



THE MANE GROWL

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 Jacob Brumage...Past Pres.

Calendar

Fairmont Lions meet
 6:30 pm
 Clarion Inn - Fairmont

- Sept. 15 6:00 pm DG Visit
 DG Patty Nutter
 Barrackville
- Sept. 17 10:00 am Zone Mtg.
 Barrackville
- Sept. 17 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Journey for Sight
 MCTRAIL
- Sept. 18 Dan Dague Car Show
 Wheeling
- Sept. 22 No Meeting
- Sept. 26 6:00 pm Board Mtg.
 Clarion Inn
- Oct. 13 6:30 Business Mtg.

Visitations

Aletta and Bob Moffett attended a Zone Meeting in Paden City on August 22nd and in Elm Grove August 30th. In addition to the Moffetts, Elizabeth Swiger and Jim Coleman attended the joint meeting of service clubs to hear Coach Lopez on August 24th.

"The role of honor consists of the names of men who have squared their conduct by ideals of duty."
 ~ Pres. Woodrow Wilson



District Governor Patty Nutter to Visit Club Special Meeting Set This Thursday, September 15th



District Governor Patty Nutter will speak to the Fairmont Lions at a special meeting this Thursday, September 15th, at the Barrackville Community Building on Pike Street in Barrackville at 6:00 pm. Note the change in meeting place and time. This will be a joint meeting of the Fairmont, Barrackville and Rivesville Lions Clubs, hosted by the Barrackville Lions Club. Dinner of baked steak will be catered and the cost is \$10.50. All club members should attend to represent our club well and to meet our district governor. There will be no club meeting September 22nd.

The district governor is a graduate of Harrisville High School, Camden Clark School of Nursing, and has a Board of Regents Degree from Glenville State College and a masters degree from West Virginia University. She is a retired school nurse. DG Patty is married to Lion Paul Nutter and they have two children and three grandchildren.

She was a 100% President of the Harrisville Lions Club, is a Melvin Jones Fellow and recipient of the Leonard Jarrett Award. Nutter is a graduate of the Lions Senior Leadership Institute, holds three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, has received three extension awards, two District Certificates of Appreciation and five District Awards of Achievement.

DG Patty has also served as Leo-Lion Liaison for both the Ritchie Co. Middle and Ritchie Co. High Schools, served as Sight Chairperson, Zone Chairperson, Leo Co-Chairperson and is a Certified Guiding Lion. She was also Director of Cooperating Organizations for Lions Clubs with the WV Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY).

District Governor Patty Nutter has been to Fairmont Lions Club meetings in the past and we welcome her as she makes her official visit to our club on Thursday.

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB



Lions Journey for Sight is Saturday, September 17th

This Saturday is the date for the 14th Annual Lions Journey for Sight, beginning at 10:00 am and continuing until 2:00 pm along MCTRAIL, from the Prickett's Fort Trail Head to the Trail Head behind Novelis in Fairmont. Participants will obtain sponsors and then walk, bicycle, jog or run along the trail, with donations received supporting the club's sight conservation and work with the blind activities. Club

members are needed for registration at both trail ends, distribution of T-shirts for those turning in \$50 or more in donations and other help, as may be needed.

Club members are encouraged to also solicit donations from friends, neighbors and co-workers and join us to enjoy a nice walk or bike ride on the trail. The trail is about 2.5 miles in length, making the total distance about five miles. Those who desire may walk or ride a shorter distance. John Marsicano is chairperson for the Journey for Sight.

Tropical Storm Lee Forces Rescheduled Car Show

Heavy rain from Tropical Storm Lee forced the cancellation of the Labor Day Car Show which has now been rescheduled for this Sunday, September 18th, 8:00 am. Several Fairmont Lions made the trek to Wheeling to help out with the Dan Dague Memorial Car Show and arrived to find it had been cancelled. It is hoped that club members will be able to help out with the show this Sunday. It takes place at The Highlands, near Cabela's, along Interstate 70 approaching Wheeling.

Zone Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, September 17th

Zone Chairperson Robin Sawitsky has called her first zone meeting to be held Saturday, September 17th, at the Barrackville Community Building. The meeting begins at 10:00 am. Club presidents and secretaries are expected to be present, but all club members are welcome to attend.

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT

Sponsor Sheet



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State or Province _____

School, Firm, or Organization *if non-Lion* _____

WAIVER

In consideration of your acceptance of this form, I hereby for myself, my administrators, my heirs and assigns, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I have against the organizers of this event, their associates and representatives. I also agree to obey all traffic laws, exercise all safety precautions, avoid littering and respect the property of others. **PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18.**

Signed X _____

Parent or Guardian X _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND COLLECT YOUR PLEDGES PROMPTLY AFTER JOURNEY.

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Several Fairmont Lions Club members were absent last month when Attendance Awards were presented. They received their certificates and pins from Immediate Past President Jacob Brumage at the September 8th club meeting. Receiving their 100% Attendance Awards were Dennis Basnett, Aletta Moffett and Bob Moffett. Please keep in mind that a meeting absence can be made up by visiting another club's meeting or participating in a Lions activity such as a fund raiser or service project. That's how these three, who have had to miss a meeting from time to time, were able to achieve 100% attendance.

Lions Club Planning to Ring Those Christmas Bells

The Fairmont Lions Club is planning to ring bells for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. Aletta Moffett is again chairing this service project. The club voted to request December 3rd as the date to ring. We are asking first for the WalMart location and alternatively for the Fairmont Avenue Shop N Save. The club will be responsible for ringing the bells from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm and we will do that in shifts. We will need a number of volunteers to help with this project. A sign-up sheet will be provided in November. Members are encouraged to volunteer at other times if they are interested. Those desiring to ring bells at additional times may send an e-mail request to diane_shingleton@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Coach Mike Lopez Addresses Service Clubs

Now in his fourth year at Fairmont State, Head Football Coach Mike Lopez spoke to a joint luncheon meeting of Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions at the Clarion Inn on August 24th. Lopez emphasized Fairmont State's emphasis on education and the importance of community service. While he likes to win football games, he is concerned with the development of the student athletes in their life skills. He pointed out that the FSU team's grade point average over the past few seasons is 2.9 and that over 70 percent of the players graduate, while also volunteering in the community. Elizabeth Swiger, Jim Coleman, Aletta and Bob Moffett attended from the Lions.



Friendly Lions Club Appreciates Friendly City Lions

Pres. Nancy Sickles and Virginia Gallion paid a visit to the Friendly Lions Club recently to assist them with a large fund raiser. Friendly Lions Dan and Charlotte Heintzman brought "Lenny" the Lion to participate with us in the Three Rivers Festival Parade earlier in the summer. The Fairmont club received a letter in appreciation of the assistance.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Lions Helping Hurricane Irene Victims

Lions Clubs International Foundation is mobilizing \$90,000 to provide immediate disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Irene. LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs worked with local Lions to purchase 600 cases of bleach that residents need to disinfect their water wells and to clean their flooded homes. In North Carolina, Lions distributed relief kits that included bleach, detergent, rubber gloves, garbage bags and cleaning supplies.

"After two feet of water flooded homes in Columbia, there is now a long clean-up process ahead," said Chairperson Scruggs. "It is rewarding to know that we are providing them with a little hope and help during this difficult time."



LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs is at right. (Photo: LCI)

Humane Society Program Rescheduled

Don Downs, of the Marion County Humane Society, will speak to the Fairmont Lions Club at its meeting on October 27th. His appearance has been rescheduled from an earlier date when Lion members brought in supplies for the Humane Society.

Treasurer's Report Shows Expenditures

Treasurer Bob Brummage presented the Treasurer's Report at the September business meeting of the club. Expenitures toward eye exams and glasses since July 1 amount to \$300.00 and additional bills have been received. The club also provided \$50 to the Dan Dague Car Show, since the proceeds go to the WV Lions Sight Foundation. From administrative funds (dues, tail twister) expenses included newsletter mailing \$26.40, administrative expenses \$119.85, web site \$29.94, program guests \$12.00, dues paid to LCI \$945.75, dues paid to District 29-L \$238.50, and other \$87.11 totaling \$1459.55. Please pay dues promptly as the administrative fund is low.



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District Governor Patty Nutter's theme this year is "We Believe"



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 the Times West Virginian's "Everyday Hero," Ralph Davis, who has made around 40 trips with the American Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Teams.

It was good to have Margaret Brumage back at our meeting on September 8th.

Articles, pictures and other information, or comments for or about this newsletter are always welcome. Please send them to:

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The recent Peach Sale at Middletown Mall resulted in a net income of \$826.42 from the sale of 50 boxes. \$40 was received from donations, according to Bob Brummage, chairperson. Ten Lions helped with the sale.
(PHOTO: CAROL BAKER)

Bob Brummage is again working on plans to sell apples at the Middletown Mall tentatively on Friday and Saturday, October 7th & 8th. More details are coming soon.

Lions Peace Poster Kits Being Delivered to Schools

Jacob Brumage has received the Peace Poster Kits and is in the process of delivering those to West Fairmont Middle School and East Fairmont Junior High School. Students from around the world participate in the contest, which the Fairmont Lions Club has sponsored in Fairmont for a number of years. We have had two district winners, one of whom became a state winner, from Fairmont in recent years.

Mark Your Calendar

Carol Baker is working on plans for this year's Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club. The parade will take place on Saturday, December 10th. She will need help from Lions at 4:00 pm, with the line-up scheduled for 4:30 pm that day. The club is also making plans to have a float in the parade. This year, there will be prizes for the best floats, thanks to the donations of several club members.

The Fairmont Lions Club's annual Christmas Party for underprivileged children at the Union Mission is set for December 17th. This will be the second December meeting and there will be no club meeting on December 22nd.

The Zone Christmas Party for members of the Lions clubs in the area has been scheduled for Saturday, November 26th, at the Clarion Inn. This is always good fun and a good way to get acquainted with Lions from our area clubs.

Club Continues Providing Eyeglasses

At the September 8th meeting, the Fairmont Lions Club approved applications for eye exams and glasses for ten individuals. The applications had previously been approved by the Eyeglasses Committee. Dennis Basnett presented the applications. Keith Long chairs the committee.

Apple Sale and Nut Sale Coming Soon

Elizabeth Swiger is preparing to order the nuts for the club's upcoming sale. Nuts should arrive in time for sale prior to the holiday baking season. As with just about everything else, the nut prices have gone up and the club will need to charge a slightly higher price this year. However, we will continue to sell two bags for \$1.00 discount over the price of two bags at the per bag price. We will be selling pecans, cashews, chocolate cashews and bridge mix.