



Lions Code of Ethics

To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards my fellow men, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give to them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To aid my fellow men by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To be careful with my criticisms and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

1923

1983

60th Anniversary



Fairmont Lions Club

Fairmont, West Virginia

Saturday, April 30, 1983

Fairmont Field Club Ballroom
Fairmont, West Virginia



FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

P.O. Box 1164
Fairmont, West Virginia 26554

Greetings and Welcome.....

to the Fairmont Lions Club members, former members, visiting Lions, ladies and other distinguished guests who have tonight come to celebrate with us the 60th Anniversary of the founding of our club.

We especially want to honor all of our Past Presidents with us tonight and to pay our respects to those who have served during these past 60 years. Special note should be made of the tenure of our very good Lion, Dr. Paul F. Opp, who served us as President during 1934-35 and is our earliest surviving President in the Fairmont club.

From the organization of our club in 1923, the Fairmont Lions Club is proud to have completed six decades of service to the community and proud to be one of the 35,785 clubs in 157 nations of the world, with nearly one and one-half million members.

Lionism has grown beyond most Lions' fondest dreams in 1923. And there is little reason to doubt that the next 60 years will show an even greater growth of our organization. We do know for certain that, in the words of our beloved Founder of the International Association of Lions Clubs,

"There will always be a land of beyond for Lions International, with a goal that keeps growing larger and larger as we approach it but always just outside our reach, challenging us to work harder, run faster, and to give more."

Thank you for joining us in celebrating the Fairmont Lions Club's sixty years of service.

Ralph J. Michael

Ralph J. Michael
President

Gerald Warren

Gerald Warren, P.D.G.
Chairman
60th Anniversary Committee

Looking Back To 1923

It was 1923, and the United States of America had only recently come out of a "war to end all wars." Warren G. Harding was President and Calvin Coolidge was his vice president.

The World War that had raged in Europe only a few years earlier had forced the country from a period of relative isolationism into a growing leadership role the nation was perhaps not quite ready to assume.

In Egypt, the inner tomb of Tutankhomen had been opened just two months before, and reports still were enthraling the world with stories of undreamed splendor still untouched after 3400 years.

The winds of change were everywhere. Vladimir Ulianov, or Nikolai Lenin as he was known to his Bolshevik compatriots who assisted him in seizing control of Russia, was solidifying his powers and building a new political and geographic nation—the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In India, still firmly under British colonial rule, Mohandas K. Gandhi sat in prison, arrested on charges of sedition.

Amid labor unrest, West Virginia—still less than 60 years old—was becoming increasingly important to an industrially-developing nation, with its vast oil, gas, and coal reserves. A West Virginian, John W. Davis, was being considered as a viable candidate for President on the Democratic ticket for the following year.

Fairmont, in the heart of West Virginia's growing bituminous coal industry, was a thriving community with over 18,000 people and a county population of 55,000. Downtown Fairmont, with a modern streetcar system that brought residents of nearby communities to the business district, was bustling, and several new commercial buildings had been recently constructed or were under construction. The Fairmont State Normal School had only a few years earlier moved to its new location on Locust Avenue and was seeking permission to grant a degree in education.

It was in this atmosphere, then, that the Fairmont Lions Club was born with the granting of a charter by the International Association of Lions Clubs on April 20, 1923, becoming West Virginia's sixth Lions Club and the first club in north central West Virginia. Lionism was on the move throughout the United States and Canada, with clubs in 42 states and four provinces.

Starting at the YMCA in Fairmont, the Fairmont Lions Club soon moved its meetings to the prestigious Fairmont Hotel, where it held Friday noon meetings until 1935, when it switched to Friday evening meetings to accommodate members from outlying businesses and industries. Then, in 1980, the Fairmont Lions Club said "farewell" for good to the Fairmont Hotel and Friday evening meetings.

Today, as we look back upon our first 60 years, we can only speculate or report from news clippings and hearsay what that first meeting at the Fairmont YMCA must have been like. For, we have not one single surviving member from among the charter members of 1923. The last surviving charter member, Dr. H. R. Yost, the first president, was ill during our fiftieth anniversary program in 1973 and died shortly after that date.

We do today, however, number among our members those who well could have been in that original organizing group had they been in the right place at the right time, or had someone asked them as younger men. For, several of our members can vividly remember the end of World War I, the horse and buggy and later the advent of the automobile and crystal set radios, and their first sighting of an airplane.

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Since the Fairmont Lions Club came into existence those 60 years ago, our nation and our world have seemingly grown much smaller through the growing importance of the automobile, the airplane, the trans-oceanic jet, and the many ventures into space. But, the purpose to which Lionism was born—fellowship and service—remains as important today as it was on April 20, 1923. Today, we see third generation Lions members still dedicated to these same principles. And, our younger members certainly can well be here to toast us and others who have come before them as they gather together to observe the 120th anniversary of Lionism in Fairmont and Marion County on an April evening in 2043.



Lions Clubs

Sponsored by the Fairmont Lions

Farmington Lions Club	1929
Rivesville Lions Club	1942
Fairview Lions Club	1945
Worthington Lions Club	1945
Mannington Lions Club	1945
Barrackville Lions Club	1957
Idamay Lions Club	1963
Union District Lions Club	1966
Cross Roads Lions Club	1971
Fairmont East Lions Club	1972
Whitehall Lions Club	1974
Bellview Lions Club	1976
Indian Creek Lions Club	1981
East Grafton Road Lions Club	1983

In addition, clubs sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club have sponsored a total of 18 additional clubs, and these clubs in turn have sponsored at least six other clubs.

Charter Members

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB — FAIRMONT, W. VA.

Organized by: V. M. Davidson, Field Director, International Association of Lions Clubs

Organizational Date and Official Charter Date: April 20, 1923

Charter Presentation Date: April 23, 1923

President	<i>Dr. Herschel R. Yost</i>
Vice President	<i>Floyd J. Patton</i>
Secretary	<i>Lawrence G. Boggs</i>
Treasurer	<i>Phil S. Bentel</i>
Lion Tamer	<i>G. G. Smith</i>
Tail Twister	<i>George E. Martch</i>
Director (2 year term)	<i>Arch F. Brownfield</i>
Director (2 year term)	<i>Harry L. Walsh</i>
Director (1 year term)	<i>C. B. Glasscock</i>
Director (1 year term)	<i>Albert M. Rowe</i>

*Ira A. Akins
Paul E. Amos
Phil S. Bentel
J. V. Blair, Jr.
Lawrence G. Boggs
Arch F. Brownfield
Bert Cousins
E. Deitz
Reno Fleming
C. B. Glasscock
Gilbert Gwynn
M. L. Hamilton
Ray Harden
Willis Hawley, Jr.
Dr. W. H. Hess
S. L. Johnson*

*Bert G. Linn
George E. Martch
John W. Martin
George McCaig
M. E. Miller
Benton Mitchell
Dr. Fred L. Morris
Luke Ollis
Floyd J. Patton
Harry S. Price
Albert M. Rowe
Victor Shaw
G. G. Smith
Harry L. Walsh
Max D. Wilson
Dr. Herschel R. Yost*

Presidents - Fairmont Lions Club

1923-1983

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

April 20, 1923 - March 31, 1924
 April 1, 1924 - June 30, 1925
 July 1, 1925 - June 30, 1926
 July 1, 1926 - January 1, 1927
 January 1, 1927 - June 30, 1927
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Charles R. King - G
 H. Gerald Warren - G
 J. Burl McQuain - M
 Clifford D. Stalnaker
 Galen A. Fike - M
 Jacob G. Brumage - M
 Clyde S. Judy
 Dominick J. Romino
 Robert R. Moffett
 Dr. Lewis H. Herring - D
 A. L. Springston
 Ralph J. Michael

July 1, 1971 - June 30, 1972
 July 1, 1972 - June 30, 1973
 July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974
 July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975
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 July 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980
 July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981
 July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982
 July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1983

C - Charter Member
 D - Deceased
 G - Later served as District Governor
 M - Moved from area; membership transferred
 X - Former Member

Our Speaker:

JAMES T. COFFEY

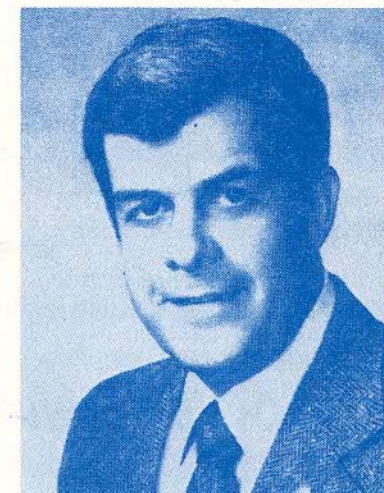
James T. Coffey of Toronto, Ohio, was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the 1980 international convention in Chicago, Illinois, and served on the international board for a two-year term ending in 1982.

Past International Director Coffey was designated as 100% District Governor upon completion of his term as governor of his Ohio district. He also served as chairman of the Ohio Multiple District 13 Council of Governors. He is the recipient of the District Governor's Extension Award, over a dozen District Governor's Appreciation Awards, the District Extension Award, and three International President's Awards. He also has recorded 23 years of perfect attendance and has served in numerous local and district offices.

Lion Coffey is engaged in the oil refining business and associated with a real estate trust company.

Lion Coffey and his wife, Betty, have one son and are members of the Presbyterian church.

A highly regarded speaker in Lions circles, Past International Director Coffey is making his visit to the Fairmont Lions Club for his first time. It is a pleasure for the Fairmont Lions to welcome him and his wife Betty to Fairmont.



1982 - 1983

Officers and Directors

President	Ralph J. Michael
First Vice President.....	H. Leland Meadows
Second Vice President.....	Dr. James E. Coleman
Third Vice President	George E. Corder
Secretary.....	William H. Conrad
Treasurer.....	Steven D. Poe
Lion Tamer.....	Gene Martin
Tail Twister	Robert E. Brummage
Tail Twister	Thomas C. Robinson
Director (2-year term).....	Robert R. Moffett
Director (2-year term)	Claude A. Springer
Director (1-year term)	Charles B. Rawlings
Director (1-year term)	Dominick J. Romino
Immediate Past President	A. L. Springston



60th Anniversary Committee

Gerald Warren, P.D.G. - <i>Chairman</i>	M. E. Chambers
Charles R. King, P.D.G.	D. J. Romino
Clifford D. Stalnaker	Stephen Sandor
Dr. James E. Coleman	Everett Klingensmith
Ronald Garletts	J. Arthur Cunningham

Program

Call to Order and Welcome.....	Lion Ralph J. Michael, <i>President</i>
Singing of One Verse of "America"	Led by Lion M. E. Chambers
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Lion Lee Meadows, <i>President-Elect</i>
Invocation	Lion Rev. Meredith Ball

DINNER

Introduction of Honored Guests	Lion Gerald Warren
Introduction of Past Presidents	Lion President Michael
Introduction of District Governor	Lion President Michael
Presentation of Long-Term Membership Chevrons.....	Lion C. W. Stickley <i>District Governor, 29-L</i>
Presentation of Life Membership	Lion C. W. Stickley
Introduction of Past International Director ..	Lion President Michael
Introduction of Speaker	Lion Richard H. Ruff <i>Past International Director</i>
Address	Lion James T. Coffey <i>International Director, 1980-1982</i>
Response.....	Lion President Michael
Drawings for Door Prizes	
Closing Remarks and Announcements	Lion President Michael
Benediction	Lion Meredith Ball



Dinner Music by Mr. Tom Williams
Organ Furnished by Klingensmith Music Store
Floral Arrangements and Ladies Flowers - Courtesy Kime Floral

Fairmont Lions Club

Membership as of April 30, 1983

Rev. Meredith Ball
William L. Beall
Terry F. Brake
Clarence A. Brock
Robert E. Brummage
Earl L. Carpenter
M. E. Chambers
William Lee Chambers
Dr. James E. Coleman
Paul W. Conaway
William H. Conrad
George E. Corder
J. Arthur Cunningham
Paul J. Donham
Brian D. Fatzer
John O. Flouhouse
Robert B. Frey
Ronald A. Garlettts
Edwin L. Garlow
Warner A. Glover
Cmdr. James E. Hancock
C. Ralph Hawkins
Charles W. Herron
Clyde S. Judy
William S. Kime
Charles R. King
Everett P. Klingensmith
Russell Knotts
Max Levine
James E. Martin
William T. Martin
George A. Mason
H. Leland Meadows
Dr. Q. A. Melgarejo

Edsel G. Michael
Ralph J. Michael
Carl S. Miller
Abraham O. Modi
Robert R. Moffett
Dr. Paul F. Opp
Thomas L. Orgill
Walter L. Osborne
Thomas B. Pickens
Steven D. Poe
Robert K. Powell
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Dominick J. Romino
John H. Ross
Ray J. Rutherford, Jr.
Stephen J. Sandor
William A. Schleicher
James B. Shaffer
David Dale Shelton
Donald Smith
Edgar T. Sole
Robert M. Spiker
Thomas A. Spiker
Claude A. Springer
A. L. Springston
Clifford D. Stalnaker
George E. Turley
George Earle Vincent
Edgar L. Williams III
H. Gerald Warren
William W. Woodrum

We Serve

During its sixty years of existence, the Fairmont Lions Club has faithfully served the people of Fairmont and Marion County, with particular emphasis on those less fortunate individuals and those with sight and hearing impairments.

From its earlier organizational efforts in March 1923 and subsequent official organization on March 20, 1923, the over 800 men who have been members of the Fairmont Lions Club have put forth a maximum effort to render true service to their community.

• The Fairmont Lions Club has purchased over 3,400 pairs of eyeglasses for school children, as well as scores of others for needy adults. In their glaucoma and amblyopia clinics—begun in 1971—the Fairmont Lions Club has helped to check over 10,000 adults for glaucoma and over 3,000 children for amblyopia and other eye diseases and defects. Early detection of these two eye diseases has resulted in early treatment and prevention of more serious visual problems.

The Fairmont Lions Club began a program in 1935 that has continued to this day and has become an annual Christmas tradition—a Christmas party for underprivileged children. For the past 46 years, this program has been held in conjunction with the Union Mission, and some 3,000-4,000 children have received Christmas gifts, clothes, candy, fruit, etc. from Santa Claus and the Fairmont Lions through the Union Mission Children's Christmas Party.

Lions of Fairmont in 1936 conceived the idea of a "blackout warden unit" that was later to become the Civil Defense Police and today the Marion County Auxiliary Police. Lions also have been active in promoting many other civic and cultural enterprises which we take for granted today.

Since 1951, the Fairmont Lions Club members have taken to the streets to sell brooms and mops manufactured by the Industrious Blind Enterprises at Stonewood in order to assist that worthwhile group while raising funds for the club's many civic and charitable projects.

To write a complete history of the service of the Fairmont Lions Club would take a minimum of sixty volumes—one for each year of the club's existence. Suffice to say that the Fairmont Lions Club has contributed over one-half million dollars to community service activities and members of the club collectively have contributed well over a million man-hours in service to their community through Lionism. And when you consider those 35-cent meals of 1923 compared with the \$5.00 meal of today, that's a lot of today's dollars!

(Sincerest thanks to Lion Merritt Chambers for providing information and dates from which a great deal of the information in this program is taken.)

Fairmont Lions Clubs Activities

1923-1933:

Eye glasses to school children
White Can 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 Rubinoft & his violin

1933-1943:

Helped promote Fairmont Municipal Swimming Pool
Aided Community Concert Association
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 and 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 and 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)

Contributed \$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 Clubs
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 continued to get a
glass one as needed for a school boy
Send member to every Lions State (District 29) convention

1973-1983:

Held successful 50th Anniversary celebration at Fairmont Hotel.
Organized first ladies' auxiliary in District 29-L
Had delegates to each state and international convention
Held successful eye clinics each year (amblyopia and glaucoma)
Continued annual contributions to Fairmont State College Student
Loan Fund
Sponsored Whitehall, Bellview, Indian Creek, and East Grafton
Road Lions Clubs
Purchased over \$20,000 of eye equipment for Fairmont General
Hospital
Made contributions to West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation
Foundation and Lions Club International Foundation each year
Held annual broom, mop, and bulb sales each year
Began White Cane Day project as an annual event
Continued Union Mission Children's Christmas Party
Changed meetings from each Friday to 1st and 3rd Thursdays
Elected two Past Presidents as District Governors
Won numerous First Place Awards annually in Visitations, District
Governor's Contests, Publicity Contests, and Membership
Development Contests
Continued tradition of outstanding guest speakers at club meetings
Sparked city-wide Clean-Up Drive and Beautification projects
After moving from location to location during the decade, moved to
the Fairmont Field Club for regular club meetings