

1923



1963

LIONS CLUB
OF
FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA

District 29-L

40th Anniversary
BIRTHDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M.

MARCH 15, 1963

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

901 Fairmont Ave.
FAIRMONT, W. VA.

GREETINGS

Greetings to the Fairmont Lions, their Ladies, and other distinguished guests who, tonight, have come to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the founding of our club.

We especially want to honor the Past Presidents with us tonight, and to pay our respects to those departed from us.

From the presentation of our Charter on the night of March 23, 1923, the Lions Club of Fairmont is proud to have completed four decades of service to the community; proud also to be one of the 15,805 clubs banded together in high standards and ideals as Lions International, the largest and most progressive service organization in the world.

—Charles Herron, President

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB PAST PRESIDENTS

1923 to 1963

c H. R. Yost (d) 23	* William T. Martin
c Luke Ollis (d)	* H. G. Boyers
c Harry S. Price (d)	* James D. Cain
c Dr. Fred Morris (d)	* A. L. Hamilton
Harvey Shain (d)	Arthur Cassell (d)
c Paul Amos (d)	Woodford Moore
* Rev. W. P. Cline	Hubert Boice
* J. H. Higinbotham	* Earl Burchett
* Linn V. Hall	George Turley
* Carl Turnley (d)	* Ralph Dunsmore
Marshall M. Hamilton	A. B. Frum
Paul F. Opp	* Clarence Wright 54
c M. E. Miller (d)	Donley T. Shultz
* Glenn A. Keister (d)	Charles Rawlings
DG Charles S. Hoult	Charles Herron 1963 - 62
Dr. Morris E. Brown	E. R. Ressegger 57
J. Arthur Cunningham	DG C. E. Queen 58
* Alfred E. Stewart	* Ralph Watts 59
* William Kirchman	Anker Olsen 60
R. M. Watkins	Thomas Orgill 61

d deceased
c charter member
DG District Governor
* moved or withdrawn

CLUBS SPONSORED BY FAIRMONT LIONS

Farmington Lions Club, 1929	Worthington Lions Club, 1945
Rivesville Lions Club, 1943	Mannington Lions Club, 1945
Fairview Lions Club, 1945	Barrackville Lions Club, 1958

MENU

	Tomato Juice		Tossed Salad
Celery	Carrots	Olives	Radishes
		Baked Steak	
Mashed Potatoes			Lima Beans
Rolls			Cake, Cherry Sauce
	Coffee	Mints	

PROGRAM

Call to Order	President Charles Herron
America	<i>M. Hamilton</i> Lions and Guests
Pledge of Allegiance	<i>C. D. Stalnaker</i> Lions and Guests
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Edward J. Dreisinger
Dinner	
Lion Songs - Led by Marshall Hamilton and Paul Donham	<i>Mrs. Steve Sanders</i> Lions and Guests
Welcome and Introduction of Program Chairman	President Charles Herron
Selected Music	"Choraliers" of W.F.H.S. Directed by Miss Betty Lou Knapp
Remarks and Introduction of Lion Officials	President Charles Herron Zone Chairman Woodford Moore International Councilman C. E. (Ed) Queen District Governor Herb Heft Past International President Dudley Simms International Director Walter Purdy
Address	Dr. Lytle C. Fowler, International Director
Announcements	President Charles Herron
God Bless America	Lions and Guests

Anniversary Party Committee

Elmer Hatfield, Chairman	
Marshall Hamilton, Donley Shultz	George Turley
John Ross	U. D. Flint

1962 Membership

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB ROSTER
(With Year Inducted)

William Beall	'62	George A. Mason	'61
Hubert E. Boice	'44	Carl S. Miller	'45
Robert W. Bom	'54	Don Miller	'47
G. A. Brown	'40	Charles E. Moore	'53
G. T. Brown	'60	Woodford E. Moore	'32
Dr. M. E. Brown	'36	Anker Olsen	'47
Earl L. Carpenter	'56	Paul F. Opp	'33
H. J. Casto	'61	Thomas L. Orgill	'55
Merritt E. Chambers	'28	Ralph E. Parrish	'55
Paul W. Conaway	'48	Robert K. Powell	'43
J. Arthur Cunningham	'36	Howard E. Pyles	'57
Paul J. Donham	'43	C. E. Queen	'51
Sam J. Elliott	'48	Charles B. Rawlings	'47
F. K. Everest	'58	Ellsworth Ressegger	'48
U. David Flint, Jr.	'57	Rev. Wm. R. Richmond	'53
Robert B. Frazier, Sr.	'59	John H. Ross	'39
Robert B. Frey	'50	Stephen J. Sandor	'45
Allison Frum	'43	Rev. K. J. Scott	'60
Ronald Garletts	'39	Donley T. Shultz	'43
Warner A. Glover	'46	J. T. Sinclair	'61
Lawrence Gwynn	'41	Claude A. Springer	'53
Marshall Hamilton	'24	Albert L. Springston	'47
Elmer L. Hatfield	'56	Clifford Stalnaker	'48
Charles W. Herron	'57	Walter C. Stonestreet	'39
Raymond M. Hill	'39	George H. Turley	'42
Ewing A. Johnson	'41	R. M. Watkins	'39
E. P. Klingensmith	'55	Swain L. Wollard	'53
Russell W. Knotts	'59	William W. Woodrum	'60
J. Burl McQuain	'39	Dr. Jorge Salazar	'62

Membership At Large

Charles W. Artman	'56	Lawrence D. Shelton	'50
M. A. Deakins	'55	Ralph A. Watts	'53
Robert L. Fitch	'59	Charles H. Wilson	'59
Robert P. Michael	'46		

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Charles Herron	President
Ronald Garletts	First Vice President
Claude Springer	Second Vice President
Elmer Hatfield	Third Vice President
Thomas Orgill	Immediate Past President
Cliff Stalnaker	Secretary
Russell Knotts	Treasurer
Ken Everest	Lion Tamer
Carl Miller	Tail Twister
E. R. Ressegger	Director
Paul Donham	Director
Swain Wollard	Director
Hubert Boice	Director
C. E. (Ed) Queen	Public Relations Representative
Woodford Moore	Bulletin Editor

The Fairmont Lions Club held its organizational meeting on Friday, March 23, 1923, at the Fairmont Hotel and was Chartered in April of 1923. The club has been in continuous existence since that date and today the club still meets at the Fairmont Hotel and has a membership of 66.

Many outstanding men have served as President of the Club and the program of sight conservation has continued to be the major project of the club. The furnishing of eye glasses to school children, the sponsoring of the White Cane Ordinance here in Fairmont and the presenting of white canes together with eye treatment and care are all made possible with the fund raising projects sponsored by the club.

The cultural life of the community received the support and sponsorship of the Lions by bringing Commander Richard E. Byrd and Rubinoff and his violin here together with other nationally known programs.

To cite a few of the years and the achievements of the club 1929, Sponsored Farmington Lions Club, Sent boy to YMCA Camp, 1931 Helped finance 52 operations on the Blind or partially blind children at Romney. 1932 Helped Community Chest solicit funds, Helped put on a play to raise funds to sponsor City Playgrounds, Raised funds for a milk fund for undernourished children in county. 1933 Helped promote the Fairmont Municipal swimming pool. Aided Community Concert to bring nationally known entertainment to Fairmont. Conducted Essay Contest in High Schools. Sponsored Helen Keller lecture. 1934 Assisted in City Clean-Up campaign, Aided Boy Scouts in talent show and again helped raise funds for playgrounds. 1935 Furnished all blind adults in Marion County with white canes, Started Rescue Mission Christmas parties and which we still do, Helped Morgantown Lions Club stage a play, helped entertain 250 coaches and players at Basketball tournament here, entered a team in city basketball league. 1936 Helped sponsor goodwill tour to eastern panhandle, Aided TB association in their drive for funds, entertained staff of WMMN when it joined the Columbia Broadcasting System, played donkey baseball for charity. 1937 Helped send 9 boys of safety patrol to Washington, D. C., helped support the State Dahalia show and sponsored the Queen, Miss Lions Club. Distributed 84 white canes and assisted Community Chest. 1938 Host to District Convention, helped raise funds for worthy boy to take violin lessons, Sent representatives to Charleston for safety meeting and described safety literature, Installed first aid station on Route 19 south of city, Attended Charter night at Wallace as a club. 1939 Helped a man in need with railroad fare, organized a bicycle club, became a patron of the Junior Theatre, entered a float in the Forest Festival Parade, Held series of bowling matches with Morgantown Lions, entered float in Marion County Safety Day parade and helped entertain 500 men of state safety day, provided blind persons with transportation to and from church on Sundays, Gave 12 radios for blind adults to use. 1940 Organized a Lions Glee Club, erected five Lions signs at entrances to city, presented Hotel with rostrum, collected old papers and magazines and gave receipts to Rescue Mission, Sponsored public lecture on counterfeit money, host to regional meeting, Manned Salvation Army kettles. 1941 Sent all of club to charter night at Tygart Valley, Clay and Lost Creek, Released 5 gas filled balloons for publicity, Gave 5 radios to blind and shut-ins. Attended charter night at Oakland, Maryland, Held banquet honoring Walter Purdy, Attended charter night at Waynesburg, Pa., Helped with March of Dimes dance, Started Speakeasy Club for public speaking, Lions Opp and Turley. 1942 Contributed \$102 to the USO, Entered float in Westinghouse parade, Entered fraternal bowling league, Conducted musical contest and presented medals, Presented two acts in Times Christmas show, Sent presents to members in Armed Services, Presented Hospital with Iron Lung and Respirators, Gave \$10 in War Saving Stamps for student prize contest. 1943 Sent boy to Boys' State, Sent girl to YWCA camp, Attended Rivesville Charter Night, Sponsored Rivesville Lions Club, Bought War Bonds. 1944 Helped erect military Honor Roll, Received citation for public service from Treasury Department, Contributed funds for Municipal Airport, Held indoor circus. 1945 Sent 2 boys to Boys' State and 1 girl to Girls' State, Hosted at Federal Court the meeting honoring 46 new citizens,

Sponsored Fairview, Worthington and Mannington Lions Clubs, Continued with all projects to entertain community betterment. 1946 Assisted in 7th War Loan by showing movie. 1947 Sponsored annexation program for city, Conducted clothing drive for needy children. 1948 Started Beautification project of city and parks. 1949 Visited all Lions clubs in District. 1950 Assisted in Korean War effort. 1951 Began the sale of brooms for a project and added light bulbs. 1952 Sponsored eye treatments as well as continuing with all civic projects heretofore begun, such as Little League Ball team, Visitations to other Lions Clubs, Christmas party for Mission, supplying eye glasses to school children, furnished Telebinocular eye tester for two years for county schools with nurse, now given to Board of Education, Gave playground equipment to park. As the years go by, the scope of the club has grown in civic betterment and community progress and the club is now a part of District 29-L of West Virginia and a participating member in the Lions State Sight Conservation Program and Eye Bank. The Fairmont Lions Club can recall many projects of merit and with justifiable pride point to many of the accomplishments of the Club during the past 40 years.