



# Newsletter

## Bluffton Lions Club

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December 2016

2016-2017 Officers & Board Members:

President-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Greg Denecker; V.Pres-Omar Khokhar; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaugher; Treasurer-Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer-Mitch Kingsley/Doug Luginbill; Tail Twister-Greg Aversch; Board Members: 1 yr-Judy Augsburger; 1 yr-Gary Graham; 2 yr-Elaine Harris; 2 yr-Christina Walton; Immediate Past President-Stephanie Larcom; Foundation President-Dick Ramseyer; Editor-Barbara Plaugher.

### January Birthday:

Diane Almanon	1/5	Tracy Steele	1/8	Barbara Plaugher	1/11
Greg Denecker	1/14	Don Hostetler	1/14	Ron Headings	1/15
Arliss Plaugher	1/15	James Mehaffie	1/21	Alan Yoder	1/22
Dick McGarrity	1/29				

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 25<sup>th</sup>: MERRY CHRISTMAS

January 1<sup>st</sup>: HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lions club meeting at noon Town Hall to conduct business for the new year

January 13 – 14: Lions Winter Retreat @ Deer Creek Lodge.

January 17<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting noon Town Hall with speaker Lawrence Mathews talking about the clean-up of the city of Detroit.

### DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS MEETING:



Thirty-three members and guests attended the Bluffton Lions Christmas Party held at the Town Hall with the meal being served by Henri's restaurant and entertainment was provided by the Glandorf Men's Acapella Chorus coordinated by Lion Gene Long.

Can goods were collected along with funds from the tail twisting activities will be sent to the Bluffton Food Pantry.



## **CHICKEN BAR BQ HELD NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>:**

The Lions Club raised approximately \$1,000 from the sale of chicken bar-b-q during the Blaze of Lights festival in the town square. Those participating in the project are: Lions Greg Denecker, chairman; Gene Long; Ed Yeager; Don Hostetler; Tim Closson; Dick McGarrity; Dan Diller; Colleen Lazar; Lowell Hostetler; Mitch Kingsley; Christina Walton; Bill Watkins; Arliss Plaughter; Willis Sommer; Barbara Plaughter; Patty Navin and Dick Ramseyer.



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## **VOLUNTEER SECURITY AT MUSEUM:**

The Bluffton Lions volunteered as security for the Lima Allen County Museum Festival of Trees Festival from November 39<sup>th</sup> through December 4th. Those helping out were Lions: Dennis Morrison, coordinator; Mark Alliman, Judy Augsburg, Dick Boehr, Arliss Plaughter, Christina Walton and Ed Yeager.

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Dear Fellow Lions,

As we near the end of 2016, I sit here reflecting upon the generosity and kindness of our members, and am filled with gratitude for each of your friendships. Our Bluffton Lions Club membership is making a difference in this community with service projects that contribute towards participating in the four Lions Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns. Thank you. I look forward to a bright 2017!

### **Engaging our Youth**

Support youth in your community, or inspire the next generation of volunteers by inviting Leos and other local youth to serve on a project with you. 2016 Peace Poster Contest in conjunction with Bluffton Schools and Scholarships for graduating seniors.

### **Sharing the Vision**

Prevent future cases of unnecessary blindness through vision screenings and educational events. Give the gift of sight through projects that benefit those who are blind or living with low vision. Volunteers for eyeglass sorting at Pandora VOSH center and Vision Screening of the youth.

### **Relieving the Hunger**

Improve access to healthy food for vulnerable populations in your community. 2016-17 Club Tail Twister donations dedicated to Bluffton Food pantry, and Bluffton Lions Community Meals.

### **Protecting our Environment**

Protect and improve the environment to make your community a healthier place to live for everyone. 2017 Spring Tree Planting, Recycling, Road Side clean-up and Lions Legacy Project LionsWay Pathway.

Thank you again for your support to Lionism. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

President Lion Colleen Lazar