



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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July 2012

2012-2013 Officers & Board Members:

President-Barbara Plaughter; V. Pres-Tom Edwards; V. Pres-Elaine Harris; V. Pres-Don Hostetler; Secretary-Howard Shelly; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Arliss Plaughter; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Past Pres-Vanessa Greer; Board Members: 2 yr-Katie Keifer & Dale Metzger; 1 yr-Elaine Brubaker & Mark Alliman; Editor-Barbara Plaughter

### August Birthdays:

Stephanie Larcom	8/4	Lowell Hostetler	8/7
Tammy Whitlow	8/7	Ron Lora	8/10
Dick Boehr	8/12	Howard Shelly	8/13
Demale Snyder	8/19	Praveen Vohra	8/21
John Murray	8/22	Daryl Shields	8/22
Joe Sehlhorst	8/25	Bob Barnett	8/27
Tyson Veidt	8/27		

### August Anniversaries:

Bill & Jo Croft	8/4	Katherine Keifer	8/5
Gene Long	8/13	Scott Basinger	8/15
Bill Watkins	8/17	Doug Luginbill	8/18
Stan Clemens	8/19	Dale Metzger	8/19
Ron Michel	8/21	Burton Yost	8/21
Mitch Kingsley	8/30	Dick Ramseyer	8/30

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 4<sup>th</sup> – State Committee meetings at the School for the Blind in Columbus starting 9:00 AM

August 7<sup>th</sup> – Bluffton Club meeting with State Representative, Matt Huffman, talking on a non-partisan Legislative Update.

August 19<sup>th</sup> – District Cabinet meeting @ Schnipke' Inn in Ottawa 1:30 PM.

August 21<sup>st</sup> – Bluffton Club meeting with District Governor, Ralph Stuebs, giving the club an update on district and international goals for the Lions year.

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Zones 6 & 3 meeting will be hosted by the McComb Club starting at 6:30 PM. The program highlights LODESTAR the Guiding Angels for Blind. This is an interesting presentation that you will find enlightening.

## NEW MEMBERS:

Praveen Vohra is originally from India and has lived in the US about 10 years. He lived in New York, then Dayton before settling in Bluffton. He and wife, Meena, have one son in high school. Praveen manages the Marathon station on Main St. and is anxious to get involved in community activities.

**Gary Graham** recently joined the Bluffton Club as a transfer from the Van Buren club. Gary attended Ohio State University, was employed 33 years at Ford and retired in 2005. He has been a member of his hometown club in Waynesfield starting in the mid 70's, then moved to Shawnee, Findlay and Van Buren clubs. He and wife, Mary Jane, find the Bluffton club to be closer to their Findlay home.

**WE SERVE:**

Andy Armstrong, chairman of the environment committee, organized a group of Lions to assist in cleaning up Maple Grove Cemetery on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Those helping were: Lions Lowell Hostetler, Tracy



Steele, Dick Ramseyer, Jan Emmert, Dean Giesige, Tom Langhals with his grandson, Dick McGarrity, John Rich, Dennis Morrison, Tom Edwards, Willis Sommer, Arliss Plaughter, Morris Groman and Barbara Plaughter. Concerned citizens Nancy Yeager and Mary Fett also joined in the effort. Trucks, trailers, rakes, chain saws and other equipments were provided by the Lions to clean up the debris. Over 20 loads of brush was trucked to the dump to add to the growing pile. Thank you to all who found time to volunteer for this worthwhile cause.

**July 17<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic:**



New member, Gary Graham, talks with Lions Dennis Morrison and Tom Edwards at the picnic.



Thirty-one members and guests enjoyed a very hot evening at the Twin Lakes camp grounds for the family Lions picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to grillers, Lions Ed Yeager and Arliss Plaughter, everyone had plenty to eat. Thanks to Lions Elaine & Bob Harris for the use of the shelter house and grill at the campgrounds.



### **Letter from the President:**

As editor I sometimes find I need a little “filler” for the newspaper. So this gives me an opportunity to give you some insight into our International goals and my goals, as president, for this coming year.

The International Theme is “In a World of Service”. In a world of need and suffering, there is someone to help. And that is what Lions are all about.

We continue to work with the youth, provide vision services to those in need, protect our environment, assist in providing food for those in need, and a new program has been introduced by our International President, Wayne Madden, this is dedicated to promote literacy. More information about this program will be developed throughout the year.

My goals for our club include: Developing more interest in the Sure Sight eye screening for the 3 to 5 year olds in our community; Starting to develop a Leo Club within the school; Develop a scholarship program to offer our high-school seniors; and Support more volunteer projects with youth, vision, the environment, food, and the Reading Action Program initiated by the International President.

I e-mailed the District Newsletter to all on the e-mail distribution list. I am hoping that you will find this letter of interest, along with our monthly Lion magazine.

Within our own club, you will also see some changes. 1. A survey will be given to you at the next club meeting. Please return to me at the following meeting you attend. 2. The calling committee for lunches has been disbanded. Tom Edwards is planning to develop an e-mail address that you will need to send your reservation in for lunch. This will be explained with our first notice for the August meeting. 3. Secretary and treasurer reports will be addressed at the meetings along with information on committees. Zone and district along with state Lions information will also be shared in hopes that we all become more informed about the huge organization that we are members of. Your voice is important and needs to be heard, so join in with the discussion at lunch time and let’s have a great time as Lions.

