

Club Officers

2nd Vice President....Guy Ward
 Secretary.....Bob Moffett
 Treasurer.....Bob Brummage
 Tail Twisters.....Jacob Brummage
 Ralph Davis

Directors....
 1 yr Leroy Humberston
 1 yr Nancy Sickles
 2 yr Nick Fantasia
 2 yr David Sturm

Immediate Past
 President.....Virginia Gallion

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
 39 Philips Lane
 Fairmont, WV

- Oct. 24 Working Meeting
 11:00 am
 Sorting Nuts at
 Neese's Residence
- Oct. 25 No Meeting
- Oct. 27 Chicken Roast &
 Broom Sale
 10:00 am
 VFW Post 7048
 Morgantown Ave.
- Nov. 8 Business Meeting
 Select Peace Poster
 Winners & Pick up
 Bags to buy gifts for
 Christmas Party
 6:30 pm
 Mom's Place
- Dec. 8 Christmas Parade
- Dec. 15 Christmas Party for
 Children
 Union Mission
- Dec. 27 No Meeting



We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count.
 —Neil A. Maxwell



We Serve



The Mane Growl



95 YEARS of SERVICE
 TO FAIRMONT

Fairmont Lions Club October-November 2018 Volume 33 Number 3



Cindy Masturzo, of The Connecting Link, receives the club's check from VP Guy Ward.

Fairmont Lions Club Continues To Help Homeless Obtain Housing

Cindy Masturzo, Interim Executive Director of The Connecting Link, spoke to the club at the September 27th meeting. She indicated that last year's donation from the club provided 69 people with official identification cards, enabling them to secure much needed services, such as housing. Unfortunately, they ran out of funds. The cost of a West Virginia ID has now increased to \$43. Club vice president Guy Ward presented the club's check for this club year of \$300 to Masturzo to continue the ID Project.

Columbus Carpenter Named West Virginia Veteran Of The Year

At the September 13th meeting, Columbus Carpenter told about his service from joining the Boy Scouts to teaching 13 merit badges at scout camp, as well as his volunteer work with the veterans. He was presented a trophy and was named the West Virginia Veteran of the Year during a program at Camp Dawson. At the September 27th meeting, the board of directors recommended and the membership approved by vote that the club donate \$200 toward the Korean War Veterans Memorial, for which Columbus has been raising funds in the community.



Jake Brumage presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Columbus Carpenter, shown holding the award he received as the West Virginia Veteran of the Year.

Chicken Roast To Benefit Fairmont Lions Club

Columbus Carpenter announced that he is holding a chicken roast on Saturday, October 27, at VFW Post 7048 on Morgantown Avenue with proceeds to benefit the Fairmont Lions Club. The sale will start at 10:00 am and continue until they are sold out (usually about 2:00 pm). The only expenses will be the chicken and charcoal. That cost will come from the receipts. The club is planning to have some brooms for sale at the chicken roast, as well. Columbus has a team of volunteers to roast the chickens, so Lions may spend time selling the brooms for the club. Columbus Carpenter also routinely collects and boxes used eyeglasses from most of the club's collection locations.

CHICKEN ROAST

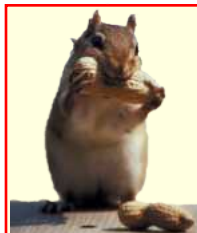
Benefits Fairmont Lions Club

Saturday, October 27, 2018
 VFW Post 7048 Morgantown Ave.

\$6.00 per Half Chicken
 10 a.m. Until Sold Out

Special Meeting Set To Sort Nuts

Ed Neese reported that the Terri Lynn nuts have been received and the club will meet Wednesday, October 24, 11:00 am, for the purpose of sorting and distributing the nuts to members. Jackie and Ed have graciously offered a light lunch at their home, 405 Gaston Avenue (next door to the Huntington drive-thru). This has proven to be a successful fundraiser for the club.





Mary Kay Bond, Executive Director of Read Aloud WV, is seen orienting new classroom readers for Read Aloud WV.

31 Volunteer Readers Receive Orientation

A Volunteer Reader Orientation was held September 26th at the Marion County Public Library. Orientation was provided by Mary Kay Bond, Executive Director of Read Aloud WV. There were 31 new readers oriented at that time. Many of those are now being utilized in elementary and kindergarten classrooms throughout the 12 schools now enrolled in Read Aloud WV. Another Reader Orientation is being planned for November 5th from 6:00–7:30 pm at the Baptist Temple.

Since 2014, when the Read Aloud WV was adopted as a part of the Reading Action Program with three schools enrolled, the program now includes every county elementary school, according to Aletta Moffett, Marion Co. chapter president.



Peace Posters To Be Judged

On Thursday, November 8th, Peace Posters from the three Marion County participating schools will be judged at the Fairmont Lions Club meeting. Jacob Brumage and Ralph Davis distributed the poster kits to the schools.

Children in Fairmont, ages 11, 12 and 13, as of November 15th are being given a creative way to express their visions of peace through the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. One grand prize winner and 23 merit winners are chosen each year. The contest is sponsored by Lions clubs in local schools and youth groups around the world. This year's theme is "Kindness Matters."

Christmas Shopping Begins

This year's Christmas Party for underprivileged children will again be held at the Union Mission on December 15th. Club members will receive \$15 to spend for each child and the sacks for the gifts will be available at the November 8th meeting. Members are encouraged to get at least one item from the child's wish list where possible. Virginia Gallion, chairperson, indicated that members are not expected to spend more than \$15 per child.

The Union Mission began receiving applications October 9th and will continue through November 1st.

Last year, the club obtained some winter coats through a coat drive. This year, Ed Neese was able to get 28 coats for the party from the Knights of Columbus.

Subway will provide snacks and soft drinks for the party.

Plans Underway For Christmas Parade

Marci Carroll, chairperson for the Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, has been busy organizing. The permit has been secured, as well as cooperation from the Fire Department and Police Reserves. Again this year, the parade will be held in conjunction with the Feast of the Seven Fishes on Saturday, December 8th, pulling out at 5:00 pm. It looks like all three county high school bands will participate and will again include a Blessing of the First Responders. Santa is expected to arrive by fire truck. Marci is in need of two to four handheld radios for communication. Lenny the Lion (from the Friendly Lions Club) has committed for a return appearance.

The Fairmont Lions Club will have a decorated truck and will need two people to carry the banner. A few Lions could help chalk the lineup spots the day before the parade, probably about 1:00 pm on Friday. Help is also needed for lineup beginning at 3:15 pm for the two "VIP" blocks on Fourth Street between Fairmont Avenue and Virginia Avenue.



Aletta Moffett, Nancy Sickles, Bob Brummage and Ed Neese are trying to keep warm on a chilly and damp Saturday morning selling apples, brooms and mops, at the Middletown Mall on October 13th. Brummage made a trip to Romney to load his trailer with apples for the sale. As of October 22, only six bags remain.



Eight Individuals Provided Exams and Eyeglasses

Keith Long, Eyeglasses Chairperson, reports that eight persons were approved by the Eyeglasses Committee to receive eye exams and glasses for September.

Club Collects and Donates Used Hearing Aids

The Fairmont Lions Club has collected four hearing aids and donated them to member Ashley Merrifield for "Helping Little MountainEARS Hear."

Plan To Attend Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

The Lions will gather to hear inspirational speakers and attend informative seminars at the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat January 25 & 26, 2019, at Days Inn Flatwoods. The cost of \$100 includes dinner Friday evening, lunch on Saturday and dinner Saturday, as well as materials for the Retreat. The fee for Saturday only is \$75. The registration deadline is January 18, 2019 and room reservations at the Days Inn (call 866-700-7284) are due by January 4 (\$89.99 for 1 or 2 people or \$99.99 for 3 or 4 people). Breakfast is included for those staying at the hotel.

Retreat activities include seminars, computer lab for online training, silent auction, hospitality room, door prizes, keynote speakers and more. For a registration form, visit <http://wvlions.org/LeadershipSchool/pdf/RegistrationForm.pdf> or ask Bob Moffett, club secretary for a copy. It is a great opportunity for networking with Lions from around the state and beyond.

Women's Health

Awareness Day

October 5, 2018



Fairmont Lions Club,

The Marion County Breast Cancer Coalition appreciates members with your club coming and being a part of the annual health awareness event at Fairmont Regional Medical Center. The eye exams and assistance in getting a much needed pair of glasses for some truly helps make a difference. Your support helped make our 13th annual Women's Health Awareness Day held on Friday, October 5, 2018 a resounding success.

The goal of this annual event is to focus on cancer prevention and other facets of good health by providing free screenings and awareness. Two hundred twenty five attendees registered and received health care information and many took advantage of the free screenings offered. Early detection is helping make a difference in many lives.

Thank you for your support to this health awareness event. God bless your club in all its endeavors in our community

Stella Hawk

Member of the Marion County Breast Cancer Coalition

Mint Sales Continue

Thanks to club member Ed Neese, who supplies mints to local businesses, the Lions Mints continue to add to the clubs fundraising efforts. Since July, sales of mints have brought in \$164.

Gifts for Veterans

The Fairmont Lions Club has purchased 20 kits to be given to veterans at the Veterans Hospital during the Christmas season. This is a project that Ed & Jackie Neese have been working on through the Knights of Columbus and they are getting additional kits as well.

FY 2018 Fairmont Lions Club

People Served: 1550

People Served per
Member: 52

Service Activities
Completed: 19

Volunteer Hours: 120



District Governor
 Gary Pitcock



Lions On The Web

Lions Clubs International
www.lionsclubs.org

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)
www.wvlions.org

District 29-L Lions
www.lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation
www.wvsight.org

Fairmont Lions Club
fairmontlions.org

Just A Lion or Two

We extend our sympathy to Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Colman in the passing of Elizabeth's son, Wayne Swiger. Congratulations to Nick Fantasia, who was recognized for 38 years of service as the "Voice of the Bees."

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Club Screens Eyes in October

The Fairmont Lions Club took part in the Women's Health Awareness Day by conducting vision screening at Fairmont Regional Medical Center October 5th. Twenty-two adults were screened for visual acuity and glaucoma. Of those, nine were referred. A club display was set up with club brochures available along with flyers about glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and age-related macular degeneration. Club members Aletta Moffett, Kelly Shreves, Bob Brummage, Ashley Merrifield, Beulah Miller and Bob Moffett provided 27 volunteer hours.



Community Eye Screening For Children 

Club members have also been screening the eyes of pre-schoolers throughout the month. Forty-nine children at Kids R Special Day Care were screened on October 8th, with another 17 screened on October 9th, accounting for nine referrals. Aletta Moffett, Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett volunteered about 10½ hours for these two days.

Aletta and Bob Moffett screened 22 children at Bumble Bear Corner Child Care Center on October 12th. There were five referrals and three volunteer hours involved. Bob Brummage and Bob Moffett screened five children at East Fairmont Early Head Start on October 15th, with no referrals and two volunteer hours.

Nancy Sickles and Bob Moffett screened 10 children at the Baptist Temple Pre-School on October 17th, with three referrals and three volunteer hours. Nancy and Bob also screened 25 children at Fritzs Rugratz Day Care in White Hall on October 22nd with three referrals and three volunteer hours.

All children screened were between six months and six years of age. Total children screened: 128 Total Referrals: 20

A screening planned at Edgemont Head Start was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict, but they hope the club can screen there in the spring.

We were informed that a child we had referred last year was taken by the parents to see an eye doctor and was found to be legally blind in one eye and is now being treated.