

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 1993

70th Amiversary



Fairmont Lions Club

Fairmont, West Virginia

Saturday, April 17, 1993
Muriale's Restaurant
Fairmont, West Virginia



FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

P.O. Box 1164 Fairmont, West Virginia 26554

April 17, 1993

Greetings and Welcome....

to the Fairmont Lions Club members, former members, visiting Lions, Lionesses, ladies and other distinguished guests who have joined us tonight to celebrate the 70th 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 the past 70 years.

The Fairmont Lions Club, organized April 20, 1923, is proud to have served the community in various ways, with emphasis placed on supplying eyeglasses and on sight conservation.

Lionism has grown to be the largest service organization in the world. The Fairmont Lions Club has met many challenges during the past 70 years. Many of our goals have become a reality in recent years with the assistance of the Fairmont Lioness Club.

We deeply appreciate your sharing in celebrating our 70th anniversary and furthering the cause of Lionism.

James & Lion James E. (Gene) Martin

70th Anniversary Committee

Lion Gerald Warren, PDG

Clifford Stalrusser

Lion Clifford D. Stalnaker

James E. Coleman

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 enthralling 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 solidfying 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 70 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.

Since the Fairmont Lions Club came into existence those 70 years ago, our world has grown much smaller as the result of so many products never dreamed of in 1923. As Lionism has become global in its scope, the purpose to which Lionism was born --fellowship and service -- remains as important today as it was on April 20, 1923. Today, third and even fourth generation Lions still are dedicated to these same principles. And, we number among our membership several who still will be here thirty years hence, In July 2023, when Lions come together on a Saturday evening to celebrate 100 years of Lionism in Fairmont and Marion County.



Lions Clubs Sponsored by the Fairmont Lions

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

In addition, clubs sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club have sponsored a total of 20 additional clubs, and these clubs in turn have sponsored at least eight other clubs.

Charter Members

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB - FAIRMONT, W.VA.

ORGANIZED BY: V.M. Davidson, FIELD DIRECTOR, INTERNA-TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

ORGANIZATIONAL DATE AND OFFICIAL CHARTER DATE:
April 20, 1923

CHARTER PRESENTATION DATE: April 23, 1923

President	Dr. Herschel R. Yost
Vice President	Floyd J. Patton
Secretary	Lawrence G. Boggs
Treasurer	
Lion Tamer	G.G. Smith
Tail Twister	George E. Martch
Director (2 year term)	Arch F. Brownfield
Director (2 year term)	Harry L. Walsh
Director (1 year term)	
Director (1 year term)	

Ira A. Akins	Bert G. Linn
Paul E. Amos	George E. Martch
Phil S. Bentel	John W. Martin
J.V. Blair, Jr.	George McCaig
Lawrence G. Boggs	M.E. Miller
Arch F. Brownfield	Benton Mitchell
Bert Cousins	Dr. Fred L. Morris
E. Deitz	Luke Ollis
Reno Fleming	Floyd J. Patton
C.B. Glasscock	Harry S. Price
Gilbert Gwynn	Albert M. Rowe
M.L. Hamilton	Victor Shaw
Ray Harden	G.G. Smith
Willis Hawley, Jr.	Harry L. Walsh
Dr. W.H. Hess	Max D. Wilson
S.L. Johnson	Dr. Herschel R. Yost

Presidents - Fairmont Lions Club

1923 - 1993

Dr. Herschel R. Yost - C-D	April 20, 1923 - March 31, 1924
Floyd J. Patton - C-D	April 1, 1924 - June 30, 1926
Luke Ollis - C-D	July 1, 1925 - June 30, 1926
Harry S. Price - C-D	July 1, 1926 - January 1, 1927
Dr. Fred L. Morris - C-D	January 1, 1927 - June 30, 1927
Harvey Shain - D	July 1, 1927 - June 30, 1927
Paul E. Amos - C-D	July 1, 1928 - June 30, 1929
Rev. W.P. Cline, Jr D	July 1, 1929 - June 30, 1930
Dr. J.H. Higginbotham - D	July 1, 1930 - June 30, 1931
Linn V. Hall - M	July 1, 1931 - June 30, 1932
Carl Turnley - D	July 1, 1932 - June 30, 1933
Marshall M. Hamilton - D	July 1, 1933 - June 30, 1934
Dr. Paul F. Opp - D	July 1, 1934 - June 30, 1935
M.E. Miller - C-D	July 1, 1935 - June 30, 1936
Glenn A. Keister - D	July 1, 1936 - June 30, 1937
Charles S. Hoult - D-G	July 1, 1937 - June 30, 1938
Dr. Morris E. Brown - D	July 1, 1938 - June 30, 1939
J. Arthur Cunningham - D	July 1, 1939 - June 30, 1940
Alfred E. Stewart - D	July 1, 1940 - June 30, 1941
William Kirchman - M	July 1, 1941 - June 30, 1942
R.M. Watkins - D	July 1, 1942 - June 30, 1943
William T. Martin - D	July 1, 1943 - June 30, 1944
H.G. Boyers	July 1, 1944 - June 30, 1945
James D. Cain - D	July 1, 1945 - June 30, 1946
A.L. Hamilton - D	July 1, 1946 - June 30, 1947
Arthur Cassell - D	July 1, 1947 - June 30, 1948
Woodford Moore - D	July 1, 1948 - June 30, 1949
Hubert Boice - D	July 1, 1949 - June 30, 1950
Earl Burchett - D	July 1, 1950 - June 30, 1951
George E. Turley	July 1, 1951 - June 30, 1952
Ralph M. Dunsmore, Sr., - D	July 1, 1952 - June 30, 1953
Allison B. Frum - D	July 1, 1953 - June 30, 1954
Clarence Wright - D	July 1, 1954 - June 30, 1955
Donley T. Shultz - D	July 1, 1955 - June 30, 1956
Charles B. Rawlings - D	July 1, 1956 - June 30, 1957
E.R. Ressegger - M	July 1, 1957 - June 30, 1958
C.E. Queen - D-G	July 1, 1958 - June 30, 1959
Ralph Watts - D	July 1, 1959 - June 30, 1960
Anker Olsen - D	July 1, 1960 - June 30, 1961
Thomas L. Orgill - D	July 1, 1961 - June 30, 1962
Charles W. Herron	July 1, 1962 - June 30, 1963
Ronald A. Garletts	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Elmer L. Hatfield - D	July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1965
Claude A. Springer	July 1, 1965 - June 30, 1966
Donald Miller - D	July 1, 1966 - June 30, 1967
Russell W. Knotts	July 1, 1967 - June 30, 1968
William L. Beall	July 1, 1968 - June 30, 1969

July 1, 1969 - June 30, 1970 James L. Thornton - D William W. Woodrum July 1, 1970 - June 30, 1971 July 1, 1971 - June 30, 1972 Charles R. King - G H. Gerald Warren - G July 1, 1972 - June 30, 1973 July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974 J. Burl McQuain July 1, 1974 - June 30, 1975 Clifford D. Stalnaker July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976 Galen A. Fike - M July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977 Jacob G. Brumage - M July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978 Clyde S. Judy July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979 Dominick J. Romino Robert R. Moffett July 1, 1979 - June 30, 1980 July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981 Dr. Lewis H. Herring - D July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982 A.L. Springston July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983 Ralph J. Michael - M H. Leland Meadows July 1, 1983 - June 30, 1984 Dr. James E. Coleman July 1, 1984 - June 30, 1985 July 1, 1985 - June 30, 1986 George E. Corder - M July 1, 1986 - June 30, 1987 William H. Conrad July 1, 1987 - June 30, 1988 Ray J. Rutherford, Jr. Walter L.Osborne July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989 Thomas J. Koon July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990 George P. Hummel July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991 Robert E. Brummage July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992 July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993 James E. Martin

Our Speaker: FRED D. COLE

C - Charter Member

D - Deceased

Fred D. Cole of Wheeling, West Virginia, was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Clubs at St. Louis, Missouri, in July 1990, and served for a two-year term ending in July 1992.

Prior to serving as International Direc-



G - Later Served as District Governor
M - Moved from area; membership transferred

tor, he served as 100% District Governor of 29-L and has received the District's Lion of the Year Award, seven Extension Awards, and the International President's Award. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has served in many capacities in his home club at Mt. Olivet as well as in District 29-L and West Virginia. He heads the 1993 USA-Canada Leadership Forum scheduled for September 9 - 12 at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Owner of his own insurance agency in Wheeling, he and his wife, Mary Louise, are the parents of three children.

1992 - 1993 Officers and Directors FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

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President	Gene Martin
First Vice President	Gerald Warren
Second Vice President	Raymond Prudnick
Third Vice President	Darrel Kimoto
Secretary	Dr. James E. Coleman
Treasurer	Earl Carpenter
Lion Tamer	Tom Robinson
Tail Twister	Clifford D. Stalnaker
Tail Twister	Edsel Michael
Director	Smiley Caldwell
Director	Thomas Koon
Director	Robert Moffett
Director	Warner Glover
Bulletin Editor	Charles Herron
Program Chairman	Clyde Judy
Membership Chairman	Walter "Butch" Osborne
Immediate Past President	Robert Brummage



70th Anniversary Committee

Gerald Warren, PDG Clifford Stalnaker Dr. James E. Coleman Robert Brummage

Program

Call to Order and Welcome	Lion Gene Martin
Singing of One Verse of "America"	Led by Lion James Coleman
Pledge of Allegiance	
Invocation	Lion Charles Herron
Dinner	
with the second	
Introduction of Honored Guests	Lion Gerald Warren PRESIDENT-ELECT
Introduction of Past Presidents	Lion President Martin
Introduction of District Governor	Lion President Martin
Presentation of Long-Term Membership Chevrons and	
Special Awards	Lion Charles E. Cole DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 29-L
Introduction of Speaker	Lion President Martin
	PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
Response	Lion President Martin
Drawing for Door Prizes	
Closing Remarks and Announcements	sLion President Martin
Benediction	Lion Charles Herron



Floral Arrangements
Courtesy of Kime Floral

Fairment Lions Club Membership as of April 17, 1993

William L Beall Terry F. Brake Robert E. Brummage Smiley M. Caldwell Earl Carpenter M.E. Chambers Michael A. Cochran James E. Coleman Jack Decker Paul J. Donham James L Elliott Robert B. Frey Ronald A. Garletts Edwin L Garlow Warner Glover Charles W. Herron George P. Hummel Clyde S. Judy William S. Kime Darrell Kimoto Charles R. King E.P. Klingensmith Russell Knotts Thomas J. Koon John David Manley James E. Martin George A. Mason

J. Burl McQuain Leland Meadows Dr. Q.A. Melgarejo Carl E. Merrifield Edwin L. Merrifield Edsel G. Michael Carl S. Miller Robert R. Moffett Oscar Moran John J. Mulvehill Walter Lee Osborne Raymond Prudnick Allen Retton Thomas C. Robinson Dominick J. Romino Ray J. Rutherford **Duard Selders** James Shaffer Donald Smith Edgar Sole Claude S. Springer A.L. Springston Clifford Stalnaker George Henry Turley Henry C. Viglianco Gerald Warren W.W. Woodrum

We Serve

During its seventy 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 56 years, this program has been held in conjunction with the Union Misson, and some 4,500-5,000 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 seventy volumes—one for each year of the club's existence. Suffice to say that the Fairmont Lions Club has contributed over one 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 meal of today, that's a lot of today's dollars!

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 the 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 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
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. Assistant in drive for funds Entertained Staff of WMMN when it joined CBS 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

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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 Tygart Valley, Clay & Lost Creek

Lions Clubs (W.Va.) and Oakland, MD Lions and Waynesburg, PA Lions Club Helped March of Dimes

Contributed \$102.00 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
Department
Contributed funds to Municipal Airport

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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 Mision 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) Sent 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 eye as needed for a school boy Sent 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

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

1983-1993

Held successful 60th Anniversary at the Fairmont Field Club
Continued purchase of eyeglasses for needy students and adults
Ran parking lot elevator at 1983 Coal Festival
Continued collection of used eyeglasses at Middletown Mall

Continued collection of used eyeglasses at Middletown Mall, over 6.600 collected

Continued tradition of Union Mission Children's Christmas Party Raised annual contribution to West Virginia Sight & Hearing Foundation

Held successful LIONAUCTION and car raffle fund raiser in 1984
Made regular donation to the Romney School for the Blind
Annual Ski Trip

Continued annual donation to Fairmont State College Student Loan Fund, the Boys Scouts and Boy's State

Continued tradition of outstanding guest speakers at club meetings Moved meetings to Muriale's Restaurant in 1987

Received a plague in 1988 from Boys Scout for 10 year support

Had two Lions receive Melvin Jones Awards

Sponsored a teacher to Lions Quest Program, "Skills for Adolescence"

In 1990, moved annual Eye Clinic to Middletown Mall in connection with annual Health Fair to reach more people

Supported the Eye Research Center in Morgantown Continued annual broom & mop sales and added

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fruit cake sales in 1991

Presented numerous Monarch Awards including one 60 year award and several 50 year awards