speaker. Our club should have a large delegation attending this event. If you plan to attend this occasion, please inform our club secretary, Robert Greer so he can make early reservations.

Two members of our club have been appointed to the Cabinet of District Governor, Claude Price. They are Lions E. R. Ressegger and Walter L. Jordan. Lion Ressegger is Zone Chairman of Zone 2, Region III. This zone includes the Barrackville, Fairmont, Monongah and Rivesville Clubs.

Lion Walter Jordan is Membership Development and Extension Chairman for Region III. The following clubs are in this Region: Clay-Batelle, Fairview, Grant Town, Morgantown, Westover, Barrackville, Fairmont, Monongah, and Rivesville.

Eye Pledge Cards have been signed by two local citizens and have been submitted through our club.

The Fund Raising Committee is meeting this week to prepare plans for the Annual Light Blue Sale.

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ANNUAL LIGHT BULB SALE

Our annual fund raising project of selling light bulbs has been set for October 13 and 14. The membership of the club has been divided into thirteen teams and a goal has been set to cover the entire city. An order has been placed for 1005 packages of bulbs to sell at \$2.00 each. It is the feeling of your Fund Raising Committee that we can and will surpass all previous records.

Team captains are urged to contact each member of their teams by telephone or otherwise to get them out to help with this important project. Prizes have been donated by several of our members which will be used to award the individual members who do an outstanding selling job. Among the donors of the prizes are the Rawlings Opticianry, Say-Boy Steak House, and Monongahela Candy Company. Perhaps there will be others.

The president of our club will award a Citation of Merit to each of the twenty top sellers in this campaign. The committee is developing some special recognition for the outstanding team. LET'S ALL BE ON HAND TO MAKE THIS THE BEST LIGHT BULB SALE YET.

ATTENDS FALL CONFERENCE

Our club was represented at the Fall Conference in Morgantown, Saturday evening, October 3 by the following persons - Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodrum, E. R. Ressegger, Col. Charles S. Hault, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Springer, Mr. and Mrs. James Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles King. The group heard a very interesting and informative talk by the Immediate Past President of Lions International--W. R. "Dick" Bryan of Doylestown, Ohio.

LION FRUM PASSES

Members of our club mourn the death of Lion Allison B. Frum who passed away on September 11 after a brief illness. Not only was he a leader in the Lions Club, but was active in many community and civic activities. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Marion County Board of Education. Lion Frum had been a member of our club since May 1943 and was a Past President.

NEW HIGHWAY SIGNS

The committee on the maintenance of our highway LIONS signs will all be replaced with new ones this evening. This should be an impressive improvement both to our club and the community. Members of the sign committee are Ronald A. Garletts, chairman, Charles W. Herron and Robert Greer.

BABY DAUGHTER FOR THE HAGY'S

Word has reached the membership of the arrivals of a 7½ pound daughter to Lion Major William K. Hagy. The little one arrived August 27 and has been named Melissa. Major Hagy is serving with our military forces in Vietnam. Mrs. Hagy is residing in El Paso, Texas during the Major's tour of duty with the Army.

PROGRAM THIS WEEK

Program Chairman, Col Charles S. Hoult has announced that our program Friday, October 9 will be an address by Dr. Richard Lengal, Associate professor of history of the Fairmont State College staff. Dr. Lengal will report on his recent visit to Russia. This should be a very interesting program.

COMING PROGRAMS

- October 16 - Lion Swain L. Wollard will present a preview of his nationwide TV program on Air and Water Pollution and Conservation.
- October 23 - Lions E. R. Ressegger and Russell W. Knotts will report on their attendance at the National Council of Boy Scouts of America held in Denver, Colorado last spring. Lion Ressegger will also give a resume of his visit to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.
- October 30 - Dr. E. K. Feaster, President of Fairmont State College will speak to us on the programs and growth of the college.
- November 6 - Carl Floyd Prickett, former owner of the Fairmont Business College will give us a talk on his trip to the Holy Lands.
- November 20 - Col. William D. Ward, professor of Military Science at West Virginia University will present our Veterans Day Program.
- November 27 - Thanksgiving Weekend - No Meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

Our District Governor has set a goal of nearly 750 new members in our district this year. Will our club provide its share of this number? HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO BECOME A MEMBER RECENTLY?

UNITED FUND

A number of our members are helping with the current United Fund Drive in our county. Our own Robert K. Powell is the President of United Fund. A number of our members are volunteer workers. Let each of us do our own share in this worthy cause by supporting the current drive both financially and with our own volunteer efforts.



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Fairmont Lions Club  
Fairmont, West Virginia  
January 4, 1971

As many of you know, our weekly meetings at the Fairmont Hotel have been suspended for the next three months during a renovation program of the hotel's kitchen and dining facilities. A committee composed of Lions Woodford Moore and Robert Greer have worked out arrangements to hold our meetings at Hando's Restaurant on Merchant Street during this remodeling period at the hotel. Lions may use the parking lot at Hando's ice cream place on Newton Street. The price of the meal at Hando's will be \$2.50 per person.

The menu will vary from week to week and will consist of a meat entry, salad, two vegetables, dessert and coffee. It was necessary, however, to guarantee Hando's a weekly attendance of at least 35 persons. Let each of us strive to be present in order to meet this guarantee.

For our first program at Hando's which will be 6:30, Friday evening, January 8, Lion Woodford Moore will show color slides of his travels through Spain, Portugal and Africa. President W. W. Woodrum has also announced that there will be a brief, but very important business meeting. We should each be present to hear President Bill's plans for the remainder of the year as well as to help with the activities and growth of our Club.

A message came through from Treasurer Ted Sole. "Dues are Due" says Lion Ted. Treasurer Sole told me that if our club was to meet its payment of District dues, International dues and other Administrative expense on schedule, it would be necessary for each of us to meet our personal obligation by paying our membership dues for the second half.

Fund Raising Chairman, Walter Jordan has announced that he has a new shipment of brooms on hand. Any Lion who has a request for a broom can secure one by contacting Lion Jordan.

The December issue of the District Governor's bulletin has been received. Among the clubs selected by our District Governor for recognition, our Club was noted for the success of our recent Light Bulb Sale.

In the District Contests, our club ranks third in Visitation, 21st in the District Governor's Contest, 20th in Membership Development and fifth in Publicity. We can do better than this. It is important that we each do the best we can to make this a memorable year for President-Lion Bill Woodrum and our other officers. In fact, an outstanding year in service to our community and to those less fortunate than ourselves would be a tribute to each of us.

Speaking of Membership, the months of January and February have been designated as the District Governor's Membership Development Program months.

The purpose of this program is to show a substantial increase in membership in Lionism through the District. Our club needs to take an active part in this program as our membership has dropped from 70 members on July 1st to 66 members at the end of December. Have you recently extended the hand of fellowship and

invited a neighbor, a friend, a business associate or co-worker to become a lion.

Lion Woodford Moore has informed me that the official visit of the District Governor to our club has been scheduled for Friday evening, March 26. This gala and important function of our club will be held ~~in social rooms of the Diamond Street Methodist Church.~~ This will be a Ladies Nite Program.

We are now at the half-way mark in this year of Lionism. Thus, it is time that we take inventory to see where we have been, where we are and where we are going. In other words what are our accomplishments and what are our goals for the next six months.

To mention some of our growth and accomplishments, let's first consider our program. Lion Col. Charles Hault and his committee members have arranged to a wide and varied series of programs of interesting and timely topic. To mention only a few of them, we enjoyed a program by Glenn Lough, local historian and author of the recent Marion County History; a run-down of the football season at W. V. U. by Don Young, Freshman Coach at the University; a program by William Galbus, plant manager of Alcan Aluminum Company; H. E. Duvall, Football Coach at Fairmont State College; Norman Laughlin, Public Relations Manager of Monongahela Power Company; Col. William D. Ward, Professor of Military Science at West Virginia University; Carl Floyd Prickett presented a program on the Holy Lands. Our own member, Dr. Paul Opp presented a very interesting program on mushroom hunting. There were many more interesting and worthwhile programs.

Among our benevolence activities, our club provided a Christmas party for 53 underprivileged children of the Union Rescue Mission. Each child was given a bag containing candy, an orange and a popcorn ball. Each child was also given a toy. Total cost of this activity was \$269.41.

A contribution of \$35.25 was made to the Rescue Mission. Fifteen of our members assisted the Salvation Army during the Christmas season by ringing bells for the Christmas Kettles. A collection of \$106.00 was reported during this one day activity. Three pair of eyeglasses have been purchased for needy school children.

The Fund Raising Committee has reported a successful Light Bulb Sale which netted the Club a profit exceeding \$727.00. The most important thing about this project will be how well this money is put to work to make Fairmont a better community.

Wouldn't it be GRAND if President Bill Woodrum could report to our community and to the World of Lionism that 40 children are better students because a Lions Club exists here. Yes, let's tell Fairmont that we are truly LIONS - that we can conduct a successful Fund Raising project and that we CAN also put the money to work where it is needed most. Too many Lions Clubs are dying today because the membership has lost sight of the true Spirit of Lionism. A small club in our District with about 20 members a year ago now has exceeded a total of 30 members. This small club is passing all the largest clubs in the district in community service projects.

Let's Get On The Band Wagon Today!

We Will Grow - Grow - Grow.

It Is Great To Be A Lion!

Let's Also Be Proud To Be One

Wear Our Emblem With Distinction!!!

Walter L. Jordan



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Fairmont Lions Club  
Fairmont, West Virginia  
February 5, 1971

### District Governor's Bulletin

The January issue of the District Governor's Bulletin has just been received. The Contest standing of the 52 Clubs in our district were listed as of December 31, 1970. Our club ranked as follows: Visitation, fourth place; Membership Development, 29th place; District Governor's Contest, 21st place; and Publicity, fifth place.

Our hats are off to the members of the Chester Club who hold first place position in the District Governor's Contest and the Publicity Contest at the half-way point of our year. This is a club of 33 members serving a community of less than 3500 people. It is amazing the number of community and humanitarian activities that this same club is doing.

### New Club Chartered

A new Lions Club was chartered at Lubeck in our district on Saturday evening, January 30, 1971. Lubeck is in Wood County just a few miles south of Parkersburg. The new club has 51 members.

### District Governor Improving

We are happy to report that District Governor, Claude Price has returned home from the hospital and is making a splendid recovery from a recent heart attack. The work of the District Governor is being performed by several members of the Cabinet, Past District Governors and other Lions throughout the district. Yours truly recently made the Governor's official visit to a joint meeting of the Fairview and Grant Town Clubs.

### Dues Are Due

Our Treasurer, Lion Ted Sole reminds us that some of us have not yet paid our membership dues for the third and fourth quarters. To help our club stay in good financial standing, we should each pay our dues now to June 30, 1971.

Lions Seal Sale

Our annual seal sale is close at hand. The seals, envelopes and stationery for this activity are on hand. Other plans for this project are rapidly developing. Below is a copy of the letter to be mailed out with the seals.

February 15, 1971

Dear Neighbor:

It is, again, time for our annual seal sale to raise additional funds for the continuation of our Sight Conservation work in the Fairmont area.

Lions Clubs everywhere are reaching out in a new and expanded program to meet the challenge of providing humanitarian services for our less fortunate friends and neighbors. Sight Conservation is a major activity of Lions around the world. We provide Leader Dogs, White Canes, Eye Glasses, Cornea Transplants and other eye surgery for those who might be doomed otherwise to live in a world of darkness.

Many citizens of our state, who were blind for many years, have had their sight restored through the financial help of Lions Clubs. In Fairmont, many students have been able to see better and make higher grades because of eyeglasses provided by our local club.

Today, Lions are extending a hand of friendship and service to those who need the warmth of a kind hand, an understanding heart and an expression of love. We invite you to share with us this wonderful experience of helping others.

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in making your contribution. Make checks payable to Fairmont Lions Club Sight Conservation Fund.

Thank you for your consideration and help.

W. W. Woodrum, President  
Fairmont Lions Club



## February 12 Program

Our members will be privileged to hear the story of a young man who was once blind, but has had his sight restored through the help of Lions when a Marietta College student addresses our club. Below is a copy of the news story covering this program as it has been released to the local papers.

"A Man Blind For Eight Years, But Now Can See," will be the subject of a talk at a meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club when the Lions meet at Hando's Restaurant on Merchant Street, Friday evening, February 12. Blind for eight years, Roland Smiley of Westport, Connecticut and a Junior at Marietta (Ohio) College will tell the local Lions of some of his experiences in blindness and his appreciation to the Lions Clubs for their help in getting his sight restored. Mr. Smiley returned to Marietta College last fall with his sight and an important mission to perform--the instruction of three Marietta College freshmen blind since birth.

Smiley, an articulate psychology major was blinded in two separate accidents in 1961 and 1962. Confused by the misfortune, the then 15-year old Smiley withdrew for a period of several months to work out his reaction to blindness. He decided to try to overcome it.

He resumed his schooling in September of 1963 and adapted to his familiar surroundings with the use of a cane.

"Blindness in the beginning was a difficult obstacle to accept but with the use of the cane, I was able to gain back most of the independence I had lost. As long as I accepted my handicap and others knew that I accepted it, I was not deterred academically or inhibited socially," he says.

### ANOTHER MAJOR DECISION FACED

Smiley was graduated from high school in June of 1967 and at that point faced another decision in his life--to stay and work in the familiar setting of his own hometown or to enter the totally strange world of a college campus.

"I took a year off," he recalls "to determine if I wanted to enter a totally new environment and decided that I did want very much to continue my education and show people that a blind person does not have to be cooped up in a factory the rest of his life."

Roland talked with Marietta College Director of Admissions Ross Lenhart when Lenhart visited Staples High School on a recruiting trip and Smiley became interested enough to fly to Marietta that summer to observe the campus and apply for admission.

"I was accepted at four other schools but chose Marietta because of its size and programs. It was a fairly small campus physically, was relatively small in enrollment and had less structured curriculum that I felt would let me pursue the things that interested me most. "The fact that Marietta was approximately 600 miles from his home in Connecticut did not deter him in his decision.

Smiley arrived in August of 1968 and spent four full days just walking the campus to learn the routes from his dormitory room to his classes, dining hall and other buildings. "One of the worst things that happened to me was falling in a rain barrel," he remembers.

He recalls also that after an understandable period of uneasiness, he was accepted by his fellow students.

"You have to have a sense of humor," he says relating the night at 3:00 a.m. his roommates changed his Braille watch to read 7 a.m. and then rang the alarm clock. Hurried by admonitions that he shouldn't be late for class, he showered, shaved, dressed and rushed, cane in hand, from the dorm.

"I got half way to the dining hall when my ears told me it was too quiet for 7:30 a.m. and I figured out what had happened. We all got a big laugh out of the prank. It's the kind of thing that makes you feel you're just one of the guys.

#### SPEEDED UP RECORDED MATERIAL

Using tape-recorded editions of his text books and by recording lectures by his professors, Smiley was able to perform as a college student. He trained his ear to comprehend recorded material speeded up to about 800 word per minute, even though the voices sound like a bunch of chipmunks.

Having undergone four previous operations which were failures, Smiley was hopeful but somewhat skeptical as he entered Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City last May 18 with some help of the Lions in his home state for yet another operation. But this was a revolutionary new procedure and operation by Arthur Devoe in which he placed a mushroom-shaped lens in the scar tissue of the eye and literally bolted it in place, using the scar tissue as sort of washer.

The next day, the bandages were removed. "It was not like the Hollywood version when they removed the bandages," he relates, "because I was still blind and saw absolutely no light. For two weeks I could see nothing and was pretty discouraged. Gradually, I began to perceive light and then gray forms. One night, as I was crossing the parking lot of a discount store, I looked up and saw a fuzzy sign which said 'BARKERS' and I suddenly realized that I could really see and read for the first time in eight years. Now, I have 95 percent sight in the one eye."

Significantly, Smiley volunteered to work with Marietta's three blind freshmen before he had any idea he might recover his sight.

The three students--Peggy Covey of Columbus, Ohio, Mike Blanck of Fairfield, Connecticut and Richard Ring of Middletown, New Jersey--had all heard of the blind Smiley at Marietta. Mike's hometown is near Westport and thus he knew of Smiley and Richard learned of Smiley through a high school tutor who attended Marietta College.

Encouraged by Smiley's voluntary offer to teach them the campus, the three blind students applied and were accepted with the realization that serving blind students was still a new experience for the College and attending college would be a new and difficult experience for them.



Last fall, the three students and their teacher arrived a week early for an intensive training program. Working individually with the three, Smiley put in 80 hours teaching them the campus and the routes between the buildings.

"Sometimes I would have to close my eyes and use the cane to recall the best way to learn how to cope with a given situation," Smiley recalls. He adamantly favors a cane over a dog or electronic device because, "it keeps you in physical contact with the world around you while a dog will lead you around a lot of that world. "Besides," he adds with a smile, "a cane is a lot cheaper."

The students learned well, but not without innumerable repetition and sometimes difficulty. But by the opening of classes they had all three achieved good campus mobility to the essential places such as classes, bookstore, dining hall and dormitory. Still, Smiley continues to work with the three as much as 30 - 40 hours a week to enlarge their mobility on campus as well as in the community.

Admissions Director Lenhart recognizes the challenge and the difficulties of admitting blind students to Marietta but feels the potential is worth the gamble.

"To paraphrase the late John F. Kennedy," he says, "what counts is not what Marietta College can do for the students but, more important, what can they do for Marietta College. They add a new dimension to the educational experience of all of us."

Mr. Smiley has been talking to Lions groups in the Marietta area and to Lions Clubs in Wood, Pleasants and Ritchie counties of West Virginia expressing his gratitude to Lions and others for help given him during his ordeal with blindness and emphasizing that blindness is not the end of the road for anyone. He has high praise for Lions Clubs and their activities in Sight Conservation programs. Mr. Smiley will be accompanied to Fairmont by M. Stanley Lacy and Shirley Morton, both Past District Governors of District 29-L Lions International and members of the Williamstown Lions Club.

Smiley expects to return to the hospital during the coming summer months for additional surgery in the hopes of having sight restored to his other eye.

#### Donal Showalter Ill

Word has just been received that Donal Showalter, our International Representative in West Virginia is confined to a hospital in his home state of Indiana. He may undergo surgery while there.

His address is:

Lion Donal Showalter  
Box 216  
Upland, Indiana 46989



## 1971 State Convention

The West Virginia Lions Golden Anniversary Convention will be held in Charleston, May 21, 22 and 23. Each club should make hotel reservations for its delegates direct with the hotel. The recommended housing facilities include the Daniel Boone, the Holiday Inn, the Charleston House or the Heart O' Town Motel. The Daniel Boone will be the headquarters hotel.

## Candidate For District Governor

William J. McCurdy, a member of the Wheeling Lions Club has announced that he will be a candidate for District Governor subject to the vote of the delegates at the Charleston Convention. Lion Bill is Sight Conservation Chairman on the District Governor's Cabinet this year. A fine Lion--this guy McCurdy!

## Membership Development

January and February were designated as the Districts Governor's Membership Development months throughout Lions International. Have you invited someone to become a member of our club recently? Our District Governor's goal is to add 720 new members in our district this year.

## Get One For Claude

Momentum is growing throughout the district for a special membership drive in March. It would be designated as "Get A Member For Claude Month." We are sure that this would please our District Governor very much and will help him on the road to recovery. More on this activity after the Cabinet Meeting on February 7.

NOW IS THE TIME TO FIND A NEW MEMBER.

LET'S SHARE OUR LIONISM WITH OTHERS!

INVITE SOMEONE TODAY.

Walter L. Jordan

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Fairmont, West Virginia  
May 11, 1971

Our hats are off to Lion Woody Moore for an outstanding job in arranging a program honoring the past presidents of our club. Fifty-four persons attended the function which was held in the Diamond Street Methodist Church, Friday evening, May 7. Fourteen past presidents were present to receive recognition and an expression of thanks from the club.

Two new members were inducted into membership during the meeting. They were Charles Duvall, an employee of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, and Ralph U. Gilbert, a retired employee of Monongahela Power Company.

Members present at the April 30 meeting enjoyed a visit from Lion Major William K. Hagy, who was in Fairmont for a few days on a journey from the war zone in Vietnam to a tour of duty in Germany.

For the past few months, our meetings have been held at Hando's Restaurant on East Side where we had enjoyed delicious food and excellent service. Now, we are returning to the Fairmont Hotel for our regular meetings.

Beginning Friday, May 14, our meetings will again be held at the hotel. The price of the meal there will be \$3.00 which will include a buffet style meal, tax, tip, parking in either of the hotel's two parking lots and membership in the Town and Country Club. There will also be a relish dish provided before each meal.

A Zone Social Meeting will be held at the Fairmont State College, Friday evening, June 18. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the price will be \$3.00. Past District Governor F. R. "Hance" Moffett will be the guest speaker. Our own Lion-Zone Chairman, E. R. Ressegger is arranging the event.

Installation of new officers will be held Friday, June 25. More on this later.

SEE YOU FRIDAY, MAY 14, 6:30 P.M.

FAIRMONT HOTEL