



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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April 2017

2016-2017 Officers & Board Members:

President-Colleen Lazar; V.Pres-Greg Denecker; V.Pres-Omar Khokhar; V.Pres-Gene Long; Secretary-Barbara Plaughter; 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 Plaughter.

May Birthday:

Tim Closson 5/12

Dick Ramseyer 5/18

Bill Croft 5/31

May Anniversary:

Stephanie Larcom 5/10

Greg Aversch 5/17

Willis Sommer 5/22

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 2nd: Club meeting Town Hall at noon. Speaker Tom Schaaf talking on his recent trip to Cuba.

May 4th: Community meal at the Senior Citizen's building. See Lion Elaine Harris to volunteer to serve.

May 12-14: State Convention at Kalahari, Sandusky, OH

May 13th: Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. See Lion Greg Denecker to volunteer.

May 16th: Club meeting Town Hall at noon. Speaker John Bowers from the Bluffton Sewage Plant will present the program.

BOARD REPORTS:

Half-year dues notice will be sent out in May for those not paying for the full year.

The quarterly financial statement for the board and foundation will be e-mailed to all club members.

Awards received at the district convention for the club are as follows...

Humanitarian Award; Service Award; 1st place Governor's Award for 40+ members; Best Newsletter District Award 1st place; 100% Zone Meeting Attendance Award; Lion of the Year Award for Zone E is Colleen Lazar.

Clubs are now registering with the Attorney General. The club does not solicit funds, so no fine was issued; however, the foundation paid fines of \$400 for current and back fines.

Tree planing date is scheduled for May 20th at 9 am. More information to follow.

Scholarships are submitted with the committee setting up a time to review and confirm the winners.

Dare to Dream Committee to meet soon with Lion Greg Denecker chairing this committee.

Slate of officers for the upcoming year 2016-2017 are as follows:

President – Colleen Lazar; VP for Finance – Greg Denecker; VP for Programs – Gene Long; VP for Membership – Patty Navin; Secretary – Barbara Plaughter; Treasurer – Lowell Hostetler; Lion Tamer – Elaine Harris; Tail Twister – Greg Averagesch; Newsletter Editor – Barbara Plaughter; Immediate Past Pres – Stephanie Larcom; Board Members 2 yr – Dan Diller and Bob Stahl; Board Members 1 yr – Christina Walton and Mitch Kingsley; Foundation Pres – Dick Ramseyer.

A nominating committee for the foundation consisting of Lions Dick McGarrity, Mitch Kingsley and Judy Augsburgers has been appointed.

President Ramseyer expressed the need for the Dare to Dream committee to increase the goal to raise \$20,000 net for pathway projects.

The Parkview Path will be completed the end of June 2017. The Bentley Path is to be constructed and to be opened in 2018.

APRIL 4TH MEETING:

Lion Barbara Plaughter was the speaker for the April 4th meeting. She presented a power point on the development of the VOSH organization and the mission trips that were conducted recently to Haiti and Romania. She also shared a short video on the Tanzania mission of a few years ago. Information on each mission was given to promote service to the underserved.

Lion Bob Stahl was inducted into the Bluffton Lions Club. The photo shows Lion Bob with his sponsor Lion Arliss Plaughter along with Lion Barbara.



APRIL 18TH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PROGRAM:

The Citizen of the Year for 2016 is Lion Barbara Plaughter. The program, held in the Town Hall, consisted of speakers from three areas of Lion Barbara's life. Lion Bill Watkins worked with Barbara 40 years and he introduced Bill Ruse and Dr. Bill Kose to also speak on her work life. Lions from area clubs were DG Sheryl Burnette from Wauseon; PDG Marv Crawford from McComb; PDG Dan Ritter from McComb; PDG Dr. John Moats from Bryan; PDG Ron Meyers from Napoleon, all speaking on Lion involvement. VOSH members were Dr. Darrell Groman; Jim and Darlene Pohlman from Delphos sharing VOSH missions. Eleven family members also attended bringing the total attendance to 69. Many of the Lion members have also traveled on the VOSH missions. Lion Barbara spoke on "lightening the burden of others" throughout her career. VOSH and Lions are both service organizations with the motto of serving.



Previous Citizens of the Year:

1981 Dr. F.D. Rodabaugh
 1982 A.C. Burcky
 1983 James Ehrman
 1984 Gene Benroth
 1985 Forrest Steinman
 1986 Paul Stauffer
 1987 James West
 1988 Mary Triplett
 1989 Dr. B.W. Travis
 1990 Dr. Howard Raid
 1991 Dr. Earl Lehman
 1992 Lois Rodabaugh
 1993 Dr. Leland Lehman
 1994 Herman Hilty
 1995 Helen Tschantz
 1996 Jean Triplett
 1997 Wayne Matter
 1998 Dick Boehr
 1999 Roger Mullenhour
 2000 Don & Nancy
 Schweingruber
 2001 James & Jean Ann
 Szabo
 2002 Morris Groman
 2003 Ropp Triplett
 2004 Dick & Betty
 Cookson
 2005 Fred Rodabaugh
 2006 Dick & Margaret
 Weaver
 2007 Dr. Howard Shelly
 2008 Maurice Fett
 2009 Jean Muller
 2010 Jerry & Lori Lewis
 2011 Elaine Harris
 2012 Bob & Beverly
 Amstutz
 2013 Dick Ramseyer
 2014 Dennis Morrison
 2015 Dr. Oliver Lugibihl



L to R – Lion president, Colleen Lazar; VP Lion Gene Long; Lion Arliss Plaughter; Lion Barbara Plaughter; Plaughter family members daughter Susan Kaufman and son Randall Plaughter