



CHARTER

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come:

GREETING

NOW YE that the International Association of Lions Clubs has granted, and by these presents does grant to the Members, whose names are hereunto affixed, and to all regularly elected members and their successors, this Charter, fully constituting them a Local Club, under the name and title of

THE LIONS CLUB OF BLUFFTON

Located at Bluffton, Ohio, with all the rights and privileges given to members of the International Association of Lions Clubs, according to the rules and regulations of the constitution and by-laws of the International Association now in force, or hereinafter enacted.

THIS CHARTER shall be in full force and effect from the day of the date hereof, and for such time as the Members of the Local Club shall conform to the laws and rules of the International Association: Otherwise this Charter shall be revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the International Association of Lions Clubs has authorized its President and Secretary to affix their signatures, and caused the seal of the Association to be hereunto affixed this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord 1934.



Robert D. Bixel *Robert D. Bixel*
PRESIDENT SECRETARY

CHARTER MEMBERS

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| * I. B. BESHY | * E. S. LAPE |
| * GORDON HIXEL | * A. E. LICHTENWALTER |
| * M. R. BIXEL | * A. J. B. LONGSDORF |
| * N. E. BYERS | * S. K. MOSEMAN |
| * RAYMOND CONRAD | * F. L. STEINMAN |
| * ELI DEPLER | PAUL W. STAUFFER |
| * F. A. HOFER | * J. S. STEINER |
| * J. NORMAN KING | * ORDEN SMUCKER |
| * A. E. KREIDER | * B. D. SMUCKER |
| * RUSSELL A. LANTZ | (*) Deceased |

BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB



"We Serve"

80th Charter

Anniversary

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
First Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio

1934 - 2014

OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker for this evening is Lion Bruce Murray, Past International Director, who has received many awards including the Ambassador of Goodwill Award.

Past International Director Murray has been recognized for 48 years of perfect attendance and is a life member of the St. Marys Lions Club in St. Marys, Ontario, Canada. He has served in most club offices, including club president, zone chairman, deputy district governor, district governor, vice chairman of his Multiple District Council of Governors and promotional chairman for his multiple district.

In the district of A-9 he served as District Governor 1974-75 and continued onto the Vice Chair Governors Council. He then became an International Director in 1981-83.

He has received seven Extension Awards, the 100% District Governor Award, 14 district Governor's Appreciation Awards, five International President's Awards and is a Key Member. He is also a recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members.

PID Murray founded Canada's first International Youth Camp and served for six years as its director. He also founded the Lions Foundation of Canada. And he is currently the Chairman of the Board of Lions Quest for Canada.

Past Director Murray is married to Lion Janis, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren and is enjoying retirement with his family.

BANQUET PROGRAM

Call to Order.....	Vice President Stephanie Larcom
Pledge to Flag.....	Dennis Morrison
First Verse of America.....	Richard Boehr
Invocation.....	Pastor Steve Yoder
Announcements.....	Stephanie Larcom

----DINNER----

Welcome and Introduction of Toastmaster.....	Stephanie Larcom
Toastmaster.....	Past District Governor Barbara Plaughner
Recognitions and Introductions.....	Barbara Plaughner
Tribute to Club Members Past & Present.....	Richard Boehr
Introduction of Speaker.....	Past District Governor Dan Ritter
Speaker.....	Past International Director Bruce Murray
Response to Speaker.....	Barbara Plaughner
Door Prizes.....	Tail Twister Greg Aversch
God Bless America.....	Richard Boehr
Benediction.....	Pastor Steve Yoder
Catering Service.....	Henry's Catering
Dinner Music.....	Julian Harnish, piano

HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB

The Bluffton Lions Club was chartered February 19, 1934 with 19 members. It was organized as a community service club to create and foster a spirit of cooperation and fellowship for the promotion of programs for the common good.

The following are excerpts taken from our files, not necessarily in time sequence, reflecting this history:

Lions erected the first welcome sign on South Main on May 7, 1935.

Lions sponsored Bluffton's first airmail pick-up commemorating the 20th anniversary of U.S. Air Mail Service, landing the plane on the Noah Moser farm north of town May 19, 1938.

Sponsored new Lions clubs in Findlay, Rawson, Beaverdam, Columbus Grove and New Hampshire.

Participated in the International Student Exchange. Sponsored the peace oratorical contest. Sold tickets for athletic events and gave contributions for midget athletic league.

Organized and sponsored the annual basketball holiday tournament.

Furnished labor and money to restore the pool and clean up of the Buckeye swimming pool and picnic area.

Sponsored a chest x-ray program. Erected and maintained street markers in town. Actively participated in War Bond drives. In charge of March of Dimes initial drives. Helped in Red Cross solicitation.

Collected clothing for international relief after World War II.

Sponsored and supported levies for sewer construction.

Conducted automobile safety checks with state and local patrols.

Supported the local mosquito control program. Provided floats for July parades, Halloween parades and Blaze of Lights parades.

Provided hearing examinations. Christmas blankets sent to blind or needy. Sponsors Citizen-of-the-Year awards since 1981. Published the first community calendar in 1950. Provides litter cleanup of Hancock County Road 313.

Provides scholarships to high school and college students.

1983 started to co-sponsor annual Pancake Day with Senior Citizens.

1959 sponsored Rubinoff and his Violin in Concert at the high school.

2002 established an annual community health fair with the Bluffton Hospital. Contributed to purchase school band uniforms.

Contributed furnishings to the Allen County Children's Home.

Assisted in securing a new \$80,000 post office building.

Assisted with furnishing for the Bluffton Hospital, paid for room redecorating and contributed with new addition projects.

Contributions to : Ohio Eye Research, Ohio Pilot Dog Programs, Northwest Ohio Eye Bank, Lions Clubs International Foundation, VOSH-Ohio, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Ohio Sight & Hearing, Ohio Diabetes Fund,

North West Ohio Eyecare, Lions International Relations. Donations to Harmon Field stadium, financial help to purchase a community parking lot,

supported building dam at Harmon Field. Provides glasses for children and other persons with limited funds. Presented a sight-testing machine

to the public schools. Presented a reading machine to the local library. Provided copies of Braille Readers Digests to area blind. Money sent to

the local library for purchase of large print books.

Financial assistance given as result of tornados in 1965 and 2003.

Assistance during floods. Donation to the Bluffton Day Care Center and Mennonite Memorial Home.

A great response in collecting monies and pledges for the SightFirst II drive through Lions Clubs International. Collections for the LCI Measles

Initiative fund. Encouraged youth to participate in the Peace Poster contest yearly. Food drives to provide can goods and money donations

for the food bank. Assisted as security at the Allen County Museum during their Christmas Tree Festival.

Planted trees in the Motter Park. Presented dictionaries to the third-graders at Bluffton Schools.

Sponsored a charity raffle with funds going to local charities. Funds provided for the proposed bike path in Bluffton.

Sure-sight screening of pre-school children to identify eye disorders.

2013-2014 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President.....	Mitch Kingsley
VP for Growth/Membership.....	Chad Grieser
VP for Programs.....	Stephanie Larcom
VP of Financial Development.....	Rachel Webster
Secretary.....	Elaine Brubaker
Treasurer & Safety Officer.....	Lowell Hostetler
Lion Tamer.....	Arliss Plaughner
Tail Twister.....	Greg Aversch
News Editor.....	Barbara Plaughner
Immediate Past President.....	Barbara Plaughner
Board Members One Year Term.....	Katherine Keifer Ron Lora
Board Members Two Year Term.....	Mark Alliman Phillip Zimmerly
Foundation President.....	Richard Ramseyer
<i>INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT</i>	Barry J. Palmer

2013-2014 DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Governor.....	Craig Gauger
First Vice District Governor.....	Marv Crawford
Second Vice District Governor.....	Joe Kahl
Cabinet Treasurer.....	PDG Dan Ritter
Cabinet Secretary.....	Joan Trausch
Immediate Past District Governor.....	Ralph Stuebs

PAST AND PRESENT DISTRICT OFFICERS

Past District Governor.....	Forest Steinman
-	Barbara Plaughner
Past Zone Chairman.....	James Szabo
-	Richard Boehr
-	Richard Ramseyer
-	Barbara Plaughner
Sight & Hearing Trustee.....	Richard Boehr
Ohio Lions Foundation Trustee.....	Richard Boehr
Building Committee Trustee.....	Fred Rodabaugh
International Convention Chairman.....	Arliss Plaughner
Lions Clubs International Foundation.....	Barbara Plaughner

Charter Anniversary Committee: Chairman Richard Boehr, Don Hostetler, Mark Alliman, Barbara Plaughner, Stephanie Larcom, Mitch Kingsley

OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Noah Byers	1934	Don Overmyer	1974-75
A.J.B. Longsdorf	1934-35	Donald LaRoche	1975-76
Forest L. Steinman	1935-36	Stanley F. Naylor	1976-77
A.E. Lichtenwalter	1936-37	Stanley F. Naylor	1977-78
A.H. Hauenstein	1937-38	Glenn Lytle	1978-79
George H. Bogart	1938-39	James Mohr	1979-80
Fred Gettles	1939-40	Joseph R. Foster	1980-81
Paul Stauffer	1940-41	Floyd Wenger	1981-82
Homer S. Gratz	1941-42	Robert Barnett	1982-83
I.B. Beeshy	1942-43	Edgar Schumacher	1983-84
Ed Lape	1943-44	John Gilbert	1984-85
George Bixel	1944-45	James Osborne	1985-86
Boyd W. Travis	1945-46	James Baumgartner	1986-87
Gerhard Buhler	1946-47	Walter Beck	1987-88
D.W. Bixler	1947-48	Dwight Baumgartner	1988-89
Lloyd L. Ramseyer	1948-49	Ernest Porzelius	1989-90
Paul R. Cramer	1949-50	Darrell Groman	1990-91
A. Dwight Spayth	1950-51	Ted Cunningham	1991-92
Harry Turner, Sr.	1951-52	James Szabo	1992-93
F.D. Rodabaugh	1952-53	Morris Triplett	1993-94
Ed Waltermire	1953-54	Paul Bixel	1994-95
Harold Klinger	1954-55	Walter Beck	1995-96
James Szabo	1955-56	Ib Thomsen	1996-97
Carl Lehman	1956-57	William Keeney	1997-98
Richard Cookson	1957-58	Fred Rodabaugh	1998-99
A.C. Burcky	1958-59	Richard Boehr	1999-00
Earl Lehman	1959-60	Gary Bishop	2000-01
Robert Crow	1960-61	Dean Niswander	2001-02
Russell Brooke	1961-62	Gary Bishop	2002-03
Roy Schmunk	1962-63	Richard Ramseyer	2003-04
Nolan Benroth	1963-64	Ron Michel	2004-05
Richard Boehr	1964-65	Barbara Plaughner	2005-06
Howard Myers	1965-66	Greg Aversch	2006-07
Paul Diller	1966-67	Greg Aversch	2007-08
James H. Ehrman	1967-68	Richard Ramseyer	2008-09
George Salmons	1968-69	Richard Ramseyer	2009-10
Alan Yoder	1969-70	Vanessa Greer	2010-11
Mark Houshower	1970-71	Vanessa Greer	2011-12
Reldon Schirch	1971-72	Barbara Plaughner	2012-13
Lawrence Falb	1972-73	Mitch Kingsley	2013-14
Leland Lehman	1973-74		