

1923

1973

**50th
Anniversary**



Fairmont Lions Club

Fairmont, West Virginia

APRIL 14, 1973

Greetings

Welcome and greetings to the Fairmont Lions Club members and Lionesses and other distinguished guests who have tonight come to celebrate with us the Golden Anniversary of the founding of our club.

We especially want to honor all the Past Presidents with us tonight and to pay our respects to those who have served during these 50 years and now departed from us.

From the organization of our club in March 1923 and Charter Night on April 23, 1923, the Fairmont Lions Club is proud to have completed five decades of service to the community, proud to be one of the 25,973 Lions Clubs of Lions International in 147 countries of the world and a part of the million members who form the largest and most progressive service organization in the world.

H. Gerald Warren—*President*

Program

Happy Hour — 6-6:30 P.M.

Call to order*President Gerald Warren*
 America*Lions & Guests*
 Pledge of Allegiance*Lions & Guests*
 Invocation

Dinner

Welcome and Introduction of Guests *President Gerald Warren*
 Past District Governors
 Deputy District Governor - Henry Hoffman
 Zone Chairman - Charles King
 District Governor - Robert Rosenberry

Introduction of Guest Speaker*President Gerald Warren*

Lion William B. Hix
Past International Director
Falls Church, Virginia

Awards and Announcements*President Gerald Warren*

ADJOURNMENT



Dancing 9-12*Louis Morace Orchestra*



50th Anniversary Committee

George Turley - Chairman	Woodford Moore
Dr. M. E. Brown	R. M. Watkins
C. E. Queen	Dr. Paul Opp
Col. Charles S. Hoult	M. E. Chambers



Organist: Helen Findley

DR. H. R. YOST ELECTED PRESIDENT LIONS CLUB

Dr. H. R. Yost was elected President of the Fairmont Lions Club at a meeting held in the YMCA with the following men being elected to the offices of:

Vice-President*Floyd Patton*
 Secretary*Lawrence G. Boggs*
 Treasurer*Phil Bentel*
 Lion Tamer*G. C. Smith*
 Tail Twister*George E. Martch*

Directors

Harry L. Walsh
Albert M. Rowe
C. B. Glasscock
Arch Brownfield

The following men are Charter Members of the Club:

<i>Phil Bentel</i>	<i>Hershel R. Yost</i>
<i>Ira Akins</i>	<i>A. M. Rowe</i>
<i>J. V. Blair</i>	<i>Willis Hawley</i>
<i>M. L. Hamilton</i>	<i>M. E. Miller</i>
<i>Fred L. Morris</i>	<i>C. B. Glasscock</i>
<i>Max D. Wilson</i>	<i>Arch Brownfield</i>
<i>Harry Price</i>	<i>Paul Amos</i>
<i>Harry L. Walsh</i>	<i>S. L. Johnson</i>
<i>E. Deitz</i>	<i>W. H. Hess</i>
<i>G. C. Smith</i>	<i>Floyd Patton</i>
<i>John W. Martin</i>	<i>Bert Linn</i>
<i>Benton Mitchell</i>	<i>George E. Martch</i>
<i>Bert Cousins</i>	<i>Lawrence G. Boggs</i>

The club will meet every week in the YMCA each Friday.

(Fairmont Times—April 22, 1923)

1972 — 1973 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President.....	<i>H. Gerald Warren</i>
1st Vice-President.....	<i>J. Burl McQuain</i>
2nd Vice-President.....	<i>Clifford Stalnaker</i>
3rd Vice-President.....	<i>Thomas Koon</i>
Secretary.....	<i>Arthur Frederick</i>
Treasurer.....	<i>Edgar Sole</i>
Tail Twister.....	<i>Thomas Robinson</i>
Tail Twister.....	<i>Clyde Judy</i>
Lion Tamer.....	<i>Galen Fike</i>
Directors.....	<i>Woodford Moore</i> <i>A. L. Springston</i> <i>James Thornton</i> <i>Abe Modi</i>
Bulletin Editor.....	<i>William Datsko</i>
Organist.....	<i>Mrs. Helen Findley</i>

LIONS CLUBS

SPONSORED BY THE FAIRMONT CLUB

Farmington Lions Club	1929
Rivesville Lions Club	1943
Fairview Lions Club	1945
Worthington Lions Club	1945
Mannington Lions Club	1945
Barrackville Lions Club	1958
Idamay Lions Club	1963
Union District Lions Club	1966 (Charter surrendered)
Cross Roads Lions Club	1972
East Fairmont Lions Club	1972

PAST PRESIDENTS FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB 1923 — 1972

Dr. H. R. Yost — CX	Arthur Cassell — D
Luke Ollis — CD	Woodford Moore
Harry S. Price — CD	Hubert Boice — D
Dr. Fred L. Morris — CD	Earl Burchett — X
Harvey Shain — D	George Turley
Paul Amos — CD	Ralph Dunsmore — D
Rev. W. P. Cline — D	A. B. Frum — D
Dr. J. H. Higinbotham — X	Clarence Wright — X
Linn V. Hall — X	Donley T. Shultz — D
Carl Turnley — D	Charles Rawlings
Marshall M. Hamilton — D	E. R. Ressegger
Paul F. Opp	C. E. Queen — DG
M. E. Miller — CD	Ralph Watts — X
Glenn A. Keister — D	Anker Olsen
Charles S. Hoult — DG	Thomas Orgill
Dr. Morris E. Brown	Charles Herron
J. Arthur Cunningham	Ronald Garletts
Alfred E. Stewart — X	E. L. Hatfield — D
William Kirchman — X	Claude Springer
R. M. Watkins	Don Miller — D
William T. Martin	Russell Knotts
H. G. Boyers — X	William Beall
James D. Cain	James Thornton
A. L. Hamilton — D	William Woodrum

1972

Charles R. King

X — Former Member
C — Charter Member
DG — District Governor
D — Deceased

MEMBERSHIP — 1973

Beall, William L.	Koon, Thomas J.
Berardelli, Francis M.	Levine, Max
Brock, Clarence A.	Mason, George A.
Brown, Dr. M. E.	Matheny, William I.
Butler, Paul L.	Melgarejo, Dr. Q. A.
Cain, James D.	Miller, Carl S.
Carpenter, Earl L.	Modi, Abraham D.
Carroll, Ronald G.	Moffett, Robert A.
Chambers, M. E.	Moore, Woodford
Conaway, Paul W.	McQuain, J. Burl
Cunningham, J. Arthur	Olsen, Anker
Datsko, William J.	Opp, Dr. Paul F.
Donham, Paul J.	Orgill, Thomas L.
Duvall, Charles R.	Petres, Paul
Fike, Galen A.	Powell, Robert K.
Frederick, Arthur L.	Queen, C. E.
Frederick, Kenneth	Rawlings, Charles B.
Frey, Robert B.	Ressegger, E. R.
Garletts, Ronald A.	Robinson, Thomas C.
Garlow, Edwin L.	Romino, Dominick
Gee, Edward C.	Ross, John H.
Gilbert, Ralph U.	Sabo, Albert R.
Glover, Warner A.	Sandor, Stephen J.
Greer, Robert W.	Saunders, E. R.
Hagy, Major William K.	Shelton, Lee Donald
Hancock, Lieut. James	Shuck, Roy E. Jr.
Harless, John C.	Sole, Edgar
Hawkins, Donald L.	Springer, Claude A.
Hawkins, C. Ralph	Springston, A. L.
Hatfield, William G.	Stalnaker, Clifford
Hefflin, Arliss A.	Summers, Edwin S.
Herron, Charles W.	Thornton, James L.
Hill, Raymond M.	Turley, George H.
Hoult, Col. Charles S.	Venkateswaran, C. K.
Hutchinson, R. Paul	Walkup, Stewart D.
Judy, Clyde S.	Warren, H. Gerald
King, Charles R.	Watkins, R. M.
Kittle, Arnold A.	Weaver, Dale
Klingensmith, E. P.	Wollard, Swain L.
Knotts, Russell W.	Woodrum, William W.
Koay, Dr. Jack S.	

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

1923 - 1933:

Eye glasses to school children
 White Cane Ordinance
 Sent boy to YMCA camp each year
 Sponsored Farmington Lions Club
 Helped finance 52 operations at Romney School for Blind
 Solicited funds for Community Chest
 Staged play to raise funds for City Playgrounds
 Raised funds for a Milk Fund for children of county
 Sponsored Commander Richard E. Byrd program
 Sponsored Rubinoff & his violin

1933 - 1943:

Helped promote Fairmont Municipal Swimming Pool
 Aided Community Concert Assn.
 Conducted Essay contest in schools
 Sponsored Helen Keller lecture
 Assisted City in Clean-Up campaign
 Aided Boy Scouts
 Raised funds for Playgrounds
 Furnished White Canes to all blind adults in county
 Started Union Rescue Mission Christmas Parties (1972 was 38th)
 Helped Morgantown Lions stage play
 Helped entertain 250 coaches and players at State Basketball tournament
 Entered Lions Team in City Basketball League
 Helped sponsor tour of Eastern W. Va. Panhandle
 Aided T.B. Assn. in drive for funds
 Entertained Staff of WMMN when it joined CBS
 Played Donkey Baseball for charity
 Sent nine boys of School Safety Patrol to Washington, D. C.
 Helped support State Dahlia Show and entered Lions Queen
 Distributed 84 additional white canes
 Assisted Community Chest Drive
 Hosted District Convention for Lions
 Raised funds for worthy boy's violin lessons
 Sent members to State Safety Meeting at Charleston
 Attended Charter Night at Wallace
 Installed First Aid Station on Route 19 South
 Helped man get railroad fare home
 Organized Bicycle Club for Fairmont
 Entered Float in Forest Festival Parade
 Held bowling tournament with Morgantown Lions
 Entered Float in Marion County Safety Day parade
 Helped entertain 500 men at State Safety Day meet
 Provided transportation for blind persons to and from church on Sunday
 Gave 17 Radios to blind persons
 Organized Lions Glee Club
 Erected five Lion Signs to entrances to city
 Rang bells for Salvation Army
 Attended Charter Nights of Tygarts Valley, Clay & Lost Creek Lions Clubs (W. Va.) and Oakland, Md. Lions and Waynesburg, Pa. Lions Club.
 Helped March of Dimes
 Contributed \$102 to U.S.O.

1943 - 1953:

Sent present to members in Armed Forces
Presented Hospital with Iron Lung and two Respirators
Presented War Savings Stamps in Contest
Sent Boy to Boys State and Girl to YWCA Camp
Helped erect Military Honor Roll
Sponsored Rivesville, Fairview, Worthington and Mannington Lions Clubs
Sold & bought War Bonds receiving Citation from Treasury Dept.
Contributed funds to Municipal Airport
Sponsored 46 new citizens in Federal Court for naturalization
Sponsored Annexation Program for City
Showed Movie for 7th War Loan Drive
Conducted Clothing Drive for needy
Started Beautification of City & Parks
Visited all Lions Clubs in West Virginia (1949)
Assisted in Korean War effort
Began annual sale of brooms and light bulbs
Entered team in Little League Baseball
Began program of Shower for each Lion Married and still do

1953 - 1963:

Bought Telebinocular and paid nurse for two years to test eyes of
Marion County School Children
Telebinocular presented to Board of Education
Became participant in State Lions Blind Program
Continued sale of brooms and light bulbs
Rescue Mission Christmas Parties
Glasses to School Children (50 pairs plus per year)
Gave Playground Equipment to Park
Sponsored Barrackville Lions Club

1963 - 1973:

Held 40th Anniversary Birthday Party
Contributed \$300 to Boy Scouts Permanent Camp (Mountaineer)
Contribute \$100 annually to Fairmont State College Loan Fund
Began Sale of Lions Seals
Started Annual Lions Glaucoma Clinic
Started Amblyopia Clinic
Sponsored State Lions Clubs Meeting (District 29)
Send boys to Boys State each year
Continue to make visitations to other Lions Club
Sponsored Idamay, Union District, Cross Roads and East Fairmont Lions Clubs
Furnished over 50 pairs of glasses each year to school children
Helped five adults with cataracts of the eyes to get operations from West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Program
Provided eye operation and removal of eye and continue to get a glass one as needed for a school boy
Send member to every Lions State (District 29) convention

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: (1923-1973)

Over 2500 pairs of glasses furnished (50 plus each year)

138 White Canes supplied

Glaucoma Clinics — 2,063 adults checked

Amblyopia Clinics — 916 children checked

