



Newsletter

Bluffton Lions Club

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May 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.

June Birthday:

Jesse Blackburn 6/1
Mark Alliman 6/23

Pat Rodabaugh 6/7

Kyle Leatherman 6/14

June Anniversary:

Ted Cunningham 6/1
Jerry Szabo 6/10
Ben Stahl 6/20
Dick McGarrity 6/23
Jeff Joseph 6/28

Andy Rager 6/2
Don Hostetler 6/11
Dave Rodabaugh 6/22
Tracy Steele 6/25

Ryan Brauen 6/4
Tom Edwards 6/19
Tim Closson 6/23
Dimale/Don Snyder 6/27

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 20th: Tree planting 8 AM at the Trail Head Park. Join in and participate with this project.

May 24th: Northwest Eye Care Foundation meeting 6:30 PM at the Waynesfield Lions Building.

May 27th: Roadside clean-up meet 9 AM at corner of North Main and County Line Road. Notify Lion Gene Long to help with this project.

June 6th: Business meeting at Town Hall noon with lunch. Scholarship winners will be present to discuss their plans for the future. Installation of officers, if you have been elected for this coming year, please plan to attend. Induction of two new members.

June 10th: District officer training to be held at St. Johns United Church of Christ here in Bluffton this year. Officers and non-officers are both encouraged to attend. Hours of 9 AM til noon with lunch provided. Contact Lion Barbara Plaughter for reservations.

June 16th: Annual Festival of Wheels with registration beginning at 1 PM. Contact Lion Dennis Morrison to help with this project.

June 20th: VOSH sorting center work night at the Pandora Methodist Church 6 PM with meal provided by Henry's. Contact Lion Gene Long if you want to join in this evening.

June 30 thru July 4th: Internation Convention in Chicago. The Internation parade will be held on July 1st. A sight to see!!

July 11th: Keep this date open for the annual Lion's picnic. More info to follow.

BOARD REPORTS:

Notices for those paying half year dues have been sent out. The commitment to pledge \$15,000 by Lion members to the Bluffton Hospital project has been met. Dare to Dream goal is to raise \$30,000 this year with \$20,000 going to the pathway project. Location for the event will be held at The Centre. New member application for Shirley Wagner accepted by the board. Donation for Relay for Life of \$100 was paid.

Slate of Lion officers for the foundation was accepted as follows: President – Dick Ramseyer; Vice Pres – Judy Augsburg; Treasurer – Lowell Hostetler; Secretary – Barbara Plaughter; directors – Colleen Lazar, Ed Yeager, Greg Denecker, Dick McGarrity and Mitch Kingsley. Ride to Remember Bike Ride has both Lions & non-Lions helping with this project for the benefit of the pathway projects. A booklet is being written by Fred Steiner on the story of the Bluffton Pathway Program. The Parkview path off Kibler Street will be completed in May with dedication in June. Project cost is \$18,500. The Bentley Pathway is scheduled for 2018 with funds being split three ways, each \$65,000 from Bluffton Lions, village and public donations.

COMMUNITY MEAL:

The Bluffton Lions provided the community meal held at the Senior Citizens building on May 4th. Lion Elaine Harris coordinated this event with the assistance of 15 Lions. 87 meals were served and a collection of over \$240 will be contributed to the Bluffton Food Bank.

BOOK DONATION:

100 children's books were donated to the Hilty Home Day Care on behalf of the Bluffton Lions Club by book store director Lion Christina Walton. Other locations will be offered books in the near future. This project benefits the reading initiative and youth projects for the Bluffton Lions club.

DID YOU PLANT ANY TREES THIS SPRING?

Please notify our secretary, Lion Barbara Plaughter, if you have planted trees this spring. This information is submitted to LCI to be recognized for our involvement in caring for the environment.

PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST:



Sixteen Lions got up early on Saturday, May 13th, to serve over 230 pancake and sausage meals to the community. Pictured here are Lions Dan Diller, Patty Navin and Mitch Kingsley with Ron Lora in the foreground. Lion Greg Denecker coordinated this event with total proceeds coming to approximately \$1,000 divided between the Senior Citizens and the Lions Club.



MAY 2ND MEETING:



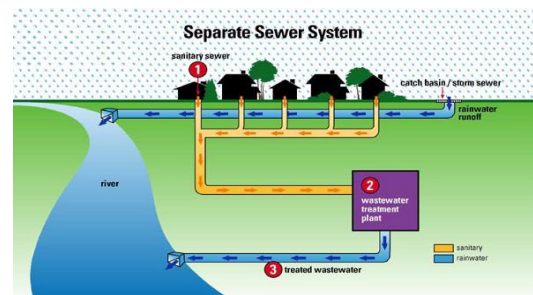
On May 2nd the Bluffton Lions enjoyed a presentation by Tom Schaaf telling about his recent trip to Cuba. This excursion focused on the arts and culture of the island.



MAY 16TH MEETING:



The club meeting on May 16th had speaker John Bowers presenting a program on the Bluffton Sewage Plant. This was displayed by power-point photos of the various equipment and parts of the sewage system.



LEGACY PROJECT LIONS WAY PARKVIEW PATH

The Lions Way Parkview path off Kibler Street to the Parkview subdivision will be completed prior to May 31st. A dedication & ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in June. Photo to the left you see the construction of the path currently being done.