



Club Officers

President.....Bob Brummage
 Vice Pres.....Guy Ward
 Secretary.....Bob Moffett
 Treasurer.....Virginia Gallion
 Directors.....Fred Cannon
 Rob Pickett
 David Sturm
 Membership Chr...Rob Pickett
 LCIF Coord.....Aletta Moffett
 Leo Coord.....Fred Cannon
 Tail Twister.....Rex Zickefoose

Calendar (subject to change)

- May 14 Meeting
Apple Annie's
6:00 pm
- May 1 Family Literacy Fair
Set up
FSHS Field House
10:00 am
- May 2 Family Literacy Fair
FSHS Field House
10:00-2:00
- May 15-17 MD29 WV Lions
State Convention
Canaan Valley Resort
- July 3-7 Lions International
Convention
Hong Kong
- Sept. 3-5 USA/Canada Lions
Leadership Forum
Memphis, TN

"We do not inherit the earth
 from our ancestors, we
 borrow it from our children"
 — Native American Proverb

Editor's Note: Earth Day is
 Wednesday, April 22, 2026.



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Next Meeting:
 May 14, 2026



Two New Members Inducted



From left: Debra McDonald, Eden McDonald, Fred Cannon, PDG Bob Moffett

The Fairmont Lions Club welcomed Debra and Eden McDonald as new members who were officially inducted into the club by Past District Governor Bob Moffett on April 9th at the club meeting. Fred Cannon was their sponsor and participated in the induction ceremony by presenting their Lions pins, Mission 1.5 pins and membership certificates.

Bob Moffett presented Fred Cannon with the sponsor pins, Mission 1.5 pins and certificates. Having added four new members in the last two months, the club membership now stands at 23.



Rail Trail Cleanup Removed Plenty of Trash

The Fairmont Lions Club and Midtown Leo Club members and other volunteers cleaned litter from the West Fork River/ Ralph S. LaRue Rail Trail on Saturday, April 4, beginning at 2:00 pm. Those working the Monongah end spent two hours filling bags, while those working the Fairmont (Norway trailhead) end of the trail spent three hours removing tires and a bicycle along with several bags of litter.



Because of a landslide near Monongah, this section was closed last season and the club cleaned a different section of the trail. That may have contributed to the increased amount of trash collected this time.

The Lions, Leos and other volunteers cleaned approximately 2.5 miles of trail.



Elections Meeting April 9, 2026

Elections were conducted April 9 for club officers. The nominated slate of officers were duly elected by secret ballot.

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| President | Bob Brummage |
| First Vice President | Rex Zickefoose |
| Second Vice President | Rob Pickett |
| Secretary | Bob Moffett |
| Treasurer | Virginia Gallion |
| Director | Fred Cannon |
| LCIF Coordinator | Aletta Moffett |
| Tail Twister | Kenzie Niezgoda |
| Club Administrator | Debra McDonald |
| Membership | Rob Pickett |

Daynon Foster is appointed to assist Virginia Gallion to learn the treasurer's duties. Fred Cannon is appointed as Leo Advisor. These newly elected club officers will assume their duties July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Being a Lion amplifies your impact through club service—coming together as a club strengthens your impact, influence and ability to do good.



District Governor
 Kim Ebert



Lions On The Web

Lions Clubs International
lionsclubs.org

West Virginia Lions (MD-29)
wvlions.org

District 29-L Lions
lions29l.org

WV Lions Sight Foundation
wvsight.org

Fairmont Lions Club
fairmontlions.org

Just a Lion or Two

Beulah Miller was in good spirits.

Elizabeth Swiger is doing well.

Nancy Sickles is receiving Hospice care, doing OK.

Some images created by the editor with AI assistance: Lion in masthead created with DALL-E.

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Service Activities Completed by the Fairmont Lions Club 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

Service Activities	People Served	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated
34	1,917	199	950	\$1,560.00

Recycling Is Huge Success But Dampened by Thieves



Fairmont Lions Club and Midtown Leos, with the help of other volunteers, collected e-waste for recycling on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Plans were to set up at 8:00am to be ready to go at 9:00 am. By 8:00, however, folks were already lined up and unloading items. About 111 volunteer hours from Lions, Leos, family members and other willing volunteers made it happen. DG Kim Ebert was working right there with the rest of us, too. Club members participating were Pres. Bob Brummage, Fred Cannon, Virginia Gallion, Tori Gastón, Aletta Moffett, Bob Moffett, Kenzie Niezgodá, and

Rex Zickefoose. Leos participating were Claire, Leala, Matilda, and Savanna. Two Leo and Lion family members also pitched in to help. Their were several non-Lion/Leo volunteers, as well including representatives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The excitement from what appeared to be a most successful event was dampened, however. There was significant theft Saturday night and the parking lot was “trashed” by the thieves. Computers, laptops, tablets and cell phones had been removed off-site to protect any personal information. Those were not impacted by the thefts. The club was then notified Monday morning that “two guys were taking stuff.” That resulted in a call to the police.

Funds received from recycling will be used by the Fairmont Lions Club to provide many services to our community. These thefts have reduced the much needed funding that these two organizations will receive from Saturday's event, but we will continue our efforts to serve in our community.

Outside of the e-waste event, 15 toner and 10 ink cartridges were collected for recycling in April.

Eye Exam and Eyeglasses Provided

Keith Long, chairperson of the Eyeglasses Committee, reported that one individual was approved for March to receive an eye exam and eyeglasses from the Fairmont Lions Club. The club continues to approve a standing request from the committee for up to two individuals to receive an exam and eyeglasses each month.