



THE MANE GROWL

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WE SERVE

Club Officers

Jacob Brumage...President
 Dennis Basnett...1st V.P.
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 Bob Brummage...Treasurer
 Wayne Dodd.....Lion Tamer
 Keith Long.....Tail Twister
 Margaret Brumage...Director
 Nancy Sickles.....Director
 Jack Decker.....Director
 David Cain.....Director
 Bob Moffett.....Membership
 Aletta Moffett.....Past Pres.

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Clarion Inn - Fairmont

Feb. 24 Bob Gribben
 Community
 Development
 Partnership

Mar. 24 Tina Shaw
 Chamber of
 Commerce

Mar. 11-12 District 29-L
 Conference
 Ramada Inn
 Morgantown

Visitations

Keith Long, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended Barrackville's DG Night on January 20th. Bob Moffett and Jake Brumage attended an organizational meeting for a new club in Fairmont on January 31st. Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the Zone 4 meeting in Paden City, February 7th. Bob Moffett ate breakfast with the Doddridge Co. Lions, followed by a Zone 8 meeting and MERLO meeting in West Union on February 5th. Nancy Sickles, Virginia Gallion, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended the WV Lions Leadership School in Flatwoods on January 28 - 30.

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

~Warren Buffett



(Left to right) David Stalnaker, Jim Moon, Jim Finegan, Rev. Mary Ellen Finegan, Aletta Moffett, Carol Baker, Belinda Biafore, Linda Baxter, DG Jeff Baxter, Ralph Davis, Pres. Jacob Brumage

District Governor Visits and Inducts New Members

Seven new Fairmont Lions Club members were inducted by District Governor Jeff Baxter during his official visit to the club on January 20th. Inducted were David Stalnaker, sponsored by Carol Baker; Jim Moon, sponsored by Belinda Biafore; Rev. Mary Ellen and Jim Finegan, sponsored by Aletta Moffett; Carol Baker and Belinda Biafore and Ralph Davis, sponsored by Jacob Brumage. DG Jeff's wife Linda pinned each new member with the District Governor's pin after they had received their Lions pins. That brings the club membership up to 43 members.

Visiting from other clubs were PDG Pat Julius and Shirley Hlad, Morgantown; PDG Eva Dague, Washington Lands; and PDG Tracy Smith, Barrackville; Ron Frye, Rivesville and Lisa Long, with of Keith Long.

Keith Long announced that the club provided 120 pairs of eyeglasses to needy individuals last year. Margaret Brumage reminded members that the club is collecting personal hygiene items for the Soup Opera.

President Jacob Brumage introduced DG Jeff Baxter, a member of the Cheat Lake Lions Club, who addressed the club. He discussed the transition from a MERLO Team to the new Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Leadership Team (GLT).

Baxter also encouraged Lions to attend the District Conference at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown on March 11 and 12. The registration fee of \$45 covers lunch and dinner on Saturday. At the Saturday luncheon, Renzy Cochran, the winner of the Lions Peace Poster Contest at West Fairmont Middle School which was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, will be recognized for her achievement. Renzy and her parents will be guests of the Conference. It would be especially nice to have a good contingent from the club on hand to greet her there. The theme for the Conference is "Passion in the Jungle."

Also coming up in May is the State Convention at Lakeview in Morgantown. \$80 registration there includes four meals.

District Governor Jeff also asked for help for this year's Dan Dague Memorial Car and Bike Show in Wheeling on Labor Day. The show has grown dramatically and last year saw over 1400 vehicles. He expects this year's to be even bigger requiring more Lions to help out. The Car Show takes place on Labor Day.

Notice of Nominations Meeting & Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee will present the proposed slate of officers for the 2011 - 2012 club year at the March 10th business meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor at that time. The election of officers will be held on March 24, 2011. No nominations may be made at that meeting.





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District Governor Jeff Baxter's theme this year is "Grow and Serve"



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
www.fairmontlions.org

Just a Lion or Two

Congratulations to Martha Warren, who was chosen from among those named Master Gardener of the Year in the past, to vie for the state title.

District 29-L Conference
March 11 - 12, 2011
Ramada Inn
Morgantown, WV

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Lauren Hamilton Tells About Girls State

Lauren Hamilton was sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club to attend Rhododendron Girls State at Wheeling Jesuit University last June. She was at the club's February 10th meeting to present a program on her experiences there. Girls State is a citizenship conference for West Virginia high school girls. Lauren's parents attended the meeting with her.

About Our New Members

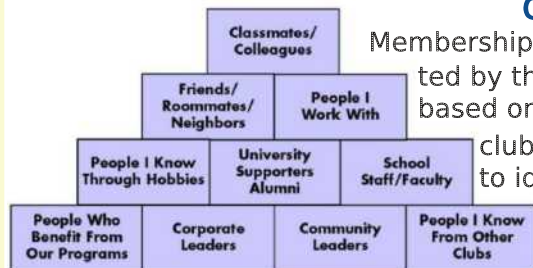
Mary Ellen Finegan has served as a United Methodist Pastor for 28 years and currently serves Central and Trinity United Methodist churches. Her husband, Jim Finegan, is a registered nurse with Hospice Care Corporation. Jim Moon does construction work with Regional Eye Associates. Belinda Biafore is in the oil and gas industry and is involved in politics. Ralph Davis spends his time helping others. Carol Baker is involved with the Moose, the Three Rivers Festival and is a parade director. David Stalnaker has been in West Virginia seven years and has worked in home health. (See photo on Page 1.)

Bob Gribben to Address Development at Thursday's Meeting

Bob Gribben, Associate Director of the Fairmont Community Development Partnership (FCDP), will address the club at its regular meeting Thursday, February 24th. The FCDP is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to stabilizing and revitalizing Fairmont neighborhoods. The club meets at the Clarion Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn). Come early to socialize.

Club Adopts Membership Plan

Membership Chair Bob Moffett proposed a program, adopted by the club, aimed at increasing club membership, based on a plan used successfully by Ohio Lions and clubs within District 29-L. Each member is asked to identify individuals they would recommend as prospective Lions. The club will send a letter and a copy of the club brochure. The prospects will be called a week later asking them



to attend a special meeting where they will have an opportunity to meet our club members, learn about our club's activities, see how much fun we have, and be invited to sign an application.

The crucial first step is to identify the prospects. These may be people where we work, friends, neighbors, people we know through hobbies, university supporters or alumni, school staff and faculty, corporate or community leaders.